
SPECIAL SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

Greetings everyone, it's time for Bible study. This is the last day of August and the month of Elul is almost finished and in a week's time it will be the first fall holy day. *Yom Teruah* is the first day of the seventh month (Tishrei) and the blowing of trumpets. Following ten days later is Yom Kippur (Atonement) and five days later the Feast of Tabernacles. The fall holy days season is rapidly approaching. It seems like the summer is passing by like a blip.

Do you ever get the feeling that things are beginning to spiral out of control, and the feeling of being beaten up? World affairs are deteriorating into a destruction spiral that no one is able to stop as the Middle East war threatens. The fifth U.S. warship has been deployed to the coast of Syria and American fighter planes are landing in British Air Force bases off-shore Syria in Cyprus. President Barack Obama declared his intention of what appeared to be a U.S. led military strike against Syria over its use of chemical weapons on its own people. Now says he will seek congressional approval for limited strikes against the Assad regime. Russia has been Assad's most important international ally during the conflict supplying his troops with arms and resisting pressure at the United Nations for tighter sanctions on Damascus.

Russia is urging U.S. not to strike Syria and is sending the guided-missile cruiser, Moskva, and an unidentified anti-submarine ship from its northern fleet to the eastern Mediterranean. The U.N. inspectors left central Damascus on Monday to examine sites of the undeniable chemical attack sites leaving 500 to 1000 dead. Khalaf Muftah, a senior Baath Party official who used to serve as Syria's assistant information minister warned that a U.S. attack on Syria would justify retaliation. "If the U.S. or Israel intervenes in the chemical weapon issue that Damascus would attack Israel, affecting security not only in the region but across the world." His words were echoed by Iranian officials. Peres stated, "We will respond with full force to any Syrian attack." Hezbollah said it would fire rockets at Israel if the West attacks Syria in attempt to topple Syrian President Bashar Assad. President Obama is scheduled to meet this coming Wednesday with Vladimir Putin of Russia.

"While the U.S. is ready to strike a handful of targets on the ground in Syria, any international conflict there will take place on a much larger stage. The entire region is full of a mix of military forces and hardware from more than half a dozen nations with interests in the Syrian conflict. The U.S. and France are prepared to strike the government of Assad from the Mediterranean Sea and a ring of air bases surrounding Syria. Britain, Turkey and Israel—three of America's most powerful military allies – are publically staying on the sidelines, albeit with their militaries primed to defend against any Syrian counterattack. Then there are Assad's friends, Russia and Iran, both of which have military personnel on the ground in Syria."—*FP National Security/John Reed*—"Meet the Military forces on Gathering on Syria's Doorstep" (8.30.13).

The question is, "What is going to happen?" Today, the U.N. chemical inspection team left **Damascus**, Syria, after carrying out four days of inspection (Saturday) as U.S. weighs 'limited act. It could be two weeks before their final report is ready, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon told diplomats (bbc news-8.23.13). A year ago President Obama gave a speech saying said that Syria's use of chemical weapons would cross a "red line and change his calculations". If you read his entire statement he says his "*calculus*" and his "*equation*" would change—words that are meant to give him room to move (so he

would not box himself into a *military-only* response). When a person uses a term like “red line,” it tends to make people not listen to the rest of the sentence. That is why the term is used in the first place. Assad blew off the threat several times and Obama did almost nothing. It is one thing to fall short of the standard for the U.S. role in the world. It is a bigger failing to fall short of your own assertions. Now it is reported that Assad has used a chemical neurotoxic agent against his own people. *Medecins Sans Frontieres* says hospitals it supports in Syria treated about 3,600 patients displayed symptoms of exposure from which 355 have died excoriating deaths.

This is not likely to become WW III, but it is preparing the way for increased world instability leading up to WW III. I personally think that Russia and China are not yet ready to go to war with America, but they are preparing. The nations are preparing for WW III and the final confrontation. Many already have nuclear weapons, but would like to be in a much stronger position economically.

