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The GREAT CONVERGENCE of the Final End of Days Prophecies!

**Who Was the Pharaoh
of the Exodus?**

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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 Prophetic End-Time Great CONVERGENCE

Multiple lines of dramatic prophetic converging prophecies are coming together and spell out the horrifying future of the human race over the nexus of the next few years right ahead of us. Economic implosion, bankruptcies, proliferating hatred of Christians and furious attacks on the U.S. president in the press are signs and harbingers that the world is teetering on the brink of oblivion. The signs of a new holocaust – nuclear World War III – are becoming more palpable daily. Never has the world been so close to a thermonuclear Armageddon since the end of World War II and the Cold War days.

The year 2017 began with a bang and will no doubt conclude with an even bigger “bang”. We are living in tremulous, terrifying, dramatic “times” and the convergence of Bible prophecies shows we do not have much more time left. Are you prepared?

-- William F. Dankenbring

CONVERGENCE

of End-Time Prophecies

What are the signs that the return of Jesus Christ is near? What Evidence will prove beyond doubt that His return to the earth Is drawing close? What specific things should we look for? How close is the “end of all things” as we know them?

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What are the signs more than any other, that point to the soon return of Jesus Christ?

When the disciples asked Christ, “Tell us the signs of your coming and the end of the age” (Matthew 24:3), Jesus detailed a number of things to look for which would herald His second coming as King of the earth.

He then said, “When you see *all these things*, you can know my return is near. I’m right at the door” (Matthew 24:33).

He also declared, “When all these things begin to happen, look up for your salvation is near!” (Luke 21:28).

This means the number one sign of Jesus' return is *all the signs appearing together*.

Both Jesus and the prophets told us what signs to look for, and the appearance of just one is reason enough to take notice.

But the arrival of one sign after another should really get our attention. This convergence of signs is the number one prophetic sign – the number one reason to believe the coming of Jesus Christ is going to be very soon – He is right at the door!

The Convergence of Signs

The Bible tells us a number of events will take place just prior to the return of Jesus. Generations of Christians lived and died without witnessing one of these signs.

Yet our generation is witness to all of them. Those signs include:

1 -- Israel Back in the Land

God promised to bring the Jewish people back into the land of Israel before He returned (Jeremiah 23:7-8). He said He would call them from “among the nations” (Ezekiel 39:28), from “the farthest corners of the earth” (Isaiah 11:12), and from “north, south, east, and west” (Psalm 107:3).

He promised to welcome them home from the lands where they were scattered (Ezekiel 20:34). When they did, He promised to return and establish His everlasting kingdom (Isaiah 11:11-12).

As Israel prepares to celebrate its 69th birthday, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced Thursday that the Jewish state today has 8.680 million citizens, 10 times more than at its founding in 1948. According to the report, the Jewish population in the country represents 6.484 million residents – 74.7 percent of the total population – and the Arab population stands at 1.808 million people – 20.8% of the country’s inhabitants. There are now estimated to be 14.4 million Jewish people in the world and 43% of them are in the Jewish state.

2 -- The Jews Back in Jerusalem

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples . . .”
 -- (Zechariah 12:3).

Jesus said armies would surround Jerusalem, destroy the city, and enslave its citizens. This happened in A.D. 70 when the Roman legions did exactly that.

Jesus then said people other than the Jews would control Jerusalem for a time, then the Jewish people would once again control Jerusalem. When they did, Jesus promised to return (Luke 21:24-28). Since 1967, the Jewish people have been in possession of Jerusalem and will be celebrating their 50 year reunification this June.

3 -- The Moral Collapse in America and World

“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”
 -- Matthew 24:12 (NKJV)

“How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by those that are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, then they committed adultery and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots’ houses.”
 -- Jeremiah 5:7, NKJV.

America in 2017 is in accelerating cultural collapse. With a 60%+ divorce rate, families are disintegrating – with most American children now growing up in fatherless

homes. Promiscuity (sex outside of marriage) is exploding, and is over 95% among the younger generation – many of whom are now opting for cohabitation instead of marriage. Marriage rates are dropping like a rock. Abortion (led by Planned Parenthood) is still rampant, with few Americans (including Christians and conservatives) even taking notice, let alone actively opposing the murder of babies – now close to 70 million since Roe v. Wade.

The homosexual movement is exploding in America (with the advocacy and mandates of the US government, the educational system, the media, and the entertainment industry) and now in the wake of the Supreme Court homosexual marriage ruling a few years ago, the powerful gay/lesbian movement is aggressively pushing transgenderism (i.e., you can be a man or woman at any time, or change back and forth).

This sick concept is being taught throughout the US public school system from kindergarten through university, is advocated and legislated by the US government and various state and local governments, is promoted by the US entertainment industry, and can even be seen in the recent Disney film “Beauty and the Beast.” We are truly becoming a modern Sodom and Gomorrah, and students of the Bible or history know that did not end well.

Americans are now killing each other and themselves in record numbers. While the overall 2016 murder rate for the nation ended up increasing about 8% year-over-year, the surge within US cities is absolutely staggering. Chicago suffered a 59% increase in homicides during 2016. Murders were up 56% in Memphis, 61% in San Antonio, 44% in Louisville, 36% in Phoenix, and 31% in Las Vegas. Bakersfield, California had 51 drive-by shooting murders in the past 12 months.

There were also 44,193 suicides in the US in 2016, with the percentage increase in suicides rising the most for females age 10–14 and for males age 45–64. The suicide rate has risen 24% over the past 15 years, and is now the highest recorded rate in 28 years. But it isn’t just violent deaths that are exploding in the US: An incredible 52,404 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2016 – more than double the amount experienced in 2002.

Revealing the shocking decline in morality and behavior, consider the following statistics:

Approximately one-third of the entire population of the United States (110 million people) currently has a sexually transmitted disease according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Every single year, there are 20 million new STD cases in America. America has the highest STD infection rate in the entire industrialized world. Americans in the 15 to 24-year-old age group account for about 50 percent of all new STD cases each year.

It costs our nation approximately 16 billion dollars a year to treat our sexually transmitted diseases. According to one survey, 24 percent of all U.S. teens that have STDs say that they still have unprotected sex. In Chicago, public school kindergarten teachers are now required to set aside 30 minutes a month for sex education.

The United States has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the entire industrialized world. At this point, one out of every four teen girls in the U.S. has at least one sexually transmitted disease.

According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, there are 747,408 registered sex offenders in the United States. There are 106,216 registered sex offenders in the state of California alone.

18 percent of all women in the United States say that they have been raped at some point in their lives. More than 50 percent of all rapes take place within one mile of the home. Teens that are in the 16 to 19-year-old age bracket are 3 1/2 times more likely than the general population “to be the victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.” 60 percent of male sex abuse victims and 80 percent of female sex abuse victims “are abused by someone known to the child or the child’s family.”

It is estimated that one out of every four girls will be sexually abused before they become adults. An astounding 30 percent of all Internet traffic now goes to adult websites. 70 percent of all men in the 18 to 24-year-old age bracket visit at least one adult website each month. The average high school boy spends two hours on adult websites every single week.

Law enforcement officials estimate that about 600,000 Americans and about 65,000 Canadians are trading dirty child pictures online. It has been estimated that 89 percent of all pornography is produced in the United States.

The marriage rate in the United States has fallen to an all-time low. Right now it is sitting at a yearly rate of 6.8 marriages per 1000 people. In the United States today, more than half of all couples “move in together” before they get married.

America’s ex-president Bill Clinton is reportedly dying from AIDS, and infected a young Washington, D.C. call girl (prostitute) with it during a bout of unprotected sex in April 2015. He was the only client she catered to during that week between tests. So says “Mandy Cloud” in her Memoir entitled *Red Light District*. The two met at the swanky Hay-Adams Hotel across the street from the White House. Cloud “serviced” him several times during the week.

Crescendoing immorality is a devastating sign that the judgment day of the Almighty is near and rapidly approaching! Incredible filth and violence is saturating the internet, television, and American homes as never before. Lust and sexual violence have co-opted the home, classroom, and permeated all modern society.

4 -- Gospel Preached Throughout the World

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come”
 -- Matthew 24:14, NKJV).

When asked about the end of the age and the signs of His coming, Jesus said to look for a very specific sign. He said the gospel will be preached throughout the entire world. Every nation will hear it. And then? And then, the end will come (Matthew 24:14). For centuries after the crucifixion, the gospel was confined to a small area surrounding the Mediterranean Sea.

In the past two centuries, Christians have brought the gospel to every nation in the world. Today, missionaries are in every nation.

The Bible is translated in hundreds of languages, and the message of Jesus is sent around the world by radio, TV, satellite, and the Internet. Our generation is literally on the verge of spreading the gospel to every last person on earth.

5 -- Vast Increase in Travel and Knowledge

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”
 -- Daniel 12:4, NKJV.

Six hundred years before Jesus, an angel gave Daniel a special message. He said “travel and knowledge” will increase in the end times. For centuries of human history, dramatic gains in travel and knowledge did NOT take place.

Yet the last two hundred years have seen explosions in the speed and frequency of travel as well as the amount and availability of knowledge.

6 -- Arrival of the Exponential Curve

Jesus said a variety of global signs will come before His return and the end of the age. These signs will be spiritual, natural, societal, and political in nature. And He said they would appear in a distinct way - "like birth pains" (Matthew 24:3-8).

This means the frequency and intensity of these signs will increase as we near His return. Our generation has seen the exponential increase in war and famine Jesus said to look for.

In the 20th Century alone, more people died from war and famine than lived on the earth when Jesus spoke these words.

7 -- Israel Surrounded by Enemies

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.”

-- Luke 21:20, NKJV.

The Bible says enemies will surround Israel in the end times. Those enemies will say "Come, let us wipe away the nation of Israel. Let's destroy the memory of its existence" (Psalm 83:4) and "Let us take for ourselves these pasturelands of God" (Psalm 83:12).

Ezekiel said Israel's neighbors will say "God has given their land to us" (Ezekiel 11:14-17), and "Israel and Judah are ours. We will take possession of them. What do we care if their God is there?" (Ezekiel 35:10).

Ever since the rebirth of Israel in 1948, the daily headlines have included these Bible verses. Israel's Muslim neighbors claim the land of Israel for themselves, and they have no regard for the God of Israel.

8 – Israel’s Exceedingly Great Army

“In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place.”

-- Zechariah 12:6, NKJV.

Ezekiel said, in the end times, Israel will field "an exceedingly great army" (Ezekiel 37:10). Zechariah said Israel will be like a fire among sheaves of grain, burning up the neighboring nations (Zechariah 12:6) and even the weakest Israeli soldier will be like David (Zechariah 12:8).

Since 1948, Israel has fought no less than four conventional wars against its neighbors. Despite being outnumbered more than 50 to 1, Israel has achieved overwhelming victory every time.

9 – Wars and Rumours of War – Korea

“And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all^{a]} these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.” – Matthew 24:6-7, NKJV.

President Donald Trump said a major conflict with North Korea is possible in the standoff over its nuclear and missile programs, but he would prefer a diplomatic outcome to the dispute.

"There is a chance that we could end up having a major, major conflict with North Korea. Absolutely," Trump told Reuters in an Oval Office interview ahead of his 100th day in office on Saturday.

Nonetheless, Trump said he wanted to peacefully resolve a crisis that has bedeviled multiple U.S. presidents, a path that he and his administration are emphasizing by preparing a variety of new economic sanctions while not taking the military option off the table.

“We’d love to solve things diplomatically but it’s very difficult,” he said.

The Trump administration declared North Korea “an urgent national security threat and top foreign policy priority.” It said it was focusing on economic and diplomatic pressure, including Chinese cooperation in containing its defiant neighbor and ally, and remained open to negotiations.

U.S. officials said military strikes remained an option but played down the prospect, though the administration has sent an aircraft carrier and a nuclear-powered submarine to the region in a show of force.

Any direct U.S. military action would run the risk of massive North Korean retaliation and huge casualties in Japan and South Korea and among U.S. forces in both countries.

Trump, asked if he considered North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to be rational, said he was operating from the assumption that he is rational. He noted that Kim had taken over his country at an early age. “He’s 27 years old. His father dies, took over a regime. So say what you want but that is not easy, especially at that age.

“I’m not giving him credit or not giving him credit, I’m just saying that’s a very hard thing to do. As to whether or not he’s rational, I have no opinion on it. I hope he’s rational,” he said.

Perhaps no administration wants to acknowledge that North Korea is an existential threat on their watch. Whatever the motives for obfuscating the North Korean nuclear threat, the need to protect the American people is immediate and urgent.

American bombers have been placed in Guam ready to strike on North Korea if the call comes.

Beijing: China has warned that “conflict could break out at any moment” on the Korean Peninsula, as North Korea and the United States increasingly seem headed for a potential military confrontation.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi also said there would be “no winner” in a potential war, and that the party that triggered conflict would “pay the price.”

Donald Trump has repeatedly promised to “solve” the North Korean problem, and the North Koreans have repeatedly promised to use nuclear weapons in response to any attack by the U.S. military.

Michael Snyder of Economic Collapse blog writes, “So what happens if both sides are not bluffing?

“In order for any attack to be successful, the U.S. military would have to locate every single North Korean nuclear device and either destroy or retrieve them all in the initial assault, because Kim Jong-Un has promised to use nuclear weapons if the U.S. strikes.

“Unfortunately, that would not be easy. North Korea’s cities are honeycombed with underground tunnels and bunkers, and simply locating where all of their nukes are being held would be just about impossible. And so destroying or retrieving all of those weapons is going to take time.” He notes that . . .

A recent Pentagon war game against the fictional country of “North Brownland,” a country whose dynastic family regime had nuclear weapons that had to be recovered during a regime collapse, found that US troops didn’t fare well in retrieving those weapons.

V-22 Osprey aircraft were cut off from the rest of the allied forces and surrounded by the enemy.

The result was the United States would have to fight through the countryside to the North’s estimated 100 nuclear-related sites. In all it took the US 46 days and 90,000 troops to secure those weapons.

Says Snyder, “If North Korea was able to fire off a single nuke, the operation would be a total disaster for Donald Trump and the U.S. military.

“And even if we somehow got all their nukes, North Korea also has one of the largest arsenals of chemical and biological weapons on the entire planet.

“Could you imagine how the world would view Trump if footage of thousands of people in Seoul and Tokyo choking on nerve gas started circulating all over the planet?

“If Trump bungles this thing and a scenario such as that plays out, we will lose South Korea and Japan as friends forever.” (See Michael Snyder/End Of The American Dream April 13, 2017).

10 – Unparalleled World Tribulation and Distress

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.” -- Matthew 24:21-22.

Mystical rabbi predicted today's top threat 22 years ago

Communist North Korea long has been a threat to world stability, with its parades of military weaponry, nuclear capabilities and its promises of destruction and death for its foes. That rhetoric has surged in recent months, with dictator Kim Jong-un warning he would rain “nuclear thunder” down on the United States.

But none of that should be a surprise, according to Breaking Israel News, which reports a highly respected rabbi predicted in 1994 that the biggest threat to Israel would come not from the Muslim-dominated nations of Syria, Iran or Iraq, but from North Korea.

“North Korea has only recently emerged as a major threat to the Western world, but a noted kabbalist predicted 22 years ago that the rogue nation would become the nuclear key to the final war of Gog and Magog,” said features writer Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz, who lives in Israel.

“Now that politics have shifted, revealing the prophetic nature of the rabbi’s words, another look reveals a deeper, biblical understanding of the threat that faces us today.”

He recounts how Rabbi Levi Saadia Nachamani, who accurately had forecast both the Six Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973, issued his warning.

Nachamani, a kabbalist, said just a month before he died that the biggest threat was, “Not Syria, not Persia (Iran), and not Babylon (Iraq), and not Gadhafi (Libya).”

Instead, he said, “Korea will arrive here.”

The clash between the repressive and closed North Korea and the U.S. has escalated under President Trump. For eight years under President Obama, North Korea’s threats were virtually ignored.

But Trump, who has made it clear he believes North Korea and Kim are problems that need to be solved, is pressuring China, a Pyongyang ally, to force Kim to back down.

Nevertheless, as Fox News reported, North Korea on Tuesday conducted a huge live-fire drill using hundreds of pieces of artillery.

The U.S., meanwhile, dispatched a nuclear-powered submarine to join the fleet of ships it already has in or near the region. The USS Vinson aircraft carrier strike group was in the Philippine Sea near Japan.

South Korea’s Defense Ministry has said the North appears ready to conduct such “strategic provocations” at any time,” Fox News reported. South Korean Acting Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn “has instructed his military to strengthen its ‘immediate

response posture' in case North Korea does something significant on the ... anniversary of its military. North Korea often marks significant dates by displaying military capability."

Breaking Israel News said Rabbi Nachmani's prediction was shocking for many reasons.

