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Daniel's “2300 Days” END-TIME Prophecy Revealed!”

The Mystery and the Origin –

**Who Was
“Melchizedek”?**

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A Voice in the Wilderness

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

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

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

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

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

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The Prophecies of Daniel

The inspired prophecies of Daniel have been grievously misunderstood and misapplied by millions. Few understand the DUALITY of Biblical prophecy, and how there is often a “forerunner” fulfillment which is a “type” or “pattern” of the END-TIME fulfillment!

The amazing prophecy of the ram and the shaggy goat, in Daniel 8, is a mystery to most commentators. They recognize the ancient historical fulfillment, but have no clue as to its END-OF-DAYS significance and meaning for us, living in this end-time generation! What are the mysterious 2300 “days”? How do they tie in with other prophetic periods?

As the word careens, totters, and staggers toward Armageddon and the final Apocalypse, it is vitally important that we study, ponder, and discern the inspired prophecies God has given us as warnings and insight so we can be prepared for the oncoming days of travail, tribulation, and calamity!

-- William F. Dankenbring

Daniel's *End-Time* 2300 Days Prophecy

A most mysterious prophecy in the book of Daniel involves a period of 2300 “evenings and mornings.” It relates on several levels to our modern END-TIME generation! It is a most astonishing prophecy for things yet to happen! What do these enigmatic days represent?

William F. Dankenbring

I received a most interesting letter recently from Nick Pull in England asking about the prophecy found in the eighth chapter of Daniel involving 2300 mysterious “evenings and mornings.” He brought up some very interesting points.

The letter declared:

“In light of the recent letter from Nick Wood concerning the exact date when the Jews officially gained independence on the 14 May 1948, I am sure God was behind the timing of this most magnificent and significant event. There is no doubt that God is in charge of the times and the seasons Acts 1:7 with particular respect to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people who reside there.

“I would like some guidance and clarification over what appears to be two sets of days in Daniel 8 and Daniel 9 culminating towards the same event in a final latter day literal fulfillment of Bible Prophecy.

“In Daniel 8:13-14, 17, 19—‘How long will the vision be concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot? And he said to me, “For **two thousand three hundred days**; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.” Understand son of man that the vision refers to the time of the end. Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.’

“Then in Daniel 9:27—‘Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for **one week**; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.’

“Then taking the Olivet prophecy in Matthew 24:15—‘Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads let him understand).’

“Could it be possible that the one week of Daniel 9:27 refers exactly to a time period of 2520 days as is indicated in Numbers 14:34 ‘According to the number of the days in which you spied out the

land, forty days, **for each day you shall bear your guilt one year**, namely forty years, and you shall know my rejection.’

“This principle is repeated by God to emphasize the importance of this matter and analogy again in Ezekiel 4:4-6—‘Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. According to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. **I have laid on you a day for each year.**’

“Could there be a dovetail of two sets of days quoted in Daniel 8:14 2300 days and Daniel 9:27 being one week on a day for a year principle 7 days of one week equaling 7 years and when taken as literal days this would be 7 times 360 days of a biblical year to equal 2520 days?

“Would these days at some point in the countdown to the return of the Messiah become simultaneous, harmonizing and gelling together? Does all of this hinge on the seven year agreement being struck by the beast and the nation of Israel to allow a temple to be rebuilt in or near the position of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem?

“Would we then knowing when this agreement and deal has been made and confirmed that we would then be in a position to begin counting down to the return of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords ?

“For the Jews to begin the building and completing of the temple and to allow for the Jews to re-introduce sacrifices on the temple mount of Daniel 8:13-14 this would mean that the 2300 days are encapsulated within the 2520 days of the 7 year agreement. With the count of 2520 days to the 2300 days point before the return of the Messiah we have a period of 220 days for the Jews to rebuild the temple and then with 2300 days to go to commence sacrifices.

“When we arrive at the midpoint of the 2520 days of the 7 year agreement the abomination of desolation would be set up in the holy place Mark13:14 and the sacrifices would cease which would then leave 1260 days until the return of the Messiah as mentioned in Daniel 12:7.

“Would this scenario seem feasible in light of knowing when the confirmation of the covenant is made?

“2520 days of 7 year agreement

“A gap of 220 days prior to the commencement of the daily sacrifices to rebuild the temple?”

“2300 days of daily sacrifices reinstated

“This would indicate that the sacrifices were going on for 1040 days when we arrive at the 1260 days

“1260 days in the midst or middle of the week of the 7 year agreement

“The Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-22, Revelation 13:5-6, Revelation 11:2-4, Revelation 12:6,14

“I hope you and Cappy are keeping well and the brethren attending and assisting in the work. I would like to thank you for all of the literature and messages that you feed the scattered flock with, it is really appreciated and my heart goes out to all the brethren in prison who really have it tough.

“Keep going with the Great Work of God that he is guiding and leading you in.”

-- Nick Pull, England

The Amazing Prophecy for Our Day

The letter presents some very interesting scenarios. It is possible, of course, that the 2520 days (7 years) and the 2300 days both end at the same time, meaning that the 2520 days begins 220 days before the 2300 day prophecy. Both prophecies would end or terminate with the coming of the Messiah.

The 2300 day prophecy in Daniel speaks of a great apostasy which will occur, even as occurred in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes. Let us examine that ancient historical event, which was a “forerunner” of the END-TIME fulfillment of this incredible prophecy!

A New Look at Daniel, Chapter Eight -- The Shaggy Goat and the Ram

In the book of Daniel the prophet is a most puzzling prophecy that has dumfounded Biblical students and researchers for thousands of years. It is found in chapter 8. We read: “In the third year of King Belshazzar’s reign, I, Daniel, had a vision . . . In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the Ulai Canal. I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

“As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the WEST, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage. I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power. The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven” (Dan.8:1-8).

The angel Gabriel explains to Daniel the basic meaning of this vision. In verse 20, he says, “The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia” -- that is, the Persian Empire. “The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king” -- that is, Alexander the Great. “The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power” (vs.20-22). After the death of Alexander by fever in Babylon, his natural brother and two sons were murdered. The kingdom was therefore divided up between Alexander's four top generals, with Seleucus obtaining Syria and Babylon in the east, Cassander ruling Greece and Macedonia in the west, Ptolemy ruling in Egypt to the south, and Lysimachus ruling over Thrace, Cappadocia, and northern Asia Minor in the north.

This prophecy was amazingly fulfilled. Alexander's forces -- composed of 30,000 mobile cavalry -- moved so rapidly it was as if they traveled "without touching the ground" (v.5). He attacked the Persians with fury and unheard-of violence, representing the concentrated wrath of Greece against the Persians because of previous Persian invasions of Greece and the cruelty they had shown, as well as Darius's attempts to seduce Alexander's soldiers to treachery. In the Greco-Persian battles, Adam Clarke tells us in his commentary:

"The conflicts between the Greeks and the Persians were excessively severe. Alexander FIRST vanquished the generals of Darius, at the river Granicus, in Phrygia; he next attacked and totally routed Darius, at the straits of Issus, in Cilicia; and afterwards at the plains of Arbela, in Assyria. One can hardly read these words, says Bishop Newton 'the ram -- which I had seen standing by the river, ran unto him in the fury of his power,' without having the image of Darius' army STANDING AND GUARDING THE RIVER GRANICUS; and of Alexander on the other side, with his forces plunging in swimming across the stream, and rushing on the enemy, with all the FIRE AND FURY that can be conceived" (Clarke's Commentary, vol.1, p.597, emphasis mine throughout).

The date of Alexander's world-changing, bench-mark invasion of Asia was 334 B.C. Thus the date of the vision of the shaggy goat smashing the two-horned ram begins with this incredible victory of the Greeks over the Persian army in 334 B.C.

But after Alexander's lightning-like conquests, he mysteriously died in Babylon and his kingdom was divided. The prophetic vision of Daniel 8 then continues: "Out of one of them [the four horns or kings that divided up the Empire] came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. Because of REBELLION, the host of the saints, and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.

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

The Role of Antiochus Epiphanes

All Bible students and commentators recognize that the "little horn" that grew up and became powerful, and which invaded the Holy Land, took away the daily sacrifice and desolated the Temple of God in Jerusalem, was Antiochus Epiphanes, the king of Syria. His empire spread across the whole Middle East, and he hated the religion of the Jews. Says the *Critical, Experimental Commentary* by Jamieson, Fausett and Brown:

“This horn is explained (v.23) to be ‘a king of fierce countenance,’ etc. Antiochus Epiphanes is meant. Greece, with all its refinement, produces the first -- ie., the Old Testament ANTICHRIST. Antiochus had an extraordinary love of art, which expressed itself in grand temples. He wished to substitute Zeus Olympius for Jehovah at Jerusalem. Thus, first, heathen civilization from below and revealed religion from above came into collision. Identifying himself with Jupiter, his aim was to make his own worship universal (cf. v.25 with ch.11:36): so mad was he in this that he was called Epimanes (maniac) instead of Epiphanes (illustrious). None of the previous world rulers . . . had systematically opposed the Jews’ religious worship. . . . He is the forerunner of the final Antichrist, standing in the same relation to the first advent of Christ that Antichrist does to His second coming” (vol.1, p.427).

The prophecy of Daniel was fulfilled to the very letter. Many in Israel were adopting Hellenistic customs, erecting theaters, gymnasiums, began regarding all religions as alike -- much like our modern western world and its new-found thrust for "church unity" and respect for all religions. Jews sacrificed to God, but also sent money to pay for sacrifices to Hercules. In the book of Maccabees, we read: “Many also of the Israelites consented to his [Antiochus’] religion, and sacrificed unto idols, and profaned the Sabbath” (I Macc.1:20-53).

The Critical, Experimental Commentary continues the story of Antiochus:

“Returning from Persia Antiochus came to Ecbatana, after having been put to flight by the people of Persepolis. 'Swelling with anger he thought to avenge upon the Jews the disgrace so done to him, and threatened proudly that he would come to Jerusalem and make a common burying-place of the Jews. . . . He not only opposes God's ancient people, but God Himself. *The daily sacrifice* -- one lamb was offered in the morning and another in the evening (Exo.29:38,39). *was taken away* -- by Antiochus” (*ibid.*).

The first book of Maccabees tells us the details: “The King forbade burnt offerings and sacrifice and drink offerings in the temple, and [ordered] that they should sacrifice swine's flesh . . . Now in the fifteenth day of the month Kislev, they set up the abomination of desolation upon the altar . . . and they did sacrifice upon the idol-altar, which was upon the altar of God” (I Macc.1:20,24,54, 59).

These calamities were directly due to the rebellion of many Jews to the laws of God and a widespread apostasy afflicting the land. The first book of Maccabees relates further:

“In those days went there out of Israel wicked men, who persuaded many, saying, 'Let us go and make a covenant with the heathen that are round about us . . . Whereupon they built a place of exercise (a school) at Jerusalem, according to the customs of the heathen; and made themselves uncircumcised and forsook the holy covenant, and joined themselves to the heathen, and were sold to do mischief’ (I Macc.1:11-16).

The Mysterious 2300 Days

In Daniel’s vision, he saw one angel say to another that the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion, and the host being trampled underfoot, was to be “2300

evenings and mornings.” To what does this enigmatic expression refer?

The Critical, Experimental Commentary gives us the historical answer. Notice!

“Unto two thousand and three hundred days -- lit., *mornings and evenings*, specified in connection with the morning and evening sacrifice. Cf. Gen.1:5. SIX YEARS AND 110 DAYS. This includes not only the *three and a half years* during which the daily sacrifice was forbidden by Antiochus (Josephus *Bellum Judaicum*, i, 1, sec.1), BUT THE WHOLE SERIES OF EVENTS whereby it was practically interrupted: beginning with the ‘little horn waxing great toward the pleasant land,’ and ‘casting down some of the host’ (vs.9-10); viz., WHEN IN 171 B.C., or the month Sivan . . . THE SACRIFICES BEGAN TO BE NEGLECTED, owing to the high priest Jason introducing at Jerusalem Grecian customs and amusements -- the palestra and gymnasium; ending with the DEATH OF ANTIOCHUS, 165 B.C.” (p.428).

In other words, the period of 2300 days meant literal days in the fulfillment which occurred during the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes. This was the period of APOSTASY or REBELLION which began in 171 B.C. and ended in 164 B.C. with the cleansing and restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem by the revolt led by Judas Maccabeus and his brothers. The period of wholesale apostasy lasted 6 years and 110 days -- or 2300 days.

The second book of Maccabees tells us, “Jason. . . labored underhand to be high priest . . . he forthwith brought his own nation to the Greekish fashion. . . . For he built gladly a place of exercise under the tower itself, and brought the chief young men under his subjection. . . . Now such was the height of Greek fashions, and increase in heathenish manners through the exceeding profaneness of Jason, that ungodly wretch and no high priest; that the priests had no courage to serve any more at the altar, but despising the temple, and NEGLECTING THE SACRIFICES, hastened to be partakers of the unlawful allowance in the place of exercise, after the game of Discus called them forth” (II Macc.4:7-14).

What was so abominable about having a sports stadium near the Temple of God? Gymnastics, running, throwing, and athletics was not the problem as such -- but, as Werner Keller writes in *The Bible As History*, “True to the Olympic pattern, games were played COMPLETELY NAKED. The body could only be ‘covered’ with a thin coat of oil!” (p.313). Naked athletes, only a few steps from the Temple and the Holy of Holies, and in full view, must have been regarded as a moral outrage.