The question has been asked (**Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** *the End Game Begun? Senior Israeli Officials Now Warning Iran War Could Come in 2013.*) The war with Iran that has been predicted by many observers and this article predicts it could come before the end of this year or by the spring of 2014. Secretary of State, John Kerry predicts that the proposed peace treaty brokered by the U.S. that will create a Palestinian State and peace between the Palestinians and Israel will be completed in nine months. By April-May of 2014 there is going to be a treaty signed, sealed and delivered. Nine months from now brings us to the Passover (2014). The U.N. official says that if there is no treaty in nine months the realization of a Palestinian state is dead.

“Current and former senior Israeli officials and advisors at the highest possible levels with direct knowledge of Iran’s war plans say that war could come in 2013. Prime Minister Netanyahu called the incoming Iranian president, Hassan Rouhani, a “messianic, apocalyptic” regime bent on genocide, a reference to the Shia eschatology. Khamenei holds that Iran must annihilate Israel and the U.S. to usher in the reign of the Twelfth Imam. Rouhani has bragged in the past about negotiating with the West while secretly advancing nuclear enrichment. However, he is widely but wrongly perceived to be a moderate and a reformer which can cause officials in Washington and elsewhere to lower their guard and ease up pressure on the Khamenei regime. Israeli intelligence now believes that Iran will likely have a “nuclear device” within four to six months and an operational nuclear bomb or warhead within a year. Senior Israeli officials are prepared to take action of their own, if decisive action is not taken at least by early fall.”

I just learned something this week that I would like to share. The Mayan calendar is a subject I have written about fairly extensively. This week I received a letter from a reader in North Carolina who explained his theory on the Mayan Calendar. As he went through his explanation I came to the place where he said the years changed between Enoch and the time of Moses. My first thought that was—that is really irrelevant, *but it made me think!* Alright, I’m going to take the length of the time of the b’ak’tun long count calendar cycle which the Mayans designed to last approximately 5,125.36 years, a time period they referred to as the **Great Cycle** and subtract it from 3,113 BC the date the calendar began in the days of the prophet Enoch in the days before the flood. It came out to the year 2012. Suddenly, a big light exploded in my mind—(wait a minute)! I’ve been telling people for years, “**there is no year “0”** in counting (from creation October 23, 4004 B.C. to A.D. dates. You have to add a year to get the correct date, because the calendar goes from BC down to 1 BC and then to 1 AD. There is NO year “0”, so you lose a year which has to be added back into the count. That really means that historians and publishers who have not done so have got it wrong, because they forgot that there was NO YEAR ZERO. We deal with this incessantly when it comes to figuring BC- AC dates dealing with the punishments on Israel and Judah.

Christ was born 4 B.C. When did he begin his ministry? He began his ministry in 27 A.D. Subtract 4 B.C. from 30 years you get 26 but it was really 27 A.D. at 30 years of age—remember there is no year “0”. The answer to the actual completion date of the Mayan calendar cycle is December 21, **2013 (winter solstice)**. **What is going to happen at the winter solstice in 2013?** For one thing, the Ison Comet is coming and seen in the heavens during November, December and January 2013-2014, which is the true completion of the Mayan calendar cycle which began in the days of the prophet, Enoch. Comet Ison is called a sun-grazer and likely to be the brightest comet in years if not the last millennium which can be seen in daylight. This appears to be significant. The second relevant and significant thing is regarding the punishment on Israel which occurred in 718 B.C.

The Israelites as a whole were taken captive by the Assyrian Empire (the ten tribes) and never returned to Israel. They went beyond the Euphrates River beyond the Caucasus and migrated into Asia, up through the Black Sea region to the Danube River and then into Eastern and Western Europe. They were known as the Cimmerians or Celtic people. They settled in France, Holland, Denmark, Scandinavia and then into the British Isles and became the ancestors of the British including the Anglo-Saxons. These were our forefathers (ancestors) and birthright tribes of Israel the son of Jacob. Joseph had two sons Manasseh the oldest and Ephraim the younger who became holder of the birthright. When Jacob passed on the blessings to the sons of Joseph, he said that both sons “shall be called by my name, and **shall be my sons.**” He put his right hand on Ephraim’s head and his left hand on Manasseh’s head giving the primary birthright blessing to Ephraim as a first born and Manasseh the secondary blessing. The U.S. is modern day Ephraim as explained in detail in my book on [America and Britain](#). America is composed of a multitude of 50 states, each with its own constitution. We are the birthright people and the fruitful land. Ephraim means *doubly fruitful*. There are many proofs of this.