"He had accurately predicted the Six Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973, giving credence to his prediction, but it was inconceivable that the threats he mentioned, all posing the greatest dangers to Israel at the time, would vanish. As time has shown, that is precisely what has happened since the rabbi made his speech."

The news site noted that since its first nuclear test 10 years ago, North Korea's weapons testing has increased in frequency and size.

"Coupled with its missile program, condemned by the U.N. and neighboring countries, North Korea has made its aggressive intentions and capabilities clear. Earlier this month, White House representative Nick Rivero was quoted saying the United States was 'very close' to engaging in some sort of retaliation toward North Korea."

The report said Nachmani's prediction included a biblical reference, to She'ol, which is Hebrew for hell, "but it is spelled the same way in Hebrew as Seoul, the capital of South Korea."

A blogger who specializes in biblical prophecy, Dov Bar Leib, said Nachmani "was hinting that God's fire cited in the verse is a nuclear war that would begin between North and South Korea."

"North Korea will attack Seoul, the capital of South Korea, conquering it. It will become one nation, She'ol, under the rule of North Korea, which will then come to threaten Israel," *Breaking News Israel* reported he said.

He also cited references to North Korea in Jewish mysticism and explained that North Korea has been close to Iran. And while that alliance may seem unlikely, they are united "in their hatred for the Western World."

When those two countries work together, as suggested in mysticism, the blogger said, "It will be the final war of Gog and Magog, as described by Rabbi Nachmani."

VosizNeias, a site for Orthodox Jews, reported back in 2009 of the growing threat from North Korea, which had just set off its second nuclear explosion.

"This development is a direct challenge to the leader of the world's remaining superpower, Barack Obama, who proclaimed to his citizens: 'I strongly condemn their actions. N. Korea's actions endanger the people of Northeast Asia, they are a blatant

violation of international law and they contradict N. Norea's own prior commitments," the report said at the time.

The rabbi said there's not going to be sudden peace, as some hope. "We are in a very difficult situation," he said. "Do you think there will be peace? ... Total fools." (By Bob Unruh, *World Net Daily*).

11 – The Back to the Stone Age EMP Threat

Many have been reporting on the threat to America from an EMP, the electromagnetic pulse from a nuclear explosion high in the sky, since early in the 2000's when former CIA chief James Wooley, former Defense Department staffer F. Michael Maloof and former Congressional EMP Commission member Peter Vincent Pry were sounding the alarm.

Pry has told WND he's concerned that two satellites North Korea has orbiting in paths that cross above America could have nuclear warheads aboard.

Pry is executive director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security, director of the U.S. Nuclear Strategy Forum. He served on the congressional EMP Commission as well as the Congressional Strategic Posture Commission.

"All of us," he said, referring to a team of experts in the field, "have written we think that the threat, the possibility of a super-EMP warhead is so great, the United States should take them [North Korea's satellites] down," he told WND.

"We ought not tolerate them orbiting," he said, because nobody knows for sure what's on the satellites.

The problem is that a significant EMP attack properly carried out in the skies over the United States could take down the nation's entire electronic infrastructure, including computers, networks, communications and systems that provide fuel, electricity, food, banking and health care.

The estimates range widely, but there easily could be multiple tens of millions of fatalities across the U.S. following such an attack.

"The dark ages can come back ... literally. ... It's that stark: A cliff waiting for us to fall over," he said.

The EMP threat, he said, is the one way in which a rogue nation like North Korea could inflict horrible damage on the U.S., possibly even neutralize it. After all, if the electronic controls were gone, would it even be possible for the nation to respond to an attack militarily?

The U.S., he said, would be "blind and defenseless."

For those who are skeptical about North Korea's capabilities, there is an excellent article presented by The Hill, entitled "How North Korea could kill 90 percent of Americans."

The article is authored by none other than R. James Woolsey, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and by Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, the Executive Director of the EMP Task Force on National and Homeland Security and a former analyst with the CIA.

Here are some excerpts from the article that readers should keep in mind:

"The mainstream media, and some officials who should know better, continue to allege North Korea does not yet have capability to deliver on its repeated threats to strike the U.S. with nuclear weapons.

False reassurance is given to the American people that North Korea has not "demonstrated" that it can miniaturize a nuclear warhead small enough for missile delivery, or build a reentry vehicle for an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) capable of penetrating the atmosphere to blast a U.S. city.

Yet any nation that has built nuclear weapons and long-range missiles, as North Korea has done, can easily overcome the relatively much simpler technological challenge of warhead miniaturization and reentry vehicle design.

These two paragraphs clearly state that North Korea can miniaturize a warhead.

Once again, the naysayers will only be satisfied that they "can" when either an EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse) weapon and/or a nuclear warhead is delivered with either complete loss of power in the U.S. and/or the loss of an American city. When such occurs, the naysayers will then say nothing.

The same article says, "The notion that North Korea is testing A-Bombs and H-Bomb components, but does not yet have the sophistication to miniaturize warheads and make reentry vehicles for missile delivery is absurd."

The threat could not be made any clearer than that. The article goes on to describe assessments made in February and March of 2015 by former senior national security officials who warned: "North Korea should be regarded as capable of delivering by satellite a small nuclear warhead, specially designed to make a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack against the United States."

In April Admiral William Gortney, former Commander of North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) warned at a press conference that the KN-08 mobile ICBM missile system of North Korea could strike the United States with a nuclear warhead.

Exactly six months later, Gortney declared (based on intelligence analyses) that North Korea has nuclear weapons, the capability to miniaturize them, and is capable of placing them on a missile that can reach the continental United States.

According to the Congressional EMP Commission, a single warhead delivered by North Korean satellite could blackout the national electric grid and other life-sustaining critical infrastructures for over a year – killing 9 of 10 Americans by starvation and societal collapse.

Two North Korean satellites, the KMS-3 and KMS-4, presently orbit over the U.S. on trajectories consistent with surprise EMP attack.

12 – the Great Apostasy and End-Time Rebellion

“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.” -- II Timothy 3:13, NKJV.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” -- II Tim.4:3-4, NKJV.

“Don’t be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed —the one who brings destruction.” -- II Thess.2:3, NLT.

Christianity is on the decline in America, not just among younger generations or in certain regions of the country but across race, gender, education and geographic barriers. The percentage of adults who describe themselves as Christians dropped by nearly eight percentage points in just seven years to about 71 percent, according to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center.

“It’s remarkably widespread,” said Alan Cooperman, director of religion research for the Pew Research Center. “The country is becoming less religious as a whole, and it’s happening across the board.”

At the same time, the share of those who are not affiliated with a religion has jumped from 16 percent to about 23 percent in the same time period. The trend follows a pattern found earlier in the American Religious Identification Survey, which found that in 1990, 86 percent of American adults identified as Christians, compared with 76 percent in 2008.

Apostasy means to fall away from the truth. Therefore, an apostate is someone who has once believed and then rejected the truth of God. Apostasy is a rebellion against God because it is a rebellion against truth. In the Old Testament God warned the Jewish people about their idolatry and their lack of trust in Him. In the New Testament the

epistles warn us about not falling away from the truth. Apostasy is a very real and dangerous threat.

There is an apostasy occurring in the Christian Church, but people are generally not aware of it unless they first examine the Bible closely and then compare the present day Church to the Word of God. The great apostasy can only be seen and appreciated if we measure it by the standard of truth – the Bible itself!

13 -- Earthquakes, Volcanic Eruptions, Fukushima and the Blob

“Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Yisrael; so that the fishes of the sea and the fowls of the heaven and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep upon the ground and all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at My presence.” (Ezekiel 38:19-20, The Israel Bible)

A series of unusual and threatening phenomena including volcanoes, radioactive waste, and a mysterious marine anomaly called ‘the Blob’ have all appeared in the waters of the Pacific Northwest in the last month. Something is brewing in the cold coastal waters, and though scientists are struggling to understand, one rabbi sees right through it all.

Trouble bubbled up from the bowels of the earth last month as volcanic activity increased off the coast of Alaska. Bogoslof volcano, about 60 miles northwest of Dutch Harbor, erupted more than 37 times in the last three months, sending volcanic ash up to 30,000 feet. The eruptions are accompanied dramatically by violent lightning strikes. The volcano remains in a heightened state of unrest and could erupt again at any time.

In the Bible, volcanoes and seismic activity are connected with God’s anger, especially in the context of the End of Days.

“Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of her place, for the wrath of Hashem of hosts, and for the day of His fierce anger” (Isaiah 13:13).

The Bogoslof volcano is one of the 160 active volcanoes in that section of the Pacific Ring of Fire, the world’s most seismically active region. This section also includes Mount St. Helens, which erupted cataclysmically in 1980, in the deadliest and most economically destructive volcanic event in the history of the United States.

Though most of the volcanoes in the region are in relatively unpopulated areas, many of Alaska’s volcanoes are in the major trans-Pacific aviation lanes. Volcanic eruptions can shut down overhead air-traffic as the abrasive ash may cause jet engine failure and interfere with electronics.

Science has made great advances, but volcanoes, along with the other phenomena that struck recently, bear the clear message that much of nature is beyond our control. Rabbi Yosef Berger, the rabbi of King David's Tomb on Mount Zion, notes that this is a particularly relevant message in our era.

"What is happening is very clear," Rabbi Yosef Berger told *Breaking Israel News*. "Men of science think they govern the world, but these events show how much that is not true. The Messiah will be God revealing that fact in the most undeniable manner, so that men will see this with their very eyes. The word *olam* (world) comes from the root 'hidden'. God hides behind the veil of nature. We see nature, but we don't see the One who actually rules over and guides nature."

As if volcanoes are not enough, meteorologists are gravely concerned about what they have called 'the Blob', an unusual lingering mass of warm water 310 miles off the Oregon coast. The Blob appeared in late 2014 and was welcomed by residents of the chilly Northwest, as it was linked to unusually warm and sunny weather. But a recently released study revealed that what first seemed like a blessing was actually a curse.

Dan Jaffe, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Washington Bothell, reported last week in a study of the Blob in *Geophysical Research Letters* that record levels of ozone have been registered throughout the West Coast. He attributed the phenomenon to the unusual weather conditions caused by the warmer ocean temperatures by the Blob.

"Ultimately, it all links back to the Blob, which was the most unusual meteorological event we've had in decades," Jaffe said in an interview with *UW Today*, the news source for the University of Washington.

The Blob brought with it a disturbing Biblical phenomenon: the warm waters created some of the worst-ever toxic red tide algal blooms.

"And the fish that were in the river died; and the river became foul, and the Egyptians could not drink water from the river; and the blood was throughout all the land of Egypt" (Exodus 7:21).

As in the Biblical plague, the red tides led to massive numbers of marine mammals dying, as they are unable to find their cold-water food, normally plentiful in the Pacific Northwest.

A third plague has also struck the region. It was announced last month that nuclear waste has finally made its way from Japan to the United States coastline. Officials revealed that Cesium-134 from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster was detected off the coast of Oregon and has been found in seafood from that area.

The nuclear reactor in Japan suffered a catastrophic meltdown after being hit by an earthquake-generated tsunami, spewing nuclear-tainted water into the ocean. Despite

public alarm, officials insist the radioactive pollution is not a cause for concern. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a 2015 report that evidence showed the levels “fall well short of posing any U.S. health or environmental risk.”

The list of problems grows, but scientists are coming up short in their search for answers. Biologists are still scratching their heads over a massive die-off of marine birds in Alaska last year. In a report released last month, Heather Renner, a supervisory wildlife biologist, told *KTUU* that the birds died from starvation, but they had no idea what brought this famine on.

“Seabirds are top predators,” Renner said. “They’re sort of sentinels for our environment. They have definitely let us know that there’s change going on in the ocean ecosystem.”

Renner inadvertently paraphrased the sentiments of Job, who warned that birds can serve as messengers bearing a divine message.

“Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?” (Job 35:11).

“In the days before messiah,” Rabbi Berger concluded, “God is going to be revealed through nature in exactly this manner: one event after another.” (By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz, *Breaking Israel News*).

14 – By 2020 Two-Thirds Of Wild Animals Will Have Been Wiped Out – As Mass Die-Offs Accelerate All Over The Planet

“Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.”
-- Revelation 16:3, NKJV.

It has been called “the long extinction”. Our planet is in the process of dying, and as you will see below, this process of death and destruction appears to be accelerating. According to a report that was put out by the World Wildlife Fund and the Zoological Society of London, the number of wild animals around the globe appears to be decreasing at a rate of about 2 percent a year. 2 percent may not sound like a lot to you, but over 10 years that would mean that 20 percent of all wild animals in the world would be gone. And according to that same report, it is being projected that the total loss of wildlife during the 50 year period from 1970 to 2020 will be a staggering 67 percent.

In other words, we are watching a global slow-motion extinction event which will ultimately claim hundreds, if not thousands, of species. In recent years, mass die-off events have been popping up in the headlines with startling regularity. Fish, birds and animals are dying off all over the planet in absolutely frightening numbers. One website that tracks these things says that there have been 152 mass death events in 48 different countries so far this year.

15 – Tectonic Paroxysm of the Earth

“And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.” -- Revelation 16:18, NKJV.

The ongoing rash of earthquakes around the world suggest more of them are coming. An ongoing pattern the last few years of large, sometimes destructive quakes in the Pacific Rim, has been under observation to determine possible causes.

There is a great likelihood of a major new earthquake or a volcanic eruption at anytime at any of a number of locations. Much of the population of California are very used to minor earthquakes that rumble in the depths frequently along the San Andreas Fault.

As recently as 1989 a major quake in San Francisco during the baseball World Series there damaged buildings, highways and bridges with dozens of people losing their lives. The really large one just over 100 years ago in 1906 nearly destroyed that city.

Larger earthquakes in southern California have occurred more frequently in the past than had previously been thought. A 6.0 to 7.0 Richter Scale quake is predicted for both Los Angeles and San Francisco sometime soon.

Similarly, a quake of 8.0 to 9.0 has been predicted for the northwestern U.S. coastal area. Rumblings and analysis in the Cascadia fault zone suggest a major quake or volcanic eruption could occur there anytime, with potential consequences on northern California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

In the last two years, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted two of the largest disaster drills ever organized in anticipation of a massive destructive earthquake, both of these in THE NEW MADRID FAULT ZONE surrounding the Mississippi River. This is the area of the strongest earthquake in known history.

There is speculation that there could be a quake so large there that it could radically change the land mass with a separation of the continent by a large body of water from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes. This would disrupt or end the lives of millions.

Hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") of the earth is considered the cause of numerous earthquakes in the Oklahoma area in recent years. Some of these are felt for hundreds of miles. There is concern these could set off a larger New Madrid quake.

The 5.9 quake centered in Virginia in 2011 was surprisingly powerful for the region. Due to the integrity of the massive underlying plate, the vibrations were sensed over much of the eastern United States.

There is also concern about inundation into all coastal areas by the ocean from tectonic movements in the ocean floor and/or volcanic activities.

Flooding, whether due to tidal waves hitting the coast or from rivers expanding due to excessive raining and/or melting of heavy snow, puts a heavy weight onto the land that could generate adjustments deeper underneath the accumulated water.

Of greatest concern, the means of generating earthquakes on purpose ranges from fracking to advances on a Tesla technology demonstrated a century ago. It is thought by many that those in power are secretly using such technologies periodically for various reasons.

Volcanoes in various locations have been increasing in activity in the last few years. A massive volcanic eruption anywhere in the world could generate a cloud of ash in the atmosphere that blocks the sun.

As a result, we could suddenly have year-round winter for a few years, making it difficult or impossible for crops to be grown outdoors. It could be too polluted for people to breath outside without special masks, and necessitate a good air filtration system indoors.

Also, this ash might make it too dangerous for jets to fly. A volcanic eruption in Iceland interrupted European air travel for more than a week about seven years ago.

Several large volcanoes and many lesser ones are currently becoming very active. The Icelandic volcanoes are still active and could blow anytime. The major caldera volcano at Yellowstone National Park, found not long ago to be larger than previously known, is also anticipated to explode at some point. It has become more active than normal recently, and so has Mount St. Helens in Washington, which had a major eruption in 1980.

There is some evidence that elite powers are playing with long established technologies to purposely set off the Yellowstone caldera. One theory is that they may be trying to create offsetting intentional disasters -- a cooling volcanic ash cloud to counter the release of warming methane from the artic ice, allegedly due to geo-engineering.

There are presently several volcanoes around the world on Level 8 Alert, the highest level. Just one of them could cause a "volcanic winter" with its ash plume if there is a massive eruption. Winter conditions could continue through summertime with bitter cold conditions and limited crop production resulting in famine.

For some while there has been a highly dangerous volcanic situation in the Canary Islands near Africa. This volcano is expected to start an underwater landslide any time from now to beyond our own lifetime, that would cause a "Mega Tsunami". A wall of water as much as 150 feet high or more and a few miles deep would be generated,

traveling across the ocean to hit the entire seaboards of eastern North and South America, western Africa and western Europe. Civilization would be destroyed for miles inland.

