

Prophetic End Times

How much time is left until Messiah comes?
 What is the timetable to the Apocalypse? Here
 is a new formula for counting down to the king-
 dom of God and the arrival of the King of kings
 and Lord of Lords!

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In Psalm 90:4, we read: "For a *thousand years* in thy sight are but as *yesterday* when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

The Apostle Peter's Commentary

The apostle Peter seems to have this Scripture in mind when he writes, in the New Testament, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that ONE DAY *is with the Lord as a THOUSAND YEARS, and a thousand years as ONE DAY.* The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the *day of the Lord* will come as a thief in the night: in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Peter 3:8-10).

The *Jewish New Testament Commentary*, by Dr. David H. Stern, in a commentary on II Peter, chapter 3, dealing with the "day" for a "thousand years" equation, explains that this idea "has deep roots in Judaim, specifically in connection with *dating the Messianic Era.*" He then quotes the Talmud, in tractate Sanhedrin, as follows:

"Rav Kattina said, 'The world will exist for six thousand years, then for one thousand it will be desolate, as it is said, "The Lord alone will be exalted in that day"' (Isaiah 2:11). Abaye said, 'It will be desolate two thousand, as it is said, "After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, and we will live in his sight"' (Hos.6:2).

"It has been taught in accordance with Rav Kattina, 'Just as every seventh year is a year of *sh'mittah* [letting the land lie fallow], so it is with the world: one thousand years out of seven are to be fallow -- as proved by the following three texts taken together [in which the key word is "day"]: 'The Lord alone will be exalted in that day' (Isaiah 2:11); 'A psalm and song for the day of *Shabbat*' (Psalm 92:1), meaning the day that is entirely *Shabbat*; and, "For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past" (Psalm 90:4).

"The school of Eliyahu teaches: 'THE WORLD EXISTS FOR SIX THOUSAND YEARS -- two thousand of them *tohu* ["void"]; two thousand, *Torah*; and two thousand, the era of the MESSIAH. But

because of our numerous iniquities many of these years have been lost'" (Sanhedrin 97a-97b).

Notice that even the seven year Sabbatical cycle points to the truth of a Six Thousand Year Plan of God. Each series of "six years" is followed by a seventh year which is a SABBATICAL YEAR -- or year of release, and rest to the land! (Leviticus 25:1-8).

Notice also that that the first 2000 years are characterized, by the school of Elijah the prophet, as years of "tohu" -- that is, waste, emptiness, confusion and chaos -- or "void." That would be the world prior to Abraham, including the Flood of Noah's time, from 4004 B.C. to 2004 B.C. The next 2,000 years is the time of the "Torah," or "Law" of God -- from the time of Abraham, 2004 B.C. to the *birth of Jesus Christ in 4 B.C.!*

The "Messianic Era," then, runs from 4 B.C. to 1997-98 A.D. -- our time, today!

Yet, because of the sins of the people, the prophecy states, the Messianic Era itself would be "delayed." When Christ came in 4 B.C., and began His ministry in 27 A.D., He -- the Messiah -- was rejected by His people, and scorned, and crucified -- killed! That was the beginning of the Messianic Era, when Christ came, and offered Salvation to His people. But since they rejected Him, He returned to heaven where He sits today, waiting for His people to repent of their sins, and cry out for Him -- at which point He will return to save them from utter destruction!

David H. Stern writes concerning this fateful prophecy:

"According to Jewish tradition, there were 2,000 years without Torah -- spiritual tohu -- between the creation of Adam and the time when Abraham, aged 52, began convincing people to worship the one true God.

"The second 2,000 years supposedly lasted from then until 172 years after the destruction of the second Temple, that is, until 244 C.E. That was the year 4000 by the Jewish calendar. *But no significant event in Jewish history took place then.* However, Biblical chronology has a number of uncertainties, so that not all agree that the Jewish calendar accurately dates the biblical beginning of creation. James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland, writing in the 17th century, placed the creation according to Genesis at 4004 B.C.E., exactly 4000 years before Yeshua's supposed birthdate . . .

"Concerning the third 2,000 years, a footnote to this passage in the Soncino English edition of the Talmud says, '*Messiah will come WITHIN THAT PERIOD. He should have come at the beginning of [it]; the DELAY is due to our SINS.*' It should be obvious that the Messiah, who 'should have come at the beginning' of the last 2,000 year period is in fact Yeshua, who did come then. The delay is not of his coming but of our recognizing him, and this delay is indeed 'due to our sins.' . . .