Ezekiel 4:4—the Sovereign Lord tells Ezekiel, “you are to lie on your left side **390 days** (cannot turn from one side to another) **for the punishment of Israel’s sins—one day for each year of their sins**—primarily Ephraim which was the governmental and leading tribe of the northern ten tribes of Israel. After that, turn over and lie on your right side for 40 days—*one day for each year of Judah’s sins*. Prophetically a day equals a year here.

Leviticus 26:12, 14, 18, 21, and 24—“**I will walk among you and be your God who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians: I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.**” “But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out my decrees and commands and so violate my covenant, then I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it.” **Verse 18**—“After all this, if you do not obey me, **I will punish you seven times more for your sins.**” **Verse 21**—“Then if you walk contrary to me, and are not willing to obey me, **I will bring on you seven times more plagues**, as your sins deserve.” **Verses 23-25**—“If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, I myself will be hostile toward you and will afflict you for your sin *seven times* over. I will bring the sword upon you...you will be given into enemy hands.” **Verse 27**—“If you still **do not listen**, but **continue to be hostile** toward me, then *in my anger* I will be hostile toward you... those who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins and their fathers sins.”

Now a time in the Bible is a year being fulfilled, so seven times equals seven years. But the *biblical year* is 360 days in a year, going back to the time of the flood and the time of Creation. The number of degrees in a circle is 360 upon which the original year was based. The 360 equals a biblical prophetic year. Multiplying 360 by seven *times* equals 2,520 years. But in Ezekiel it says **390 days**. So multiply 7 times x

390 days, it equals 2730 days into years. If you take strictly the punishment upon Israel of seven times from the date of their captivity in 718 B.C., you subtract 718 from 2,520 you will come to 1803 A.D. The year of 1803 was the year when President Thomas Jefferson bought from France the whole territory of Middle America comprising about seven different states for \$21,000,000. This was the most fantastic, incredible land bargain purchase in all history. That was when America began to blossom and expand and began to fulfill her manifold destiny.

That was at the end of the 2,520 year punishment. But the 390 is another 30 days times seven which is 210 years more. Add 210 years to 1803 and it brings you to 2013! Judging by that principle, that culmination of Ezekiel's prophecy on Israel in **Ezekiel 4** will be 2013-2014 this very year. You have to remember that the biblical year overlaps the Roman year and we are going by the biblical year. The Roman year begins in January.

There are two biblical years. The original one began about September around the Fall Equinox and goes to September. Then the sacred religious year from Passover to Passover, spring to spring (Nisan to Nisan) calendar. So they overlap and technically become 2013 -2014. So this year is the end of 390 day prophecy on Israel. So something is going to happen this biblical year.

Another factor and a totally different prophecy, but also related to Israel and this year, is found in **Isaiah 7** and is a prophecy about *Ephraim*. I do not have time in today's Bible study to go into all the proofs that America today is Ephraim in the latter days. Isaiah is one of the major prophets in the Bible and this is a prophecy given by Isaiah about Ephraim. **Verse 5**—"Thus says the Lord God, because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted against you (the Jews—Ahaz in vs. 3 represented the Jews/Judah) saying, 'Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves and set a king over them'." This did happen in ancient history, but biblical prophecy is dual in nature—previous fulfillment and the end (*latter days*) fulfillment. Now, I am looking at the *end-of-days* fulfillment. **Verses 7-9**—"thus says the Lord God, "It (this covenant) will not stand, neither shall it come to place." This peace treaty that America is forcing down the throats of the Palestinians and Jews with the Arab nations surrounding Israel will not stand. America will suffer the consequences herself of being against God's chosen nation of Israel. "The head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken (shattered/will not stay united), so that he will not be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and head of Samaria is Remaliah's son."