At the same time, we have seen the number and intensity of earthquakes increase all over the planet in recent years. Thankfully, the U.S. has not seen “the big one” strike yet. But everyone knows that it is going to happen at some point.

One of the areas that to be most concerned about is the New Madrid fault zone. A massive earthquake along that fault zone would deeply affect millions of lives. The following is from a recent article by Michael Fitzgerald of the CNHI News Service...

It's a bleak scenario. A massive earthquake along the New Madrid fault kills or injures 60,000 people in Tennessee. A quarter of a million people are homeless. The Memphis airport – the country's biggest air terminal for packages – goes off-line. Major oil and gas pipelines across Tennessee rupture, causing shortages in the Northeast. In Missouri, another 15,000 people are hurt or dead. Cities and towns throughout the central U.S. lose power and water for months. Losses stack up to hundreds of billions of dollars.

Fortunately, this magnitude 7.7 tremor is not real but rather a scenario imagined by the Mid-America Earthquake Center and the Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management at George Washington University. The goal of their 2008 analysis was to plan for a modern recurrence of quakes that happened along the New Madrid fault more than 200 years ago, in 1811 and 1812.

And remember, the scenario discussed above is just for a 7.7 earthquake. Much more powerful earthquakes have happened in the New Madrid fault zone in the past, and that is exactly what many are expecting to happen in the years ahead.

Meanwhile, the “Ring of Fire” continues to heat up. Over the past few years, there have been major earthquakes in almost every area along the Pacific rim except for the west coast of the United States. We should be very thankful for that, but that good fortune will not last indefinitely.

And it is not just earthquakes that we need to be concerned about along the Ring of Fire. We are also seeing a significant increase in volcanic activity.

Most Americans don't realize it, but a major volcanic eruption is going on up in Alaska right now. One of Alaska's most active volcanoes, which has been belching ash and spewing lava, has forced regional flight cancellations and dusted some nearby communities with ash.

Pavlof Volcano has sent up ash as high as 22,000 feet, with the cloud blowing eastward and the eruption showing no signs of abating, according to the federal-state Alaska Volcano Observatory. The lava from its 8,261-foot (2,518-metre) peak has also created huge steam clouds on meeting the mountain's snow.

And there are several volcanoes along the west coast of the United States that people should be keeping their eyes on as well. One of them is Mt. Saint Helens. The following is what one scientist recently said about Mt. Saint Helens...

“We know magma is forming, we see little earthquakes, and we know it is reloading. We know it will erupt again and we know we may have as little as a week’s notice.”

Mt. Rainier has started to become unstable, and a full-blown eruption would be absolutely catastrophic. (Economic Collapse blog, Michael Snyder).

16 – Persecution of Christians

“Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” -- Mark 13:12-13, NKJV.

“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.” -- Revelation 6:9-11, NKJV.

On Palm Sunday, twin bombings by jihadists at two Egyptian churches killed at least 45 worshippers and wounded more than 100 others in the latest of a long string of deadly attacks targeting Christians throughout the world.

The attacks were directed specifically to Christian in their houses of worship to avoid any ambiguity regarding the intent. As has been noted, this was “an attack on Christians simply because they are Christians.”

On Saturday, the Pakistan military said it has thwarted a “major terrorist attack” against Christians planned for Easter Sunday after a successful overnight raid just hours after Christians celebrated Good Friday services.

On Easter Sunday 2016, an Islamist militant took the lives of more than 70 people and injured over 320 more after detonating his suicide vest in a park in Lahore that was full of Christian families celebrating the feast. Among the victims are more than 30 small children, who at the time of the blast were playing sports and outdoor games in the Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park.

During the last calendar year, some 90,000 Christians were killed for their faith across the globe, making Christians by far the most persecuted group in the world, according to a study from the Turin-based Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR).

The director of CESNUR, Dr. Massimo Introvigne, told Breitbart News that whereas atheistic communist regimes were the greatest persecutors of Christians in the last century, “Islamic ultra-fundamentalism” has taken its place as the number-one agent of persecution.

The Center’s findings corroborate those of other scholars and human rights groups. According to the 2016 “World Watch List,” for example, published by the Open Doors organization, nine out of the top ten countries where Christians suffer “extreme persecution” had populations that are at least 50 percent Muslim.

Their 2016 report revealed that “Islamic extremism is by far the most significant persecution engine” of Christians in the world today and that “40 of the 50 countries on the World Watch List are affected by this kind of persecution.”

During the year, nearly one-third of the Christians killed for their faith were executed at the hands of Islamic extremists such as the Islamic State or Boko Haram.

While tens of thousands of Christians are killed for their faith, Introvigne said, they are just the tip of the iceberg and much persecution takes place on a daily basis that never makes news.

Along with the enormous number of deaths, a great many more Christians—as many as 600 million—were prevented from practicing their faith in 2016. (Thomas D. Williams, Ph.D.16 Apr 2017, *Breitbart News*).

17 -- Denial of the Signs

“Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’” -- II Peter 3:3-4, NKJV.

Almost two thousand years ago, Peter issued this dire warning. He said in the last days people will mock, sneer at, scorn and ridicule the very idea of Yeshua once again returning to this earth. The idea is preposterous to the vast majority of people. Christ Himself said, “When the Son of Man comes, shall He find faith on the earth?” The spirit of rampant unbelief is a powerful delusion, today.

Unbelievers will make fun of those who believe in the Second Coming and say exactly what we hear today – things like, “I thought Jesus was coming back? What

happened to His promise? Generation after generation has said He's coming. Yet, since the beginning of the world, everything has remained the same!"

Peter goes on, "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,^[a] 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 which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?" (II Peter 3:8-12).

18 -- Convergence and Confluence of Signs

Despite the naysayers, Jesus is coming, and the signs indicate that ours is the generation that will witness His return.

The convergence of all these signs confirm it. Jesus Himself said to look for these signs, and when you see them, you can know His return is near. He's right at the door (Matthew 24:33). The generation witnessing these signs will not pass away before He returns (Matthew 24:34).

Yeshua warned us not to be caught off guard or sleeping when He returns. "It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: *Watch!*!" (Mark 13:34-37).

Peter declared, "But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins" (I Peter 4:7-8, NKJV).

Today, the signs of His return are exploding all around us. The Messiah is coming *SOON!* "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" (Luke 21:28).

Prophecy Briefs

Trump in Fight for Presidency

Donald Trump is in the fight of his political life, and it's a fight he isn't prepared to win. Mainstream spies and leakers infest his administration and conspire with media heavyweights to produce a crisis a week that keeps Trump on the ragged edge of defense.

But how can he fight a system where he lacks the details about how it operates? Much of it is his own fault. He doesn't have good people judgment, nor the essential spiritual discernment to know when he is being deceived and lied to.

As a result, he's allowed himself to be surrounded by insiders, neocons, globalists and mainstream Republican operatives that are either part of the Deep State or who don't have a clue about its existence. He has no one on his staff with an understanding of the conspiracy working against him. And because of that, every time a Trump loyalist like Michael Flynn is run out of Washington by media leaks, he ignorantly replaces him with an establishment insider (e.g. H.R. McMaster). After Trump fired Comey for continuing investigations based upon false intelligence on Russian interference in the election, Trump's Deputy AG hires former FBI Director and insider Robert Mueller who will deliver the same result.

Trump is hopping mad about being betrayed by Comey—which came through as his main theme as he spoke to graduates of the Coast Guard Academy. He warned them to expect to be treated badly in life, and that life is often unfair. But he naively concluded that “everything will turn out right” if you fight back. Sadly for Trump, everything isn't going to turn out all right, despite his fighting back blindly. His adversaries are “legion” and are backed by a secret hierarchy that can block him in the courts, in Congress, the FBI, the CIA, the NSA and every other arm of government power.

With the appointment of Mueller, elevated to Special Independent Prosecutor, Trump is much worse off than before. It was stupid of Attorney

General Sessions to recuse himself, having been pilloried by the press over some rather innocent contacts with the Russian ambassador. That left Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein to do the bidding of the pack of ravenous Democrats calling for a special prosecutor on the Russia issue. Any true Trump ally who knew about the false claims of Russian interference would have picked a reliable non-insider who would have made short work of the superficial analysis heretofore inferred.

Sorry, but no cover-up of this magnitude happens without the Chief giving the orders, even if passed down from politicians above. To add to the weight of this cover-up, Wheeler has since tried to backtrack on his forthright statements calling them a “miscommunication.” Clearly someone is leaning on him to shut his trap and pressuring Rich's family to rein him in. Perhaps the most disturbing news of the week is that Sen. Joe Lieberman heads the list of possible Trump replacements for Jim Comey as FBI Director. Lieberman, a far Left Democrat was Al Gore's running mate and a dedicated anti-Trump advocate. To even consider Lieberman as FBI Director shows that Trump is beset with the false hope of placating Democrats by appointing his enemies to key positions. (Joel Skousen, World Affairs Brief, May 19, 2017).

5 Highly Respected Financial Experts That Are Warning That A Market Crash Is Imminent

If everything is going to be “just fine”, why are so many big names in the financial community warning about an imminent meltdown? I don't think that I have seen so many simultaneous warnings about a market crash since just before the great financial crisis of 2008. And at this point, you would have to be quite blind not to see that stocks are absurdly overvalued and that a correction is going to happen at some point. And when stocks do start crashing, lots of fingers are going to start pointing at President Trump, but it won't be his fault. The Federal Reserve and other central banks are primarily responsible for

creating this bubble, and they should definitely get the blame for what is about to happen to global financial markets.

My regular readers are quite familiar with my thoughts on where the market is headed, so today let me share some thoughts from five highly respected financial experts...

#1 When Altair Asset Management's chief investment officer Philip Parker was asked if a market crash was coming to Australia, he said that he has "never been more certain of anything in my life". In fact, he is so sure that the investments that his hedge fund is managing are going to crash that a decision was made to liquidate the fund "and return 'hundreds of millions' of dollars to its clients"...

While hardly a novel claim – in the past many have warned that Australia's housing and stock market are massive asset bubbles (which local banks have been forced to deny as their fates are closely intertwined with asset prices even as the RBA is increasingly worried) – so far few if any have gone the distance of putting their money where their mouth was. That changed, when Australian asset manager Altair Asset Management made the extraordinary decision to liquidate its Australian shares funds and return "hundreds of millions" of dollars to its clients according to the Sydney Morning Herald, **citing an impending property market "calamity" and the "overvalued and dangerous time in this cycle".**

"Giving up management and performance fees and handing back cash from investments managed by us is a seminal decision, however preserving client's assets is what all fund managers should put before their own interests," Philip Parker, who serves as Altair's chairman and chief investment officer, said in a statement on Monday quoted by the SMH.

#2 Seth Klarman leads one of the biggest hedge funds in the United States, and he believes that U.S. investors are greatly underestimating the amount of risk in the market right now...

"When share prices are low, as they were in the fall of 2008 into early 2009, actual risk is usually quite muted while perception of risk is very high," Klarman wrote. **"By contrast, when securities prices are high, as they are today,**

the perception of risk is muted, but the risks to investors are quite elevated."

Klarman oversees one of the US's largest hedge fund firms, with some \$30 billion under management. He has a huge following on Wall Street — investors named his book, "Margin of Safety," their favorite investment book in a recent SumZero survey.

#3 Bill Blain is a strategist at Mint Partners, and he is actually specifically pointing to October 12th as the date when things will start to get "horribly interesting"...

But.... Catch a falling knife, why don't you... I shall spend the summer wondering just how long the Stock Market games continue. When, not if.

At the moment, my prediction is October 12th. Around that day its going to get horribly interesting..

Why that particular day?

Gut feel and knowing how the Bowl of Petunias felt in Hitchhikers. ("Not again.")

There are just too many contradictory currents out there. **The unsustainability of burgeoning consumer debt, unfeasibly tight credit spreads, the sandcastle foundations of student loans, autos, housing and the CLO market, China, Trump, politics.. worries about what follows Brazil in the EM market, and whatever... The risks of a massive consumer sentiment dump..**

#4 David Stockman has also been warning about what may happen this fall. According to Stockman, this current stock market bubble "is the greatest sucker's rally we have ever seen"...

"The market is insanely valued right now. They were trying to tag, the robo machines and day traders, they were trying to tag 2,400 on the S&P 500. They ended up at 2,399, I think, but the point is that represents about 25 times trailing earnings for 2016. We are at a point in the so-called recovery that has already lasted 96 months. It's almost the longest one in history. What the market is saying is we have reached the point of full employment forever. There will never be another recession or any kind of

economic surprise or upset or dislocation. The market is pricing itself for perfection for all of eternity. This is crazy. . . . **I think the market could easily drop to 1,600 or 1,300. It could drop by 40% or even more once the fantasy ends.** When the government shows its true colors, that it's headed for a fiscal bloodbath when this crazy notion that there is going to be some Trump fiscal stimulus is put to rest once and for all. I mean it's not going to happen. They can't pass a tax cut that big without a budget resolution that incorporated \$10 trillion or \$15 trillion in debt over the next decade. It's just not going to pass Congress. . . . **I think this is the greatest sucker's rally we have ever seen.**"

#5 Last but certainly not least, David Kranzler seems quite certain "that the stock market bubble is getting ready to pop"...

Anyone happen to notice that several market commentators have argued that Bitcoin is a bubble but the same stock "experts" look the other way as the U.S. stock market becomes more overvalued by the day vs. the deteriorating underlying fundamentals? Bitcoin going "parabolic" triggers alarm bells but it's okay if the stock price of Amazon.com Inc (NASDAQ:AMZN) is hurtling toward parity with the price of one ounce of gold. Tesla (NASDAQ:TSLA) burns a billion per year in cash. It sold 76,000 cars last year vs. 10 million worldwide for General Motors (NYSE:GM). Yet Tesla's market cap is \$51.7 billion vs. \$48.8 billion for GM.

This insanity is the surest sign that the stock market bubble is getting ready to pop. If you read between the lines of the comments from certain Wall Street analysts, the *only* justification for current valuations is "Central Bank liquidity" and "Fed support of asset values." This is the most dangerous stage of a market top because it draws in retail "mom & pop" investors who can't stop themselves from missing out on the next "sure thing." There will be millions of people who are permanently damaged financially when the Fed loses control of this market. **Or, as legendary "vulture" investor Asher Edelman stated on CNBC, "I don't want to be in the market because I don't know when the plug is going to be pulled."**

Could all of these top experts be wrong?

It's possible, but I wouldn't bet on it.

Every stock market bubble of this magnitude in U.S. history has ended in a spectacular crash, and this one will not be any different. We can certainly have some good arguments about the exact timing of the next crash, but what everyone should be able to agree on is that a crash is coming.

You only make money in the stock market if you get out at the right time. Many of those that timed things well have made a tremendous amount of money, but most investors will be entirely caught off guard by the market implosion that is rapidly approaching.

As I have explained to my readers repeatedly, markets tend to go down a whole lot faster than they go up, and in the not too distant future we are going to see trillions of dollars of investor wealth wiped out very, very quickly.

Let's hope that the coming crisis will not be as bad as 2008, but I have a feeling that it is going to be much worse.

We didn't learn our lessons the last time around, and so now we are going to pay a very high price for our stubbornness. (The Economic Collapse, Michael Snyder, May 29, 2017).

The Next Stock Market Crash Will Be Blamed On Donald Trump But It Will Be The Federal Reserve's Fault

A stock market crash is coming, and the Democrats and the mainstream media are going to blame Donald Trump for it even though it won't be his fault. The truth is that we were headed for a major financial crisis no matter who won the election. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is up a staggering 230 percent since the lows of 2009, and no stock market rally in our history has ever reached the 10 year mark without at least a 20 percent downturn. At this point stocks are about as overvalued as they have ever been, and every other time we have seen a bubble of this magnitude a historic stock market crash has always followed. Those that are hoping that this time will somehow be different are simply being delusional.

Since November 7th, the Dow is up by about 3,000 points. That is an extremely impressive rally, and President Trump has been taking a great deal of credit for it.

But perhaps he should not have been so eager to take credit, because what goes up must come down. The following is an excerpt from a recent Vanity Fair article...

According to **Douglas Ramsay**, chief investment officer of the Leuthold Group, Trump administration officials will come to regret gloating about the market's performance. That's because Trump enters the White House during one of the most richly valued stock markets in U.S. history. The last president to come in at such valuations was **George W. Bush**, and the dot-com bubble burst soon afterward. **Bill Clinton** began his second term in a more overvalued stock market in 1997, and exited unscathed. But if his timing were different by just a year, he would have been blamed for the early-aughts market crash.

This stock market bubble was not primarily created by Barack Obama, Donald Trump or any other politician. Rather, the Federal Reserve was primarily responsible for creating it by pushing interest rates all the way to the floor during the Obama era and by flooding the financial system with hot money during several stages of quantitative easing.