"Yet as Kefa [Peter] points out, there is a delay in his second coming, and this is, in a different sense, 'due to our sins': 'The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise . . . on the contrary, he is patient with you; for it is . . . his

purpose that everyone should turn from his sins,' literally, 'that everyone should come to repentance'" (*Jewish New Testament Commentary*, page 763-764).

When the Messiah returns, He will inaugurate a millennial kingdom lasting one thousand years. As John wrote, when Messiah comes, the Adversary -- Satan the devil -- will be bound for one thousand years (Rev.20:1-3). During that same period, John says, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the *thousand years were finished*" (Rev.20:4-5).

Therefore, when the apostle Peter tells us that a "day" is with God as a thousand years, we should sit up and take notice! This implies that seven days of the week would equal SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS. And when we learn from prophecy that the Millennial day of "rest" or Millennial SABBATH is "one thousand years," literally (Rev.20:4), then this tells us plainly that the preceding six days equal six thousand years!

Counting from Creation of Adam and Eve in 4004 B.C., the six thousand years of man's rule of earth would end in 1997 A.D., as there was no year zero. But from what year should we begin counting? Is 4004 B.C. the correct date? Not necessarily! According to the book of Jubilees, Adam and Eve did not sin until seven years after Creation. Therefore, they did not come under Satan's influence and rulership until 3997 B.C. Counting from this date would put the end of 6000 years at 2004 A.D.

The Book of Jubilees

The Jewish book of Jubilees tells us that the 6,000 years of man's rule should not be counted from the date of Creation, but implies that we should count from the date of Adam and Eve's transgression in the garden of Eden -- when they came under the influence of the serpent, Satan the devil. *This was seven years after their original creation!*

Although we cannot state with absolute certainty, the indication from Biblical prophecy and Biblical evidence, is that the 6,000 years from Adam and Eve should be counted from the time they sinned, and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. That's when the countdown began. The book of Jubilees tells us that this occurred seven years after their original creation in 4004 B.C. Notice:

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

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

As we know, Eve and Adam both sinned, were enticed into transgression, and banished from the Garden. This occurred most likely, therefore, seven years after their original creation, in 4004 B.C. -- or in the year 3997 B.C. The seven years of idyllic paradise should not be counted in the 6,000 years during which mankind has been subject to the "god of this world," Satan the Adversary (II Cor.4:4, Eph.2:2). Thus we have:

4004 B.C.	6000 years	2003 A.D.
<u>-7</u>	<u>-3997 B.C.</u>	<u>+1</u>
3997 B.C.	2003 A.D.	2004 A.D.!!!

Some may wonder why we "add" a year in the final column, to reach 2004 A.D. The answer is simple. There is no year "zero." Therefore, when counting from B.C. to A.D., we must "add" an extra year for the years to correspond to reality.

The Measure of the Mikvah

The mikvah pool in ancient times was a minimum of 40 *seahs* in volume of capacity. To understand this, we begin with a simple "egg." To the ancient Hebrews, the egg was the smallest unit of *volume* measure and also symbolically represents an increment or unit of *time*.

A person can hold 3 eggs in one hand; 6 eggs in two hands. Six eggs is called a *log*. Four logs comprise a *cab* of measure, or 24 eggs (4 x 6 = 24). Six cabs (24 x 6) equals 144 eggs. This is the volume of a *seah*. Since there are 40 *seahs* in a mikvah, this means that a *mivah* (symbol of a larger unit or measure of time) equals (40 x 144) a total of 5760 eggs! Thus, understanding that an "egg" represents a "year," the mikvah period represents a time of 5760 *YEARS in fulfillment!*

What is so significant about that? Simply this: *The year 2000-2001 in the Jewish Calendar was the year 5760!*

Thus we have completed one complete TIME CYCLE of the Mikvah – one complete "baptism" or period of "immersion." The year 5760 was the final year of the preceding "mikvah period" – from the time of Creation to the END OF DAYS!

