

THE **RAPTURE** **PUZZLE**

**PUTTING THE SCRIPTURAL
PIECES TOGETHER**

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Introduction:

The Lord hid prophecies throughout the Old and New Testaments, like gems, waiting for us to find them and put them all together to see the whole picture of His plan for mankind. When we take just one piece, or one Scripture, we cannot see the whole picture that the Lord has painted for us so masterfully in His Word. Scripture interprets Scripture. We must put all of the Scriptures together, all of the pieces of the puzzle together, before we can see the whole picture. To take only one or two pieces of the puzzle and say that we can see the whole picture, is just not true. We need ALL of the pieces in order to see the whole picture. I will attempt to make this book as simple to read and as easy to follow as possible, in case you are not familiar at all with the prophecies of the Bible. The Lord put this together like a puzzle, putting some of the pieces in Revelation, some in Daniel, some in Matthew and other pieces just hidden throughout other books of the Bible.

*Isaiah 13:6-13 Wail, for the **day of the LORD** is near;*

it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

Because of this, all hands will go limp,

every heart will melt with fear.

Terror will seize them,

pain and anguish will grip them;

they will writhe like a woman in labor.

They will look aghast at each other,

their faces aflame.

*See, the **day of the LORD** is coming*

—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—

to make the land desolate

and destroy the sinners within it.

The stars of heaven and their constellations

will not show their light.

The rising sun will be darkened

and the moon will not give its light.

I will punish the world for its evil,

the wicked for their sins.

I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty

and will humble the pride of the ruthless.

I will make people scarcer than pure gold,

more rare than the gold of Ophir.

Therefore I will make the heavens tremble;

and the earth will shake from its place

*at the wrath of the **LORD Almighty.***

*Joel 2: 31-32 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.** And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.*

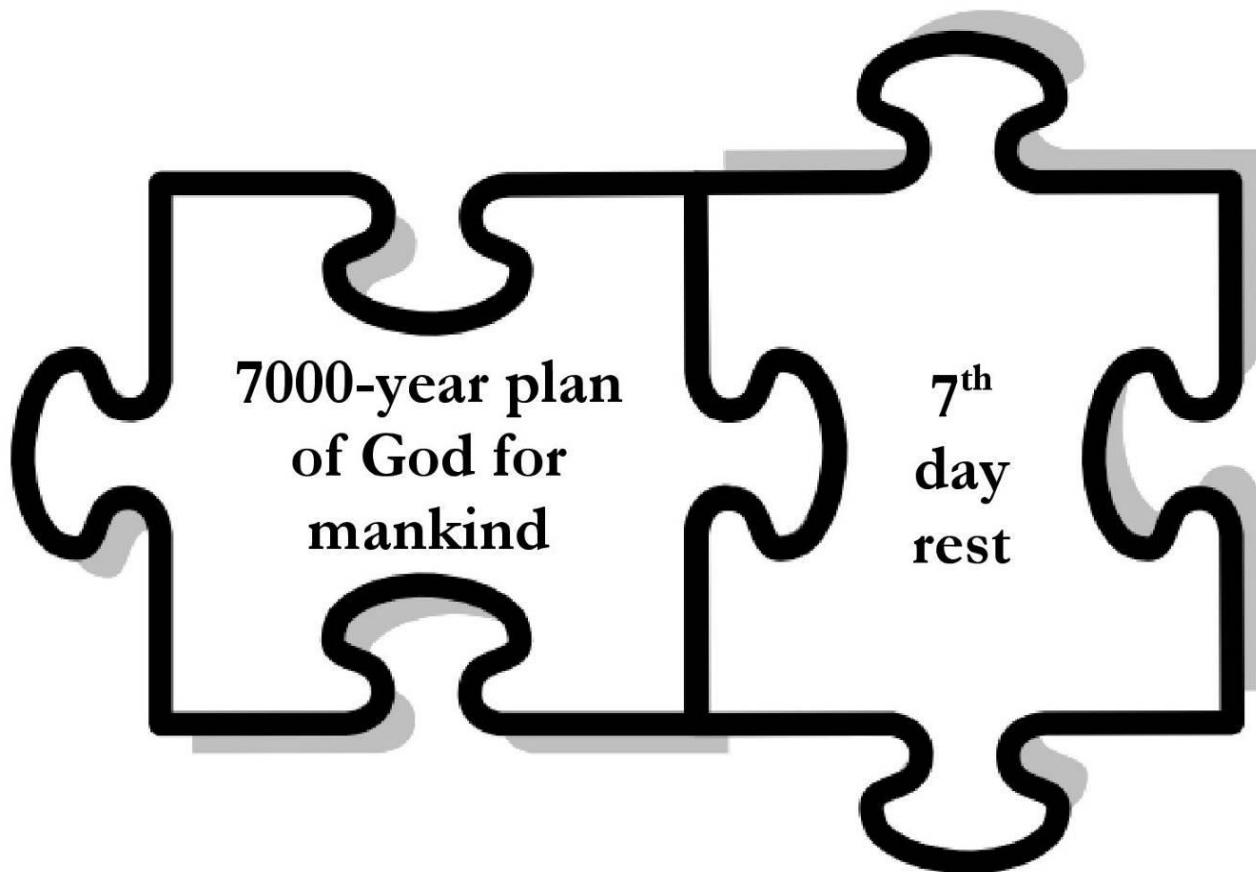
This “Day of the Lord” is spoken of all throughout the Old and New Testaments. Most of you reading this book will be reading it after the rapture takes place and you will have been left behind. I write this for you, so that you can know for certain that what took place was actually the “Rapture”, or “Great Escape”* mentioned in the Bible and that it was not something else, such as an alien invasion or intervention of planet earth by extra-terrestrials. The Bible warns us that there will be a great deception** that will happen at this time to try to deceive you into believing a lie about what has happened and is now happening on earth. Jesus wants you to be a witness to others so that they too can come into His Kingdom and be spared from eternal wrath and suffering. Make the most of your time and use it to warn everyone you can of what is actually taking place and “snatch others from the fire” (see Jude 1:23). God bless you and we’ll see you soon on the other side!

* Luke 21:36 - *Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.*

** 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 - *For this reason, God will send them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie. Then all who have not believed the truth but have taken pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.*

Chapter 1

Puzzle Pieces 1 and 2



7th Day Rest

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8

Hebrews 4:9-11 – "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience."

I'd like to start building the framework for this puzzle by talking about the 7000-year plan of God for mankind.

- a) God sets a pattern in Genesis of 7 days - 6 days for creation and 1 day of rest.
- b) The Millennium is referred to many times as the "rest".
- c) A day is like a 1000 years. Psalm 90:4 says, *"For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night."* 2 Peter 3:8 says, *"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."*
- d) Another clue is that Hosea 6:1-2 predicts that the restoration of the Jews would occur after 2 "days", which is poised to occur now after 2000 years from Christ's first coming. *"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us; He has injured us but He will bind up our wounds. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will restore us, that we may live in His presence."*

7000-year plan of God for mankind

The 7,000 year plan of God has been consistent with Jewish thought for thousands of years. The apostle Barnabus was a partner in ministry to the Apostle Paul (Acts 13:2, Acts 14:14). The Epistle of Barnabus written in the 1st Century explicitly tied the 7 days of creation to Psalm 90:4 and the 7,000 year plan of God. From the Epistle of Barnabas chapter 15, verses 3-5:

He speaks of the Sabbath at the beginning of the Creation, "And God made in six days the works of His hands and on the seventh day He made an end, and rested in it and sanctified it." Notice, children, what is the meaning of "He made an end in six days"? He means this: that the Lord will make an end of everything in six thousand years, for a day with Him means a thousand years. And He Himself is my witness when He says, "Lo, the day of the Lord shall be as a thousand years." So then, children, in six days, that is in six thousand years, everything will be completed. "And He rested on the seventh day." This means, when His Son comes He will destroy the time of the wicked one, and will judge the godless, and will change the sun and the moon and the stars, and then He will truly rest on the seventh day.

The Bible teaches that Christ will return to the earth for a second time at the end of 6000 years, counting from the Creation. It also teaches that Christ will return at the beginning of the “third day”, or third Millennium, counting from the time of Christ. *“After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”* Hosea 6:2

So, where are we? When does the 6000 years end? When does the 2000 years end? Do we count from the birth of Christ or the death and resurrection of Christ? Well, the 2000-year count could be from either the birth or death/resurrection of Jesus, so the count could end anytime between 1995-2034 A.D. Jesus should return to earth at some point during this time period. But what about the 6000-year count? When does that end?

I believe that we can count the years from Adam until the present day and be fairly accurate in our conclusions about when the 6000 years end. The Lord has laid everything out for us in the Scriptures. Have you ever wondered why the Bible records the ages of people all the way back to Adam? Or why it records the number of years the Kings of Israel ruled? The Lord was giving us the numbers so that we could COUNT the years from Creation and KNOW the approximate time of when the 6000 years would end.

We must keep in mind that when the Bible says that Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born, or that Lamech was 182 years old when Noah was born, that it doesn't mean that they turned that age on the day of their son's birth. In many cultures, including Jewish culture, when someone turns 30, they are considered to be in their 31st year, therefore they consider them to be 31, as opposed to our own culture where we would say they are only 30. In Jewish culture and most ancient cultures, when a baby is born, they were already considered to be ONE; therefore, on what we would call their "first birthday", they would say the child is turning TWO. The same can be surmised when it says a king reigned 45 years, that it is mostly likely saying his term ended in the 45th year, not that he completed 45 full years.

It is crucial that we understand this in order to correctly count the years as laid out in the Bible. If we only count $130 + 105 + 90$, etc., we will reach the end of 6000 years somewhere in the 1990's. Obviously, we are past that time and Jesus has not yet returned to earth, so we must understand how the Jewish culture counts years in order to correctly count the years as laid out to us in the Bible. So, when the Bible says that Adam was 130 years when Seth was born, we must understand that he was in his 130th year, therefore he could have completed between 129 years to 129 years and 364 days. Since we do not know exactly his age, we should count that on average, he had completed 129.5 years of living.

The one number you may have a problem understanding is that Terah was in his 130th year when Abraham was born. Genesis 11 mentions that Terah lived 70 years and then gave birth to 3 sons, listing Abraham as the first. However, Abraham was not the eldest of these three sons. Stephen tells us in the book of Acts that Abraham did not leave Haran until after Terah died. Genesis 12 tells us that

Abraham was 75 when he left Haran and that his father was 205 years old when he died. We simply need to subtract 75 from 205 to understand that Terah was in his 130th year when Abraham was born. The New Testament helps us to properly understand the Old Testament, and together the Old and New Testaments make up what we call the written Word of God.

Age at son's birth	Years	Bible Verse
Adam	129.5	Genesis 5
Seth	104.5	Genesis 5
Enosh	89.5	Genesis 5
Kenan	69.5	Genesis 5
Mahalalel	64.5	Genesis 5
Jared	161.5	Genesis 5
Enoch	64.5	Genesis 5
Methuselah	186.5	Genesis 5
Lamech	181.5	Genesis 5
Noah	501.5	Genesis 5
Shem	99.5	Genesis 11
Arphaxad	34.5	Genesis 11
Shelah	29.5	Genesis 11
Eber	33.5	Genesis 11
Peleg	29.5	Genesis 11
Reu	31.5	Genesis 11
Serug	29.5	Genesis 11
Nahor	28.5	Genesis 11
Terah	130	Genesis 11:26, 32, Genesis 12:4, Acts 7:4
Events starting with Abraham	Years	Bible Verse
Abraham leaves Haran for Egypt and Caanan	74.5	Genesis 12:4
Israel leaves Egypt	430	Exodus 12:40
King's Reign / Event	Years	Bible Verse
Solomon begins to build temple	479	1 Kings 6:1
Solomon's remaining years as king	36	1 Kings 6:1, 1 Kings 11:42
Rehoboam's rule	16.5	1 Kings 14:21
Abijah's rule	2.5	1 Kings 15:2
Asa's rule	40.5	1 Kings 15:10
Jehosaphat's rule	24.5	1 Kings 22:42
Jehoram's rule	7.5	2 Kings 8:17
Ahazia's rule	1	2 Kings 8:26
Athaliah's rule	6	2 Kings 11:3
Joash's rule	39.5	2 Kings 12:1
Amaziah's rule	28.5	2 Kings 14:2
Azariah's rule	51.5	2 Kings 15:2
Jotham's rule	15.5	2 Kings 15:33
Ahaz's rule	15.5	2 Kings 16:2
Hezekiah's rule	28.5	2 Kings 18:2
Manasseh's rule	54.5	2 Kings 21:1
Amon's rule	1.5	2 Kings 21:19
Josiah's rule	30.5	2 Kings 22:1
Jehoahaz	0.25	2 Kings 23:31

Jehoiakim	10.5	2 Kings 23:36
Jehoiachin	0.25	2 Kings 24:8
Zedekiah	8.5	2 Kings 25:1
Babylonian invasion until 1 BC	585	
1AD until 2014	2013	
Total:	6000	

I encourage you to go through these numbers in the Bible and verify them for yourselves. If you add them up, you will see that from Creation until the Babylonian invasion of Jerusalem in 586 BC, there were right around 3400 years. Adding 585 to that reaches 1 BC. Then adding 2013 years to that number, and you will see that we are right at the end of the 6000 year mark, give or take a few years. We are right there.

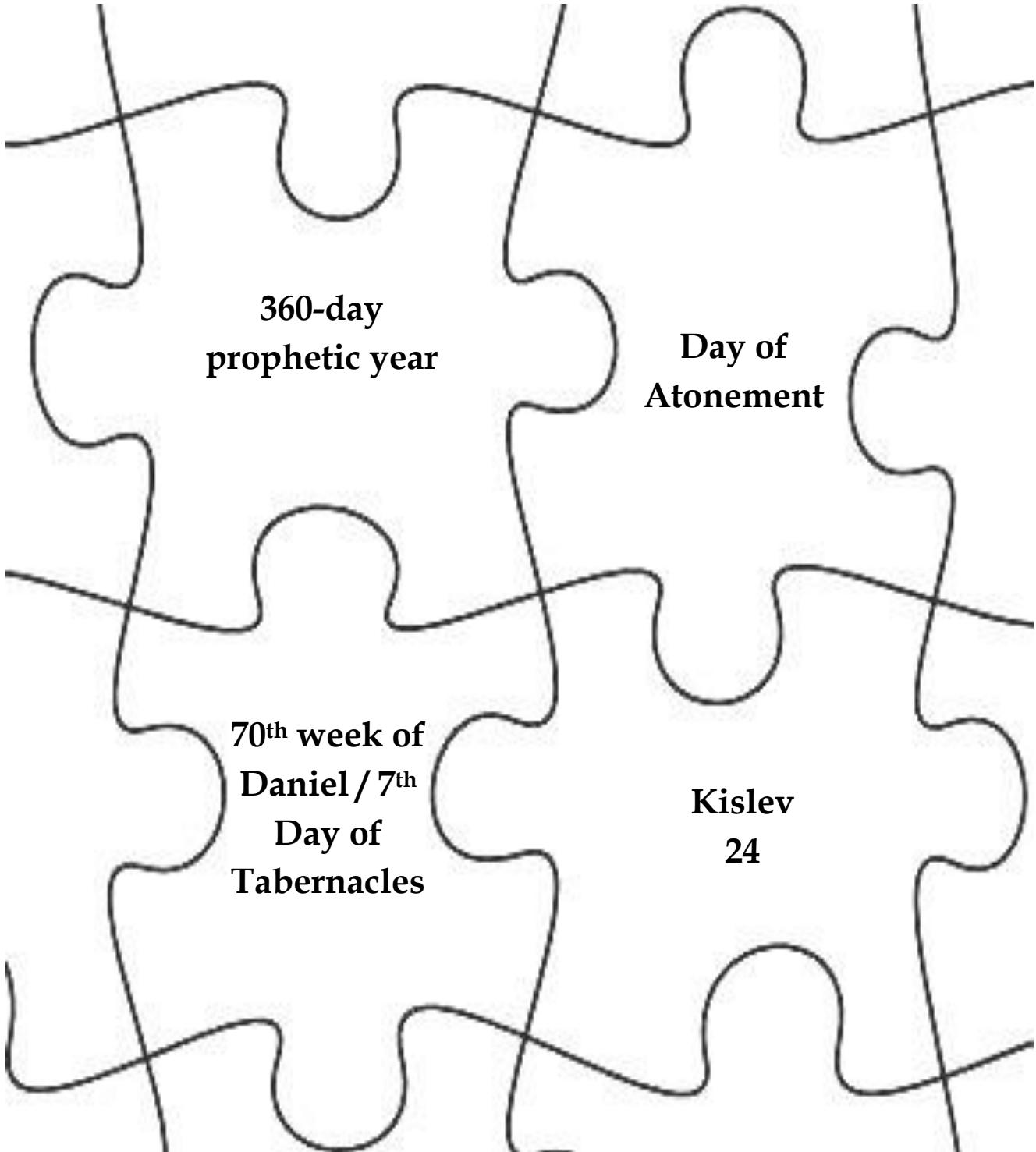
Jubilees 3:15-21 - *Adam and his wife were in the garden of Eden for **seven years tilling and keeping it**, and we gave him work and we instructed him to do everything that is suitable for tillage. And he tilled (the garden), and was naked and knew it not, and was not ashamed, and he protected the garden from the birds and beasts and cattle, and gathered its fruit, and eat, and put aside the residue for himself and for his wife [and put aside that which was being kept]. And **after the completion of the seven years**, which he had completed there, **seven years exactly**, and in the second month, on the seventeenth day (of the month), the serpent came and approached the woman, and the serpent said to the woman, 'Hath God commanded you, saying, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?' And she said to it, 'Of all the fruit of the trees of the garden God hath said unto us, Eat; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden God hath said unto us, Ye shall not eat thereof, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.' And the serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that on the day ye shall eat thereof, your eyes will be opened, and ye will be as gods, and ye will know good and evil. And the woman saw the tree that it was agreeable and pleasant to the eye, and that its fruit was good for food, and she took thereof and eat.*

Using this account from Jubilees 3 – we can see that Adam and Eve were in the garden for 7 years before the fall. This 7-year period could account for why the 6000 years seem to have ended near 2014. Perhaps the Lord is counting the 6000 years from the fall of man rather than from Creation. If this is the case, it is very likely that the 6000 years from the fall of man, when mankind lost authority on the earth, until the Second Coming of Christ, when the Bride of Christ is given back the authority on the earth and Satan is bound for 1000 years, ends between 2020 and 2023.

This is the outer framework of this puzzle. From here, let's start with some of the major pieces. These pieces include the Year of Jubilee, the 70 weeks of Daniel and the importance of the 7th day.

Chapter 2

Puzzle Pieces 3, 4, 5 & 6



360-Day Prophetic Year

There are 3 ways to count years. The most obvious one that we use today is called the “solar year” – approximately 365.25 days. The second way to count years is by using the lunar cycle, which is what the Jewish people use for their calendar – 354.37 days. The third way to count off years according to the Scriptures is what we call a “prophetic year” of 360 days each. We find this numerous times in Scripture, where a “time, times and half a time” is equal to 1260 days. The first 69 weeks of Daniel were fulfilled using prophetic years of 360 days.

In Daniel 9, we see a prophecy given about 70 weeks that are determined to take place. Each of these weeks represents a period of 7 years, so a total of 490 years. The first 69 weeks have already been fulfilled. Daniel was told that from the issuing of the order to rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah comes, there will be 69 weeks, or 483 years. Most scholars believe these first 69 weeks were 360 day prophetic years, which totaled 476 solar years. The commandment to restore and build Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes Longimanus on March 14, 445 B.C. **When we examine the period between March 14, 445 B.C. and April 6, 32 A.D., the day Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey, we discover that it is 173,880 days exactly, to the very day! This was exactly 483 years of 360 days.** Daniel is then told that the Messiah will be cut off. After this, at some point in the future, the 70th week of Daniel will begin with the confirming, or strengthening, of a covenant or pledge or promise or agreement with many. This final 7 years will begin a countdown that leads us to the Day of Atonement.

Day of Atonement

Daniel 9:24 says, “*Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.*” The end of this 70-week period leads us to the **Day of Atonement**. We know that right in the middle of this final 7-year countdown, this person who strengthens his covenant with many will stand in the holy place where he does not belong. We also know that this holy place will be a fortress-like structure that has been desecrated by armed forces, according to Daniel 11:31.

70th Week of Daniel / 7th Day of Tabernacles

Daniel 9:27 teaches us that Daniel’s 70th week (the 7-year period before Jesus returns to earth) will begin with the strengthening of a covenant or agreement with many. I believe October 9, 2009, was the day when Daniel’s 70th week began. This was the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles. It was on this day that Mr. Obama was chosen as the Nobel Peace Prize winner. Mr. Obama was chosen as the world’s peacemaker on the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the one day of the year when the Jewish people looked for and anticipated their Messiah to come. I believe this event was the strengthening of the covenant or agreement with many that Daniel mentioned.

It was on the 7th day of Tabernacles that the Jewish people would walk around the altar 7 times in remembrance of the walls of Jericho falling. On the 7th time around, the people would throw the palm branches they were carrying into the fire of the altar and cry out, “Hosanna, save us now! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!” There was a great deal of dancing and rejoicing that took place on this day.

Kislev 24

Mr. Obama would then go on to receive the award just a few hours before the start of Kislev 24 on the Jewish calendar (Hanukkah Eve). **There are 2 dates mentioned in Haggai 2 regarding the Lord shaking the heavens and the earth and bringing the desired of all nations to Himself. These 2 dates are the 21st day of the 7th month (7th day of Tabernacles) and the 24th day of the 9th month (Kislev 24). These 2 days started Daniel's 70th week.**

Haggai 2: **On the twenty-first day of the seventh month (the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles), the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai...“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’** says the LORD Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.” **On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month (Kislev 24), in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Haggai... “From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD’s temple was laid. Give careful thought: Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. From this day on I will bless you.”** The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month: “Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that **I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.**

“That leader will make firm an agreement with many people for seven years. He will stop the offerings and sacrifices after three and one-half years. A destroyer will do blasphemous things until the ordered end comes to the destroyed city.” (Daniel 9:27)

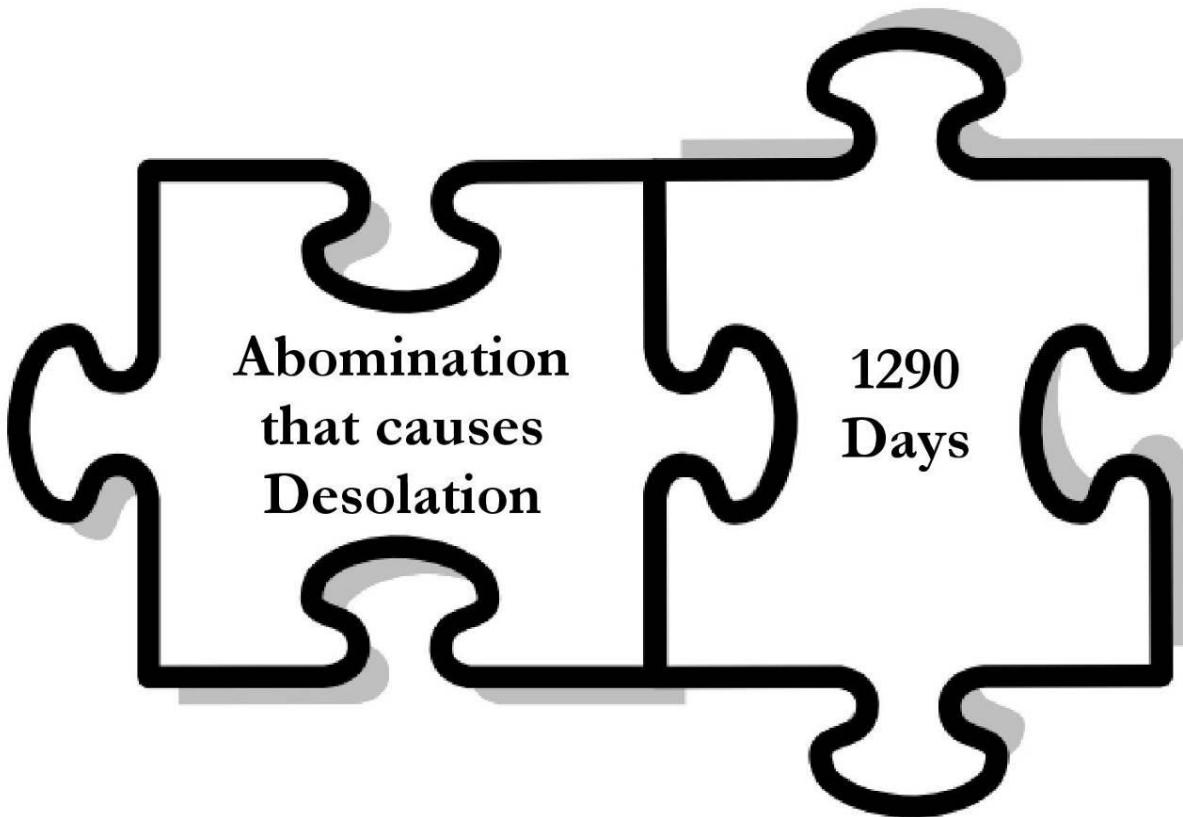
To be certain that this was in fact the strengthening of the agreement with many that Daniel is referring to, we needed to see something take place in the middle of this 7-year period that would fulfill the prophecies concerning the daily sacrifice and offering being stopped. This event is referred to in the Bible as the “Abomination of Desolation” or the “Abomination that causes Desolation”. In the next chapter, we will look at the prophecies concerning this event and see how Mr. Obama fulfilled them exactly 1260 days after he was chosen as the Nobel Peace Prize winner on October 9, 2009.

I know that many of you have been told that the final 7 years will begin with the signing of a peace treaty and that the temple in Israel will be rebuilt and in the middle of this 7-year period, the antichrist will stop the animal sacrifices taking place in this temple and declare that he is god. And this could be one possible interpretation of how the Scriptures could be fulfilled.

The problem is that the Lord never seems to fulfill His prophecies in a way that everyone is expecting. When Christ first came to earth, all of the Jewish people were expecting their Messiah at that time. They were looking for Him. They knew the 69 weeks of Daniel were about to end and they were anticipating their Messiah to show up any day. Yet, almost all of them missed Him when He came – especially the religious leaders. They had too many preconceived ideas of what the Messiah was supposed to be that they missed Him. And today also, most Christians are unaware of the times in which we live because they are so certain that a temple must first be built in Israel and a 7-year peace treaty signed. Most believers also think the rapture takes place before all of these events, so there is little need to watch for the prophecies to be fulfilled before the rapture occurs.

Chapter 3

Puzzle Pieces 7 & 8



Let's take a look now at the Abomination that causes Desolation and see how the prophecies about this event were fulfilled on March 22, 2013.

"That leader will make firm an agreement with many people for seven years. He will stop the offerings and sacrifices after three and one-half years. A destroyer will do blasphemous things until the ordered end comes to the destroyed city." Daniel 9:27

"His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation." Daniel 11:31

"From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days." Daniel 12:11

"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand..." Matthew 24:15

"When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." Mark 13:14

OK, so let's put all of these verses together to get a picture of what this "abomination" will actually be. It will take place at 3 ½ years into Daniel's 70th week. It will involve daily sacrifice and offering being stopped. It will happen in a temple fortress that was desecrated by armed forces. It will involve this person who strengthened his promise or covenant standing in the holy place where he does not belong. And it will be 1290 days before a significant date.

I believe this prophecy has been fulfilled in TWO stages. The first part was fulfilled in April/May 2002, when Palestinian armed forces rose up and **desecrated** the temple "**fortress**" and abolished the daily sacrifice (daily communion took place in the Church of the Nativity until the Palestinians took over the building - so what was taking place "daily" was stopped on that day). Eleven years later, the abomination that causes desolation took place. We know that this is the **HOLY PLACE** that Jesus was talking about, because it is a temple **fortress** that was **desecrated** and is referred to as the **HOLY PLACE**.

Here are some quotes from different articles on the internet from 2002:

1. In Christian tradition, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem marks the place where Mary gave birth to Jesus. It is one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world. First-time visitors are sometimes startled, even disappointed, by its **fortress-like** appearance which results from a 12th century AD Crusader reconstruction to make it more defensible. Defying its status as one of Christendom's holiest shrines, it seems dilapidated and battered, not at all beautiful.



Still, for a building that has survived destruction by the Persians (614), a mad caliph (1009), earthquake (1834) fire (1869) and a Israeli army siege (2002) against suspected Palestinian militants who had taken refuge there, its dignity remains intact. The forbidding, **fortress-like** church in the center of the modern city of Bethlehem, facing Manger Square, is one of the oldest churches in the world. Entering the church that marks the site of **Christ's birthplace** means having to stoop low. The only doorway in the **fortress-like** front wall is just 1.2 metres high. Needless to say, the

seizure of the 1,677-year-old church by 250 guerrillas affiliated with Islamist terror factions has hardly roused the armies of Christendom. Crusades, Christian-soldiering and all that went out in the last millennium. Still, it's a shock to realize that this **desecration of the ancient church built over what's believed to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ** has brought down neither Christian wrath nor international pressure on the **desecrators** to lay down their arms and leave.

- 2. Palestinians celebrate Church of Nativity win, Israel notes they desecrated the site.**
- 3. UNESCO Turns The Same Church Over To Palestinians That PLO Desecrated During Intifada**
4. While Muslims have responded with deadly outrage to the now-retracted report by Newsweek of alleged Quran **desecration** by U.S. interrogators, there was little outcry three years ago when Islamic terrorists holed up in **Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity reportedly used the Bible as toilet paper.**
5. The Israeli Prime Minister's Office said at the time, "The world needs to remember that the **Church of the Nativity, which is sacred to Christianity, has been desecrated** in the past by Palestinian terrorists."
6. The Church of the Nativity in the heart of Bethlehem marks one of Christianity's **most sacred sites** - the birthplace of Christ. Situated on Manger Square 8 kilometres (5 miles) from Jerusalem, the church is built over a grotto where the Virgin Mary is said to have given birth to Jesus. The church's large fortress-like exterior stands as a testament to its turbulent history. For centuries, it was one of the most fought over **holy places**. It was seized and defended by a succession of armies - including Muslim and Crusader forces.
7. The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is a major Christian **holy site**, as it marks the traditional place of Christ's birth. It is also one of the oldest surviving Christian churches.
8. The **holy site**, known as the Grotto, that the Church of the Nativity sits atop, is today associated with the cave in which the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth occurred.



9. No wonder Mr. Sharon told the Israeli Parliament he would "expect the international community to demand that they the terrorists lay down their arms and leave the **holy place**."
10. One of Christianity's **most holy places**, the site's focal point is the Grotto of the Nativity, a rectangular cavern beneath the church that has been considered the site of Christ's birth since at least the 2nd century. A 14-pointed silver star set into the marble floor marks the precise spot where Jesus is said to have been born.

*"So when you see standing in the **holy place** 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand"-- Matthew 24:15*

We have just witnessed a prophecy from 2500 years ago fulfilled: Daniel 11:31 - *"His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. THEN they will set up the abomination that causes desolation."*

Definition of THEN:

a: soon after that: next in order of time

b: following next after in order of position, narration, or enumeration

Amid high security, Obama toured the church with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

They stopped at the Grotto of the Nativity, which is said to stand where Jesus Christ was born.

About 20 children waving U.S. and Palestinian flags greeted Obama in a courtyard outside the sanctuary.

Notice that Jesus says, "When you see **STANDING** in the holy place..." Obama did not kneel down at the grotto.

Matthew 2:11 - *"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they **BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPPED HIM**. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."*



This is the appropriate response - kneeling before the King. Obama did not kneel; he just stood there, as Jesus prophesied that he would. One day, he will bow his knee. This **ABOMINATION** that we have all witnessed will cause the desolation to take place. The abomination causes the desolation.

Obama is an abomination to the Lord. DESOLATION = A STATE OF COMPLETE DESTRUCTION, DEVASTATION, AND RUIN.

While he was in Israel, the President said in Hebrew, "So long as there is a United States, you are not alone." So, if there is no United States, Israel stands alone. In chess, you need to knock out the Queen to get to the King.

Revelation 18:7-8: "In her heart she boasts, '**I sit enthroned as queen.** I am not a widow; I will never mourn.' Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her." During his speech, US President Barack Obama said, "Israel is the most powerful country in the region, and has the unshakable support of the strongest nation in the world."

After studying each word in the original language, this is a possible interpretation for this verse:

"And he shall strengthen the covenant/pledge/ agreement with many for one week: and in the middle of the week he shall cause the thank offering and the tribute to stop or be held back from, and at the wing of the detestable abomination he shall cause horror and desolation, even until the end or completion, and that determined shall be poured or melted upon the desolated."

Mr. Obama made a covenant on January 20/21, 2009, with the American people, on the 7th day of the "Gentile Feast of Tabernacles" (21st day of the Gentile New Year), as well as with the world - to be the leader of the greatest and most powerful nation on earth. On October 9, 2009, that covenant was strengthened, when Obama was chosen to be the Nobel Peace Prize winner on the 7th day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. This is the ONLY day of the year when the Israelites would cry out "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" and look for their Messiah and wave palm branches. On this day, Obama was chosen as the **PEACEMAKER** of the world. 1260 days later, Obama **STOOD** in the **HOLY PLACE**, the same place that armed forces had **DESECERATED** on April 2, 2002, the temple **FORTRESS**.

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We are part of the third temple, His body. He no longer dwells in a tabernacle built by human hands. This is why the Church of the Nativity is the holy place and not the temple mount. The third temple made His first appearance on earth in Bethlehem where the Church was built. Obama went there to make a statement - that he was declaring himself to be "god". This is why 322 is such an important number to the illuminati. They knew that on March 22, the Antichrist would go to the "holy place" to declare himself as god before the Most High. He was making a statement to God and to the world, but the world did not notice.

Daniel 12:11 says that from the time the daily is stopped or put aside, there will be 1290 days. This word "daily" is "*tamiyd*" and it simply means "daily" or "continual" - something that happens everyday (daily). Daniel 9:27 tells us that the sacrifice and offering will be stopped. Everyday, people line up at the Church of the Nativity to bow down at the grotto and offer thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ for coming to the earth to be a sacrifice for their sins and to give them eternal life. This is a sacrifice of praise and offering of thanksgiving being offered to the Lord. On March 22, 2013, this daily sacrifice of praise and offering of thanksgiving was stopped when Mr. Obama came to the grotto and did not offer thanks to Jesus for what he has done. Rather, Mr. Obama went there to proclaim to God that the world is now looking to him as the peacemaker and to defy the Lord Jesus Christ. On March 22, 2013,

no offering of thanksgiving or sacrifice of praise was made to the Lord from this spot. This happened exactly 1260 days after Mr. Obama was chosen as the Nobel Peace Prize winner on the 7th day of Tabernacles. Since Mr. Obama had not done anything up to that point to usher in peace, it must be assumed that the award was being given in the hope that he would become the peacemaker for the world.



I am fully aware of the traditional teaching of how the end-times will play out, and also aware that probably over 90% of Christians believe a scenario that goes something like this: The rapture will happen. Christians will be taken from the earth. Right after the rapture, a 7-year peace treaty will be signed by the Antichrist and Israel, allowing Israel to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Animal sacrifices will start daily when this temple is built. In the middle of the 7 years of Tribulation, the Antichrist will ride into Jerusalem (probably on a white horse) and sit in this Temple and tell the world that he is God and stop these animal sacrifices. When this happens, the Jewish people need to flee to the mountains because this is the abomination and desolation will take place. Three and a half years later, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse with all the raptured saints who have been partying in heaven for 7 years. We will then rule and reign with Christ for 1000 years.

You know, when Jesus came the first time, people also had pre-conceived ideas of how everything would play out. John 7: *Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.” But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders... At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, “Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill? Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Messiah? But we know where this man is from; when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.”*

You see, the Jewish people were expecting a King, like David, who would save them from the Romans and establish Israel as the most powerful nation in the world. After all, their God was the One and Only true God, and He had chosen Israel to represent Himself to the nations. This Jesus, He wasn't doing anything the way they had expected, so they were so confused. And very few believed.

Prophecies are rarely, if ever, fulfilled in the way we expect them to be. The Lord gets all the glory when He fulfills prophecies in a way that no one is expecting. The disciples' eyes were only opened

AFTER Jesus had risen from the dead, even though Jesus had told them many times that he would be killed in Jerusalem and raise from the dead on the third day. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do we really expect that He will do it differently this time? Do we think it will be so obvious that everyone can see it? No, He will choose to open the eyes of those whom He chooses, those who are not so set in their preconceived interpretations of the prophecies that they are willing to listen and hear what the Spirit is saying.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 – “*Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that DAY will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.*”

I think we can all agree that there has been a “falling away” in America and that Mr. Obama is a man of lawlessness, who thinks he is above the law. He opposes God and what God stands for. **What about this part of the verse: HE SETS HIMSELF UP IN GOD'S TEMPLE, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF TO BE GOD?**

So, that means that he will ride into Jerusalem and stand in a newly built 3rd temple and tell the world that he is “god”. Right? Well, that would be one possibility, but seems a little too obvious to me. Jesus didn’t ride into Jerusalem and go to the Temple and start screaming out, “I am the Messiah, worship Me! I’m the One who was to come! Here I am!” No, He came in on a donkey, humbly, as the Prince of Peace to the world. The world rejected Him. Israel rejected Him. He was not the great Messiah they wanted. Jesus stood up and cried out in a loud voice on the 7th day of Tabernacles, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” He was telling them right on the 7th day of Tabernacles that He was their Messiah. But they rejected Him. The world has rejected Him. Instead, they have chosen a mere man, one of lawlessness, to be their peacemaker.

I would like to suggest to you that Mr. Obama is trying to imitate Jesus. He was chosen as the **PEACEMAKER** of the world on the 7th day of Tabernacles on the Jewish calendar in 2009. This was the only day of the year when the Jewish people would cry out, “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!” This was the day that they looked for their Messiah, the “Prince of Peace”. Then they cried out to Jesus on the 10th of Nisan these same words, when He rode into Jerusalem. Those that did this recognized that Jesus was their Messiah.

Now, we have a man named Barak, whose name means “blessed”, who rode into Jerusalem on a “borrowed beast” on the 10th of Nisan (on the Jewish calendar), exactly 1260 days after he was chosen as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize on the 7th day of Tabernacles on the Jewish calendar. The two dates that are associated with Psalm 118:6 (Blessed is He who comes in the Name of



the Lord) are the 7th day of Tabernacles and the 10th of Nisan. Barak means blessed. He is trying to imitate Christ, the Prince of Peace. He won the Peace Prize on the 7th day of Tabernacles and then he came into Jerusalem as a “peacemaker” on the 10th of Nisan. Who is he that comes in the “name of the Lord”? Blessed. Barak. He comes in the Lord's name, a false Christ, trying to be Christ. Children greeted him, waving flags, singing and dancing. This was exactly what happened when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the 10th of Nisan.



Matthew 21:But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?"

Just as Jesus had young children waving palm branches to Him and worshiping Him, so Obama has children waving flags. Obama “wept” on the 7th day of Hanukkah on December 14, 2012. The main headline on CNN that day read, “Obama weeps”. This was very likely the same day that Jesus “wept” when Lazarus was dead (see John 11). The 7th day of Hanukkah is another important piece of this puzzle that we will look at later on in this book.

Jesus spoke to His disciples about the abomination that causes desolation on the 11th day of Nisan, the day after He rode into Jerusalem. The abomination actually took place on the 11th of Nisan on the Jewish calendar.



So, what does all of this have to do with: **HE SETS HIMSELF UP IN GOD'S TEMPLE, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF TO BE GOD?** First of all, what I'm trying to show is that he is trying to imitate Christ and **BE THE MESSIAH**. He doesn't have to come right out and scream to the world, “Here I am! I'm the one! I'm the long awaited Messiah! I am GOD!” No, just by imitating Jesus, he is declaring that **HE IS THE CHRIST**. We know that he is not the Christ, but the Anti-Christ. He is not the **PEACEMAKER**. He is the **DESTROYER**, the one who causes the **DESOLATION**.