But now the economy is slowing down. Economic growth on an annual basis was just 0.7 percent during the first quarter, and yet the Federal Reserve is talking about raising interest rates anyway.

The Federal Reserve also raised interest rates in a slowing economy in the late 1930s, and that had the effect of significantly extending the economic problems during that decade.

As I noted in my article entitled "The Federal Reserve Must Go", there have been 18 recessions or depressions since the Federal Reserve was created in 1913, and now we stand on the precipice of another one.

After this next crisis, hopefully Congress will finally understand that it is time to shut the

Federal Reserve down for good, and I am going to do all that I can to make that happen.

Ron Paul is someone that I look up to greatly, and he also agrees that the blame for the coming crisis should be placed on the Federal Reserve instead of on Trump...

"There are some dire predictions that say in the next year, or 18 months, we have something arriving worse than 2008 and 2009, the downturn is much worse," Paul said in a recent interview with liberty-minded anti-globalist radio host Alex Jones. "They'll say, ah, it's all Trump's fault. No. It wasn't. 08 and 09 wasn't Obama's fault. It was the fault of the Federal Reserve, it was the fault of the Keynesian economic model, the spending too much, the deficit. So, unfortunately, there's nothing he can do — Trump can't do it."

Paul, a medical doctor who took a keen interest in economics throughout his celebrated career as a constitutionalist in Congress, said Trump could "help" the situation by pursuing good policies. "But you can't avoid the correction, the correction is locked in place, because the deficits are there, the malinvestment, everybody agrees interest rates have been too low too long," he said in the late January interview. "The only thing he can do is allow the recession to come, get it over with, liquidate the debt. Politically, nobody wants that, so you're going to see runaway inflation before you see this country wake up."

Over the past decade, the U.S. economy has grown at an average rate of just 1.33 percent, and there is no possible way to put a positive spin on that.

And now the economy appears to be entering a fresh slowdown. A couple of months ago, banking giant UBS warned about "a sudden slowdown in new credit"...

There's been a sudden slowdown in new credit extended to businesses over the last year, one that strategists at UBS are calling "drastic" and "highly uncommon outside of economic downturns."

And since that time, lending has tightened up even more. The following comes from Zero Hedge...

According to the latest Fed data [7], the all-important C&I loan growth contraction has not only continued, but over the past two months, another 50% has been chopped off, **and what in early March was a 4.0% annual growth [4] is now barely positive, down to just 2.0%,** and set to turn negative in just a few weeks. **This was the lowest growth rate since May 2011, right around the time the Fed was about to launch QE2.**

At the same time, total loan growth has likewise continued to decline, **and as of the second week of May was down to 3.8%, the weakest overall loan creation in three years.**

This is exactly what we would expect to see if we were entering a new recession. Neil Howe, one of the authors of *The Fourth Turning*, recently warned that “winter is coming” and I have to admit that I agree with him.

So when the stock market finally crashes, how bad could it be?

Well, one analyst that spoke to CNBC said that other historic market crashes have averaged “about 42 percent”...

“If you look at the market historically, we have had, on average, a crash about every eight to 10 years, and essentially the average loss is about 42 percent,” said Kendrick Wakeman, CEO of financial technology and investment analytics firm FinMason.

And as I have explained many times in the past, stocks would have to fall about 40 to 50 percent from current levels just for the stock market to get back to “normal” again. The valuations that we are seeing today are absolutely insane, and there is no possible way that they are sustainable.

When the crash happens, many people will be pointing their fingers at Trump, but it won’t be his fault.

Instead, it will be the Federal Reserve that will be at fault, and hopefully this coming crisis will convince the American people that it is time to

end this insidious debt-based central bank for good. (Michael Snyder, Economic Collapse Blog, May 28, 2017).

Alaska Hit By 45 Significant Earthquakes Within 24 Hours As The West Coast Wonders If ‘The Big One’ Is Imminent

Within the last 24 hours, 45 earthquakes of magnitude 2.5 or greater have struck Alaska, and 25 of them were of magnitude 4.0 or greater. The worst one had a magnitude of 6.2, but none of the earthquakes did much damage because none of them hit heavily populated areas. **But the reason why all of this shaking is causing so much concern is because the “Ring of Fire” runs right along the southern Alaska coastline, and all of the earthquakes except for one were along the southern coast.** Further south, scientists are expecting “the Big One” to hit California at literally any time.

From Michael Snyder:

After running along the southern Alaska coastline, the Ring of Fire goes south along the west coast of Canada, the United States and Mexico. What affects one part of a fault network will often trigger something along another portion of the same fault network, and so many living on the west coast are watching the shaking in Alaska with deep concern.

For a long time scientists have acknowledged that a major Cascadia subduction zone earthquake is way overdue, and when one finally strikes the devastation that we could see in the Pacific northwest is likely to be off the charts. In fact, some scientists believe that the coming Cascadia subduction zone earthquake could potentially be as high as magnitude 9.0...

That 9.0-magnitude quake could trigger a 500 mph wave and put 70,000 people in the “inundation zone” in serious risk. Depending on their location within that zone, Kathryn Schulz writes in her article, people will have between 10 and 30 minutes to evacuate.

If a giant earthquake along the Cascadia subduction zone ever did cause a tsunami of that size, the death and destruction would be unimaginable. Just consider what physicist

Michio Kaku told CBS News about such an event...

"In Japan, they practice this. Children know exactly what to do, and there's an early warning system that we don't have in Seattle that we do have in Japan," Kaku said. "There are building codes that are not being enforced. Realize that many buildings are just going to be toppled when this gigantic earthquake, a 9.0, and a tsunami hits the Seattle, Tacoma and Portland area."

According to the FEMA director responsible for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, the operating assumption is that "everything west of Interstate 5 will be toast."

Further south, scientists are expecting "the Big One" to hit California at literally any time. The experts that have studied these things are warning that the 800-mile-long San Andreas fault "could unzip all at once", and one recent study claims that a big enough earthquake "could plunge large parts of California into the sea almost instantly"...

The Big One may be overdue to hit California, but scientists near LA have found a new risk for the area during a major earthquake.

They claim that if a major tremor hits the area, **it could plunge large parts of California into the sea almost instantly.**

The discovery was made after studying the Newport-Inglewood fault, which has long been believed to be one of Southern California's danger zones. (End of the American Dream, Michael Snyder, May 9, 2017).

Storm Flags Flying – Staring into the Economic Abyss

The world is entering the most dangerous period in over 70 years. The global financial system is now more inflated and vulnerable to collapse than at any time in world history – far more so than in 1929, 2000, or 2007/2008, with total global debt now exceeding \$225 trillion – 325% of global GDP. The US financial system has been fueled with money printing and credit creation for four decades, as has the global financial system. This artificial stimulation went ballistic in 2009. Now, the tech and housing

bubbles have been re-inflated, along with almost every other asset class in America's biggest ever mega-bubble.

In the past 10 years (from 2007 to 2017), central banks have quadrupled their balance sheets from \$3.5 trillion to \$14 trillion today. They have created (printed) \$10 trillion in new liquidity to keep the global banking system from imploding. Led by the US Fed, they have been buying stocks, bonds, and literally anything with newly printed money to prop up the markets.

That includes another \$1 trillion in new money creation for market propping in the first 3½ months of 2017. Yes, the only reason the US stock market is at all-time highs is because of major propping up (manipulation) by the Fed, the big banks, and Wall Street. But their market support efforts are running out of gas. Corporate insiders are selling their own stocks at the greatest rate since 2007/2008 (i.e., \$10 billion in March) and a major bursting of this artificial bubble may be only months (or weeks) away. Today, we are more primed for a stock market crash than we were in 2000 or 2008, but at this writing confidence in the US stock market is at its highest since a few months before the October 1929 crash – with over 90% of the public and institutions bullish. Contrarians take note!

US unemployment (fraudulently claimed by the government to be 4.4%) is actually 22.5% (i.e., U6, as calculated by Shadow Government Statistics), with 95 million Americans out of the work force and real unemployment among young Americans (under 25) of 40%. Over the past six months, 89,000 Americans have been laid off in the retail trade. Fifty-seven percent of Americans don't have enough cash to cover a mere \$500 unexpected expense. America's economy is the slowest in the G7 (even slower than super-socialist France), with only 1.7% GDP growth in 2016 and a paltry 0.7% annualized growth rate in the first quarter of 2017.

A. EVERYTHING IS MAXED OUT

Auto sales are plunging dramatically – down 10% since the beginning of 2017. The boom in auto sales from 2009 until recently was fueled by an explosion in auto loans – up 56% in seven years – with \$450 billion of these subprime loans. General Motors' unsold auto inventory has recently increased to 935,758 vehicles – up

almost 30% from a year earlier. Restaurant sales have declined in 11 out of the past 12 months in a row.

The US consumer is maxed out with respect to disposable income and capacity to take on new debt. Americans are drowning in debt. Fifty percent of Americans have debt balances (excluding mortgages) of over \$25,000 – with the average debtor owing \$37,000 versus a median personal income of just over \$30,000. Forty-five percent of Americans spend half of their take-home pay (excluding mortgage payments) on monthly debt service. If their home mortgage payments are included, many of these are almost underwater. Most have little to no savings. Household debt defaults are about to explode. So it is easy to see why many American families can no longer afford a new car, to go to shopping centers, or to eat out at restaurants.

Consumer and commercial bankruptcies are now rising at the fastest rate since 2007/2008. So banks are cutting back on lending – this is the beginning of an emerging credit crunch. When the flow of credit starts contracting, all economic activity begins to slow down – resulting in more credit defaults. That causes lending to get even tighter, and the downward spiral accelerates. Under Obama's eight years, the US borrowed and spent (i.e., created a deficit of) an additional \$9.3 trillion. (Total US debt is now 105% of GDP.) Will these deficits now grow even more under a Republican president and Congress? If their military and infrastructure spending increases go through, and the proposed tax cuts are passed, the deficit and total government debt will grow even faster under Trump than under Obama.

The US financial system is so fragile that under-funded pension funds could be the next on the chopping block, with governments all over the world (including our own) ready to loot any and all benefits from the retirement system (something like the European bank bail-ins). This could happen very soon!

B. THE US STOCK MARKET IS A TICKING TIME BOMB

"Get out of the stock market ... get out of the casino before it's too late. Get out of the bond market and buy some gold." David Stockman

(Former Reagan Budget Director) – April 18, 2017

We live in a unique time. Never before have the markets gone to such extremes in almost every way imaginable. And not just the markets, nearly everything. US government debt is out of control and unsustainable, including \$9.3 trillion in deficits under Obama and the prospect that total debt will grow from \$20 trillion to \$30 trillion over the next 8-10 years. Countless big names in the financial world have come out warning of an impending collapse. On April 18, former Budget Director David Stockman said: "The bursting of this century's third great stock market bubble is just days away ... the average stock PE ratio is the highest in history – even higher than in 2000 (when the dot.com bubble burst – with \$8 trillion in losses) and 1929 (the onset of the Great Depression)." High frequency trading based on computerized algorithms now accounts for 80-90% of all US stock market volume.

The latest to warn of a coming collapse is Paul Tudor Jones, the billionaire hedge fund manager who said in late April: "The value of the S&P relative to the size of the economy should be 'terrifying' to a central banker." Look at the Wilshire 5000, a market-capitalization-weighted index of the market value of all stocks actively traded in the US, versus US GDP. The value of stocks in the US is higher now than at any time in history versus GDP. It is far higher than it was in 2008, higher than in the tech bubble of 2000, where companies like Pets.com were valued in the hundreds of millions just for having an internet domain name.

And higher than in October 1929, just before the stock market crash and onset of the Great Depression. And now, with the Dow Jones near 21,000, the NASDAQ over 6,000, and the Federal Reserve still holding interest rates at only 1%, the stock market bubble is set up for an epic disaster.

One of the other extremes currently in place is "confidence" in the stock market. According to Yale University's Stock Market Confidence Index, over 90% of investors (both institutional and individual investors) are bullish on stocks – believing that the stock market will rise in the next 12 months. Bullish extremes like that almost always occur just before major market crashes – think 1929, 2000, and 2008.

The US stock market is now valued (based on current price levels) at \$22.6 trillion (20% more than the entire US economy at \$18.8 trillion). Robert Schiller says the S&P 500 SPX is now trading at a cyclically adjusted PE ratio of 30x earnings – the historical average is 16x! This is clearly a bubble.

Stocks and bonds are not the only mega-bubbles today. US (and Western) real estate markets are in a huge bubble – ten years in the making – and even bigger than in 2007/8. Caveat emptor! (*McAlvany Intelligence Advisor*, June 2017).

THE GLOBAL BOND MARKET – A TICKING TIME BOMB

The hundred-trillion-dollar global bond market (far and away the largest in world history) is very vulnerable to a domino-type collapse – very possibly starting in Europe or China and then going global in as little as 48 hours. Bonds are headed for the tank.

Governments are bankrupt and will never repay their debts – or they will repay them with worthless printed paper money à la Weimar Germany or Zimbabwe. Corporations will not have sufficient earning power to pay the interest on their bonds, and rapidly rising interest rates (from today's 5,000-year interest rate lows) will ultimately render bonds worthless.

Even more vulnerable than this global bond bubble is the highly leveraged (i.e., up to 1,000-to-one leverage), gargantuan global derivatives market – which originated on Wall Street early in the last decade, and from which the 2007/2008 financial meltdown sprang. An accident in either of these two global financial mega-bubbles (which, like the coming earthquake along the San Andreas fault, is totally predictable as an event that will occur at some indeterminate point in the future) will take down the entire global financial system in a matter of a few days and trigger the biggest depression since the 1930s – probably far bigger. Global war is likely to follow shortly thereafter.

THE GLOBAL DERIVATIVES BUBBLE – THE BIGGEST TIME BOMB OF ALL

Derivatives are a highly leveraged (i.e., up to 1,000-to-one) innovation of Wall Street and the

big US banks. The global derivatives bubble (Warren Buffett calls derivatives “financial weapons of mass destruction”) exceeds \$500 trillion dollars. Credit default derivatives were what triggered the financial crisis of 2007-2009 that almost imploded the whole global financial system. Today that bubble is far larger and more vulnerable than 10 years ago.

Trading derivatives is legalized gambling. The financial powers-that-be call these derivative positions “assets” of the banks, but in reality they are giant liabilities that can sink many of the largest financial institutions and banks in the world, and bring down the entire US and global financial systems with them.

The top 25 US banks have \$222 trillion in exposure to derivatives (about 12 times US GDP). The following derivatives holdings of America's largest financial institutions are worth pondering:

Citigroup: Total exposure to derivatives – \$47 trillion . Total assets – \$1.8 trillion

JP MorganChase: Total exposure to derivatives – \$47 trillion . Total assets – \$2.5 trillion

Goldman Sachs: Total exposure to derivatives – \$41 trillion . Total assets – \$860 billion

Bank Of America: Total exposure to derivatives – \$33 trillion . Total assets – \$2 trillion

Morgan Stanley: Total exposure to derivatives – \$28.6 trillion . Total assets – \$814 billion

Wells Fargo: Total exposure to derivatives – \$7 trillion . Total assets – \$1.9 trillion

Retailers across America are filing for bankruptcy at a record rate as the US economy contracts and consumers begin to retrench. In a little over three months, 14 chains have announced that they will seek court protection, almost surpassing all of 2016. Few retail segments have proved immune as discount shoe-sellers, outdoor goods shops, and consumer electronics retailers have all found themselves headed for bankruptcy. Meanwhile, America's retailers are closing stores faster than ever as they try to eliminate a glut of space and shift more business to the web. It is now forecast that

150 million square feet of retail space will close in 2017 – an all-time record high.

It is all pretty simple – people just don't want to further increase their debt in order to buy more goods they already have. The numerous vacant stores in New York (not even seen in 2008/2009 recession) underscore the problem. Ralph Lauren's closing of its flagship store on Fifth Avenue is a clear sign of the trend. People are saturated with debt and consumer goods – the public is maxed out. And remember, consumer spending makes up 70% of US GDP.

Urban Outfitters Chief Executive Officer Richard Hayne said recently that there are just too many stores, especially those that sell clothing. "This created a bubble, and like housing, that bubble has now burst," said Hayne. "We are seeing the results: Doors shuttering and rents retreating. This trend will continue for the foreseeable future and may even accelerate."

Sears Holdings Corp., Bon-Ton Stores Inc., and Perfumania Holdings Inc. are among the most vulnerable in the coming year, according to an S&P analysis of public retail companies. Sears acknowledged in a March filing that there is "substantial doubt" about its future. Retail chains including Nine West Holdings, Claire's Stores, and children's clothing outlet Gymboree Corp. are on the brink of bankruptcy. Department stores, electronics retail, and apparel shops are at highest risk, according to S&P. The food and home improvement segments are safest.