The Number "13"

God is patient and forbearing, not willing that any should perish. So He gave mankind additional time to repent, before divine judgment comes upon mankind like a flood. "13" is the number of "rebellion," and 13 years added to 2004 bring us to 2017 A.D. Thirteen years is certainly enough time to give a people to see if they are going to obey and repent of their sins, or continue in rebellion against God!

2017 is exactly one hundred years –or two Jubilee cycles – from the date when

God opened the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration through the Balfour Declaration, in 1917. It was General Allenby's conquest of the Holy Land in 1917, freeing it from the Turkish Empire, that brought Palestine under British control and the British mandate, enabling the Jews to immigrate to the land of their forefathers.

Factor in the Ministry of Christ

Looking at it another way, the ministry of Christ, who was on the earth preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God for three years, from Passover 27 A.D. to Passover 30 A.D., should be added to the 2004 date, as God's "government" was on the earth in the personage of Christ, the "King," even though He was not reigning as such. He acknowledged to Pontius Pilate that He was a "king." So those three years added back into the chronology brings us from 2004 to 2007 A.D.

The "Ten Days of Awe"

Then, from the evidence of the fall Holy Days, the day of Yom Teruah ("Day of Shouting," "Blowing,"), pictures God's call to the nations to repent of their sins before final judgment. It is ten days before Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. These are known as the "10 Days of Awe." A "day" is a "year" in being fulfilled, so 10 days = 10 years in the final countdown of prophecy. These final "ten years" picture ten years of DIVINE WARNING AND CALL TO REPENTANCE!

If we add them to 2007, then we come to 2017 as the final date picturing the RETURN OF THE MESSIAH! HALLELUYA!

Another Amazing Prophecy

But there is even more!

In the book of Ezekiel we read that the prophet was told to lie upon his side for 390 days as a sign to Israel. "And you, son of man, take a tile and lay it before you, and make upon it a drawing of a city, even Jerusalem.

"And put SIEGE works against it, build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it and set battering rams against it round about.

"Moreover, take a plate of iron and place it for an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it and it shall be besieged, and you shall press the siege against it. This is a SIGN to the house of Israel!

"Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the TEN TRIBES of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.

“For I have laid upon you the *years of their iniquity, according to the number of days*, 390 days [representing 390 years]; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel” (Ezekiel 4:1-5). This is talking about the times of Israel’s punishment!

In Leviticus 26, God says to Israel, if they disobey Him and break His covenant, reject His Torah,, His laws and way of life: “I will chastise and discipline you *seven times more* for your sins” (Lev.26:18); “I will bring seven times more plagues upon you” (v.21); “I will smite you seven times for your sins” (v.24); “I also will chastise you seven times for your sins” (v.28).

Notice! So if you take 390 years of punishment God decreed on Israel, and multiply it by “7” times, you come to 2,730 years. $390 \times 7 = \underline{2,730}$ years.

2730	years
<u>-721</u>	B.C.
2009	B.C.
<u>+1</u>	(because no year zero)
2010	A.D.!

Israel was besieged by ancient Assyria beginning in 721 BC. If you subtract (that is, go forward) 2,730 years from that date inclusively, guess what? It brings you to *2010 A.D. – this very year!*

If you add Daniel’s final 7 years to 2010, it brings us to 2017 A.D.!!!

The Enigmatic “65 Years”

Another very interesting prophecy is found in the seventh chapter of Isaiah. God tells the prophet, “In *sixty five years, Ephraim will be broken* [lit., “shattered”], so that it will not be a people” (Isa.7:8, NKJV). I have often wondered if this verse has a message for the end-times, our day. What is this mysterious “sixty five” years? When would it be counted from?

If we count 65 years from 1947, the year the United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create a Jewish state in the Middle East, we come to the year 2012 A.D.!

Could this date be the fall of end-time Ephraim, the United States of America? Could it be the year we lose our sovereignty and are merged into the end-time “Babylon the Great,” the Biblical name for the “New World Order”?

Will another WAR occur soon in the Middle East? Will its worldwide consequences lead to the devastation of Damascus, Syria, and its ruination? Isaiah foretold, “See, Damascus will cease to be a city, and will become a heap of ruins” (Isa.17:1). Will Arab terrorists respond by setting off terrorist nuclear bombs – even satchel sized weapons – within the borders of the United States? Will biological-

chemical agents be unleashed in American cities? Will America's fleet – her pride and power – suffer a devastating attack? Isaiah prophesied for Ephraim – modern America, “The fortress will disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus. . . . On that day the glory of Jacob will be brought low, and the fat of his flesh will grow lean” (Isa.17:3-4, NRSV).

