

Israel, Biblical Numbers, 2017 and the Great Tribulation

The End of this Age is rapidly approaching. The Countdown to the Messiah and His appearance has begun. It's time to wake up – and prepare for the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord! Here are signs and evidence you need to consider as you contemplate your life and plan your future!

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In the book of I Chronicles, we read of mighty men “from Issachar, men who *understood the times* and knew what Israel should do” (I Chron.12:32). These were wise men who understood the days and times in which they lived. They had insight and prophetic understanding.

There was very little of this commodity in the days of Christ among the Jews and Pharisees. He rebuked them for their hypocrisy. We read, “In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first *of all*, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore, whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops” (Luke 12:1-3).

Christ later told them, commenting on their prophetic ignorance, “Then He also said to the multitudes, “Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is. And when *you see* the south wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot weather’; and there is. Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, *but how is it you do not discern this time?*” (Luke 12:54-56).

Do you understand the times in which we live? Do you grasp how close we are to the fulfillment of the prophecies for the End of Days, the Great Tribulation and the Coming of the Messiah?

Notice these six critical historical facts:

1897--A Zionist conference was held to find a homeland for the Jews.

1917--War: Great Britain captured Palestine (Israel, Jerusalem and more).

1947--A UN conference was held to find a homeland for the Jews.
 1967--War: Israel captured West Bank (including East Jerusalem).
 1997--An Arab conference was held to take the homeland of the Jews.
 2017--War: threats from Iran, Hezbollah, ISIS, some Arabs, etc.

Notice that these six historical facts run $20 + 30 + 20 + 30 + 20$:

$1897 + 20 = 1917$
 $1917 + 30 = 1947$
 $1947 + 20 = 1967$
 $1967 + 30 = 1997$
 $1997 + 20 = 2017$

Notice that the conferences run in 50-year cycles:

1897--1st conference; find a homeland for the Jews.
 1947--2nd conference; establish a homeland for the Jews ($1897 + 50 = 1947$).
 1997--3rd conference; take the homeland from the Jews ($1947 + 50 = 1997$).

Notice that these 50-year cycles were held by three different groups.

1897--The 1st conference was a Jewish conference.
 1947--The 2nd conference was a Gentile (UN) conference ($1897 + 50 = 1947$).
 1997--The 3rd conference was an Arab conference ($1947 + 50 = 1997$).

Notice that three of these 50-year cycles are about war.

1917--War: Great Britain captured Palestine (Israel, Jerusalem and more).
 1967--War: Israel captured West Bank (East Jerusalem and more).
 2017--War: Remains to be seen, but very possible.

Notice that three of these 50-year cycles involve Jerusalem (the end of the age cup of trembling and burdensome stone for the whole world; Zech.12:2-3; Joel 3:2).

1917--War: Great Britain took Jerusalem.
 1967--War: Jews took Jerusalem.
 2017--War: Remains to be seen, but Arabs and/or Muslims (the Iranians are not Arabs) may try to take Jerusalem.

We are looking at six events between 1897 and 2017, a period of 120 years. In the days of Noah (a sign of the Second Coming) God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Gen. 6:3).

Based on God's six days of creation and one day of rest (a total of seven days) plus the Scriptures that teach that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years (Psalm

90:4; II Pet. 3:8; Heb. 4:4) some church fathers (Barnabas, Irenaeus, Justin Martyr and Lactantius), scholars (Dr. J. R. Church) and prophecy writers (Dr. Noah Hutchings and others), have taught that mankind will go through six “*God Days*” of 1,000 years each (a total of 6,000 years) plus a Millennium of 1,000 years rest (now a total of 7,000 years).

6,000 years is 120 of 50-years each or 6,000 years (120 X 50 = 6,000).

It is common knowledge among most students of the Bible that Jesus told His disciples "There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom" (Matt. 16:28).

Then, six days later, Jesus took Peter (the same Peter that said one day is with the Lord as a thousand years) plus James, and John up on the Mount of Transfiguration and revealed His Second Coming to them (Matt. 17:1-9).

The question is "Why did Jesus wait six days instead of three or five or ten days or whatever?" Why six days?

Could those six days represent 6,000 years? Moses said, "A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday" (Psalm 90:4). To God, 1,000 years seems like yesterday or one day.

We read in II Pet. 3:8: “But, beloved, don’t be ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

How Long Is a Biblical Generation?

How long is a biblical generation? Does the Bible offer any insight for determining the length of a generation? I think there are several clues which give us a key in determining the duration of the END TIME GENERATION.

First, the Greek word for generation is “Genea” connected with “Ginomai” which means to become; primarily signifying a begetting or BIRTH; or race of people possessing similar characteristics, pursuits, etc. Therefore, one definition of generation is that it refers to a particular people with their characteristic lineage and identifying traits, which distinguish them from all other races of people.