Apparel retail has been particularly hard hit, with The Limited, Wet Seal, BCBG Max Azria, and Vanity Shop of Grand Forks each seeking court protection in 2017. The latest victim was Payless Inc., which filed for bankruptcy April 4 and said it would shutter 400 stores. Rue21 may be next. The embattled teen apparel chain is said to be filing for bankruptcy as soon as this month. Or perhaps it will be Gymboree, which Bloomberg News reported is preparing to file for bankruptcy as a June 1 debt payment looms. Study the incredible list of US store closings in just the first three months of 2017.

Wall Street is making the excuse that on-line shopping is creating the retail implosion, but the truth is that on-line shopping represents only 8-9% of total US retail sales. So the collapse of US retailing and shopping malls is actually due to

the declining US economy – which is now in its early stages of collapse. The overextended US consumer is out of money. Big (expensive) restaurant chains will be the next to take the hit.]

It is now estimated that 3,500 retail stores will close in the US in 2017, but Credit Suisse forecasts that the number could be as high as 8,600. Department store sales account for 70% of shopping mall traffic – and their sales are down 30% in recent months and 50% over the past 15 years.

This is a giant red flag regarding the US economy and its direction. Obviously, something is very wrong in the US economy in spite of denials from the Fed, Wall Street, and the Establishment media. A combination of falling consumer demand and extreme overcapacity is killing America's shopping malls. Thinking people should begin believing their own eyes and preparing for the big crunch that is coming.

A FISCAL BLOODBATH IS COMING THIS FALL

Recently, former Reagan Administration White House Budget Director David Stockman warned that sky high stock and bond prices are on their way to a big financial crash – probably no later than this fall.

Stockman explained, "The market is insanely valued right now. Stocks are trading at 25 times trailing earnings. I think the market could easily drop to 1,600 or 1,300. It could drop by 40% or even more once the present fantasy of perpetual prosperity ends. The government is headed for a fiscal bloodbath when this crazy notion that there is going to be a Trump fiscal stimulus is put to rest once and for all. It's not going to happen. They can't pass a tax cut that big without a budget resolution that incorporated \$10 trillion or \$15 trillion in debt over the next decade. It's just not going to pass Congress. I think this is the greatest sucker's rally we have ever seen."

Stockman contends, "There will be no bid for stocks once the panic sets in. We're going to hit an air pocket. The S&P 500 is going to drop by hundreds and hundreds of points sometime over the next few months as we drift into this unexpected crisis. I would target sometime between August and November because that's when the rubber is going to meet the road on a

debt ceiling increase when they are out of cash. Washington is going to end up in vicious political conflict over what to do about the debt ceiling. It is going to be one giant fiscal bloodbath, the likes of which we have never seen.

"Maybe you can get another two or three percent up, but you are facing another 30% or 40% down. The risk/reward is horrible. The bond market is one giant bubble because the central banks have been buying all these bonds worldwide. They've been buying trillions of dollars' worth, and they are still buying a trillion dollars' worth on an annual basis. All that is coming to a halt. The Fed has finally run out of dry powder. They are out of the bond buying business. The central banks are finally getting to the end of the road. It's going to make the bond market a particularly dangerous place. There is a \$100 trillion global bond market, and this is the biggest bond bubble the world has ever seen."

In closing, Stockman recommended, "Get out of the stock market. Get out of the bond market and buy some gold."

NEW GLOBAL CURRENCY COMING

A new global reserve currency is coming – with US post-war dollar dominance about to come to an end. The heavily gold-backed Chinese currency will play a major role in this new global currency order.

The powers-that-be in America see this dollar demise coming (and along with it the rapid decline in US global dominance) and that is why they have been so aggressively slamming the price of gold down in recent weeks. This time around, it's not about just manipulating billions of dollars in profits out of the metals markets – it's primarily about the globalist Establishment losing their power, and they are fighting back – even if it means plunging the world into World War III. When gold soars past \$2000, the world will know that the reign of the US dollar and America's postwar empire is over.

When the financial storm finally hits, it will happen so rapidly (like an unexpected Richter 7, 8, or 9 earthquake and the tsunami that could follow) that there will be no time to prepare or get out of harm's way. Only those who have prepared well in advance (reread the suggestions

above) and then waited patiently for the great shaking will survive and prosper financially. This writer strongly suspects this will be only a tiny minority.

The problem with the coming storm is that it will be accompanied (especially in the Western countries) by great social chaos, street crime, terrorist attacks, rapidly expanding government police state powers to control the people, and quite possibly martial law. The global socialist stranglehold on the people will increase dramatically, and we will see a huge loss of freedom. Recent polls show that more than 57% of Americans want the government to do more, and spend more to make life easier for them – and this is before the real pain has even begun. In the coming great shaking, the majority will beg the government to stop their pain and will gladly surrender many (maybe all) of their freedoms for promises of government relief and protection. (This is how the Nazi Third Reich rose to power in the wake of Germany's economic/financial chaos in the 1920s and early '30s.)

For the minority (or remnant) who do see the storm coming, and move to implement some or many of the "be prepared" suggestions above, this writer has one more suggestion – perhaps the most important of all.

Don't leave the God of the Bible out of your planning or preparations. Isaiah 58:11 says He will guide you continually and satisfy your soul in drought (i.e., hard times). This writer needs His guidance continually – in good times and bad, but especially in the bad or hard times that are coming. How about You? (McAlvany Intelligence Advisor, June 2017).

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN EVERYTHING IS FALLING APART?

In case you haven't noticed – the world is turning ugly – really ugly! In America, the political left and Deep State Establishment, aided and abetted by the controlled media, are presently staging a coup against Donald Trump – trying to impeach him on totally false, fabricated charges. Global socialist Republicans like John McCain and House majority leader Mitch McConnell are partnering with leftist Democrats to bring Trump down. Whether they succeed or

not, political chaos is the order of the day as far ahead as we can see. And the political left is seriously plotting to run Hillary Clinton again in 2020 (who, according to the polls, would win if the election were held today – and so would Obama if he could run again).

If you look closely, you will see that the political left and the Establishment completely control the US government and all of its giant bureaucracy, the US intelligence agencies, the US media, the university campuses across America, the entertainment industry, both political parties, and much of the culture.

The leftist takeover of America (in progress for the last 60 years or more) is almost complete – the Trump election aberration notwithstanding. Unfortunately,

Trump (and most of his middle America supporters, including many conservatives and Christians) totally underestimated how advanced and deeply entrenched, ruthless, and evil the leftist/Establishment dominated political swamp really is – and that includes the Republican leadership as well.

The winds of war are blowing stronger every day as the American Establishment and their neocon allies move to antagonize Russia and China, push for war with North Korea, and are presently redoubling their efforts to overthrow the Syrian government and expand the wars in that region – even if it means triggering a major war with Russia. The globalist Establishment, shocked into action by Brexit and the Trump upset, is fighting back with a vengeance and dramatically tightening their stranglehold on America and Europe, as their accelerating cashless campaign, the recent election of the corrupt globalist puppet Macron in France, and the Impeach Trump juggernaut in America are clearly demonstrating.

The US and global economy and financial system (as discussed above in this issue) are on the brink of a 1929-magnitude crash (or worse), even as most Americans and Europeans continue to enjoy their prosperity and affluence and “party on the deck of the Titanic.” And radical anti-Christian sentiment is continuing to explode in America, Europe, in fundamentalist Hindu countries such as India and Nepal, in the Islamic world, and in communist-dominated countries. The restrictions on Christians’ free speech and

activities being installed by the political left across America should be very sobering to any thinking Christian. Muslim rights are now more protected in America today than Christian rights. (*ibid.*).

COMMENT: The apostle Peter wrote in words especially suited for our turbulent, tumultuous day, today, “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things, have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins” (I Peter 4:7-8).

We are indeed living in the “last days.” Time is running out. We need to pray earnestly, and “walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph.5:15-16).

The apostle Paul in the book of Hebrews reminds us, “Let your character [your moral essence, your inner nature] be free from the love of money [shun greed—be financially ethical], being content with what you have; for He has said, ‘I WILL NEVER [under any circumstances] DESERT YOU [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], NOR WILL I FORSAKE or LET YOU DOWN or RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU [assuredly not]!’ So we take comfort *and* are encouraged *and* confidently say, ‘THE LORD IS MY HELPER [in time of need], I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?’” (Heb.13:5-6, Amplified Bible).

God’s Fall Holy Days

The New Moon first appears on Thursday 21st September 2017 between 18:33 and 19:38 provided that it is not cloudy. It is not difficult to see, ease of visibility 0.8. Probability of visibility, 83% of testimony 97%.

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Who Was the Real Pharaoh of the Exodus?

Egyptian history has been totally confused by Egyptologists, and as a result the true account of the Exodus of Israel under Moses has been denied, misunderstood, and rejected by world historians and scholars. But new historical light on the ancient Egyptian dynasties leads to a massive reconstruction of Egyptian history, which fits perfectly with the Biblical account of the Exodus. Ipuwer was an Egyptian eye-witness to the plagues which struck Egypt, and he saw the collapse of the greatest Dynasty of Egypt up to that time. Who was the real Pharaoh who led Egypt to her destruction and doom? What happened to him? Was his life cut short in the turbulent maelstrom of the Red Sea crossing?

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Who was the Pharaoh of the Exodus? Did the awesome ten plagues recounted in the Biblical story of the Exodus really happen? Was there independent Egyptian eye-witness corroboration of these unique, spectacular plagues?

For generations Biblical scholars have rejected the Biblical account of the Exodus, and Moses leading the children of Israel – about 3,000,000 strong – out of Egypt. The event did not fit in with what was believed about Egyptian dynastic history of that period of time.

However, new scholarship has shed amazing new light on this age-old controversy and dilemma. A new book by Ted T. Stewart, entitled *Solving the Exodus Mystery*, goes a long way to dispel the scholarly bias and prejudice against Biblical history of the Exodus period. In this chapter we will explore just a relatively small portion of Stewart's research into the “Exodus problem” and its repercussions on ancient Egyptian history.

The Biblical Record Speaks

Let us read through the Biblical account of this most amazing time and event. Beginning in Exodus 14, the Lord said to Moses, “And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, that HE shall follow after them; and I will be honored UPON PHARAOH, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord” (Exodus 14:4).

Notice! God said He would harden Pharaoh’s heart, and that he – Pharaoh – would follow after the fleeing Israelites, not just an army he sent after them. Then God said He would be “honored upon Pharaoh,” as well as upon “all his host.” This certainly sounds like God meant He would bring calamity on both Pharaoh and his army. But notice, also: God then said that as a result, the “Egyptians” would know that He is the Lord. If God had intended Pharaoh to survive the holocaust, then why didn’t He say that then “Pharaoh would know that He is the Lord”?

But let's read on. The account continues, "And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

"And HE (PHARAOH) MADE READY HIS CHARIOT, and took his people WITH HIM: And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them . . . and HE pursued after the children of Israel . . . But the Egyptians pursued after them, ALL the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea . . . And when Pharaoh drew nigh the children of Israel lifted up their eyes . . ." (Exodus 14:5-10).

Notice how clear the account is that Pharaoh himself led this massive army. He was at the head. He wanted the glory to be his, and his alone. He was a megalomaniac of his time, and his people worshipped him as a "god."

God Almighty, however, had other ideas in mind. He told Moses again that He would "get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen" (Exo. 14:17).

In verse 23 we read, "And the Egyptians PURSUED, and went in after *them to the midst of the sea. EVEN ALL* Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen." Not one remained behind! Everyone plunged into the sea, in hot pursuit – including Pharaoh himself!

Now verse 27 -- ". . . and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and ALL the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; THERE REMAINED NOT SO MUCH AS ONE OF THEM" (vs.27-28)!!!

How awesome! Indeed, God did "get Himself glory," not only upon Pharaoh's army and chariots, but also upon Pharaoh himself!

In chapter 15 of Exodus, the children of Israel sang a song about this fantastic, incredible deliverance from Egypt. They sang, "unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: THE HORSE AND HIS RIDER hath he thrown into the sea" (verse 1). "Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea" (verse 4).

"The ENEMY (and remember, the "enemy" was Pharaoh himself, more than anyone else!) said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil . . . Thou didst blow with thy wind, the SEA COVERED THEM: they sank as lead in the mighty waters" (vs.9-10).

Notice this final, conclusive, incontrovertible proof. God records in His inviolate Word: "*FOR THE HORSE OF PHARAOH WENT IN WITH HIS CHARIOTS AND WITH HIS HORSEMEN INTO THE SEA,* and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them . . ." (Ex. 15:19).

Psalm 136 corroborates this account. The Psalmist recounts the miracles of the Exodus and the plagues upon Egypt. And then he states categorically: "Oh, give thanks to the LORD of lords! For His mercy endures forever. . . .

"To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, for His mercy endures forever; and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for His mercy endures forever; *but OVERTHREW PHARAOH and his army in the Red Sea,* for His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136:3, 13-15, NKJV).

How clear!

God says plainly that “the horse of Pharaoh” himself went in “with his chariots” and “with his horsemen” – where? “INTO THE SEA”! And the waters covered “them” – including therefore Pharaoh himself! Pharaoh himself was “overthrown” in the Red Sea! That’s what the Word of God, which “cannot be broken,” says (see John 10:35).

What more evidence could we ask for? But was that the “end” of the story?

In Psalm 78:53 we read that “the sea overwhelmed their enemies,” and Pharaoh was certainly their chief enemy! In Psalm 106:11 we read, “And the waters covered their enemies: THERE WAS NOT ONE OF THEM LEFT”! What could be clearer than that?

Who was this Pharaoh? And what really happened to him? Who was this figure in ancient Egyptian history?

What is the true answer to this puzzling enigma?

Egyptian History Unveiled

Egyptologists divide Egypt’s historic past into the following major periods:

1. The Old Kingdom, when most of the pyramids were built; the fourth and sixth dynasties are the best known.
2. The first interregnum, when the land fell into chaos, and central authority was abolished. Of the seventh to tenth dynasties, almost nothing is known.
3. The Middle Kingdom, comprising the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth dynasties. Feudal Egypt became united in the twelfth dynasty. Egyptian literature reached a height never again attained.
4. Another period of chaos followed, during which Asiatic invaders, known as Amu or Hyksos seized control over a prostrate Egypt and ruled without mercy for 400 years. This chaos occurred because of the plagues of God upon Egypt, bringing an end to the “Middle Kingdom” and paving the way for the incursion of barbaric hordes. The Biblical record calls these Hyksos invaders the “Amalekites,” whom Joshua and Israel fought bitterly in the wilderness of Sinai when they left Egypt. Rabbinic sources put the number of Amalekite soldiers whom Joshua fought at 400,000. As Israel was moving out of Egypt, the Amalekites, a fierce and nomadic tribe, were moving toward the ancient civilization they left behind in ruins, the Egyptian army totally buried beneath the Red Sea, Egypt’s economy in a shambles, her people desolate.
5. The New Kingdom – the Hyksos were expelled from Egypt at the same time the Amalekites were defeated by king Saul of Israel. At this time the eighteenth dynasty, founded by Ahmose (Amasis I) arose to power, with the renowned kings of Thutmose I, Queen Hatshepsut, Thutmose III, the greatest of all Egyptian conquerors, Amenhotep II, and so forth; this was a period of the building of the magnificent temples at Luxor and Karnak, in the Valley of the Nile.

The Exodus and the Middle Kingdom

If the Exodus occurred during the eighteenth dynasty, in the reign of Amenhotep II, then it must have been “apparently a minor occurrence in the history of that time, so minor, indeed, that the nations most concerned in it next to the Jews themselves, the Egyptians, never took the trouble to record it” (Hugo

Winckler, Berlin, *Kritische Schriften*). For so great an event to totally escape any mention in the famed eighteenth dynasty of Egypt, had it occurred then, would have been the strangest anomaly in all history!

The Biblical story shows the Exodus clearly was not your everyday event. It was a colossal, stupendous event! It could not have escaped the notice of the Egyptians of the powerful eighteenth dynasty, had it occurred at that time!

Was it on so small a scale that the Egyptians never thought it worth recording? The Bible shows from 3-5 million Israelites left Egypt during that Passover season. Such an event could hardly be described as trifling, minute, or trivial.

When, then, and during what dynastic reign, did the Exodus really occur?

Dating the Exodus

How can we date the Exodus? The first key is to remember that the Scriptural account is inspired by God, so we must start there. The chronology of the Old Testament by Archbishop Ussher shows clearly that the Exodus occurred about 1491 B.C. and the entrance into Canaan approximately 1451 B.C.

The second key to remember is that the Scriptural account shows the Exodus was a catastrophe upon Egypt – a holocaust such as seldom happens in the history of entire nations. It could scarcely go unrecorded as such.

Earth, sea and sky participated in the event. The plagues of God were not merely localized phenomena. They included tectonic upheaval, volcanic eruptions, turgid atmospheres of smoke, ashes, and palpable darkness, and cyclonic windstorms.