The First “Great Tribulation”

In 168 B.C. Antiochus plundered and desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem. Writes Werner Keller,

“The worship of Olympian Zeus was set up in the Temple of Yahweh. For taking part in any Jewish religious ceremonies, the traditional sacrifices, the sabbath or circumcision, the penalty was death. The holy scriptures were destroyed. *This was the first thoroughgoing religious persecution in history*” (*The Bible As History*, p.315).

The cutting off of the sacrifices lasted 3 1/2 years (see also Dan.9:27 and 12:7). Josephus declares in *Wars of the Jews*:

“He [Antiochus Epiphanes] also spoiled the temple, and put a stop to the constant practice of offering a daily sacrifice of expiation for *THREE YEARS AND SIX MONTHS* . . . Now Antiochus . . . compelled the Jews to dissolve the laws of their country, and to keep their infants uncircumcized, and to sacrifice swine's flesh upon the altar” (Bk.1, 1,1-2).

In *Antiquities of the Jews*, Josephus adds these points of fact:

“. . . he ventured to break the league he had made. So he left the temple bare, and took away the golden candlesticks, and the golden altar . . . He also emptied it of its secret treasures, and left nothing at all remaining; and by this means cast the Jews into great lamentation, for he forbade them to offer those daily sacrifices which they used to offer to God, according to the law. And when he had pillaged the whole city, some of the inhabitants he slew, and some he carried captive, together with their wives and children, so that the multitude of those captives that were taken alive amounted to about ten thousand. . . . And when the king had built an idol altar upon God's altar, he slew swine upon it, and so offered a sacrifice neither according to the law, nor the Jewish religious worship in that country. He also compelled them to forsake the worship which they paid their own God, and to adore those whom he took to be gods; and made them build temples, and raise idol altars, in every city and village, and offer swine upon them every day. . . . but the best men, and those of the noblest souls, did not regard him . . . on which account they every day underwent GREAT MISERIES [a type of the Great Tribulation to come!] and bitter torments: for they were whipped with rods, and their bodies were torn to pieces, and were crucified, while they were still alive and breathed: they also strangled those women and their sons whom they had circumcised, as the king had appointed, hanging their sons about their necks as they were upon the crosses. And if there were any sacred book of the law found, it was destroyed . . .” (*Ant.*, Bk.XII, V, 4).

The period of the abomination of desolation itself -- when the Temple itself was defiled -- lasted exactly three years, from Kislev 25, 168 B.C. to Kislev 25, 165 B.C. Josephus tells us,

“Now it so fell out, that these things [the restoration of the Temple by Judas Maccabeus and his army] were done on the VERY SAME DAY on which their divine worship had fallen off, and was reduced to a profane and common use, AFTER THREE YEARS' TIME; for so it was, that the temple was MADE DESOLATE by Antiochus, and so continued for THREE YEARS . . . And this desolation came to pass according to the prophecy of Daniel, which was given four hundred and eight years before . . .” (*Ant.* XII,VII, 6).

This prophecy came to pass, just as Daniel foretold it over four hundred years previously! But that is not all. As most Bible students are well aware, Bible prophecy is often DUAL! There is often a previous forerunner fulfillment, and there will be a final, climactic END-TIME fulfillment as well! Daniel was actually told by the angel Gabriel, “Son of man, understand that the VISION concerns the TIME OF THE END” (Dan.8:17).

Antiochus Epiphanes lived 165 years before Christ's coming the first time. He did not live during the true “time of the end.” Therefore, his fulfillment of these cryptic

Biblical passages was only as a TYPE -- a FORERUNER -- of the true apocalyptic END TIME fulfillment to come in OUR DAY, today! Let's notice another fulfillment of this prophecy, which brings us down to our modern generation!

Daniel's 2300 Day Prophecy in History

It is commonly understood that there is a "day for a year" principle in understanding Biblical prophecy. That is, often when the Bible says a "day," the interpretation of prophetic fulfillment is a "year," or a "prophetic year" of 360 days.

When the Israeli spies searched out the land of Canaan for forty days, and then returned to Moses with a negative report, saying the children of Israel were not strong enough to overcome the inhabitants of the land, God was furious with their lack of faith. So He said to them, "For FORTY YEARS -- one year for each of the forty days you explored the land -- you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you" (Num.14:34).

This same principle of a day for a year is illustrated by Ezekiel the prophet. God told the prophet, "Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel upon yourself. You are to bear their sin for the number of days you lie on your side. I have ASSIGNED you the SAME NUMBER OF DAYS AS THE YEARS of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the house of Israel. After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the house of Judah. I have assigned you forty days, A DAY FOR EACH YEAR" (Ezek.4:1-6).

Taking this principle, then, Daniel heard the question of HOW LONG would it take for the VISION he saw in Daniel 8 to be fulfilled, or accomplished -- from beginning to end. That is, from the beginning moment when the Grecian "goat" attacked and pulverized the two-horned Persian "ram" -- till the END of the vision, when the "sanctuary" would be cleansed or restored, during the "TIME OF THE END" (Dan.8:17; also 8:13, and 5-7).

The prophesied length or duration of this vision was to be 2300 "days" (v.13-14). Using the "day for a year" principle, we have therefore 2300 YEARS of fulfillment.

Alexander the Great attacked and conquered the assembled Persian army at the river Granicus in 334 B.C., storming across the river with fury, with only 30,000 troops. In so doing, he changed the course of the history of the world from that moment, with one world empire falling, and another rising. Since the prophecy begins with this event, we must count the 2300 years from that very date. Beginning in 334 B.C., counting 2300 years, we come to the year of 1967 A.D.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2300 \text{ days} = \text{years} \\
 \underline{-334 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 1966 \text{ A.D.} \\
 \underline{+1} \quad (\text{no year zero})
 \end{array}$$

1967 A.D. = year of “Six Day War”

The END-TIME 2300 Days

The original 2300 days fulfillment began before the pollution of the Temple by the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes in 167 B.C. It began with the apostate changes in the Jewish high priesthood around 171 B.C. This apostasy led to the “great tribulation” of that time, which lasted three years (168-165 B.C.).

Even so, the Great Tribulation of our generation will be the last 3 ½ years of the final 7 year period, as the “abomination of desolation” is placed in a new temple midway through the 70th week of Daniel (final 7 years) – see Daniel 9:27. Thus we can expect to see some salient, significant apostate event occur 220 days after the beginning of the final “week” of years.

That is the final 7 years.

Now, I’ve been thinking that the final seven years could well be from fall of this year 2010 Feast of Tabernacles time going forward 7 years which will be the year 2017. Or if we count *spring to spring* from 2011 forward seven years, it will be 2018. So with either a fall to fall or spring to spring reckoning we then have 220 days which is seven months with 30 days to a month which gives us 210 days within that 7-month period.

We are talking about a period of 220 days which is ten days more than seven month’s time. So if the final seven years begins this year right about Feast of Tabernacles time, then the 2300 days would begin around Passover to Pentecost. But if we count seven years from spring 2011 then the 2300 days would begin around October 2011, seven months later.

For that matter, I don’t know which of these is correct *or if either one is correct*, because this is Biblical prophetic speculation based upon the time lengths and constraints of what we see happening. This 2520 day period of time could well begin this September-October. Then seven months later some great apostate event would occur to inaugurate the 2300 days prophecy.

What could that great apostate event be? On July 26, 2010, President Ahmadinejad of Iran is quoted as saying that the Americans in the U.S. plan to launch an attack on two countries in his region within the next three months, only hinting that their senior military ally in the region, Israel, was directly involved. He is predicting by the end of October, war in the Middle East. That would be right about the time of the 7-year final week of Jacob’s trouble—Daniel’s 70th week, the beginning of the first half of the Great Tribulation on a scale never before seen on earth.

Then the last half of that tribulation will be the really BAD half! So then what could this initial event be that sets off the 2300 day prophecy six to seven months later? Whether it’s around Pentecost 2011 or October 2011, could it be the final installation of

the final Roman Catholic Pope? That's the question. Could it be the final unveiling of the beast that consolidates the power of the Anti-Christ in 2011 after the U.S. elections?

The 2300 days of tribulation in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes was when an end-time *apostasy reigned in the land of Israel*, a type of apostasy that will reign in our end-time of today.

Could it be the installation of the final Pope? Or could it be the unveiling of the final Antichrist/Beast of Revelation? Could it be a great move toward "one world religion" in our day? Could it involve an agreement between the Jews of Israel and the Western Powers to "rebuild the temple," with Masonic and New World Order backing? Will it be triggered by a new round of WAR in the Middle East?

The key point to remember is that the original 2300 days prophecy, fulfilled in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes, involved a MASS MOVEMENT INTO APOSTASY AND AWAY FROM THE LAWS OF ALMIGHTY GOD!

No doubt the END-TIME fulfillment will be something very similar involving RELIGIOUS APOSTASY!

Isaac Asimov and the Prophecy

Isaac Asimov in his book, *Asimov's Guide to the Bible*, he has written two volumes in one, and he has a lot to say about the days of Antiochus Epiphanes. Those days were a type of the coming Great Tribulation. It is very instructive to read about what happened at that time in *The Antiquities of the Jews* and the *Wars of the Jews* by the Jewish historian, Josephus. You can also read about Antiochus Epiphanes in books 1 and 2 Maccabees.

In *Asimov's Guide to the Bible*, in volume 2, page 48, he introduces us to Antiochus Epiphanes, who had been sent as a hostage to Rome, well treated there, and had grown to admire Roman institutions. When his older brother Seleucus was assassinated, he "Antiochus had been released (or slipped away) and was making his way back to Antioch. He hastened his steps and managed to seize the throne from the usurper and to take over the kingship. He became Antiochus IV Epiphanes."

The Jews of that time were not immune to Greek cultural influence, any more than their ancestors had been to Canaanite culture centuries earlier. The culture was very attractive and widely popular. Says Asimov, "In the time of the Seleucids, there were many among them who wanted to assimilate, and to establish gymnasia after the Greek fashion" – something at which Orthodox, Bible believing Jews stood aghast.

The writer of I Maccabees reported: "In those days went there out of Israel wicked men, who persuaded many, saying, *let us go and make a COVENANT WITH THE HEATHEN that are round about us*" (I Macc.1:11). Thus the apostasy began with a drum-roll and a flourish and fanfare of trumpets.

Then, in 170 B.C., Antiochus invaded Egypt and defeated them. In 169 B.C. he left Egypt and entered the Holy Land, “entered proudly into the sanctuary and took away the golden altar” (I Macc.1:21).

He later invaded Egypt a second time in 168 B.C. Rome, however, had had enough, and ordered him to withdraw. The book of Daniel mentions this: “For the ships of Chittim [Rome] shall come against him [Antiochus IV]: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant” (Dan.11:30).

Antiochus withdrew in great anger and utter humiliation. He rampaged through Jerusalem and the Temple. Says Asimov, “With Jerusalem taken and sacked, Antiochus further decided that Hellenization was to proceed with all possible speed. . . . As a climax of the new policy, the Temple was profaned. Antiochus decided that Judaism should be brought into line with Hellenism by identifying Zeus and Yahveh and erecting a statue to Zeus-Yahveh in the Temple itself, supplying it, very likely, with his own royal face” (p.53).

He erected the pagan statue, the “abomination of desolation,” in the Temple in 167 B.C. (I Macc.1:54, Asimov, p.53).

This was the greatest blasphemy imaginable to the orthodox Jews. Orders were given by Antiochus to destroy copies of the Torah, forbade circumcision, and the Jewish dietary laws, then executed those caught clinging to the old ways.

Writes Asimov, “To enforce the new policy, Antiochus ordered copies of the Jewish Scriptures to be destroyed, forbade circumcision and the Jewish dietary regulations, then executed those caught clinging to the old ways. For a time it looked as though Judaism would be destroyed and that those who held out uncompromisingly against Antiochus IV would die as martyrs.”

The Maccabees revolted and three years later they freed Jerusalem and cleansed the Temple on Kislev 15 (the month of December) in 164 B.C.

End-Time Repetition

This great apostasy began about 170-171 B.C. As the Critical-Experimental Commentary states of the 2300 days of Daniel 8:

“This includes not only the *three and a half years* during which the daily sacrifice was forbidden by Antiochus (Josephus Bellum Judaicum, i, 1, sec.1), BUT THE WHOLE SERIES OF EVENTS whereby it was practically interrupted: beginning with the ‘little horn waxing great toward the pleasant land,’ and ‘casting down some of the host’ (vs.9-10); viz., WHEN IN 171 B.C., or the month Sivan . . . THE SACRIFICES BEGAN TO BE NEGLECTED, owing to the high priest Jason introducing at Jerusalem Grecian customs and amusements -- the palestra and gymnasium; ending with the DEATH OF ANTIOCHUS, 165 B.C.” (p.428).

In other words, the period of 2300 days meant literal days in the fulfillment which occurred during the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes. This was the period of APOSTASY or REBELLION which began in 171 B.C. and ended in 164 B.C. with the cleansing and restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem by the revolt led by Judas Maccabeus and his brothers. The period of wholesale apostasy lasted 2300 days.