How can that happen? It said sixty-five years. When is sixty-five years? Major end-time prophecies are counted from the year 1948. Why is that? Because Judah became a nation in 1948 after about 2,000 years since the Romans invaded Israel and took the Jews into captivity in 70 A.D. and they have been scattered among the nations for almost 2,000 years. Then in 1897 after being hounded and persecuted the Jews decided they really needed to have their own homeland. This came about largely due to the Dreyfus affair which underscored and intensified bitter divisions within French politics and society. The crisis involved the conviction for treason and sentencing for life of a young French artillery officer of Alsatian Jewish descent, Captain Alfred Dreyfus. Two years later evidence identified the real culprit, a French Army major, but high ranking military officials suppressed the new evidence and Esterhazy was unanimously acquitted the second day of his trial. Word of the military court's framing of Dreyfus and of an attendant cover-up was spread by a vehement open letter January 1898 published in a Paris newspaper by the notable writer Emile Zola. Under activists, the government reopened his case. Despite the campaign of another anti-Semitic newspaper Dreyfus was pardoned, set free and eventually exonerated of all accusations which had been unfounded and reinstated as a major in the French army. The Jews realized they had no security living among other nations and people, so in 1897 Theodor Herzl held the first

Zionist Congress and began a series of diplomatic initiatives to build support for a Jewish country and Zionism grew rapidly.

Genesis 6:3 --“God said, my Spirit will not always strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be 120 years.” One hundred twenty years from that 1897 conference brings us to 2017. The movement for a Jewish country began in 1897. Fifty years later—a Jubilee cycle— in 1947 the U.N. voted to partition the land of Palestine and create a homeland for the Jews. Then fifty years from 1947 brings us to 1997 which is 6,000 year from the date of the Creation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (source: Usher). It is all calculated out in my article on *Chronology in the End-times* which is available for the asking. You can prove for yourself and see how from 4004 B.C. to 1997, the year of the appearance of the Hale Bopp Comet, was exactly 6,000 years.

Getting back to **Isaiah 7**—Count sixty-five years from 1948 and it will bring us to the year 2013. Here we are again at 2013 when Ephraim will be shattered. We can tie this to another prophecy in **Isaiah 17:1-3**, a prophecy dealing with Syria. Here is another view of Syria and the end-time Ephraim which is America. “The burden of Damascus (the capital of Syria): Behold Damascus will cease (be destroyed) from being a city and will be a ruinous heap—the cities are forsaken. The fortified cities of Ephraim will cease (disappear).” When war happens in Israel, there will be things happening in Ephraim that were not anticipated by its people. During this war against “terror” which began in “9-11” the Twin Towers in New York City were attacked and the Pentagon. Iran is building up terror cells throughout America while it continues to deny building of nuclear war-heads despite world sanctions against this. Obama helped overthrow Gaddafi of Libya, and cleared the way for Morsi in Egypt who is now under house arrest while the military have taken charge. Al Qaeda is now again in power in Libya with the Muslim Brotherhood and is leading the war against President Assad in Syria. Here we find ourselves “allied” with Al Qaeda, our bitter enemy. This whole situation is so convoluted, perplexing like a Gordian Knot of which the beginning and end of the knot cannot be found.

Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in America. In addition to immigration, the state, federal and local prisons report a high rate of conversions to Islam. J. Michael Waller claims that Muslim inmates comprise 17-20 % of the prison population in New York State, or roughly 350,000 inmates in 2003. There is now a Muslim Mosque in all fifty American states and a U.S. Muslim population of 2,270,000 with a high birth rate, the Hispanic population 33.5 million accounts for half of the population growth in the U.S., and 2012 is the first time in history that deaths of white people outnumbered white births. Such a natural decrease within the white population was not even observed during the wars or Depression according to the Washington Post report. The African-American population was estimated in 2012 U.S. Census as 44,456,009. Non-Hispanic whites in the U.S are older than other groups, with a median age of 42. In comparison, the median age for Asians is 34, for African Americans it is under 32, and for Hispanics it is under 28 which is going to characterize this century. The August 14, 2012 population of America was 314,159,265.