When Jesus Christ used the word Generation in Matthew 24:34, He was referring to the Jewish people identified by their particular religion and culture symbolized by *the Fig Tree*. Notice in Vine’s definition of generation, he says it signifies a BEGETTING OR BIRTH. In the context of Matthew 24, Jesus is not speaking of an individual’s birth, but the birth of a nation – a nation of people having the same characteristics, traits, and pursuits and that have a kinship with the land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem *unlike* any other race of people on the earth.

In addition, when Jesus said THIS GENERATION, He was speaking of a certain time period as distinguished from all others before it. The Lord used the same stipulation in reference to the Hebrew people who came out of Egyptian bondage and their wilderness experience in Psalm 95:10: *“Forty years long was I grieved with THIS GENERATION...”*

The generation of Israel that experienced the exodus from Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, the receiving of the Law on Mount Sinai, and all the miraculous events of that period, no other generation would again experience. It was a definite time determined by God and would be the foundation for succeeding generations of Israel.

The same can be said of the generation when Israel returns to the land in the latter days. It is a specific period that will usher in the “Time of Jacob’s Trouble” to the Jewish and Israelite peoples and tribulation to the Gentile world. Jesus said it would be a time unlike any generation before or after it. This generation has a beginning and an ending. *We know the beginning, but how long is it and when does it end?*

FOUR DIFFERENT TIME-LINES

1897 -2017 = 120 years (Gen. 6:3).

100 = bondage

The Bible mentions several different periods that define a complete generation. The first is **100 YEARS**. When God gave the covenant to Abraham in Genesis 15:13,16, He told him that his seed (the Hebrew people) would be in bondage in Egypt for 400 years, but in the 4th generation, they would come out. That makes a generation approximately 100 years.

40 = testing

A second period of determining a biblical generation is **40 YEARS**. When God led Israel out of Egypt, He intended that they enter the promise land and conquer the Canaanites, but instead of obeying Him, they sent 10 spies to survey the land who reported that the inhabitants were too strong for them to conquer. Because of disobeying God, they were required to spend 40 years in the wilderness (a year for a day that the ten spies spied out the land). As a result, God said He was grieved with this generation forty years (Psalm 95:10).

In Deuteronomy 2:14, God said that He waited until all the men of war died before He brought Israel out of the wilderness. According to the Torah (The Law), an Israelite male could not go to war until he was 20 years of age (Numbers 1:3). Therefore, when all the men of war had either been killed or died by the age of 60 (a 40-year period), God brought Israel out of the wilderness into the Promised Land. In doing this, God defined the generation of the men of war to be a period of 40 years, e.g., an Israelite man could not go to war pass the age of 60.

When God destroyed the world in the flood judgment of Noah's day, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights upon the earth. Moses was on the mountain of God (Mount Sinai) for 40 days when he received the 10 Commandments. Elijah fasted for 40 days when Jezebel was pursuing him. Jesus was led away by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil for 40 days representing a complete period of testing. The number 40 seems to be associated with a period for JUDGMENT AND TESTING, both for an individual and a nation.

70 = Prophecy Complete

The third-time period for determining the length of a biblical generation is **70 YEARS**. Israel was in the Babylonian captivity for 70 years – a number associated with COMPLETING PROPHECY. In Daniel 9:24, Daniel is given the “Vision of the 70 Weeks of Years” where one week (Heptad in Hebrew) represents 7 years for a total of 490 years. God said that from the beginning of a decree to restore and rebuild the city of Jerusalem, 70 Weeks of Years would be determined upon the Jewish people and the city of Jerusalem to complete all vision and prophecy. When this period is finished, Israel's punishment for disobedience will end and Messiah will come to establish His Kingdom and redeem the remnant.

Psalm 90:10 says that the days of a man's natural life are 70 years, and if by strength, they may be 80 years. Therefore, the generation of man is 70 natural years.

God can certainly lengthen man's life even beyond 80 years and has promised to give His people long life if they obey His Word and honour their father and mother. However, the natural life span of mankind is normally a period of 70 years. This seems to be the guideline for a complete generation of man.

50 = Jubilee-Release of Debt

There is another period that is significant in relation to God's dealings with the people of Israel, and that is **50 YEARS**. Every 50th year in Israel was the “Year of Jubilee” when all the land was to be restored to the original owner; all debts were to be cancelled; and all slaves were set free. It was the year of release and deliverance – a time for celebration and joy when families were reunited and given a fresh lease on life.

In addition, the 50 is associated with the “Feast of Pentecost” (meaning 50th day). Fifty days from the 16th of the month of Abib (March – April) was the Feast of Pentecost occurring in the month May – June depending upon the position of the new moon (Hebrew months in ancient Israel were based on a lunar calendar) and the barley and wheat harvest. It is interesting that the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the coming of the Holy Spirit both occurred on the day of the Feast of Pentecost. God's number in action is three, e.g., He does things in a series of threes to get our attention. **THEREFORE, A THIRD ACTION OF GOD MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE THIRD SACRED MONTH!**

According to Bullinger's book, "Number in Scripture", the number 50 is also associated with judgment. The flood was upon the earth for 150 days (50×3).