The book of II Maccabees tells us: “But when Seleucus departed from this life and Antiochus, who was called Epiphanes, succeeded to the kingdom, Onias’ brother Jason obtained the high priesthood by corruption, promising the king in his petition three hundred and sixty talents of silver, and eighty talents from other revenues. Besides this he promised to pay one hundred and fifty more, if he was given authority to set up a gymnasium and a training place for youth there and to enroll the people of Jerusalem as citizens of Antioch. When the king had consented and he had taken office, he *immediately brought his countrymen over to the Greek way of living*” (II Macc.4:7-10). Jason established friendly relations with the Romans, “and abrogating the lawful ways of living he introduced NEW customs contrary to the Law. . . . And to such a pitch did the cultivation of Greek fashions and the coming in of foreign customs rise, because of the excessive wickedness of this godless Jason, who was no high priest at all, that the priests were no longer earnest about the services of the altar, but disdain the sanctuary and neglecting the sacrifices, they hurried to take part in the unlawful exercises in the wrestling school” (verses 13-14).

Today, we have the movement toward one world religion again with world religious leaders coming together to forge a one world religion under the beast with the Pope claiming supremacy of power (Revelation 13). So the *coming event* of a great apostasy, beginning with the 220 days after the 2520 days is the beginning of a great apostasy which will culminate in the return of Christ and the Temple of God being restored once again, cleansed and purified by the Messiah. That means that a lot is going to happen this coming year of 2011.

But when will the prophecy begin to unfold and be fulfilled? Notice! Many prophetic timelines indicate that the second coming of the Messiah could occur in fall of 2017 or spring of 2018. Thus Daniel’s “70th week” – the final seven years of this present pulsating, tremulous age – would begin fall of 2010 or spring of 2011.

Depending on whether we use spring-to-spring or fall-to-fall reckoning, this event could occur about seven months after fall of 2010 (i.e. around Passover-Pentecost 2011), or fall 2011 (October-November 2011).

This would be true, if the second coming of the Messiah is in fall of 2017, or spring of 2018. Certainly, this is something to seriously think about, ponder, and pray about.

Although Yeshua the Messiah did say we would not know the exact “day” of His coming, He did not specifically say we could not know the “year” – in fact,, He wants His true servants to know, and not to be in ignorance, as the disbelieving world will be.

Paul wrote, “For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, *and that man of sin be revealed*, the son of perdition” (II Thess.2:3).

Paul also wrote, “When people are saying, All is well and secure, and, There is peace and safety, then in a moment unforeseen destruction (ruin and death) will come upon them as suddenly as labor pains come upon a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape, for there will be no escape. *But you are not in* [given up to the power of] *darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief*” (I Thess.5:3-4).

Paul adds, “Accordingly then, let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect)” (verse 6).

Meant for OUR DAY

Notice Daniel 8:17. We read the awesome, staggering words – “Understand, son of man, that the *vision refers to the TIME OF THE END*”! And in verse 19, we read: “Look, I am making known to you what *shall happen in the LATTER TIME of the indignation; for at the APPOINTED TIME the end shall be*” (NKJV).

When will these 2300 days of APOSTASY and rebellion against the truth of God be fulfilled? How will the END-TIME “Antiochus Epiphanes” – the type of the end-time “Antichrist” – arise on the world scene? When will the END TIME “Great Tribulation” begin to settle upon the world like a dense fog of cruelty, brutality, bestiality, and martyrdom of righteous men and women?

The apostle Paul foretold a great End-time Apostasy from the truth of God, as occurred in Israel during the days of Antiochus. He wrote, “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the FALLING AWAY [*apostasia* in the Greek, from which derives our word “apostasy”] comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition . . . The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them *strong delusion*, that they should believe THE LIE, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (II Thess.2:3-12, NKJV).

The New Testament in Contemporary English has this passage in vivid detail, as follows:

“Before that day comes, a couple of things have to happen. First, the Apostasy. Second, the debut of the Anarchist, a real dog of Satan. He’ll defy and then take over every so-called god or altar. Having cleared away the opposition, he’ll then set himself up in God’s Temple as ‘God Almighty.’ Don’t you

remember me going over all this in detail when I was with you?
Are your memories that short?

“The Anarchist’s coming is all Satan’s work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, evil sleight of hand that plays to the gallery of those who hate the truth that could save them. And since they’re so obsessed with evil, God rubs their noses in it -- gives them what they want. Since they refuse to trust truth, they’re banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions.”

This End-time Apostasy has already begun. It is already at work.

As Paul foretold, “You will also remember that I told you the Anarchist is being held back until just the right time. That doesn’t mean that the spirit of anarchy [lawlessness, rebellion against God’s Law, antinomianism, or “Apostasy”] is not now at work. It is, *secretly and underground*. But the time will come when the Anarchist will no longer be held back, but will be let loose. But don’t worry. The Master Jesus will be right on his heels and blow him away.”

Will there be an “end-time” WAR like that of Alexander the Great against ancient Persia, where the WEST ATTACKS a nation in the Middle East which has grandiose ambitions and which is related to the ancient Persian Empire?

Could this war be a dramatic attack by Israel and America on the nation of Iran – MODERN PERSIA – in the next few months?

Will this WAR lead to another period of 2300 days of utter apostasy, leading into the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord? Will it culminate in the final rebuilding and restoration of the END-TIME TEMPLE of God, in preparation for the coming of the Messiah Himself?

Pressures in the Middle East are building toward another round of war. The Sunni Arab states are fearful of a belligerent Iran becoming a nuclear armed “gorilla” on the block. Secret agreements have been made between Saudi Arabia and the Jewish state of Israel for fly-over rights for Israeli aircraft to attack Iran, and landing right as well. The pressure in the pressure cooker is rising. President Amadinejab of Iran warns that the West will attack two countries in the Middle East within the next three months. Is he referring to his own country Iran and its ally Syria, north of Israel?

No doubt END-TIME Biblical prophecy is beginning to speed up, and fulfillment of vital prophecies is beginning to accelerate.

Are YOU prepared? The most exciting days of our lives lie directly ahead.

The coming of the Messiah is getting closer and closer!

Are YOU ready?

Prophecy Briefs

Impending World Famine?

“Oceanographic satellite data now shows that the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico has stalled as a consequence of the BP oil spill disaster. This according to Dr. Gianluigi Zangari, an Italian theoretical physicist, and major complex and chaotic systems analyst at the Frascati National Laboratories in Italy.

“He further notes that the effects of this stall have also begun to spread to the Gulf Stream. This is because the Loop Current is a crucial element of the Gulf Stream itself and why it is commonly referred to as the “main engine” of the Stream.

“The concern now, is whether or not natural processes can re-establish the stalled Loop Current. If not, we could begin to see global crop failures as early as 2011.

An Open System in Trouble

“The Loop Current is a clockwise flow that extends northward into the Gulf of Mexico and joins the Yucatan Current and the Florida Current to the Gulf Stream.

“Although at first glance the Loop Current appears confined within the Gulf, scientists define it as an ‘element of an extremely complex, open system’: as all other ‘elements’ of the so-called “Earth System”, are not separable from the others.

“These various ‘elements’ of the Earth System (i.e., atmosphere, landmasses and so forth) are so strongly correlated to one another that at some point, they become indivisible.

“Why is this important to all life on the planet? The Gulf Stream is a strong interlinked component of the Earth's global network of ocean conveyor currents, which drive the planet's weather systems.

“For this reason, Zangari's concern is that should the Loop Current fail to restart, dire global consequences may ensue as a result of extreme weather changes and many other critical phenomena. The repercussions of which could trigger widespread droughts, floods, crop failures and subsequent global food shortages.

“While pundits are certain to trivialize the ramifications of this event, ‘the real worry’ says Zangari, ‘is that there is no historical precedent for the sudden replacement of a natural system, with a dysfunctional man-made system. That is, except for the atomic bomb blasts and contamination as a result of nuclear waste and nuclear plant accidents, such as the April 1986, Chernobyl disaster.’

“In what is now widely regarded by many as “Oil's Chernobyl,” Americans, and particularly Gulf Coast residents are disheartened by a steady stream of bureaucratically bungled responses, which are now proving to be just as a deadly as the initial event itself.

“Perhaps even more so, as this toxic brew of incompetence, greed, corruption, oil, Corexit dispersant and other chemicals has unleashed a man-made disaster in the Gulf, with frightful possibilities for the future.

The Corexit Curse

“The use of Corexit as a dispersant was first brought to the public's attention during the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

“A powerful solvent used as a dispersant for oil slicks, public knowledge about the dispersant and its long-term effects is hampered by the proprietary protections of its manufacturer, Nalco Holding Company, which is associated with British Petroleum (BP) and Exxon.

“What is known, is that this petroleum-based formula is regarded as being at least four times

more toxic to life, than the oil it disperses by many environmentalists.

“Approximately 1.8 to 2 million gallons of Corexit have been sprayed in the Gulf of Mexico. This is a critical fact as current satellite data of the Gulf feeds, tell Zangari that the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico has clearly stalled. This due to environmental impacts from a man-made introduction of oil, which were then compounded by other agents (Corexit and so on).

“Worse yet, these real-time satellite data feeds offers clear evidence to Zangari that a new artificial system has been generated in the Gulf in a remarkably short period of time. It is this new and unnatural system which has changed the viscosity, temperature and salinity of the Gulf's seawater, thereby causing the Loop Current to stall. A system that has existed for millions of years” (Yowusa.com, August 2, 2010, “The Day the Loop Current Stalled,” by Marshall Masters).

New Regional War in Middle East?

“Tuesday's cross-border firefight between Israeli and Lebanese government forces might simply have been a misunderstanding. And the rockets fired from Gaza and the Israeli air strikes on the besieged border territory over the past week could be viewed as periodic blips in business as usual on that front. By the same token, last Friday's unprecedented joint visit to Beirut by the leaders of Saudi Arabia and Syria could be viewed simply as a move to stop the conflict between their Lebanese proxies from turning nasty. And British Prime Minister David Cameron's pleas to Turkey to keep open its communication channels with Israel's leaders are quotidian diplomatic common sense. Viewed in a wider context, however, each of those events could be signs of why many in the Middle East believe that despite the outward calm, the region may be on the brink of another catastrophic war.

“A new report based on extensive conversations with regional decisionmakers, released Monday, Aug. 2, by the International Crisis Group, the respected mediation organization of former diplomats, warns of the possibility of war. “The situation in the Levant is ... exceptionally quiet and uniquely dangerous, both for the same reason,” the Crisis Group warns. “The buildup in military forces and threats of an all-out war that would spare neither civilians nor civilian

infrastructure, together with the worrisome prospect of its regionalization, are effectively deterring all sides.” But while Hizballah and its regional backers, Syria and Iran, believe that the buildup in the Shi'ite militia's arsenal and capabilities is deterring Israel from launching attacks on any of them, Israel views the acquisition by Hizballah of a missile arsenal capable of raining destruction on Israeli cities as an intolerable threat. ‘As Hizballah's firepower grows,’ the Crisis Group notes, ‘so too does Israel's desire to tackle the problem before it is too late . . . What is holding the current architecture in place is also what could rapidly bring it down.’

“Should a new war break out, Israel is determined to strike a devastating blow more quickly than it did during the last conflict, in which it failed in its objective of destroying Hizballah. It has publicly warned that it would destroy Lebanese civilian infrastructure and that Syria, as Hizballah's armorer, would not be off-limits. But Hizballah believes its capacity to fire missiles into Tel Aviv is key to restraining Israel from returning to finish off the Shi'ite militia. And, of course, amid regional tensions over Iran's nuclear program, members of the self-styled “axis of resistance” - Iran, Syria, Hamas and Hizballah - have deepened their alliance, raising the possibility of any one of those groups joining the fray should any of the others come under attack from Israel or the U.S.

“Although all of the main players have good reason to avoid initiating another war right now, the Crisis Group warns that “tensions are mounting with no obvious safety valve.” At some point, Hizballah's growing deterrent could cross Israel's red line. And the Western diplomatic boycott of the resistance camp is cause for alarm, because there are no effective channels through which the various antagonists can be made to understand how their actions could produce unintended consequences - in the tragic tradition of Middle Eastern wars that have erupted in part because the adversaries failed to understand one another's intentions. Indeed, after proclaiming his movement's “divine victory” in standing up to Israel's 2006 offensive, a feat that made him a hero on the streets of the Arab world, Hizballah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah admitted that had he known Israel would respond with a full-blown invasion, he would have

avoided the provocation of snatching the Israeli troops, which started the showdown.

“The danger posed by the lack of communication channels between the resistance camp and the Israelis explains why British Prime Minister Cameron, a recent guest at the White House, last week went to Ankara to urge Turkey to maintain its ties with Israel and use its ties to the likes of Syria to facilitate communication that could mitigate an outbreak. Turkey has been pilloried in some quarters in the West - and certainly in Israel - for its diplomatic rapprochement with Syria, Iran and Hamas, but Cameron's appeal was a tacit admission that the continuing Bush-era policy of refusing to engage with the region's designated radicals has sharply diminished the ability of the U.S. and the European Union to influence events in the Middle East. Peace talks between Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and the Israelis are all very well, but Abbas is not at war with Israel, nor would he be if a new round of fighting broke out in Gaza. . . .

