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and to His Kingdom come
on earth as it is in Heaven
one Holy Nation under
the Heavenly Father
with Grace, Mercy
and Justice for all.

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– Authors Prologue –

This Edition is an update and revision of my 2017 book, *When the Third Temple is Built*, retitled because the events of its subject have progressed in a very few years to warrant the issue, while at the same time verifying that which I had already written in the first edition. The Abraham Accord is the new face of an ongoing effort that will culminate in that which we've previously declared – what the Evangelical Church has been eagerly waiting for.

Most of the Evangelical and Christian world believes that the Coming of Christ is imminent, and that they will be Raptured away before all of the calamity of the entire Book of Revelation ensues during the very last seven or three and a half years of this era, a period of Great Tribulation unlike any other in the history of the world.

As the world around us shapes to confirm that we are indeed in the time of the very end, many are beginning to look deeper into the Bible and more specifically the prophetic passages of Jesus, the epistles and the Revelation. This has caused many to lay down the Pre-Tribulation Rapture Doctrine, because of the shaky ground on which it is founded.

I am one of those people. Twenty years ago I wholly rejected the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, but about fifteen years ago I set out to understand as completely as any man can, what the true meaning and interpretation of God's prophetic word really is. What I found out is that the deception and error goes much deeper than one would think upon entering this investigation.

So please take a break, let go and seriously consider the things that I expose in this continued investigation into the false as well as the unknown or forgotten interpretations of Bible prophecy. This book is by no means a complete expose of Bible Prophecy, but merely a teaser, an appetizer, to induce you to look where the mainstream Christian world is not looking. May The Almighty bless you as you seek a Holy Spirit interpretation of His prophetic passages.

Nicklas Arthur, 2020

– Chapter One – The Abraham Accord

September 17 2020. White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said on Thursday that five more countries are seriously considering striking a normalization deal with Israel following the accords signed by Israel with United Emirates and Bahrain, Reuters reported.

Harbinger of Things to Come

Meadows would not identify the countries, but said three were “in the region.”

US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday that two other countries may soon join the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain in recognizing Israel.

“Four or five” other Arab countries “want to come in” and normalize ties with Israel following the deal that was signed on Tuesday at the White House with Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, Trump told a news conference.

“I talked to two of them yesterday and they are ready to try,” Trump told reporters. “You’re going to have a whole level of peace in the Middle East without blood all over the sand.”

“I think Saudi Arabia ultimately will come in too. This is my feeling ... it’s not based on knowledge other than a couple of conversations I had with the king.”

On Tuesday, Trump told reporters that many more countries are on the way to reaching new peace deals in the Middle East.

Asked if he expected Saudi Arabia to follow suit,

Trump said “I do. I spoke with the king of Saudi Arabia.”

He added the move would come “at the right time.”

September 20 2020. The President recently said he expected Saudi Arabia to join the Israel-UAE deal. A senior member of the Saudi royal family later stressed that Saudi Arabia’s price for normalizing relations with Israel is the creation of a sovereign Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Saudi Arabia’s King Salman bin Abdulaziz reiterated that position during a conversation with Trump last week, saying there would be no normalization with Israel without Palestinian statehood.

The announcement of the Abrahamic Family House, on the Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi, follows a visit by Pope Francis to the UAE in February, the first by a pope to the Arabian Peninsula. During the trip, the pope signed a joint declaration with the grand imam of al-Azhar, Dr. Ahmed el-Tayeb, that called for religious tolerance and dialogue.

An interfaith council to oversee projects advancing tolerance was formed as a result of the declaration, and named the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity. The Abrahamic Family House is its first initiative.

“This is an important opportunity for all who believe in the power of faith and humanity. It will help build bridges between religious leaders and communities as well as foster peace and harmony in an era that is too often defined by difference,” said Rabbi M.

Bruce Lustig, senior rabbi at Washington Hebrew Congregation, and a Jewish representative of the committee.



The United Arab Emirates will build a new synagogue as part of an interfaith compound that will also house a mosque and church and is reportedly set to open in 2022.¹

The design for the Abrahamic Family House, by the renowned architect David Adjaye, was unveiled during a meeting in New York this week, the second for the committee. According to Gulf News, it will take three years to complete.