When will this occur? Isaiah also declared, regarding Ephraim, “Within sixty five years Ephraim will be shattered, no longer a people” (Isa.7:8). He then adds, “If you do not stand firm in faith, you shall not stand at all” (v.9).

Have we indeed entered the final period in prophecy known as the “time of Jacob's trouble”?

Dating the End of Days

We don't know exactly when the Messiah will return. But when He does, on that day He will gather together His elect, from the four winds. As we read in Matthew: “Then the sign of the Son of man will appear in heaven: and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and *they will see the Son of man COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN with power and great glory.* And he will send his angels with a *great sound of a trumpet*, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matt.24:30-31, NKJV).

The apostle Paul also speaks of this tremendous event: “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET [the great trumpet of Jubilee, sounded on the day of Atonement!] will SOUND**, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (I Cor.15:52).

Let's apply this principle to the “seven times” punishment God said He would pour out on his people if they broke His covenant (Lev.26).

Thus $360 \times 7 = 2520$ years!

If we count 2520 years from 604 B.C., we come to 1917 A.D.!

2520 years
<u>-604 B.C.</u>
1916
<u>+1</u> (no year zero)
1917 A.D.

What happened in 1917 A.D. that relates to the kingdom of Judah?

Counting from 604 B.C., 2,520 years brings us to 1917 A.D. – the very year General Allenby conquered Jerusalem and wrested control of Palestine from the Turkish Empire during World War I! *In that very same year, the Balfour Declaration in Great*

Britain paved the way for the return of the Jewish people to their homeland in the Middle East.

Arthur James Balfour (1848-1930) served as the Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1902 to 1905 and was a leader of the Conservative Party for over 20 years. The Balfour Declaration issued in 1917 bore his name. He served as Foreign Secretary in the coalition war cabinet of David Lloyd George from 1916 to 1919.

The Balfour Declaration dealt with the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. The Declaration read as follows:

“His Majesty’s Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.”

In 1922 the League of Nations endorsed the declaration and gave Great Britain a mandate to rule over Palestine. The British mandate ended in 1947. In 1948, the Jews in the territory mandated to Britain established the independent state of Israel.

1917 was the pivotal year. Notice! Once again, a very significant fulfillment of prophecy occurred, 2,520 years after the original nation of Judah was taken into captivity by Babylon in 604 B.C. This amazing prophetic fulfillment, like that for the kingdom of Israel, clearly validates the prophetic principle of 2,520 years of punishment on God’s people for disobedience – for both Israelites and Jews.

The Jubilee Cycles

The “Jubilee cycle” is a yearly cycle of 50 years, the 50th year being the “Jubilee” year, or year of release, liberty, and freedom – the great year of “blessing” (see Leviticus 25:8-15). Since the punishment on Judah was completed in 1917, it makes sense that we should begin once again counting “Jubilee cycles” from that date. If we do so, several interesting things develop. Notice!

$$\begin{array}{r} 1917 \\ +50 \\ \hline 1967 \end{array}$$

1967 could also be considered the end of one Jubilee cycle beginning in 1917 when Israel was “restored” in Palestine by the Balfour Declaration! It is also the fateful year of the miraculous “Six Day War” in which Israel defeated the surrounding Arab states in a blitzkrieg type war in a mere six days!

Says the *Worldbook Encyclopedia* in regard to this marvelous event:

“UN troops prevented raids across the Israeli-Egyptian border after the 1956 war. But Arab raids continued from Syria and Jordan into Israel, and Israeli forces raided those countries in return. Border clashes increased greatly in the mid-1960's.

“In May 1967, Israel and the three Arab countries all alerted their armed forces for possible war. At Egypt's demand, the UN troops left the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula. The Egyptians then again closed the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli ships.

“On June 5, 1967, Israeli planes attacked airfields in Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. The Israelis destroyed the Arab air forces almost completely. Then they defeated the Arab armies. By June 8, Israeli troops occupied the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula, and Jordanian territory west of the River Jordan, including Jordan's half of Jerusalem. On June 10, Israel captured Syria's Golan Heights. The war was over in six days.