An entire nation's agriculture was laid bare. Cattle were destroyed by the millions. The earth's largest standing army of that time was destroyed and overwhelmed in one fateful night of terror.

Did this colossal event go unnoticed by the Egyptians? Not at all!

Notice the amazing, incredible truth!

The Bible says of that time, “And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke . . . and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly” (Exo. 19:16, 18). Here is a mountain in the throes of a volcanic eruption, accompanied by severe earthquakes!

The Exodus was a time of tectonic violence seldom witnessed by man. The Bible says, “The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord” (Psalm 97:5). In the book of Judges we read, “Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir . . . the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. The mountains melted from before the Lord, even that Sinai from before the Lord God of Israel” (Judges 5:4-5).

An Egyptian Eye-Witness to the Plagues

Incredible as it may sound, such a catastrophe as the Bible describes in vivid detail was also recorded in ancient Egyptian historical documents!

An Egyptian eye-witness testified to the plagues which God sent upon ancient Egypt – a sage by the name of Ipuwer who lived during the terminal phase of the Middle Kingdom. Ipuwer was the high priest at

Heliopolis in the late twelfth dynasty in Egypt. He recorded an eye-witness account of “eight calamitous plagues that devastated Egypt economically, socially, and politically. Ipuwer’s description of this disastrous upheaval fits precisely the Biblical record of eight of the ten plagues that led to the ruin of Egypt” (Ted Stewart, *Solving the Exodus Mystery*, page 252).

The Ipuwer papyrus was acquired by the Museum of Leiden in the Netherlands in 1828. The text is now folded into a book of 17 pages, written in hieratic signs. Portions of it are poorly preserved, but of the portions which have been translated by Alan H. Gardiner in 1909 we have an amazing corroboration of the dramatic plagues Almighty God sent upon ancient Egypt!

As Gardiner writes, “It is no merely local disturbance that is here described, but a great and overwhelming national disaster” (Gardiner, *Admonitions*).

Ipuwer himself states that he was not writing about some historical catastrophe which occurred in the remote past. He makes many statements that point clearly to a contemporary, present situation of cataclysm, which had been predicted in the past. In Lichtheim’s translation, Ipuwer 2:9-10, he states, “Lo, the face is pale . . . What the ancestors foretold *has happened*.” In Ipuwer 7:1 – “See now, things are done that never were before.” This is clearly speaking of something happening during his lifetime, in real time.

The writing style and grammar of Ipuwer places his document as being composed during the late 12th dynasty or early 13th dynasty of Egypt.

Now notice the incredible parallels between this document and the record of the book of Exodus:

An Eye-witness to the Plagues

Ipuwer describes an incredible story of lamentations, ruin, and horror. His story is an Egyptian version of a great national calamity. He writes:

PAPYRUS 2:8 Forsooth, the land turns round as does a potter’s wheel.

PAPYRUS 2:11 The towns are destroyed. Upper Egypt has become dry (wastes?).

PAPYRUS 3:13 All is ruin!

PAPYRUS 7:4 The residence is overturned in a minute.

PAPYRUS 4:2 . . . Years of noise. There is no end to noise.

The play on the word “noise” here could mean “earthquake,” as the Hebrew word *raash* signifies both noise and earthquake. Earthquakes are often accompanied by loud ominous sounds from the bowels of the earth.

PAPYRUS 6:1 Oh, that the earth would cease from noise, and tumult (uproar) be no more.

The Plague of Blood

Now notice this amazing parallel between the Bible account of the plagues on Egypt and the Papyrus Ipuwer:

EXODUS 7:21 . . . there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

PAPYRUS 2:5-6 Plague is throughout the land. Blood is everywhere.

EXODUS 7:20-24 . . . all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood . . . And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

PAPYRUS 2:10 Men shrink from tasting – human beings and thirst after water.

PAPYRUS 3:10-13 That is our water! That is our happiness! What shall we do in respect thereof? All is ruin!

Frogs, Gnats and Flies

These plagues were a major inconvenience and pest to the Egyptians, but did not cause permanent damage. It may be for these reasons that Ipuwer omitted them from his listing of the plagues.

The Plague of Sickness of Livestock

EXODUS 9:3 . . . the hand of the Lord is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.

PAPYRUS 5:5 All animals, their hearts weep. Cattle moan.

In chapter 12 of the Ipuwer Papyrus, we read:

“His herds are few, but he spends the day herding them.”

The Plague of Hail

After plagues of frogs, lice, flies, and the disease of murrain on the cattle, God brought on Egypt the destruction of a massive hailstorm which destroyed crops everywhere. This also was recorded by the Egyptian Ipuwer. Notice!

EXODUS 9:25 . . . and the hail smote every herb of the every tree of the field.

EXODUS 9:31-32 . . . the flax and the barley was smitten; for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolled.

EXODUS 10:15 . . . there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the fields, through all the land of Egypt.

PAPYRUS 4:14 Trees are destroyed.

PAPYRUS 6:1 No fruit nor herbs are found . . .

PAPYRUS 2:10 Forsooth, gates, columns and walls are consumed by fire.

PAPYRUS 10:3-6 Lower Egypt weeps . . . The entire palace is without its revenues. To it belong (by right) wheat and barley, geese and fish.

PAPYRUS 6:3 Forsooth, grain has perished on every side.

PAPYRUS 5:12 Forsooth, that has perished which yesterday was seen.
The land is left over to its weariness like the cutting of flax.

This last statement shows clearly these plagues on Egypt were not the consequence of long-lasting drought. Rather, this was a sudden onslaught of disaster, virtually overnight! What was visible yesterday was perished today! The produce of Egypt was cut down, like the cutting of flax – a sudden, incisive event!

The Plague of Locusts

EXODUS 10:4-5 . . . tomorrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: And they shall cover the face of the earth . . . and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remains unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which growtheth for you out of the field . . .

PAPYRUS 6:1 No fruit nor herbs are found . . . hunger.

The Plague of Darkness

EXODUS 10:22-23 . . . and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days

PAPYRUS 9:11 The land is not light . . .

This plague of darkness is further described in another ancient Egyptian document, a black granite monolith or shrine at the border of Egypt, inscribed with hieroglyphics all over its surface. The shrine's message declares:

EL-ARISH: The land was in great affliction. Evil fell on this earth. . . It was a great upheaval in the residence. . . . Nobody left the palace during nine days, and during these nine days of upheaval there was such a tempest that neither the men nor the gods could see the faces of their next.

With the plague of locusts covering the skies and earth preceding the plague of darkness, of three days, undoubtedly the Egyptians counted nine days as the total length of the time of impaired vision and light. Even the Jewish Midrash books explain the plague lasted seven days – during the first three days one could still change his position, but during the next three (the three of the Bible) one could not stir from his place!

The Tenth Plague

The final, culminating plague upon ancient Egypt has not been fully understood. The last night before the Exodus, we know, the death angel slew the firstborn of the Egyptians, but the Israelites who had the blood of a lamb over their front doorposts were spared. But let us notice this account more fully.

EXODUS 12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord SMOTE all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh . . . unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

EXODUS 12:30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a GREAT CRY in Egypt; for there

was not a house where there was not one dead. What was this awesome plague which destroyed everywhere, throughout the land, causing the death of multiple thousands, including cattle?

The Hebrew word for “smote” is *nakah* and is used for a violent blow, such as the thrusting with horns by an ox. Now notice the Papyrus Ipuwer account of this traumatic event.

PAPYRUS 4:3, 5:6 Forsooth, the children of princes are dashed against the walls.

PAPYRUS 6:12 Forsooth, the children of princes are cast out in the streets.

PAPYRUS 6:3 The prison is ruined.

PAPYRUS 2:13 He who places his brother in the ground is everywhere.

PAPYRUS 3:14 It is groaning that is throughout the land, mingled with lamentations.

What happened? The evidence indicates that during this final night of the Passover, a great earthquake struck Egypt, killing those God had marked for death all over the land, from the houses of princes to those lying in dungeons, and even cattle. The Church historian Eusebius quotes an ancient source in a book by Artapanus which tells of “hail and earth quake by night (of the last plague), so that those who fled from the earthquake were killed by the hail, and those who sought shelter from the hail were destroyed by the earthquake. And at that time all the houses fell in, and most of the temples.”

This must have been a massive earthquake! It must have been a forerunner of the final earthquake and hail which will culminate the “seven last” plagues mentioned in the Book of Revelation (see Rev. 16:17-21). The Ipuwer Papyrus says:

PAPYRUS 4:4, 6:14 Forsooth, those who were in the place of embalment are laid on the high ground.

A legend in the Haggada tells that in the last night, when Egypt was smitten, the coffin of Joseph was found lying on the ground, lifted out of the grave. Earthquakes in modern times have been known to have similar effects, causing coffins to protrude from their graves in hillside cemeteries.

God smote strong and weak alike, just as an earthquake would do. The Midrashim say that “as many as nine tenths of the inhabitants have perished” (Ginzberg, *Legends*, II, 369).

God judged ancient Egypt. If this Judgment caused nine tenths of the population to perish, then indeed it was a TYPE of the future destruction God will wreak upon this earth during these “last days,” in our lifetime!

Ted Stewart writes of this devastating tenth plague:

“The tenth and most devastating plague in the Bible was the death of the firstborn of both humans and animals. Amazingly, inscriptions about the death of the firstborn are found in tombs all over Egypt that are dated to the archaeological period that includes the twelfth dynasty” (*Solving the Exodus Mystery*, p.252).

In the future “time of trouble” we find that only a tenth of the population shall survive (Isaiah 6:13). God will overthrow the land as He did Sodom and Gomorrah (Amos 4:11). Only ten percent of the population of the nations comprising modern “Israel” shall escape death (Amos 5:3). This same figure can be extended to the judgment of the Gentiles, also, who will be judged and found wanting by God (compare Isa.10:18-19; Isa.47:1-9; Rev.18; Isa.24:6).

Revolt of the Slaves

The Papyrus Ipuwer continues its amazing parallel with the book of Exodus. As Israel prepares to leave Egypt, we read:

EXODUS 11:2 . . . let every man borrow (demand) of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

PAPYRUS 3:2-3 (gold and jewels) are fastened on the neck of female slaves.

EXODUS 12:33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

PAPYRUS 4:2 Forsooth, great and small say: I wish I might die.

PAPYRUS 5:14f. Would that there might be an end of men, no conception, no birth! Oh, that the earth would cease from noise, and tumult be no more!

The Papyrus describes men fleeing the cities in tents, even as Israel fled Egypt and abode in tents as they journeyed.

PAPYRUS 10:2 Men flee. . . . Tents are what they make like the dwellers of the hills.

The Scriptures show that a “mixed multitude” of Egyptians fled Egypt with the Israelites (Exo.12:38). Their first brief stopover was at a place called “Succoth,” which, in Hebrew, means “tents” or “huts.”

As Israel left Egypt, God went before them. We read:

EXODUS 13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give the light; to go by day and by night. He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night . . .

PAPYRUS 7:1 Behold, the fire has mounted up on high. Its burning goes forth against the enemies of the land.

But as Israel left Egypt with a high hand, what happened to the Pharaoh? The Ipuwer Papyrus only records that the Pharaoh was lost under unusual circumstances “that have never happened before.” The Egyptian eye-witness to the plagues lamented his fate, in the broken lines which are still discernible:

PAPYRUS 7:1-2 . . . weep . . . the earth is . . . on every side . . . weep . . .

After this destruction, chaos reigned in Egypt. There was no longer any authority in the land. Mob

rule prevailed. Brigands and thugs seized what they could carry. Plunderers looted the royal storehouses. Ipuwer records:

PAPYRUS 6:9 Forsooth, the laws of the judgment-hall are cast forth. Men walk upon (them) in the public places.

PAPYRUS 10:3 The storehouse of the king is the common property of everyone.

PAPYRUS 8:14 Behold, the chiefs of the land flee.

PAPYRUS 9:2 Behold, no offices are in their (right) place, like a frightened herd without a herdsman.

PAPYRUS 6:7 Forsooth, public offices are opened and their census-lists are taken away.

Invaders appeared on the horizon – the Hyksos attacked Egypt, after their encounter with the Israelites in the desert of Arabia. Egypt was helpless, prostrate before them.

PAPYRUS 3:1 Forsooth, the Desert is throughout the land. The nomes are laid waste. A foreign tribe from abroad has come to Egypt.

PAPYRUS 15:1 What has happened? – through it is to cause the Asiatics to know the condition of the land.

PAPYRUS 14:11 Men – They have come to an end for them selves. There are none found to stand and protect themselves.

PAPYRUS 12:6ff. Today fear – more than a million of people. No seen – enemies – enter into the temples – weep.

End of the Twelfth Dynasty of the Middle Kingdom

Scholars date the Ipuwer Papyrus to the Middle Kingdom of Egypt that includes the reign of Amenemhet IV, the last male Pharaoh of the Twelfth Dynasty. Says Ted Stewart:

“Ipuwer’s testimony of the devastation of Egypt amazingly matches Moses’ description of the ‘ruin’ of Egypt by the ten plagues. Adding the testimony of the inscriptions in Middle Kingdom tombs that recorded a prediction of the death of the firstborn of both men and gods, we have found twenty-two points of synchronism between the Biblical story of the ten plagues and the historical evidence found in *Ipuwer’s Papyrus*. Ipuwer, a priest of Heliopolis, wrote this eye-witness account at the end of the twelfth dynasty, when the Exodus occurred” (*Solving the Exodus Mystery*, p. 267),

The primary reason scholars have overlooked this powerful corroboration of the Exodus account in the Bible in Egyptian historical records is that they have woefully misplaced the Twelfth Dynasty and the end of the Middle Kingdom in their historical chronologies!

The Pharaoh of the Exodus Period

The last Pharaoh of the Twelfth Dynasty was Amenemhet IV. He reigned only nine years, the shortest reign of all Pharaohs of the Twelfth Dynasty. Declares Ted Stewart of this Pharaoh:

"He suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from the pages of history. Neither his pyramid nor his tomb have ever been found. Neither his firstborn son, nor any other of his sons, succeeded him to the throne. Instead, his wife/sister became ruler of Egypt in his place.

"When Amenemhet IV's wife died three and one half years later, *the twelfth dynasty, the most powerful and glorious Egyptian dynasty up to that time of history, mysteriously fell.* The rulership of Egypt was immediately divided into two dynasties, one of them controlled by the Libyans" (*ibid.*, p.240).

Amenemhet IV is a short-reigned Pharaoh who was apparently cut off in the prime of life, and died mysteriously after having reigned only nine years.

The Awesome Fate of Pharaoh

The black granitic monolithic shrine of el-Arish tells of events in a very early time, to King Thom and his successor. The name of King Thom is written in a royal cartouche, pointing to the historical character of the text.

The text speaks of the days of darkness which came over the land, and the great affliction which fell over the earth. It speaks of the tempest that roared, so that no man could see the face of his neighbor.

During this savage time of affliction, and upheaval of nature, the text says that "his majesty of Shou" assembled his forces and ordered them to follow him to regions where they would again see light. We read, ". . . his majesty of Shou went to battle against the companions of Apopi." Apopi was the fierce god of darkness. The king and his army never returned. Says the shrine:

"Now when the majesty of Ra-Harmachis fought with the evil-doers in this pool, the Place of the Whirlpool, the evil-doers prevailed not over his majesty. His majesty leaped into the so-called Place of the Whirlpool."

Where was this strange-sounding event? What was this "Whirlpool" and to what does this enigmatic story allude? Could this be a reference to the disaster at the Red Sea which befell the Egyptians chasing the Israellite slaves? The shrine says:

"His Majesty (here the words are missing) finds on this place called Pi-Kharoti."

A few lines later it says the king was thrown by a great force. He was thrown by the whirlpool high into the air. He departed to heaven. He departed this life.

Where is this "Pi- Kharoti"? The book of Exodus gives us the answer!

EXODUS 14:9 "But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh . . . and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-ha-hiroth (Khiroth)."

Pi-Kharoti is the Pi-Khiroth of the Hebrew text! This is the very place where Pharaoh and all his hosts came upon the fleeing Israelites as they were camped. This is the same place where Pharaoh met his fate in the maelstrom of the Red Sea – the place of the "Whirlpool." The Egyptian story says he went to "heaven," a euphemism for the fact that he perished and never returned!

The shrine's inscription continues, saying the son of the Pharaoh, "his majesty Geb," set out to find his missing father. "He asks information." People who witnessed the passage of his father "give him the information about all that happened to Rain Yat Nebes, the combats of the king Thoum." Those with the prince Geb on his journey perish by a terrible blast, and the prince himself sustains terrible burns before he gives up his expedition.

Meanwhile, the shrine continues, invaders approaching by way of Yat Nebes came into Egypt and overpowered the country, and conquered only to destroy. "These rebels, they came from the mountains of the Orient by all the ways of Yat Nebes." These invaders, of course, were the Amalekites – the cruel and barbarous Hyksos.