The UAE is already home to a synagogue, in Dubai, formed in 2008. Though it receives quiet support from the Emirati authorities, its members have largely kept a low profile. The new state-sanctioned synagogue would mark a significant step forward for public worship of Judaism in the Gulf state.

¹ The Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi, UAE. (courtesy of The Higher Committee for Human Fraternity)

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In May, Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, the chaplain at New York University, became the first chief rabbi of the Jewish community of the United Arab Emirates.

Khalid Latif, executive director of the Islamic Center at NYU, left, and Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, executive director of the university's Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life, attend the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City, April 17, 2014. (Emal Countess/Getty Images for the 2014 Tribeca Film Festival via JTA)

The shift in its attitude toward Jewish practice comes as ties between the UAE and Israel have quietly warmed over shared concerns about Iran. Senior Israeli ministers have openly visited the country and in 2018, Israel's national anthem was played at a judo tournament in Abu Dhabi when its team member won a gold medal.²

The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity?

May 14, 2020. This week's interreligious day of prayer is the first major worldwide initiative of a committee created by the United Arab Emirates following Pope Francis' trip to Abu Dhabi in 2019.

The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity is currently comprised of nine members: five Muslims; one Jew, a rabbi; two Catholics, members of the Roman Curia; and one United Nations official with no stated

² <https://www.timesofisrael.com/uae-to-open-synagogue-part-of-interfaith-compound-in-2022/>

religion in her biography.

“As I understood, after its constitution it was thought mainly as a body related to the initiative of the ‘Abrahamic House’ in Abu Dhabi, a project launched on the occasion of the visit of Pope Francis,” Bishop Paul Hinder, Vicar Apostolic of Southern Arabia, told CNA May 14.



The Abrahamic Family House will be an interreligious complex in Abu Dhabi designed by David Adjaye to house a church, a synagogue, and a mosque on the same foundation. The committee states that it envisions the Abrahamic Family House as a place of dialogue and coexistence among religions when it is completed in 2022.

In May, the Higher Committee sent out an appeal for a worldwide day of prayer for humanity on May 14 as the world faces the coronavirus pandemic in Italian, English, French, German, Spanish, Arabic,

Pashto, Malay, Persian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Chinese, and Hebrew.

The committee unveiled a website,³ Youtube video, and hashtag for the interreligious prayer day, and paid to promote posts on Twitter advertising the initiative.

Partners supporting the committee’s “Pray for Humanity” campaign include the Vatican, Muslim Council of Elders, al-Azhar Mosque, the UAE Ministry of Tolerance, World Council of Churches, and the U.N. Alliance of Civilizations, according to their website.⁴

As you can see from the preceding excerpts the main organizational thrust comes from the Papacy for bringing the three Abrahamic faiths together. A preexisting effort, The God’s Holy Mountain Initiative, had been already underway in Israel, to accomplish the same goals on the Temple Mount with the Temple Institute, which participants, are also very excited about the Abraham Accord.

It is readily conceivable, that the 2020 Covid 19 panic has pushed nearly the entire world in lockstep toward the UN 2030 Agenda in hyper-drive. In conjunction with this push, I believe that the Temple Mount initiative is in line to be completed as near to the same timeline as possible – to the end that the seven year allotted prophetic time frame needs to be accomplished in unison, to help crush any Protestant/Evangelical Bible prophecy based opposition to the One World Monetary ID implementation, in Biblical terms, The Mark of the Beast.

³ <https://www.forhumanfraternity.org/abrahamic-family-house>

⁴ <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2020/05/14/what-is-the-higher-committee-of-human-fraternity/>

This we have from The Jerusalem Post, September 13, 2020:

Is it time to ‘normalize’ the Temple Mount?

It is no coincidence that the deal to normalize relations between the State of Israel and the United Arab Emirates is called the “Abraham Accords.” The patriarch, common to both Judaism and Islam, is revered by both as the progenitor of both religions and peoples.

...Isaiah prophesied the Temple Mount in the future “will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Perhaps it would be prudent to finally realize this prophecy by allowing Jews and Muslims to pray on the Temple Mount in harmony and accord, without one trampling on the rights and liberties of the other.