John 1:14 - *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (NIV)*

John 1:14 - *And the Word became flesh, and did tabernacle among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of an only begotten of a father, full of grace and truth. (Young's Literal Translation)*

Jesus was the Tabernacle, or the Temple. He was God in the flesh. He is now building us, His body, to be the Temple, or Tabernacle, in which His Spirit lives. Where was the first place that God chose to

have His Son, His Tabernacle, born? In Bethlehem. The Lord was building a new Tabernacle, starting a New Covenant, with the people of the world. The place where Jesus was born is a Holy Place. It's the very first place where **HIS TABERNACLE**, Jesus, started on earth.

Mr. Obama visited this Temple, this Holy Place. He did not bow his knee to the King. He did not go there to worship the Lord. Do you really think Mr. Obama was praying to Jesus while he was there, worshiping the true God and thanking Him for sending His Son to be a ransom and pay the penalty for his sin so that he might have eternal life? No, he went there as a statement to God and to the world – I am your new Messiah. I am your Prince of Peace. He went there to defy God and proclaim to God that HE WOULD NOT BOW HIS KNEE. He went there to challenge God – to tell God that the world is now worshiping him and that he is the Messiah of the world.

But just as when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, only those with eyes to see and ears to hear really understand what is happening. Most do not have the spiritual discernment to understand how the Scriptures are being fulfilled because of too many preconceived ideas that have become set doctrines in their minds. Obama knows exactly what he is doing and who he is trying to imitate. It's unfortunate that Christians cannot see this.

"From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days." Daniel 12:11

If we count 1290 days from March 22/23, 2013, we end up on October 3, 2016. This was the start of the Feast of Trumpets in 2016. Daniel told us that there will be 1290 days from the day the daily sacrifice is stopped and the abomination is set up (when Obama stood in the holy place, and the daily offering of thanksgiving and sacrifice of praise at the Church of the Nativity was put aside). So, this 1290-day count ended on the Feast of Trumpets in 2016.

You may be wondering why I am spending so much time on this puzzle piece... the abomination that causes desolation. The reason is because it is such a crucial piece of the puzzle. If what took place on March 22, 2013, was in fact the abomination spoken of in Daniel and by Jesus in Matthew 24, then it should be able to answer yes to the following questions in fulfillment of the prophecies:

Question: Did what took place happen in the middle of a 7-year period, wherein an agreement was strengthened at the beginning of this 7-year period and was it also 1290 days before a significant date? (*That leader will make firm an agreement with many people for seven years. He will stop the offerings and sacrifices after three and one-half years...Daniel 9:27...From the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be 1290 days...Daniel 12:11.*)

Answer: Yes, it was exactly 1260 days after Mr. Obama was chosen as the Nobel Peace Prize winner on the 7th day of Tabernacles, representing the strengthening of his agreement with many to be the

peacemaker for the world. It also took place 1290 days before the Feast of Trumpets in 2016.

Question: Did what took place involve this one who strengthened his covenant with many going to a holy place and standing where he did not belong? (*When you see **standing in the holy place** ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel...Matthew 24:15.*)

Answer: Yes, Mr. Obama stood at the grotto, the place where Christ was born. Here are some quotes from various news articles about the Church of the Nativity:

- a. For centuries, it was one of the most fought over **holy places**.
- b. The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is a major Christian **holy site**, as it marks the traditional place of Christ's birth
- c. The **holy site**, known as the Grotto, that the Church of the Nativity sits atop, is today associated with the cave in which the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth occurred.
- d. No wonder Mr. Sharon told the Israeli Parliament he would "expect the international community to demand that the terrorists lay down their arms and leave the **holy place**."
- e. One of Christianity's **most holy places**, the site's focal point is the Grotto of the Nativity, a rectangular cavern beneath the church that has been considered the site of Christ's birth since at least the 2nd century.

Question: Was this holy place ever desecrated by armed forces? (*His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation...Daniel 11:31.*)

Answer: Yes, the Church of the Nativity was taken over by armed forces on April 2, 2002, and they desecrated the place. Here are some quotes from news agencies about this event:

- a. Still, it's a shock to realize that this **desecration of the ancient church built over what's believed to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ** has brought down neither Christian wrath nor international pressure on the **desecrators** to lay down their arms and leave.
- b. Palestinians celebrate Church of Nativity win, Israel notes they **desecrated** the site.
- c. UNESCO Turns The Same Church Over To Palestinians That PLO **Desecrated** During Intifada
- d. While Muslims have responded with deadly outrage to the now-retracted report by Newsweek of alleged Quran **desecration** by U.S. interrogators, there was little outcry three years ago when Islamic terrorists holed up in **Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity reportedly used the Bible as toilet paper**.
- e. The Israeli Prime Minister’s Office said at the time, “The world needs to remember that the **Church of the Nativity, which is sacred to Christianity, has been desecrated** in the past by Palestinian terrorists.”

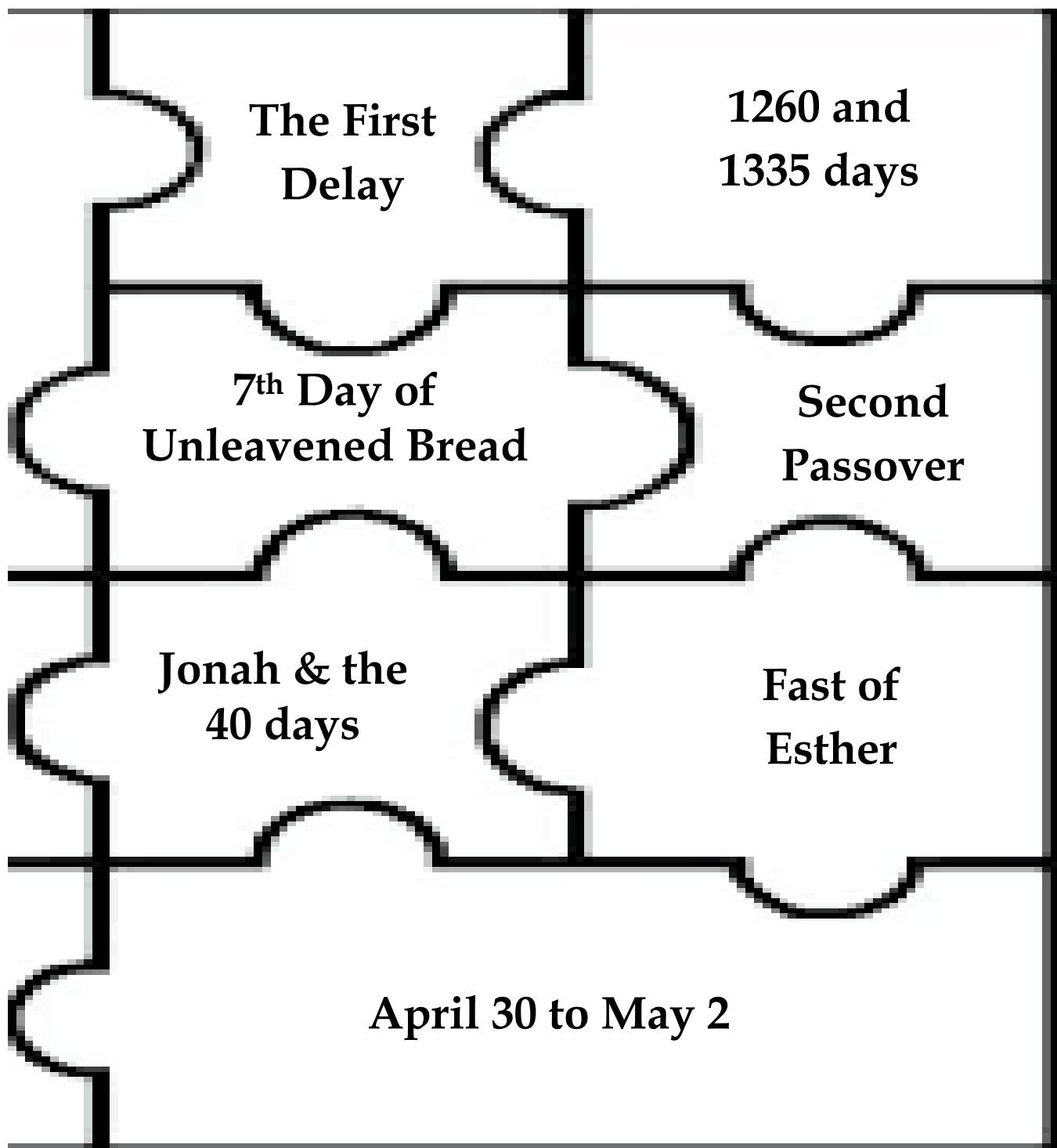
Question: Was there a daily sacrifice of some sort that was stopped on the day when this abomination took place? (*That leader will make firm an agreement with many people for seven years. He*

will stop the offerings and sacrifices after three and one-half years...Daniel 9:27)

Answer: Yes, everyday there are visitors who come to the Church of the Nativity from around the world to visit the grotto and bow down to worship Jesus, thanking Him for coming to the earth to pay the sacrifice for their sins. This worship is a sacrifice of praise and offering of thanksgiving. This could not take place on the day when Mr. Obama visited because all daily activities at the church were rearranged in order to accommodate his visit. Mr. Obama and his entourage did not go there to worship Jesus or bow their hearts or their knees before the Lord. Mr. Obama stood in the holy place where he did not belong and did not worship Jesus. He stopped the daily sacrifice and offering.

Chapter 4

Puzzle Pieces 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15



OK, so I can already hear the wheels turning in your heads. If the abomination that causes desolation occurred on March 22, 2013, then why did the desolation event not occur immediately or shortly after March 22, 2013? Jesus very clearly warned those living in Judea to flee to the mountains when they saw this event, indicating that the desolation would take place very shortly after this happened. And here we are, several years later, and no desolation has taken place and we are way past the end of this 7-year period.

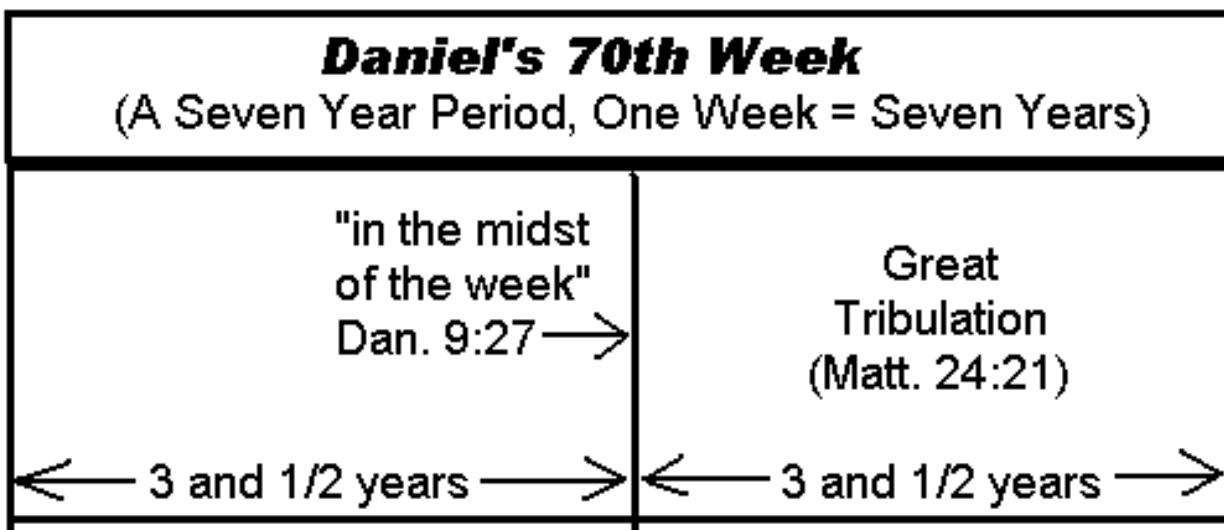
The First Delay

This is where we have to start putting pieces of the puzzle together to see the whole picture. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:5, "*When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.*"

Then we also read in Revelation 10:5-7 - "*Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. And he swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.*" These 2 verses tell us that there will be a delay in the coming of the Bridegroom for His Bride.

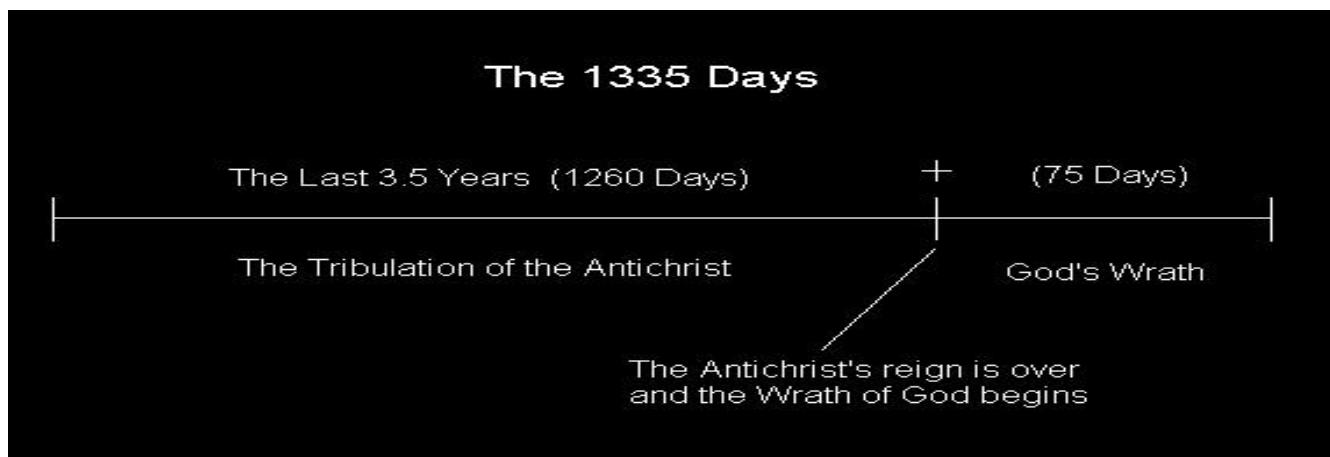
1260 and 1335 days

Just as the Lord gave Ninevah 40 days before He was going to destroy it, so the world was given a 40-day period until judgment. Forty days from March 22, 2013, was April 30, 2013. May 2, 2013, was the day that the Great Tribulation was to begin, and was to last for 1260 days until the Day of Atonement in 2016.



The Bible gives us a 1260-day period of judgment that will take place on the earth. The beast is to be given 42 months to exercise his authority on the earth without restraint (see Revelation 13:5). The woman (Bride of Christ) is to be taken to a place prepared for her by God for 1260 days (see Revelation 12:6, 14). Daniel speaks of this 1260 days as a “time, times and half a time” (see Daniel 7:25).

Daniel 12:12 tells us that those who reach the end of the 1335 days are blessed. Haggai 2 tells us that from the 24th day of the 9th month, the Lord will bless us. This is the start of Hanukkah. The first day of Hanukkah (Kislev 25) is the blessed day, the end of the 1335-day count. If we count from April 30, 2013, to December 25, 2016, the first day of Hanukkah, there was 1335 days.



April 30, 2013, was the start of a 3-day worldwide fast of the Bride of Christ that delayed God’s judgment on America and the rest of the world, which we will discuss in more detail later in this chapter.

7th Day of Unleavened Bread

The Jewish people celebrate 3 festivals every year that last for 7 or 8 days. These are Unleavened Bread, Tabernacles and Hanukkah (which was a second Tabernacles festival added in 165 BC). The 7th day of Unleavened Bread is a Sabbath and is actually the most important day of the festival. It was on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, the walls of Jericho fell and when Peter escaped from prison when he was rescued by an angel. All three of these events from the



Scriptures foreshadow the rapture taking place on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread.

The Israelites crossed over from Egypt (representing the world) into the Promised Land (representing Heaven). The Lord tells us in Exodus 19:4 that He brought the Israelites out on eagles’ wings. “*You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.*”

This is a clear reference to Revelation 12:14, where the Bride of Christ is given wings of an eagle to go to a place prepared for her by God to be taken care of for 1260 days. *"The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach."*



Jesus told us that He was going to prepare a place for us. John 14:2-3 "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to **prepare a place for you**? And if I go and **prepare a place for you**, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

The walls of Jericho falling were another foreshadow of the rapture taking place on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread. The people ascended at the sound of the last trumpet and Jericho was delivered into their hands.

*Joshua 6:5, "And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the **sound of the trumpet**, all the people shall **shout with a great shout**; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the **people shall ascend up** every man straight before him."*



This is what takes place at the rapture event. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52: *"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."* 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17: *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the **trumpet of God**, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up together with them in the clouds** to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."*

It was also on the day when the walls of Jericho fell that the silver and gold were first put into the treasury to build the Lord's temple. Joshua 6:19 says, *"All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury."*

We are the silver and gold that the Lord is using to build us up into His temple. Haggai 2:7-8 says: *"I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."*

Peter escaping from prison on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread when an angel rescued him was another foreshadow in the Scriptures of the rapture taking place on this day. Peter was about to be killed for his

faith in Christ, but on the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, an angel came to rescue him from his prison. This world is like a prison for the Bride of Christ and we all long for the day when we can be with Jesus and free from this world.

Second Passover

2 Chronicles 30: 2-3 - *The king and his officials and the whole assembly in Jerusalem decided to celebrate the Passover in the second month. They had not been able to celebrate it at the regular time because not enough priests had consecrated themselves and the people had not assembled in Jerusalem.*

Numbers 9: 10-11 - *Tell the Israelites: 'When any of you or your descendants are unclean because of a dead body or are away on a journey, they are still to celebrate the LORD's Passover, but they are to do it on the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight.*

In Numbers 9, the Lord instructed Moses to have the people of Israel celebrate a Second Passover if they were defiled and unable to celebrate the Passover at the proper time. If someone had touched a dead body, they were not allowed to go to the temple to offer firstfruits to the Lord during the Feast of Unleavened Bread as they were considered to be defiled, just as a woman who gave birth to a male child had to wait 40 days or if she gave birth to a female child had to wait 80 days before her "defilement", or days of purification, had finished. Only after this period of "defilement" had finished could she finally go to the temple to make an offering to the Lord. So also, if a person was defiled because of touching a dead body, they would have to wait one more month before offering the firstfruits of their harvest to the Lord at the temple. I believe the Lord is using the principle of the Second Passover in His amazing puzzle and that the 7th day of Unleavened Bread during the Second Passover was the day when the rapture was to have taken place. This was 1260 days before the Day of Atonement in 2016 and 1335 days before the start of Hanukkah in 2016, and the Scriptures show us both a 1260-day and 1335-day count that are a big part of God's amazing puzzle and timeline of events in the last days.



The 7th day of Unleavened Bread during the Second Passover would have fallen on May 1 or 2, 2013. There were significant events that took place on May 1 and 2, 2013, that were signs to those who were watching that this was the time that was supposed to have started the Great Tribulation. May 1, 2013, was a demonic festival called Beltane. It is during this festival that a mockery of the wedding of the Bride of Christ takes place. May 1, 2013, was also the day when the Catholics crowned the virgin Mary, another mockery by Satan of the crowning of the virgin Bride of Christ. May 1, 2013, was also "Mayday", a term used in an emergency as a distress signal when something is about to crash or sink. May 2, 2013, was the day when the New World Trade Center was "crowned", yet another mockery of the crowning of the Bride of Christ.

Jonah and the 40 days

So, if the Scriptures so clearly pointed to May 2, 2013, as the day when the Great Tribulation was to start and the rapture was to have occurred, why did it not happen on that date? Well, to understand the answer to this question, we need to look at Jonah 4 and Joel 2. Jonah was told to tell Ninevah that in 40 days, their city would be destroyed. The Lord gave Ninevah 40 days and he gave the world 40 days also from the abomination event on March 22, 2013. The 40 days came and went and Ninevah was not destroyed. The 40 days came and went and the Great Tribulation did not start and the rapture did not happen. So, did God lie? Was He untrue to His Word? Did He not clearly tell Jonah to warn the Ninevites that their city would be destroyed in 40 days?

We see how that Ninevah repented before the Lord and He delayed their judgment. So, was there anything that took place at the end of this 40-day period that would represent a nationwide repentance that would have caused the Lord to delay His judgment? Actually, April 30, 2013, was the US National Day of Repentance and May 2, 2013, was the national day of prayer in America. A world-wide call to pray and fast for the United States went out from Australia and New Zealand on the 25th of April in 2013 from the team at Australia's National Day of Prayer and Fasting. The Australian team felt led by God to bridge the US National Day of Repentance on April 30th and the US National Day of Prayer on May 2nd with a worldwide call for 72 hours of prayer and fasting for the United States. This was humbly and gratefully received by American prayer leaders during a teleconference on April 24th, 2013. Jonathan Edwards, the mighty American revivalist of the First Great Awakening and widely acknowledged as America's greatest theologian, wrote in 1740, "When God has something very great to accomplish for His church, it is His will that there should precede it the extraordinary prayers of His people".

This is what was witnessed in this world-wide call to prayer. Many media outlets and prayer networks, including several global ones, very quickly took up this call. Confirmed reports from 28 countries around the world were received and there could very well be many more. We will not know the full response this side of eternity. But God does!

Fast of Esther

It all goes back to the story of Esther. The nation of Israel was about to be completely destroyed and all the Jewish people killed. They all went on a 3-day fast and on the third day of the fast, Esther came before the King. In doing so, she was risking her life because she was not to enter the King's presence unless he called for her. The king could have killed Esther just for approaching him without being called. But he didn't. He extended his royal scepter to her and showed her mercy. Esther represents the Bride of Christ, or the church. She was the chosen virgin who won the favor of the king above all the women in the land. The church from all over the world came



together from April 30 to May 2, 2013, and fasted and prayed for God to have mercy on America. And mercy is what they received. This was the end of the 40 days of probation and was the appointed time for God to bring desolation to America, as well as the entire world. But just as God did not bring the desolation against Ninevah after the 40 days because they repented and asked for mercy, so He did not bring the desolation against America or the world after the 40 days because they repented and asked for mercy. These 2 stories, Esther and Jonah, were foreshadows from the Old Testament of how God was going to show mercy to the world. Jonah tells us that the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love and he relents from sending calamity. It was always in His plan to do this. The Lord has delayed His judgment on the world.

On April 24, 2013, a 3-day fast was called by the leaders of the church around the world and at least 28 nations participated in this fast. These 3 days of fasting and prayer started on April 30th, and lasted until May 2, 2013. Millions of prayers were offered up to God during these 3 days, begging for mercy on America and asking that He withhold His judgment. When Ninevah repented, the entire nation, from the king on down, put on sackcloth and asked the Lord for mercy. In America, the Congress knelt down before the Lord on the National Day of Prayer and asked God for forgiveness. Even President Obama issued a statement calling on all Americans to pray for America on this day.

Here are just two of the millions of prayers offered to God around the world that were prayed on May 2, 2013, at the National Day of Prayer:

On this National Day of Prayer in 2013, may we continue to offer this prayer and hope that it becomes “America’s Prayer of Repentance.”

O God, we know that your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that’s exactly what we’ve done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism and New Age spirituality.

We have committed adultery and called it an affair.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it frugality.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn children and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

We have failed to execute justice speedily, as your Word commands, and called it due process.

We have failed to love our neighbor who has a different color of skin and called it maintaining racial purity.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have made the Lord's Day the biggest shopping and entertainment day of the week and called it free enterprise.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our parents and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us of every sin and set us free. Though our sins be as scarlet, may they become white as snow. Though they be as crimson, may they be as wool.

And another prayer offered on this day:

LORD, WHO ARE WE AS A PEOPLE, having been given blessings in portions as no other nation before us? What has become of us, Father? We have spoiled your spacious skies with buildings and cities breathing with sin. The amber waves of grain are no longer viewed as our blessing but as our due. The awe and reverence due You when we gaze upon the purple mountains and their majesty is no longer held; rather, how much pleasure they can give us. Father, we have spurned You. We've blamed our problems on those who promote darkness, but You have revealed yourself to us through Your Son. Now our eyes have been opened by Him. Our lack of holiness, our not being light has allowed darkness to prevail. Indeed, our sins which we wrongly view as small have allowed those in darkness to commit great sins without shame. We now realize that it is because of our failings as Christians. Father, Samuel told your people, "It is true you have committed all this evil, still you must not turn from the Lord, but worship Him with your whole heart. For the sake of His own great name, the Lord will not abandon his own people." Father, we come before You with our whole hearts and ask You to grant us the pardon won for us by your Son.

Jesus, we do not deserve to even be heard, yet we know Your passion merits that we are. Lord Jesus, we call You as You have called us. Please, intercede before God to forgive us, to heal us, to heal our families, and to heal our nation.

Father, grant Your Son's intentions and hear His pleas for us. We know you are justly irritated with us but we beg and plead for forgiveness through our repentance from our hearts. We realize our nation is headed toward disaster by so many signs You have given us. Holy, Holy, Holy God, grant Your Son His requests that we may again be your people, not a nation above God but one nation humbled and under God. Amen.

April 30 to May 2

The Lord often does important things on significant dates to send a message to His people. For example, both temples in Israel were destroyed on the same date in history, the 9th day of the month of Av in Israel.

It was on April 30, 1789, that our first president, George Washington was inaugurated. On that day, the government, the House, and the Senate gathered for the Inauguration of our first president, George Washington. In his Inauguration Address, Washington gave a prophetic warning: “We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and the right which heaven itself has ordained.” Washington’s warning was, if we would begin to depart from God, He would remove His blessings, His prosperity and His protection from our nation.

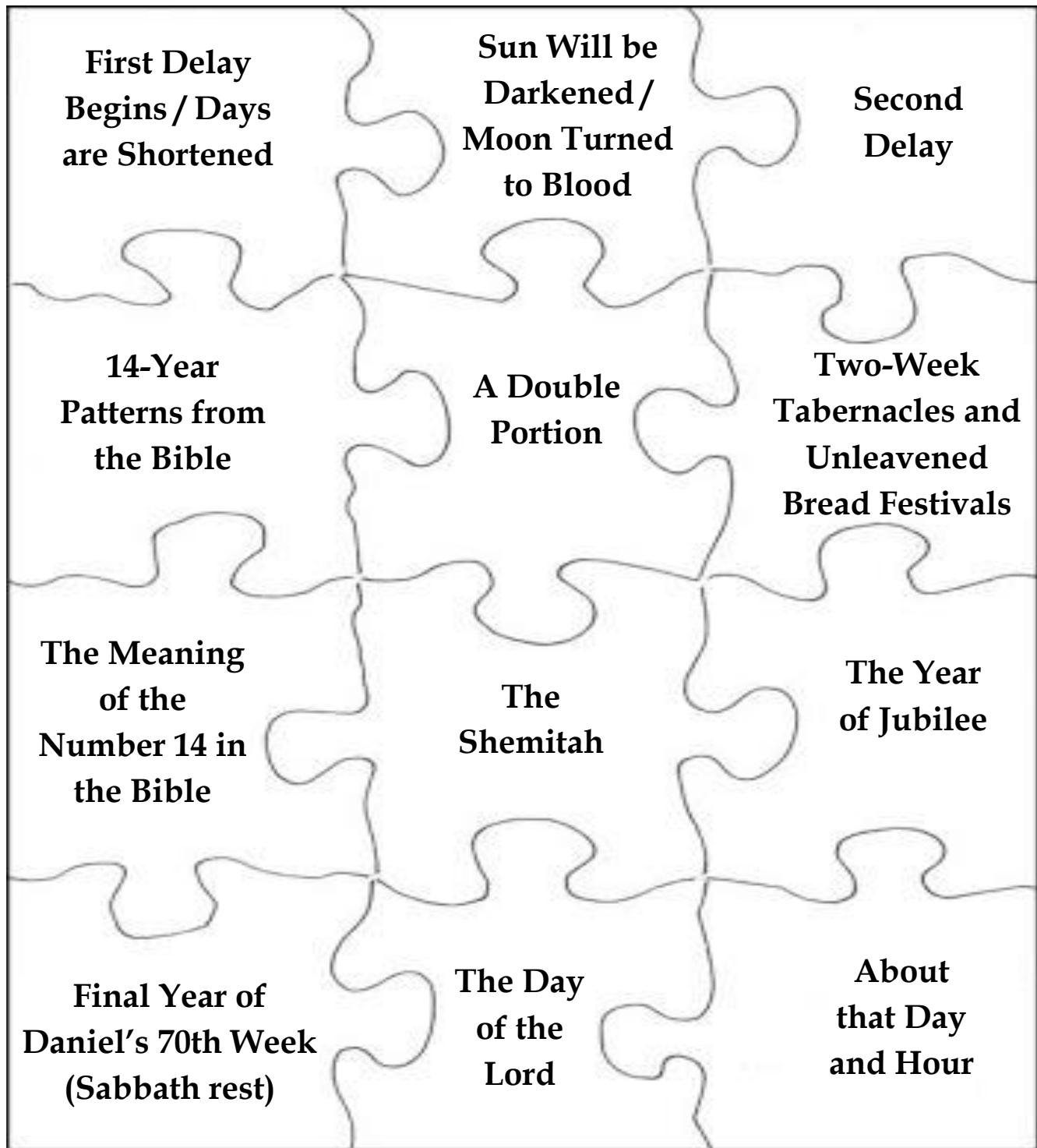
After Washington’s address, the government, the House, the Senate, and America’s first president traveled on foot to Saint Paul’s Chapel. No one knows exactly what was said inside but we do know the entire government was on their knees praying and consecrating this nation to God. In the chapel there is also a plaque above Washington’s pew with the words “Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that you will keep the United States in Holy protection.” Saint Paul’s Chapel is located at the corner of Ground Zero and is the spiritual birthplace of America.

Exactly 74 years later, in 1863 at the time of the Civil War in America, President Lincoln issued a resolution asking all Americans to pray and fast on April 30, 1863. The next day, on May 1, 1863, the Battle of Chancellorsville and the Battle of Port Gibson started and both ended as victories for the Union. Then, on May 2, 1863, the great commander for the confederate troops, Stonewall Jackson, was killed in battle. These events were seen as a turning point in the war that led to the victory of the Union states over the Confederate states, and ultimately to the re-unification of the United States, which would later rise to become the leading economic and military superpower of the 20th Century.

Exactly 150 years later, at the time when the desolation was to start in America in 2013, 40 days after the abomination on March 22, 2013, 1260 days before the Day of Atonement in 2016 and 1335 days before the start of Hanukkah in 2016, a worldwide call to fast and pray for America took place and the Lord withheld His judgment and has given America and the world an additional 10 years to repent of their sins. Scriptures point to the desolation now taking place on May 27/28, 2023, on the Feast of Pentecost. This time, I do not believe the Lord will continue to delay as the nation has continued to walk down a path that is in defiance to the ways of the Lord, and the desolation will take place at the time of the firstfruits rapture and start of the Great Tribulation. However, the Lord in His great mercy has shortened the days of the Great Tribulation for His left-behind saints and all 3 woe events of Revelation will now take place within the same year – 2023.

Chapter 5

Puzzle Pieces 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27



First Delay Begins / Days are Shortened

The first delay began on May 2, 2013, on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread during the Second Passover, after a 3-day fast and cry for mercy from the Bride of Christ.

Matthew 24:22 “*And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*”

The 1260 and 1335-day counts have been shortened and God continues to delay His judgment on the world for as long as is Scripturally possible.

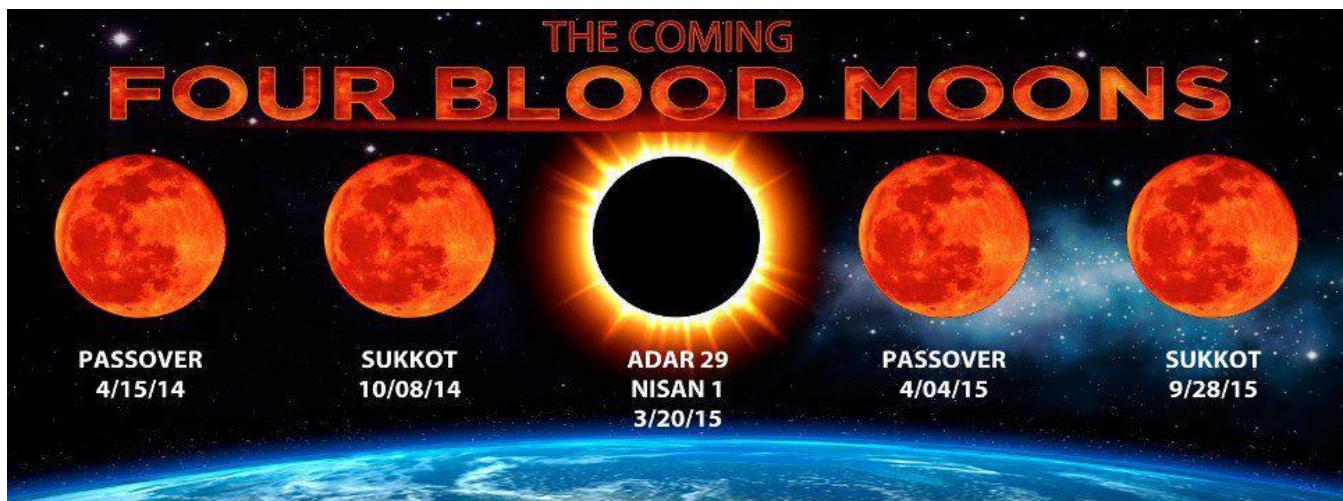
STARTING POINT + 70 YEARS = GOD'S REST STARTS



Sun Will be Darkened / Moon Turned to Blood

Joel 2:31 - *The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.*

Acts 2:20 - *The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*



We saw the fulfillment of these verses from 2014 to 2015, when we had blood moons at the start of Passover and Tabernacles for 2 years and then solar eclipses on the start of Nisan (Biblical New Year) and Tishrei (Jewish New Year) in 2015.

Of course, many end-time Bible prophecy scholars were talking about this amazing sign for many years. It was the signal of the start of the Day of the Lord. The Great and Dreadful/Glorious Day of the Lord was to have started on the 7th day of Tabernacles and start of Hanukkah in 2015. This was to have

been the 7th day of Daniel's 70th week that began on the 7th day of Tabernacles and start of Hanukkah in 2009. It was to have ended on the 7th day of Tabernacles and start of Hanukkah in 2016. Mr. Obama even told us that he was going to win the war on Christmas, which was referring to the first day of Hanukkah in 2016 on Christmas Day, the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ to the earth.

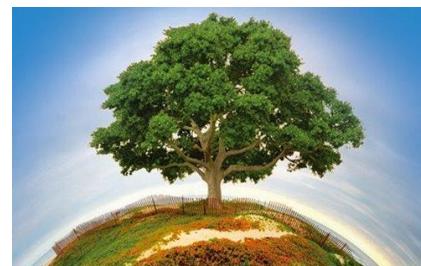
So, why did the Day of the Lord (or the 7th day of Daniel's 70th week) not take place from the fall of 2015 to the fall of 2016? I believe the Lord may have continued to pour out His mercy and grace on the world, and particularly on America in 2016, because it was an election year. Perhaps the Lord wanted to see if America would choose a different path and put in a conservative leader who would stand up for godly principles.

Luke 13: 6-9 - *Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ “Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”*

In the Scriptures, the fig tree represents Israel. However, in this particular parable, I believe it represents America, which was a nation started by the Pilgrims to be a “New Israel”. We see that the owner of the tree is ready to cut the tree down after 3 years, but the gardener asks for one final year to see if the tree will bear fruit. The tree represents the nation of America. I believe the election in 2016 had something to do with why the gardener asks for one more year to bear fruit. The Lord wanted to see if America would truly repent as a nation, or if she would continue to walk in her own strength to try to fix her problems.

In Daniel 4, King Nebuchadnezzar had a vision of a large tree that was cut down and only a stump remained. In Daniel 4, we read:

“These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed. In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. He called in a loud voice: ‘Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field.’”



The first national monument in America is called Devil's Tower. It looks exactly like a huge tree



stump – as if a huge tree had been growing that would have covered the land and it was cut down. America is the nation that has fed the world – both physically and spiritually. America was founded as a Christian nation – a nation that would represent God to the world, just as Israel had once been commissioned by God to do. America is known as the Beautiful. I believe this vision that King Nebuchadnezzar had has both a fulfillment in his day and in ours.

This beautiful tree was given 4 years to bear fruit. From April 30 to May 2, 2013, the Bride of Christ cried out to the Lord for mercy on America and the Lord answered her prayer and the nation was spared from the desolation event that was to have taken place on May 2, 2013. From that time, He gave America 3 years until the spring of 2016, but still no fruit was found on the tree. Mr. Obama was still leading the nation down a path of immorality. The Supreme Court had ruled in favor of allowing same-sex couples to marry. Abortion was still legal and millions of babies continued to be slaughtered. The nation had not turned to the Lord and the leadership of the nation was taking the country in the wrong direction. The gardener asks to be given just one more year to bear fruit. 2016 was an election year in America. The Lord graciously withheld His judgment again in the spring of 2016 and gave the tree (America) another year. One year later, on the Feast of Firstfruits in 2017, President Trump signed a bill that would help to defund Planned Parenthood and fruit was found on the fig tree.



I believe the election of Mr. Trump was a huge turning point for America. While he was not necessarily a strong Christian who was asking America to cry out to God for mercy, he did do things that were honorable and righteous in the eyes of the Lord. He put in 3 conservative Supreme Court justices that would lead to the overturning of Roe v Wade in the summer of 2022. Every bill he signed was in favor of Christian principles and he continually and unashamedly spoke out for the rights of the unborn, far more than any president in America's history.

When we look at the Old Testament kings, we see that the Lord's judgment was often dependent upon the actions taken by the king, or leader, of the nation. Over and over in the books of Kings and Chronicles, we see the Bible saying that the king "did what was right in the eyes of the Lord" or that he "did evil in the eyes of the Lord". If we read the last chapter of Chronicles, we see that it says:

"Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem. He did evil in the sight of the LORD his God; he did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke for the LORD. He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar who had made him swear allegiance by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel. Also, all the officials of the

priests and the people were very unfaithful, following all the repulsive acts of the [pagan] nations; and they defiled the house of the LORD which He had sanctified in Jerusalem. The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God and despising His words and scoffing at His prophets until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy or healing. Therefore He brought the king of the Chaldeans against them, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; He gave them all into his hand.”

God's judgment finally came against Israel because of their sins and also because of the wickedness of their leader. I believe with the election of Mr. Trump and because he tried to turn America back to conservative principles, God's judgment against America was held off for just a little longer.

Second Delay

So, we saw the Lord delay His judgment against America and against the world in the spring of 2013 after the abomination event took place. The Lord assured us that He would shorten the days of the Great Tribulation for the sake of His elect in order that some flesh might survive what is coming on the earth. Then, we saw a second delay in the fall of 2015 that could have started a one-year period of judgment on the earth known as the “Day of the Lord”. We then saw the Lord delay until the spring of 2016, when a 5-month judgment period could have started (see Revelation 9), but the Lord graciously gave the fig tree one more year to bear fruit. These delays were a part of God's amazing puzzle and are hidden in the prophecies of the Bible. God is not changing the timeline. It has always been set and it will take place exactly how He has planned it. Because God is all-knowing and all-powerful, He is the One in control and He is the One who has hidden the prophecies so masterfully in His Word. They will only be unsealed at the very end of time so we can see His entire plan, His entire puzzle, and it will fill fulfill every prophecy and every Scripture exactly as He intended for it to.