“So the potential triggers for a new round of hostilities have multiplied, as has the danger of them going off in sequence as a result of the ties between some of the key players. And right now, the Crisis Group warns, ‘there is no mechanism in place to either address or ease’ those mounting tensions. Absent a political process that can credibly resolve or regulate conflicts ranging from Gaza and the Golan Heights to Iran, ‘the world should cross its fingers that fear of a catastrophic conflict will continue to be reason enough for the parties not to provoke one’” (Yahoo News, Tony Karim, Aug.3, 2010).

Is Obama a Compulsive LIAR?

“Now Barack's father served in WW II??? He said so in a speech. Is he a compulsive liar? Were there no reporters who double checked these statements and called the party on this? They did for everyone else. Why not him?

“Barack Hussein Obama Sr. (Obama's father) Born 4/4/36 Died 11/24/82 at the age of 46. He was 5 years old when WW 2 started, and less than 9.5 years old when it ended.

“Lolo Soetoro (Obama's step father) Born 1935 Died 3/2/87 at the age of 52

“He was 6 years old when WW 2 started, and 10 years old when it ended.

“One of these guys must have been the youngest Veteran in the war”

“Watch the video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fv4jnlkxOaw>

“WHAT A LIAR!!!! And the media doesn't say anything. If you doubt it, Google both of these guys.” (Email, July 29, 2010).

New Mideast War in 3 Months?

“Debkafile's Iranian sources quote President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as saying: “We have precise information that the Americans have devised a plot, according to which they seek to launch a psychological [war on Iran](#). They plan to attack at least two countries in the region within the next three months,” he said, without specifying which countries were the subjects of the alleged conspiracy, only hinting that America's senior military ally in the region, Israel, was directly involved.

“Ahmadinejad spoke Monday night in an interview restricted to the controlled Iranian media which make a point of stressing the late hour.

“He said the plot had two objectives: ‘First of all, they (the Americans) want to hamper Iran's progress and development since they are opposed to our growth,’ he said and secondly, ‘They want to save the Zionist regime, because it has reached a dead end and the Zionists believe they can be saved through a military confrontation.’ Debkafile's Iranian sources note that Ahmadinejad deliberately avoided referring

to his country's areas of ‘growth’ which he charges the US of opposing, because it is non-existent. The economy is in rapid decline as every ordinary Iranian knows to his detriment, while UN, US and European sanctions have slowed drastically the only fields showing progress, oil and gas field and industrial development, leaving only the nuclear program and preparation of the [military for war](#).

“Our Iranian and intelligence sources attribute

the Iranian president's reference to "precise information" to the intelligence which has also reached Saudi and Gulf governments of a decision reached in the White House to follow up sanctions – if Russia, China and Turkey help Tehran bypass them – by intensifying the squeeze on Iran with military steps. The first would be orders to the US Navy to search Iranian ships suspected of carrying cargoes prohibited by UN, US or European sanctions on routes through the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Persian Gulf or the Arabian Sea.

“Ahmadinejad's reference to two wars was his rejoinder to this intelligence and a signal to Washington that US searches of Iranian vessels would not go by without response. Two potential arenas are American forces in the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea or even Iraq, or a Hizballah attack on Israel.

“The Iranian president ended the interview with a warning to US President Barack Obama not to follow in the footsteps of George W. Bush by sending US troops to fight a new [Middle East war](#)” (debka.com, July 27, 2010, special report).

2017 – the Year America Died

“It was 2017. Clans were governing America.

“Clans organized around families and individuals who possessed stocks of food, bullion, guns and ammunition.

“The first clans organized around local police forces. The conservatives’ war on crime during the late 20th century and the Bush/Obama war on terror during the first decade of the 21st century had resulted in the police becoming militarized and unaccountable.

“As society broke down, the police became warlords. The state police broke apart, and the officers were subsumed into the local forces of their communities. The newly formed tribes expanded to encompass the relatives and friends of the police.

“The dollar had collapsed as world reserve currency in 2012 when the worsening economic depression made it clear to Washington’s creditors that the federal budget deficit was too large to be financed except by the printing of money.

“With the dollar’s demise, import prices skyrocketed. As Americans were unable to afford foreign-made goods, the transnational corporations that were producing offshore for US markets were bankrupted, further eroding the government’s revenue base.

“The government was forced to print money in order to pay its bills, causing domestic prices to rise rapidly. Faced with hyperinflation, Washington took recourse in terminating Social Security and Medicare and followed up by confiscating the remnants of private pensions. This provided a one-year respite, but with no more resources to confiscate, money creation and hyperinflation resumed.

“Organized food deliveries broke down when the government fought hyperinflation with fixed prices and the mandate that all purchases and sales had to be in US paper currency. Unwilling to trade appreciating goods for depreciating paper, goods disappeared from stores.

“Washington responded as Lenin had done during the “war communism” period of Soviet history. The government sent troops to confiscate goods for distribution in kind to the population. This was a temporary stop-gap until existing stocks were depleted, as future production was discouraged. Much of the confiscated stocks became the property of the troops who seized the goods.

“Goods reappeared in markets under the protection of local warlords. Transactions were conducted in barter and in gold, silver, and copper coins.

“Uneasy alliances formed to balance differences in clan strengths. Betrayals quickly made loyalty a necessary trait for survival.

“Large scale food and other production broke down as local militias taxed distribution as goods moved across local territories. Washington seized domestic oil production and refineries, but much of the government’s gasoline was paid for safe passage across clan territories.

“Most of the troops in Washington’s overseas bases were abandoned. As their resource stocks were drawn down, the abandoned soldiers were forced into alliances with those with whom they had been fighting.

“Washington found it increasingly difficult to maintain itself. As it lost control over the country, Washington was less able to secure supplies from abroad as tribute from those Washington threatened with nuclear attack. Gradually other nuclear powers realized that the only target in America was Washington. The more astute saw the writing on the wall and slipped away from the former capital city.

“When Rome began her empire, Rome’s currency consisted of gold and silver coinage. Rome was well organized with efficient institutions and the ability to supply troops in the field so that campaigns could continue indefinitely, a monopoly in the world of Rome’s time.

“When hubris sent America in pursuit of overseas empire, the venture coincided with the offshoring of American manufacturing, industrial, and professional service jobs and the corresponding erosion of the government’s tax base, with the advent of massive budget and trade deficits, with the erosion of the fiat paper currency’s value, and with America’s dependence on foreign creditors and puppet rulers.

“The Roman Empire lasted for centuries. The American one collapsed overnight.

“Rome’s corruption became the strength of her enemies, and the Western Empire was overrun.

“America’s collapse occurred when government ceased to represent the people and became the instrument of a private oligarchy. Decisions were made in behalf of short-term profits for the few at the expense of unmanageable liabilities for the many.

“Overwhelmed by liabilities, the government collapsed” (Paul Craig Roberts, “The Year America Dissolved,” Infowars.com, July 28, 2010).

The Ubiquitous RFID Chips

“Radio-frequency I.D. (RFID) tags are a convenient way to track items and cut costs for companies. But this technology is increasingly being used to track other things, like security badges — or even people — giving it the potential to cause a horrific erosion of privacy.

Tracking people with smart tags, their shopping preferences, their activities, and their personal belongings sounds like something from a sci-fi thriller. But if you’re not happy over Walmart’s decision to track your undies via RFID smart tags, then you’ll be doubly concerned at how close we are to cradle-to-grave surveillance.

“RFID tags reached a tipping point with Walmart’s announcement that, starting next month, the retailer will place removable “smart tags” on consumer goods. The RFID tags can be read by hand-held scanners to track inventory levels and keep a better eye on loss prevention. Recent drops in the cost per RFID tags have encouraged adoption of this technology. With Wal-Mart publicly embracing RFID, you’ll see other retailers quickly fall in line.

“If your trash is filled with RFID tags, your trash could be exploited by cybercriminals (driving by with a RFID reader). Perhaps consumers should be advised to trash the offending tag before they leave Walmart parking lot? I’m honestly less concerned that cybercriminals will be cataloging an individual’s purchases via their trash than I am about RFID becoming ‘spychips’ — using the RFID technology to track the whereabouts of citizens who have no idea they are being tracked. RFID chips are already embedded into passports and other everyday items. These potential-privacy-decimating spychips can be the size of a dust speck.

“I’m not railing against all creative uses for RFID tracking. There are uses for it that aren’t intended to be violations of your privacy (though in the wrong hands, who knows?) A project called ‘RememberMe’ was started earlier this year as a way of recording memories by tracking clothes and other objects by tagging them with an RFID tag and Quick Response (QR) codes. When the owners of the objects donate them to the shop, a research assistant would record brief stories about the donated objects into a microphone: where they acquired it, the memories attached and any associated stories. Everyone that participates volunteers to do so — so no one’s privacy is violated in this case.

“Food is tracked with RFID for freshness and any possible contamination. A company came out with the world’s smartest coffee mug that was embedded with RFID to store the owner’s account information, purchase habits, and preferences. Perhaps your business has utilized

RFID tracking with products such as Microsoft's BizTalk RFID Mobile? Many companies now use RFID tracking, be it in employee badges or for product tracing.

“When it comes to using RFID to track humans and our whereabouts, that's when my hackles get raised. Not that this is new either. In 2007, after newspapers reported on a controversial program designed to compile massive dossiers of data on most every American, the website for Total Information Awareness was taken down. People naturally freaked out at the privacy invasion.

“But the idea is far from dead. How about if governments started using RFID to issue automated ticket violations? As part of a project called ASSET-Road, VTT Technical Research Center in Finland, has developed RFID license plate tracking. The project began in 2008 and will wrap in June, 2011. VTT attempts to detect traffic congestion but it also achieved the goal of “traffic violations detected in a flash.” And then Arizona-based camera vendor American Traffic Solutions (ATS) expanded upon that RFID technology by developing automated tailgating tickets as a feature that can soon be added to existing speed camera programs. Now add in this bit of info: There are also drivers licenses that ‘come equipped with radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags that can be read right through a wallet, pocket or purse from as far away as 30 feet.’

“Along similar lines is a company using RFID to track employees. An Indian company, Unity Infraprojects, uses RFID employee tags to keep track of so-called “ghost workers.” The only way an employee gets paid is by a combination of RFID evidence and physical presence to collect daily payment.

“And there are those taking this idea of tracking people a step further. RFID transponders can be embedded as a subdermal implant, similar to a microchip. Microchips for tracking our beloved pets are now common. Microsoft has HealthVault and Google has Google Health for e-health record management services and both are pushing for RFID medical bracelets. Between 2007 and 2009, RFID in the guise of VeriChip implants were given to hundreds of Alzheimer's patients to help identify them and notify caregivers in case of an emergency. Since 2008, RFID infant protection systems have been placed on some infants at birth to prevent them from

being abducted from the hospital or from being given to the wrong mother. A new RFID product, ‘guarantees that RFID will follow you straight to your grave.’ The palm-size stone tablet has an RFID tag that talks with mobile phones to direct users to an Internet memorial archive. And such uses for RFID are only the tip of the iceberg. Thing Magic, a company that builds embedded RFID readers, recently launched 100 Uses of RFID.

“In themselves, most of these are “valid uses” of RFID technology. Indeed RFID chips are often an embraced technology due to the good they could do for loss prevention. Then again, RFID technology can be the cause of security vulnerabilities. For instance, security badges with RFID chips can broadcast to the criminals where those badges are located. In an article about Fort Gordon stolen military IDs, embedded with RFID, Pentagon's Counterintelligence Field Activity released a report stating, ‘The mere possession of a stolen card could, in fact, pose a security risk.’

“Former NSA employee James Atkinson, still immersed in the world of intelligence and counterintelligence, said his business and government clients, “often fail to recognize security holes that to him seem big enough to steer a tank through.” In regards to the missing RFID enabled military badges, Atkinson stated, ‘If a spy can get within 300 feet of where classified material is handled, he owns it. I mean, he owns it big time.’

“At this year's HOPE hacker conference, the hackers showed both the good and the bad that comes when a person is attached to an RFID badge. ‘This badge knows what talks you go to. It knows who you talk to. It knows what places in the conference you go. It knows when you were there,’ says Rob Zinkov, of the HOPE badge team. If you use that data to enhance your own conference experience, RFID is good. If someone else uses that data, unbeknownst to you, not good.

“Extreme-range RFID tracking (hundreds of meters) will be explored and exploited during DEFCON. Also this year's DEFCON Badge was described as ‘a full-fledged, active electronic system. Pushing fabrication techniques to the limit and using some components that are so new they barely exist, the design of this year's badge took some serious risks.’ At last year's

DEFCON, some hackers were able to temporarily steal other hackers' and a fed's identity. According to ThreatLevel, when a RFID 'reader caught an RFID chip in its sights — embedded in a company or government agency access card, for example — it grabbed data from the card, and the camera snapped the card holder's picture.'

"Location-aware apps are scary enough, based on GPS with the broad range they offer. But for the most part you still have to sign up for those. RFID is being implemented all around you. It has slowly been moving to mainstream. It can track infants to senior citizens with Alzheimer's. In between it can track your clothes, your purchases, your car — even you. RFID is on the verge of tracking us all, cradle to the grave" (networkworld.com, July 27, 2010).

How Bad Is the Economy?