“When the brief war ended, the Israelis controlled Arab territory totaling more than three times the area of Israel itself. In June 1967, Israel officially made Jordan's half of Jerusalem a part of Israel” (“Israel,” p.393).

This astounding war occurred exactly 2300 years from the pivotal battle between Greece and Persia that began Daniel's vision of the eighth chapter. This furious battle, like its predecessor 2300 years ago, was fought against overwhelming odds, and the outcome was decided by Divine Providence. Something occurred during this battle in 1967 which proves it was the terminus of this ancient prophecy. The Jews seized the Old City of Jerusalem, historic Jerusalem, and along with it THE SACRED TEMPLE MOUNT, where history shows that Solomon's Temple, and the Second Temple, were both constructed!

Is this astonishing victory for Israel in 1967 significant? A nation of 2 1/2 million put to rout the armies and military forces of Arab nations with a combined population of over 140 million. This was “a staggering achievement,” in the words of Winston S. and Randolph S. Churchill. Colin Legum in *The Observer* called the Israeli victory “a *miracle of arms*” (*ibid.*, p.194-195). He added that one of Israel's leading soldier-politicians remarked:

“The only analogy I can think of is if Britain had found herself in occupation of Berlin just three days after Dunkirk. The suddenness of the transformation from a situation of acute danger to unparalleled victory is too much for any people to absorb. It will take time to get over it” (*ibid.*).

On June 27 three laws were passed through the Knesset annexing the Old City of Jerusalem and reuniting it with the New City on the next day. Was this amazing Six Day War significant in relation to Biblical prophecy? *Of course it was!*

But now let's continue the 'Jubilee cycle.' The next 50 years ends in the year 2017. Could this also be significant?

1967
+50

2017

Notice! This date, 2017, is the same date as the 70 years beginning in 1947, the year of the UN mandate to divide Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state! By this reckoning, the year 2016-2017 is a JUBILEE YEAR! Could this be the “Jubilee year” on which the Messiah will return in glory?

Could all this be mere coincidence? Or is GOD Almighty in control of the times and the seasons of Biblical prophecy and their fulfillment?

The Ten “Sefirot” of God

These final 10 years are also pictured by or correspond to the “ten sefirot” of God – His ten characteristics revealed to mankind. The first three are “hidden” from view. The visible “sefirot” are seven in number, depicting the final SEVEN years of the age. The ten sefirot picture the final 10 years – but the first three are “hidden” or “obscure” and not easily recognized.

The number "ten" is very important, Biblically. There are ten patriarchs and ten generations of mankind before the Flood; there were ten plagues on ancient Egypt; God gave Israel the "Ten Commandments"; there were ten tribes in the northern kingdom of Israel; the fourth beast of Daniel has ten horns (Dan.7:7, 24); the beast of Revelation has ten horns also (Rev.13:1); ten kings will fight Christ when He returns (Rev.17:12-14); the Church of God is described as being composed of *ten virgins* (Matt.25:1); the tithe is *one tenth* of one's income (Lev.27:30-32).

Ten is also a number of perfection or completion. But it signifies completion or perfection of God's divine order. The first ten numbers is the pattern for the whole numerical system, as "numerical DNA" as it were -- and originates the system of numerical calculation called "decimals." Completeness of order, then, is represented by the number 'ten.'

And, of course, there are the “ten days of Awe.” In end-time prophecy, when God begins to reveal Himself, the ten days represent ten years – a day is a year being fulfilled. So we add 10 years to 2007 and come to 2017 A.D.!

All together, then, there are ten divine *sefirot* or "traits" of God which represent the connecting link or "chain of command" between God and our physical world in which we live. These *sefirot* are revealed in the "Omer Count," in the spring of the year. God commands His people to "count the Omer" each day, from the beginning of barley harvest (Abib 16), till Pentecost, seven weeks later (Lev.23:15-16).

The first three of the divine sefirot are chochma (Wisdom), binah (Understanding), and dat (Knowledge). These are invisible attributes.