In summary, a Biblical generation is sometimes 40 years, 50 years, 70 years, and 100 years. 40 years seems to be a period for complete testing; 50 years is a period of release and deliverance; 70 years is a period when prophecy is completed; and 100 years appears to be the longest period for God dealing with Israel. It is also noteworthy that in 1917 the British issued "The Balfour Declaration", which was the first official act to allow the Jews the right to resettle in their homeland.

Since it is clear from Scripture that God's end time clock is associated with the nation Israel and the city of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 36 and 37 and Daniel 9), then the years **1917**, **1948** and **1967** are highly significant in calculating the end time generation. The question is, when did the end generation begin – in **1917** the first official act by a "Gentile" nation to give Israel legal right to the holy land; **1948** when Israel was reborn as a nation after 2500 years of exile; and in **1967** when they recaptured Jerusalem and declared it to be the eternal undivided capital of the State of Israel? We must keep in mind that the last 7 years of Daniel's 70th Week are part of the end generation, which ends Gentile domination of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Let's apply the **time periods** discussed above for each of the three possible dates for beginning of the last generation – 1917, 1947/8, and 1967 and see if we can glean any insight into the length of the end time generation:

1. **THE BALFOUR DECLARATION IN 1917.** (First Official Act to Give the Jews the right of return to the land). 1917 + 40-year generation = 1957. **1917 + 100-year generation = 2017. This scenario is a possibility with the tribulation beginning in 2017/2018.**
2. **1947/8 REBIRTH OF ISRAEL AS A NATION.** 1947/8 + 70-year generation=2017/8. **This scenario is a possibility with the tribulation beginning in 2017/8.**
3. **1967 RECAPTURE OF JERUSALEM.** 1967 + 50-year generation = 2017. **This is a possibility with the tribulation beginning in 2017/2018.**

From these calculations, we have the earliest period for the completion of the END GENERATION in 2017/18. Using the birth day of the nation Israel in 1947/8, the recapture of Jerusalem in 1967, and the issuing of the Balfour Declaration in 1917, notice that the **50** for Jubilee – Release, the **70** for prophecy complete, and the **100** associated with the right of the Jews to return to their homeland all conclude at approximately the same time period – **2017/18. This suggests strongly that the Great Tribulation or Daniel's 70th week of years will begin in 2017/2018!**

In addition, from our earlier discussion of the meaning of the Greek word for generation (Genea) having to do with the 'birth or begetting' of the nation of Israel, it

seems logical that the END GENERATION IS FOR A PERIOD OF 100 YEARS from start to finish, e.g. 100 years is the longest period for a biblical generation.

The number 70 is especially associated with Israel's **bondage, captivities, exiles, return and completion** of all vision and prophecy. Notice the numbers 50, 70, and 100 all fit into the same period. Is this merely a strange "coincidence"?

In **1917** The Balfour declaration was issued giving the Jews legal right to return and settle their land. 100 years from 1917 is **2017**.

In **1947/8** Israel became a nation after 2500 years of exile. 70 years from 1948 is **2017/8**.

In **1967** Israel captured and controlled the city of Jerusalem for the first time since the Babylonian captivity. 50 years from 1967 is **2017** speaking of liberation for Jerusalem from Arab-Muslim control.

40 years from **1977-78** is **2017-18**.

According to Jewish history and culture, an adult male is considered mature at age 30. This is also the required age for priesthood under the Levitical system. Consider that the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 24:32 that when **the Fig Tree** has budded (**birth**) and spreads forth its leaves (**maturity**) that generation will not pass until all prophecy is complete. Israel became a nation in 1948 and reached maturity in 1977-78 (remember the Israeli Civil Years begins in September not January). By the time the Fig Tree generation has completed a full generation, the tribulation is over and Jesus has returned.

Menachem Begin became Prime Minister of Israel in 1977 and in 1978 signed the Camp David Peace Accords with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat brokered by Jimmy Carter. The Camp David peace accords incited the Arab world against Sadat who was assassinated. The Camp David Peace Accords also greatly angered Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO. He started in 1987-1993 the first and in 2000-2004 the second 'Intifada's' (an uprising and shaking off of the Zionist infidels).

What the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 24 about the birth and maturity of the nation Israel, and subsequent historical events affecting the nation, show that the final period of "testing" for that nation began when they reached maturity in 1977-78. In the Torah, the Lord said He tested Israel in the wilderness for 40 years. It should be noted that the final period of testing for the world also began in 1977-78. Add 40 years and it brings us to 2017/2018.

Notice! The amazing thing about the above calculations is that each period ends in "**2017-2018**" – *this coming year!* **5778** on the Jewish calendar.