Last night, Fox News was interviewing a reporter who had been going from a rebel stronghold down toward Damascus and was captured by the rebels and held prisoner of the Muslims in Syria for 60 to 90 then released. Another guest woman commentator of understanding was also interviewed on this same program. Both were asked the question, by the Newscaster, “How is it that we are getting ready to bomb Syria—a real change of policy? The male reporter replied, “Why would Assad use nerve gases against his own people as an act of desperation when he is winning the war, or did he do it?” Who really released the nerve gases? Is there any proof that it was Assad who did it? Could it have been the rebels themselves who did it? No one has the proof of who did it. Some people call the rebels “freedom fighters”. Amongst the fighters are Chetzen Muslims from Russia who recently fought against Syrian troops at a Syrian

military airport, gained the victory and took over the airport and slaughtered all their captives by beheading them. Are we going to intervene for these rebels who are lawless and hate America?

There may be an agenda here, far beyond our imagination. Satan, who wants to destroy God’s plan, is orchestrating the destruction of human life. The devil knows that God’s plan for mankind is to enter into the family of God, created as the sons of God and will rule the universe with Christ and God whom he has rebelled against and harbors the desire to take God’s kingdom for himself. The tipping point seems to be 2013. The world seems to be losing a grip on resources and human emotions. According to one recent article I have read, President Obama has requested 15,000 troops from Russia to help police America in case there is a national crisis. This is another indication that the New World Order is beating on the door, impinging on our reality and getting ready to be born.

The prophecy in **Isaiah 17** seems to help pinpoint the date when these things begin to occur. It says, “65 years from”... what? It is sixty five years *from the founding of the nation of Israel* in 1948. Add 65 years to 1948 and it is 2013. Why is 1948 so important? It is important because Christ speaks of the principle of the “fig tree”. In **Matthew 24** Christ speaks of the time of his coming again to the earth and gives all these signs of his second coming. There will be wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, disease epidemics, and earthquakes in various places. **Verses 21-22**—there will be great tribulation and distress among nations such as has not been since the beginning of the world—and never to be equaled again. Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.” Never before was it humanly possible to destroy all mankind, until today. In the world before the flood in the time of Noah there is sketchy evidence that man had flying machines and even nuclear weapons. Today, around the world there exists thousands of nuclear weapons.

Country	Deployed Strategic	Non-Strategic	Non-Deployed Warheads	Total Inventory	Growth Trends
USA (2013)	1,950	200	2,650 (+3,000 awaiting dismantlement)	7,700	Decrease
Russia (2013)	1,800	0	2,700 (Est.) (+4,000 awaiting dismantlement)	8,500	Decrease
UK (2011)	<160	-	65	225	Decrease
France (2011-2012)	<300	50	-	298-300	Slight Decrease
China (2013)	-	-	240-300	300	Growing
India (2013)	-	-	80-100	80-100	Steady
Pakistan (2013)	-	-	90-110	90-110	Steady
Israel (2013)	-	-	80	80 (200)	Growing
North Korea (2013)	-	-	<10	<10	Growing
Total Nuclear Weapons in the World: 17,325					

Fact Sheet: Global Nuclear Weapons Inventories in 2013 PREPARED BY LESLEY MCNIESH
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CHART: Global Nuclear Weapons Inventories, July 2013

Christ said it would be this way before his second coming. **Matthew 24:32**—Christ said, “Now learn a parable (lesson) from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So likewise you, when you shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors! Assuredly I say unto you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but

my words shall not pass away.” The fig tree is a type in the Bible of the nation of Israel. For this prophecy to be fulfilled, Israel has to be reborn and to exist once again as a nation. For almost 2,000 years there was no nation of Israel and the Holy Land (Palestine) was a desert. Nomads wandered through it. Mark Twain wandered through the Holy Land in the 1800’s and he said it was a land of crows, ostriches, vultures and hyenas—an empty land. The Jews began to resettle that land after 1917 and the Balfour Declaration after WW I, after the British government had conquered the territory and removed the Ottoman-Turkish Empire and Palestine became a British mandate. This was a statement issued by the British foreign secretary Arthur Balfour in 1917 of British support for the setting up a national home for the Jews in Palestine. Then in 1948 the nation of Israel was reestablished as a nation.