According to Jewish interpretation, each one of the final seven revealed or visible

sefirot is represented by one of the patriarchs, who exemplified that particular trait, or characteristic. For example:

<i>Patriarch</i>	<i>Hebrew term</i>	<i>English meaning</i>
Abraham	chesed	loving kindness, hospitality
Isaac	gevurah	power, contained strength,
Jacob	tiferet	beauty, mercy, harmony, compassion
Moses	netzach	victory, triumph, eternity, dominance
Aaron	hod	splendor, majesty, glory
Joseph	yesod	foundational strength, foundation
David	malchut	kingdom, manifestation, kingship

What is not generally realized is that these *seven* patriarchs, and these *seven* emanations of God's *sefirot*, **ALSO CORRESPOND TO GOD'S SEVEN-THOUSAND YEAR PLAN that He is working out on the earth!**

In other words, each of these characteristics fits, in descending order, one of the seven millennia down through human history, including the "Sabbath rest" 1,000-year period of the reign of the Messiah (Rev.20:1-4).

Notice carefully:

<i>Patriarch</i>	<i>Hebrew term</i>	<i>Period of Years</i>
Abraham	chesed	4004 BC-3004 BC
Isaac	gevurah	3004 BC-2004 BC
Jacob	tiferet	2004 BC-1004 BC
Moses	netzach	1004 BC-4 BC
Aaron	hod	4 BC-997 AD
Joseph	yesod	997 AD-1997 AD

Thus if we count the millennia from the Creation of man, Adam and Eve were created in 4004 BC, according to archbishop Ussher's carefully compiled Biblical chronology. This means the end of the sixth millennium was 1997 AD, and we are now living in "the birth pangs of the Messianic Age"!

However, notice that the sixth millennium, just before the coming of the Messiah and the inauguration of the seventh millennium, belongs to the patriarch "Joseph." Joseph was the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, who suffered in Pharaoh's prison, but was ultimately raised to rulership over the whole land of Egypt, and he was the "Messianic figure" of that age, a *type* of the true Messiah -- God used Joseph to save his family, and all the nations of the world, from the scourge of famine and drought! Even so, during the past ages, the world has been blessed by the descendants of Joseph -- Ephraim and Manasseh. The house of Joseph today is the United States (Ephraim) and Great Britain and Canada (Manasseh), with some mixture between. They have ruled much of the world in the last few centuries, bringing democracy and capitalism to the world, and safeguarding it from Nazism, Socialism, and Communism and various forms

of totalitarianism.

The End-Time Sefirot of Years

But what is most interesting is to look at the seven sefirot as corresponding to the last seven years of this age, before Messiah comes. If 2017 is the correct date for the return of the Messiah, then we have the following spiritual blueprint for God's people, to work on developing the characteristics of God in their lives:

1. Chesed	2011	Loving kindness
2. Gevurah	2012	Containing strength, self control
3. Tifiret	2013	Beauty, compassion, peace
4. Netzach	2014	Overcoming, enduring, eternity
5. Hod	2015	Glory, majesty, splendor, humility
6. Yesod	2016	Foundation, faith, obeying Torah
7. Malchut	2017	The Kingdom of God, Manifestation

This provides a pattern for overcoming faults and poor character traits by adding these divine components to your character through the help of the Holy Spirit of God.

In other words, during 2011 we should strive to inculcate the quality of "lovingkindness" into our basic, fundamental character and show love and concern for other people. In 2012, we should concentrate on developing holy, righteous self control and strength of character – forceful containing strength and dynamic controlled power.

In 2013 we should focus on adding perfection of character, manifested as compassion, harmony, peace, and mercy to our character – primary attributes of God's own perfect character. In 2014 we should energize ourselves to be overcomers, to endure to the end, to add patience and persistence, perseverance and the qualities of triumph and victory, to our well-rounded character, even as God Himself portrays these traits.

In 2015, the quality of majesty, splendor, glory, should be manifested and built into our character, with humility, for glory and majesty without humility and meekness is nothing but pride, arrogance, and shining vain-glory.

In 2016 the noble characteristic of foundational strength, based on strong faith and dedicated obedience to God's Law and Word, should be focused on, so the entire edifice is built on the Rock, which is Christ Himself (I Cor.10:4).

And in 2017, the trait of kingship, rulership, and manifestation will come into play, as we prepare for entering into the glorious KINGDOM OF GOD!

It may well be that we have only seven years left to the END of this age! We are living in the END TIMES foretold by the prophets and Yeshua the Messiah Himself!