Unfortunately, since Israel retook the Temple Mount in 1967, it has not allowed Jewish worship on its holiest site. While retaining full national sovereignty on the Temple Mount and its environs, religious sovereignty was handed to the extremist Wakf Islamic religious trust, which has sought to throw out Jews for the mere moving of lips, holding Hebrew literature or the sheer mentioning that there was a Temple on the mount.

This “status quo” has been kept because Israeli leaders did not want to stoke widespread global Islamic anger and riots. It has been openly stated by Israeli authorities that this is a security issue, and upsetting the current order on the Temple Mount could provoke violence.

...The wall of Islamic rejection to the Jewish state

and Jewish sovereignty in its indigenous and ancestral homeland is being taken apart brick by brick.

While the conflicts of the past are ending, taboos are certainly being shattered.

Arguably, the largest taboo, Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, also needs to be addressed in concord and unity.⁵

As we can unarguably observe from the foregoing quotes. The mood in the Mideast is quickly moving toward a resolution on the Temple Mount question. After a thirty year initiative to build, now with the Abraham Accord, we cannot be surprised that we will soon see an agreement to unite the three Abrahamic faiths on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.



"For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah 56:7

THE TEMPLE INSTITUTE

Building on the Temple Mount

The Temple Institute was established in 1987 and its leadership, undaunted by the difficulties, has set a course "...focusing on the controversial endeavor of establishing the Third Temple. Its long-term aims are to build the third Jewish temple on the Temple Mount, on

the site currently occupied by the Dome of the Rock, and to reinstate sacrificial worship. It aspires to reach this goal through the study of Temple construction and ritual and through the development of actual Temple ritual objects, garments, and building plans suitable for immediate use in the event conditions permit its reconstruction. It runs a museum in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem in Israel. It was founded and is headed by Rabbi Yisrael Ariel. Its current Director General is Dovid Shvartz, and the International Department is headed by Rabbi Chaim Richman. New York billionaire Henry Swieca has supported the institute. The Israeli government has also provided funding.”⁶

Several questions arise here:

1. Is it necessary to build the Temple on the same location already occupied by the Dome of the Rock?

If so, this would require the politically insurmountable obstacle of demolishing the Dome of the Rock. Unfortunately for Israel the immediate opportunity afforded to them upon taking Jerusalem in 1967 is irretrievably past. Israel must seek a different solution or an alternate building site if they are to ever move ahead on the Temple project.

Fortunately there still exists a controversy as to whether the Temple must be built on the exact spot occupied by the present Islamic structure or whether that is even the true location of the historical Temple Building footprint. Perhaps a solution will be found or has already been settled upon behind the scenes.

⁶Wikipedia

Even before The Abraham Accord, such an alternate solution was being offered as well by the Interfaith Encounter Association called the ***God's Holy Mountain Vision*** which states, “This is a vision about transforming the Temple Mount from a place of contention to truly God's Holy Mountain, a house of prayer for all people.⁷ It represents the prophecy of Zechariah 14:9 of the One God worshiped by the entire world in peace together. This vision is proposed by observant Jews based on background papers researched over five years. Of particular importance is one, published in *Tehumin*, the leading periodical of Jewish law in Israel, about the Role of the Prophet in specifying a precise location on



Mount Moriah for a rebuilt Temple.

“After initial consultation with rabbis of stature in Israel, this vision is being presented for thoughtful contemplation to Jews, Muslims, Christians, and those

⁷ Isaiah 56:7. Notice the same reference on the Temple Institute logo above.

of other religions, including scholars, rabbis, imams, ministers, and the general public.”⁸

On the web site we find a graphic which is explained thus: “The image shown depicts a rebuilt Temple in peaceful proximity to the Islamic and Christian shrines in Jerusalem, in fulfillment of the purpose of the Temple to manifest the One God to the entire world. This vision is absolutely not about compromise for Jews, Muslims, or Christians. Rather it is about radical fulfillment of a basic tenet of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, and other religions of the world, to manifest the One God on earth by worshipping the One God together in peace.”

2. Is it necessary for the sacrifice to take place in a Temple on the Temple Mount?

As we have confirmed here in our short opening study,⁹ the sacrifice was carried on long before the nation of Israel was even formed, then was codified and practiced in the portable Tabernacle in the Wilderness until Solomon built the First Temple. So the answer to this question would be: Not necessarily!