The first use of the number for a generation is 100 and is found in the book of the beginnings – Genesis 15:13,16. In that passage, God told Abraham that the Israelites

would serve Egypt for 400 years and come out in the 4th generation. The “*Law of Beginnings*” or “*first mention*” applies here, meaning that a first mention of a principle or action of God becomes the *starting point* for further revelation. Therefore, in Genesis, the book of beginnings, we have the first mention of the length for a biblical generation – 100 years.

The Balfour declaration issued in 1917 was the “*first official act*” to allow the Jews to return to the land of Israel. Therefore, we apply 100 years (The first mention of a time period for a generation) to the first mention or first legal act allowing the Jews to return to the land of Israel. 1917 plus 100 years is **2017-18**.

The number 70, unlike the number 100, is associated with Israel’s “*nation-state*” – both physical and spiritual captivities. Therefore, we must apply the number 70 to Israel’s return to the land and re-birth as a nation in 1947/8 plus 70 years is **2017-18**.

Is this 70-year period mentioned in Bible prophecy?

Notice! God says in Zechariah, “Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?’” (Zech.1:12).

The Jews have been a nation-state now for 70 years – yet they are still besieged by the surrounding Arab-Muslim nations who seek their destruction. How long until God intervenes for His people and saves them? How long will He continue to be indignant toward them? What is it they have been doing wrong?

The answer is simple: They have not returned to Him. Israel is a secular state. But God says, “And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction” (v.15, KJV). The nations of the world have united against Israel, they despise them, and back the murderous Palestinians in their opposition to Israel.

But God calls His people to repentance and to turn to Him. He declares, after these 70 years of indignation, “Therefore this is what the LORD says: ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,’ declares the LORD Almighty. Proclaim further: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’” (Zech.1:16-17).

The last 70 years have been years of indignation, trouble and testing. But now God tells His people to REBUILD HIS HOUSE – His Temple – and return to Him – and when they do so, He will bless them greatly and begin to multiply them and prosper them!

The next significant date on Israel’s prophetic timetable, after 1948 is **1967**. In that year, Israel liberated Jerusalem from Arab control and it became the undivided

capital of the state of Israel. What biblical number is associated with “*liberation?*” The number **50**. 1917 + 50 years = 1967! The year of the amazing Six Day War in which Israel conquered the Egyptians, Syrians, and Jordanians and captured the land of Samaria, the Golan Heights and the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount!

Daniel 9:24-27 speaks of the prophecy to consummate God’s prophetic timetable for the people of Israel and states that Israel and the city of Jerusalem will be liberated when the Messiah returns to earth, at the termination point of the prophecy. If we add 50 years to 1967 we come to **2017-18**. Does this indicate we are nearing the coming of the Messiah?

The number “40” also enters the picture.

We have already shown that 40 is associated with testing to determine the condition of the heart – whether one will obey God or not. Israel reached maturity in 1977-78 as predicted by Jesus in Matthew 24:32 and entered into the final years of testing. Counting 40 years from 1977-78 brings us to **2017-18**.

What does all this tell us?

We just do not have that much time left. God is bringing things to a climax on planet earth and we happen to be the people of the end generation! We are the FINAL GENERATION!

With what is happening in Syria and North Korea, it seems that ‘*the burden of Damascus*’ (Isaiah 17:1-11) is right around the corner, and we are poised on the threshold of the Great Tribulation. Major war is about to break out around the world. The Great Tribulation is threatening to begin at any moment – during 2017-2018!

We are living in the period of God’s final grace period before the world enters the judgment of the tribulation. Make no mistake about it; September 11, 2001 was a final warning from God; and there was the financial crisis in 2008 September 29, on the eve of Rosh Hashanah when the Dow Jones was losing -777.68 points.

The Days of Noah

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, [nor the Son is not in the original Greek], but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.” (Matt.24:36-37).

Notice what Jesus says; when He returns to earth it will be **JUST LIKE** the days of Noah and then He describes what those days were like – “*They were eating and drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage...*,” but that is not all that encompasses the days of Noah. In the context of Matthew 24, verses 36 and 37 help identify the duration of the end-time [last] generation – the one that will experience the tribulation of the last three and a half years, and the return of the Lord Jesus.

In order to better understand what Jesus meant, we should read the Genesis account of the flood, particularly the days prior and what God said about it. Remember we are interested in knowing what the Lord Jesus meant when He said, “*The last generation on earth will be **JUST LIKE** the days of Noah.*”

In *Genesis 6:3*, God told Noah something very interesting when He said, “*My Spirit shall not always strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; **nevertheless his days shall be 120 years.***”

What did God mean when He said, “*Man’s days shall be 120 years?*” Commentaries vary on the meaning of that phrase. Some say it means that Noah preached for 120 years before the flood judgment came upon the earth. Some say it means that man’s lifespan is 120 years. Probably the first interpretation is the correct one because we know from Psalm 90 that man’s natural lifespan is seventy years or if by strength eighty.