14-Year Patterns from the Bible

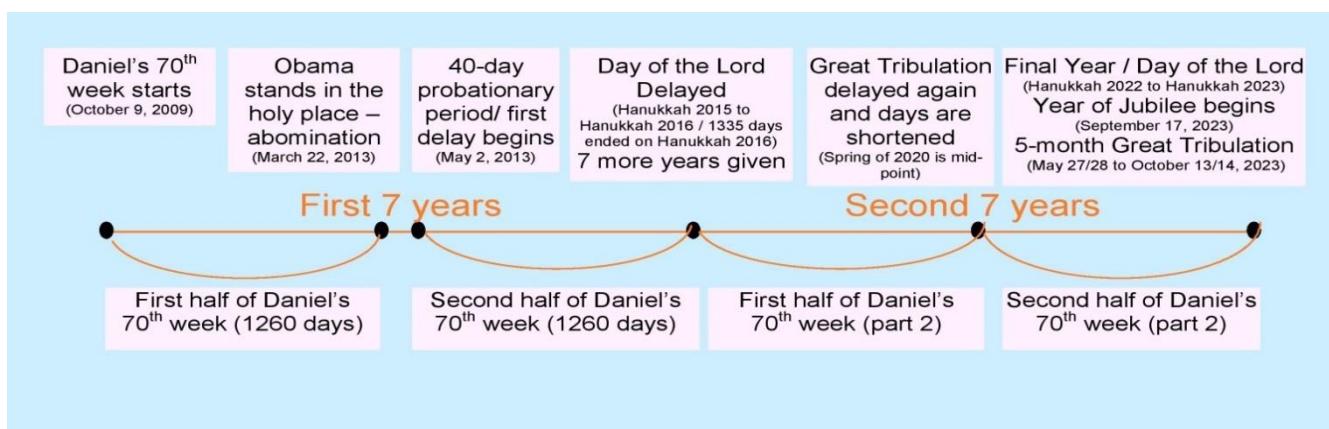
In the Scriptures, we see 2 very significant periods of 14 years. The first is when there was a 7-year period of abundance followed by a 7-year period of famine in the time of Joseph. You can read this story in Genesis 41-47. During the final year of this 14-year period, the people were so desperate for food that they sold all of their land and even their bodies as slaves to Pharaoh in order that they could survive.

The other significant 14-year period is found in the story of Jacob, who worked for 7 years to marry Rachel, but was deceived by Laban into marrying her sister Leah. He then had to work another 7 years in order to marry his true love, Rachel. The Scriptures tell us in Genesis 29:20 - *So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love*

for her. So in all, Jacob had to work for 14 years to marry his true love Rachel, not 7 years as he had first been told.

Could these 2 stories in the Scriptures foreshadow to us that the Lord was going to double the 7-year period of Daniel's 70th week, and make it a 14-year period? Could it be that it is only at the end of this 14-year period that the Lord will take His entire Bride to Himself at the Wedding of the Lamb? We know that the fall of 2009 began the 70th week of Daniel, or this 7-year period, mentioned in Daniel 9:27. If the Lord is doubling Daniel's 70th week, then it should end in 2023, during the Feast of Tabernacles and Hanukkah.

Daniel 9:27 – “And he shall confirm a covenant with many for ONE ‘seven’.” The word used in Hebrew for “one” is *'ehād* and it can also mean “first”. “And he shall confirm a covenant with many for the FIRST ‘seven’” is a possible interpretation for this verse. **Whenever you have the word “first”, it implies that there is also a “second”**. So, if the correct interpretation of this verse is using the word “first” rather than “one”, then there must be a second week added to Daniel's 70th week. Sixty-five times in the Old Testament this word *'ehād* is translated as “first” rather than “one”.



A Double Portion

Deuteronomy 21:17 - *But he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; to him belongs the right of the firstborn.*

Ezekiel 47:13 - *Thus says the Lord God, “This shall be the boundary by which you shall divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions.*

1 Samuel 1:5 - *But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the Lord had closed her womb.*

2 Kings 2:9 - *When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”*

Job 42:10 - *The Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold.*

Isaiah 61:7 - *Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, and instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, everlasting joy will be theirs.*

Zechariah 9:12 - *Return to the stronghold, oh prisoners who have the hope; this very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.*

We see over and over in the Scriptures that the Lord loves to give a double portion of blessing to His people. Is it possible that the Lord has doubled Daniel's 70th week to a 14-year period?

Two-Week Tabernacles and Unleavened Bread Festivals

1 Kings 8:65 - *So Solomon observed the festival at that time, and all Israel with him—a vast assembly, people from Lebo Hamath to the Wadi of Egypt. They celebrated it before the LORD our God for seven days and seven days more, fourteen days in all.*

2 Chronicles 30:23 - *The whole assembly then agreed to celebrate the festival seven more days; so for another seven days they celebrated joyfully.*

Two times in the Scriptures we see the Israelites celebrated their 7-day festivals for 14 days. The first time was in 1 Kings 8, when the Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated for 2 weeks. The second is in 2 Chronicles 30 when the Passover festival was celebrated for 2 full weeks, rather than just one. In both cases, the celebration was so tremendous that the people simply did not want to stop and go home, but insisted that the festivities continue for an additional week.

I believe the Lord is patterning Daniel's 70th week after the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles. It was on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread that the walls of Jericho fell, the Red Sea parted and the Israelites crossed over into the wilderness, the gold and silver were first brought into the temple of the Lord and Peter was rescued by an angel just before he was to be killed. It was on the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles that the Israelites would walk around the altar 7 times and throw palm branches into the fire, shouting, “Hosanna, save us now!” This was the day when the Jewish people anticipated their Messiah coming. It was the day when Jesus stood up and in a loud voice called all who were thirsty to come to Him and He would give them living water.

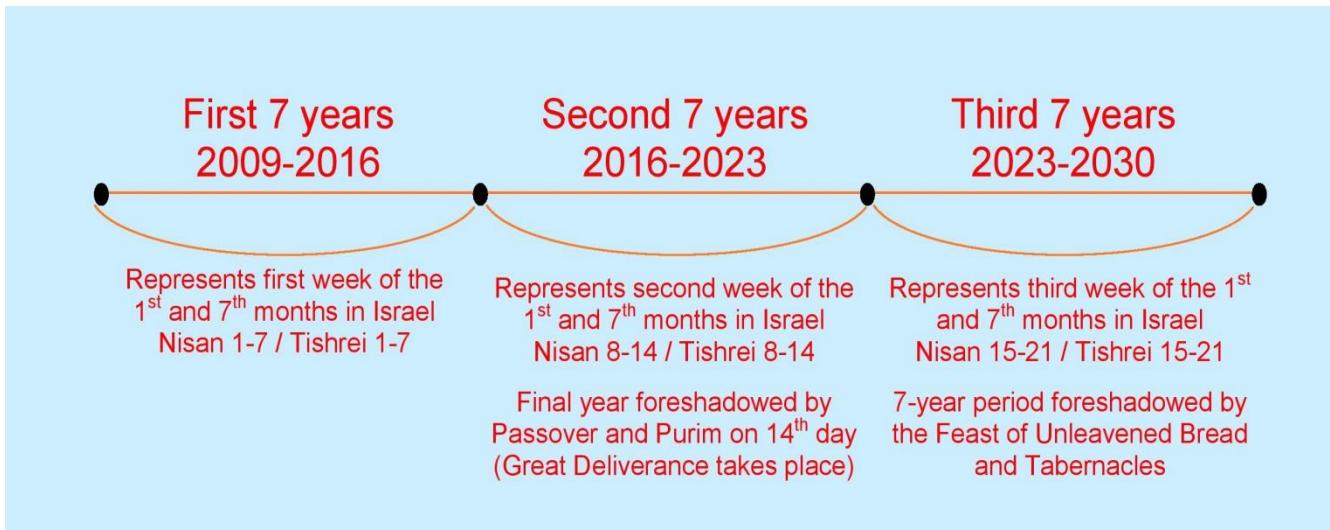
In Daniel's 70th week, each day is equal to a year. Therefore, the 7th day is the 7th year. But, if the Lord is doubling it and making it a 14-day period, or 14-year period, then it would be during the 14th day, or 14th year, that we should expect the Lord to come for His Bride and the Day of the Lord to begin. If Daniel's 70th week started during the Feast of Tabernacles and Hanukkah in 2009, then everything should end during the Feast of Tabernacles and Hanukkah in 2023. And as we will see, the Lord is going to double these festivals in His amazing puzzle and in 2023 both the Feast of Tabernacles and the Feast of Hanukkah will last for 14 days, just as we saw in 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles, and also as we see in the doubling of Daniel's 70th week to make it last for 14 years. The festivities in the heavens will be so great during the Feast of Tabernacles and Hanukkah in 2023 that they will last for 2 full weeks, rather than for one.

The Meaning of the Number 14 in the Bible

The number 7 in the Bible denotes perfection, completion, and also God's assurance or oath that His Word and purposes stand firm. Accordingly, the number 14, the second multiple of 7, simply reinforces this completeness, or seals it in concrete by doubling it. Jacob worked for Laban 7 years, received Leah through trickery, and then worked another 7 years or 14 years in all to obtain Rachel as his wife. When Solomon's first temple was finished, the dedication feast lasted "7 days and 7 more days, even 14 days".

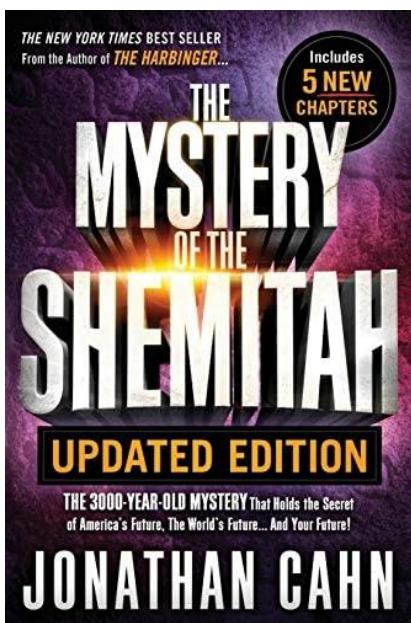
The most significant use of the number 14 is found in the date Nisan 14. On this date occurred the deliverance of Israel from bondage to Egypt, as well as the deliverance of the first born from death by means of the blood of a lamb sprinkled on the doorposts. This event of paramount importance foreshadowed the future deliverance of the entire world of mankind from slavery to sin and death through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus. The Jews were commanded to keep this observance called the Passover until the advent of Christ, the Messiah, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1: 29). It is also on the 14th day of the 12th month in Israel that the Jewish people celebrate Purim, a festival remembering the time when the Lord delivered the people of Israel from being wiped off the face of the earth by the evil schemes of Haman. The number 14 is a symbol of salvation or deliverance in the Bible. It will be in the 14th year, counting from the start of Daniel's first 70th week, when Christ will take His Bride to Himself and will return to the earth to set up His Kingdom for 1000 years.

Interestingly, it is on the 15th day of the first and seventh months in Israel that the 7-day festivals of Unleavened Bread and Tabernacles start and Purim is also celebrated on the 15th day of the 12th month as well. I believe the 7-day festivals of Unleavened Bread and Tabernacles foreshadow a 7-year period that will begin at the end of 2023 (the start of the 15th day counting from the fall of 2009) and last until the year 2030. This 7-year period is mentioned in Ezekiel 39, where we are told that the weapons will be burned for fuel for 7 years after Christ returns to usher in peace on the earth. The year 2030 will likely end a 2000-year count from when Christ began, or possibly ended, His ministry on the earth during His first coming.



The Shemitah

The Shemitah is the final year in a 7-year cycle of debt forgiveness and land use prescribed for Israel in the Old Testament. The term *Shemitah* has been popularized lately with the publication of the book *The Mystery of the Shemitah* by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. According to Cahn, the Shemitah year culminates in the Day of Remission, Elul 29.



Every seventh year, the people of Israel were instructed to forgive debts owed by fellow Israelites, refrain from direct cultivation, and permit people and animals to harvest the free-growing crops that remained. The instructions concerning the Shemitah are mentioned in passages such as Exodus 21:2; 23:10–11; Leviticus 25:1–7; Deuteronomy 15:1–6; and 31:10–13.

The purpose of the Shemitah was to allow the land to recover from agriculture, as well as to provide sustenance for the poor. The Shemitah was also meant to break the cycle of perpetual debt and poverty in which many people found themselves trapped (see Deuteronomy 15:4, 11). This Sabbath year reflected God's decision to rest on the seventh day of creation (see Genesis 2:1–3).

In his book *The Mystery of the Shemitah*, Jonathan Cahn made the case that nations who do not follow the principles of the Shemitah will be judged by God. He applied this warning specifically to America, showing how Elul 29, the Day of Remission on the Jewish calendar, has coincided with drastic drops in the stock market, credit crises, oil shocks, recessions, sell-offs, and the Great Depression in America. Cahn figures that we finished a Shemitah year, which ended on September 13, 2015. After that is a possible Year of Jubilee, a “super Shemitah,” according

to Cahn, if it is the year following seven Shemitah years (7 sets of 7 years). In Cahn's book, the Year of Jubilee would bring even more of God's judgment on rebellious nations such as America. Adding to the portents of doom, according to Cahn, were the blood moons and solar eclipses we saw on Jewish feast days in 2014 and 2015.

In *The Mystery of the Shemitah*, Cahn related many events concerning the World Trade Center to a Shemitah year: The WTC was conceived in 1945. Groundbreaking occurred in 1966. The twin towers opened in 1973. Terrorists bombed the north tower in 1993. Both towers were destroyed in 2001. The new tower, One World Trade Center, or the Freedom Tower, opened in 2014. Cahn points out that all of these years were Shemitah years.

I encourage you to read Jonathan Cahn's eye-opening book about the mystery of the Shemitah. Obviously, the Day of the Lord did not take place from the fall of 2015 to the fall of 2016, so I do not believe 2016 was a Jubilee Year, as many had hoped. I believe it was the 7th day of Daniel's 70th week and was to have been the Day of the Lord. However, the puzzle was not complete and the Lord had many more pieces to add to His amazing puzzle that would delay everything by another 7 years.

This would put the next possible Year of Jubilee from the fall of 2022 to the fall of 2023. However, in his book *120 Jubilees: Why 2023 May Be The End Of Days*, Wayne L. Atchison says the following:

"In 2 Chronicles 36:20-21, YHWH declares that the land must rest for 70 years. In this year, the 70-years of land-rest punishment still had one more year to go. Therefore, Ezra was faced with a dilemma. They were officially back in Jerusalem, but yet the land still had one more year of punishment remaining. Not until the next year could they re-plant the fields again. At this time Ezra made a very key decision. Ezra's decision was to start another cycle, which was recorded by Maimonides. Moses Maimonides, circa 1200 AD, known as Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon or the acronym "Rambam", recorded this: 'Ezra came up in the 7th year of its (the Second Temple's) erection. This was the 2nd coming (into the land). From that year, they began to use a different counting (for the Sabbath year-cycle). They made the 13th year serve as Shemitah (a Sabbatical year).' This year, 514 BC, was the 13th year within the original Creation Jubilee Cycle. This year would not normally be a year of land-rest. Ezra's solution was to declare that this 13th year of the original cycle would now be a Sabbatical year in a new cycle. This decision started the Jewish Jubilee Cycle, shifted six years lower from the original cycle. All historical references after this date do indeed match this new Jewish Jubilee Cycle started by Ezra's decision."

The people of Israel were faced with a horrifying situation. They were finally back in their homeland after 70 years of captivity in Babylon. Most of the Jewish people had been in Babylon for their entire lives. It was their dream to return to the Jewish homeland and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. The problem was that the year they returned was a Shemitah year and the Lord commanded that the land rest during the Shemitah year. But if they could not plant crops for an entire year, they would all starve to death, as they had not had time to prepare for the Shemitah year by storing food ahead of time. So,

Ezra made a decision to change the Shemitah cycle by pushing back the Shemitah a year, thus giving the Israelites another 6 years before they would have to allow the land to rest again and allowing them to plant crops immediately upon entering the land of Israel. What this means is that the Shemitah Jewish cycle is off by one year from the original Creation Jubilee Cycle. According to the book's author, the true final Year of Jubilee will not start until the fall of 2023, and not the fall of 2022.

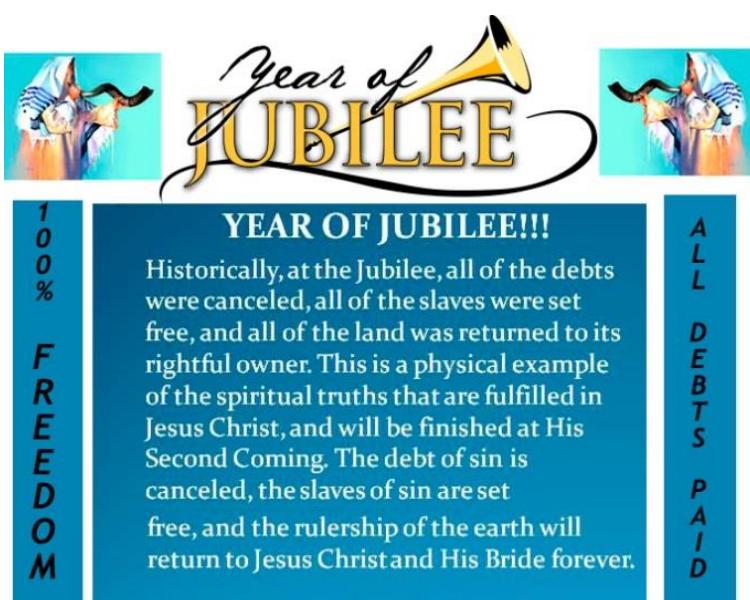
There can be little doubt that the Shemitah year would have brought great economic hardship to the people of Israel, with no planting or harvesting of crops for the entire year. The Jubilee Year would have been a second Shemitah in a row and a once-in-a-lifetime event, in which the people of Israel were not allowed to plant or harvest for 2 years in a row.

The final year of the 14-year cycle in Joseph's day was also one of incredible hardship for the people economically. The Scriptures tell us that the people sold everything they had, even their own bodies to Pharaoh in order to survive. We can expect the coming year to be one of incredible economic hardship, especially after May 2023. Jesus said that night is coming when no man can work. Whatever takes place at the time of the firstfruits rapture will bring about incredible economic turmoil and famine, to the point where people will do anything just to have food to eat.

The Year of Jubilee

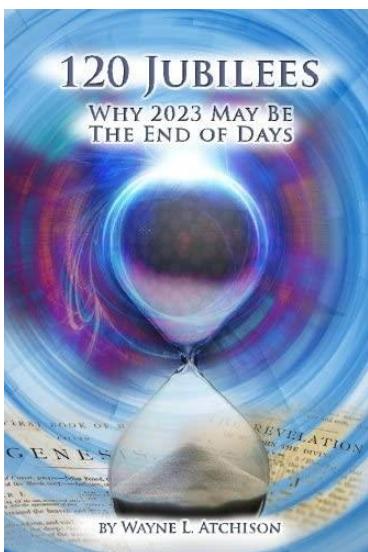
Leviticus 25: *The LORD said to Moses at Mount Sinai, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the LORD...Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of*

Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields. In this Year of Jubilee everyone is to return to their own property.’”



What is this “Year of Jubilee” all about? It was and still is about FREEDOM! Perhaps we should call it the, “Year of Freedom”! Slaves were to be set free, property returned to its rightful owner. It was a Sabbath year of rest for God’s people and for the land. Every 50th year, the trumpet was to sound and the Year of Jubilee was to be proclaimed on the Day of Atonement.

Most of us witnessed the proclamation of the Jubilee Year on September 23, 2015, as Jonathan Cahn, and many other prophecy scholars believed that this was the start of the Year of Jubilee. The reason for this was that counting 49 prophetic years (360 days each) from June 7, 1967, brought you to September 23, 2015, the Day of Atonement, which is when the Year of Jubilee was to be proclaimed. This was also the end of the blood moons and solar eclipses on the Jewish feast days, as well as the end of a Jewish Shemitah cycle. However, the Lord added another 7 years to His amazing puzzle in order to fulfill the true Creation Jubilee Cycle. The final Year of Jubilee on the Creation Jubilee Cycle will actually start in the fall of 2023.



I believe we have now entered the final day of Daniel’s 70th week, that has been doubled to 14 years, and that this is a Shemitah year on God’s calendar. In his book, *120 Jubilees: Why 2023 May Be The End Of Days*, Wayne L. Atchison demonstrates the historical timeline of the Jubilees Cycle started at Creation. Using only verifiable historical records, this book reconstructs the Jubilee Cycle used in history to record events. Included are the verifiable dates for the Exodus, and many other historical events that were dated relative to the Jubilee Cycle. There are enough objective historical records to demonstrate that this timeline cannot be shifted in either direction, not even by one year. This timeline then becomes the backbone for reconstructing all of chronology. This book also provides the evidence that Genesis 6:3 and Daniel 9:24 are prophecies referring to Jubilee Cycles, ending in September 2023, when

the final Year of Jubilee begins. Mr. Atchison uses many historical documents to reconstruct the Jubilee Cycle, such as the Talmud, the Book of Jubilees, the Old Testament, books written by the historian Josephus, the Mishnah, the Palestinian and Babylonian Talmudim, the “Elephantine Letters” as well as tombstones that have references to Sabbatical years and land rental contracts from thousands of years ago. Amazingly, Mr. Atchison was writing his book about 2023 being the Year of Jubilee in 2009, when the 14 years were just starting with the first of the final 2 “weeks” of 7 years. In his closing remarks in the Introduction part of his book, he writes: “We really are living in the last days! At the time of this writing September 2023 is only 14 years away. That is why everyone needs to read this book!” Indeed, the Lord was giving us all a 14-year heads up by having him write this book at the start of the first part of Daniel’s 70th week.

Historically, at the Jubilee, all of the debts were canceled, all of the slaves were set free, and all of the land was returned to its rightful owner. This is a physical example of the spiritual truths that are fulfilled in Jesus Christ and will be finished at His Second Coming. The debt of sin is canceled, the

slaves of sin are set free, and the rulership of the earth will return to Jesus Christ and His Bride forever. I believe this will take place during the Feast of Hanukkah in 2023, which will last for 14 days and end on December 22, 2023, at the start of winter.

Final Year of Daniel's 70th week (Sabbath rest)

Hebrews 4:9-11 says, “*There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.*”

I believe the Scriptures point us to the final day of Daniel's 70th week as the “Day of the Lord”. Because the Lord is doubling Daniel's 70th week, this will be the 14th day, rather than the 7th.

Isaiah 34:8 - *For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.*

John 9:4, 5, 14, 16 - “***As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world... Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”***

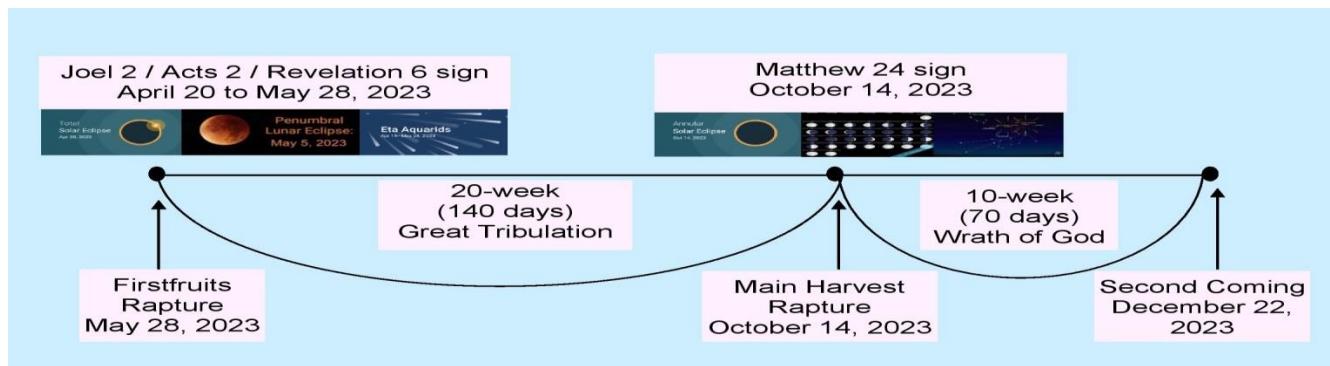
So, we can see that Christ continued to heal people on the Sabbath and that He said something that would point us to the fact that He would still be in the world during the Sabbath. I believe the firstfruits rapture event will take place in the spring of 2023. Just as in a 24-hour day, about half of this time period is light and half is dark, so also I believe about halfway through the “Day of the Lord”, darkness will descend on the earth as Christ takes His firstfruits Bride and leaves with her and the Great Tribulation begins on the earth. I intend to show you in the next several chapters how the Scriptures point us to very specific dates for the 3 woe events in Revelation, which I believe will include 2 rapture events and the Second Coming of Christ to the earth on December 22, 2023.

The Day of the Lord

I believe that the “Day of the Lord” is referring to the final day of Daniel's 70th week. The last day of a week is considered to be a Sabbath, when no one should work. Jesus told us in Matthew 24:20 to pray that our “flight” would not take place on the Sabbath. Earlier in the chapter, He tells us to flee to the mountains. I believe that Jesus is referring to 2 types of fleeing, or escaping. The first is fleeing to Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, at the time of the rapture events. The other type of fleeing is for those left behind – those who have to literally flee into the mountains to escape the cities in order to try to survive. I believe the “Day of the Lord” begins during Hanukkah of 2022 and ends during Hanukkah of 2023. However, because the Lord is shortening the days of Great Tribulation, it will not be until

halfway through the “Day of the Lord” that the Great Tribulation will begin – a time of “night” on the earth.

I believe the Great Tribulation will last for 210 days (7 months) on the earth, as we are told in Ezekiel 39. For the left-behind saints, these days will only last for approximately 5 months (see Revelation 9). The left-behind saints will have to endure exactly 2/3 of this time of Great Tribulation, and the final 10 weeks will be a time of total darkness on the earth, when the Bride of Christ is gone and God’s wrath begins. Jesus said that we, as His people, are the “light of the world” and Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:9 that we, as God’s people, are not appointed to suffer His wrath. Once the light is totally removed, total darkness comes at the time of the outpouring of God’s wrath.



The “Day of the Lord” also refers to the time of judgment on the earth and has been shortened for the sake of the elect. I believe the Scriptures point to the start of the Great Tribulation and firstfruits rapture of the Bride of Christ on May 27/28, 2023. I believe after the second rapture event on October 13/14, 2023, God’s wrath will be poured out as never before on the earth and 1/3 of mankind will be killed.

Jesus also told us in Luke 21:36, “*Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.*”

Psalm 24:3-4 tells us, “*Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.*”

Those who are able ascend to Mt. Zion and to stand before the Son of Man are those with pure hearts. The Bride of Christ will enter her rest and our Bridegroom Jesus will no longer restrain Satan. I would like to look at some of the Scriptures that talk about the Day of the Lord, which is also referred to as an “hour” in some passages.

1. **Isaiah 13:6** *Wail, for the **day of the Lord** is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.*

2. **Isaiah 13:9** Behold, the **day of the Lord** comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.
3. **Isaiah 34:8** For it is the **day of the Lord's vengeance**, The **year of recompense** for the cause of Zion.
4. **Jeremiah 46:10** For this is the **day of the Lord God of hosts, A day of vengeance**, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord God of hosts has a sacrifice In the north country by the River Euphrates.
5. **Ezekiel 30:3** For the day is near, Even the **day of the Lord** is near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.
6. **Joel 1:15** Alas for the day! For the **day of the Lord** is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.
7. **Joel 2:1** Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the **day of the Lord** is coming, For it is at hand:
8. **Joel 2:11** The Lord gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the **day of the Lord** is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?
9. **Joel 2:31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible **day of the LORD** come.
10. **Joel 3:14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the **day of the Lord** is near in the valley of decision.
11. **Amos 5:18** Woe to you who desire the **day of the Lord!** For what good is the **day of the Lord** to you? It will be **darkness**, and not light.
12. **Amos 5:20** Is not the **day of the Lord darkness**, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?
13. **Obadiah 1:15** “For the **day of the Lord** upon all the nations is near; As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.
14. **Zephaniah 1:7** Be silent in the presence of the Lord God; For the **day of the Lord** is at hand, For the Lord has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.

15. **Zephaniah 1:14** *The great **day of the Lord** is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the **day of the Lord** is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.*
16. **Zephaniah 1:18** *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the **day of the Lord's wrath**; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.*
17. **Zephaniah 2:3** *Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the **day of the Lord's anger**.*
18. **Acts 2:20** *The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious **day of the Lord**.*
19. **2 Peter 3:10** *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.*
20. **Revelation 17:12** *The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for **one hour**.*
21. **Revelation 18:10** *'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in **one hour** your judgment has come.'*
22. **Matthew 24:36** **Mark 13:32** *But about that **day or hour** no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*
23. **Luke 12:39** *But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what **hour** the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.*
24. **Revelation 14:7** *And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because **the hour of His judgment** has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."*
25. **Zechariah 14** *Behold, the **day of the Lord** is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. **Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.***

So here we have half that are taken and half that are left as in the parable of the ten virgins (see Matthew 25).

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5 - “Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, **are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief**. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.”

Paul is telling the church that this “Day of the Lord” should not surprise us like a thief because we do not belong to the darkness, but to the light. We do not belong to the night. Jesus warns us in Matthew 24 to watch the signs so that the thief does not break into our house unexpectedly. He says that if the owner of the house had known at what time the thief was coming, he would not have let the thief break into his house.



Matthew 24: 42-43, “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.”

What I believe Jesus is warning us in this passage is this: we do not know when He is coming – it is not something that we intrinsically know. Only through watching the signs and studying the prophecies and through revelation given by God can we know when Jesus will come. If we will watch the signs and study the prophecies, then we can know when the thief is coming so that we are not caught unaware and end up being left behind because we are worldly and self-centered, not living wholeheartedly for Jesus. The obvious implication of Matthew 24 is that if we are not watching, the thief will come at a time when we are not expecting and we will be caught off-guard and our “house” will be broken into. And if we are not watching, Jesus Himself will come at a time when we do not expect Him and we could be left behind.

About that Day and Hour

Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32 - *But about that **day or hour** no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

Revelation 3:3 - *"Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you."*

So here Jesus tells us that if we do not wake up, then we will not know what time He will come. The word used in Matthew 24:36 for KNOW is a different word than is used in Revelation 3.

The Greek language often has more distinction between words than English. For example, in our English language we just use the word "love". But the Greek language has 4 words for love: agápe, éros, philía, and storgē, each meaning something slightly different. The same is true for the word "know" - there are several different words in Greek and they don't all mean exactly the same thing.

In Matthew 24, the word for "know" is eido and the best definition of this word is "to perceive something". In Revelation 3, the word is ginosko and the best definition is "to come to know or to get knowledge of". I believe that what Jesus was saying in Matthew 24:36 was no person is born with the knowledge, or knows intuitively, or perceives about this day or hour (which may not even be referring to the timing, but simply what takes place on the Day of the Lord). Even Jesus Himself does not know. Even the angels do not know. However, this does not say that no one will ever know or could never know. Revelation 3 seems to be clear (and is definitely dealing with the timing) that if you are awake, you can know (come to know or get knowledge of) when Jesus will come. He only comes like a thief to those who are sleeping (spiritually). If we continue reading in Matthew 24, Jesus says, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." This is the same word for "know" used in verse 26. Jesus is warning us to watch because we do not know intuitively what day He is coming.

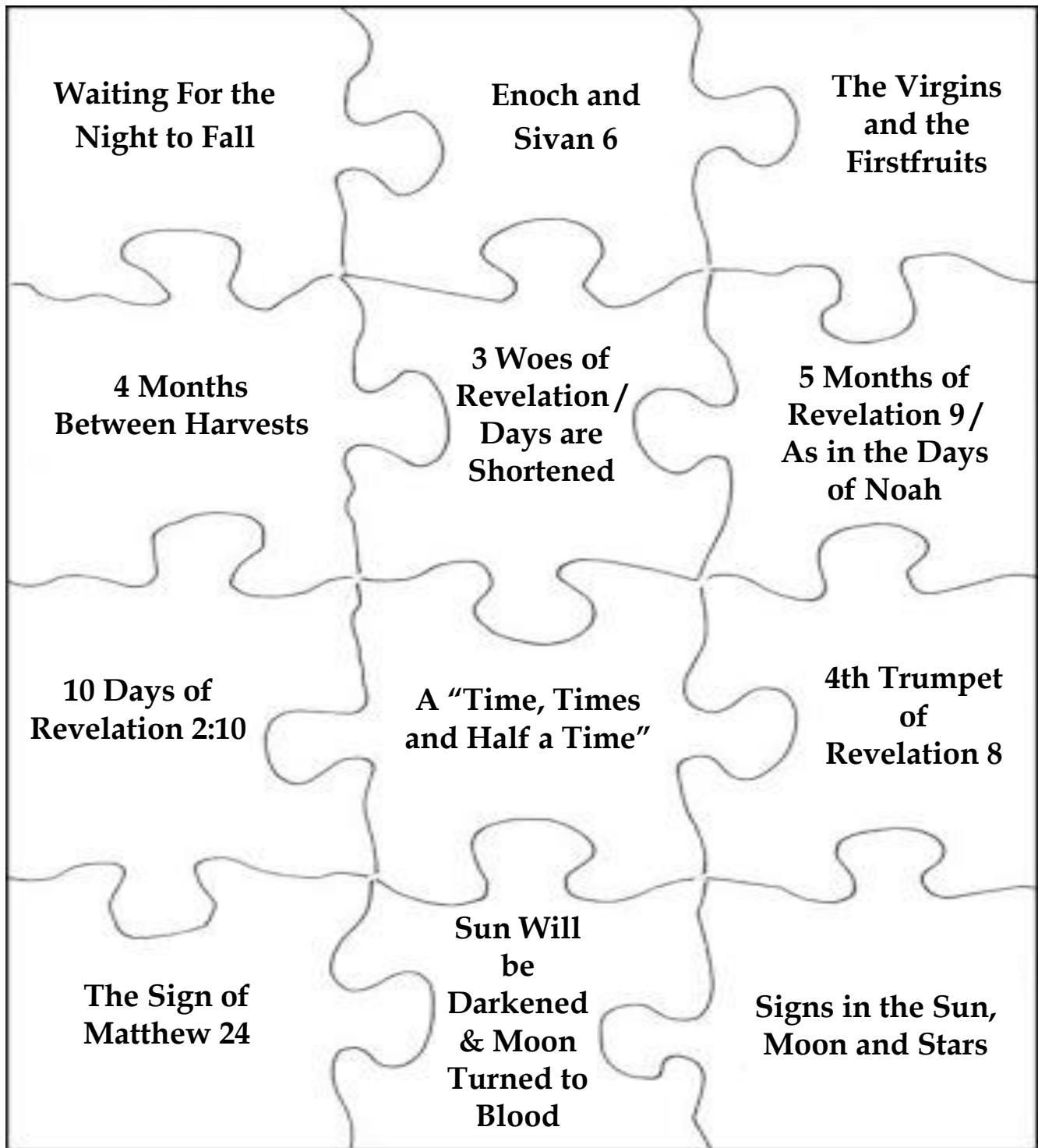
Watch what? Watch the signs, study the prophecies, so that this day does not come upon you like a thief in the night and your house ends up being broken into. Jesus gives us this illustration - that if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have watched so he could catch him in the act. Jesus wants us to study the prophecies and the signs and the numbers left to us in Scripture so that we can know when He's coming. He does not want to catch us off-guard and we end up being left behind.

If we continue reading in Matthew 24, Jesus says, *"But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of."*

It is to the unfaithful servant that Jesus comes at a time he is not aware of. To the faithful servant, this does not have to be the case. Why would the Bible so clearly give us events to watch for and numbers to count with, if we are never supposed to understand the timing of events of the last days? It is my desire to leave something for those who are left behind to know for certain that what took place was prophesied to happen exactly when it happened, so that they will not fall for the great deception that is coming as a cover-up for the rapture. Satan has had a lot of time to plan how to try to deceive people. He does not want them to believe that the rapture took place or that the prophecies are being fulfilled. Jesus warned about a great deception that would happen to deceive even the elect, if it is possible. My desire is to make sure that this deception is exposed and to prove from the Bible that this event was prophesied to take place exactly when it did so that they will know for certain that what happened was in fact the rapture event and that Jesus is in control and His Word is true.

Chapter 6

Puzzle Pieces 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39



Waiting For the Night to Fall



John 9:4, 5 - "**As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.** While I am in the world, I am the light of the world... Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for **he does not keep the Sabbath.**"

We see from the Scriptures that Jesus was still healing people on the Sabbath in John 9 and He says something that might indicate that He will still be in the world during the Sabbath and will not be taking His Bride until the night comes.

John 11:9 - *Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light.”*

We must remember that in a day there are 24 hours. Approximately half are considered to be the day and half are considered to be the night. And we see that Jesus warned us that when the night came, no one could work. If we transfer this concept of approximately half of the day being light and half being dark onto the “Day of the Lord” that starts during Hanukkah in 2022 and ends during Hanukkah of 2023, then we could expect darkness to fall on the earth approximately 5 months after Hanukkah of 2022, around late May or early June of 2023.

Interestingly, when we count from the start of the Feast of Tabernacles in 2022 until the 14th day of Hanukkah in 2023 when Christ returns to the earth, the middle date is May 18, 2023, or “Ascension Day”. Likewise, when we count from the solar eclipse on the 14th day of Tabernacles in 2022 until the start of Hanukkah in 2023, the middle date is May 18, 2023. Later in the puzzle I will look at how the Scriptures point to May 18, 2023, as the start of tribulation on the earth, but that the firstfruits Bride must endure the first 10 days of this tribulation period before she is redeemed from the earth on Pentecost (see Revelation 2:10 and Revelation 14:4).

Enoch and Sivan 6

Enoch and Elijah are the 2 examples to us from the Old Testament of people who were taken up to heaven and never died. They both foreshadow the rapture event.

In the book called the Secrets of Enoch, in the 68th chapter, we find out that Enoch was actually born and taken to heaven on the 6th day of Sivan, when the Jewish people observe Pentecost.

“Enoch was born on the sixth day of the month Tsivan, and lived three hundred and sixty-five years. He was taken up to heaven on the first day of the month Tsivan and remained in heaven sixty days. He wrote all these signs of all creation, which the Lord created, and wrote

three hundred and sixty-six books, and handed them over to his sons and remained on earth thirty days, and was again **taken up to heaven on the sixth day of the month Tsivan, on the very day and hour when he was born.**



First he was there then he was not!

This symbolizes the birth of the nation of Israel on Pentecost when the law was given to Moses, and the birth of the church on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came. It also symbolizes the firstfruits rapture event, as those who walk with God are taken and are no more on the earth.

Elijah was also taken to heaven, while Elisha looked on and tore his clothes and then went on to receive a double portion of the Lord's anointing in his ministry. This too is symbolic. Elijah represents those taken in the firstfruits rapture and Elisha represents those who are left behind, who tear their robes in repentance and go on to do incredible things for the Lord during the final days before they are also taken to be with Christ 140 days later. In the 20 verses leading up to Elijah being taken to heaven in 2 Kings, the number FIFTY is written EIGHT TIMES. The word Pentecost means FIFTIETH DAY. So both Enoch and Elijah point to Pentecost as the time for the firstfruits rapture.



It is also worth noting that according to Jewish tradition, King David was also born and died on Pentecost. In Acts 2, Peter mentions David's death on the Feast of Pentecost when speaking of the resurrection of Christ. Acts 2:29 says, "*Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch **David died and was buried**, and his tomb is here to this day.*" In the 7 churches of Revelation, the Church of Philadelphia is the one that escapes the Great Tribulation, as we read in Revelation 3:10 - *Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also **keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world** to test the inhabitants of the earth.* We also read a few verses earlier regarding the Church of Philadelphia: "*These are the words of him who is holy and true, **who holds the key of David**. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.*" King David wrote in Psalm 27:4 – "*One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD.*" The Lord is seeking those whose hearts are fully committed to Him and these are the ones who will escape the Great Tribulation and will be found worthy to stand before the Lord on Mt. Zion. We can see in these verses a connection to King David's death on Pentecost and the resurrection of the dead that will take place at the time of the firstfruits rapture on Pentecost, along with a clear understanding of the kind of people the Lord is seeking.