"President Obama has claimed for the last few months that the U.S. economy is 'recovering.' He claims his stimulus plan is working and that we are 'heading in the right direction.' Yet I keep seeing headlines that say things like 'U.S. Consumer Confidence Crumbled in June.' With the expiration of first time home-buyer tax credits of up to \$8000, pending home sales plunged 30% in May. This was surprising to many in the real estate business since economists were expecting a drop of only 10.9%. Perhaps it is good that the homebuyer credit program is over since it appears our government wasn't running it very efficiently. CNN reported that over \$28 million was stolen from the program, including \$9.1 million by prison inmates.

"Meanwhile, Barack Obama's special mortgage program, designed to help homeowners make their housing payments easier, has been a stunning failure. More than a third of the 1.24 million borrowers who were enrolled in the program have dropped out with 155,000 participants leaving the program in May 2010 alone. According to John Taylor, chief executive of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, 'The foreclosure-prevention program has had minimal impact.'

As of early July 2010, the unemployment rate in this country sits at 9.5%. This is actually a drop

from the June rate of 9.7%, but only because 652,000 people have stopped looking for work altogether and are no longer considered unemployed. According to an Associated Press report, the United States has 7.9 million fewer jobs than it did when the recession began. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke has predicted that the unemployment rate will stay high. "The unemployment rate is still going to be high for a while, and that means that a lot of people are going to be under financial stress." (14) Bernanke also stated, 'My best guess is we'll have a continued recovery, but it won't feel terrific.'

"While Obama and Bernanke talk about recovery, banks in this country are still being shut down. Recent closures include banks in Florida, Nevada, California, Nebraska, Mississippi, and Illinois. Over eighty banks in the United States have been shut down by regulators in 2010. As smaller banks continue to close, we may eventually be left with only two or three very large banks. Of course, that would probably make the task of launching a brand new monetary system much easier.

"Just how bad is the U.S. economy? One thing we need to keep in mind is that the money Obama used for his massive stimulus package was borrowed from other countries. The United States is broke, and Obama's unbridled spending has put this country on the brink of a debt that could exceed the value of its gross domestic product by 2012, based on reports from the International Monetary Fund.

"Budget crises on the state level abound as well. The state of Illinois has raised its retirement age to 67. Arizona, New York, Missouri, and Mississippi plan to make people work more years to collect pensions. Colorado has cut pensions for all its workers, including past, present, and future. California and New Jersey have already cut, or are looking to cut, pensions as well. The situation in Illinois is so bad that R. Eden Martin, president of the Commercial Club of Chicago, warned, 'We're within a few years of having some of the pension funds run out of money.' He further stated, 'Funding for the schools is going to be cut radically. Funding for Medicaid. As these things all mount up, there's going to be a lot of outrage.'" (*The Last Trumpet*, August 2010).

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Did Melchizedek Eternally Exist? Who Was He?

The Awesome Mystery of Melchizedek!

What does it mean in Hebrews 7:3 where we read that Melchizedek was “without father or mother . . . without beginning of days or end of life”? Did Melchizedek eternally exist? Who was he, anyway? Was he the patriarch Shem? Was he an angel? Was he the Logos, the one who later was born as Jesus Christ? Was he a human being, a created being, or did he eternally exist? What do we know about this mysterious figure?

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Who was Melchizedek? Was Melchizedek without beginning of days? Was he human or divine or an angel?

The Mystery of Melchizedek

We read in Hebrews 6:19-20 that Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, is High Priest “after the order of Melchizedek.” The plainer English of the Moffatt translation words it: “. . . with the rank of” – that is, equal status with – one known as “Melchizedek.”

But who was “Melchizedek”?

First, notice from the Old Testament that the man of mystery, Melchizedek, was a priest of the Most High God. In Genesis 14, we read that during the war between a number of ancient city-states in Canaan and Mesopotamia, Abraham’s nephew Lot was captured. He and his family and goods were taken into slavery and held prisoner by invaders.

One of their number escaped and brought the news to Abraham, who armed 318 of his own servants and chased to the north. Abraham rescued Lot and his family and

the other captives, and all the goods, and returned them safely to the Canaanite cities. This battle was no doubt a great miracle, for Abraham was greatly outnumbered.

When Abraham returned, a man of great mystery appears upon the scene. A man named “Melchizedek.”

Here is the account: “And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. And he [Melchizedek] blessed him [Abraham] and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ And Abram gave him [Melchizedek] a tenth of everything” -- that is, a tithe of all the goods, for a tithe literally means a tenth (Genesis 14:18-20, RSV).

Who was this great figure who blessed Abraham?

The book of Jasher, which is ancient Jewish literature apart from the Bible, dating to hundreds of years before Christ and most probably even earlier, says:

“And Adonizedek king of Jerusalem , *the same was Shem*, went out with his men to meet Abram and his people, with bread and wine, and they remained together in the valley of Melech. And Adonizedek blessed Abram, and Abram gave him a tenth from all that he had brought from the spoil of his enemies, for Adonizedek was a priest before God” (Jasher 16:11-12).

Shem, of course, was the first born son of Noah who held the office of high priest in the patriarchal system, long before the Levitical priesthood.

In the patriarchal age, the oldest son was the “priest” of the family, and the oldest son of the oldest son, descended from Seth, son of Adam, was the “chief priest” or “high priest” in the earth. The righteous men of God, descended from Adam, were in each generation both “king and priest” – Seth, Enosh, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah. The high priesthood then went to Shem, after the Flood and the death of Noah, his father. Thus Shem was a king of “righteousness” – “Melchizedek” – and a king of “peace” – “Salem,” representing the city of Jerusalem.

Says *Unger’s Bible Dictionary*, “In pre-Mosaic times the office of priest was occupied by the father of a family (comp. Job 1:5), or the head of a tribe for his own family or tribe. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob built altars, offered sacrifices, purified and consecrated themselves and their households (Gen.12:7; 13:18; 26:25; 33:20; 35:1,2).” (“Priest, Priesthood,” p.881).

Declares the *Adam Clarke Commentary*, of Melchizedek, “He had preserved in his family and among his subjects the worship of the true God, and the primitive patriarchal institutions; by these the father of every family was both king and priest, so

Melchizedek, being a worshiper of the true God, was priest among the people, as well as king over them” (vol.1, page 102).

The line of patriarchs given in Genesis 5 were righteous men and leaders, kings and priests and prophets, endowed with God’s gifts to accomplish their duty as His representatives on the earth. They ruled by divine decree, but forced nobody to obey them or follow God’s ways. They were “preachers of righteousness,” but did not compel obedience. Obedience was voluntary, but each person would ultimately be judged as to whether they followed the divine laws of God and worshiped Him, or not.

They were, like Noah, “a preacher of righteousness” (II Pet.2:5).

Shem was also a “preacher of righteousness.”

According to the book of Jasher, Abram was hidden in a cave for ten years after his birth, as king Nimrod sought to kill him. At age ten, “when Abram came out from the cave, he went to Noah and his son Shem, and he remained with them to learn the instruction of the Lord and his ways, and no man knew where Abram was, and Abram served Noah and Shem his son for a long time. And Abram was in Noah’s house thirty nine years, and Abram knew the Lord from three years old, and he went in the ways of the Lord until the day of his death, as Noah and his son Shem had taught him” (Jasher 9:5-6). The rest of mankind, “all the sons of the earth, in those days greatly transgressed against the Lord, and they rebelled against him, and they served other gods, and they forgot the Lord who had created them in the earth.”

Post-Flood Chronology According to Jasher

The book of Jasher recounts the story of mankind from Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, to the destruction of Noah's Flood (chapters 1-6). The story of the post-Flood world begins in chapter 7 where we are told that Terah was 38 years old when he begat Haran and Nahor, the older brothers of Abraham (v.22). What year was this? According to the chronology, from the Flood, we discover that Noah was 600 years old at the time of the Flood (Gen.7:6). The Flood occurred in the year 2348 B.C. Noah’s son Shem begat Arphaxad 2 years after the Flood (Gen.11:10), or in 2346 B.C. From that time on we can trace the descendants of Shem (see Genesis 11:10-26):

Descendant	Lived	Begat	Date
Arphaxad	35 years	Salah	2311 B.C.
Salah	30	Eber	2281
Eber	34	Peleg	2247
Peleg	30	Reu	2217
Reu	32	Serug	2185
Serug	30	Nahor	2155
Nahor	29	Terah	2126 B.C.
Terah	70	Abram	2056 B.C.

At this point, the Biblical genealogy tell us, “*And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran*” (Gen.11:26). Yet the book of Jasher clearly states that “Terah was thirty eight years old, and he begat Haran and Nahor” (Jasher 9:22). Therefore, the fact that the Bible says Terah was 70 when he begat Abram, Nahor and Haran, must refer to the date when ABRAM was begotten – 32 years after his two brothers. Abram was the youngest of the three, but is listed first because the birthright became his due to his righteousness and excellency.

This is a straight-forward chronology. However, it differs from that of Archbishop James Ussher. Ussher, in his mammoth chronological work, concluded erroneously that Abram was born seventy five years before Terah his father died. Terah died at the age of 205 (Gen.11:32). The next chapter of Genesis tells us that God told Abram to leave his country and Abram did so at the age of 75 (Gen.12:1-4). Ussher assumes that Terah’s death and Abram’s departure for Canaan was the same year – therefore, since Terah died in 1921 B.C., Abram's birth would have been, according to Ussher, 75 years sooner – in 1996 B.C.

Notice! This date is precisely *60 years later than the true date for Abram’s birth!* Unfortunately, Archbishop Ussher did not have access to the book of Jasher when he calculated the birth of Abram!

When this correction is made, however, it suddenly frees up our understanding of events that occurred after the Flood. But which are we to believe – the book of Jasher or the conclusion of Archbishop James Ussher?

As incredible as it may sound, we have solid confirmation of the dates given in the book of Jasher. The ancient Jewish historian Flavius Josephus of the first century corroborates the date given by Jasher for the birth of Abraham! Notice this remarkable fact. Josephus writes in *Antiquities of the Jews*:

“I will now treat of the Hebrews. The son of Phaleg, whose father was Heber, was Ragau; whose son was Serug, to whom was born Nahor; *his son was Terah, who was the father of Abraham, who accordingly was the tenth from Noah, and was born in the two hundred and ninety second year after the Deluge; for Terah begat him in his seventieth year*” (bk.1, chapt.6, sec.5).

The Flood was in 2348 B.C. According to Josephus, Abraham was born 292 years after the Flood. This would put his birth in 2056 B.C., just as the book of Jasher states! Archbishop Ussher, who puts Abraham's birth 60 years later, in 1996 B.C., is thus proved to be in error on this point. Josephus also confirms that Abraham was born in Terah’s 70th year – not in his 130th year. Of course, this also confirms the Scriptural account which states plainly that Abram was born in Terah’s 70th year (Gen.11:26). A straightforward reading of this passage could be interpreted as follows: “And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram [and he had also begotten] Nahor, and Haran . . .”

Abraham was seventy five when he departed from Haran to the land of Canaan, in obedience to God (Gen.12:1-4), in 1981 B.C. He was 100 years old when Isaac was born

(Gen.17:1, 21), which would have been in 1956 B.C. Thus the war Abraham fought with the kings of the east would have been perhaps midway between the two dates – or about 1969 B.C. At that time Shem, who was born in 2248 B.C. and who died at the age of 600 years, in 1848 B.C., would have been 479 years of age. He lived for another 121 years. Thus Shem and Abraham were definitely contemporary, and Shem was the ruling patriarch of those willing to obey God. He was God’s representative and king over the earth, for those willing to obey God’s laws. Very few, however, were willing, as the story of human rebellion, led by Nimrod, unfolds.

Shem was still alive when Abraham defeated the kings of the east in battle, rescuing his nephew Lot and his household. So it makes sense that Melchizedek, in the personage of Shem at that time, conferred a blessing on Abraham, and Abraham gave him, as God’s representative on earth, a tenth of all the spoils.

Nevertheless, we must remember – the name “Melchizedek” is really a TITLE – an OFFICE – not a personal name as such. He had a dual office – he was a peacemaker, and was “king of peace.” And he was a righteous servant of God, thus “king of righteousness.”

Shem then was serving in the office of high priest on the earth during his lifetime.

King of Salem and Righteousness

Notice that Melchizedek was king of Salem. “Salem” comes from the Hebrew word meaning “peace.” Salem was the city of “Jerusalem” – the city of “peace.” The Hebrew word “Melek” means “King” or “Ruler.” Therefore, that would make Melchizedek the Ruler or King of Peace (Heb. 7:2). The word “Zedek” in Hebrew means “righteousness.” The Hebrew name Melchizedek itself literally means “King of righteousness” (Heb. 7:2). Shem held this title of office during his lifetime, as had Noah and his predecessors before him.

Therefore, in truth, the TITLE “Melchizedek” goes back to Adam, the first human priest of God of the human family.

However, there is a strange prophecy in Psalm 110:4, where David stated: “The Eternal hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” This verse is quoted again in Hebrews 5:6,10, and is a prophetic reference to the coming of Christ, Yeshua the Messiah.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

New light on the mystery of Melchizedek is provided by a text found among the Dead Sea Scrolls at Qumran, appropriately labeled “11Qmelchizedek.” In the Qumran text, “Melchizedek is presented as an angelic being who raises up God’s holy ones for deeds of judgment and who takes divine judgment on evil. Here Melchizedek has superhuman status, which clearly involved living eternally, just as he has in Hebrews”

(James Vanderkam, “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Christianity,” *Bible Review*, December 1991, p.46).