In God’s eyes, man lives out a complete generation in seventy years. However, we know today that some people live beyond seventy years, but very few live to one hundred, and hardly anyone lives to be a hundred and twenty. Therefore, in the context of Genesis 6, I believe God was telling Noah that the last generation from Adam to Noah (the 10th generation from Adam) to the **very day** that the flood judgment fell upon the earth was **exactly 120 years** – no longer and no shorter” (See: Genesis 7:11-13).

Since we are to interpret the chapters and books of the Bible in the context of the whole Bible, then when the Lord Jesus said the generation of the Fig Tree would be **JUST LIKE** the days of Noah, I believe He was telling us that the end generation like Noah’s day would last for a period of 120 years (There is evidence that it may be shortened by a few months, possible 7 months and 10 days – see Matthew 24:22 and Daniel 8:13-14).

Interestingly, the “End Times” actually began in **1897**, the year of the **FIRST ZIONIST CONGRESS HELD IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND BY THEODOR HERTZL**, and the first official act to prepare the way for the Jews to return to their homeland. This was the first budding of **the Fig Tree**, *not* 1917, which was the second budding.

Now let’s apply the 120-Year Generation to the same scenario as we did for the other times, and when we do, we see five proofs for the end generation ending in **2017-18**. Notice!

1) 1897 + 120-year generation = 2017 or 2018 (The Hebrew Civil Year begins in September and the Sacred Year begins in March.) (The year of the first Zionist Congress) + 120 years [judgment] = 2017/18.

2) 1977-78 (The Year Israel reached maturity) + 40 years [testing] = 2017/18.

3) 1967 (The year Jerusalem was retaken by Israel) + 50 years [jubilee/deliverance] = 2017.

4) 1947/48 (The year Israel was reborn as a nation) + 70 years [captivity/prophecy fulfilled] = 2017/18.

5) 1917 (Balfour Declaration issued) + 100 years [1st official act of Jew's return] = 2017.

North Korea's Nuclear Tests May Set Off Apocalyptic War of Angels, Warns Bible Code

“Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” **Genesis 32:28 (The Israel Bible)**

A Torah codes expert discovered hints concerning North Korea's recent threat to use nuclear weapons against America and revealed that the despotic regime is specifically designated as having a terrifying role in the end-of-days. Even more alarming are the codes describing the part that legions of angry angels, harsh messengers of God, may play in this scenario.

Last week, North Korea warned it would consider launching a pre-emptive nuclear strike against America in response to joint US-South Korean military exercises. Rabbi Matityahu Glazerson quickly released a video explaining how Torah codes, a system of interpreting the Bible by connecting letters through set intervals, reveals how the two countries are pitted against each other in a nuclear showdown.

Using a special computer program to help him find these codes, the rabbi found the words ‘*Tsafon Korea*’ (North Korea). The message became even clearer as the rabbi found the letters *aleph*, *heh*, *resh*, and *bet* arranged sequentially. These letters form the acronym for ‘*Artzot Habrit*’ (the United States in Hebrew).

Both of these codes were adjacent to the words ‘*Shoah Atomit*’ (atomic holocaust). On the same grid of Bible codes, the rabbi discovered the word ‘Gog’, which he said hints at the possibility that North Korea is the nation that will bring the pre-Messianic war, prophesied to come “from the North”.

Even more shocking was the discovery in the grid of Bible codes of the name Samael, the main archangel of death, and his mate, Lilith. Samael literally means ‘the drug of God’, or, as it is explained in the Zohar, the poison of God. In the Talmud, Samael is described as the angel of death and commander of a legion of two million angels.

The Yalkut Shimoni, a compilation of rabbinic commentaries on the Bible believed to have been composed in the 13th century, identified Samael as the angel of Esav (Esau) that fought with Jacob, bestowing upon him the name ‘Israel’. Samael became the angel of the nation of Edom, according to Rabbinic literature, which became Rome. According to many contemporary rabbis, Esav is now epitomized by Western civilization, headed by the United States.

When Rabbi Glazerson searched the codes surrounding the names of the two countries, he also discovered the words ‘*hahatra’a*’ (the warning), and ‘*iyoom*’ (threat).

In his video, Rabbi Glazerson warned in Hebrew, “North Korea is a nuclear threat to the United States, and they should take Korea’s threat seriously. It is a danger to the entire world.”

The rabbi explained that this international confrontation is not confined to North Korea and America, but will actually help bring the Messiah. In his video showing the grid of letters, Rabbi Glazerson points to the word ‘*Moshiach*’ (Messiah) adjacent to ‘*ben Yishai*’ the son of Jesse. The same interval reveals the letters denoting Hebrew year 5778, which will begin on the Jewish new year in September.

Rabbi Glazerson explained, “Korea, and the nuclear threat are bringing us closer to Moshiach.”

“This is such an important and interesting table of codes, but all these developments are written in Jewish sources,” the rabbi concluded. “The Torah is the blueprint of creation. Torah codes are really telling us what was planned before, especially when it tells of things that are going to come before the Moshiach.”

Rabbi Pinchas Winston, a prolific author and End of Days scholar, agreed that the current confrontation could have dire consequences.