The prince retreated before the invaders and did not return to Heliopolis. In helplessness, he retreated to a provincial residence away from the carnage being wreaked in his homeland by the hordes of "Apopi."

The inscription at el-Arish says the name of the Pharaoh who apparently perished in the Whirlpool was Thom or Toum. Pi-Thom means "the abode of Thom." Pithom was one of the names of the two cities built by the Israelite slaves for the Pharaoh of the Oppression.

The Egyptian historian Manetho calls the name of the Pharaoh who ruled Egypt just before the invasion of the Hyksos "Tutimaeus or Timaios."

Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, quotes Manetho in Against Apion, as follows:

I will quote his (Manetho's) own words, just as if I had produced the man himself in the witness box:

"Tutimaeus. In his reign, I know not why, a blast of God's displeasure broke upon us.

"A people of ignoble origin from the east, whose coming was unforeseen, had the audacity to invade the country, which they mastered by main force without any difficulty or even a battle."

This "blast of God's displeasure" was the mighty judgments that the Almighty God poured upon the Egyptians for their cruelty and refusal to allow the children of Israel to leave the country in peace! It was a divine blast of wind, that caused the towering walls of the Red Sea to crash down upon Pharaoh and his whole army. As Psalm 136 says, God "swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea" (verse 15, NIV).

Thom, Thoum, or Titimaeus – was the Pharaoh who was known as Amenemhet IV. He was, therefore, the historical Pharaoh of the Exodus! He was the last Pharaoh of the Middle Kingdom, before the Hyksos or Amalekites ruled Egypt for 400 years, until the time of king Saul of Israel.

The Jewish historian Josephus also notes that this Pharaoh only had a short reign, before his army was drowned in the Red Sea. In *Antiquities of the Jews*, he writes:

"[Moses] . . . came to the king, who had indeed *but lately received the government*, and told him how much he had done for the good of the Egyptians . . ." (II,13, 2).

Since this Pharaoh had only recently – a few years previously – come to the throne, it follows that

his reign was cut short. This fact itself proves that the usual candidates or list of suspects proposed for the Pharaoh of the Exodus are all wrong. Thutmose II reigned 54 years; Amenhotep II reigned 5 years; and Ramses II reigned 67 years!

Josephus writes of the ignominious fate of this Pharaoh, Amenemhet IV, and his host:

“As soon, therefore, as ever the whole Egyptian army was in it [the Red Sea], the sea flowed to its own place, and came down by a torrent raised by storms of wind, and encompassed the Egyptians. Showers of rain also came down from the sky, and dreadful thunders and lightning, with flashes of fire. Thunderbolts also were darted upon them; nor was there anything which used to be sent by God upon men as indications of his wrath which did not happen at this time, for a dark and dismal night oppressed them. And thus did all these men perish, *so that there was not one man left to be a messenger of this calamity* to the rest of the Egyptians” (*Ant.* 2, 16, 3).

This awesome deliverance inspired the Hebrews, Josephus relates, as no such overwhelming deliverance had ever before occurred for any people in all history, to spend the following day and night singing songs of joy and deliverance, praise and glory to God, rejoicing and laughing and celebrating with all their hearts.

The Fate of Pharaoh

Two ancient books say that the Pharaoh of the Exodus escaped and did not drown along side of his army in the Red Sea. The first is the book of Jasher, chapter LXXXI, page 23, verse 40: “And when the children of Israel had entered the sea, the Egyptians came after them, and the waters of the sea returned upon them, and they all sank in the water, and not one man was left, excepting Pharaoh who gave thanks to the Lord and believed in Him. Therefore the Lord did not cause him to perish at that time with the Egyptians.” Verse 41 says, “And the Lord ordered an angel to take him from among the Egyptians, who cast him upon the land of Nineveh, and he reigned over it for a long time.”

The other source is *The Legends of the Bible* by Louis Ginzberg. His compilation of Biblical legends originally appeared in a massive seven-volume edition with notes in nearly forty languages. Ginzberg researched works from the Latin Church Fathers, as well as Rabbinic traditions, and scoured documents from over centuries scattered throughout the Mediterranean world.

Ginzberg, in the section “Pharaoh Pursues the Hebrews”, relates: “Thus all the Egyptians were drowned. Only one was spared – Pharaoh himself. When the children of Israel raised their voices to sing a song of praise to God at the shores of the Red Sea, Pharaoh heard it as he was jostled hither and thither by the billows, and he pointed his finger heavenward, and called out: ‘I believe in Thee, O God! Thou art righteous, and I and My people are wicked, and I acknowledge now that there is no god in the world beside Thee.’ Without a moments delay, Gabriel descended and laid an iron chain about Pharaoh’s neck, and holding him securely, he addressed him thus: ‘Villain! Yesterday thou didst say, ‘Who is the Lord that I should hearken to His voice?’ and now thou sayest, ‘The Lord is righteous.’’ With that he let him drop into the depths of the sea, and there he tortured him for fifty days, to make the power of God known to him. At the end of the time he installed him as king of the great city of Nineveh . . .”

Is this what really happened to Pharaoh?

These two ancient sources seem to corroborate each other. The Hebrew legend goes on to state that and after the lapse of many centuries, when Jonah came to Nineveh, and prophesied the overthrow of the

city on account of the evil done by the people, it was this Pharaoh himself who, seized by fear and terror, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes, and with his own mouth made proclamation and published this decree through Nineveh: "Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed nor drink water; for I know there is no god beside Him in all the world, all His words are truth, and all His judgments are true and faithful."

This story, as fanciful as it is, could imply that the influence and history of this Pharaoh was remembered in Nineveh during Jonah's time, and was a major factor in the king of Nineveh leading his people to repentance at the preaching of Jonah – maybe he had heard the story of the Pharaoh who had previously ruled Nineveh and his account of the fateful Red Sea expedition which ended in such unmitigated disaster.

Egypt Left Prostrate

Following this Exodus, Egypt was left prostrate, virtually defenseless against foreign intruders and enemies. Soon after this, the Hyksos – Asiatics known as the Amalekites in the Bible, descended from Esau – invaded Egypt, and ruled the land for about 400 years. They were a fierce and barbarous people. Moses and Israel encountered them, and fought with them, about a month after they crossed the Red Sea into Arabia (Exo.17:8-16).

During the centuries of the Hyksos domination of Egypt, there was no literary activity in the land. During that time, Israel and Palestine were free from Egyptian domination or influence. Therefore, during the 400 years of the period of the Judges, we find no mention or evidence of any Egyptian excursions into Palestine. All the battles of Israel were with her Palestinian neighbors and enemies. But Egypt is strangely silent and absent. But of course! Egypt was having her own problems with the domination of the Hyksos, or Amalekites!

The whole picture fits together like a perfect jigsaw puzzle. All the pieces fit beautifully.

But what, then about the famous Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt, which threw off the yoke of the Hyksos? How does Thutmose III and Amenhotep II fit into the picture? When did they live?

From Solomon to Amenhotep II

By the time of king Solomon of Israel, the kingdom of Israel had become a mighty world power. Solomon reigned over all the land from the Euphrates to the borders of Egypt. He was the lord of a mighty kingdom with fleets that sailed around the globe with the fleets of Hiram, king of Tyre. During this time of relative world peace, Egypt also flourished after throwing off the yoke of the Hyksos. Egypt's greatest dynasty arose – the Eighteenth, of the New Kingdom.

During the days of Solomon, he had a famous visitor – the Queen of Sheba. At this time, the great and celebrated ruler of Egypt and Ethiopia was Hatshepsut, a powerful and wise Queen. Egyptian records show that during her reign Hatshepsut visited a land well known to the Egyptians, called "Punt," where she gave magnificent gifts, and received fabulous gifts in return. Upon her return to Egypt, she built a magnificent temple, in the Valley of the Nile, against the cliffs – a temple unlike any previous Egyptian temple. It was simple in its architecture, and inscribed with paintings of the tremendous treasure she brought back from "Punt."

During this same time Solomon was receiving tremendous treasures from around the world, brought to him by the fleets he sent out. Gold from Ophir, apes, peacocks, alum trees, and spices – there was no end

to his wealth and treasure. Who was this “Queen of Sheba” who visited Solomon in his magnificence?

The word “Punt” comes from the name of Pontus, the ancestor of the Phoenicians. Thus “Punt” was another name for Phoenicia or Palestine! Hatshepsut was none other than the Queen of Sheba (she ruled Ethiopia and Egypt). The emperors of Ethiopia have always traced their lineage back to Solomon and the Queen of Sheba – and they are right!

Josephus clearly identifies the Queen of Sheba with the “woman who at that time ruled as queen of Egypt and Ethiopia” (*Antiquities* 8, 6, 5).

Punt was also called “Divine Land,” or “God’s Land.” It was located toward the sunrise. It was a land affiliated with Egypt, not a foreign country. The inhabitants of this happy land were white men of a north-Semitic or Caucasian race.

On the walls of her temple in the Valley of the Nile, “The Most Splendid of Splendors,” copied after the Temple in Jerusalem, are bas-reliefs depicting the life and trip of Hatshepsut to “Punt” or “the Holy Land.” A comparison of these bas-reliefs with the beautiful situation of God’s Temple in Jerusalem, and the marvels the Queen saw in “Punt,” clearly shows Hatshepsut was the Queen who visited Solomon in all his glory, and marveled at his wisdom and prosperity.

You can read the entire comparison in Immanuel Velikovsky’s *Ages in Chaos*, in which he straightens out much of the historical record of that period.

Since Hatshepsut corresponds to the time of Solomon, then her son, Thutmose III, the “Napoleon of ancient Egypt,” would correspond to a mighty Egyptian ruler who ruled contemporary with Solomon’s son, Rehoboam.

Does this identification fit?

Thutmose was a mighty conqueror. The records of his military successes adorn the walls of the great Amon Temple in Karnak. A list of 119 cities in Palestine is engraved three times on the walls of the Temple. Since Thutmose’s victorious march through Palestine occurred after the reign of his mother, Hatshepsut, who reigned contemporary with Solomon, Thutmose reigned contemporary with Rehoboam, Solomon’ son. Surely the chronicles of ancient Judah and Israel could not have overlooked this victorious Egyptian campaign!

Indeed, they do not.

Thutmose III led his army into Palestine, and defeated the enemy arraigned against him at Megiddo. After Megiddo fell, the king conquered 118 other cities. The most important, and first on his list, was a city called simply “Kadesh.” Where was this city? Who was its king?

Investigators have been puzzled why so many cities were listed in Palestine, yet the name of Jerusalem was not mentioned in the text. But this Kadesh could not be the Kadesh on the Orontes in northern Syria. The list of cities is of Palestinian cities, not Syrian cities. Secondly, Kadesh is listed first, even before Megiddo, where the king fought his greatest battle. Obviously, Kadesh was considered even more important!

The word “kadesh” in Hebrew means “holy.” This was a “holy city.” Is Jerusalem ever called “the holy city”?

In many places in the Scriptures, Jerusalem is referred to as “my mount kadesh,” “my mountain kadesh,” “thy city kadesh” (Psalm 2:6, Joel 2:1, Isa. 66:20). Daniel refers to Jerusalem as “thy city kadesh” (Dan. 9:24). The “Holy Land” and “Holy City” were names given to Palestine and Jerusalem from early times. Therefore, it is no strange thing for the Pharaoh Thutmose III to refer to Jerusalem by this common name used for it at that time! Kadesh, “Holy,” referred directly to Jerusalem, regarded as the “Holy City.”

During this time, when the Temple of Solomon stood, it was especially so regarded by the envious peoples of the surrounding nations!

Do the Scriptures also speak of this time of invasion and humiliation for the Jews and Rehoboam, when Jerusalem was attacked and conquered?

We read, “And it came to pass, in the fifth year of king Rehoboam. Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubim (Libyans), the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem” (II Chron. 12:2-4).

Jerusalem opened its gates to Thutmose III without offering any further resistance. Thutmose, or Shishak) “took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king’s house; he took all; he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made” (II Chron. 12:9).

These treasures are reproduced upon a wall of the Karnak temple. The bas-reliefs display in ten rows the legendary wealth of Solomon, including vessels and utensils of the Temple, of the palace, the golden altar, the brazen altar, the shewbread (gold and silver), and the candlesticks. If all Thutmose III’s booty had been painted on the Temple wall, it would have been a mile long! But instead numerical signs were marked beneath each picture to illustrate the quantity!

If Thutmose III lived 600 years before Solomon, how could he have possibly captured such a treasure trove which didn’t yet even exist? The Temple pillaged by this king was an extremely rich and significant Temple, with tremendous wealth. It could be none other than the Temple pillaged by Shishak, in the time of Rehoboam, son of Solomon! No wonder Thutmose III was looked upon as such a mighty conqueror!

Now what about the son of Thutmose III, Amenhotep II? Can we identify him in the Scriptures?

Amenhotep II marched against Palestine and Syria after the death of his father, to suppress rebellion. In the ninth year of his reign, he repeated his expedition, this time going against some unimportant villages. On his next visit he did battle only one day after leaving the border of Egypt, and then retreated. This battle had to have been in southern Palestine. How victorious was Amenhotep II at this battle? His booty only consisted of 2 horses, 1 chariot, a coat of mail, 2 bows, and one quiver of arrows, a corselet, and one other unknown object. Afterwards, the king retreated into Egypt. Who was he in the Biblical record?

The grandson of Rehoboam was Asa, who built fortified cities throughout Judah. During his reign, “there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with a host of 1,000,000, and 300 chariots; and came unto Mareshah” (II Chron. 14:9-10). During this battle, Asa prayed for God’s divine help. “So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled” (v.12). Asa achieved a magnificent victory, and the Egyptians/Ethiopians fled the scene of battle. Amenhotep II very likely was none other than Zerah the Ethiopian. Thus a re-analysis of Egyptian history confirms the Biblical record in great detail!

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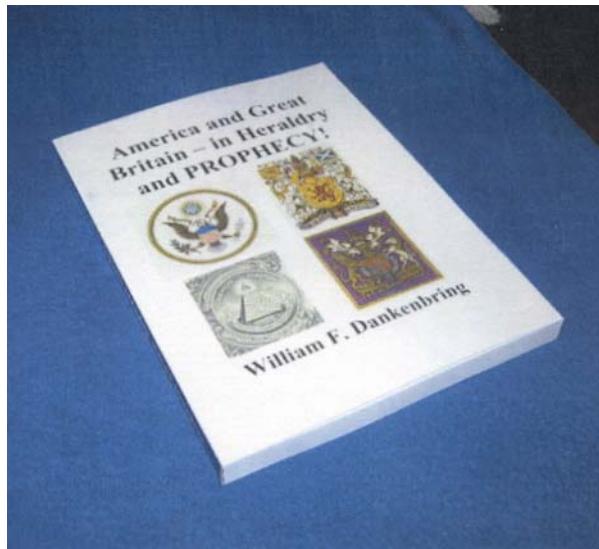
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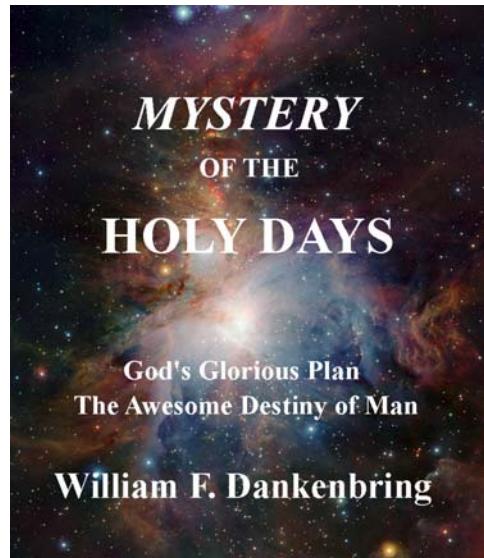
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How important is TIME? In the Scriptures, God commands His people to observe certain days as holy festivals. How can we do that if we can't keep track of when they occur? Hence, God gives us His Calendar in His Word. It is the basis of worshipping Him in “spirit and in truth.”

Does it really matter when we observe God's annual Holy Days? Does it matter if we are just a few days off? There is an old saying, “Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.” But does it really matter if we get God's days right?

The Word of God does tell we should observe His annual Feast Days as “holy days to the Lord” (see Leviticus 23). The Biblical holy days are obviously based on the Biblical calendar – the original calendar God gave to Moses and Israel.

Is it all right to tell God, “Well, I only sinned a little bit!”? God’s Word says, plainly, “The wages of sin is DEATH” (Rom.6:23). God says, “The soul that sins, it shall DIE” (Ezek18:4, 20). So which is going to be? Are we going to obey GOD? Or go the route that “seems right” to a man, but ends in DEATH (Prov.14:12, 16:25)?