Another Qumran text which appears to mention Melchizedek has also been published – the “Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice.” Says *Bible Review*, “Although the relevant fragments are poorly preserved, here Melchizedek seems to officiate as the *heavenly high priest*, just as Jesus does in Hebrews” (*ibid.*).

In other words, there was a HIGH PRIEST “MELCHIZEDEK” IN HEAVEN even before the patriarchs, serving the Father! It was none other than the Logos, the Word of God, the One who became Jesus Christ!

No one really knew who the original “Melchizedek” was until the apostle Paul identified him as the One who became Jesus Christ.

Looking for Melchizedek

Let’s turn to Hebrews for the ultimate identification of Melchizedek.

Coming to Hebrews 7, we find Melchizedek identified: “For this *Melchizedek*, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace” (Heb. 7:1-2).

Righteousness is obedience to God’s Law. Since God made all laws (James 4:12), He is Supreme Ruler or King. He determines what righteousness is. “All thy commandments are righteousness” (Psalm 119:172). When speaking of one of the points of that Law, Jesus placed Himself superior to it. He is Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28). No man is Lord or King over God’s Law. Only God could be! All human beings have sinned and broken that Law of righteousness (Romans 3:23).

Although Shem held the office of “Melchizedek” during his lifetime, he was not the ORIGINAL “Melchizedek.” Rather, he was a human TYPE of the true “Melchizedek”!

Notice, also, that this person was the “King of peace.” “Salem” comes from the Hebrew word *shalom* which is “peace.” Jerusalem itself means “the habitation of peace” or “the city of peace.” The prophet Isaiah called the Messiah, “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

No human being could be the real or ultimate King of Peace. Shem was a type of the “king of peace.” He was a forerunner. Men know not the way of peace (Romans 3:10 and 17). Paul writes, “There is none righteous, no, not one.” And, he added, “the way of peace have they not known.” No human being could be the ultimate “King of

Peace.” A holy man may be a “type” of the Lord, but only the Lord Himself could be the true King of Peace!

Observe further: Melchizedek was “without mother, without father, without descent,” or as the Phillips translation renders it: “He had no father or mother and no family tree.” Some interpret this to mean that Melchizedek’s genealogy is not known, or doesn’t matter. With the Levitical priesthood, genealogy is very important.

Asserts the *Unger’s Bible Dictionary*, “The relation between Melchizedek and Christ as type and antitype are made in the Epistle to the Hebrews to consist in the following particulars: (1) not of the Levitical tribe; (2) superior to Abraham; (3) whose beginning and end are unknown; (4) who is not only a priest, but also a king of righteousness and peace. ‘Without father,’ etc. (Heb.7:3) refers to priestly genealogies. Melchizedek is not found on the register of the only line of legitimate priests; no record of his name is there . . . no evidence points out his line of descent from Aaron” (“Melchizedek,” p.711).

The mystery thickens, however, when Paul says plainly, “*having neither beginning of days nor end of life*”, in reference to Melchizedek, who, “*made like the Son of God, REMAINS A PRIEST CONTINUALLY*” Heb.7:3).

Shem DIED! He does not “remain a priest continually.” He remained a priest till he died. Paul writes, of Shem and the righteous patriarchs, “These ALL DIED IN FAITH, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Heb.11:13).

The original “Melchizedek” was not born as human beings are. He was without father and mother. He lives forever. He abides a priest continually – EVEN TODAY!

This does not mean that Melchizedek’s records of birth were simply lost. Without such records human priests could not serve (Ezra 2:62). But the original Melchizedek had no genealogy. *He must not have been an ordinary mortal.* He had no descent or pedigree from another human being – therefore He must have been more than just a human being!

Shem had a father – Noah. Shem entered the ark at the age of 98. He died at the age of 600 (Gen.11:10-11). The Flood occurred in 2348 B.C., so Shem lived until the year 1848 B.C. But then he died.

Notice Paul’s own inspired interpretation of this fact: “Having neither beginning of days, nor end of life” (Heb. 7:3). Therefore He came into being BEFORE “DAYS” WERE CREATED! And He will live FOREVER!

Yet Melchizedek cannot be God the Father. He was the “priest *of* that Most High God.” Scripture says no man has ever seen the Father (John 1:18, 5:37). He cannot be

God the Father, but rather, as Paul wrote, He was “made *like unto the Son of God*; abideth a priest continually” (Heb. 7:3).

There is the answer! In the days of Abraham, Shem was a “type” of the Son of God – he was made *like* unto the Son of God in his manifestation to Abraham as a high priest and king. He was a “TYPE.”

Notice again: the true Melchizedek, this scripture reveals, *abides* that is, *remains* permanently, continually, a priest. God the Father is not the Priest of God, but the Logos, who became Christ the Son, is the true High Priest! Yet, in the days when the Apostle Paul lived and wrote, shortly after Jesus ascended to heaven as High Priest, the scripture states that even then Melchizedek “abideth” – which means does now abide – “a priest continually.” The Moffatt translation states it: “continues to be priest permanently” – *even while Jesus Christ is High Priest!*

Let’s understand this! There cannot be TWO HIGH PRIESTS, at the same time, both serving as THE HIGH PRIEST!

The conclusion is inescapable. Contrary to many cherished man-thought-out ideas, the original Melchizedek and Christ are one and the same! Some people have stumbled on the statement that Melchizedek has no “end of life.” They contend that since Christ died, He had an end of life! If that be true then Christ is still dead! But Christ is not dead. He is alive. It was not possible for Christ to be held by death (Acts 2:24). Melchizedek would never have fulfilled His office of High Priest if He had not died for the sins of the people and risen again. It is the function of the High Priest to lead the way to salvation.

Indeed, Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of our salvation (Heb. 5:9; 12:2). He is “called of God an high priest after the order of Melchizedec” (Heb. 5:10). And no wonder, because the One who was the original “Melchizedek” and Jesus Christ are one and the same Person!

How incredible!

The Tabernacle in Heaven

Christ is a priest “FOREVER, according to the order of Melchizedek” (Heb.7:17, 21). Unlike Shem, or the patriarchs, “But He because He continues FOREVER, has an unchangeable priesthood” (v.24). So Paul goes on, “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such an High Priest, who is *seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the TRUE tabernacle which the Lord erected and not man . . .*” (Heb.8:1-2).

The heavenly tabernacle of God has existed from the beginning. The earthly tabernacle was but a “pattern” or “copy” of the heavenly tabernacle.

“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come with the *greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation*” (Heb.9:11).

There is a heavenly tabernacle.

So Paul wrote, “Therefore it was necessary that the COPIES of the things in the heavens should be purified with these [blood of sacrifices], but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are COPIES [“representations,” margin] of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us” (Heb.9:24).

As astonishing as it may seem, the true, original Melchizedek priesthood goes back to the Logos, the One who became Christ, in heaven, before the Throne of God the Father! He no doubt performed sacrifices and offerings for the angels, and all God’s creatures, even before there was a man on the earth!

Can Angels Sin?

We read in the book of Job of the need for such a high priest. “If God puts no trust in His saints, *and the heavens are not pure in His sight*, how much less man, who is abominable and filthy, who drinks iniquity like water!” (Job 15:15-16).

Job writes, “If He puts no trust in His servants, if He charges HIS ANGELS with ERROR, how much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed before a moth?” (Job 4:18-19).

Job continues, “If even the moon does not shine, and the STARS are not pure in His sight, how much less man, who is a maggot, and a son of man, who is a worm?” (Job 25:5-6). Stars, remember, are a “type” of ANGELS! “The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches”(Rev.1:20). God asked Job, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4, 7).

Even the angels have made mistakes, and “sinned,” and had to be forgiven, at times, upon their repentance. We ALL need a Saviour – a Mediator – a High Priest!

Even though God’s angels are “righteous” angels, and are so called, we must remember that even “righteous” men, from time to time, commit “sin.” Even the “saints” – and church leaders, prophets, apostles, and patriarchs – have sinned, although they are spoken of as “righteous.” Bottom line, all of us depend on the shed blood of the Messiah to cover our sins – from Abraham’s deceit to Moses’ anger, from David’s adultery to Peter’s refusal to eat with Gentiles. All make mistakes.

Concerning the angels in heaven, who remained faithful to God, even they must trust in the grace and pardon and loving-kindness of God, and His mercy. They are righteous, but that does not mean they are “perfect” or never made an error or mistake.

There is an old saying, “He who never made a mistake never made anything else!” Only GOD is truly perfect. But even He has done things that He later regretted! For example, when He saw the wickedness in the earth in Noah’s generation, He exclaimed, “Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually [all the day]. And the LORD was SORRY that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart” (Gen.6:5-6).

In another instance, God repented Himself that He made Saul to be king over Israel. He told Samuel the prophet, “I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments” (I Sam.15:11).

God Himself says of the angels, in the book of Job, “Behold, he puts no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight” (Job 15:15). This implies that even saints and inhabitants of heaven are not perfect or faultless.

Job says further, “Behold, he puts no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly” (Job 4:18). There was a time when no doubt some of the angels were caught between the pull of Lucifer, and the service of God; they had to make a choice. Some may have wavered for a while, as they “sat on the fence,” as it were; some may have sinned, and had to repent. Their character was not yet fully formed or developed. They, too, had to grow in character. They are beings with freedom of choice, free will, and had to CHOOSE to remain faithful, and overcome temptations (Lucifer’s seductions). Thus God also says, in Job, “yea, the *stars* are not pure in His sight” [present tense] (Job 25:5).

Wherever there is free will, and choice, there is the potential for sin – rebellion – falling short of the mark – lawlessness – error. Even with the best of intentions, a person can flunk an algebra test! A person can “weed” a garden, and pull up the good plants by mistake!

Whenever there is sin, there must be a sin offering to rectify the sin – to bring forgiveness and pardon! As Paul wrote, “For He hath made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us [a sin offering], that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (II Cor.5:21).

Thus we read in the New Testament, “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, BY HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF; by him, I say, whether they be *things in earth, OR THINGS IN HEAVEN*” (Col.1:18-20).

Things – that is, beings – in heaven also had to be “reconciled” to the Father – through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah!

Similarly, Paul wrote to the Ephesians, “That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might *gather together in one ALL THINGS in Christ, BOTH WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN*, and which are on earth” (Eph.1:10).

The blood of Christ then also covers the sins of angels who transgressed, made mistakes, committed ‘folly,’ but who then REPENTED of their sins! The problem with the devil and his angels, is simply that they persisted in rebellion – they refused to repent – and therefore they committed the UNPARDONABLE SIN, which in essence is the SIN OF UNREPENTANCE – the sin of refusing to repent, and persisting in iniquity – the sin of constant, unrelenting, incorrigible rebellion!

So Paul writes of the high priesthood of Christ, the true Melchizedek, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in ONE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, BOTH WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN and which are on earth—in Him” (Ephesians 1:7-10).

The Original Priesthood in Heaven

Because of sin, and the need for purification and cleansing, from time to time, when creatures make mistakes, there is a Tabernacle and Altar in heaven. Isaiah describes it thus: “Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged’” (Isaiah 6:6-7).

In the book of Revelation we read: “Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail” (Rev.11:19).

The true “Melchizedek” priesthood BEGAN with the Logos in heaven, the Father’s representative at the heavenly temple, His supreme commander and high priest in heaven, over all the angels. On the earth, during the world before Moses’ time, the patrilinear high priests were a “type” of this heavenly priesthood, till the time of Shem and the patriarchs, but ceased on earth when the Levitical priesthood, a “copy,” replaced it. However, Yeshua – Jesus the Christ – re-inaugurated the TRUE Melchizedek priesthood by BECOMING OUR HIGH PRIEST, OFFERING HIMSELF as our eternal sacrifice, and now reigns as High Priest in heaven, of both angels and men and all creatures, great and small, and He will do so FOREVER.

A careful study of Hebrews 7, 8 and 9 shows that Paul understood that Christ is the TRUE MELCHIZEDEK High Priest forever. Shem was only a “type” – and so were his predecessors. He was earthly, was born of a man and woman, his priesthood had a

beginning and an ending (though it lasted for his life time), and it was superior to the Levitical priesthood, but it was not adequate to fulfill the statements of the apostle Paul, but itself was a “type” of the ORIGINAL AND TRUE “Melchizedek” – “KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS” and “KING OF PEACE.”

The Concept of “Days”

The original Melchizedek became a human being, humbled Himself, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and died on the stake, shedding His blood as a sacrifice for our sins, and all sins of every creature – angels and men!

He was the Logos who later appeared in human form – the incarnate Christ. As Paul says, He was “without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.” There cannot be two high priests of the Melchizedek line. Christ as the Logos was the first and original Melchizedek. Shem was His representative on earth, and also bore this title, while he served as priest and king of Jerusalem during the time of Abraham.

Why, then, do we read that Melchizedek had “NO BEGINNING OF DAYS”? Does this prove that the Logos or One who became Christ ALWAYS existed?

Actually, it does not. It simply proves that He existed *PRIOR to the creation of “days”!*

Jesus Himself says that He had a beginning. He said, “These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, THE BEGINNING OF the creation of God” (Rev..3:14).