It would seem that the F.A.Q. page at the GodsHolyMountain.org website agrees, which states, “Jewish commentators, in fact, are divided as to whether such practices would resume in a rebuilt Temple. However, it is clear that the central role of the Temple was always to manifest the One God for the entire world, and this would be the main function of a rebuilt Temple as it was for the first and second temples.”

So we see the ground work being laid for the

⁸ http://www.godsholymountain.org/English/about_the_vision.aspx

⁹ See Appendix

revocation of any agreement that may include an actual animal sacrifice taking place in a Third Temple on the Temple Mount. An integral part of the Futurist juxtaposed seventieth week doctrine is the cessation of the sacrifice and oblation in the midst of the week,¹⁰ supposedly at the behest of their Anti-Christ.

It is not difficult to speculate how this Temple Mount series of events will play out once it has begun. Whoever is designated to bring forth an agreement or treaty to begin the building of the Temple will be identified as the Anti-Christ commensurate with the fictional Left Behind series and counter-reformation eschatological scheme.

The script requires or assumes that animal sacrifice will be part and parcel to the agreement when it begins, but must become a controversy to be renegotiated and done away with at the midway point of the seven year period. Thus the identified Anti-Christ will effectively put an end to the sacrifice and oblation in the midst of the week by this renegotiation whether a sacrifice is actually ever commenced or not.

¹⁰Dan. 9.27

– Chapter Two – Learning the Lines

Most adherents of Futurism,¹¹ the popular Evangelical interpretation of prophecy, don't even have a clue as to where the well accepted end time seven year tribulation period is even derived from in the scripture itself, though it happens to be the host period of every key event that differentiates that popular view from the historical position.¹²

The Seven Year Tribulation

There are two foundational scripture passages upon which the futurist seven year tribulation is based:

1. Matthew 24. 1-31.

Verse 21 mentions, *For then there will be great tribulation*, during its *abomination of desolation* discourse from whence I discern the terminology, *The Great Tribulation*, is derived.

Then verse 29 records that: *Immediately after the tribulation of those days* Jesus will come in His power and the elect will be resurrected.¹³

¹¹ Dispensational Futurism is the belief in a pretribulation secret rapture of the Gentile Church, and separate plans of salvation and covenant for the Gentile Church and the Jewish Nation, requiring a 7 year tribulation period for God to deal specifically with the Jewish Nation before the return of Christ. They also embrace several gaps theories, one inserted into the 70 weeks of Daniel, and the other gap overleaps the entire church era in the Book of Revelation.

¹² Historicism is the tenant that: chapters six through nineteen of the Revelation contain the prophecy of the church in the world from the end of the first century until the Second Coming of Christ, Resurrection of the Saints, and the establishment of Jesus' earthly reign for the final millennium of this creation era; History verifies that which has already been fulfilled. Understanding of the cryptic symbols and events described vary among different expositors, especially as to those things that are yet future; Historicists are united for the most part on the 1260 year reign of the Papacy, his filling the II Thess. 2 seat of the *man of sin* and the Roman Church being the great apostasy commensurate with the same text; the Seventy Weeks of Daniel being contiguous and terminating seven years after Jesus' appearance as Messiah at his Jordan River baptism.

¹³ See chapter 4 of Reformed Prophecy Interpretation, The Olivet Discourse.

The popular belief is that both of these mentions of *tribulation* are referring to the same event and period of time. However no reference is made of a seven year duration for either mention in the text of this chapter.

The application of a seven year duration is where the scriptural gymnastics begin, but it is not where they end. Where one must turn to create the coveted seven year duration is to the Daniel Seventy Weeks passage, which up until several hundred years ago was thought to be completely fulfilled in the first century according to the Protestant Historicist mindset. They Identify the final week of years as non-contiguous, and move it off to the last seven years immediately before the return of Christ, and label it, The Seven Year Tribulation.