The Virgins and the Firstfruits

Matthew 25:1-10 - *Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten **virgins** who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the **bridegroom was delayed**, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those **virgins** rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.*

At the opening of the 6th seal, the world leaders are hiding in the caves and underground bunkers they have built and they say, “*The day of His wrath has come and who can **STAND**?*” Psalm 24 tells us who can stand. It says, “*Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may **STAND** in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol.*”



Jesus told us to pray that we would be found worthy to escape all that will come on the earth and to **STAND** before the Son of Man. Revelation 14 says that there are 144,000 virgins who **STAND** with the Lamb on Mt. Zion. This number is figurative and not literal. Hebrews 12 says, “*But you have come to **Mount Zion**, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven... If they did not **escape** when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, ‘Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.’*” The words ‘once more’ indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.” We escape to the heavenly Mt. Zion where we stand with the Lamb.

Revelation 14:1-5 - *Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, **standing on Mount Zion**, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four*



*living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been **redeemed from the earth**. These are those who **did not defile themselves** with women, for they remained **virgins**. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as **firstfruits** to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

*Revelation 14:14-16 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for **the harvest of the earth is ripe**.” So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and **the earth was harvested**.*

*Revelation 14:18-19 Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its **grapes are ripe**.” The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the **great winepress** of God’s wrath.*

We see from Revelation 14 that there are at least 2 harvest events. I believe these 2 harvest events are “rapture” events, when the earth is harvested.

*Matthew 13:30 – “Let both grow together **until the harvest**. At that time I will tell the harvesters: **First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.**”*

The Lord shows us that at the time of the “harvest”, both the weeds and wheat are gathered and then separated. I believe this is part of the great deception that Christ warned us about. Christians have been taught that at the time of the rapture, only believers in Christ will be taken and unbelievers will be left behind. Jesus seems to be telling us here that both believers and unbelievers will be harvested and then separated. The unbelievers will be taken to a place of judgment and believers taken into his “barn”, or a place of protection prepared for them by God.

Luke 21:36 - Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

*John 14:3 - And if I go and **prepare a place for you**, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

*Revelation 12: 14 - The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the **place prepared for her** in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach.*

We know from Revelation 14 that there are at least 2 harvest events and that the first harvest is associated with firstfruits, which is associated with the Feast of Pentecost, and the second with the grapes being thrown into the winepress, which is associated with the Feast of Tabernacles.

Deuteronomy 16:13 - *Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress.*

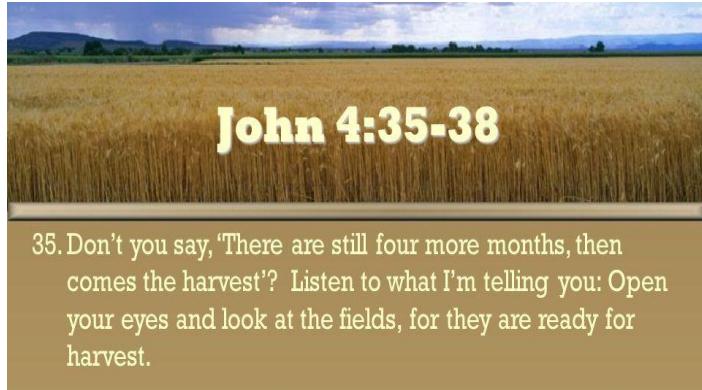
In Revelation, we read about 3 woe events. I believe that these 3 woe events most likely include 2 rapture/harvest events and then the third woe is the Second Coming of Christ to the earth.

Revelation 11:14 - *The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.* This verse shows us that there will be very little time between the second and third woe events. I believe the firstfruits rapture will most likely take place on May 27/28, 2023, and then there will be a second rapture event on October 13/14, 2023, followed by the Second Coming of Christ to the earth 70 days later on December 22, 2023.

4 Months Between Harvests

John 4:35 says, “*Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*”

Revelation 14:14-19 says, “*I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”* So he who was seated on the cloud **swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.**



Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe.” The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath.”

Deuteronomy 16:13 - *Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress.*

Exodus 34:22 - *Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering (Tabernacles) at the turn of the year.*

Revelation 14: 1, 4, 5 - *Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads... These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

Revelation 7: 4, 9, 13, 14, 16 - *Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel... After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.... then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.*

In Revelation 14, we see the 2 harvests or 2 rapture events. Earlier in the chapter, we see that the 144,000 firstfruits stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion. In Revelation 7, we see the other 144,000 who have had to endure the Great Tribulation. We can see that the first rapture is to be a firstfruits rapture, while the second is connected to the grape harvest, or Feast of Tabernacles.

In John 4, we see Jesus make a connection between the **harvest being ripe** and a 4-month gap until a second harvest event. In Revelation 14, we see that the **harvest of the earth is ripe** at the first harvest. Jesus clearly points us to a 4-month gap between the 2 harvests, which would put the firstfruits rapture event during Pentecost, which is just over 4 months before the Feast of Tabernacles.

Rev. 14 – Two Final Harvests

Revelation 14:15-16



And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is **fully ripe**." So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and **the earth was reaped**.

Rev. 14 – Two Final Harvests

Harvest #2 – Harvest of grapes



Revelation 14:17

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

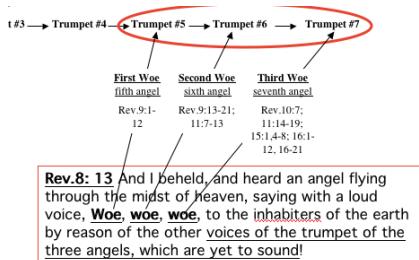
There are 4 months between May 27/28, 2023, and September 26, 2023, the Day of Atonement. However, I believe the Lord will delay the main harvest rapture until October 13/14, 2023, which would be the 14th day counting from the start of the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles in 2023 will be a 14-day celebration and it will be on the last day that the Lord will raise up His left-

behind saints, the 2 witnesses of Revelation 11 and then because the Feast of Tabernacles will not be celebrated by the entire Bride of Christ at the proper time, there will be a great 14-day celebration during the Feast of Hanukkah in December 2023 before the Bride of Christ returns to the earth with the Lord to usher in the New Millennium on December 22, 2023.

I would like to look more at Pentecost as the most likely time for the firstfruits rapture to take place in Chapter 8. For now, I would like to show how the Scriptures mathematically point to these 3 dates as the dates for the 3 woe events.

1. May 27/28, 2023 – Firstfruits Rapture
2. October 13/14, 2023 – Main Harvest Rapture
3. December 22, 2023 – Second Coming of Christ to the earth with His Bride

3 Woes of Revelation / Days are Shortened



In the book of Revelation, we read about 3 woe events. There is an appointed time for all 3 woe events, which include 2 rapture (or harvest) events, and the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. I believe that the Lord will delay for as long as Scripturally possible, and will shorten the days for the left-behind saints. The Lord does not want to make His children suffer for a long period of time. The firstfruits rapture is meant to be a wake-up call to the left-behind

saints that they need to repent and use the little time they have left on the earth to bring as many souls into the Kingdom as possible. It is not meant to be a time of torture and a long period of suffering for God's children. The Lord said He would shorten the days for the sake of His elect and I am trying to find out from the Scriptures just how much He is planning to shorten the days. I believe the Great Tribulation is 5 months in length, from May 27/28, 2023, to October 13/14, 2023. I believe the Great Tribulation has been shortened from 3 ½ years just 5 months.

Matthew 24:22 - *And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*



5 Months of Revelation 9 / As in the Days of Noah

Revelation 9:1-5 - *The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of*

*God on their foreheads. They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for **five months.***

Revelation 9 speaks about a 5-month judgment that comes on the world when the Abyss is opened at the time of the first woe event. I believe these 5 months will be a total of 150 days and will start on May 18, 2023, and end on October 14, 2023.

Genesis 7:24 - And the waters prevailed upon the earth for 150 days.

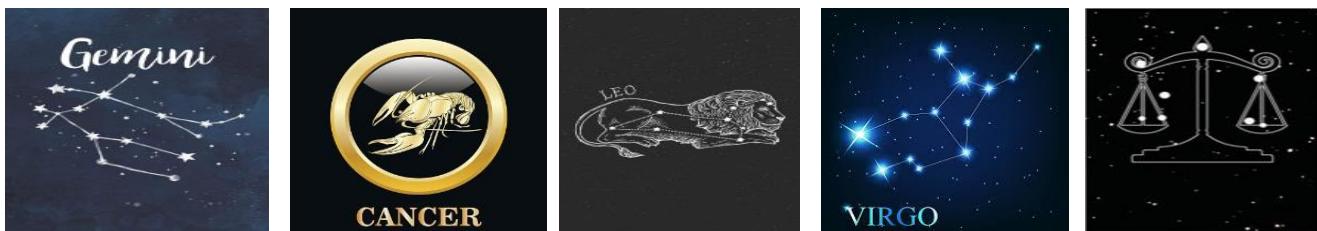
Matthew 24:37 - As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

The Scriptures mention a 150-day count (5 prophetic months) in Genesis 7 in relation to how long the waters prevailed on the earth in the time of the flood. In Revelation 2:10, we see that the Bride of Christ has to endure 10 days of tribulation or persecution before she is rescued. This leads us to the firstfruits rapture taking place on May 27/28, 2023, only after the first 10 days of tribulation.

Jesus told us in Matthew 24:22 that the days of the Great Tribulation would be shortened. I believe Revelation shows us that the Great Tribulation has been shortened from 3 ½ years to just 5 months.

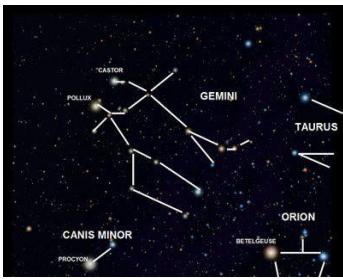
*Luke 21:25 - "There will be **signs in the sun, moon and stars**. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea."*

Genesis 1:14 - And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to distinguish between day and night and to mark the seasons and days and years."



The Scriptures teach us that there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. Every month, the sun enters into a different constellation in the stars. Astrologers use ancient charts of these stars to determine astrological signs. However, the position of the earth has changed over the last several thousands of years and the astrological charts are approximately a month off from what we see in the heavens today. But when the book of Revelation was written, we know that the signs in the heavens were what we see in the charts used by astrologers today. When John wrote the book of Revelation, these are the dates and signs that the sun would have entered into various constellations in the heavens:

- ♊ Gemini (Twins): May 21–June 21.
- ♋ Cancer (Crab): June 22–July 22.
- ♌ Leo (Lion): July 23–August 22.
- ♍ Virgo (Virgin): August 23–September 22.
- ♎ Libra (Balance): September 23–October 23.
- ♏ Scorpius (Scorpion): October 24–November 21.



The Book of Acts teaches us when and how the Church Age began. I believe the Lord hid a verse within the last chapter of the Book of Acts that shows us when the Church Age will end. It is a simple verse that no one would suspect is a hidden clue that the Lord gave to us about the last days:

*Acts 28:11 - And after **three months** we **departed** in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was **Castor and Pollux**.*

Alexandria was the largest city along the Mediterranean Sea and is known as the “Bride of the Mediterranean”. Castor and Pollux are the twin stars located in the Geminid constellation. In this one verse, we have a connection between “the Bride”, departure, 3 months and the Geminid constellation. This leads me to believe we may see something happen between February 18-28, 2023, that would serve as a 3-month warning to us of the departure of the Bride of Christ on May 27/28, 2023, when the sun would have been in the Gemini constellation during the New Testament times. Or, because of Jewish inclusive reckoning, the “three months” mentioned in this verse could be pointing us to the third Biblical month, when the sun was in the Gemini constellation, as the time of the departure of the Bride of Christ.

*Revelation 9:1-12 - The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and **were given power like that of scorpions of the earth**. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for **five months**. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a **scorpion** when it strikes. During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. **Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth**. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails with stingers, **like scorpions**, and in their tails they had power to **torment people for five months**. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer). The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.*



The next sign we see is that of the Cancer constellation, which looks like a lobster or a crab. When we

look up the definition for the word **scorpion**, it says: “a terrestrial arachnid with pincers **similar to those of a lobster** and a poisonous sting at the end of its jointed tail, which it can hold curved over its back.” So, we see the **beginning of the formation of the scorpion** at this time. The Leo constellation reminds us of the **lion’s teeth** in Revelation 9:8. The Virgo constellation reminds us of the **woman’s hair** in Revelation 9:8. The Libra constellation reminds us of Revelation 9:3-4, wherein the “locusts” have been given **power and authority** to torture all who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads, showing that the scales of justice have been tipped and now Satan has authority once again on the earth to do as he pleases. The Scorpio constellation reminds us of Revelation 9:5 and 10, wherein these evil creatures are **compared to scorpions**. When the book of Revelation was written, the sun entered the Scorpio constellation on October 23rd or 24th. I believe the Scriptures point us to the 5 months of Revelation taking place when the sun entered the Gemini constellation – when the Bride of Christ departs at the firstfruits rapture - and ending just before the sun entered the Scorpio constellation. The “scorpion” will be fully formed and total darkness will come on the earth in October 2023, after the entire Bride of Christ has been rescued. These final 2 months before Christ returns to the earth are known as the “wrath of God”. Scriptures tell us in 1 Thessalonians 5:9 that believers in Christ have not been appointed unto wrath, but to receive salvation. Only after all believers in Christ have been removed from the earth at the time of the second rapture event, does total darkness descend on the earth and God’s wrath begins. It is at this time that Satan has authority to do as he pleases on the earth without restraint.

10 Days of Revelation 2:10

Daniel 1:5, 8, 12-14 - *The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service... But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way... “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.” So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.*

Revelation 14: 4-5 - *These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

Revelation 2:10 - *Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

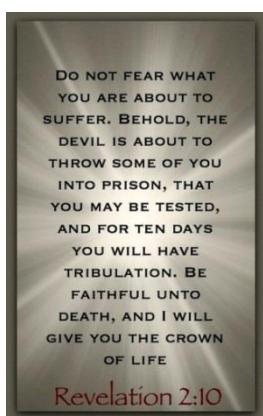
Acts 16:25-26 - **About midnight** Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a **violent earthquake**

that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

Matthew 25:6 - “**At midnight** the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

I believe all of these verses are connected in this puzzle. First, we see a 3-year wait in Daniel 1, pointing us to the 3-year wait from the Spring of 2020 (when the coronavirus began to spread and lockdowns began to take place in every corner of the world) to the Spring of 2023, at the time of the Great Deliverance (firstfruits rapture).

We see the firstfruits are offered to the Lord, **those who did not defile themselves**, but remained virgins, or pure in heart. We see a cry that goes out at midnight and the chains coming off Paul and

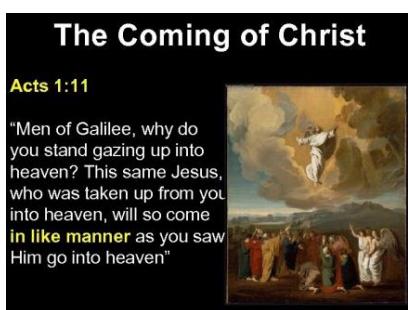


Silas at midnight. We can see a 10-day wait in Revelation 2:10 before we are set free and released from “prison”. This reminds us of Paul and Silas, who were set free from their chains while in prison at “about midnight”. Could the Lord be showing us that it is only after the 10 days that we will be set free from our earthly prison at midnight, just as Paul and Silas were?

Revelation 2:10 - *Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and **you will suffer tribulation for ten days**. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your **victor's crown**.*

I believe the 5-month Great Tribulation begins on May 18, 2023. I believe the entire Bride of Christ will be here on the earth for the first 10 days of the Great Tribulation, as is prophesied in Revelation 2:10. When Hanukkah began in 168 BC, the 10 days of persecution or tribulation started on the 15th day of Kislev and went until the 25th day of Kislev (first day of Hanukkah), when the Jewish people fled into the mountains. This time around, the 10 days of persecution or tribulation will start on the 25th day of Iyyar (May 17/18, 2023), exactly 5 months after the 25th day of Kislev on the Jewish calendar, and will end on the 6th day of Sivan, or Pentecost (May 27/28, 2023). Those left behind may have to flee to the earthly mountains to escape what is coming on the earth, just as the religious Jews had to flee into the mountains for 3 years until their Great Deliverance took place. These 3 years have been shortened to 140 days for the sake of the elect, or left-behind saints.

There will be a second Great Deliverance take place on October 13/14, 2023, immediately before the sun is darkened, moon does not give its light and stars fall from the sky on October 14, 2023.



Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after the Feast of Firstfruits, which on our calendars would be May 18, 2023, 10 days before the Feast of Pentecost, when a great harvest of souls came into the Kingdom of

God and the Church age began. Perhaps the Lord was leaving us a clue of when these 10 days of tribulation or persecution would begin, by ascending into heaven 10 days before the Feast of Pentecost.

Christians around the world will celebrate the resurrection of Christ on April 9, 2023. Forty days later, they will observe “Ascension Day” on May 18, 2023, and then Pentecost Sunday on May 28, 2023. Ascension Day is the day when we remember Christ leaving the earth and ascending into heaven.

I believe this day, May 18, 2023, will start a 10-day period of persecution or tribulation before the firstfruits are offered to the Lord on Pentecost (May 27/28, 2023).

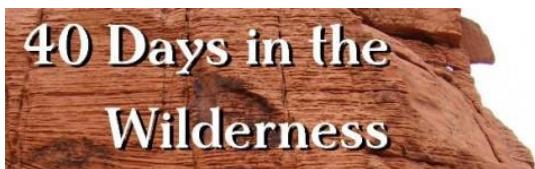
It is also interesting that counting 10 years from the first delay in the spring of 2013, brings you to the spring of 2023, which will be the firstfruits rapture on Pentecost. If each day in Daniel’s 70th week is equal to a year, then this 10-day period of waiting may also be a hint to us of the 10 years we would have to wait from the spring of 2013 to the spring of 2023 before our Great Deliverance would take place. This 10-year period has been a time of testing, persecution and tribulation for those believers in Christ who are watching and waiting for His return. The 10-year wait is nearly over.

A “Time, Times and Half a Time”

Revelation 12: *The woman fled **into the wilderness** to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days... But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short... The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her **in the wilderness**, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.*

The Scriptures tell us that the woman of Revelation 12 is taken to a place prepared for her by God in the wilderness for a “time, times and half a time”. This was to have been a 1260-day period that would have ended on the Day of Atonement in 2016, but this has been delayed and shortened. We can see if we continue reading in Revelation 12, that the devil is full of fury because his time is short. He thought he would have 3 ½ years to wreak havoc on the world, but the Lord is switching out the “time” from a prophetic year of 360 days to just 40 days.

In the Scriptures, the Lord often interchanges periods of time. For example, Daniel’s 70th week is not equal to 7 days but 7 years. A day can equal an hour. Likewise, a day is as a thousand years. So, how do we know what unit of “time” the Lord is going to use? I believe He hid it right in these verses by mentioning “the wilderness”.



The number 40 in the Scriptures symbolizes a period of testing, trial or probation. Whenever the Scriptures speak of someone going into the wilderness, it is associated with the number 40. Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days being tempted. Elijah walked for 40 days in the

wilderness before reaching the mountain of God. Moses was on the mountain (a type of wilderness) with the Lord for 40 days. Moses was in the wilderness for 40 years before returning to Egypt. He then spent another 40 years with the Israelites in the wilderness before they entered their Promised Land.

We know from Daniel that a day can equal a year, so this could represent a 40-day period. If we count off 40×3.5 (a time, times and half a time), we have a total of 140 days. If the woman of Revelation 12 represents the Bride of Christ who is taken at the firstfruits rapture to a place prepared for her by God out of the serpent's reach, and if she is taken on May 27/28, 2023, then this 140-day period would end on October 13/14, 2023. Immediately after this time of Great Tribulation for the left behind saints, we see the sun darkened, the moon not give its light and the stars fall from the sky on October 14, 2023. Not only is the Scripture clear that a "time" in the wilderness is equal to 40 days, the Lord gave us other clues pointing to the "time" being a 40-day period. As already mentioned in the last puzzle piece, the flood lasted for 40 days on the earth. This was also a measurement of "time" that judgment lasted for, and the Lord told us that as it was in the days of Noah, so it would be at the coming of the Son of Man. Because the Bride is taken to the place prepared for her by God out of the serpent's reach for a "time, times and half a time", this is all foreshadowing a 140-day period between the 2 rapture/harvest events. Here are some other Scriptures that point us to a 40-day period being the "time" of judgment on the earth.

1. The most obvious of these patterns that He left for us was that of Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension. We see a great shaking at the time of His death, followed by 3 days of darkness and grieving that His disciples endured. After the 3 days of darkness, there was another great shaking at the time of the resurrection and offering of firstfruits to the Lord. This was followed by a 40-day period in which He appeared to His disciples on numerous occasions. After this 40-day period ended, Christ ascended into heaven, foreshadowing the ascension of the 2 witnesses, or left-behind saints, at the time of the main harvest rapture on October 13/14, 2023. The Lord wants us to follow this pattern. A great shaking, followed by 3 days of darkness, then a resurrection/rapture event on May 27/28, 2023, followed by $40 \text{ days} \times 3.5$ (140 days) of judgment on the earth before the second rapture event.
2. Jonah also set this pattern for us when he was in the belly of the whale for 3 days and nights, representing the 3 days of darkness that will come on the world from May 25-28, 2023. He then preached repentance for 40 days and the people of Ninevah put on sackcloth and repented of their sins, just as the 2 witnesses of Revelation 11 will do. They will put on sackcloth, representing repentance, and will preach the gospel to the lost and warn them of the impending judgment that is to come after 140 days ($40 \text{ days} \times 3.5$), when at the time of the second woe, the 2 witnesses are taken to heaven and 1/3 of mankind is killed.
3. We see another pattern in the story of Elijah, when there was $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of no rain. After this $3\frac{1}{2}$ year period, rain fell and then Elijah went into the wilderness for 40 days, representing once again the "time" that the woman of Revelation 12 is taken into the wilderness, to the place prepared for her by God for a "time, times and half a time". The Lord withheld His judgment from the 7th day of Unleavened Bread during the Second Passover in 2013 to the Day of Atonement in 2016, which was to have been a 1260-day period of judgment on the earth. The Lord not only delayed His judgment, but He also is shortening the days for the sake of His elect. There will still be a "time, times and half a time" of judgment on the earth, but the "time" is being changed from 360 days to 40 days. There are 2

types of rain in the Scriptures – the rain of God’s judgment and the rain of God’s blessing. For 3 ½ years, it did not rain judgment on the world and it did not rain blessing on God’s people, who were to have been taken to the place prepared for them by God for 1260 days. This time, the judgment will begin on May 27/28, 2023, and will last for 140 days, rather than for 1260 days.

4. In Exodus 19, we read that the Israelites reached Mt. Sinai on the first day of the third month. There was then a great shaking of the mountain on the third day of the month, which likely foreshadows a great shaking event on May 24/25, 2023, the third day of the third month on the Biblical calendar. The Jewish people believe that Moses then went up to Mt. Sinai on the sixth day of Sivan (May 27/28, 2022), where he spent 40 days with the Lord. Hebrews 12 compares this event to when we are taken to the heavenly Mt. Zion and when we escape the judgment of God. Jesus and Elijah fasted for 40 days in the wilderness, while Moses fasted for 40 days on Mt. Sinai. This represents the 140 days (40 X 3.5) that some people in the world may have to go without food if they have not prepared in advance for the Great Tribulation period. The Lord told us that when the Bridegroom is taken from them, then they will fast and we see in Revelation 7 those who come out of the Great Tribulation and have suffered hunger and thirst (along with the sun scorching them). The Bride of Christ is taken from the earth and the 2 witnesses appear to be dead and unable to hold back the forces of darkness any longer, while Satan is given back the authority on earth to do as he pleases. No matter how many cries go out to the Lord for deliverance during this time, He will not answer them until the 140 days of judgment on the earth has finished for those who miss the firstfruits rapture event on May 27/28, 2023.

5. Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days before he was finally killed. This foreshadows the 140 days (40 X 3.5) that Satan will have authority on the earth to come after all the left-behind saints who do not escape on May 27/28, 2023.

6. Moses was in the wilderness for 40 years before the judgment came against Egypt and the Israelites were set free. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years before entering their Promised Land. The Lord loves to interchange time periods. In this case, 40 years becomes 40 days. Both of these events foreshadow the 140-day period (40 X 3.5) wherein the left-behind saints must endure before entering their Promised Land and being set free at the time of the main harvest rapture on October 13/14, 2023.

7. In Deuteronomy 25, we see that a judge was not allowed to give anyone more than 40 lashes for a crime. This again foreshadows to us the 140 days of judgment (40 X 3.5) that will come on the left-behind saints as punishment for their sins.

8. In Numbers 13, we see 12 spies that were sent out for 40 days to explore the land of Canaan. This foreshadows the 144,000 (12 X 12,000) firstfruits of Revelation 14 who are redeemed from the earth

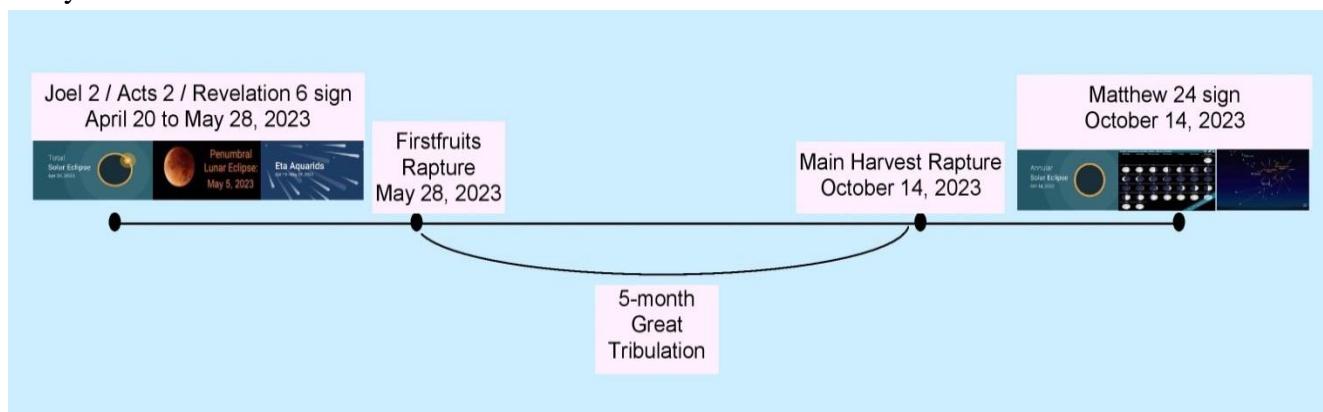
and taken to the place prepared for them by God, where they will be exploring a new land for a “time, times and half a time”, or 140 days (40 X 3.5).

9. A woman who gives birth to a male child must wait for 40 days of purification before she could enter the temple. Revelation 12 tells us that the woman gives birth to a male child. She is then taken to the place prepared for her by God in the wilderness for a “time, times and half a time”.

Revelation 12:5-6 - *She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter”.... The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God... The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach.*

Leviticus 12:2-4 - *Say to the Israelites: ‘A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised. Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified from her bleeding. She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over.*

We see in Leviticus 12 that when a woman gives birth to a male child, she must wait 40 days before she is purified. This is the “time” of her purification. The woman, or the Bride of Christ, is taken to a place prepared for her by God. Jesus told us that He was going to prepare a place for us so that where He is, so we might also be. The left-behind saints are part of the Bride of Christ, but must endure a 140-day period of purification (40 X 3.5) before they are able to enter the sanctuary and are finally ready to stand before the Lord.



4th Trumpet of Revelation 8

Revelation 8:12 - *The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.*

The Scriptures tell us that 1/3 of the day and night will be without light. I believe this prophecy may be pointing us to a 1/3 judgment that is coming on the earth. The number 1/3 is found 15 times in Revelation 8 and 9. It is by far the most common fraction found in the book of Revelation. The number 15 is 5+5+5 and 555 is the number of grace.

*Joel 2:31 - The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the **great and dreadful day of the LORD**.*



*John 9: 4 - As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. **Night is coming**, when no one can work.*

From and including: **Saturday, May 27, 2023**
To and including: **Friday, December 22, 2023**

Result: 210 days

It is 210 days from the start date to the end date, end date included.
Or 6 months, 26 days including the end date.

Revelation 8, only 1/3 of this “Day of the Lord” or “night” will be “without light”. What I believe the Scriptures are showing us is that for the first 2/3 of the Great Tribulation period, there will still be light on the earth. Although a time of darkness has descended on the earth starting on May 27/28, 2023, there will still be many Christians alive who remain on the earth for the first 2/3 of this time period. Jesus told us that we, as His people, are the light of the world. Total darkness does not come on the earth until all the saints are in heaven with the Lord. After that, there will be a final 70-day period of judgment on the earth, known as the wrath of God. The Scriptures tell us that we, as God’s people, are not appointed unto wrath. We may go through great tribulation on the earth, but the true wrath of God will not be poured out on the earth until all of His people have been removed from the earth. Then, God will pour out His judgment like never before on the earth and 1/3 of mankind will be killed at the time of the second woe, just after the left-behind saints are taken up to heaven on October 13/14, 2023.

When we count from May 27/28, 2023, to December 22, 2023, we have a total of 210 days. When we divide this by 3, we have 70 days. If the left-behind saints must endure the first 2/3 of the “Day of the Lord”, that would be a total of 140 days. There will then be a 70-day period of total darkness on the earth before Christ returns on December 22, 2023.

The Scriptures speak of the Great Tribulation period as the “Day of the Lord” and also the “night”. This great and dreadful “Day of the Lord” or “night” will last from May 27/28, 2023, until December 22, 2023, for a total of 210 days.

However, according to the 4th trumpet judgment of

From and including: **Saturday, October 14, 2023**
To and including: **Friday, December 22, 2023**

Result: 70 days

It is 70 days from the start date to the end date, end date included.
Or 2 months, 9 days including the end date.

From and including: **Saturday, May 27, 2023**
To and including: **Friday, October 13, 2023**

Result: 140 days

It is 140 days from the start date to the end date, end date included.
Or 4 months, 17 days including the end date.

So we see a 20-week count between the first and second woe events, and a 10-week count between the second and third woe events. God is a God of order and perfection. In the Scriptures, the number 20 represents a complete or perfect waiting period. Ten is also viewed as a complete and perfect number and signifies testimony, law, responsibility and the completeness of order. I believe the Lord is communicating to His left-behind saints that He is in complete control of what is happening on the earth and they do not need to be afraid. They will suffer persecution and tribulation, and may even have to lay down their lives for Christ, but their reward will be great and they too will stand before the Lamb with pure hearts after a time of repentance and refreshing from the Lord.

Zechariah 14 is all about what will take place when Christ returns to the earth. In verses 5-7 we read: *Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day—a day known only to the LORD—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, **there will be light**.*

Zechariah is prophesying that once Christ returns to the earth, there will be no more darkness on the earth. The days of darkness will end.

When speaking of the fall of Babylon in Revelation 18, John says in verse 23: *The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.*

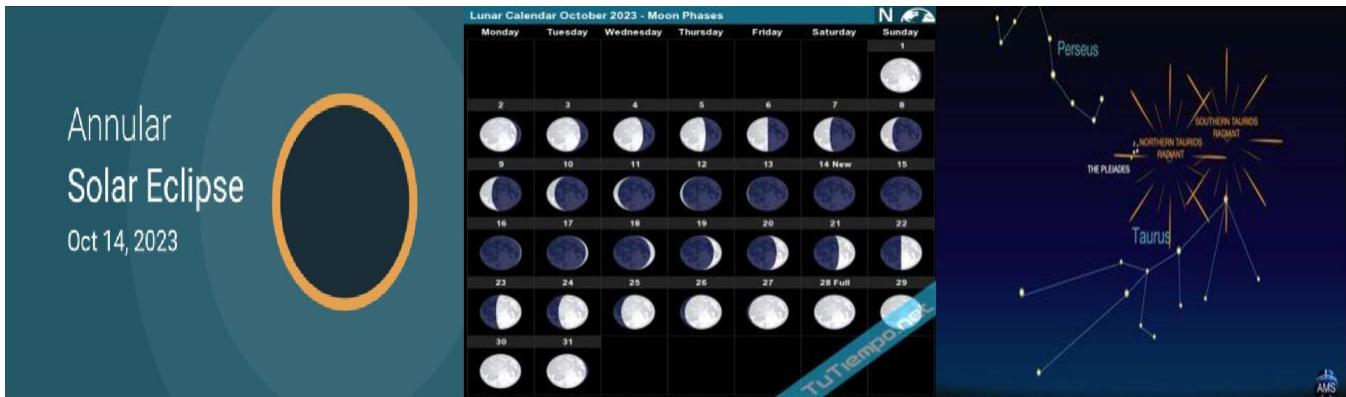
Jesus will be taking His Bride and leaving. The Light of the World will be gone and will never again shine in the system of this world, also known as Babylon.

The Sign of Matthew 24

Matthew 24:29-31 says: *“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 the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and **with the trumpet call of God**, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them **in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*

Just after the Great Tribulation ends for the left-behind saints on October 14, 2023, we see this sign appear, when we have an annular solar eclipse, a new moon in which the moon gives no light and 3 meteor showers taking place – the Orionids, and Northern and Southern Taurids.



Joel 2:10, 32 - *Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, **the sun and moon are darkened**, and the stars no longer shine...And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on **Mount Zion and in Jerusalem** there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.*

Joel 3:15-16 - *The **sun and moon will be darkened**, and the stars no longer shine. The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; **the earth and the heavens will tremble**. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.*

Isaiah 13:9-10 - *See, the day of the LORD is coming, a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The **rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light**.*

Isaiah 24:23 - ***The moon will be dismayed, the sun ashamed**; for the LORD Almighty will reign on **Mount Zion and in Jerusalem**, and before its elders—with great glory.*

Ezekiel 32:7-8 - *When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will **cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light**. All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you; I will bring darkness over your land, declares the Sovereign LORD.*

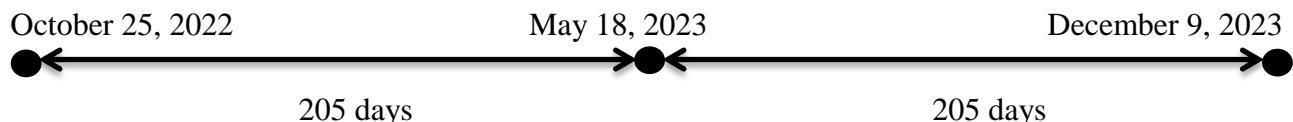
The solar eclipse on October 14, 2023, is being called one of two upcoming “Great American Eclipses”. The other one takes place on April 8, 2024, the final day of the Biblical year. The path that these eclipses take creates an X over the United States. It is as if the Lord is telling us that the “queen” of Revelation 18 is being removed from her throne and King Jesus will now rule the earth with His Bride for 1000 years.



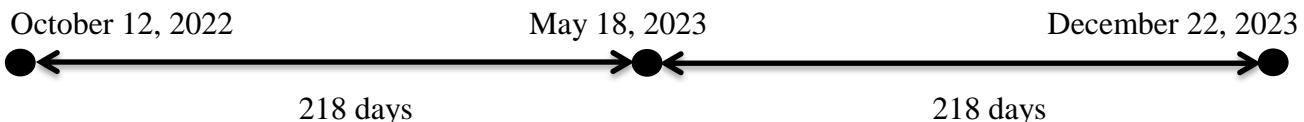
Sun Will be Darkened / Moon Turned to Blood

In Chapter 5, we looked at how the Scriptures pointed us to the sign of the sun being darkened and moon turning to blood taking place just before the “Day of the Lord” is to begin. We saw how that Hanukkah 2015 to Hanukkah 2016 was to have been the “Day of the Lord” because Daniel’s 70th week began in 2009 and therefore should have ended in 2016. But the prayers of the saints delayed God’s judgment on the earth and the Lord added another week (7-year period) that has moved the Day of the Lord to Hanukkah 2022 to Hanukkah 2023.

In one sense, we are now living in the “Day of the Lord”, or the final year before Jesus returns to the earth to set up His New Millennial Kingdom. In another sense, we have not started the “Day of the Lord” yet, as this time period that is known in the Bible as the “Day of the Lord” is a time of Great Tribulation and judgment on the earth. The world is still living in the “day” portion of this one-year period, and night will not begin until May 27/28, 2023, about halfway through this year. The Bride of Christ, however, is right now living in the night portion of this one-year period and when she is taken to be with the Lord on May 27/28, 2023, then the “day” will finally start and she will be with Christ, the Light of the World. Just as it is dark on one side of the world while it is light on the other side, so also the 7-month period of judgment that will come on the world starting on May 27/28, 2023, can be considered a time of “night” for the world and a time of “day” for those who are taken in the firstfruits rapture. Interestingly, from the time that we saw the sun darkened on October 25, 2022, until the start of Hanukkah on December 9, 2023, the exact middle point between those 2 dates is May 18, 2023. If the Day of the Lord is from the 14th day counting from the Feast of Tabernacles in 2022 (October 25, 2022) until the start of Hanukkah in 2023 (December 9, 2023), then the exact middle point when night should fall is on May 18, 2023.



Likewise, counting from the start of the Feast of Tabernacles on October 12, 2022, until the Second Coming of Christ on the 14th day of Hanukkah on December 22, 2023, the middle date is also May 18, 2023.



The Scriptures clearly point to a time when the sun is darkened and moon turns to blood as the immediate predecessor of the start of the Great Tribulation, or “Day of the Lord”, and the sun being darkened, moon not giving its light and stars falling from the sky as the sign to watch for immediately after the Great Tribulation.

Joel 2:31 - The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Acts 2:20 - The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

The “Day of the Lord” can be considered the final day of Daniel’s 70th week, from the end of Hanukkah 2022 to the end of Hanukkah 2023. We had a solar eclipse on the 14th day counting from the Feast of Tabernacles this year on October 25, 2022, and then a total lunar eclipse on November 8, 2022, wherein the moon turned a reddish color, similar to blood. The solar eclipse on October 25, 2022, lasted for 144 minutes over Israel, a sign to the Bride of Christ (the 144,000 taken in the second harvest of Revelation 7) that this began the final year before she is rescued on the 14th day counting from the Feast of Tabernacles in 2023. The 7th day of Hanukkah will be on Christmas day this year (2022), and this will begin the final 14th day of Daniel’s 70th week, the “Day of the Lord”.

Revelation 6:12-17 - I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who can stand?”



On April 19/20, 2023, we once again see the sun darken when there is a total solar eclipse. Counting from April 19 to May 28, 2023, we have a total of 40 days. Many Biblical scholars believe a solar eclipse was seen in Ninevah at the time when Jonah began to preach about the coming destruction after 40 days and that this eclipse was a sign to them that caused many to believe Jonah’s message and repent.

Interestingly the sun passed right through the “whale constellation” on the day of the eclipse, the only day of the year that the sun was in this constellation. This constellation is known as the “beast rising from the sea”, a clear reference to not only the story of Jonah, but also to Revelation 13, wherein we see a beast that comes out of the sea. Jesus said that no sign will be given except the sign of Jonah.



On May 5, 2023, we have a penumbral lunar eclipse, which can cause the moon to turn a reddish color, similar to blood. On May 28, 2023, we have the end of the Eta Aquarids meteor shower, which is from Haley's Comet, when stars appear to be falling from the sky. This meteor shower starts the day before the sun is darkened and lasts up until Pentecost Sunday, truly a remarkable sign from the Lord.



Peter stood up on the day of Pentecost and preached to the crowds of people about this sign appearing in the heavens before the great and glorious day of the Lord. He was quoting from Joel 2, which mentions that this sign appears before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. For the saints, this day will truly be glorious. For unbelievers in Christ, it will be dreadful.

I believe the Lord is pointing us to Pentecost as the start of the Great Tribulation for the left-behind saints, at the time of the firstfruits rapture of the Bride of Christ, or the 144,000 pure-hearted virgins mentioned in Revelation 14. The other 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 7, who come out of the Great Tribulation and have washed their robes were those who were left behind at the firstfruits rapture on Pentecost. They must wait until the sun is darkened, moon does not give its light and stars fall from the sky on October 14, 2023, before their deliverance.

Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars

I have already mentioned numerous signs in the heavenlies that point us to the exact time of the 2 harvest or rapture events. We also see yet another amazing heavenly sign with the moon at both rapture events. I believe the moon symbolically represents the Bride of Christ, as it reflects the sun in the dark night, just as the Bride of Christ is a reflection of Christ to the dark world.