The apostle Paul said the same thing. He wrote, speaking of Christ, “Who is the IMAGE of the invisible God, the FIRST-BORN of *all creation*” (Col.1:15). Once the Father created Him, and brought Him into existence, then He – as the Logos or “Word” of God – jointly created everything else, the whole Universe – “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible” (Col.1:16).

Jesus Christ was the Logos of the Old Testament, the Angel of the Lord, the One in the Presence of the Father, who communicated with the patriarchs and fathers, and the prophets of old. “Melchizedek” was one of His many names or titles!

The Logos, or original “Melchizedek” indeed had a beginning, but He was created *long before “days”* were created. In fact, He and the Father together CREATED “DAYS”! For more information on this amazing subject, write for our free articles “Was Christ Created?”, “Who or What was Jesus Christ Before His Human Birth?”, “The One True God,” “The Genesis Factor – Is God Reproducing Himself?”, “The Pre-Existence of Christ,” and “The Mystery of God.” Write also for our free article, “The Book of Jasher Uncloaked.”

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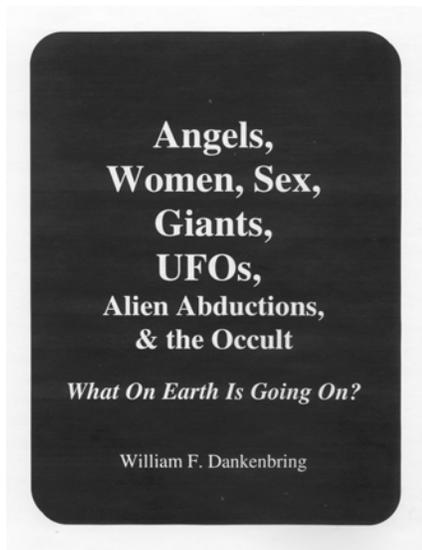
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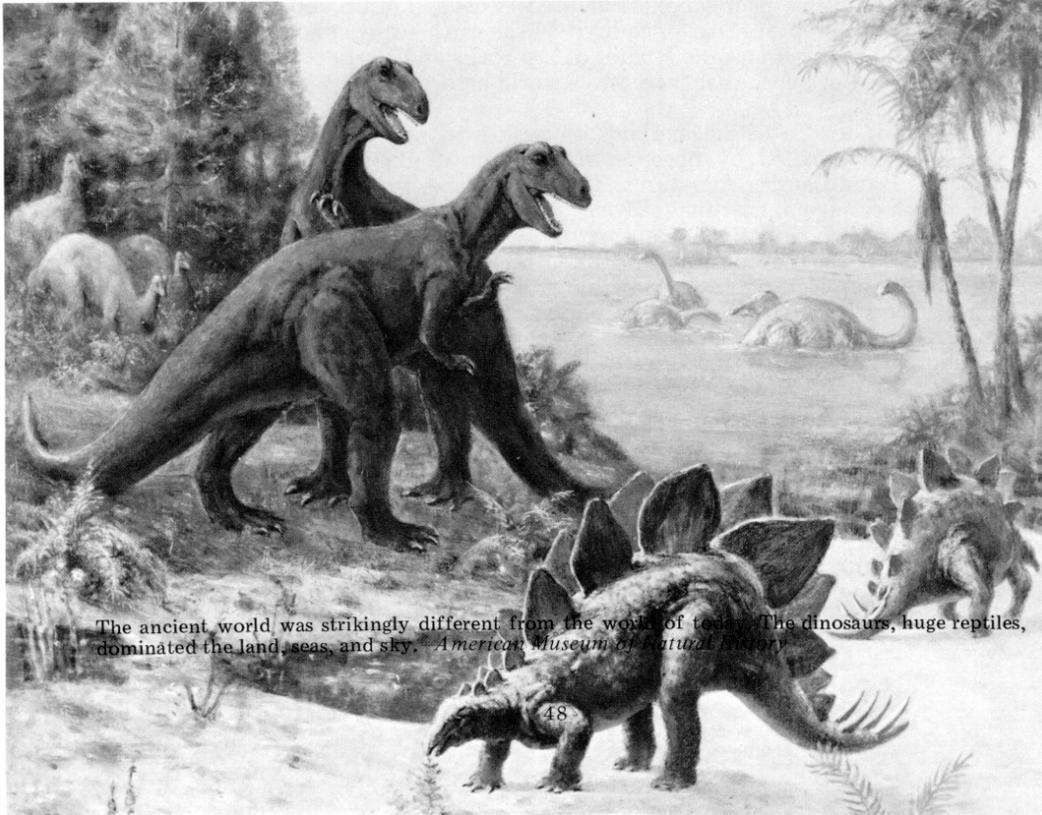
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"May the Living God of Israel and His only begotten son, our Lord and Saviour, please bless you, your publication and subscribers."

-- North Carolina

"Thank you for the enormous information about what's happening around the world especially to the nation of Israel. I didn't have any idea until I read your last two latest PROPHECY FLASH that my inmate shared to me. Thank you for keeping me and everybody who read this pamphlet up-to-date to these final events in history. . . .

"Rev.3:3—'Therefore, if you will not watch (search the Scriptures), I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.'

"This means, 'therefore, if you will watch, I will not come upon you as a thief, and you will know what hour I will come upon you.'

"Ecclesiastes 8:5 – 'a wise man's heart (a believer) will know (discern) both time and judgment.'

"God bless you for trusting His Word!"

-- California

"I just got done reading your booklet entitled 'Pandora's Box - Just What Was the 'Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.' I found it to be very inspiring. One part particularly. The part where you said: 'A man who I never met and don't have the pleasure of knowing personally, has written a letter defaming me and warning others about me.'

"I believe that being free truly means being a slave of Christ. I believe that being liberated means to have liberty in Christ. I truly believe that God sent you to be the voice of one that calls in the wilderness; Make way the path of the Lord. Sort of speak. No I am not trying to feed your ego or put you on a pedestal. But since I have been reading your ministries' literature I have never felt so close to God as I do now. Yes I still have a long way to go, we all do. I think with your ministries' help and the guidance from Ruach ha Kodesh – His Holy Spirit, I will be found worthy of a place in heaven.

"I honestly, sometimes feel that what you are talking about in your literature is too good to be true, but when I go on-line and do my own research; studying the Scriptures, I then see the truth you are saying. I can find no rebuttal to the fact. So I thank you for your inspiring message. I pray daily that God will continue to bless each and everyone at Triumph Prophetic Ministries now and until the coming of the Day of the Lord."

-- Florida

"Greetings from stormy Minnesota. Would like to request the following booklets Thank you, Bill, so much for these booklets. It's helped me more than I say. I've learned more from you than all my 45 years in WWCOG (Worldwide Church of God). I will continue to pray for you and Cappy and all those who assist you. You are a blessing!!!!"

-- Minnesota

“It looks like Washington, D.C., is beginning to get a little shaking as a warning to what is coming in the future. Most people are totally blind to what is happening.

“Many of the ABC government agencies are moving offices to other areas and are or have built underground bunkers for their protection. In the near future their underground bunkers for their protection may turn into being their graves.

“The powers to be look upon the masses as being expendable because Bill Gates said in a speech he gave that the population of the world had to be reduced. He did not volunteer to be one of those that are exterminated. . . .

“I say that if there is any way possible for people to attend YAHWEH’s Feast of Tabernacles do it because you may not be able to in the future. Also this could be the last FOT because the world conditions are deteriorating very fast. . . .

“I look to see some major crisis to happen soon to benefit Barry Sotero because Rahm Emmanuel says ‘you never let a crisis go to waste.’ There are too many foreign troops and the training of American troops for martial law in the U.S.

“In ‘Worldwide’ it was always said Germany would be the country to attack Ephraim [the US] because their language could not be understood. In Jeremiah 5:15, if I read it right, says that ‘Yahweh is going to send a nation from far away’ against Ephraim. It is an enduring nation, an ancient nation, and a nation whose language you do not know. Is it possible that nation will be China? I was listening to a lady and gentleman talking in Chinese and when I heard them speak I thought about Jeremiah. Also China already has plans on replacing the US as the only world superpower. In my opinion, they are about in the position to do such a thing.

“China has the finances, the people, the army and probably the military hardware to do the job. Thanks to Bill Clinton, many top military secrets were given or sold to China.

“I can see worldwide famine on the horizon because of weather, crop diseases, drought, flood, pollution, and genetically modified crops. It seems China is stockpiling food supplies and the US is sending everything we have out of the

country. The US is passing laws to basically stop farming. One such regulation that is supposed to go on the books would fine a farmer for raising dust with a tractor going down the road or in the field. As Yahweh said, man’s wisdom so-called is foolishness.”

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio

“Greetings on a very hot and humid period that is an extreme part of summer. It is impossible to comprehend a time When all four seasons will be pleasant in God’s Kingdom.

“When closely observing events in the Gulf region, reporting is totally controlled, yet many people are oblivious to how limited coverage is. If it wasn’t for the internet, people would not be able to find out for themselves how catastrophic the event is. This one event is not being reported with truth even remotely a part of the equation of educating the public. I will elaborate further in another letter I’ll write to you. The one thing I am realizing is that the prophesied beast system will prosper due to controlled information under its tight fist grip; What is taking place under the direction of BP and the US Government is pure tyranny and treason. It is truly sobering when considering how just one aspect of the future enslavement of this country will be under a total control of the media, and it is happening While oil infested water heads closer and closer to the US mainland. . . .

“I’ve enclosed two of the more recent articles I’ve written. One presently being worked on is entitled ‘What’s Ahead For America and God’s Church?’

“The major key in writing is to make sure the messenger never becomes more of the focus than the message. The one way you have helped me to keep things in focus was the tape you sent entitled ‘Job and I.’ Never must arrogance be a part of anything we do. God must be our focus in everything we do. The moment we lose sight of this, it will become evident and God will not bless any of his people Who allow a feeling of self importance to be a part of What we do.

“Thank you again for the tapes and Prophecy Flash magazine just received. God is using you without a doubt in my mind. I continue to pray for you, Cappy, and everyone involved in the

work you are doing.”

-- Richard Markland, Ohio

“I too was a member of the Worldwide Church of God when Mr. Armstrong was alive. Life was good and had such purpose and promise but after his passing slowly but surely the devil got me because of the watered down truths and much error. I believe God allowed me to come here just so I could find you and get back on the path. Thanks for never giving up on any of us

“May God bless you and thank you so much.”

-- Texas

“First I would like to thank you for the reference Bible I received. It has helped a lot. I really needed a reference. I have been going back to our Father’s Word. I was currently attending Arabic language class to learn how to write and read Arabic but their methods in trying to convince me that the Bible had flaws and that Jesus was not the Son of God was very unconvincing. Their Koran states that Jesus was born of a woman but of the Holy Spirit (Surah 19:19-40). Yet that means nothing and that Mohammed is greater than the very words of Christ. In the Koran it mentions that Allah took Jesus (Surah 4:158, 3:55) but they still believe that Mohammed is the correct prophet. They also state that the Koran does not contradict yet in Surah 19:33 it states: ‘So Peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again).’ But yet in Surah 4:157 it states, ‘that they said (in boast), “we killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah”—but they killed him not, nor crucified him. But so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not.’ To me that sounds like whoever reads this should be able to tell that the Koran is not all true. The commentary to this Koran continues to state Jesus was not killed. But the words of Christ in Surah 19:33 states otherwise and the word in the Koran in Surah 4:157 states other than Surah 19:33. Also in Surah 2:62 the Koran states, ‘Those who believe (in the Koran), and those who follow the Jewish Scriptures, and the Christians and the Sabeans—any who believe in Allah and the last day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear; nor shall they grieve.’ If our God and their God are the same God then why does the Koran state ‘with their God’, cause in

Surah 29:46 the Koran states ‘And dispute ye not with the people of the Book, except with means better (than mere disputation), unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (and injury), but say, ‘We believe in the Revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you; our God (Allah) and your God (YHVH) is One; and it is to Him we bow (Islam). If our God and their God are the same, then surely the Bible should mention some prophecy of Mohammed coming or that we should practice Islam, but the Bible mentions nothing of the Koran, only the Koran mentions stories from the Bible. So to me the true holy Bible is the Bible. The Bible and the Koran are not the same; if they were then the Koran would mention Christ’s sacrifice and resurrection. It would mention that Christ is the Son of God. It would mention the Holy Days and to keep the Sabbath holy. But it does not mention any of the facts related to Christ.

“Mr. Dankenbring, I ask of you and your ministry, that you pray for those who have been deceived into believing that the Koran is right and that our holy Bible is wrong. Pray that Christ brings light to their minds and heart to reveal the truth. . . .”

-- Texas

“May the blessing of our Messiah be upon all of you and your life’s hopes—somewhere in time and in this life your thoughts and memories will be written down. For all of you, your beings bring hope to a lost mankind. As the world unfolds in front of me, my eyes open for the first time. Your articles and materials on subjects help me and hundreds in prison to see the truths of our lives. We in prison must again and again punish ourselves, but there are those who are innocent, but because of political needs to fill their prisons, we are caught as slaves to a political system of judicial corruption beyond understanding. Thank all of you for just caring about us. In the Courts of heaven I will testify for you.

“We love you all.”

-- Texas

“The Sabbath is just about to begin here in the UK so I will say Shabbat Shalom and greetings to you all in Omak. We are all doing fine here and trust that the same goes for you all over there. I listened intently to the Bible Study last week concerning Nick Pull’s ideas on the 2300

days of Daniel chapter 8 and have been thinking about it all week.