Matthew 24 (called the Olivet Prophecy—Christ tells his disciples about the sign of his coming and the end of the world) vs. **14** —“**This gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**” **Verses 15-18**--“*When you see the abomination of desolation,*” *spoken of by Daniel the prophet, “stand where it ought not in the holy place (the temple itself) -- whoever reads, let him understand.”* — Christ indicates that Israel would be reestablished in the Middle-East, because he says “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him that is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.” In the time of the end, Christ says that “*the abomination of desolation*” is going to occur in the temple itself in Jerusalem. The rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem remains yet to be done. In **Revelation 11** John is told to measure the temple and those who worship therein.

The Israeli army conquered the Temple Mount in June 7, 1967 and liberated Jerusalem from the illegal Jordanian occupation, but the Islamic Waqf religious authority was granted de facto hegemony (management; and access) over the entire Temple Mount. An Islamic Waqf has managed the Temple Mount continuously since the Muslim reconquest of the kingdom of Jerusalem in 1187. Right now 72% of Israeli Jews favor partitioning of the territory of the Temple Mount so that the Muslim control and administration is restricted to the Al-Aqsa mosque, and where Jews will have access to other parts of the grounds. A large plurality of the Jews favor legal initiatives that protect Jewish rights of access to the Mount, including the right to conduct prayers there.

As the fig tree puts forth green leaves, this victory and Israel’s prosperity is a representation of Israel putting forth leaves. Israel has irrigated and replanted the land and developed great agricultural prosperity. When you see these things happening: “know that summer is near, even at the doors.” This generation of the end time is seeing and experiencing these things, and “will not pass by no means until all these things take place.” So this generation of the reestablishment of Israel shall not pass away until all the things that Christ said, takes place including the second coming of Christ.

How long is a generation? **Psalms 90:4-9**—a prayer of Moses. “For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; they are as sleep: in the morning they are like grass which grows up. In the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers. For we are consumed (destroyed) by your anger, and by your wrath are troubled. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.” **Verse 10**—“For all our days are passed away in your wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The **days of our years are** threescore years and ten (70); and if by reason of strength they be fourscore (80) years yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.” God knows all that surrounds us today. Seventy years is a generation. From the year Israel became a nation 1948

+70 years (a generation) brings us to the year 2018. We are living in the *end time of “this generation”*.

Daniel 9 is called the Seventy Weeks prophecy and has two major interpretations. One is a historical interpretation. That is, it predicts the coming of Messiah—his first appearance on earth and his ministry in 27 A.D. Let’s look at **Daniel 9:24**—“Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make a reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” There appears to be two things being discussed here.

1. One is the first coming of the Messiah **to finish the transgression and make an end of sin**. He came to be the sin bearer and gave his life to pay the penalty for our sins – our Passover Lamb sacrificed for us—taking our place.
2. The second part is **to bring in everlasting righteousness**—to bring in the kingdom of God.

Daniel 9:25—“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again and the wall, even in troublous times.” The Septuagint translates unto the Messiah the Prince as “until Christ comes”. Seven weeks and 62 weeks make **69 weeks**. The Jews were taken into captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar in 604 B.C. Seventy years (534-536 B.C.) later they returned to Israel and Judea during the days of the Persian Empire under King Cyrus of Persia and Darius.

Ezra 7--Then in the seventh year of King Xerxes (457 B.C.) he issued a decree and gave instructions to Ezra to go back to Jerusalem and to beautify and restore the temple and the city of Jerusalem. From this decree, you count the 69 weeks [69 x 7 = 483 days for a day equals a year in fulfillment of prophecy]. So 483 years from 457 B.C. brings us to the exact year of 27 A.D. which is the very year that Christ went forth and began preaching and teaching his ministry—**repent for the kingdom of God is at hand**. It was 483 years until the coming of the Messiah the first time.