“North Korea is a kind of wild card. It may be a small and obnoxious country that, as we have seen in history, somehow triggers much bigger things, similar to the assassination of Duke Ferdinand triggering World War I,” he suggested.

“A match is a small thing that easily blows out,” he said for illustration. “But if you drop it in a room full of gunpowder, it explodes dramatically.” (Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz March 20, 2017).

Rabbi Claims His Bible Code Links Scripture To Calendar

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only,” said Jesus of His Second Coming. And so, no one does. But one rabbi claims to have identified a code within Scripture that could predict the last possible day *before* Jesus’ return.

Rabbi Ephraim Sprecher, dean of students at the Diaspora Yeshiva, claims the Kabbalah shows every year has a corresponding verse in the Torah. Breaking Israel News reports he has developed a technique in which one can count verses from the beginning of Genesis until the number of verses equals the Hebrew calendar year.

The technique has produced eerie correlations. For example, the Hebrew year 5708, 1948 in the Western calendar, leads to Deuteronomy 30:3, which reads: “That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee.”

It’s hard to imagine a more appropriate verse for the creation of the Jewish state of Israel.

Pastor Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries, the author of “God’s Day Timer” and a passionate advocate of reintroducing Jewish traditions into Christian worship, was excited by the technique, though he didn’t endorse it directly. He argues it is not uncommon for such hidden truths to be contained or encoded within Scripture.

“I wouldn’t say every verse, though, lines up with the Hebrew year prophetically, but some do,” he told WND. “God loves to play hide and seek. The Scriptures say, Proverbs 25:2, ‘It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.’ God’s Word is multi-layered, holding multiple depths of meaning. This is mostly seen when viewed through the original Hebrew language.”

Says Mark Biltz, “I believe we are definitely in the last days before the Messiah sets up God’s Kingdom on Earth,” he said. “I believe we are the generation that will see the closing chapters of the current world order.”

Let’s take this principle a little further. What happens when we apply it to this year – Hebrew year 5777 and the next seven years?

Hebrew year 5777 is our year 2017. This corresponds to Deut.32:22: “For a fire is kindled in My anger, and shall *burn to the lowest hell*; it shall consume the earth with her increase, and *set on fire the foundations of the mountains*.”

Does this not sound like the beginning of great earth upheavals, paroxysms in nature, and perhaps thermonuclear war, and the beginning of Great Tribulation? Could this year be the year of the real beginning of “Jacob’s trouble”?

“Now these *are* the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah. For thus says the LORD: ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? Alas! For that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it; and it *is* the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jer.30:4-7).

If the verses of the Torah do line up with the years of the Hebrew calendar, prophetically, and the year 5777 (2017) lines up with this year, then does the seven years of the Great Tribulation commence this year? If so, then notice the next six verses (years) as they are spelled out:

Lining them up year by year, we have the following scenario: Deut. Chap.32:

- 2018 “I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them. (v.23)
- 2019 “*They shall be* wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, With the poison of serpents of the dust.” (v.24).
- 2020 “The sword shall destroy outside; *There shall be* terror within For the young man and virgin, The nursing child with the man of gray hairs.” (v.25).
- 2021 “I would have said, “I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,” (v.26).
- 2022 “Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should misunderstand, Lest they should say, ‘Our hand *is* high; And it is not the LORD who has done all this.’” (v.27).
- 2023 “For they *are* a nation void of counsel, Nor *is there any* understanding in them.” (v.28).
- 2024 “Oh, that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *That* they would consider their latter end!” (v.29).

Do these verses describe the pain and terror and anguish of the final seven years of this age, the Great Tribulation and judgments of Almighty God?

The End of Time

The prophet Ezekiel seems to speak of this very same time. We read, “Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel: ‘An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land. Now the end *has come* upon you, and I will send My anger against you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations. My eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity; but I will repay your ways, and your abominations will be in your midst; then you shall know that I *am* the LORD!’

“Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘A disaster, a singular disaster; Behold, it has come! An end has come, the end has come; it has dawned for you; behold, it has come! Doom has come to you, you who dwell in the land; the time has come, a day of trouble *is* near, and not of rejoicing in the mountains. Now upon you I will soon pour out My fury, and spend My anger upon you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations.’” (Ezek.7:1-8).

Ezekiel continues: “Behold, the day! Behold, it has come! Doom has gone out; The rod has blossomed, pride has budded. Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them *shall remain*, none of their multitude, none of them; nor *shall there be* wailing for them. The time has come. The day draws near. ‘Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn, for wrath *is* on their whole multitude. For the seller shall not return to what has been sold, Though he may still be alive; for the vision concerns the whole multitude, and it shall not turn back; no one will strengthen himself who lives in iniquity.

“They have blown the trumpet and made everyone ready, but no one goes to battle; for My wrath *is* on all their multitude. the sword *is* outside, and the pestilence and famine within. Whoever *is* in the field will die by the sword; and whoever *is* in the city, famine and pestilence will devour him.” (Ezek.7:10-15).