“It seems very clear from scripture that the 70th week of Daniel 9, begins with a covenant or treaty being established between the ‘Prince’ or ‘AntiChrist’, and ‘Many’, as it states in the scripture. This could well come about as the result of another outbreak of war, but the treaty is surely the main, central issue for the starting point of the final 7 years.

“What about the 2300 days then and when or how do they begin? As Nick Pull rightly pointed out, if the final 7 years (2520 days) and the 2300 days have the same ending point with the return of Christ, then the 2300 days will start 220 days after the treaty is established. The question is, will there be a significant event that will mark the beginning of the 2300 days? Nick Pull mentioned the rebuilt Temple and sacrifices, while you Bill mentioned growing apostasy and the inauguration of a new (the last) Pope. Now while both these points are absolutely valid and undoubtedly form part of the 2300 day prophecy, have we all been missing the most obvious possibility of all staring us in the face?

“If we consider the historical fulfillment of the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8, it started in 334 BC with the crossing of the River Granicus by Alexander the Great and ended in 1967 with the retaking of the Temple Mount by Israeli (Jewish) forces. The crucial point is that Alexander and his men (The Goat) were attacking the PERSIANS (The Ram). Is history going to repeat itself, but this time an even greater power than Alexander's Greeks attacking the PERSIANS (IRAN)? Remember the ‘Goat’ comes FROM THE WEST and does not touch the ground, an indication of Air Power. Instead of Alexander's horsemen crossing the Granicus during the historical fulfillment, in the end time could this be a massive air assault across the Persian Gulf? Will this be a U.S. led NATO attack on Iranian nuclear installations? Will it be the U.S. alone or possibly the State of Israel alone making a pre-emptive strike on Iran?

“Although I do not claim anything other than to be speculating about this prophetic scenario, nobody can deny that something similar to what I have described, is very likely to happen sometime in the near future. The only question to my mind is would this be the beginning point of the 2300 days? For this to be so the 7 year treaty would have to have already begun.

“The Feast of Trumpets is only 5 weeks away making Tabernacles only 7 weeks away. Time is marching on and tremendous prophetic events are on the verge of being fulfilled. May the Lord God help us all to stay awake and alert to the times we are living in.

“Bye for now, take care and may our Great God guide you always.”

-- Nick Wood, England

“WOW! PRAISE GOD!

“I really appreciate your insightfulness, and the way you ‘reveal’ and ‘interpret’ the Bible through scripture! When you elaborate on something you back it up with scripture!

“I have been a Christian for many years, but only a (practicing Christian) for about 4 months! I’m 46 years old and just recently acquired the desire to have a personal relationship with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! This was the first time I ever experienced His Presence (God is Good)!

“Here on the unit I’m on (Price Daniel) we have Bible studies on my wing every night any time from around 6pm – 10pm. Your material is what is being used, ‘PROPHECY FLASH’! And your other articles is where our message comes from. The standing joke around here is who is bringing the message tonight—then someone will say, ‘Let’s let Danken-Bring it.’ *We really appreciate it!* You have been a positive force in my life, a ‘Real Blessing.’ I hope and pray that you and your ministry is being blessed. Mr. Dankenbring, I thank you for being so kind – you have a beautiful spirit, the love of God shines forth from you!”

-- Texas

“It is long since I wrote. I confess to laziness. First let me thank you for sending me the book on the identity of the British and American peoples. The ‘time of the end’ IS at hand!

“You are indeed a watchman crying out aloud as a witness even to the awakening of some Dead Pastors in GOD’S CHURCH, although their eyes want to remain closed to the facts.

“I see the rise of these evangelical preachers faking the Gospel of God and squeezing money out of their gullible congregations for their own use (no wonder they afford cars and houses

bigger and better than the rich). I do hope that our combined prayers worldwide in God's Church would SHAKE us out of our slumber—Satan's time is SHORT and he fights in desperation. Are we ready to defend our cause? Therefore I thank God for a LEADING SOLDIER like you, Mr. Dankenbring, *bringing it home to us!*

-- South Africa

"Thanks so much for the latest edition of Prophecy Flash magazine. I had hesitated to write to let you know I hadn't received the March/April issue. On the day I sent the letter I had received two back issues. As usual, the latest issue is very interesting.

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

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

"Thanks so much for helping me to see through so much of the darkness brethren are in. I feel so honored that God shows His Presence by daily understanding granted by Him. Through this hell, words are inadequate when it comes to explaining how God lets it be known that He is very aware of my circumstance.

"I pray that God grants you greater understanding and that brethren wake up."

-- Richard Markland, Ohio

"In the recent number of weeks it would appear that we could well be entering the vortex period of the final sobering and horrific period of the last seven years of the age or cosmos in a number of months.

"As you Bill have mentioned in your book Escape from Armageddon in the foreword section that the last seven years of this age would run as a parallel or latter time "duality" fulfillment with the 7 years of famine in the time of Joseph when he was in Egypt Genesis 41:25-31.

"This was taken initially from your 1980 book The Last Days: Survival guide to the end of the world.

"We have now come 30 years on and it does look more imminent than ever before.

When going back to Alexander the Great and his victory over Persia (Iran) and the Medes (modern day Russia) at the River Granicus in 334 BC Daniel 8:20 this occurred during the month of May (taken from Wikipedia) around Pentecost!

"On the BBC website this morning there is a headline that states 'Iran fuels up first nuclear plant'.

"This has been attended by Iranian (Persia) and Russian (Medes) officials and that Russia will be operating the plant. Please see website for a more comprehensive coverage of this.

"This most definitely would be a latter time duality fulfillment of Bible Prophecy as indicated clearly by Nick Wood in his recent communication.

"In the recent edition of The Good News by the United Church of God there is a fantastic article which you can view on their website under publications, The Good News, click on the recent headline copy "Out of Order" for a list of all articles and under the section God, science and the Bible. The article is called: Has Noah's ark been found on Mount Ararat?"

“This has been mentioned in the book *The First Genesis* under chapter 19 titled, *Will Noah’s Ark Be Discovered?*

“I personally think that God has allowed this to happen now as part of a final testimony to the world and atheists.”

-- Nick Pull, England

“Listening to the broadcast today I was reminded again how deeply appreciative I am that there is a teacher of your stature on the earth today and that I have been blessed to know you. I was directed to you back in 1996. That was when WCG had imploded and, although I had not paid any attention to WCG for over 10 years, it prompted me to look for survivors. TPM was the very first internet site that Yahweh directed me to. I can say that He did that because of the fruit that resulted and still increases. It had to be His guidance!

“I haven't expressed my gratitude to you often enough for your role and faithfulness in pursuing His truth and expounding it with zeal through thick and thin. I am so thankful to have been spared so much deception on key, vital matters like the holy days, the calendar and numerous other matters where you have stripped away so much chaff and shone a laser beam on the unvarnished truth. What a blessing!!! The truth makes us free! What freedom it is to be armored against so many deceptions circulating out there trying to lead the sheep off one cliff or another. I think that's the greatest blessing one could have and Yahweh has blessed more than a few people through your work.

“It's not easy to stay focused on the mission. Listening today I was reminded how wrong attitudes directed our way can wear us down. They require repeating the same message over and over again to those who don't seem to have ears to hear and more personally by showing ingratitude for your efforts, and Yahweh's great blessing, in their often irreverent and unlearned critiques. Do not lay them to heart. Please continue with all forbearance and patience, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

“I hope you have great comfort in your calling and election and I just wanted to add my heartfelt appreciation to that. There are some points where we may not be in 100% agreement but I don't expect perfection from any man, including

myself, and differences on lesser matters are a natural consequence of our present human limitations. No matter those points, I always bear in mind what I have received and how Yahweh has used you as an agent in those blessings. And I consider where I might be if Yahweh had not steered me straight to you when I asked Him for the truth. Were it not for His grace I could have been 'hardwired' and programmed with all manner of twisted and skewed distortions of scripture. . . .

“We will miss you all during Sukkot. With such a momentous season, in so many potential ways, we need to be in each other's prayers. You and Cappy are in mine as I know I am in yours. HalleluYAH!”

-- Darren Clarke, Canada

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“If people are willing, we could all help to save money for TPM, while making it possible for more people to receive the PF and tapes/CD's. Anyone like me with computer access to the internet can access everything necessary from the Triumph website. At present you are sending me both the PF and CD's by mail, which although very welcome, are not absolutely vital. For this reason there is no need to keep on mailing me the PF and CD's. Could I suggest that you send out renewal forms with the next PF mailing, the next CD mailing and also the next tape mailing. On the renewal form you could possibly "suggest" that subscribers and supporters with access to the internet, could help the work greatly, by not renewing on the mailing list and downloading from the website instead. They would have the PF weeks before it arrived in the mail and all the weekly Bible studies are easily downloadable, usually a day or two later. I hope this suggestion is constructive and helps you in some way.

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“Bye for now, take care and may our Great God guide you always.”

-- Nick Wood, England

“Mr Dankenbring, I had written you asking for your prayers a few days ago about Jennie Jett of Longview Washington who had fallen and broke her hip. She is now out of the hospital and is in Rehab . . . I talked to her yesterday and she is doing much better. Thanks for your prayers! Sir, I ask for your forgiveness for addressing you by your first name in the email I meant no disrespect to you at all. I have always admired you for your staunch support of Gods truth and believe you are definitely the messenger to the Philadelphia Church. Thank you for all you do for the brethren.”

-- Ron Watkins, Georgia

“Thanks for everything and all the hard work and research that you do. Thank Cappy for being a real help mate to you and for all the work she does. I know that you receive a lot of static but the representatives of YAHWEH have taken it on the chin from man and that means we peons have a lot to repent of and learn.

“On short wave radio it was said that Iran’s nuclear reactor was going to go hot on August 21, 2010. A source said that the powers to be wanted to goad Israelis into attacking Iran and if that was not done then the US would be the goat.

“So it looks like if any move is made toward Iran, the results will be world war in a short time.

“Russia and China have said that if Iran was attacked that would be the same as an attack on them and they would respond on Iran’s side.

“In World War I the battleship was the ultimate weapon—World War II the aircraft carrier was the ultimate weapon and it is looking like the submarine and missiles will be the ultimate weapon of World War III.

“The Chinese have developed a missile to knock out the US super aircraft carriers and we do not know if it is full operational at the present time.

“Also the weather is not the best for growing food. Russia has stopped exporting grain but the US is making grain contracts that will ship our food to the other countries.

“This Mexican business has turned into a full assault on this country and they do not want to become Americans. So I would call the Mexican assault on this country ‘a war.’

“The way the Fed is printing money and foolishly throwing it away to make their cohorts richer has to bankrupt this country soon.

“It seems Germany is doing things better than the US because they seem to be going by the philosophy of ‘if you do not have it, you do not spend it.’

“When it says ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen’ could one of the falls be the collapse of this present dollar-denominated world financial system.”

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio

“Indeed, you ‘Cry aloud, spare not’ like no other to my knowledge. You also seem to hone in on the Old Testament so strongly, which gives you a greater comprehension of the New.

“Your discovery of the ominous history of the alleged President is beyond belief. I am so impressed . . .”

-- Australia

“As usual your Flashes are tremendously running over with knowledge. And eerily thought-provoking, but refreshing full of truth. Just dropping a quick note from those of us at Stevenson Unit who read all your works voraciously and are in full agreement with PF. We thank you for blessing us with your insight. YHWH has given you much favor.”

-- Texas

“Prophecy Flash is a God send. It has been helping to open my eyes to the truth for about two years now. A friend of mine has been letting me read his subscription for about two years now and I guess he finally sent my name in to get my own subscription.

“The regular controlled media does not print half of the information that is in the Prophecy Flash! The mainstream media is nothing more than a propaganda machine. Most preachers these days don’t have enough backbone to stand up and

preach the whole truth but Triumph Prophetic Ministries does! I now see the whole world for what it is really, sick. And only Jesus has the cure. Your free subscription to Prophecy Flash will be greatly appreciated. I will let as many prisoners on my building read it when I'm done with it to help spread the truth."

-- Texas

"Oh, almost forgot. I picked up a book on the book cart. Its called 'The Prophesied End Time' by Ronald Weinland. Have you ever heard of this guy? He's COG because he talks about Armstrong as if he is an unblemished servant of the Almighty. I really sorta became frustrated reading it. I'll never do that again! I mean read anything with his name on it."

-- Texas

COMMENT: Weinland is another false prophet, Read our article, 'Ron Weinland – False Prophet.' Many of that ilk try to capitalize on the name of Herbert Armstrong to benefit their own ministry and gull people into supporting them. Beware of those who try to ingratiate themselves into your favor by cozying up to Herbert Armstrong and lauding him. He was just another man whose ministry was deeply scarred and tainted. Read our articles "How Are the Mighty Fallen," and "Prophetic Errors of Herbert Armstrong."

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COMMENT: Excellent ideas – we will incorporate them accordingly. Your suggestions to implement savings are very welcome. Our main purpose and focus is to get the Gospel of God and Christ out as a warning witness to this world, so we hope and pray that more of God's people will really get behind this Work and strive to help support and finish the Work before "all hell breaks loose" and the Beast of Revelation begins his rampage throughout the earth. God will bless those who give sincerely, as they are able, from the heart!