The Bride is compared to the moon in Song of Solomon 6:10 - *Who is this that appears like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, majestic as the stars in procession?*

Eleven distinct parallels can be seen between the Church and the moon:

- 1) The moon is lifeless and dead – there is neither water nor air. Before our salvation we were “dead in trespasses and sins” (see Ephesians 2:1-2). In our lost state we had no submission to the authority of the Word (water) or to the authority of the Holy Spirit (air/wind).

- 2) The moon has no light of its own. Job 25:5 flatly says that the "*moon shineth not.*" The moon merely reflects the light of the sun in the exact same manner that we are not to shine on our own, but to reflect the glory of Jesus Christ to this lost world (see Matthew 5:16) In actuality the moon is a very poor reflector of the sun's light, just as we often are. The moon "shines" with 1/400,000th the light of the sun. If the moon were a mirror, it would be fourteen times brighter than at present. A sky full of moons would give only one-fifth the light of the sun.
- 3) The moon rules the night (see Psalm 136:9). In the same manner, the true church of Christ is to stand up as a source of spiritual light in this present age of spiritual darkness (see 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8). We are to let our light shine before men.
- 4) The moon is spoken of in the feminine. Isaiah 13:10 says that, "*the moon shall not cause her light to shine.*" The Church of course is the BRIDE of Christ!
- 5) The moon follows the path of the sun. We are to follow Christ. "*If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be.*" (John 12:26)
- 6) God made a covenant with the moon (see Jeremiah 33:20). In the same way God has made covenants and promises with the church about her salvation, status, future abode, etc.
- 7) The moon's gravity strongly affects the earth. The most obvious effect of this is upon the ocean in the form of tides. The church should be strongly affecting the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. "*Ye are the salt of the earth*" (Matthew 5:13). Remember that oceans or seas in the Bible are often pictures of the nations of the world rounding out the picture here of world missions (see Revelation 17:15).
- 8) The moon is deeply scarred with impact craters from the distant past. Although we are saved, we can still bear in our bodies the marks and effects of our sins before salvation; only the return of Jesus Christ will completely heal our bodies (see Ephesians 5:27).
- 9) The moon produces good works. Deuteronomy 33:14 speaks of "*the precious things put forth by the moon.*" Paul said in Ephesians 2:10 that, "*we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*"
- 10) The moon is a faithful witness in the heavens. The cycles of the moon are so consistent and so regular that for millennia countless peoples around the world have used them for calendars, plantings and harvests. We too should faithfully testify of Christ and his word in a manner that the world can come to rely upon. We should be warning the world about the times and seasons that they are in and what lies before them (see 1 Thessalonians 5:1). "*It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.*" (Psalm 89:37)

11) The moon is completely eclipsed when the earth gets between it and the sun. When we as believers allow the world to come between us and our Savior, we become invisible and useless. We can only shine as God intended when we heed the warnings of 1 John 2:15-16.

At the time of the firstfruits rapture, the moon will be half full. At the time of the main harvest rapture, the moon will have no light. This shows us the half that are taken at the time of the firstfruits rapture and the half that are left to continue to shine in the dark world as a testimony to the lost (see Matthew 25). The moon giving no light at the time of the main harvest rapture shows us that once Christ has taken all of His Bride on October 13/14, 2023, there will be no more light on the earth until He returns on December 22, 2023. The Bride of Christ will all be in heaven with the Lord at this time and darkness will come on the earth as never before for 70 days.



There was another amazing sign that took place in 2020 that points us to the exact time of the firstfruits rapture and Second Coming of Christ to the earth in 2023. **Just before Israel entered the Promised Land in 1456 BC**, Jupiter and Saturn were in Capricorn, and visually came together in the sky. Then Jupiter separated a little from Saturn, and then in August came back towards Saturn again, but never actually converged, and then Jupiter separated from Saturn normally. In 2020 this happened again, but in the reverse-order-of-sequence. On May 18, 2020, Jupiter and Saturn got very close, but then separated. On December 21, 2020, they reached full conjunction, appearing together in the sky. This was the reverse order of sequence of the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn that happened in 1456 BC, when the Israelites entered the Promised Land.

In the puzzle, we see how that the Great Tribulation was to have started in the spring of 2020, and indeed we did see things begin to change in the world in the spring of 2020 with all the COVID lockdowns around the world and the loss of freedom in every nation on earth.

However, the Lord has delayed the firstfruits rapture and start of the Great Tribulation as mentioned in Matthew 25:5 and Revelation 10:6 and shortened the days as mentioned in Matthew 24:22. Rather than 1260 days of Great Tribulation (3.5 X 360 days), there will only be 140 days of Great Tribulation (3.5 X 40 days) for the left-behind saints. So, how do these particular signs in the heavens point us to the dates of the firstfruits rapture and Second Coming of Christ to the earth?



Well, if we add the puzzle pieces that we see in Daniel 1, we have a 3-year wait (Daniel 1:5) and then a 10-day period of testing (Daniel 1:12, 14). We see this 10-day period of testing mentioned in Revelation 2:10 as well, wherein some believers in Christ are even put into prison. If we add the 3-year wait to May 18, 2020, we come to May 18, 2023. Then, adding the 10 days of testing to that date brings us to May 28, 2023, as the time of the firstfruits rapture event. When we add the 3 years to December 21, 2020, we come to December 21, 2023, the final day before Christ returns to the earth on the 14th day of Hanukkah. This is the darkest day of the year for the Northern Hemisphere and the official start of winter. Adding 10 days to this date brings you to December 31, 2023, just before the New Year begins on the Gentile calendar. I believe the official start of the New Millennium will be January 1, 2024, based on what the Lord spoke to me 22 years ago that January 1 represents the Gentile Feast of Trumpets and start of the New Millennium. I believe there will be a final 10-day wait between the Second Coming of Christ to the earth and the official start of the New Millennium for the Bride of Christ, when she begins her 1000-year reign on the earth with King Jesus.

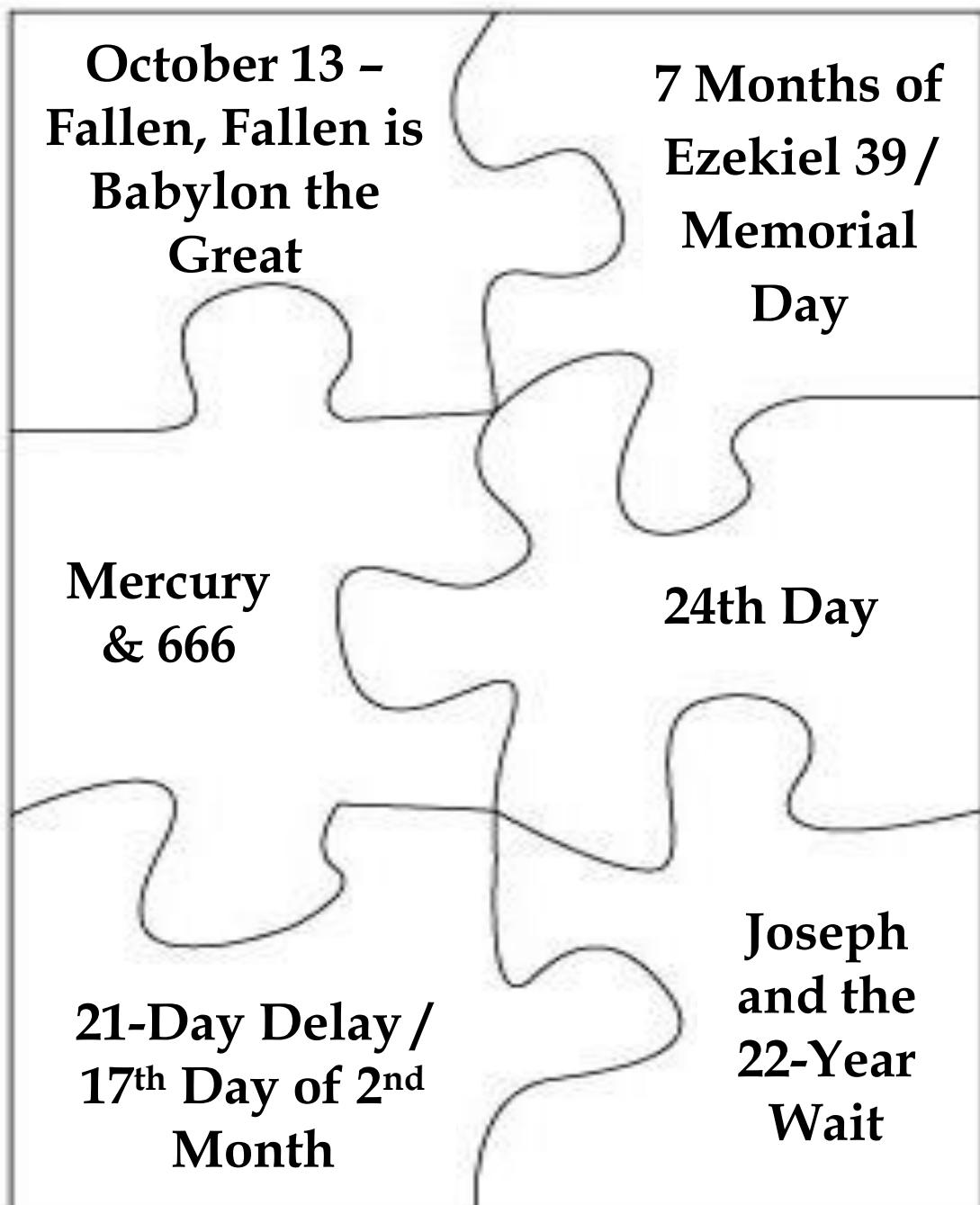
Zechariah 8:19 - *This is what the LORD Almighty says: “The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months will become joyful and glad occasions and happy festivals for Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.”*

December 22, 2023, is the day when the Jewish people will be observing the fast of the tenth month. The fasting is in mourning of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylonia—an event that began on that date and ultimately culminated in the destruction of Solomon's Temple (the first Temple), downfall of the Kingdom of Judah, and the Babylonian exile of the Jewish people.

Thousands of years ago, Jerusalem came under siege on the 10th day of the 10th month, but in 2023, it will be the ultimate day of victory for the Bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem and from that day on, it will be a happy festival. While we do not know yet how the Lord will turn the fasts of the 4th, 5th and 7th months into happy festivals, we do know that the fast of the 10th month will become a very happy festival as it will be the Second Coming of Christ to the earth.

Chapter 7

Puzzle Pieces 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 & 45



October 13 – Fallen, Fallen is Babylon the Great

Revelation 14:8 - *A second angel followed and said, “**Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,** which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”*

Revelation 18 - *After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. With a mighty voice he shouted: “**Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!**’ She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal. For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.” Then I heard another voice from heaven say: “**Come out of her, my people**, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.”*

In Revelation, we see the Lord giving us a clue pointing to October 13, 2023, as the time of the main harvest event. We see the angel cry out, “Come out of her, my people”, which is very similar wording to what we see in Revelation 11, when the 2 witnesses (left-behind saints) are told to, “Come up here!” at the time of the second woe. The fall of Babylon took place on October 12/13 in 539 BC. I believe this may be pointing us to October 13, 2023, as an event that would represent the fall of modern-day Babylon, which is most likely referring to the United States. The Scriptures mention the word “fallen” two times, indicating that just as Babylon has fallen once, so she will fall again on the anniversary of her fall in 539 BC.

7 Months of Ezekiel 39 / Memorial Day

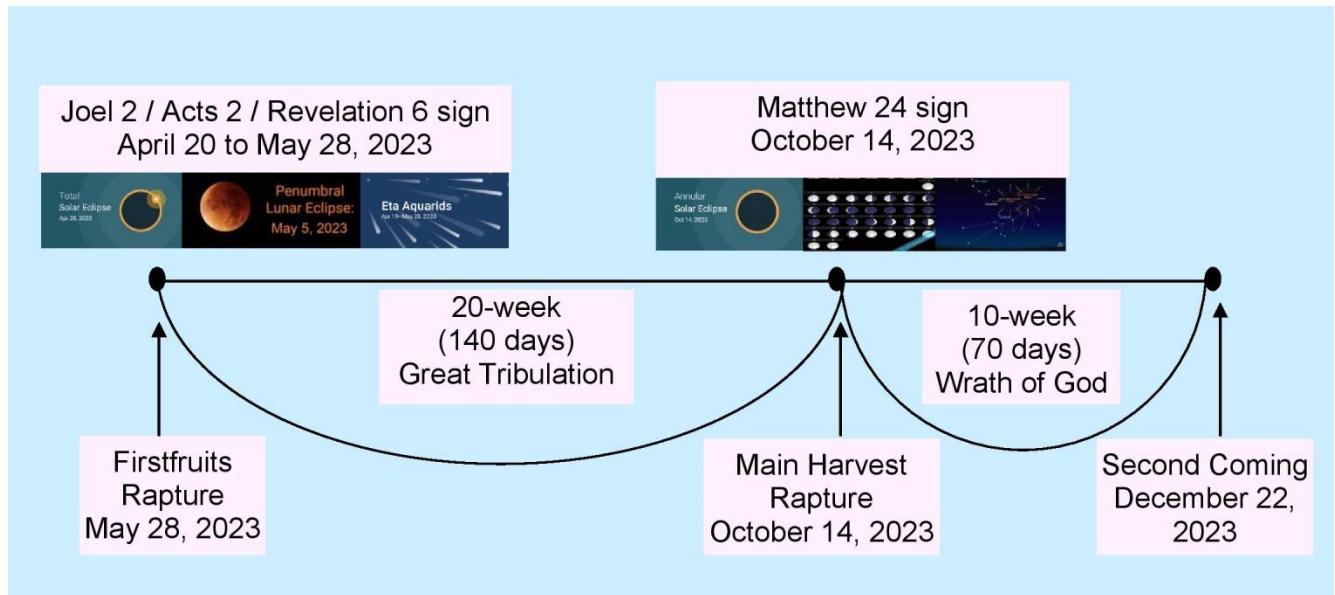
Ezekiel 39: 12-14 - *For **seven months** Israel will bury them, in order to **cleanse the land**. All the people of the land will bury them, and it will be **a memorial for them on the day I magnify myself**, declares the Sovereign LORD. They will designate men to scout continually through the land, burying those who remain on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. They will search for **seven full months**.*

In Ezekiel 39 we read about a 7-month period of cleansing that comes on the land. When we count from May 27, 2023, to December 22, 2023, we have exactly 210 days, or 7 prophetic months of 30 days each. I believe the Lord is revealing to us that there will be a 7-month period of purification between the first and third woe events of Revelation, or firstfruits rapture and Second Coming of Christ to the earth.

I believe the Lord hid a clue for us in this verse, pointing us to Memorial Day in the US, which this year will be May 29, 2023. This verse mentions the Hebrew word “sem”, which can mean “memorial” and also the word “yom”, which usually means “day”, but can also mean “a period of time”. Perhaps

the Lord hid this in His Word to point us to the time period when Americans are celebrating Memorial Day as the time when these 7 months of cleansing begin. Memorial Day also unofficially starts the summer season in America. Jesus warned us in Matthew 24 that when we see the signs of His return taking place, that we can know summer is near.

Matthew 24:32 - “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!



Mercury, the Messenger Planet / 666

*Revelation 13:18 - This calls for **wisdom**: Let the one who has insight calculate the beast's number, for it is man's number, and his number is 666.*

*Psalm 90:12 - Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of **wisdom**.*

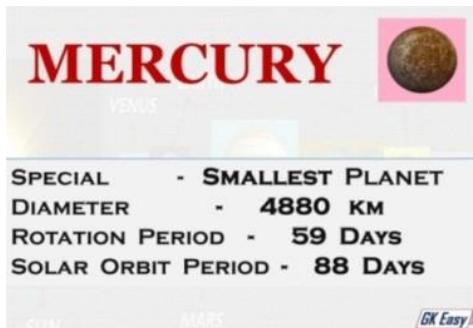
Daniel 5:26 - Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Psalm 90:12 tells us that we should number our days. Revelation 13:18 tells us that the number we should use to calculate for the beast and for man is 666, which could simply mean that the calculation will have three 6's in it. Both verses mention this calculation either calls for wisdom or will give us wisdom. Daniel 5:26 reminds us that God has numbered Satan's days and is about to bring them to an end.

In Biblical astronomy, the planet Mercury represents the angel Gabriel and is the “Messenger” planet.

The word Mercury means “coming” or “to come again”. The message that the Lord is giving to us by using this seemingly small and insignificant planet is that He is coming – coming again for His Bride and He will rule and reign on the earth for 1000 years.

Deuteronomy 7:7 - *He didn't choose you and pour out his love upon you because you were a larger nation than any other, for you were the smallest of all!*



I believe the Scripture may also be pointing us back to the fact that .666 is equal to 2/3. The Lord is using the planet Mercury, the smallest of the planets, in His amazing puzzle. If you divide the exact rotation of Mercury which is 58.647 days by its exact orbital period of 87.970, you come to the number of .666. As a fraction, this would equal 2/3. We know that for the first 2/3 of the “Day of the Lord” or the “night”, the left-behind saints are still on the earth and that only 1/3 of this time is totally without

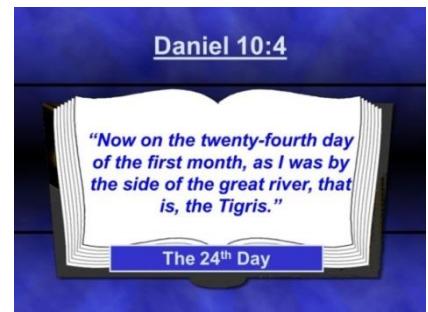
light as all Christians have been removed from the earth during the final 10 weeks of the “Day of the Lord”. So, the beast is given .666 of the “Day of the Lord” to go after the saints. The final 1/3 of the Day of the Lord is completely without light, as all Christians have been removed from the earth and the wrath of God begins.

Mercury reaches its greatest morning elongation (furthest distance from the sun) on May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day), just one day after the firstfruits rapture event and then reaches inferior conjunction (when it passes directly between the earth and the sun) on December 22, 2023, at the time of the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. In Biblical astronomy, the planet Mercury represents the archangel Gabriel and Mars represents the archangel Michael. We see Michael in Daniel 10-12 and Revelation 12 connected to the wedding of the Lamb and the escape of the firstfruits Bride of Christ for a “time, times and half a time”. Mars will be at aphelion (furthest distance from the sun) between May 28-30, 2023. It appears that both Mars and Mercury will both be at their greatest distance from the sun just after the firstfruits rapture takes place.

Interestingly, if we count exactly 66.6 days from when Israel started their Biblical New Year at sundown on March 22, 2023, we come to around 8:15 am on Pentecost (May 28, 2023). It was at 9 am on Pentecost that Peter addressed the crowd after the Holy Spirit had descended on the 120 in the Upper Room. Could it be that the Lord is giving us not only the day of His coming for His Bride, but also the hour? Could it be around 9 am in Israel that the Lord will come for His firstfruits Bride? This would be midnight on the West Coast on Saturday night, May 27, 2023, the location of the Golden Gate Bridge and the parable in Matthew 25 mentions a “midnight cry” announcing the coming of the Bridegroom. One of the main stories in the news on March 22, 2023, was about a whale that had tipped over a boat and knocked over everyone on the boat into the water, where they were rescued. This reminds us of the story of Jonah and the 40-day countdown that started exactly 10 years earlier, on March 22, 2013. The next morning, the top story in the news was about Tiktok, pointing us to the start of a new countdown of 66.6 days from the start of the Biblical year until the firstfruits rapture.

24th Day

Daniel 10:4-6 **On the twenty-fourth day of the first month**, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the **SOUND OF A MULTITUDE**.



Revelation 19:1, 6-8 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of **A GREAT MULTITUDE** in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments... Then I heard what sounded like **A GREAT MULTITUDE**, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready."

Nehemiah 9:1-2 On the **twenty-fourth day of the seventh month**, the Israelites gathered together, **fasting and wearing sackcloth** and putting dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.

Revelation 11: 3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy... **clothed in sackcloth.**

The Scriptures in Daniel 10 and Revelation 19 go together. Daniel sees the Lord on the 24th day of the first month, **10 days after the start of Unleavened Bread**. The voice that he hears is like the voice of a **GREAT MULTITUDE**, which leads us to Revelation 19, where we hear a **GREAT MULTITUDE** at the start of the wedding of the Lamb. The Scripture in Nehemiah 9 is pointing to a time of **fasting and repentance on the 24th day of the first month, 10 days after the start of the Feast of Tabernacles**. The Feast of Tabernacles is the mirror image of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Revelation 12 is connected to Daniel 10 & 12. In both passages, we see a great war and Michael coming to fight. In Daniel 10, the Lord appears to Daniel on the 24th day of the first month. In Revelation 12, we see the Bride escape to the place prepared for her by God, out of the serpent's reach.

Daniel 10:1 - *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.*

Revelation 12: 7 - *Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.*

Daniel 10:13 - *But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.*

Revelation 12:6, 14 - *The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of... The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of... out of the serpent's reach.*

It was on the **24th day of the first month** that the angel of the Lord spoke these words to Daniel: “**At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:** some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever...**When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.**” (Daniel 12:1-3, 7b)

It was on the 24th day of the first month that the Lord appeared to Daniel and told him that Michael would arise to protect God’s people and that multitudes will rise from the dead.

The book of Zechariah is a prelude to the book of Revelation. There is a great deal of symbolism that we find in both books that very clearly line up with each other.

In Zechariah 1:7, we read about how the Lord spoke to Zechariah on the 24th day of the 11th month. He shows him the start of the Great Tribulation, release of the horsemen of the apocalypse, nuclear war, the golden lampstand and the olive trees, and numerous other symbolic things that we see in the book of Revelation. In chapter 2, we see the Great Escape, or rapture event.



Zechariah 1:11-12 - *And they reported to the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, “We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace.” Then the angel of the LORD said, “LORD Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?”*



In the above verses, we see the mention of a 70-year count. Jerusalem was declared Israel’s capital by the Knesset on January 23, 1950. The angel implies that the Lord has already withheld mercy from Jerusalem for 70 years and is asking how much longer He will withhold His mercy. When we add the 3- year wait mentioned in Daniel 1:5, we come to the year 2023 as the time for the New Jerusalem, the wife of the Lamb, to be delivered.

Haggai 1:13-15 - *Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD. So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God, on the **twenty-fourth day** of the sixth month.*

Haggai 2:20-23 - *The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the **twenty-fourth day of the month**: "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that **I am going to shake the heavens and the earth**. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother. On that day, I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you," declares the LORD Almighty.*

We see in Haggai 1, that the Israelites began to rebuild their ruined temple on the 24th day of the 6th month. Then, in Haggai 2, the Lord speaks to the prophet Haggai on the 24th day of the 9th month and declares that He will shake the heavens and the earth. There are numerous other things he speaks to him about on the 24th day of the 9th month if you go back to read that chapter.

What do all of these verses from the Old Testament prophets have in common? They were all events that took place or words given to the prophets Daniel, Nehemiah, Zechariah and Haggai on the 24th days of the month, and they all foreshadow the coming of the Lord on this day. If the “Day of the Lord” is from Hanukkah 2022 to Hanukkah 2023, how do these verses point to this time period as being the day (year) when these events will be fulfilled?

Remember in Biblical prophecy, a day is equal to a year. The world celebrated the ushering in of the “New Millennium” on January 1, 2000. Therefore, January 1, 2000, to January 1, 2001, would have been the first year (or day) of the New Millennium.

January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000 – Day 1	January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 – Day 13
January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001 – Day 2	January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 – Day 14
January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 – Day 3	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 – Day 15
January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 – Day 4	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 – Day 16
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 – Day 5	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 – Day 17
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 – Day 6	January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 – Day 18
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 – Day 7	January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 – Day 19
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 – Day 8	January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 – Day 20
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 – Day 9	January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 – Day 21
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 – Day 10	January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 – Day 22
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 – Day 11	January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 – Day 23
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 – Day 12	January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 – Day 24

Could it be that all of these references in the Old Testament to the 24th day of the month are hidden clues to us that it would be the 24th day (or year) from the start of when the world ushered in the New Millennium on January 1, 2000, that all of these events would be fulfilled?

When we consider the months of Nisan and Tishrei on the Jewish calendar, the most significant dates are the 10th, 21st and 24th days of the month. It was on the 10th day of Nisan that the Jewish people crossed the Jordan River into their Promised Land. It is on the 10th day of Tishrei that the Jewish people observe the Day of Atonement. It was on the 21st day of Nisan that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, the walls of Jericho fell and when Peter escaped from prison when an angel rescued him just before he was to be killed. It is on the 21st day of Tishrei that the Jewish people observe the 7th day of Tabernacles, and in ancient times they would walk around the altar 7 times and throw their palm branches into the fire in remembrance of the walls of Jericho falling. The 7th day of Tabernacles is when Jesus stood up and cried out in a loud voice for all who were thirsty to come to Him. It is the day when the Jewish people anticipate their Messiah coming and is mentioned in Haggai 2 in regards to the Lord shaking the heavens and the earth and bringing the desired of all nations to Himself. It was on the 24th day of Nisan that the Lord appeared to Daniel and the 24th day of Tishrei when the Israelites repented when the books of the law were found in Nehemiah 9.

Nisan / Tishrei

1	13
2	14
3	15
4	16
5	17
6	18
7	19
8	20
9	21 Crossing Red Sea, Walls of Jericho fall, Peter escapes from prison/ 7 th day of Tabernacles
10	Crossing Jordan River/Day of Atonement
11	22
12	23
	24 Daniel sees the Lord/Israelites repent

New Millennium

1 (2000)	13 (2012)
2 (2001)	14 (2013)
3 (2002)	15 (2014)
4 (2003)	16 (2015)
5 (2004)	17 (2016)
6 (2005)	18 (2017)
7 (2006)	19 (2018)
8 (2007)	20 (2019)
9 (2008)	21 (2020) Coronavirus Pandemic / Lockdowns / Mark of the Beast starts
10 (2009) Final 14 years begin (Daniel 9:27)	22 (2021)
11 (2010)	23 (2022) Firstfruits rapture / Left-behind saints repent / Main Harvest rapture /
12 (2011)	24 (2023) Second Coming of Christ

If we place all of these events on a chart and overlap them with the years of the New Millennium that started on January 1, 2000, we see that the 10th day (or year) would have been in 2009, when the first week of the two final weeks mentioned in Daniel 9:27 began. We see that the 21st day (or year) would have been in 2020, when the Great Tribulation was to have started with the final 3 ½ years before the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. We did witness major changes take place from the Spring of 2020 with all of the COVID lockdowns around the world and loss of freedom, but the Lord delayed His judgment and coming for His Bride in order to shorten the days of Great Tribulation on the earth, wherein Satan is given back authority to do as he pleases without the Lord restraining him. This is a 3-year delay found in Daniel 1:5 and the delay will end in the Spring of 2023, the 24th day of the New Millennium. It is on the 24th day of the New Millennium when all 3 woe events will take place, the 2 harvest or rapture events and the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. All of the events that we see in the Old Testament that took place on the 24th days of the month were meant to foreshadow what the Lord was going to do on the 24th day (or year) of the New Millennium.

The 21-Day Delay / 17th Day of 2nd Month

Genesis 7:11 - **On the 17th day of the second month**, when Noah was 600 years old, the springs under the earth broke through the ground, and water flowed out everywhere.

Matthew 24:37 - *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

Jubilees 3:17 - *And after the completion of the seven years, which he had completed there, seven years exactly, [8 A.M.] and in the second month, on the seventeenth day (of the month), the serpent came and approached the woman, and the serpent said to the woman, 'Hath God commanded you, saying, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'*

Revelation 12: 7-9, 13-16 - *Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him... When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.*

Daniel 10: 1, 4-6, 12-14 - *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude... "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."*

All of these Scriptures come together like puzzle pieces to point us to May 28, 2023, as the time of the start of Great Tribulation on the earth and the date of the firstfruits rapture event. We see in Genesis 7:11 how that the flood started on the 17th day of the second month. We see in the Book of Jubilees chapter 3 that the fall of man also took place on the 17th day of the second month, when the serpent came after the woman. We see in Revelation 12 that the serpent, or dragon, comes after the woman, but she is taken to a place prepared for her by God out of the serpent's reach for a time, times and half a time. We also see in Revelation 12 the serpent casting water out as a flood, pointing us back to the flood in Noah's day that started on the 17th day of the second month. Michael is seen fighting the dragon at the time of a great war in heaven. We also see Michael in Daniel 10, when Daniel has a vision of a great war and there is a mention of a 21-day delay.

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6
14 Day 7	15 Day 8	16 Day 9	17 Day 10	18 Day 11	19 Day 12	20 Day 13
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Mon, 8 May 2023 = **17th of Iyyar, 5783**

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Parashat Behar-Bechukotai
32nd day of the Omer

In 2023, the Jewish people will be observing the 17th day of the second Biblical month of Iyyar on May 8, 2023. If we start counting on May 8, 2023, as the first day, then the 21st day would be May 28, 2023. I believe the Lord is showing us to add 21 days counting

from the 17th day of the 2nd Biblical month to get to the date of the firstfruits rapture on Pentecost, when the Bride is taken to a place prepared for her by God out of the serpent's reach for a "time, times and half a time", or 140 days.

Joseph and the 22-Year Wait

Genesis 37:2, 5-7 - Joseph, **a young man of seventeen**, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them... **Joseph had a dream**, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

Genesis 41:46 - Joseph was **thirty years old** when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt.

Genesis 41:20-30 - **Seven years of great abundance** are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land.

Genesis 45:7 - For the famine has covered the land these **two years**, and there will be **five more years** without plowing or harvesting. God sent me before you to preserve you as a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a **great deliverance**.

We can see from the Scriptures that from the time Joseph had his dreams about his brothers bowing down to him at the age of 17 until he became the ruler of Egypt at the age of 30, second only in



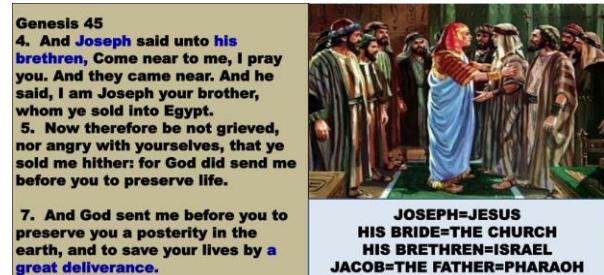
command to Pharaoh, there was a 13-year period. After that, there was a 7-year period of great abundance, followed by 2 years of famine before Joseph's dreams finally came true and he revealed himself to his family and a great deliverance took place. Joseph was a foreshadow of Christ, who will reveal Himself to the 12 tribes, or 144,000 pure-hearted "virgins", at the time of the rapture events when a "great deliverance" will take

place. So, all in all, there were 20 years between the time when Joseph had his dreams and the famine started in Egypt.

It was on September 11, 2001, that the world witnessed the fall of the Twin Towers in New York City and the US was attacked on its own soil for the first time since World War II. This was the very beginning of the fall of modern-day Babylon (fallen, fallen is Babylon the great). In place of the towers, a much larger building was erected called the “Freedom Tower”. It was during the year of 2021, 20 years after the towers fell, when the COVID vaccine began to be pushed and forced on people all over the world and freedom was taken away from people. Many were threatened with losing their jobs and livelihoods if they did not take the jab. Others were denied entrance into any buildings and were not allowed to travel. A persecution started worldwide in 2021 against all who refused to be vaccinated with this experimental COVID vaccine. Those who spoke out against it were silenced and freedom of speech and freedom of the press was severely restricted on the internet, as those who tried to warn others of the dangers of taking this vaccination were silenced and even banned from many platforms on the internet and many people lost jobs and their rights for refusing to take it. For 2 years, the world has been ravaged by this loss of freedom and there has been a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.

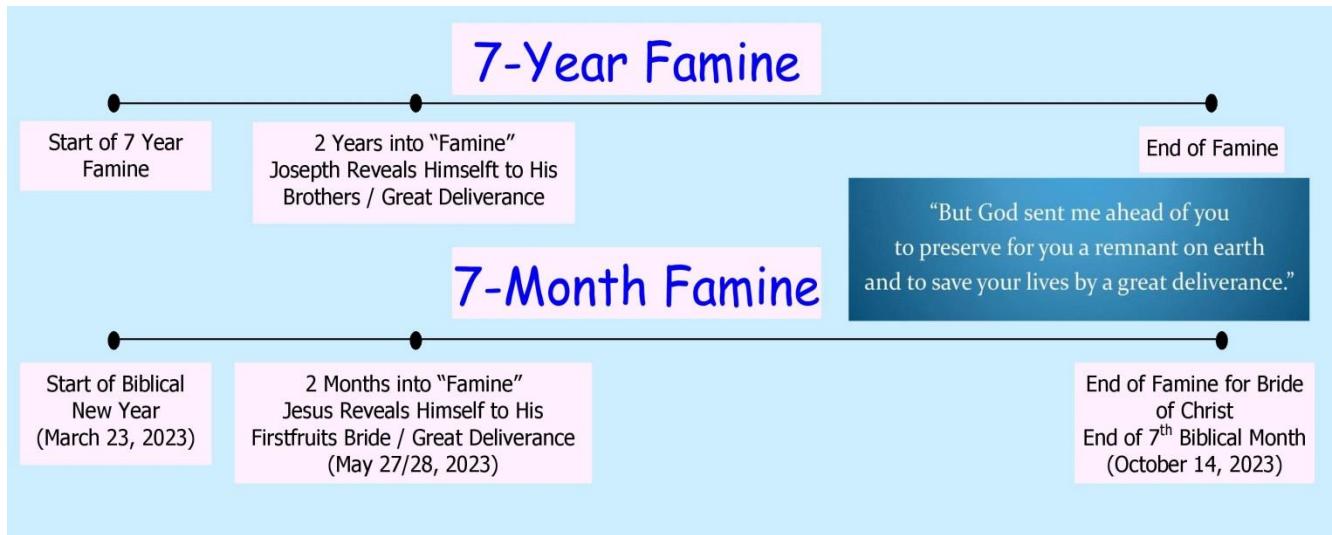
Amos 8:11 - *“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.*

The Church (for the most part) appears to have fallen asleep and is completely unaware that we are even living in the last days. Pastors and churches encourage their congregations to take the Mark of the Beast and mock those who try to warn Christians of what the COVID vaccine really is. Many churches stopped meeting for years due to severe restrictions imposed by their governments. But the good news is that a “great deliverance” is about to take place and



Christ is about to finally reveal Himself to the world and to His Bride. The push to force people to take the vaccine started in the spring of 2021. The spring of 2023 will end a 2-year period of famine for much of the world and a **GREAT DELIVERANCE** will take place. And then the Lord will shorten the 5 years of famine that are left on the earth to just 5 months (see Revelation 9) for his left-behind saints.

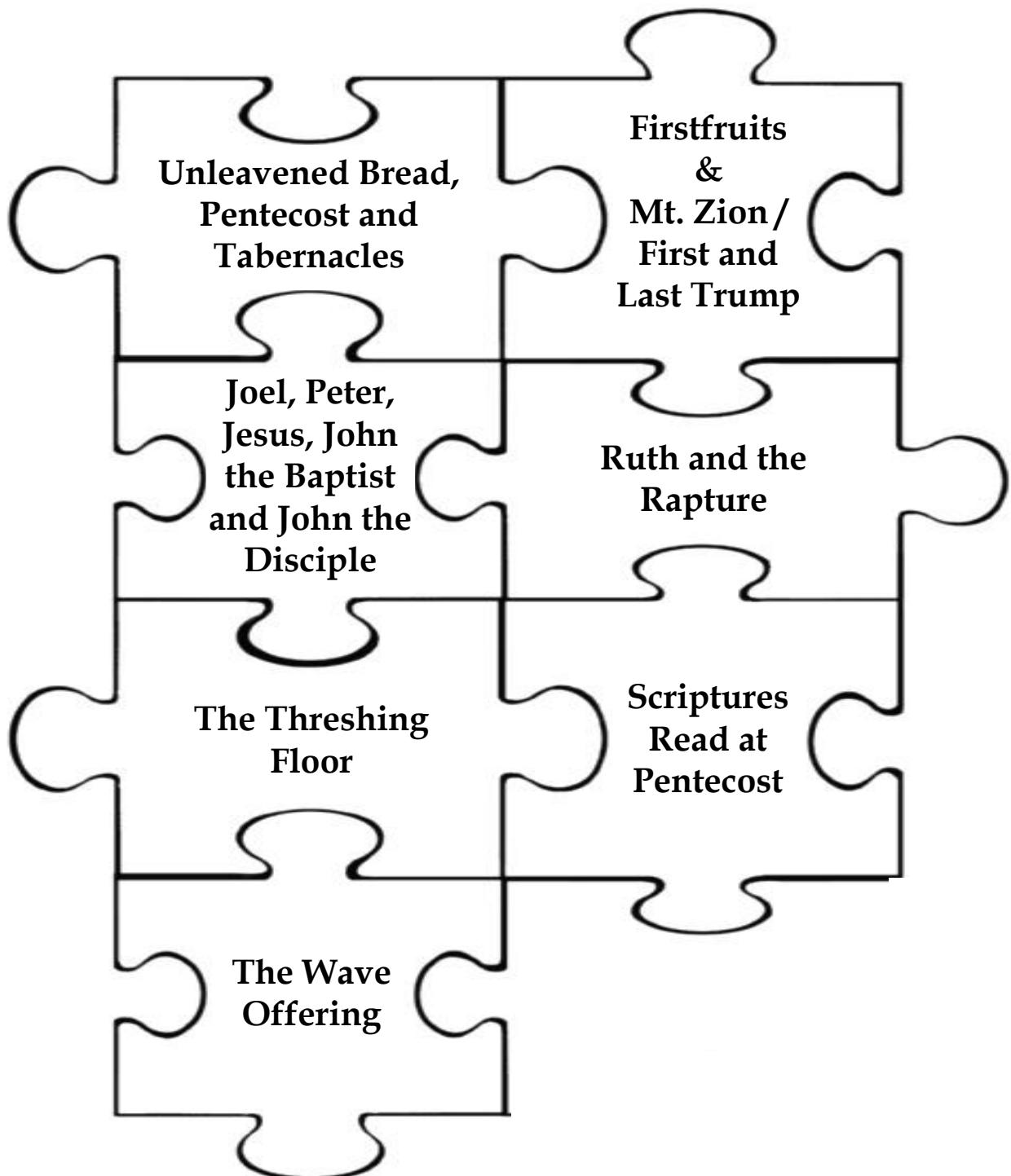
We can also consider that the entire 7 years of famine are shortened to 7 months and that they started at the beginning of the Biblical year on March 23, 2023, and will be finished for the Bride of Christ at the end of the 7th Biblical month on October 14, 2023. The Great Deliverance takes place after the first 2 months of the Biblical year on May 27/28, 2023.



I would like to also point out that from the time the Lord gave Joseph his 2 dreams about his family bowing down to him and the time it actually happened and a “Great Deliverance” took place, 22 years had passed. It will have been 22 years ago this January 2023 when the Lord spoke to me that I would be as John the Baptist and would write something that would help save millions of people from the coming deception and He began to give me puzzle pieces. The Lord has often brought to my mind Joseph when I would ask Him how much longer I would have to wait until what He spoke to me was accomplished. Of course I always assumed He was telling me to just be patient as Joseph had to be, but apparently He was giving me an actual number of years that I would have to wait before I would finish the puzzle. John the Baptist came on the scene approximately 6 months before Jesus, to proclaim that Jesus was the Messiah, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. I finished this book approximately 6 months before the firstfruits rapture will take place and am here to cry out to all who will listen: “Prepare the way of the Lord in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert! Repent now for the Kingdom of God is near!”

Chapter 8

Puzzle Pieces 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 & 52



Unleavened Bread, Pentecost and Tabernacles

Jesus ascended to Heaven on the Feast of Firstfruits and brought the resurrected saints who had come out of their graves to offer them before the throne of God as the firstfruits. This is why Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to hold onto Him, because He hadn't yet gone to His Father, but later that evening, He told His disciples to touch Him. He hadn't completed the mission of fulfilling the Feast of Firstfruits until the dead who had resurrected ascended with Him into Heaven to offer themselves before the throne of God the Father as the firstfruits. This day, the Feast of Firstfruits, is marked by God as the day for resurrection of the dead and ascension into Heaven.