All these End Time prophecies appear to be converging now – the year of prophetic convergence! Like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, they are flying together as if drawn by a super magnet!

But there is even more.

Will Balaam’s Messiah Prophecy Be Fulfilled When Brand-New Star Appears in 2022?

“He counteth the number of the stars; He giveth them all their names.” (Psalms 147:4, The Israel Bible)

Five years from now, the light from the ancient collision of two stars will reveal a brand-new star in the night sky. According to Jewish esoteric sources, this is precisely the celestial phenomenon which will accompany the arrival of the Messiah.

The new star, expected to appear in 2022 in a blaze of light called a nova, will be the brightest heavenly body visible in the night time sky for six months. It will be the first time in recorded history that a celestial event of this kind will be witnessed by the naked eye.

Beyond its scientific uniqueness, the appearance of the new star could have much bigger implications for the earth-bound, one prominent rabbi told *Breaking Israel News*, pointing to a Biblical prophecy of Balaam which hails the appearance of a new star as the precursor to Messiah.

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not nigh; there shall step forth a star out of Yakov, and a scepter shall rise out of Yisrael, and shall smite through the corners of Moab, and break down all the sons of Seth.” (Numbers 24:17).

Rabbi Yosef Berger, rabbi of King David's Tomb on Mount Zion, cited Rabbi Moses ben Maimon, known by the acronym Rambam, the foremost Torah authority of the 12th century, whose rulings are still used as the basis for much of Jewish law.

“The Rambam brings this verse about a star appearing as proof that the Messiah will come one day,” Rabbi Berger told *Breaking Israel News*. “But he says it will come from Jacob, and not from Esau. More specifically, from the tribe of Judah.”

Even more incredibly, the *Zohar*, the foundational work of Jewish mysticism predicts, in detail, the color and type of stars which will appear. “The *Zohar* states explicitly that the Messianic process will be accompanied by several stars appearing. The *Zohar* goes into great depth, describing how many stars, and which colors they will be,” Rabbi Berger explained.

The new star, announced last week by Larry Molnar, a professor of astronomy at Calvin College in Michigan, will certainly be unusual. It is a binary star, or two stars orbiting a central point. Molnar described it as “two peanuts sharing a single shell.”

In his observations, Molnar noted that the orbital period was decreasing at an accelerating rate, leading him to understand that the two stars were moving closer to each other. Based on a previous case of binary stars, Molnar predicted the two stars would collide in 2022, resulting in a massive explosion.

“[The collision] will release as much energy as the sun releases in its entire lifetime,” Molar said in a [video](#) about the discovery.

When the two finally collide, it will create a new star, a red nova. The star's brightness will increase ten-thousand-fold, making it one of the brightest points in the heavens for six months, after which it will fade and remain as a smaller dot in the sky. It will be the first time in history that the creation of a new star will be visible with the naked eye.

“It's a one-in-a-million chance that you can predict an explosion,” Molnar said. “It's never been done before.”

Ira Machefsky, an amateur astronomer with 60 years of experience who runs stargazing tours in Mizpeh Ramon, a town perched on a huge crater in the Negev desert, has been following the story closely. He described the delicate balance between science and faith to *Breaking Israel News*.

“The Heavens, especially unique phenomena like this nova, are a manifestation of God's intellect. But this has to be understood in a specific manner in Judaism,” Machefsky warned. “Astronomy and astrology are prominent in Jewish mysticism, since God works through nature. But at the same time, the term for pagan idol worship is *avodat cochavim o'mazalot* (serving stars and signs).”

Machefsky quoted the Talmud (Sukkoth 29a).

“Thus saith HaShem, ‘Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the nations are dismayed at them, the idolaters will be dismayed, but Israel will not be dismayed.’”

“According to Hasidic philosophy, the wellsprings of knowledge will be opened up in the times of the *Moshiach* (Messiah),” Machefsky said. “It is truly amazing that astronomers can predict this when just a few years ago we wouldn’t have known about this until the star suddenly appeared. Science has enabled us to share in God’s natural processes.”

For stargazers, the nova will be visible as part of the constellation Cygnus, adding a star to the Northern Cross star pattern. Though the nova will appear in a few years, the actual event took place 1,800 years ago. It has taken nearly two millennia for the light from the collision to reach earth. (Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz, *Breaking Israel News*, January 10, 2017).

Incredible Signs in the Heavens

From a Biblical point of view, we read that a solar eclipse is a sign from God. In Genesis 1:14 God declared this to be so. It is a sign that is beyond man's control and he can't manipulate it. Solar eclipses become prophetically significant and relevant when man understands their timing according to the biblical calendar and where they happen. Then we look for the patterns tied to historical events.

As the sun is larger than the moon the Sun represents the nations of the world as the world follows the sun for their calendar and the moon represents the nation of Israel as their calendar months are based on the cycle of the moon. Not every solar eclipse is a sign from God. But God uses solar eclipses as warnings to the nations whose paths they cross with the prophetic significance heightened when they fall on the biblical calendar.