Israel and Jerusalem were restored to the Jews in 1948 when Israel became a nation. They had to fight the Arab army who tried to push them into the sea and annihilate them. God stood with the Jews. They conquered half the city of Jerusalem and the whole territory that was occupied and known as Israel. There was to be 70 weeks, but the term “weeks” in Hebrew is the word **shavuot** and it just so happens that the word Shavuot is the name of an annual holy day called the *Feast of Weeks*—Shavuot, or Pentecost. It is also called the *Feast or Day of First Fruits* which occurs fifty (50) days after the holy day of Passover in the spring. It is the same as Shavuot! There shall be seventy Shavuot from the time of the going forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the coming of the Messiah.

Shavuot occurs once a year, so it is talking about a generation –“talking about 70 years—and after a generation of 70 years Messiah the Prince will come to usher in the kingdom of God. Well, 1948 + 70 Shavuot will bring us to the year 2018. That implies that when Christ said “that generation (founding of the state of Israel in 1948) which shall see these things shall not pass away until all these things are fulfilled” and the completion of 70 Shavuot in the coming year of 2018 (1948 + 70 Shavuot) fulfills the Daniel 9 prophecy. As I said, the Hebrew and Roman calendar years overlap. One thing we must remember in prophecy is that no man knows the day or the hour of Christ’s return. I am not professing to know the day or the hour of the return of Christ. **Matthew 24:34 -36**--“Assured I say to you, this generation shall not pass, until all these

things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”

Matthew 24:37—“But as the days of No’e (Noah) were so shall the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that No’e entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of man be.” **Verse 44**—“Therefore, be you also ready for in such an hour as you think not, the Son of man will come.” It will take the world by surprise. The world will gather together to fight and they will be destroyed. You can read about this in **Zachariah 14** and **Revelation 14**.

Mark 24:29—“immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the coming of the Son of man will appear in heaven and all of the people of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and glory. He will send forth his angels with a great sound of a trumpet to gather together his chosen ones (the saints) from one end of the earth to the other under the heavens.”

The world does not believe in God or the coming of his Son. Today, nation is fighting against nation; the truth is not in them. There is a Satan, the devil, who is angry with God. **Revelation 12:7**—John is talking about the future time coming when war will break out in heaven. “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Revelation 12:10—“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ: for *the accuser of our brethren* is cast down which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” **Acts 4:10-12**—“Be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead... Neither is there salvation in any other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” We are witnesses to his truth. This is how we will become qualified to be in the kingdom of God, by becoming *over-comers* through the blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ and his Spirit in us giving us strength to endure and persevere faithfully to the end.

Revelation 12:12—“REJOICE you heavens, and you that dwell in them. Woe to the inhibitors of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.” I don’t think that war in heaven has occurred yet. When it does occur, there will be 3 ½ years left. This war may occur around 2015 (signs in the heavens) and it is another interesting year. Jonathan Cahn ([The Harbinger](#)) points out in 2001 (the year of 9/11 and the destruction of the Twin Trade Towers in New York City) America had a great economic crash which happened to be the end of the month of Elul, the last day of a Hebrew Sabbatical year (which occurs every seven years) called a Shemiti year. It is a year of release of debt. Seven years later in 2008 at the end of another Shemiti year, there was another purging of debt in the American economy (Wall Street crash) and the government did a bailout to the tune of trillions of dollars.

Counting another seven years from 2008 to the end of the next Shemiti year of release of debt is 2015 – two years from now. Will it bring another economic purge? It can’t go on much longer. Passover 2015 is to have a blood red moon eclipse and another blood red moon eclipse during

the Feast of Tabernacles that are significant signs in the heavens appearing on spring and fall holy days of this same year. All of these things are converging together in this last generation. Syria is at war in the Middle East, and a peace treaty between Palestine and Israel is to be completed in nine months. When people say peace and safety sudden destruction comes and the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.

Focus on the future and the coming of Messiah and his kingdom. **Luke 21:31**—“When you see these things come to pass, know you that the kingdom of God is near at hand.” “Watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Hallelujah, PRAISE GOD, even so come Lord Jesus. Amen