John 20:17 - Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, '**I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.**'"

Matt.27:52,53 - "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and **coming out of the graves after His resurrection**, they went into the holy city and appeared to many."

Romans 8:23 - "Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the **firstfruits** of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the **redemption of our bodies.**"

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 - "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, **the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to Him.**"



Deuteronomy 16:16 - **Three times a year** all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the **Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles**. No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed:

Exodus 23:14-16 - *Three times you shall keep a feast to me in the year. You shall keep the **feast of unleavened bread**: (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it you came out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) And the **feast of harvest**, the **first fruits** of your labors, which you have sown in the field: and the **feast of ingathering**, which is in the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of the field. ...*

2 Chronicles 8:13 - *According to the daily requirement for offerings commanded by Moses for*

*the Sabbaths, the New Moons and the **three annual festivals--the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles.***

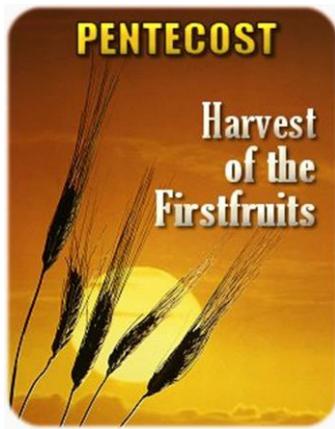
1 Corinthians 15:23 - *But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.*

The Unleavened Bread festival was fulfilled when Jesus rose and ascended to heaven with the dead who had resurrected. They were offered as firstfruits to the Lord.

The Feast of Pentecost is the next firstfruits feast. Then the Feast of Tabernacles, when the Great Tribulation for the left-behind saints is finished and the main harvest is brought in. This is why these are the **three festivals that the Jews were to "appear" before the Lord. The Lord is showing the 3 times that the harvest will be offered and the pure virgins will "appear" before the Lord.**

- 1. Firstfruits (Unleavened Bread)**
- 2. Firstfruits (Pentecost)**
- 3. Main harvest rapture (Feast of Tabernacles)**

Firstfruits & Mt. Zion / The First and Last Trump



Exodus 34:22 - *"Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year."*

Revelation 14: 1, 4 - *Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.*

The firstfruits are offered at the Festival of Weeks, or Pentecost. Those who are not found worthy to stand before the Lord, those foolish virgins who let their oil run dry, will be left behind after the firstfruits rapture for a time of darkness on the earth. After a time of repentance and purification, they will be ready to stand before Him and to rule and reign with Christ on the earth for 1000 years.

In Hebrews 12, we read: *You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am*

trembling with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

The writer of Hebrews is connecting the events that took place when the 10 Commandments were given on Mt. Sinai on Pentecost to the time when we go to the heavenly Mount Zion and the time that the Lord shakes the heavens and the earth. John refers to Mt. Zion also in Revelation 14, and mentions 144,000 standing on Mt. Zion who are offered as firstfruits. The writer of Hebrews mentions an escape that will take place and warns that not all will escape. I believe Pentecost will once again be the time for the shaking of not only the earth, but also the heavens. Fire will once again fall, and the pure-hearted Bride of Christ will ESCAPE and be offered as firstfruits to the Lord.

Exodus 19 - *On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast...As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.*

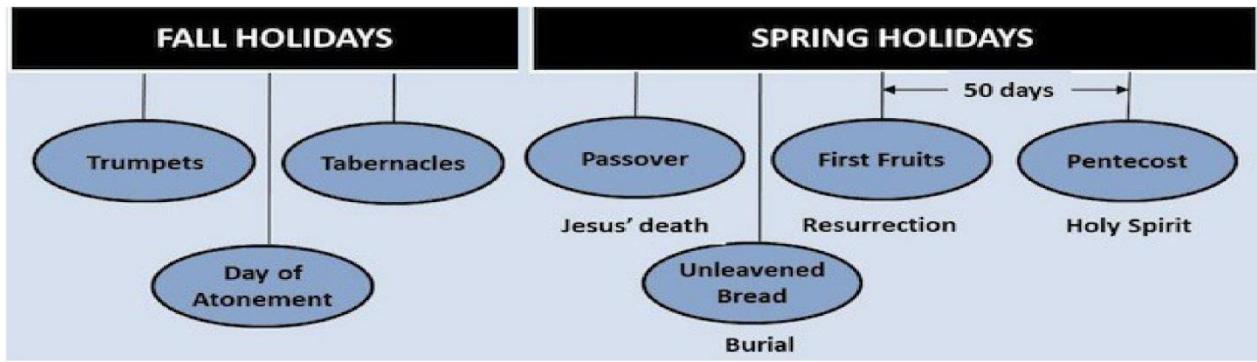
The first time in the Scriptures we see the mention of trumpets being blown was when the Lord descended on Mt. Sinai at the time of Pentecost when the law was given to Moses.

Matthew 20:16 - *So the last shall be first, and the first last.*

1 Corinthians 15:52 - *In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*

Psalm 81:3 - *Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.*

If we count from the Feast of Trumpets as the “first trumpet” of the Jewish New Year, then the “last trumpet” would be on the Feast of Pentecost. This is the final feast counting from the Feast of Trumpets; therefore it is the last trumpet to be blown until the fall at the time of the Feast of Trumpets at the start of the next Jewish New Year.



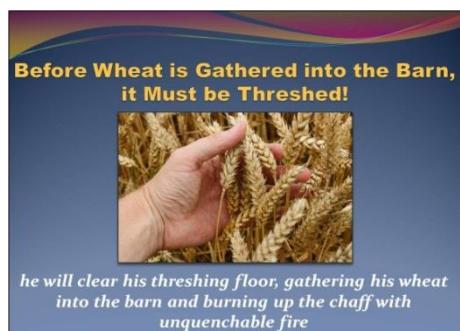
Joel, Peter, Jesus, John the Baptist and John the Disciple

Joel 2: 28-32 - “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the **great and dreadful day of the LORD**. And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; **for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance**, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

Acts 2: 1-4, 14-21 - When the **day of Pentecost came**, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Then **Peter** stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



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Joel spoke about the great and dreadful day of the Lord and the deliverance that would take place at Mt. Zion. John points us to the firstfruits that are offered to the Lamb and stand on Mt. Zion. Peter takes the verses from Joel 2 and connects them to Pentecost, just after the sun is darkened (April 20, 2023) and moon turns to blood (May 5, 2023).

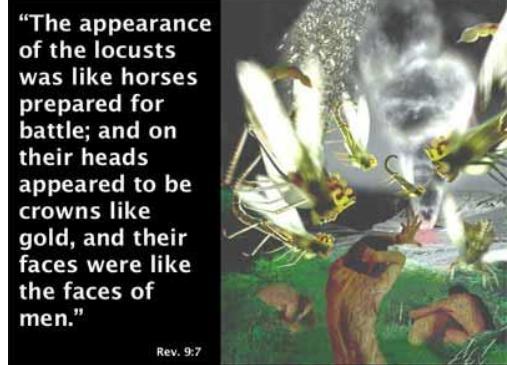
Luke 3: 16-17 - *John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

Matthew 13:30 - *Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."*

John the Baptist pointed to Pentecost and the gathering of wheat into the Lord's barn. Jesus shows us in a parable in Matthew 13 that it will not just be Christians harvested at the time of the rapture, but unbelievers as well. The harvesters (angels) will gather both unbelievers and believers. The wheat (believers) will be brought into His barn, while the unbelievers will be gathered to be burned.

Revelation 9:1-3, 7-12 - *The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth... The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over*

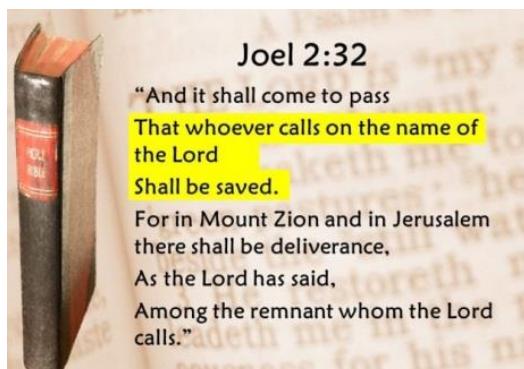
"The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men."



Rev. 9:7

*them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer). The **first woe** is past; two other woes are yet to come.*

*Joel 2:1-11 - Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come. Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. **Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste—nothing escapes them.** They have **the appearance of horses;** they gallop along like cavalry. With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle. At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale. They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course. They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defenses without breaking ranks. They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; **like thieves they enter through the windows.** Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?*



John the disciple points us to an army of locusts in Revelation 9 at the first woe event. He mentions that their appearance is as horses, which points us back to Joel 2 again, with an army of locusts that appear like horses. Peter connects Joel 2 to the Feast of Pentecost. In Matthew 24, Jesus speaks about a thief breaking into your house and Joel 2 speaks of thieves entering through the windows. I truly hope by now that you are seeing how Scripture interprets Scripture and Scripture cannot be broken. The Scriptures are all like puzzle pieces that we must put together to see the entire picture of what is coming during the Great and Glorious Day of the Lord.

Joel, Peter, Jesus, John the Disciple and John the Baptist all point us to Pentecost, the offering of the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, as the time when the first woe event will take place. It would seem there will be some sort of “alien invasion” to cover up the rapture event, and both believers and unbelievers will be taken during these harvest events, according to what Jesus told us in Matthew 13:30.

Joel 2:16 – “Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.”

Our Bridegroom Jesus will arise to rescue His Bride and will take her to a place prepared for her by God out of the serpent’s reach for 140 days (40 X 3.5). After the main harvest rapture on October

13/14, 2023, the entire Bride of Christ will be in heaven for a final 70-day period as the wrath of God is poured out on the unbelievers who are still alive on the earth. The final 14 days of this 70-day period will be the wedding of the Lamb, during the Feast of Hanukkah, and then we will all return to the earth with the Lord on December 22, 2023, at the start of the New Millennium.

Ruth and the Rapture

The book of Ruth is also an important clue for us. It's a story of the redemption of a Gentile Bride by a Kinsman Redeemer. Ruth is a type of firstfruit bride. **The book of Ruth is read on Pentecost.**

Pentecost means 50, which in Biblical numerology stands for **deliverance and the perfect consummation of time**. Webster's dictionary likens the word **CONSUMMATION to a marriage, a mutual contract, the ultimate end, completed, fulfilled.**

Leviticus 23: “*From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD. From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the LORD... When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.”*”



Ruth 2: 2-3 - *And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.” Naomi said to her, “Go ahead, my daughter.” So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.*

Even when the Lord gave instructions about the Feast of Pentecost to the Israelites, He mentions about leaving the gleanings of the harvest for the poor and foreigners residing among them. This is why the Book of Ruth is read on the Feast of Pentecost, because the Lord is pointing us to Ruth and the redemption of the Gentile Bride of Christ all the way back at the time of Moses when He gave the Israelites the Feasts. **Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer.** I believe that He will offer us as firstfruits to the Father on the Feast of Pentecost.

The Threshing Floor

Isaiah 21:9-10 - Look, here comes a man **in a chariot** with a team of horses. And he gives back the answer: '**Babylon has fallen, has fallen!** All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!" My people who are **crushed on the threshing floor**, I tell you what I have heard from the LORD Almighty, from the God of Israel.

Ruth 3:2 - Is not Boaz, with whose servant girls you have been, a kinsman of ours? Tonight he will be **winnowing barley on the threshing floor**.

Jeremiah 51: This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "**Daughter Babylon is like a threshing floor at the time it is trampled; the time to harvest her will soon come.**"... Babylon will be a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals, an object of horror and scorn, a place where no one lives. Her people all roar like young lions, they growl like lion cubs. But while they are aroused, **I will set out a feast** for them and make them drunk, so that they shout with laughter— then sleep forever and not awake," declares the LORD. "I will bring them down **like lambs to the slaughter**, like rams and goats. "How Sheshak will be captured, the boast of the whole earth seized! How desolate Babylon will be among the nations! **The sea will rise over Babylon; its roaring waves will cover her.** Her towns will be **desolate**, a dry and desert land, a land where no one lives, through which no one travels.



Notice in both chapters (Isaiah 21 and Jeremiah 51), when talking about the fall of Babylon, the threshing floor is mentioned. The threshing floor is also mentioned in Ruth, when Boaz is threshing barley and she lies at his feet. The next day, he became her Kinsman Redeemer.

Matthew 3:11-12 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will **clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn** and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

John the Baptist tells us that Jesus will baptize us with fire and brings it back to the **threshing floor**, which points to Isaiah 21 and Jeremiah 51, as well as Ruth 3, which talk about the **fall of Babylon, the time of harvest, a man coming in a chariot, tsunamis or the sea rising, our Kinsman Redeemer, and the threshing floor.**

Scriptures Read at Pentecost

Dating back to the days of the Temple, the ancient Scripture readings associated with Pentecost describe the Lord coming in fire and judgment. In the passages traditionally read from Ezekiel, God is pictured coming in awesome brightness (Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12). In the passages traditionally read from Habakkuk, He is pictured in fire and bright light, bringing judgment upon the earth (Habakkuk 2:20 through 3:19).

It is especially interesting to note that this year, on May 27, 2023, the Jewish people will be reading Habakkuk 3, which says: *LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.* God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and His praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. *Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed—but he marches on forever.* I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the dwellings of Midian in anguish. Were you angry with the rivers, Lord? Was your wrath against the streams? Did you rage against the sea when you rode your horses and your chariots to victory? You uncovered your bow, you called for many arrows. You split the earth with rivers; the mountains saw you and writhed. *Torrents of water swept by; the deep roared and lifted its waves on high.* Sun and moon stood still in the heavens at the glint of your flying arrows, at the lightning of your flashing spear. *In wrath you strode through the earth and in anger you threshed the nations. You came out to deliver your people, to save your anointed.* You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness, you stripped him from head to foot. With his own spear you pierced his head when his warriors stormed out to scatter us, gloating as though about to devour the wretched who were in hiding. *You trampled the sea with your horses, churning the great waters.* I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. *Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come* on the nation invading us. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

The Wave Offering

Two of the Lord's feast-days center on a mysterious ritual called a "wave offering". The first wave offering occurred on the Feast of Firstfruits. On this day, a sheaf of the first-ripened grain was harvested and brought to the Temple. The priest would lift up the sheaf and wave it before the Lord. The second wave offering occurred on Pentecost. On this day, two loaves of leavened bread were

baked from the first-harvested wheat and brought to the Temple. The priest would lift up the loaves and wave them before the Lord. What do the respective wave offerings represent?

The firstfruits wave offering is understood to be a picture of Jesus' resurrection. It was on the Feast of Firstfruits, roughly 2,000 years ago, that the Lord was raised from the dead and ascended to heaven to stand before the Father. The sheaf represents Jesus, as a sheaf can typify a person or persons in Scripture (see Genesis 37:5-11).



The Pentecost wave offering is understood to be a picture of the "birth of the Church." It was on this day, roughly 2,000 years ago, that God sent the Holy Spirit to indwell the first believers. The two leavened loaves represent the two groups (Jews and Gentiles) out of which the Church is formed.

With the above explanations in view, a valid question is: knowing that God is consistent, how does it make sense that the wave offering at the Feast of Firstfruits symbolizes a "resurrection," yet the wave offering seven weeks later, at Pentecost, symbolizes a "birth," as in the birth of the Church? Answer: It doesn't make sense—at least not from a typological perspective.



What does make sense is that the **Pentecost wave offering**, like the wave offering at the Feast of Firstfruits, is a picture of a **resurrection**: the loaves depict the just-raptured saints standing before the throne of God. The reasoning behind this view is that the two wave offerings are linked, or interconnected, in Scripture, denoting similar or related fulfillments. The first linking element is the 'seven-sevens' countdown: **The countdown begins at the former wave offering and ends at the latter**. In this way, the latter is dependent on the former. The second linking element is the nature, or substance, of each wave offering: **The latter (the loaves) depends on the former (the sheaf of grain)**.

Without the grain, which is joined together into one "body" and baked, there would be no loaf.

And so, in more than one way, the latter wave offering depends on the former. This is analogous to how the Church's resurrection depends on Jesus' resurrection. **Without Jesus being raised first, as the "firstfruits," there would be no resurrection, or rapture, of the Church.** Bolstering the view that the Pentecost wave offering signifies the resurrection/rapture, Paul speaks of the "offering up" of the Gentiles being acceptable to the Lord: *"I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost"* (Romans 15:16). The Apostle is using what is, arguably, wave-offering terminology to describe the ultimate redemption of the Church.

Chapter 9

Puzzle Pieces 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 & 64



The Third Watch

In this puzzle, we see four 7-year periods:

- a. **2002-2009** – The Church of the Nativity was desecrated by armed forces in 2002, exactly 1290 days before the Day of Atonement in 2005, starting the first of the 7-year periods, or “watches of the night”.
- b. **2009-2016** – The first of Daniel’s 70th week periods, starting with the strengthening of the covenant with many when Mr. Obama was chosen as the Nobel Peace Prize winner on the 7th day of Tabernacles in 2009. He then rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed beast on the 10th day of Nisan in 2013, the same day that Christ rode into Jerusalem and then stood in the holy place that had been desecrated by armed forces in 2002 on the same day that Christ told His disciples about the abomination that causes desolation, exactly 1260 days after he was chosen as the Nobel Peace prize winner. There were numerous signs pointing to 2016 being the Day of the Lord and the end of the 6000 years from Creation, but there was room for further delay in the puzzle.
- c. **2016-2023** – The second of Daniel’s 70th week periods, as was foreshadowed in the stories of Joseph and Jacob having to double a 7-year period and also the doubling of the 7-day Jewish festivals two times in the Old Testament. The year 2023 will end the 6000 years from the fall of man, as the Book of Jubilees tells us that Adam and Eve were in the garden for 7 years before they fell and will also be the final Year of Jubilee. The final 7 months of this 7-year period will be a time of cleansing on the earth, as mentioned in Ezekiel 39, starting on Pentecost (May 27/28, 2023, and ending 210 days later on the 14th day counting from the start of Hanukkah in 2023).
- d. **2023-2030** – The final 7-year count mentioned in Ezekiel 39, after Christ has returned to the earth to usher in peace, and the weapons are burned for fuel for 7 years until the year 2030 AD, which is likely exactly 2000 years from either the start or the end of Christ’s ministry on the earth.

We can consider these four 7-year periods as the four “watches of the night”.

Matthew 24:43 - *But understand this: that if the master of the house had known what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.*

Luke 12:38 - *If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!*

Matthew 25:5 - *And while the bridegroom was delaying, they all became drowsy and were sleeping.*

There are four watches of the night, the first being called “evening,” the second “midnight,” the third “cockcrowing,” and the fourth “morning” - the names indicating the time when the watch terminated.

So, a cry went out at midnight (end of the second watch from 2009 to 2016) that the Bridegroom was coming. We saw the blood moons and solar eclipses on Jewish feast days in 2014 and 2015 signaling the start of the “Day of the Lord” in 2016, the end of the 6000 years from Creation. We had a 49-prophetic year count that ended right on the Day of Atonement in 2015, counting from when Jerusalem was liberated on June 7, 1967, which seemed to fit perfectly with the Year of Jubilee starting during the fall of 2015 and ending in the fall of 2016. We had a 1260-day count ending on the Day of Atonement in 2016 and a 1335-day count ending at the start of Hanukkah in 2016. But the Lord delayed His coming, as was mentioned in the Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25 and He comes at the end of the third watch of the night instead. The foolish virgins go into the town to buy more oil but are unable to make it back in time for the wedding, indicating that He most likely comes during the third watch before the fourth watch begins.

Within the second and third watch, or middle two 7-year periods, we see that the Lord has a double fulfillment of the 1260, 1290 and 1335-day counts. In the first watch of the night, we saw a 1290-day count from the time the Church of the Nativity was desecrated by armed forces on April 2, 2002, until the Day of Atonement in 2005. This was a partial fulfillment of the setting up of the abomination of desolation that had its final fulfillment on the 11th day of Nisan (March 22, 2013), during the second watch of the night. Counting 1290 days from this event, brought us to the Feast of Trumpets in 2016. Daniel 12:11 says, *“From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.”*

Then, counting 1260 days from the 7th day of Unleavened Bread during the Second Passover in 2013 brought us to the Day of Atonement in 2016 and counting 1335 days from the same date brought us to the first day of Hanukkah in 2016. All 3 counts from the Bible had a fulfillment in the second watch of the night. But the Lord continued to delay and we are now in the third watch of the night, with a completely different set of counts that start and end on different dates.

When we count 1260 days from the 15th day of Kislev on the Jewish calendar in 2019, the anniversary of the setting up of the abomination in 168 BC, we reach the Feast of Pentecost in 2023, the time of the firstfruits rapture. Interestingly, counting 1260 days from May 2, 2020 (the 7th anniversary of the Lord delaying His judgment in 2013), we reach October 13, 2023, the time of the main harvest rapture and fall of Babylon America. Counting 1290 days from the Feast of Trumpets in 2019 brings us to the 7th day of Unleavened Bread in 2023 on April 12/13, 2023. Perhaps we will see something take place on this date that will be a 45-day warning of what is to come on the Feast of Pentecost. Or perhaps the Lord is just reminding us of the significance of the 7th day of Unleavened Bread, but letting us know

that He will delay coming for His Bride until the Feast of Pentecost in 2023. Counting 1335 days from the Feast of Trumpets in 2019 brings us to the Feast of Pentecost in 2023.

A Second 1335-Day Count

Daniel 12:12 - *Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.*

We saw early on in this puzzle how that the 1335 days of Daniel 12:12 were to have started on May 1/2, 2023, and ended at the start of Hanukkah on Christmas Day in 2016. However, the Lord delayed His judgment and is shortening the days of the Great Tribulation for the sake of His elect and they will now last for only 210 days, from Pentecost in 2023 until December 22, 2023 (the 14th day counting from the start of Hanukkah).

We see another 1335-day count that began on the Feast of Trumpets in 2019 and ends on Pentecost 2023. On the Feast of Trumpets in 2017, we saw the sign in the heavens mentioned in Revelation 12.

From and including: **Monday, September 30, 2019**
To, but **not** including **Saturday, May 27, 2023**

Result: 1335 days

Revelation 12:1-4 - **A great sign appeared in heaven:** *a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth...The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.*

In the year 2017, Jupiter entered the womb of Virgo and stayed there for 9 months. On the Feast of Trumpets in 2017, Jupiter left the womb of Virgo, which is an astronomical constellation that has 12 stars at its head and the moon was under her feet at the time that Jupiter left the womb of Virgo. At the same time, Saturn entered Virgo. Jupiter is the King planet, representing the Messiah. The constellation Virgo represents the virgin birthing the male child and Saturn represents the dragon, coming to devour the male child the moment it is born.

It is believed that this sign also appeared in the heavens in 3 BC when Christ was born. The Magi, or wise men, from the east recognized this sign as the proclamation announcing the birth of the Messiah in Israel and came to King Herod to search for the child. King Herod asked them when the sign had appeared.

Matthew 2:16 - *Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.*



It would seem that the Massacre of the Innocents took place 2 years after this sign appeared in the heavenlies. If we count 2 years from the Feast of Trumpets in 2017, we come to the Feast of Trumpets in 2019 as the commemoration of when the baby boys were killed in Bethlehem. Counting 1335 days from the Feast of Trumpets in 2019 brings us to the Feast of Pentecost in 2013, the time of the firstfruits rapture and start of the 140-day Great Tribulation for the left-behind saints. Counting 1290 days from the Feast of Trumpets in 2019 brings you to the 7th day of Unleavened Bread in 2023 on April 12/13, 2023. Perhaps we will see something take place on this date as a warning of what is to come 45 days later.

The COVID pandemic is a judgment from the Lord against the world, and America in particular, for the killing of hundreds of millions of innocent babies through abortion over the last 50 years. This disease mostly affects the elderly, or those from the generation that allowed abortion to be legalized in America and it does not cause death to children. Abortion was legalized in America on January 22, 1973. Exactly 46 years later on January 22, 2019, the New York State passed legislation that strengthened abortion rights for women, allowing abortions to be done all the way through the ninth month of pregnancy when a baby is already full-term. They celebrated the passing of this legislation, even lighting up the One World Trade Center in pink to show their delight in killing babies. Almost exactly one year later, on January 21, 2020, the first officially confirmed case of COVID was seen in America, showing us the connection between this disease and God's judgment on America for killing tens of millions of babies. However, unofficially it is now believed that COVID actually started in America as early as September or October 2019, right around the Feast of Trumpets in 2019, the commemoration of the Massacre of the Innocents (the murder of babies), again showing us the connection between this disease and God's judgment on the world.

Isaiah 30: *Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.* Yea, O people in Zion who dwell at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, **yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher**... And upon every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water, **in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun**, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the Lord binds up the hurt of His people, and heals the wounds inflicted by His blow. Behold, the name of the Lord comes from far, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke; His lips are full of indignation, and His tongue is like a devouring fire; His breath is like an overflowing stream that reaches up to the neck; to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction, and to place on the jaws of the peoples a bridle that leads astray. You shall have a song as in the night when **a holy feast** is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to **go to the mountain of the Lord**, to the Rock of Israel. And the Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard and the descending blow of his arm to be seen, **in furious anger and a**

flame of devouring fire, with a cloudburst and tempest and hailstones.

Daniel 12:12 - **Blessed are those who wait until they reach 1,335 days.**

1 John 3:2 - *But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he is.*

Isaiah 30 is clearly pointing us to the firstfruits rapture that will take place on Pentecost in 2023. It tells us that those who wait for Him are blessed, which brings us back to Daniel 12:12 and the counting of 1335 days. It tells us that our Teacher will no longer hide Himself from us, but that our eyes will finally see our Teacher, which leads us to 1John 3:2, wherein John tells us that when we see Him, we will be like Him. It mentions the light of the moon being as bright as the sun, showing us that the moon (representing the Bride of Christ) will become like Christ when we see Him. It speaks of both the mercy and justice of the Lord – mercy for those who are taken in the firstfruits rapture and justice for those left behind. It mentions a holy feast of the Lord (Pentecost) and going to the mountain of the Lord (also Pentecost – see Hebrews 12). And it mentions the day when the towers fall, which brings us to our next puzzle piece.

The Day of Great Slaughter when the Towers Fall

Isaiah 30:25 - *And upon every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.*

The falling of the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001, was the first great shaking event in America, meant to wake her up and cause her to turn to the Lord in repentance. New York City is the gateway to America on the East Coast. A second shaking is coming to America, and this time it will be at the gateway to the West Coast, where we see another important icon with Twin Towers.



As mentioned in Chapter 4, the Lord often does things on significant dates in order to get a message across to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear. September 11th was the anniversary of when Henry Hudson discovered Manhattan Island in 1609. He came across the ocean in a ship called the “Half Moon”. A replica of the ship was made in 1989 and was making its maiden voyage with tourists on the morning of September 11, 2001, as the Twin Towers fell. Interestingly, the night before (September 10, 2001) there was a half moon, the last quarter moon in September. It is also interesting to note that there will be a half moon (this time the first quarter moon), on the night of May 27, 2023, at the time of the second shaking and firstfruits rapture on Pentecost.

September 11th was also the anniversary of when President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave a speech that would plant America as a global economic and military superpower in 1941 and ultimately lead to America entering World War II, as well as the anniversary of the start of construction of the Pentagon in 1941. If the Lord wanted to get our attention, He certainly chose a significant date in our history to do so.

There is another American icon on the West Coast that can also be considered a gateway to the West, just as the Twin Towers were an American icon in the city that can be considered a gateway to the East. It also has Twin Towers. It is



the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, another city that is known worldwide for its blatant sin and disregard for the ways of God, particularly indulging in the sin of homosexuality and blatantly promoting this sin around the world. In fact, its nickname is “the gay capital of the world”. This will be the place of the second great shaking in America, just before the firstfruits rapture takes place. Interestingly, it was opened on May 27, 1937. This Pentecost (May 27/28, 2013) will be the anniversary of its opening.

There is another Golden Gate and it is found in Jerusalem. It is the gate where Jesus entered when He made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Many believe Jesus will come through this gate when He returns. It is currently blocked and no one can enter. Perhaps this is symbolic of the gates of heaven being closed until May 27, 2023, and then the “bridge” to heaven being opened at the time of the firstfruits rapture event, when the earthly Golden Gate Bridge is destroyed.



May 27, 2023, is also another important anniversary. On the Jewish calendar, it is the 6th day of Sivan, the day when the Lord gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Over the last 50 years, America has systematically removed the Ten Commandments from its schools and government institutions. It has rejected the laws of God time and time again and chosen to make their own laws based on whatever it is that they wish to be the law. The Lord has sent prophets and warnings, just as He did when Israel turned from Him, but as a nation, America has not repented and turned back to the ways of God. In the Old Testament, it is recorded that 3000 people were killed in connection to God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses on Pentecost. In the New



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Testament, 3000 were saved on Pentecost. In New York City, 3000 people were killed when the Twin Towers fell. The Lord is connecting what took place on 9/11/2001 to what will happen at the second shaking on Pentecost in 2023 at the second big shaking event. However, this time there will be far more than 3000 people saved and far more than 3000 people killed. God's judgment and the Great Tribulation will begin in America on the same day He gave the Ten Commandments to Moses as a punishment on America (and the world) for rejecting His laws and accepting and embracing sinful and shameful ways and following demonic entities and Satanic practices, which always lead to death and destruction.

Parable of the Fig Tree

In Chapter 5, we saw how the Lord gave America four years to repent, from the Spring of 2013 to the Spring of 2017. We saw how President Trump signed a bill right on the Feast of Firstfruits in 2017, at the end of this 4-year period, that would help defund Planned Parenthood, an organization responsible for killing tens of millions of babies in America.

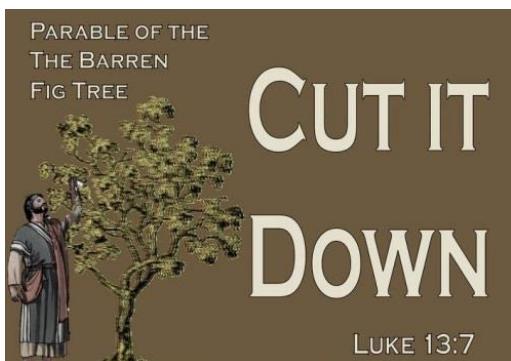
The Lord told a parable in Luke 13 about a fig tree that was given 3 years to bear fruit, but did not bear any fruit. The owner of the tree was ready to cut it down after the third year, but the gardener asks for one final year to tend to the tree and then if it still does not bear fruit after the fourth year, it is to be cut down. If we start this three-year count on the Feast of Trumpets in 2019, at the start of the second 1335-day count, we come to the Feast of Trumpets in 2022. Many people were expecting something big to start during the fall feasts in 2022 because it is a Jewish Jubilee Year. We did see President Biden mention something on the Day of Atonement in 2022 about a coming nuclear Armageddon with Russia. Then, on the 8th and final day of Hanukkah (Zot Hanukkah) in 2022, "The Chosen" aired on Christmas Day, with tens of millions of Christians around the world watching as the livestream came out that evening. In this episode, Jesus proclaims, "This is a Year of Jubilee" and speaks about the coming Day of Vengeance on the world. I believe this was the proclamation that this coming year – from the end of Hanukkah in 2022 until the end of Hanukkah in 2023 (that will be celebrated for 14 days) is the Year of Jubilee and that all 3 woe events of Revelation will take place during this year of 2023.



Zot Hanukkah is the last day of the high holy days in Israel that start on the Day of Atonement and is observed in much the same way as the Day of Atonement, with a final call to repentance and turn from sin. The Year of Jubilee could not have been proclaimed on the Day of Atonement in 2022 because the second and third woe events would not have happened during that coming year, but by delaying the proclamation of the Year of Jubilee until Zot Hanukkah, all 3 woe events (which are each a partial

fulfillment of the Year of Jubilee) will take place during the year of 2023, the Jubilee Year.

We can see that the Lord was ready to cut the tree down in the fall of 2022, at the start of the Jewish



Jubilee Year, but one final year has been given in order to fulfill the Jubilee Year on God's calendar that does not start until the fall of 2023. The tree, which I believe is Babylon America, will be cut down in the fall of 2023 on the anniversary of the fall of Babylon (October 13) at the time of the main harvest rapture event and end of the Great Tribulation for the left-behind saints. Immediately after the fall of Babylon America, the sun is darkened, moon does not give its light and stars fall from the sky on October 14, 2023.

The final 70 days before Christ returns with His Bride to the earth will be one of total darkness and the wrath of God will be poured out on the earth as never before.

1332 Days, 666, and 3 Days of Darkness

Daniel 5:26 - *Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.*

Psalm 90:12 - *Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

Revelation 13:18 - *This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.*

Revelation 18:6 - *Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Pour her a double portion from her own cup.*

We have already seen in this puzzle how the Lord is doubling Daniel's 70th week and doubling the Feast of Tabernacles and Hanukkah in 2023. In Revelation 18:6 we see the Lord telling us that He will double the punishment of Babylon the Great and in Revelation 13:18, we see the number 666 that is to be used as a calculation, numbering the days of man and the days of the beast.

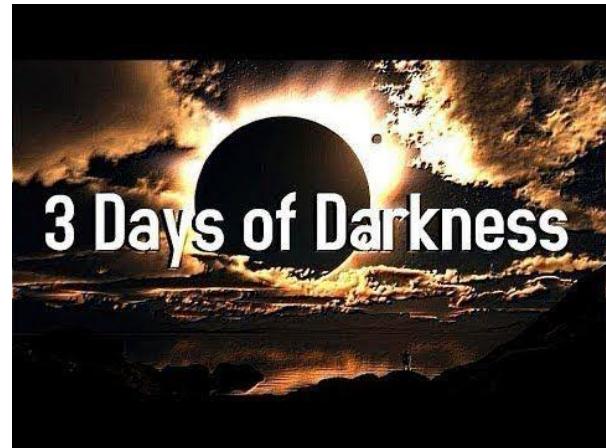
If we double the number 666, we have a 1332-day count. If we start this 1332-day count at the Feast of Trumpets in 2019, we come to May 24, 2023, the anniversary of when the Golden Gate Bridge nearly collapsed exactly 35 years ago in 1987, perhaps a sign to us of what is coming on May 24, 2023.

In the Scriptures, we see numerous patterns of a 3-day period of darkness or grieving or waiting, followed by a 40-day count. The most obvious of these patterns that was left for us was that of Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension. We see a great shaking at the time of His death, followed by 3 days of darkness and grieving that His disciples endured. After the 3 days of darkness, there was another

great shaking at the time of the resurrection and offering of firstfruits to the Lord. This was followed by a 40-day period in which He appeared to His disciples on numerous occasions. After this 40-day period ended, Christ ascended into heaven, foreshadowing the ascension of the 2 witnesses, or left-behind saints, at the time of the main harvest rapture on October 13/14, 2023. The Lord wants us to follow this pattern. A great shaking, followed by 3 days of darkness, then a resurrection/rapture event on May 27/28, 2023, followed by 40 days X 3.5 (140 days) of judgment on the earth before the second rapture event.

Jonah also set this pattern for us when he was in the belly of the whale for 3 days and nights, representing the 3 days of darkness that will come on the world from May 24-27, 2023. He then preached repentance for 40 days and the people of Ninevah put on sackcloth and repented of their sins, just as the 2 witnesses of Revelation 11 will do. They will put on sackcloth, representing repentance, and will preach the gospel to the lost and warn them of the impending judgment that is to come after 140 days (40 days X 3.5), when at the time of the second woe, the 2 witnesses are taken to heaven and 1/3 of mankind is killed.

The 9th plague of Egypt was 3 days of darkness that happened just before the 10th plague (slaughter of the firstborn). It was at this time that the Israelites left Egypt, representing the firstfruits Bride of Christ leaving the world to enter their Promised Land. Those who are left behind will have to endure a “time” of Great Tribulation, which was foreshadowed by the 40 years that the Israelites had to wander in the wilderness because of their unbelief. These 40 years represent the 40 days of “time”, which will be multiplied by 3.5 totaling 140 days of Great Tribulation for the left-behind saints.



When Israel reached Mt. Sinai, the mountain shook and the people were terrified. This took place on the third day of Sivan (May 24/25, 2023). According to Jewish tradition, Moses then went up to Mt. Sinai on the 6th day of Sivan (Pentecost) and received the 10 Commandments. He then spent 40 days with the Lord. Hebrews 12 compares this event to when we are taken to the heavenly Mt. Zion and when we escape the judgment of God. I believe once again we will witness a great shaking on the third day of Sivan (May 24/25, 2023), followed by a 3-day wait and then a second shaking on the 6th day of Sivan (May 27/28, 2023) when the firstfruits are offered to the Lord and then a 140 day (40X 3.5) period of Great Tribulation before the main harvest rapture on the anniversary of the fall of Babylon on October 13, 2023, immediately before the sun is darkened, moon does not give its light and stars fall from the sky.

266 Days / 2200 Evenings and Mornings

The Scriptures compare the start of the Great Tribulation to a woman going into labor throughout the Old and New Testaments.

Isaiah 13:8 - *They will be terrified, pains and anguish will take hold of them; they will writhe like a woman in labor, they will look at one another in astonishment, their faces aflame.*

Isaiah 26:17-18 - *As a pregnant woman about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, LORD. We were with child, we writhed in labor, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth, and the people of the world have not come to life. But your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise—let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy—your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.* See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; the earth will conceal its slain no longer.

Jeremiah 6:24 - *We have heard the report of it; our hands are limp. Anguish has seized us, pain as of a woman in childbirth.*

Micah 4:10 - *"Writhe and labor to give birth, Daughter of Zion, like a woman in childbirth; for now you will go out of the city, dwell in the field, and go to Babylon. There you will be rescued; there the Lord will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.*

1 Thessalonians 5:3 - *While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.*

From conception to birth, there are 266 days. If we count 266 days from the first day of the Biblical month of Nisan on March 24, 2023, we reach December 15, 2023. This is the 7th day of Hanukkah, the day when the virgin Queen Esther was crowned, foreshadowing the crowning of the pure virgin Bride of Christ as co-ruler of the earth with King Jesus for 1000 years. However, I believe in 2023, the Feast of Hanukkah will last for 14 days and it will be on December 22, 2023, that the Lord will return to the earth with His Bride to rule and reign for 1000 years.

It is interesting that December 21, 2023, will be the start of winter and is considered the darkest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, which includes both America and Israel. From December 22, 2023, the days begin to get longer and the nights shorter. As the saying goes, it is always darkest just before the dawn. Jesus may have been pointing us to December 21, 2023, the first day of winter, when He said to pray that our flight would not take place on the Sabbath or in the winter. December 21, 2023, represents the last day of the 14th day of Daniel's 70th week (the Sabbath) and the first day of

winter. Perhaps the Lord is warning us that this will be the very last day before He returns to the earth with His Bride and that those who have missed both rapture events will be destroyed at the Second Coming event. Those who have not fled to Mt. Zion at the time of the 2 rapture events and who live until December 21, 2023, will have to face His wrath on the final day of darkness and start of winter. Pray that your flight does not take place in the winter (December 21/22, 2023) during the Sabbath (final day of Daniel's 70th week that lasts for 14 years). Pray that you are found worthy to escape during the first 2 harvest or woe events in 2023, so that you do not have to face His wrath at the third woe event on December 21/22, 2023.

You may be wondering what is the significance of Hanukkah and why the Lord would choose this particular feast for the Wedding of the Lamb and Second Coming of Christ to the earth. In 168 BC, the Jewish people fled into the mountains on Kislev 25 to escape from being killed by the evil Antiochus IV, a foreshadow of the future Antichrist, who had set up an abomination in their temple by forcing the people to worship Zeus instead of Yahweh. Less than a week after this fleeing into the mountains, there was a massive slaughter on the Sabbath after Kislev 25. Thousands of men, women and children were killed for refusing to desecrate the Sabbath day. They had refused to flee into the mountains with the other Jewish people. This represents those who do not flee to Mt. Zion, to Christ as their refuge. They will not escape what is coming.