Let's look now at both the Biblical and historical pattern. Many know the story of Jonah and Nineveh from the bible but not the historical background events as to what had already transpired before Jonah came and why they repented. In 765BC a plague broke out in Nineveh where even the King was not able to go out to war, as was the custom. This was followed by a civil war and then by another plague! An archaeological find of cuneiform tablets was found in the 19th century describing all these events happening in Nineveh.

A famous eclipse mentioned in the tablets is now known as the Bur-Sagale eclipse, which is verified by NASA as occurring on June 15th 763 BC. The path of totality was right over Nineveh. So by now the Ninevites saw the wrath of God closing in on them before Jonah even arrived a couple of months later. When Jonah arrived they were ripe for repentance! God knows how to use the sun and the moon for signs! The first of Elul is when Jonah began prophesying for 40 days. The month of Elul is known as

the month of repentance in preparation for the 10 Days of Awe from the Feast of Trumpets, to Yom Kippur, the day of judgment. This is the same 40-day timeframe that Moses ascended the mount to receive the new set of tablets coming down on Yom Kippur with judgment being averted. This is the same 40-day timeframe John the Baptist is in the wilderness preaching repentance and make straight the paths for the coming of the LORD.

Now let's look at another historical pattern:

It is said that WW1 lasted around 4 years from August 1st, 1914 to November 11th 1918. Three weeks later on August 21st in 1914 there was a total solar eclipse with the path of totality going directly over Eastern Europe and the Ottoman Empire including Nineveh. This was a sign of Eastern Europe's involvement and the coming destruction of the Ottoman Empire in World War 1. This solar eclipse just happened to be on the new moon for the month of Elul, beginning the month of repentance in God's Day Timer and the same date as ours this August 21st which again begins on the New moon for the month of Elul!

On April 6th, 1917 the US entered the war. This year is the 100th anniversary. On June 6th, 1918 the Battle of Belleau Wood involving the US 2nd Infantry Division begins. During the three-week fight against the Germans, Americans experience their first significant battlefield casualties with 5,000 killed.

On June 8th 1918, there was a total solar eclipse crossing America almost identical to what's coming in August of this year.

Here's the path of the 1918 WW1 eclipse:



Now, here is the eclipse path for the August 21, 2017 eclipse:



So, after almost 100 yrs, this Aug 21, 2017 we again had a total solar eclipse going over the United States. This was again at the beginning of the month of repentance at the New Moon of Elul! Could God be giving us a warning that we need to repent as Nineveh or judgment will be forth coming to the United States! The timing couldn't be clearer! We also find seven years later there will be another total solar eclipse running from the south to the Northeast across the United States on April 8, 2024 with St. Louis in the cross hairs between the two eclipses. April 8th is significant because it is Nisan 1, the beginning of the biblical year! It is the anniversary of the dedication of Moses tabernacle, when God reasserted Himself into the affairs of men with His glory coming to earth. It just so happens it was also the day Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu died.

Here is the path of the April 8th 2024 eclipse:



Notice that the two eclipse paths for 2017 and 2024 cross over the middle of the United States. The cross hairs are actually right over the city of St. Louis.



Another very significant sign in the heavens follows a month later during the days of Awe from Rosh Hashanah on Tishri 1 to Yom Kippur on Tishri 10. There will be a confirmation of celestial events as described in the Book of Revelation.

“A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of

twelve stars. She was with child. She cried out in pain, laboring to give birth.” (Rev.12:1-2).

The woman clothed with the sun is the constellation Virgo and represents the nation of Israel. The 12 stars represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Interestingly the constellation Leo, the Lion, which is above Virgo is made up of 9 stars. The Lion represents specifically the tribe of Judah. It just so happens this year, during the days of awe, three planets will join the constellation Leo making up 12 stars during the days of Awe! Virgo will be clothed with the sun and the moon will be under her feet fulfilling this sign to precise detail!

Eclipses are signs of God inserting Himself into human history as prophecy becomes fulfilled as never before. All these prophetic signs are awesome to contemplate.

Truly, as Christ said, “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” (Luke 21:25-28).

Or, as the Amplified Bible has it:

“For those are days of vengeance [of rendering full justice or satisfaction], that all things that are written may be fulfilled. Alas for those who are pregnant and for those who have babies which they are nursing in those days! For great misery and anguish and distress shall be upon the land and indignation and punishment and retribution upon this people. They will fall by the mouth and the edge of the sword and will be led away as captives to and among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (completed).

“And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth [there will be] distress (trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment and perplexity [without resources, left wanting, embarrassed, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn] at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea, Men swooning away or expiring with fear and dread and apprehension and expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken and caused to totter. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great (transcendent and overwhelming) power and [all His kingly] glory (majesty and splendor). Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near. (Luke 21:22-28, Amplified Version).