If you had an appointment to see a king on a particular day, sat a particular time, and you went on the wrong day – you got the dates mixed up – would it be all right? Would the king allow you to interrupt his schedule, and tame up his time, which he had NOT set aside for you? Would he allow you to CHANGE THE DATE ON YOUR OWN CREDENCE?

God set aside certain days as HOLY, and He meets with us on THOSE days. If we are not present, then TOO BAD *–for us!* *We miss Him to our own sorrow and hurt.* If it is serious business to keep an appointment with a BOSS or human employer or a KING “on time,” and to be punctual, HOW MUCH MORE *IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP GOD’S APPOINTMENTS ON TIME?*

Jesus Christ declared, “The time is coming, IT HAS COME ALREADY, when the real worshippers will worship the Father will worship the Father in Spirit and in REALITY; for these are the worshippers that the Father desires. God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship him in Spirit and in reality” (John 4:24, Moffatt). Sample chapters include:

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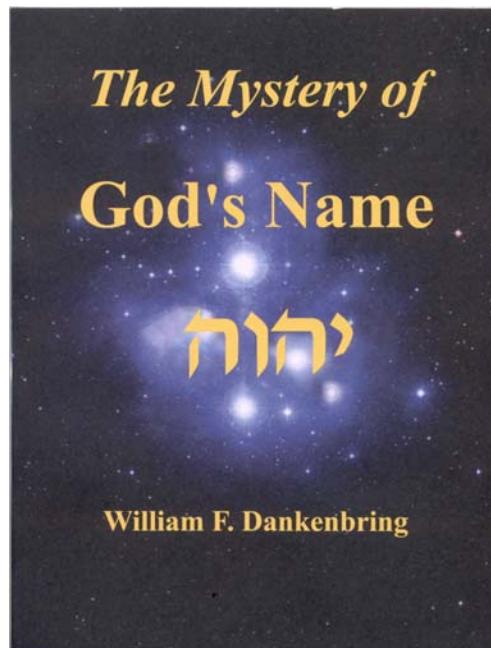
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Letters from Our Readers

"When I listened to the tape of the 7th Day of Unleavened Bread in 2017 I was quite amazed to hear WD recite the story about how the Pharaoh escaped who did not perish along with his Army that drowned in the Red Sea. In the film 'The Ten Commandments' Yul Brynner played the part of Pharaoh of the Exodus, Ramses II. Ramses was NOT the Pharaoh of the Exodus . At the Red Sea Yul Brynner's character uttered these words – he said, 'I'm a soldier, not a butcher of men.' Ramses, in the film, returns back to Egypt to his Queen – end of story, fade out.

"I have in my collection two books that reveal that the Pharaoh of the Exodus escaped and did not drown along side of his Army. 1. The book of Jasher, chapter LXXXI, page 23, verse 40: 'And when the children of Israel had entered the sea, the Egyptians came after them, the waters of the sea returned upon them, and they all sank in the water, and not one man was left, except Pharaoh who gave thanks to the Lord and believed in Him. Therefore the Lord Yehovah did not cause him to perish at that time with the Egyptians.' Verse 41 – 'And the Lord Yehovah ordered an angel to take him [Pharaoh] from among the Egyptians, who cast him upon the land of Nineveh, and he reigned over it for a long time.'

"The other source I have is *The Legends of the Bible* by Louis Ginzberg. His compilation of Biblical legends originally appeared in a massive seven-volume edition with notes in nearly forty languages. Ginzberg researched works from the Latin Church Fathers, as well as Rabbinic traditions, and scoured documents from over centuries scattered throughout the Mediterranean world.

"Page 359 – 'Thus all the Egyptians were drowned. Only one was spared, Pharaoh himself. When the children of Israel raised their voices to sing a song of praise to God at the shores of the Red Sea, Pharaoh heard it as he was jostled hither and thither by the billows, and he

pointed his fingers heavenward and called out, "I believe in Thee, O God, Thou art righteous and I and my people are wicked and I acknowledge now there is no god in the world beside Thee."

"Meanwhile Gabriel, a chief angel, was sent to punish Pharaoh about what he said about God back in Egypt. Gabriel said, 'Villain, you said, "Who is the Lord that I should hearken to his voice?" and now you say the Lord is righteous!'

"The Pharaoh was punished by Gabriel and was in the sea. Pharaoh was tortured for fifty days and Gabriel made sure to make the power of God known to him. At the end of the time Gabriel installed Pharaoh as king of the great city of Nineveh."

-- Laura Anderson, Australia

"Sir it's an honor to write you this letter telling you that your sermons and your books are doing me great. After listening to them the Lord enhanced my preaching skills.

"Furthermore I had a dream a man clothed in white linen telling me that as the ministry of William F Dankenbring grew that will also be how my ministry will grow.

"I have a ministry called Eternal Church of Jesus Christ. In this ministry I teach also of God's holidays, Sabbath and many other things which I learnt from you.

"My last request Sir please pray that the ministry God has given may grow. Pray for Eternal Church of Jesus Christ. May God bless you.

Sir, it's an honor to write you this letter thanking you so much for your booklets and sermons. They are doing me great. Your books are giving me well researched knowledge and listening to your sermons have made the Lord to enhance my teaching and preaching skills and tactics. The real truth is your sermons are anointed.

"Now by the grace of God I am a founder of a ministry called Eternal Church of Jesus Christ.

We worship on Sabbath as I learned from you and we teach also of the Holy days.

"I know you might not believe in dreams but recently I had a dream and in that dream a man whom I thought was an angel who was arrayed in perfectly white apparel told me that as the ministry of William F Dankenbring has grown mine will also grow in likewise manner.

"Pastor I believe my success is in your prayers. Please pray for me and the ministry God has given me. In all your prayers remember you have a son in Zimbabwe who is me. I humble myself to the anointing and calling by which the Lord has called you. Stay blessed ."

-- Collence Munyaradzi Chagomoka

"I know it is said that the end of the age would be the worst time in the history of man and it would be like in the days of Noah.

"As each day goes by and it gets worse by the day it seems like the masses are asleep and do not realize this age is coming to a close at break neck speed.

"I hear some people say that things can go on for maybe at least 50 years or more. But I think it says when the Lord of lords delays his coming that is when there will be the proper time of his return.

"I think that it is also said that time will be cut short because things will be so bad that if our King does not return and stop this madness man will destroy himself.

"It is hard to believe how many people support the Muslims and say there are only a few of them that are extremists. I had the chance to listen to a Muslim give a speech about his beliefs and proved my thought on Islam was correct. I will try to tell a little of what he said. He said basically that the only good infidel is a dead one and Islam would not be happy until everybody believed like they did. He also said that a woman was just a commodity for a man to deal with as he pleased. I will stop there because it is so disgusting to comprehend how Muslims think.

"It also surprises me about seeing young women wearing Muslim garb and hearing so many liberal women tell how bad they have been abused and treated so unfairly in this country yet they seem to support Islam. It seems that people

do not want to hear the truth for if they do, they will deny it and believe the falsehoods they are told.

"It seems to me that your PFs are getting more powerful and the same with your Bible Studies. I think the way you are calling on things to happen, that you are about on target but we might have many surprises in the future that are not expected.

"So the thing for us to do is get straight with Yeshua and stick close to His Word and pray that our fellow believers hang in there and be there at the Lord's return.

"I hear people say that all you have to do is believe in Christ and you have it made. I do not think so because only 8 were saved in Noah's Flood, Lot and 2 daughters at Sodom and Gomorrah, etc.

"The last example that I think of is the parable of the 10 virgins and only half of them made it because 50% did not have enough Holy Spirit and had to go and get some more.

"God bless you, Cappy and all His people because His Way is the only perfect way."

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio

"I came across your study paper, "The battle over the Passover!" (www.waoy.org/Passover_Controversy_Resurrected.pdf) recently and found it profitable reading. I've been reading your material for a while now. And it was actually your excellent articles, 'How are the mighty fallen!' and 'Was Herbert Armstrong REALLY the 'Elijah to come' as some claim?' that definitively proved to me once and for all that Armstrong was neither an apostle nor a prophet nor the fulfillment of Bible prophecy at all. In any event, regarding your article, 'The battle over the Passover!' I agreed with some of your comments and wanted to share my opinion with you. You stated:

Whatever happened then to the Passover?

It has been disregarded, trampled in the dirt, and ignored, all these years. It has mistakenly been called "a night to be much observed," a separate observance – when in reality the "night to be much observed" IS

THE PASSOVER itself (Exodus 12:40)! (pp. 9-10).

"I am in complete agreement with you on this point. Soon after I joined the United Church of God I was confused somewhat concerning their observance of a 'night to be much observed' or 'night to be much remembered' on the holy eve of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, that is, the 15th Nisan. I could not recall any literature published by the UCG or, in fact, the Worldwide Church of God, which expounded upon the Biblical instructions for the observance of this so-called night. In researching the matter myself, I came across the excellent articles of Keith Hunt (www.keithhunt.com/Nightto.html) and Art Ryan ('http://artscalendararticles.mysite.com/blank_9.html') and like them have come to the conclusion that the 'night to be much observed' as referenced in Exodus 12:42 is simply another title for the night of the Passover. The main reason for me is the lack of evidence, both in Scripture and in history, that refers to the Israelites, and Judeans, observing a separate night to that of the Passover, as 'the night to be much observed.' Besides that the entire context of Exodus 12 and 13 is the night of the Passover not two separate nights! Also, if this 'night to be much observed' as taught by those organizations originating from the WCG was ordained of God then surely He would have provided explicit instructions in Holy Scripture as to how He wanted it kept. As it is observed, however, by a fine and sumptuous meal, I can only surmise it to be a man-made tradition of Herbert W. Armstrong. Suffice to say, I'm no longer a member of the UCG.

"You later wrote:

Here is another flagrant error. As all reputable scholars admit, the "three days" and "three nights" in the Hebrew language can refer to PARTS of three days and three nights! It need not be 72 exact, literal hours at all. Write for our free article, "How Long Was Jesus in the Grave?" The evidence is overwhelming that the crucifixion was on a Thursday in 30 A.D., because astronomical evidence proves that Nisan 14 that year fell on a Thursday, not a Wednesday! (p.11)

"My own research in the matter has led me to the conclusion that this single verse in Matthew 12:40, which the Church of God (Seventh Day)

and later Herbert W. Armstrong and his Worldwide Church of God used to prove a 72 hour duration for Christ's entombment is, like other similarly worded phrases in the Bible, simply an idiom. Like the saying goes, 'A text without a context is a pretext for a proof text!' It is my belief now that Christ was simply asserting He would rise on the third day not that He would remain in the tomb for a literal 72 hours. For starters, Scripture throughout uses inclusive counting, unlike the exclusive mode of counting, which is so prevalent in the Western world today. So I surmise that Christ either died on possibly on Thursday or even Friday and that He rose on Saturday night. But, I no longer believe He was crucified on Wednesday and remained in the grave for 72 hours as most followers of Herbert W. Armstrong believe. One reason is if He died on Wednesday and Thursday was an annual Sabbath then why didn't His disciples take the opportunity on Friday to anoint His body? Why wait until Sunday morning to do so especially when it would have been the fourth day and too late to anoint His body since it would've naturally started to decompose? This was the main reason for objecting to the opening of Lazarus's tomb (John 11:39)!

"Also, in reference to the bread during Christ's Last Supper you wrote:

Apparently, the minister is ignorant of the fact that the bread at the last supper was ARTOS, meaning "leavened bread," not AZUMOS, meaning "unleavened" bread. The bread eaten at the last supper was regular, leavened bread – the kind you can "dip" as a sop into broth (John 13:26-27). (p.11)

"I found this information very interesting. Do you have further documentation that supports this? My superficial study at present leads me to the view that 'artos' can be used to refer to any kind of bread be it leavened or unleavened. But, if I'm mistaken in this understanding I'd be grateful for your correction.

"On the subject of John 19:14 you stated the following:

Thus the daylight hours are divided into twelve. This would put the "sixth hour" of John 19:14 as being TWELVE O'CLOCK, HIGH NOON! Bullinger is sadly mistaken

when he applies this to *midnight!* The Jews did not divide the night into twelve hours, as they did the day. Rather, the "night" was divided into "WATCHES." We read in Matthew's gospel of Jesus coming to the disciples while they were in a boat, on the Sea of Galilee: "And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea" (Matt.14:25). Mark's gospel also says this occurred "about the fourth watch of the night" (Mark 6:48). Thus the *night* portion of the "day" was not divided into "hours," but into "watches," each one equivalent to about three hours. (p.13) . . .

"How could Christ be before Pilate at midnight, pitch dark, when the following verses make it clear He was not:

1. Matt 27:1 – 'When morning came'
2. Mark 15:1 – 'Immediately, in the morning'
3. Luke 22:66 – 'As soon as it was day'
4. John 18:28 – 'Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning'

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How could Christ have dinner after dark, go to Gethsemane, pray three times, for several hours, get apprehended late that night, and have all of the above happen before midnight? (pp. 17-18).

"I found this all of this information excellent deductive reasoning! It definitely wasn't midnight! I doubt it was midday, however, considering the information the other gospel writers provide."

COMMENT: Technically, "artos" can be any kind of bread, including unleavened bread, as it simply means "bread." "Azumos" literally means "unleavened" and is the word used to speak of unleavened bread. Just as "matzah" in the Hebrew means unleavened bread. Read our articles "Seven Proofs of the Passover" and "Was the Lord's Supper Really the Passover."

As to the length of time Yeshua was in the grave, Worldwide Church of God and others who subscribe to the Wednesday crucifixion theory are again sadly mistaken and in gross error. As my article "How Long Was Jesus in the Grave?" shows, and documents, with many proofs, He was crucified on Thursday, April 6, 30 A.D., and died at the "ninth hour" or 3:00 PM (see Mark 15:33-34). At that moment when Jesus breathed His last breath, there was a great earthquake and the veil of the Temple was rent in two from top to bottom (verses 37-39). Friday was the annual holy day, the first day of Unleavened Bread. Three days later, just before sunrise Sunday morning, there was another great earthquake, and the stone was rolled away from the entrance to Jesus' tomb (Matt.28:1-2). This would have been about 5:00 AM in the morning, before daybreak, as it "began to dawn" (Matt.28:1). Thus the length of time Jesus was dead was from earthquake to earthquake, about 62 hours – not 72 hours as the Wednesday theorists claim.

As to the fact the "sixth hour" means noon time, read my articles "John 19 – What Do You Mean, 'The Sixth Hour'?" and "Jesus' Last Week." When the evidence is all put together, it is overwhelming. The truth cannot be denied forever. Read also my articles on "When Should Passover be Observed?", "The New Testament Passover," "The Plot against the Passover", and "Luke on the Passover." Churches who claim to keep the Passover are abysmally ignorant on this subject. It is time you knew the truth on this subject, for it is the TRUTH which shall make us free (John 8:32).

Isn't it time we take these things seriously and "PROVE ALL THINGS" (I Thess.5:21), and quit assuming things not in evidence to be true? As the apostle Jude wrote, we need to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed . . ." (Jude 3-4).

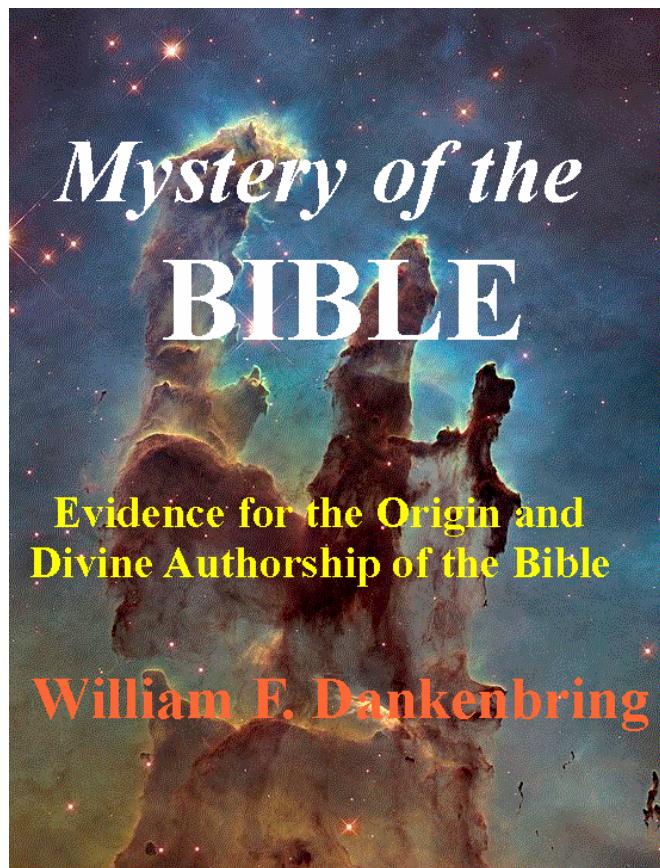
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