This was followed by THREE YEARS of fighting. Judas Maccabees (a foreshadow of Christ) rode into Jerusalem on the 25th day of Kislev, exactly 3 Jewish years later and the people in Jerusalem waved palm branches to him and cried out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The temple was then cleansed and they decided to celebrate Hanukkah every year as a second Tabernacles festival, because their temple had been defiled and they had been unable to celebrate Tabernacles at the proper time for many years. Jesus told the Jewish people that they would not see Him again until they cried out, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" He was pointing them to the story of Hanukkah, when Judas Maccabees rode into Jerusalem and they cried out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



Jesus also clearly points to the Feast of Hanukkah in Matthew 24:15-22, when speaking about the Abomination of Desolation and fleeing into the mountains, referencing what took place when the women and children were slaughtered at the start of winter. Matthew then tells us that the reader must understand what Jesus is speaking about. Obviously the disciples knew that He was making reference to Hanukkah.

Daniel 8 is referring to this event. *"How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, the surrender of the sanctuary and the trampling underfoot of the LORD's people? He said to me, "It will take 2,200 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."*

If you look these verses up in your Bible, it will say 2300 evenings and mornings. However, in the earliest manuscripts that we have (the Dead Sea Scrolls), this number has been ripped out of all of the copies in the book of Daniel. When we look at the writings of Josephus, a first century historian who had access to the original manuscript, he told us that the number was 2200 evenings and mornings. He also explains how this was equal to 1100 days and that it started when the abomination was set up on Kislev 15 until Judas Maccabees rode into Jerusalem 3 years later on Kislev 25 to cleanse the temple and reconsecrate it to the Lord.

Just as the Lord instituted a Second Passover for those who had been defiled, so He instituted a Second Tabernacles festival for those who are defiled and unable to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles at the proper time. The wedding festival is the Feast of Tabernacles. However, it will not be until the 14th day counting from Tabernacles that the Bride of Christ will be raptured at the main harvest event at the second woe of Revelation. Therefore, they will miss the Feast of Tabernacles and the wedding will be celebrated during Hanukkah instead. The 7th day of Hanukkah is now transferred to the 14th day, when the Bride of Christ will be crowned as co-ruler of the earth with King Jesus.

It was on December 8, 2020, that the first shot of the COVID vaccine was given in England. This was the 24th day of Kislev, or Hanukkah Eve (using the New Moon sighting in November 2020). Daniel's 70th week also began with Mr. Obama receiving the Nobel Peace Prize just a few hours before the start of Hanukkah Eve in 2009. This is the date referenced in Haggai 2 with the Lord rising up to shake the earth and the Lord speaks to Haggai on this date about people and a nation being defiled. The start of the giving of the COVID vaccine on Hanukkah Eve in 2020 began another 3 year count until the time when the "temple" will no longer be defiled. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. By adding a third strand of DNA to make the count 216,000 (600X60X6) genes, our bodies become defiled. For those Christians who were tricked into taking the Mark of the Beast, the Lord will give His people a new body, one that is no longer defiled, at the time of the wedding of the Lamb. So we can see that there is a second count of 1100 days, or 3 years, pointing us from the start of the COVID vaccination on Hanukkah Eve in 2020, until the time when the "temple" is cleansed and reconsecrated during Hanukkah 2023.

2 Baruch & the 7 Weeks

Baruch was the scribe for Jeremiah the prophet. He wrote 2 books himself, called the 1st and 2nd Books of Baruch. These 2 books were originally included in the Septuagint as well as the Catholic Bible, but were not included in the Protestant version of the Bible.

In 2 Baruch 26, we read: *And I answered and said: That tribulation which will be will it last a long time; and that distress, will it embrace many years?*

2nd Baruch – The Coming Tribulation and How Long is it? – “Seven Weeks”

25 ¹And The LORD answered and said unto me: "You too shall be preserved till that time **till THAT SIGN** [cosmic event?] which the Most High will work for the inhabitants of the earth in the **END OF DAYS**. ²This therefore shall be the sign. ³When a stupor shall seize the inhabitants of the earth, and they shall fall into many tribulations, and again when they shall fall into great torments. And it will come to pass when they say in their thoughts by reason of their much tribulation: "The Mighty 'One' does no longer remember the earth"—yes, it will come to pass when they abandon hope, **that the time will be when they finally wake-up.**"

26.1 And I *[Baruch]* answered and said:

"That coming tribulation, will it last a long time? And that distress, will it embrace many years?"

27.1 And He *[The Mighty One]* answered and said to me:

"That time is divided into twelve parts, and each part is reserved for its appointed task:

2 "In the first part, there shall be the **beginning of commotions**.

3 "And in the second part: the **slaughtering of the great**. [Seal #1& 2]

4 "And in the third part: **the fall of many into death**. [Seal #2 & #4]

5 "And in the fourth part: **the sending of the sword**. [Seal #2]

6 "And in the fifth part: **famine and the withholding of rain**. [Seal #3]

7 "And in the sixth part: **[?? Not Given??]**

8 ["And in the seventh part:] **earthquakes and terrors**. [Seal #6]

9 "And in the eighth part: **a multitude of phantoms and the attacks of demons**. [Seal #6]

10 "And in the ninth part: **the fall of fire**. [Trumpet #1]

11 "And in the tenth part: **rape and much oppression**.

12 "And in the eleventh part: **injustice and unchastity**.

13 "And in the twelfth part: **disorder arising** from a conglomeration of everything which has been previously mentioned.

14 "For these parts of that time are reserved, and will be mixed, one with another, and they will minister to each other. **15** For some of these parts will withhold a portion of themselves while taking from others, and some will accomplish their own portion as well as that of others; hence, those who live on earth in those days will not understand that this is the end of times.

28.1 But at that time, whoever understands will be wise. **2 For the measure and the calculation of that time [of tribulation & distress] is two parts a week of seven weeks** " [49 days]

In previous chapters, the Lord is speaking to Baruch about the Great Tribulation that shall come at the “end of days”. So, Baruch asks the Lord how long this great tribulation, or great distress will last. In the next chapter, the Lord goes into detail about how it will be divided into 12 parts. These parts include the beginning of commotions, the slaughtering of the great, the fall of many into death, the drawing of the sword, famine and the withholding of rain, earthquakes and terrors, a multitude of ghosts and the appearances of demons, the fall of fire, rape and much violence, injustice and unchastity, disorder and a mixture of all that has been before. In the next 2 verses of chapter 27, the Lord tells Baruch that these parts will be mixed one with another. In other words, they don’t all happen separately, but some are overlapping and will mix with the other parts. In chapter 28, the Lord answers Baruch’s question about how long the distress will last for.

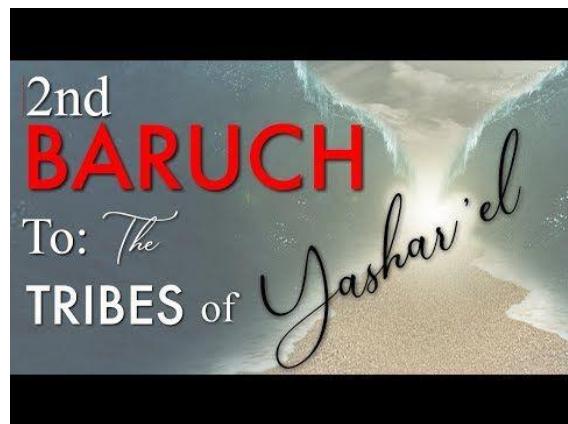
Baruch 28:1-2 – “*But at that time, whoever understands will be wise. For the measure and the calculation of that time is 2 parts a week of 7 weeks.*”

He then goes on to tell Baruch that these things will come upon the whole world and that when they are finished, the Anointed One will be revealed. Then the earth will produce great fruit and those are hungry will enjoy themselves and see marvels every day. He tells him that the wicked will waste away and the time of torment for the wicked has come.

I believe the Lord is most likely telling Baruch that Daniel's 70th week (final 7 years) will be 2 parts, or 14 years in length.

If we turn that into a mathematical calculation (because Baruch tells us that it is a calculation), and if a "week" is referring to "7 years" and not "7 days", as is shown to us in Daniel 9, it would look like this:

$$\begin{aligned}2 \text{ parts} &= 2 \text{ times} \\a \text{ week} &= 7 \text{ years} \\7 \text{ weeks} &= 49 \text{ years} \\2 \times 7 \text{ years of } 49 \text{ years} &\end{aligned}$$



In other words, out of the final 49 years or final Jubilee Cycle, there will be two 7-year periods.

70 Years Until Jerusalem is Set Free

The Bride of Christ is the New Jerusalem, the wife of the Lamb. The firstfruits rapture is all about setting Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ, free at the time of her escape.

Revelation 21:2 says, "*I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*"

Jeremiah 29:10-14 says, "*For this is what the LORD says: "When Babylon's seventy years are complete, I will attend to you and confirm My promise to restore you to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore you from captivity and gather you from all the nations and places to which I have banished you, declares the LORD. I will restore you to the place from which I sent you into exile."*"

Jeremiah 25:10-11 says, "*I will banish from them the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, the sound of millstones and the light of the lamp. This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares the LORD, "and will make it desolate forever.*"

Revelation 18:21-23 says, "*Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again. The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No worker of any trade will ever be found in*

you again. **The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again. The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.**"

Zechariah 1:12

Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, how long wilt Thou have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which Thou hast been indignant these seventy years?"

Jeremiah 25:10-11 is connected to Revelation 18, which is about the destruction of Babylon. The next chapter, Revelation 19, is all about how the wedding of the Lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready. According to Jeremiah 25, this takes place after a 70-year count.

Zechariah 1:12 - *Then the angel of the LORD said, "LORD Almighty, **how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem** and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these **seventy years?***

Daniel 9:1-3 says, "*In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would **last seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.**"*

Daniel 9 shows us how at the end of the 70 years there will be fasting and sackcloth and ashes, representing the repentance of those left behind at the first rapture event. Jerusalem was officially declared Israel's capitol by the Knesset on January 23, 1950. Adding 70 years to this brought us to January 2020, when the coronavirus pandemic started in China. Adding the 3-year wait found in Daniel 1:5 brings us to the year 2023 as the time for the deliverance of the Bride of Christ, during the Day of the Lord.

Isaiah 24

Isaiah 24 - *See, the LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants... **The earth dries up and withers**, the world languishes and withers, the heavens languish with the earth. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left... **They raise their voices, they shout for joy**; from the west they acclaim the LORD's majesty. Therefore in the east give glory to the LORD; exalt the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea. From the ends of the earth we hear singing: "Glory to the Righteous One." But I said, "I waste away, I waste away! Woe to me! The treacherous betray! With treachery the treacherous betray!" Terror and pit and snare await you, people of the earth. Whoever flees at the sound of terror will fall into a pit; whoever climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare. **The floodgates of the heavens are***

opened, the foundations of the earth shake. The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is violently shaken...The moon will be dismayed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders—with great glory.

Genesis 7:11-12 - *In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the **seventeenth day of the second month**—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the **floodgates of the heavens were opened**. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.*

Genesis 8:14 - *By the **27th day of the second month** the earth was completely dry.*

In Isaiah 24, we see the connection between the day when the floodgates open, the day the earth dries up, God's judgment when He rises to shake the earth, the firstfruits rapture, the sun being ashamed and the moon being dismayed.

We have a solar eclipse taking place on April 20, 2023, and a lunar eclipse on May 5, 2023. The 17th day of the 2nd month is May 8, 2023, and the 27th day of the 2nd month is May 18, 2023. These Scriptures seem to be like breadcrumbs that the Lord is leaving for us pointing us to the time of the Great Deliverance. It is like He is saying that we must wait for the sun to be ashamed and the moon dismayed and then wait for the day when the floodgates opened and when the earth was completely dried up and withered. It will be just after all of these dates when the Lord rises up to rescue His firstfruits Bride on the Feast of Pentecost.

400 Years of Slavery & the First Thanksgiving

Genesis 15:13 – *Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for **four hundred years** your descendants will be **strangers in a country not their own** and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.*

Hebrews 11: 13 - *All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were **foreigners and strangers on earth**.*

In the Scriptures, we see a 400-year period of judgment that came on Israel as they were made slaves in the land of Egypt where they were strangers in a country not their own. I believe this is a foreshadow to us of the Bride of Christ, who right now live as foreigners and strangers on the earth, and in a sense all Americans are foreigners whose ancestors have immigrated to a land that is not their own looking for a better life.

The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock December 21, 1620. December 21, 2020, ended a 400-year period from the arrival of the Pilgrims into their new and permanent homes. This was the exact date

when the Great Conjunction between Jupiter and Saturn took place. Again when we add the 3-year wait found in Daniel 1:5, we come to December 21, 2023, as the final day before Christ returns to the earth with His Bride to rule and reign on the earth for 1000 years.

The End of the Delays

In this amazing puzzle, we have seen how the Lord delayed His judgment in the spring of 2013 and shortened the days of the Great Tribulation from 3 ½ years to just 5 months. We saw how He again delayed judgment in 2016 and added another 7 years to bring us to the spring of 2023 as the time for His judgment to begin on the earth.

Revelation 10:5-7 - *Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “**There will be no more delay!** But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, **the mystery of God will be accomplished**, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”*

When the delays have finished, it is time for the 7th angel to sound his trumpet and for the mystery of God (the firstfruits rapture of the Church) to be accomplished.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 - *Behold, **I show you a mystery:** We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. **For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

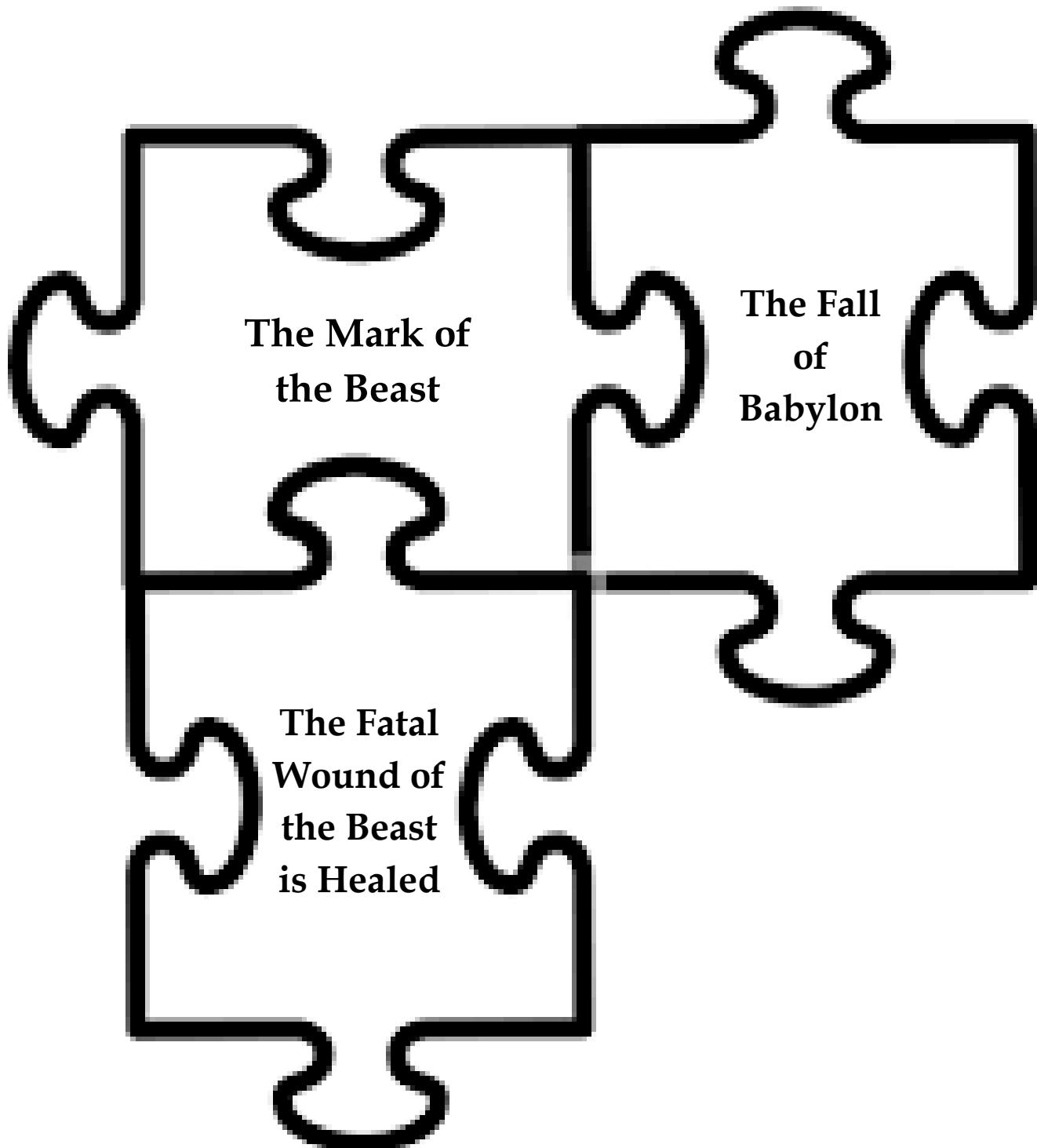
The mystery of God is the rapture of the church. The angel in Revelation 10 tells us that there will be no more delay – this means there was a delay, just as we are also told in Matthew 25 that the Bridegroom was delayed and the virgins fell asleep.

Habakkuk 2:3 - *For the vision is yet for **the appointed time;** it testifies about the end and will not lie. **Though it delays, wait for it, since it will certainly come and not be late.***

God has always had an appointed time for the rapture. He is not changing the time or moving it back. The delays are simply part of His amazing puzzle to show us His incredible love, mercy and long-suffering as we see how that time and time again, He could have brought His judgment but He delayed and is shortening the days to as little as Scripturally possible for the sake of the elect. This puzzle is all about His mercy, His grace and His incredible love for His children, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to eternal life through His Son.

Chapter 10

Puzzle Pieces 65, 66 & 67



The Mark of the Beast

Revelation 13: 14, 16, 17 - *Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth... And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.*



Revelation 14:9-12 - *A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and*

of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, and for anyone who receives the mark of its name." This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

Revelation 2:10-11 - *Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.*

The Lord mentions the “victor’s crown” that is given to those who are faithful to Him. This points us to the word “corona” which means “crown”. I believe this mark of the beast will have something to do with the coronavirus vaccination.

When we say the right hand or the forehead, as a believer in Christ, what do we automatically think about? We think about Revelation, where it speaks about the Mark of the Beast:

Revelation 13:16-17 - *It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.*

I’m sure many Christians are saying, “When the Mark of the Beast comes, I’ll be ready for it! It will be a mark or chip in the forehead or the hand.”

But is that what Revelation is talking about? Remember that most of Revelation is symbolic. Let’s look at the Scriptures for more insight into the meaning of right hand or forehead. Scripture interprets Scripture.

Exodus 13:9 - “It will be a sign **on your hand** and a reminder on your **forehead** so that you will often discuss the LORD’s Instruction, for the LORD brought you out of Egypt with great power.”

Deuteronomy 11:18 - Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols **on your hands** and bind them on your **foreheads**.

When God said this to the Israelites, He did not actually mean for them to take the laws and stick it on their hands or foreheads. He was not talking literally, but spiritually.

Isaiah 41:10 - So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous **right hand**.

Exodus 15:6, 12 - Your **right hand**, LORD, was majestic in power. Your **right hand**, LORD, shattered the enemy... You stretch out your **right hand**, and the earth swallows your enemies.

Isaiah 48:13 - My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my **right hand** spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together.

Isaiah 62:8 - The LORD has sworn by his **right hand** and by his mighty arm: “Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled.

Psalm 74:11 - Why do you hold back your hand, your **right hand**? Take it from the folds of your garment and destroy them!

In the Scriptures, the right hand symbolizes power and strength. Going back to the verses in Revelation 13, in the beginning of that chapter it speaks of a beast coming out of the sea with 7 heads and 10 horns. We know that this is symbolic and not literal.

So what does it mean to receive a “mark” on the forehead or right hand? In our mind, there is what is known as the “God gene”. When we think about God, an area of the brain near the forehead lights up.

The “mark” in Hebrew means brand and in Greek means “stigma”. If you look up stigma, it means stick or prick – a mark pricked in or branded upon the body. Slaves and soldiers bore the stamp of their master or commander, branded or pricked into their bodies to indicate what master or general they belonged to. It’s a mark to say you belong to Satan. As God marks His own, so Satan marks his own.

Revelation 7:3 - “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the **foreheads** of the servants of our God.”

Revelation 14:1 – *Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.*

Is this literal or symbolic? It's symbolic. So what does that have to do with this verse in Revelation concerning the Mark of the Beast being given on the right hand or forehead?

A mark on the right hand or forehead is not what most believers think it is. There is a deception involved with the Mark of the Beast. Satan did not come to Eve and tell her the whole story of what would happen if she ate the forbidden fruit - he told her half-truths that led her to believe that it would be a good thing to eat the fruit. He is a master at deception. We, as Christians, must be aware that we are living in a time of great delusion and deception and should avoid taking anything that we may have to have in order to buy or sell in the near future. Just 2 verses before speaking of the Mark of the Beast, we read:

Revelation 13:14 - *Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth.*

Revelation 19:20 - *He deceived those who accepted the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image with these signs.*

Revelation 18:23 - *For thy merchants were the great men of the earth, for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.*

Sorceries in Greek means pharmakeia, or pharmacy. Pharmakeia is the use of medicine, drugs or spells. The Mark of the Beast will be used to take away your strength and weaken your immune system.

Revelation 17:13 - *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

Considering how close we are to the firstfruits rapture in May 2023, it is very likely that the COVID vaccine is in fact the Mark of the Beast and soon those who do not take this "vaccination" will not be allowed entry into stores to buy or sell, just as the Scriptures tell us. Those who take it are demonstrating that they are putting their trust in a new and untested treatment for a disease that has well over a 99% chance of survival and should not concern most people. By allowing them to put this gene therapy into you, it shows that you are not trusting in the Lord, but in their new and untested technology and are falling for their lies that everyone must get this "vaccine" in order to develop "herd immunity". The forehead and right hand are only symbolic of you giving into their lies about this "vaccine" and giving your mind and strength (health) into the hands of the enemy. This is not a normal

vaccination - it is an experimental new therapy that affects your genetic structure at the cellular level and once you take it, you can never get it out of your body. It is a permanent change that you are making to your cells and could seriously affect your immune system, which is your God-given defense system to protect you from illnesses.

It is also very possible that the mRNA vaccine adds a third strand of DNA to the human body. God created your DNA to block out any intruding force, but scientists have developed mRNA, which tricks the DNA to allowing it to pass through and make changes to the DNA. It is believed by many that there are 144,000 genes in every human body, 72,000 from each parent. If a third strand of DNA is added, this would total 216,000 genes, which is $600 \times 60 \times 6$. In the original Greek, the number 666 was written as 600, 60 and 6 and John tells us to calculate the number of the beast. The book of Revelation may very well be warning us that by adding the extra strand of DNA to the human body, the body becomes something other than human, no longer purely human, as is the case for those with 144,000 genes.

Revelation 16:2 - The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

The Scriptures also teach us that those who take this “vaccine” will suffer terrible sores, showing again the incredible dangers of taking this untested vaccination that is being forced on the entire world. We are already witnessing the start of this in the “monkeypox virus”, in which horrible sores and boils appear on a person’s body. This is undoubtedly linked somehow to the COVID vaccine and I believe we will witness a much greater outbreak of this over the coming year.

This is such a huge deception and so many followers of Christ have fallen for the lies of the enemy and are more than willing to put something in their bodies that could cause irreparable damage to their immune system and even alter their DNA. So many just think this is just another vaccination and have done little or no research on what it is that they are putting into their bodies. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and everyone should find out ahead of time what it is that they are allowing to be put into their bodies, especially when it seems to be leading to a system in which you will be unable to buy or sell or attend school or events or pretty much do anything without it. Those with eyes to see and ears to hear will know where we are at on God’s timetable and will stay far away from the “vaccine”.

For those of you reading this who have been left behind and who have already taken this vaccination out of ignorance, I encourage you to not give up hope. The Lord has proven through the Scriptures and this puzzle His incredible mercy toward humanity. When Eve sinned, the Scriptures tell us that she was deceived. In other words, she was tricked by the devil into sinning and did not willfully sin against God. Although she suffered terribly for her sin, forgiveness was still offered to her and to humanity. The fallen angels, on the other hand, sinned willfully and knowingly against God and were not offered a chance of forgiveness, according to the Book of Enoch. If you repent and confess your sin, I believe forgiveness will still be offered to you through the grace and mercy of God. Repentance means to turn

around and go a different direction. If you go along with the “vaccine passports” or QR codes or whatever they come up with to prove that you have been vaccinated to enter stores in order to buy or sell, it shows that you have not truly repented for what you have done. If you choose instead to stand with those who refuse to take this “vaccine” and do not participate in their system that would allow you to buy or sell, then you are showing a heart of repentance and willingness to suffer along with those who saw this “vaccine” for what it was, that is the Mark of the Beast, and who now cannot buy or sell because they are denied entry to the shopping centers. Many have already lost their jobs and a time is coming when they may be imprisoned and severely persecuted. I believe if you choose to stand with these “unvaccinated” people and openly confess that you have sinned against God by taking this vaccine, the Lord will forgive you and mercy will still be extended to those who truly repent of this grave sin.

I believe that even if your DNA has been changed, the Lord is able to restore you and resurrect your body in His image. He is all-powerful and can speak things into existence that do not exist. He can reverse the curse that the enemy has put on you and restore to you all that was stolen. Cry out to Him for mercy and forgiveness and do not participate any more in their evil schemes. You were one of the foolish virgins of Matthew 25 who have been left behind and missed the firstfruits rapture, but the Lord will make a way for all who repent and cry out to Him. He is the God of the second chance and can once again make your DNA with 144,000 genes so that you can be one of those believers in Revelation 7 that stand with Him after coming out of the Great Tribulation. Do not allow the enemy to deceive you into thinking you have lost your eternal salvation because you were tricked by these wicked people and demonic forces. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost and to shorten the days of the Great Tribulation for His elect so that they do not have to suffer for 3 ½ years, but only for 5 months. If there was no chance for salvation for those who took the vaccine then He would not have shortened the days, because if that was the case hundreds of millions of souls could have been saved if the firstfruits rapture had taken place in the spring of 2020. If He said that the days will be shortened for the elect’s sake, then He has made a way for His people to be forgiven and restored from this horrible trick of Satan. You are still a child of the Most High God and have authority over Satan. Use the authority that God has given to you to fight the enemy and refuse to believe his lies that you are no longer a child of God because of something he has done to your body.

Revelation 14 - *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”*

I believe this verse mentions TWO things that a person must do to be eternally shut out from the

presence of God. This punishment is reserved for those **who worship the beast AND who take the Mark of the Beast**. I believe that worshipping the beast involves a person bowing down to the system of the beast by not standing up to it once they understand what it is that has taken over the world. Believers in Christ must stand up in defiance to this beast system and use the authority that they have in Christ to live in such a way that they do not yield to the pressure to give in to this system. They must stand in defiance and be brave, even if it costs them their very life. As Christians, we do not bow down to Satan and his evil forces but stand up for our Christian beliefs, even if it costs us everything we have. It may seem that the 2 witnesses (left-behind saints) are dead and have lost their authority on the earth that Christ won for us at the Cross, but this will only last for a very short time and after 140 days, they will be resurrected and given their new and redeemed bodies. Taking a vaccination is not the unpardonable sin. Hardening your heart to the Lord and walking in deliberate defiance to His ways is what will cause a person to commit the unpardonable sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

There is no sin that is not covered under the blood of Jesus. We simply must ask for forgiveness and receive it. Satan may think he has stolen your body, but he can never steal your soul unless you allow him to do so. Stand up in the authority of Christ and do not fall for his lies that will tell you that you can no longer receive the forgiveness of Jesus because you are no longer covered by His blood. You were redeemed by Christ and He is the author and finisher of your faith. He is able to do whatever you ask Him to do. All authority has been given to Him. Satan does not have authority over you. Eve was also deceived by Satan, but forgiveness was still obtainable for her through Christ. She suffered for her sin, but her soul was not lost and eternal salvation was still offered to her and to all who call on His Name.

Philippians 1:6 - *Being confident of this, that **He who began a good work in you** will carry it on to **COMPLETION** until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Mark 7:15 - "**NOTHING** outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

Matthew 24:22 - *And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*

Jesus would not have shortened the Great Tribulation for the sake of His people if it meant about half of them would be eternally lost by being tricked into taking the Mark of the Beast. If the Great Tribulation had started in the Spring of 2020 with the firstfruits rapture, followed by 3 1/2 years before the main harvest rapture and Second Coming of Christ to the earth, those who were left behind would have known that they were in the Great Tribulation and would never have taken the vaccine as they would have recognized it for what it was. But they were asleep and unaware and many Christian

leaders took it and urged others to do so also as they are unaware of the days we now live in and think there is still a 7-year tribulation coming and the Mark of the Beast will come during this time period. They also do not understand that the book of Revelation is symbolic and that the right hand and forehead are symbolic for strength and authority and their mind.

I think Satan has been deceived (again). You reap what you sow. He sows deception and will reap it. Scripture tells us that the powers and principalities of this world (demonic forces of evil) would not have had Jesus crucified if they had known it was their greatest defeat. This is a battle between Satan and God. Satan also thinks he has 3 1/2 years to wreak havoc on the world without being restrained, but the Lord has shortened it to just 5 months. That is why he is full of fury when he is cast out of heaven to the earth in Revelation 12, because his time is short. He also thought Adam and Eve were eternally lost when he tricked them in the garden. And he now believes he has just stolen the salvation of hundreds of millions of God's children by inserting this 3rd DNA strand into them. But in the end, he is the one who has been deceived and God will raise up His chosen people. Nothing can come against the people of God, not even the gates of hell. We are overcomers through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

Once the firstfruits rapture takes place and those who took it are left behind, they will wake up to what has happened and realize what they have been taught for so many years is wrong and the book of Revelation is symbolic. Once they repent, the Lord will use them to do incredible things during the 5 months of Great Tribulation on the earth. Many will lose their lives - quite possibly because of the "vaccine" - but the Lord is able to speak and create something out of nothing with just the words of His mouth and He is fully capable of changing their DNA back to 144,000 genes when he raises them up after the Great Tribulation. That is why we see in Revelation 7 that they are also called the 144,000. The Lord is telling us that He will reverse this curse that Satan has put on them and make them new again.

The foolish virgins are left behind and have to endure the days of darkness on the earth, but they are still "virgins" (Christians) and will be taken in the main harvest rapture of Revelation 7, after enduring hunger, thirst and the sun scorching them. They have made their robes white by the blood of the Lamb, meaning they have repented of their sin, and a double portion of anointing is given to them to do amazing things for the Lord and bring in a great harvest of souls.

Satan thinks that the Scriptures say that all who take this "mark of the beast" are eternally lost. Satan thinks that by changing our DNA we are no longer human and therefore no longer qualify to be saved by the blood of Jesus. But what Christ did on the cross was a SPIRITUAL salvation, and it is about changing our hearts and redeeming our souls. **Nothing that is put into the body can make it unredeemable, as Christ already told us this in Mark 7:15**, when He told us that it is what comes out of our hearts that makes us sinners and in need of a Savior. The blood of Christ cleanses us from ALL unrighteousness and our bodies will be raised up eternal and incorruptible through what Jesus did

for us.

Satan thinks he knows the Word of God and even tried to use it against Jesus when he tempted him in the wilderness, but God always has a plan of salvation and of victory and in the end, Satan is the one who is deceived. You cannot steal a person's salvation through deception or through putting something into their bodies. If that was the case, then Christ does not have ALL authority and He is unable to forgive ALL sin. God is all-powerful and is fully able to finish our faith, even when we fall into sin or are deceived by the enemy. If He started a good work in you, He will see it through to completion.

The Fall of Babylon

The fall of Babylon is spoken of throughout the Bible, particularly in Isaiah 21 and 47, Jeremiah 51 and Revelation 18. If you want to get a good picture of what is about to take place, I encourage you to read these chapters from the Bible. While there is much debate as to what Babylon represents in these passages, I will say that overall I believe that Babylon represents the system of the world that stands in opposition to Christ and the teachings of the Scriptures. However, I believe that America in particular, stands to reap most of the judgment prescribed in these prophesies and is the great queen mentioned in Revelation 18 who thinks she will never be a widow or mourn, but in one day her plagues will overtake her. This is the Day of the Lord, and will last for 210 days or 7 prophetic months, from May 27/28, 2023, to December 22, 2023. When it refers to the "city" of the Babylonians, I believe it is most likely referring to New York City, the headquarters of the United Nations. Here are some verses from these chapters that show what is about to take place within the coming months:

Isaiah 21 - *Like whirlwinds sweeping through the southland, an invader comes from the desert, from a land of terror...At this my body is racked with pain, pangs seize me, like those of a woman in labor; I am staggered by what I hear, I am bewildered by what I see. My heart falters, fear makes me tremble...This is what the Lord says to me: "Go, post a lookout and have him report what he sees. When he sees chariots with teams of horses, riders on donkeys or riders on camels, let him be alert, fully alert." And the lookout shouted, "Day after day, my lord, I stand on the watchtower; every night I stay at my post. Look, here comes a man in a chariot with a team of horses. And he gives back the answer: 'Babylon has fallen, has fallen! All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!'" My people who are crushed on the threshing floor, I tell you what I have heard from the LORD Almighty, ,from the God of Israel.*

Isaiah 47 - *"Go down, sit in the dust, Virgin Daughter Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, queen city of the Babylonians... Your nakedness will be exposed and your shame uncovered. I will take vengeance; I will spare no one." Our Redeemer—the LORD Almighty is his name—is the Holy One of Israel. Sit in silence, go into darkness, queen city of the Babylonians; no more will you be called queen of kingdoms... You said, 'I am forever—the eternal queen!' But you did not consider these things or*

reflect on what might happen. "Now then, listen, you lover of pleasure, lounging in your security and saying to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me. **I will never be a widow** or suffer the loss of children.' **Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day:** loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells. You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me.' Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me.' **Disaster will come upon you**, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; **a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you.**



Jeremiah 51 - "I will send foreigners to Babylon to winnow her and to devastate her land; they will oppose her on every side in the day of her disaster... "Flee from Babylon! Run for your lives! Do not be destroyed because of her sins. It is time for the LORD's vengeance; he will repay her what she deserves. Babylon was a gold cup in the LORD's hand; she made the whole earth drunk. The nations drank her

wine; therefore they have now gone mad. **Babylon will suddenly fall and be broken**... 'The LORD has vindicated us; come, let us tell in Zion what the LORD our God has done'... The LORD will carry out his purpose, his decree against the people of Babylon. You who live by many waters and are rich in treasures, your end has come, the time for you to be destroyed. The LORD Almighty has sworn by himself: I will surely fill you with troops, as with a **swarm of locusts**, and they will shout in triumph over you... "Lift up a banner in the land! **Blow the trumpet** among the nations! The land trembles and writhes, for the LORD's purposes against Babylon stand—to lay waste the land of Babylon so that no one will live there. Babylon's warriors have stopped fighting; they remain in their strongholds. Their strength is exhausted; they have become weaklings. Her dwellings are set on fire; the bars of her gates are broken. One courier follows another and messenger follows messenger to announce to the king of Babylon that his entire city is captured, the river crossings seized, the marshes set on fire, and the soldiers terrified." This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Daughter Babylon is like a **threshing floor at the time it is trampled**; the **time to harvest** her will soon come"... Babylon will be a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals, an object of horror and scorn, a place where no one lives. Her people all roar like young lions, they growl like lion cubs. But while they are aroused, I will set out a feast for them and make them drunk, so that they shout with laughter—then sleep forever and not awake," declares the LORD. "I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams and goats... How desolate Babylon will be among the nations! The **sea will rise over Babylon; its roaring waves will cover her**. Her towns will be desolate, a dry and desert land, a land where no one lives, through which no one travels. "**Come out of her, my people!** Run for

your lives! Run from the fierce anger of the LORD...Then say, 'So will Babylon sink to rise no more because of the disaster I will bring on her. And her people will fall.'"

Revelation 18 - “**Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!**” She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal. For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.” Then I heard another voice from heaven say: “**Come out of her, my people**, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Pour her a double portion from her own cup. Give her as much torment and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself. In her heart she boasts, ‘**I sit enthroned as queen. I am not a widow; I will never mourn.**’ **Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.**’ When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: “Woe! **Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon!** In one hour your doom has come!” **The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore**— cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves. “They will say, ‘The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.’ The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn and cry out: “**Woe! Woe to you, great city**, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!” “Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: “Woe! Woe to you, great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour she has been brought to ruin!” Rejoice over her, you heavens! Rejoice, you people of God! Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you.” Then a **mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea**, and said: “With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again. The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No worker of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again. The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. **The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard**

in you again. Your merchants were the world's important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. In her was found the blood of prophets and of God's holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth."

From reading this passage in Revelation 18, I believe it is likely that New York City will be hit with a nuclear device just before a meteor or asteroid hits the earth and the firstfruits rapture takes place. If this puzzle is correct, then this will most likely happen in May 2023. We'll know very soon if that is how this will unfold.

Notice the verses in Revelation 18 that speak of no one buying their cargoes anymore. We can already start to see the very beginning of this prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes with the situation our world is now in.

The Fatal Wound of the Beast is Healed

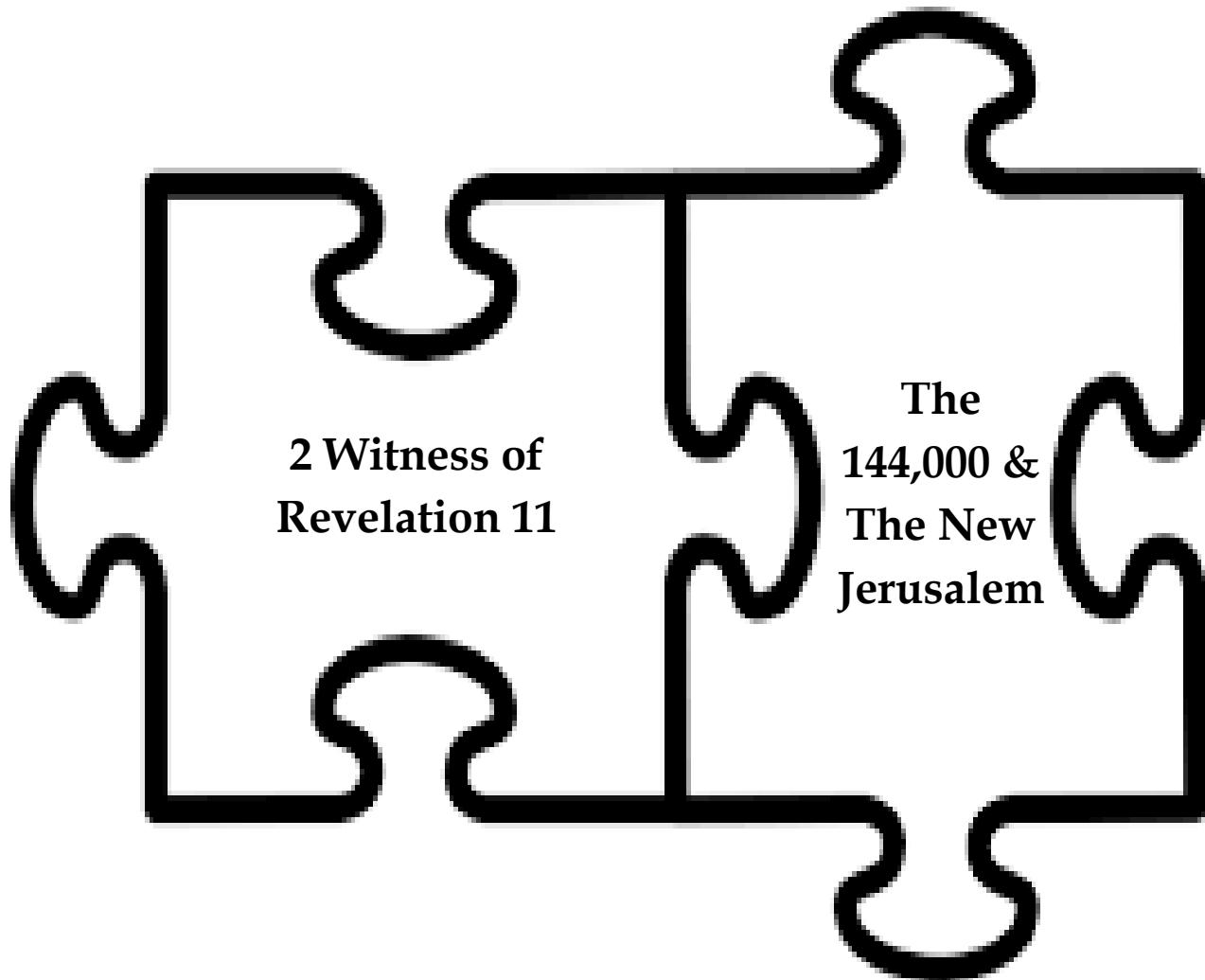
Revelation 13:3 reads: "*One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast."*

Many people have speculated over the years what this verse is talking about. I believe it is about Satan's fatal head wound that was given to him at the time of Jesus' death, when he was stripped of his rights and his authority on the earth. When Christ takes His Bride and leaves with her, he stops fighting Satan and Satan is then given back his authority on the earth to do as he pleases. Satan is so destructive and comes only to steal, kill and destroy. If the Lord had allowed him 3½ years, no flesh would have survived, but the Lord has graciously shortened this time of judgment to just 140 days for his left-behind saints, from May 27/28, 2023, to October 13/14, 2023, and 7 months for the unbelievers, from May 27/28, 2023, to December 22, 2023.

I believe the Scriptures show us that for the first 2/3 of the "Day of the Lord", there is still light on the earth as there are many Christians still on the earth for this time of Great Tribulation. After the Great Tribulation for the left-behind saints is over and the saints are all in heaven, we see the sign of Matthew 24, with the sun being darkened, moon not giving its light and stars falling from the sky on October 14, 2023. It is during the final 1/3 of the "Day of the Lord", or 70 days, that the wrath of God begins and total darkness comes on the earth as the Bride of Christ is now removed and there is no more light on the earth. We know that 1/3 of mankind is killed at the second woe event, just after the second rapture takes place on October 13/14, 2023. This final 10-week period will be like nothing the world has ever witnessed before, and Satan will have no restraint at all. The Lord will not restrain him. The prayers of the saints will not restrain him. The wrath of God will begin and those who miss both rapture events will have to endure this horrendous 10 weeks of judgment on the earth until the light returns at the end of the 14-day Feast of Hanukkah on December 22, 2023.

Chapter 11

Puzzle Pieces 68 & 69



The book of Revelation is full of symbolism. We see dragons and beasts with 10 heads and 7 horns, a woman who is given eagles' wings, we see a sword coming out of Jesus' mouth, 2 witnesses breathing fire out of their mouths, 144,000 virgins standing with a lamb on Mt. Zion. Most people who have read the book of Revelation understand that these things are symbolic, and that they represent something other than the literal interpretation of what is being read. Most people understand that there will not actually be a beast coming out of the sea with 10 heads and 7 horns. But, for some reason, when it comes to the 2 witnesses in Revelation 11 or the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 7 and 14, many believers cannot see or understand that these are also symbolic. Many believers are very confused when they read the book of Revelation. For example, in Revelation 21, we see the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven and the New Jerusalem is referred to as the wife of the Lamb. Many believers know that the Bride of Christ is the Church, but are confused by this passage that says the Bride is a city.

I would like to look at some of these difficult passages and do my best to explain them from my own understanding. I do not claim to understand everything written in the book of Revelation and will admit right now that my interpretation may not be correct; only the Lord has full knowledge of what all of the symbolism represents. We must allow Scripture to interpret Scripture and try to understand these difficult passages. We need to stop trying to fit God into our little box, continually insisting that everything we read in the book of Revelation is literal and not symbolic and that to think otherwise is heresy. This is the same attitude that the Pharisees had and was why they were unable to see the Messiah for who He was when He first came to the earth. Their legalistic narrow-minded interpretation of the Scriptures did not fit with what Jesus was doing and who He was claiming to be, and they could not see that He was the fulfillment of the prophecies. The entire Bible is full of symbolism, especially in the prophecies. Jesus loved to speak to people in parables. These parables were stories that had deeper meaning and the people and things in His parables represented something. Jesus, the Word of God, is an incredible story-teller. And the written Word of God is His story to us, and it's full of symbolism and parables. God is the most amazing story-teller of all time and this book that He wrote is the world's greatest story – it's His Story.

2 Witness of Revelation 11



OK, so let's first take a look at these 2 witnesses in Revelation and allow the Scripture to interpret itself. Revelation 11 says, "*I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."* They are "*the two olive trees*" and *the two lampstands*, and "*they stand before the Lord of the earth.*"

This is a very clear reference to Zechariah 4: *Then the angel who talked with me returned and woke me up, like someone awakened from sleep. He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?" He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said. So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."*

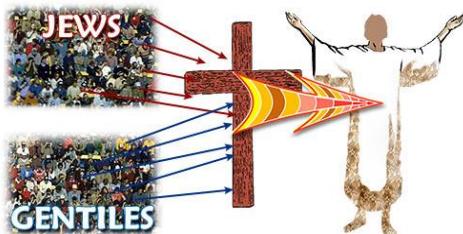


So, these 2 lampstands and 2 olive trees stand before the Lord of the earth and are anointed to serve Him. And what does the Scripture teach us is the lampstand and the olive tree? In Revelation 1, we read: *I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.*

And in Romans 11, we read: *If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do,*

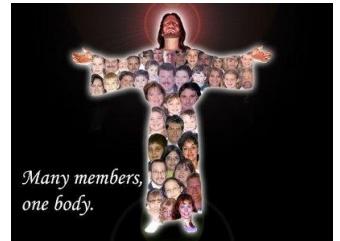
consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to

those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature,



and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

So, Jesus Himself tells us that the lampstand represents the church and Paul tells us that the olive tree represents **those who believe in Christ, both Jewish and Gentile**. Paul tells us that the Lord cut off those in Israel who did not accept the Messiah and He has grafted in those Gentiles who do believe. Therefore, the olive tree also represents the Church, both Jewish and Gentile believers. So, why are there 2 olive trees and 2 lampstands? My thought on this is that one lampstand represents the Jewish believers in the Messiah and the other represents the Gentile believers in the Messiah. Likewise, one olive tree represents the Jewish believers in the Messiah and the other represents the Gentile believers in the Messiah. Jesus is the Head of the Church and we are His body. But everybody has 2 arms and 2 legs, 2 hands and 2 feet. The 2 olive trees and the 2 lampstands represent the whole body of Christ, both Jewish and Gentile.



Revelation 11 tells us that these 2 witnesses will be clothed in sackcloth. In the Scriptures, sackcloth represents repentance. Someone wanting to show his repentant heart would often wear sackcloth, sit in ashes, and put ashes on top of his head. Esther 4:1, for instance, describes Mordecai tearing his clothes, putting on sackcloth and ashes, and walking out into the city “wailing loudly and bitterly.” This was Mordecai’s reaction to King Xerxes’ declaration giving the wicked Haman authority to destroy the Jews. Mordecai was not the only one who grieved. Esther 4:3 tells us that, *“In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.”* The Jews responded to the devastating news concerning their race with sackcloth and ashes, showing their intense grief and distress.

Sackcloth and ashes were also used as a public sign of repentance and humility before God. When Jonah declared to the people of Nineveh that God was going to destroy them for their wickedness, everyone from the king on down responded with repentance, fasting, and sackcloth and ashes (Jonah 3:5-7). They even put sackcloth on their animals (verse 8). Their reasoning was, *“Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish”* (verse 9). This is interesting because the Bible never says that Jonah’s message included any mention of God’s mercy; but mercy is what they received. It’s clear that the Ninevites’ donning of sackcloth and ashes was not a meaningless show. God saw genuine change—a humble change of heart represented by the sackcloth and ashes—and it caused Him to “relent” and not bring about His plan to destroy them (Jonah 3:10).

Revelation 11: *I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.*

And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth." If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

"They stand before the Lord of the earth". This is another big clue to us of who these 2 witnesses are.

Psalm 24:3-4 says, *"Who may ascend to the mountain of the Lord, who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart."*

At the opening of the 6th seal, the leaders of the world cry out, *"The day of His wrath has come and who can stand?"*

Jesus said to pray that you be found worthy to escape all these things and to **stand** before the Son of Man. The Bride of Christ, the church, the pure in heart are those who stand before the Lord. *"These are those who stand before the Lord of the earth."*

"If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die."

The fire that comes from the mouth of the 2 witnesses is the Word of God that they proclaim. Jeremiah 23:29 says, *"Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"* The Word of God destroys the enemies of the Church. Nothing, not even the gates of hell, can overpower or prevail against the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 16:18 says, *"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* The Church of Jesus Christ will never be overcome or defeated.

"They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want."

James 5:16-18 - *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*

In the Scriptures, we see 2 types of rain: the rain of God's judgment and the rain of His blessing.

Examples of the rain of God's judgment in the Scriptures:

4. Genesis 7:4 speaks of Noah's flood as a means of judgment: "*For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.*"
5. Psalm 11:6 – "*On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot.*"
6. Genesis 19:24 "*Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven.*"

Examples of the rain of God's blessing in the Scriptures:

1. In Leviticus 26:4, God promises if Israel will obey Him: "*Then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.*"
2. Exodus 16:4 says how God "rains" manna from heaven to provide for Israel in the wilderness, using the same word as the one that describes regular rain.
3. Moses' teaching, as given to him by God, is compared to life-giving rain in Deuteronomy 32:2: "*Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew.*"
4. In Proverbs 16:15, the favor of a human ruler, a king, is compared to rain.
5. In Psalm 147:8, rain demonstrates the creative and sustaining power of God.
6. Isaiah 45:8 compares salvation and righteousness to rain.
7. Hosea 6:3 compares the knowledge of God and His personal presence to rain.
8. In Zechariah 14:17, God promises rain in exchange for the nations offering their worship to Him in Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles.
9. In Matthew 5:45 and Acts 14:17 we see that rain is not only a covenant blessing for obedience; God graciously sends His rain to all.

Revelation 11 - *And I will empower my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth...They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying... Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven*

thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

This 1260-day period (3 ½ prophetic years) was to have been from the 7th day of Unleavened Bread during the Second Passover in 2013, until the Day of Atonement in 2016. However, the Lord has both delayed His judgment and shortened the days. It will now start on May 27/28, 2023, and end on October 13/14, 2023. It will only last for 140 days rather than for 3 ½ years. Jesus told us that unless He shortened the days, no flesh would be saved, but for the sake of the elect (left-behind saints or 2 witnesses of Revelation 11), the days would be shortened.

This passage also concerns a 3 ½ day period in which the 2 witnesses lay dead but are refused burial. At the end of this 3 ½ day period, they are brought back to life and are told to “Come up here!” at the time of the second woe event. I believe this 3 ½ day period represents the 1260 days (3.5 prophetic years or “days” of Daniel’s 70th week), but that it has been shortened and now represents a 140-day period (3.5 days X 40). While the people of the world are rejoicing at the persecution and suffering of the left-behind saints and it may appear that they are “dead”, or have lost their authority over Satan and the evil forces of hell, we know that this is not the case and the Lord will raise them back to life on October 13/14, 2023, and they will defeat Satan at the Second Coming 10 weeks later. Just as Christ was crucified and it appeared that all hope had been lost, but 3 days later He arose and defeated death, Hell and the grave, so also the left-behind saints will rise after their “time, times and half a time” of judgment or tribulation has finished and will be conquerors over the enemy and all his evil forces that have tried to overpower and kill them.

The 144,000 & The New Jerusalem

Revelation 7: After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000. After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell

down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

*Revelation 14: Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him **144,000** who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the **144,000** who had been **redeemed from the earth**. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as **firstfruits** to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

*Revelation 21: One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, **I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.**” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me **the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.** It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was **144 cubits thick.** The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone.*

The New Jerusalem is the Bride of Christ, the Church. Its wall is 144 cubits, a representation of the 144,000 pure-hearted virgins that are redeemed from the earth. The Gentile believers have been grafted into the olive tree and we are part of the 12 tribes of Israel. The unbelieving Jews who have rejected

their Messiah have been cut off from the olive tree and are no longer a part of the true tribes of Israel, the household of faith.

Matthew 19:28 says, *Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

Revelation 21:14 says, *"The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."*

The foundation of the city, or the Bride of Christ, the wife of the Lamb, are the 12 apostles. They were the first believers who went out and proclaimed the gospel to the nations and the Church was built upon their teachings and leadership, which was modeled to them by Jesus. The 12 apostles are the rulers or head of the 12 tribes of Israel, which includes all Jewish and Gentile believers in Christ.

Did the apostles understand this concept and did they teach this through their writings? Absolutely!

Look at who James addresses his letter to: (James 1) *James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.*

In Galatians 4, we read: *These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written: "Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. But what does Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.*

In Isaiah 62, we read: *For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserter, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your*

God rejoice over you. I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

So, who is the New Jerusalem? It is the Bride of Christ, the wife of the lamb, the Church. Who are the 144,000? They are the pure-hearted virgins from the 12 tribes of Israel who are redeemed from the earth. Are we a part of these 12 tribes of Israel as Gentile believers? Yes, Paul tells us in Romans 4 that the unbelieving Jews have been cut off from the olive tree and we have been grafted in. We are a part of the 12 tribes of Israel. We are the pure-hearted virgins who will be redeemed from the earth and stand on Mt. Zion with the Lamb. The 12,000 from each tribe is symbolic of completion, or totality. In Biblical numerology, the number 12 signifies what is finished or completed forming a harmonious, perfect entity. It symbolizes completion. In the very next verse after we read about the 12,000 from each tribe it says, *“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”* The 12,000 is not an actual number of people; John tells us that the real number of people cannot be counted. It is a symbolic number representing the totality of the Bride of Christ, all of those who have been grafted into the olive tree, both Jews and Gentiles that are now a part of the 12 tribes of Israel.

The number 12 signifies perfection of government or rule, authority, appointment and completeness.

Chapter 12

Puzzle Piece 70



Most end-time Bible prophecy teachers believe that the war described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 will take place right at the very beginning of the final 7 years before Christ returns to earth. The reason they believe this is this verse found in Ezekiel 39:9 - "Then those who live in the towns of Israel will go out and use the weapons for fuel and burn them up--the small and large shields, the bows and arrows, the war clubs and spears. For seven years they will use them for fuel." They teach that until this event takes place, we have not entered the final 7 years before Christ's return because the fuel has to be burned for 7 years and this cannot take place after Christ returns to earth.

However, we must always remember that Scripture interprets Scripture, so we need to look at these verses in Ezekiel 38 and 39 and see where else the Scripture talks about these events and what is the timing that these other Scriptures place these events at. Amazingly, the events described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 will take place at four times, according to the book of Revelation – at the first woe (rapture) event, when the 6th seal opens, then at second woe (rapture) of Revelation 9 and 11, then at the Second Coming of Christ to earth, or the third woe of Revelation 9 and 11, and then finally at the end of the 7000-year plan of God for mankind, when Satan is once again released for a short time. The prophecies mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39 will have a four-fold fulfillment –a partial fulfillment at the 3 woe events, then a final fulfillment after the 7000 years. So, let's take a look at these verses together:

Ezekiel 38:13-15 - "Have you come to plunder? Have you gathered your hordes to loot, to carry off silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods and to seize much plunder? Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In that day, when my people Israel are **living in safety**, will you not take notice of it? You will come from your place in the far north, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army."

1 Thessalonians 5:3 - While people are saying, "**Peace and safety**," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Ezekiel 38:19-23 - In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a **great earthquake** in the land of Israel. The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and **all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground.** I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.'

Revelation 6:12-17 - And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as

blood; **And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs**, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and **every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains**; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

This portion of Ezekiel 38 will be partially fulfilled at the first two woe events, at the opening of the 6th seal of Revelation. Now, let's look at how Ezekiel 38 will also be fulfilled at the third woe.

Ezekiel 38:19-22 - *In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.'*

Revelation 16:17-21 - *The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.*

Isaiah 34 talks more about this. *Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world, and all that comes out of it! The LORD is angry with all nations; his wrath is upon all their armies. He will totally destroy them, he will give them over to slaughter. Their slain will be thrown out, their dead bodies will send up a stench; the mountains will be soaked with their blood. All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree. My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; see, it descends in judgment on Edom, the people I have totally destroyed. The*

*sword of the LORD is bathed in blood, it is covered with fat-- the blood of lambs and goats, fat from the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in Edom. And the wild oxen will fall with them, the bull calves and the great bulls. Their land will be drenched with blood, and the dust will be soaked with fat. **For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.***

This year of retribution is the final year of Daniel's 70th week, or the "Day of the Lord", a time of great judgment on the earth and deliverance for the faithful Bride of Christ. However, the Lord added a second 7-year period to Daniel's 70th week, and the 7th day has been moved to the 14th day. The prophecies in Ezekiel 38 will be fulfilled during the first 2 woe events. I believe the first of these events takes place on May 27/28, 2023, and the second on October 13/14, 2023. Just after each rapture event, there will be a huge earthquake and the mountains and islands will be moved. I believe both of these events will involve an asteroid or large meteor hitting the earth and causing the entire earth to shake, along with an alien invasion of earth. The prophecies found in Ezekiel 39 will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ to the earth on December 22, 2023.

Ezekiel 39: 17-22 - "*Son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: 'Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. **There you will eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth as if they were rams and lambs, goats and bulls—all of them fattened animals from Bashan. At the sacrifice I am preparing for you, you will eat fat till you are glutted and drink blood till you are drunk. At my table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers of every kind,' declares the Sovereign LORD.** "I will display my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see the punishment I inflict and the hand I lay on them. From that day forward the people of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God.*

Revelation 19:11-21 - *I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. **And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small."** Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider*

on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Ezekiel 39 will have its fulfillment at the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. There is no reason to think that the 7 years when the weapons are burned will take place at the start of the final 7 years before Christ returns to earth. Only when Christ, the true Prince of Peace comes to reign on the earth, will the weapons be burned. Isaiah 2:4 says, “*He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*” Ezekiel 39 clearly tells us that the time of purification or cleansing of the earth will only last for 7 months, not 7 years.

Ezekiel 39: 12-14 - *For seven months Israel will bury them, in order to cleanse the land. All the people of the land will bury them, and it will be a memorial for them on the day I magnify myself, declares the Sovereign LORD. They will designate men to scout continually through the land, burying those who remain on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. They will search for seven full months.*

The final fulfillment of Ezekiel 38-39 will happen at the end of the 1000-year New Millennium. Revelation 20: 7-10 - *When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the sea shore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

Ezekiel 38:1-2 reads, “*The word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal; prophesy against him.”*” Ezekiel 38-39 are often referred to as the Battle of Gog and Magog. John is pointing us back to these 2 chapters in Ezekiel as the final fulfillment of this battle between Satan and God.

Chapter 13

The Rapture Puzzle Summary

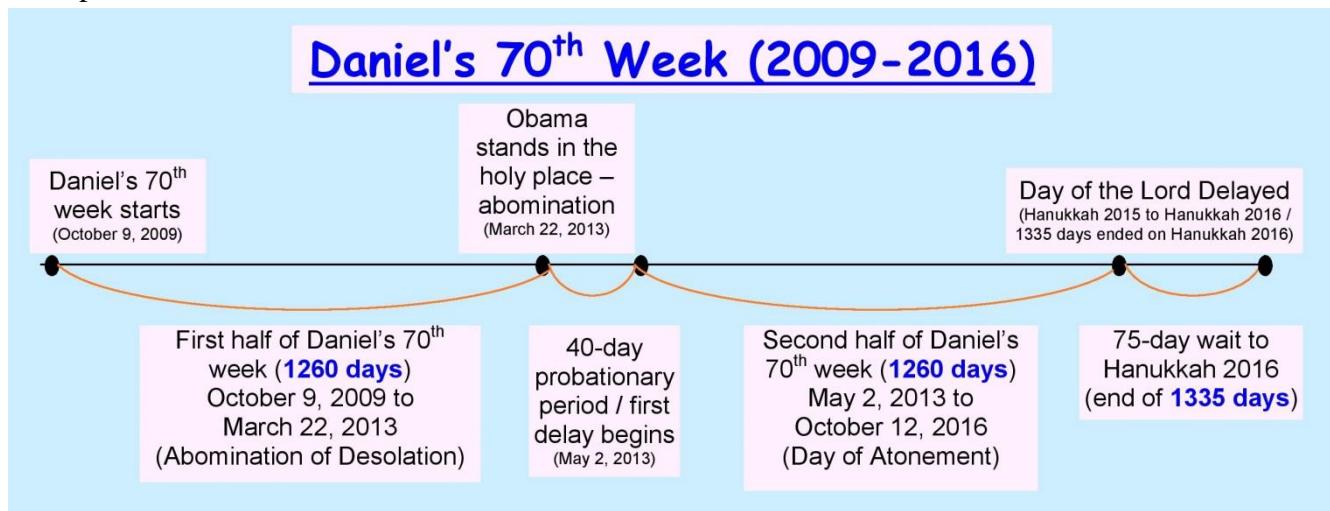
We are right at the end of 6000 years since Creation and the fall of man according to the Bible. Just as God created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th and one day is as a thousand years according to Scripture, so also at the end of the 6000 years, Christ will return to the earth to rule and reign for 1000 years. Mr. Obama was chosen on the 7th day of Tabernacles in 2009 to receive the Nobel Peace Prize



and then given the award just a few hours before the start of Kislev 24, the 2 dates mentioned in Haggai 2 regarding the Lord shaking the heavens and the earth and bringing the desired of all nations to Himself. These 2 dates are incredibly significant in this puzzle. I believe this was the start of Daniel's 70th week (see Daniel 9:27). 1260 days after Mr. Obama was chosen as the Nobel Peace Prize winner, he went to the Church of the Nativity, which was a temple fortress that had been desecrated by armed forces and considered by many to be the most holy

place on the earth, and he stood where he did not belong, and stopped the daily sacrifice and offering from taking place on that day. He rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed beast, just as Christ had done, right on the 10th day of Nisan on the Jewish calendar and then the abomination took place right on the 11th day of Nisan, which was the very date that Christ spoke to His disciples about the abomination event. Daniel tells us that from this date, there will be 1290 days, which ended on the Feast of Trumpets in 2016.

Daniel's 70th Week (2009-2016)



So, after the abomination event on March 22, 2013, we had a 40-day probationary period as was foreshadowed to us in the story of Jonah that ended on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread during the Second Passover. Daniel gives us a 1260 and 1335-day count that both started at this time, at the end

of the 40-day probationary period, and these counts ended on the Day of Atonement and on the start of Hanukkah in 2016. At the end of the 40 days, however, we saw how that the Bride of Christ came together for 3 days of fasting and prayer for the Lord to have mercy on America. This was also foreshadowed to us in the story of Jonah and of Queen Esther. Mercy was granted and judgment was delayed. If you think this delay just happened and was not shown to us in the Bible, you are very wrong. Because God is all-knowing, He knew ahead of time that this would happen and He hid this delay in His Word. We are shown in Matthew 25:5 and Revelation 10:6 that the coming of the Bridegroom will be delayed. The desolation event was delayed and the days of the Great Tribulation were shortened, as Jesus told us that they would be in Matthew 24:22, when Jesus said, *“And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”* Rather than there being 1260 (360 X 3.5) days of Great Tribulation, there will be 140 (40 X 3.5) days. This is a “time, times and half a time” using 40 days as the measurement of “time”, as we see patterned for us numerous times throughout the Scriptures, that a time of testing or a time in the wilderness is 40 days in length.



The judgment was to have started in the spring of 2016, just after the blood moons and solar eclipses on the Jewish feast days in 2014 and 2015. However, the year 2016 was an election year in America and I believe the Lord delayed His judgment further, in order to give America more time to turn back to Him. The year 2016 was also not a Jubilee Year, so a final 7 years had to be added in order to fulfill the prophecies about the Year of Jubilee. I personally believe that 2016 ended the 6000 years from Creation, but the Lord is counting the 6000 years from the fall of man, rather than from Creation. The Book of Jubilees tells us that Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden for exactly 7 years before they fell. Therefore, I believe 2023 will end the 6000 years from the fall of mankind and it is now time for the Bride of Christ to reign on the earth with the Lord for 1000 years.

This was all foreshadowed to us in the story of Joseph, with two 7-year periods, one of great abundance and one of famine, as well as the story of Jacob, who after working for 7 years had to then work an additional 7 years in order to marry his true love, Rachel. This was also foreshadowed to us twice in the Old Testament when the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles were celebrated for 14 days rather than for 7 days. These stories were all meant to show us how the Lord was going to turn Daniel’s 70th week into 2 periods of 7 years and not just one.

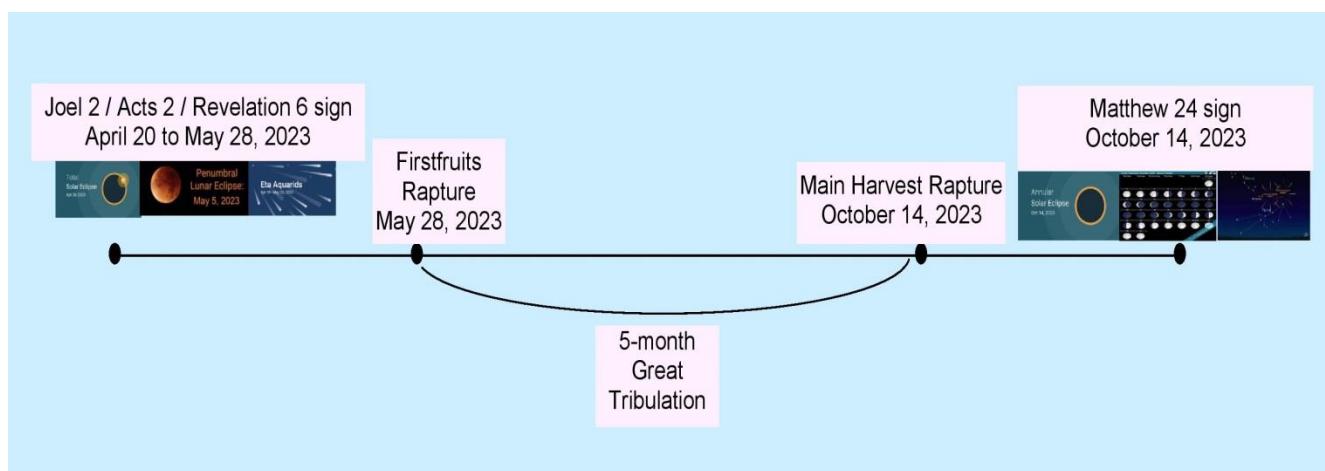
Daniel 9:27 could be interpreted as this: *“And he will confirm a covenant with many for the FIRST week.”* Whenever the word “first” is used, it always implies that there will be a second one also.

Daniel’s 70th week is now finished (twice over) and it is now time to *“finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, bring in everlasting righteousness, seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy”* (see Daniel 9:24).

In Matthew 24:15-21, the Lord points the disciples to Hanukkah and tells them that from that time, there will be great tribulation on the earth, but He will shorten the days for the sake of the elect. The final year of Daniel's 70th week will start during Hanukkah of 2022, but His judgment will be delayed further until Pentecost 2023. Later in the chapter, He tells us that the sign to watch for that will accompany His coming for His Bride is the sun being darkened, moon not giving its light and stars falling from the sky. This sign appears on October 14, 2023, marking the end of the Great Tribulation for the Bride of Christ during the month of Tishrei.

Joel 2, Acts 2 and Revelation 6 all point us to the sign of a solar eclipse and blood moon at the start of the Great Tribulation and opening of the 6th seal. We have a total solar eclipse on April 20, 2023, and a penumbral lunar eclipse on May 5, 2023, in which the moon will turn a reddish color and the final day of the Eta Aquariids meteor shower on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.

The Lord told us that He would shorten the days of the Great Tribulation for the sake of His elect, or His left-behind saints. We repeatedly see in the Scriptures a “time, times and half a time” mentioned in reference to the length of time of the Great Tribulation. The “time” was to have been a prophetic year of 360 days, for a total of 1260 days. However, this “time” has been shortened to 40 days, as we see foreshadowed in the patterns of the Scriptures that a time in the wilderness is 40 days and that the time of purification for the mother of a male child is also 40 days, along with numerous other examples left for us in the Scriptures pointing to the “time” of tribulation being 40 days. This leads us to a 140-day count (40 X 3.5) that will start on May 27/28, 2023, and end on October 13/14, 2023. Scriptures also show us that the time of Great Tribulation for the left-behind saints, from the opening of the Abyss at the time of the first woe and first harvest, until the time of the second woe and second harvest, will be 5 months (see Revelation 9). Ezekiel 39 talks about a 7-month time of “cleansing” or purification that will come on the earth and leaves us a clue pointing to the time period when Americans are observing Memorial Day, or the unofficial start of summer.

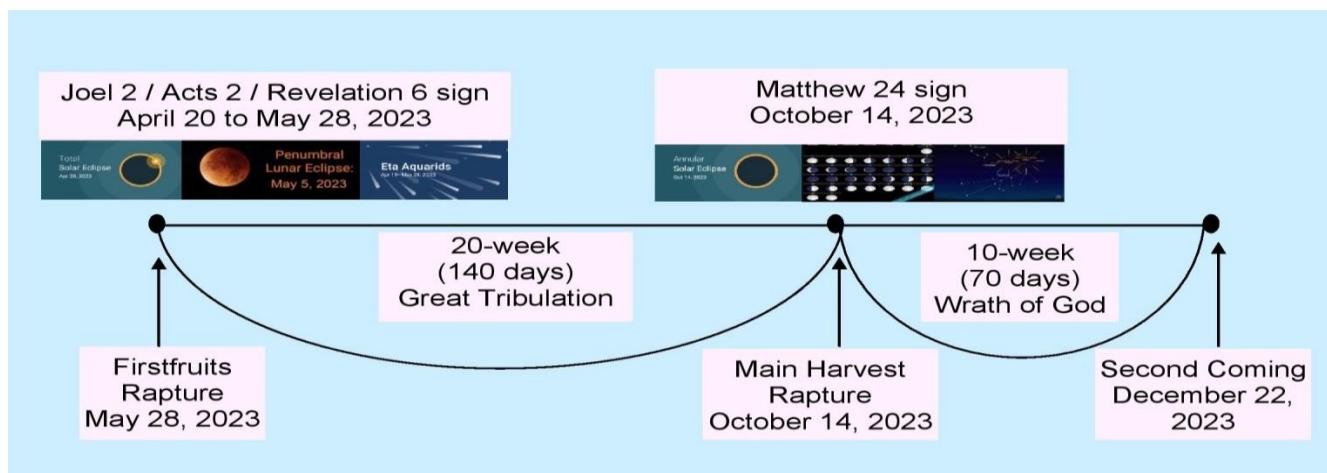


Christians around the world will be celebrating “Ascension Day” on May 18, 2023, a remembrance of when Christ ascended into heaven 40 days after His resurrection from death. I believe this day will begin a 10-day period of tribulation or persecution before the firstfruits rapture takes place on May

27/28, 2023 (see Revelation 2:10). I believe the Lord's ascension to heaven on this day, followed by a 10-day wait before Pentecost, foreshadows the start of a 150-day count that will end on October 13/14, 2023, with the second woe and second rapture event on the anniversary of the fall of Babylon.

Immediately after this, we see the sun darkened, moon not give its light and stars fall from the sky on October 14, 2023.

The Lord has once again delayed His judgment on the earth during Hanukkah 2022 and will wait for the night to fall on May 27/28, 2023. Only 1/3 of the “Day of the Lord” and “night” is without light, according to the 4th trumpet judgment of Revelation 8. This means that the left-behind saints and those who come to faith in Christ during the Great Tribulation will have to endure the first 2/3 of this 210-day period and there will still be “light” on the earth during the first 140 days of the “Day of the Lord”. The second rapture event will take place on October 13/14, 2023. From the time of the second woe, there will be a final 10-week period of judgment on the earth after all of the saints have been removed, known as the “wrath of God”. This will end on December 22, 2023, when Christ returns to the earth with His Bride to rule and reign for 1000 years.



The Israelites were told by the Lord to count off 7 weeks from the Feast of Firstfruits and then to offer another offering of firstfruits to the Lord on Pentecost. This year, the Feast of Firstfruits, or Resurrection Sunday, will be on April 9, 2023, making the Feast of Pentecost May 28, 2023. It was on the 6th day of Sivan (Pentecost) that Enoch was born and ascended into heaven. It was the day when the Jewish people believe Moses received the 10 Commandments, 3 days after the mountain shook and the Israelites trembled in fear. Hebrews 12 compares this event to our being taken to the heavenly Mt. Zion and escaping the judgment that is to come on the earth. The sixth day of Sivan was also the day when the Holy Spirit came on those in the Upper Room and the Age of Grace began. Peter stood up on this day and proclaimed that Pentecost was the fulfillment of Joel 2, just after the sun is darkened (April 20, 2023) and the moon turns to blood (May 5, 2023). Revelation 14 tells us that firstfruits are offered to the Lord on Mt. Zion and Pentecost is the day when the firstfruits of the wheat harvest are to be presented to the Lord.

Chapter 14

For those left behind

You might be wondering, why would the Lord delay coming for His Bride? I believe there are at least 5 reasons why we see these delays. He is trying to relay a message to His left behind people through these delays.

- 1) He is in total control. Satan is not given back his authority on the earth until Jesus decides to allow him to have it. Jesus has all authority and Satan can do nothing without God allowing it. God has hidden all of this puzzle in His Word in order to show that this was His plan from beginning to end. Too many believers in Christ are focused on what the enemy is planning. The truth is that whatever it is that Satan and his evil entourage is planning is all a part of God's plan and He warned us of it thousands of years ago.
- 2) The Lord wants to prove His incredible love and mercy to the world. Jesus is holding back the forces of darkness over and over to show how much He loves the world. He is shortening the days of the Great Tribulation in order that some flesh might survive what is coming. When Satan is cast down to earth without restraint, literally all Hell will break loose on planet earth. God is love and in Him there is no darkness. His desire is that everyone would turn to Him to be saved.
- 3) The Lord is waiting for more people to come into His Kingdom. Romans 11:25 says, "*I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.*" 2 Peter 3:9 says, "*The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*"
- 4) The Lord is waiting for His Bride to be purified. Much of this purification will take place during the Great Tribulation for those who are left behind, but I believe the Lord is giving as much time as He possibly can in order that His Bride will cry out to Him for deliverance instead of crying out for more mercy and grace for America and for the world. I believe the events that will take place in 2023 will cause the Bride of Christ to cry out for deliverance to come, rather than to continue to cry out for more time for America.
- 5) The Lord wants to let His left-behind people know that He has spared them from what could have been a much longer period of tribulation and suffering. It is not His desire to punish His

children. He gave them so much time to repent and surrender fully to Him, but they chose instead to walk in sin in spite of warning after warning, just as Israel did in the Old Testament.

Revelation 3: “*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.”*

Just a few verses earlier, we see Jesus addressing His faithful people when He says: “*Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.*”

Those who have remained faithful to Him will be spared from the time of testing and trial that is going to come on the whole earth.

In Psalm 24, we read: “*Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart...*” The mountain of the Lord is Mount Zion.

We see Jesus standing on Mt. Zion in Revelation 14 with his pure-heart virgins: “*Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*”

We read again about this heavenly Mt. Zion in Hebrews 12: “*But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the*

heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

There is an escape. Jesus told us there would be. He said in Luke 21:36, "**Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.**"

This takes us back to Psalm 24 – who may stand in His Holy place? The one with clean hands and a pure heart.

Jesus told us that the greatest commandment was to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And the second is to love others as much as you love yourself. Jesus wants to be first in our lives. 1 John 2:15 says, "**Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.**"

When we put Christ first in our lives, we begin to hate sin and the things of this world and our desire is to just be with the Lord and be like Him. The more time we spend in His Word and talking and listening to Him, the less we will struggle with sin and worldly temptations. If you know that you've had a born-again experience, but you were left behind, you may want to examine your life and see if Christ really was first in your heart. You cannot earn a place in heaven – this is not about doing good works and trying to be perfect. It's about who is on the throne of your heart – yourself or God? Do you truly love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind and do you love others like you love yourself? If not, this is where you went wrong. You must repent, turn back to the Lord and surrender everything to Him. You must spend time with Him, read His Word and turn away from worldly things.

Isaiah 66: See, the *LORD* is coming with fire, and his **chariots are like a whirlwind**; He will bring down his anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For with fire and with his sword the *LORD* will execute judgment on all people, and many will be those slain by the *LORD*. "Those who **consecrate and purify themselves to go into the gardens**, following one who is among those who eat the flesh of pigs, rats and other unclean things—they will meet their end together with the one they follow," declares the *LORD*. "And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them, **and I will send some of those who survive to the nations**—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations."

2 Kings 2 - "Let me inherit a **double portion of your spirit**," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be

yours—otherwise, it will not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.



Elijah being taken to heaven was a foreshadow of the rapture event. Elisha represents those who have been left behind and Elijah represents those who were taken. Elisha tore his robes when he saw Elijah being taken. This is symbolic of repentance. Elisha then went out with a double portion of anointing from the Lord to do incredible things. Although Jesus has taken His Bride and darkness has now come upon the earth as Satan is no longer restrained, please know that God still wants to use you to do great things. Many souls are still going to come into God’s Kingdom during this time. Sometimes it takes tragic events to wake people up from their sleep and turn their eyes to God.

Please use this book to show the lost that what took place was prophesied thousands of years ago to happen exactly when it happened. God left His Word as a gift to humanity to reveal Himself and His master plan for the world. He is in control and He is coming. You may have to die for your faith in Christ, but please realize what a tremendous honor it is to lay down your life for Christ, just as He laid down His to purchase your eternal salvation. A moment of pain for a lifetime of pure joy – it is well worth whatever suffering you might have to endure to spend eternity ruling and reigning with Christ in a place where this is no sadness or pain forever. Use whatever small amount of time you have left on this earth to make a difference for eternity and bring souls into the Kingdom.

If you are reading this book and have never accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, now is the time to do so. Your time on this earth is nearly over and there is little time left for you to decide where you would like to spend eternity. The Bible teaches that it is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgment. Not one person on this planet can stand before God without sin and shame, because the Bible says that we have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory. Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, and then died in your place on the cross, taking your punishment on Himself. You no longer have to stand before God with sin and shame or have to pay for your sins because the payment has already been made. You must simply believe in Jesus Christ and accept what He has done for you on the cross. Ask God to forgive you for your sins and to change you and make you into a new creature, replacing your old sinful nature with His divine nature. Allow Him to cleanse you and come into your life. He wants to have a relationship with you that will last for all eternity. Salvation is a free gift and it cannot be earned by doing good works.



For 6000 years, God has been gracious and forgiving toward man and has not allowed Satan to have full control of earth. When Jesus died on the cross, He dealt Satan a fatal blow and defeated death, Hell and the power of the grave once and for all. Just as Jesus rose up from the dead, so also, we will rise and be given new bodies, just as Jesus received 3 days after He was crucified. The Bible tells us that Satan would bruise the heel of Jesus, but that Jesus would crush Satan's head.

Satan's fatal head wound has temporarily been healed and he now has the freedom to do as he pleases on earth without Jesus stopping Him. Please know that God is a God of perfect love and order and the chaos you see all around you happening right now is from Satan and his evil forces. God is simply giving mankind what they have deserved all along because of their sin, in hope that more people will turn to faith in Him before their fate is eternally sealed. God is still giving you the opportunity to come to Him and repent of your sin. Do it today before you run out of time and end up separated from God's love for all eternity. The Hell that you are now experiencing is nothing compared to eternity of total darkness and separation from God that awaits all who do not accept His free gift of salvation before they die.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
John 3:16-19

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9