2. The Seventy Weeks Prophecy from Daniel

Chapter Nine

(24) Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

(25) Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

(26) And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

(27) And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. KJV

These four verses comprise the entire text of the seventy weeks prophecy. There are two schools of thought on the interpretation of verse 27. The Futurist school being the most popular today, hinges upon the acceptance of several presumptions:

Presumption 1. That the seventieth week of Daniel, unlike the first sixty-nine weeks, is not contiguous:

meaning that there is an undetermined gap or interval of time between the sixty-ninth and the seventieth weeks of years, and that this gap has been going on for almost two thousand years.

This first presumption cannot be supported by any accepted interpretive method and there is nothing in the text, nothing in the chapter, nothing in the book of Daniel, nor the entire Bible, which explicitly supports inserting an undetermined gap of time between the sixty-ninth and seventieth weeks of the prophecy. Therefore it must be assumed upon wishful thinking or pure conjecture. And there must be a total disregard for the literal meaning of the text. However these presumptions are exactly what Evangelicals have accepted, whether they know it or not!

About July 2011 I posted a challenge on my blog and YouTube page to Chuck Missler to *Show Me The Gap*.¹⁴ To this day neither he nor anyone else has stepped up to the challenge. We should not be surprised that no one can come forth with a viable defense, perhaps it is better to just ignore the impossible. Nevertheless most adherents are not bothered by such challenges to their favored prophetic scenario, and continue to hold to their long accepted comfort without question. When something has been so long and so completely and widely reinforced, it is very difficult for any but the most scholarly minded truth seeker to even consider an alternative to what has become accepted as truth, whether it is actually true or not.

The Rapture Seven Year Tribulation presumption has become “the truth” for most of the modern Christian and

¹⁴<https://nicklasarthur.wordpress.com/thegapchuck/>

Evangelical mindset, so much so that the Raptures have become synonymous with the Resurrection, and anyone who challenges the unbiblical Raptures, in the mind of those deluded, is indeed challenging the very biblical Resurrection. You notice that I use the plural *Raptures* whereas most adherents speak of the coveted event in the singular, *Rapture*. But the fact remains that the Rapture doctrine consists of a multiple choice between three Raptures: Pre-tribulation; Mid-tribulation and; Post-tribulation.

This is a very important part of the delusion in that:

1. it gives the consumer a part in developing the prophecy to suit his own desire or comfort level, he chooses his own position and is now psychologically invested to defend it, and;
2. it offers alternate options, when in the future as each successive rapture choice fails, in order to string the consumer along once the starting event of the seven year tribulation deception occurs;
3. At the end of the seven years when none of the raptures materialize the adherent may reject the Bible, based upon the failure of a false interpretation or will unknowingly turn to the true Anti-Christ who will now appear to have had the true interpretation of the Revelation all along.

Additional sub-presumptions are needed make this first one work: It must be presumed that the Daniel seventieth week immediately precedes the return of Christ for his millennial reign; and that the resurrection of the dead immediately precedes, divides, or follows the final week of the same prophecy. Neither of these

can be established by the express reading of the Daniel text, but are based solely upon conjecture.

Presumption 2. That the “*he*” of the text is not the proper first person antecedent “*Messiah*” of the two previous verses, but the second person “*prince*” of the previous verse from the noun phrase “*the people of the prince that shall come...*”

First of all, the noun phrase actually refers to *the people* and not *the prince*. Therefore *the prince* cannot qualify under any circumstance.

Second, I have yet to find another occurrence where “*he*” in the text of scripture is not preceded by a singular or proper noun antecedent and understood as such. Please try it for yourself, out of 5,350 Verses Found, and 7,360 Matches for the word “*he*” in the King James Version Old Testament, there are none that I could discover that would violate this fundamental rule of grammar. *He* is always preceded by a singular or proper noun antecedent.

This is very problematic for the Futurist adherent simply because the only qualifying antecedent in our text is the Messiah Himself, named twice; and not an unknown end-time Anti-Christ who is named nowhere.

However in some newer English versions the proper noun “*Messiah*” has been completely removed from the text and replaced with “*an anointed one*.” I would like to know just who the Futurist believe this *anointed one* is. The fact that the identity is now ambiguous changes nothing. Whether one believes it is the Messiah or not, this “*anointed one*” is still the only antecedent noun in the text that qualifies. If you were to use “*he*” in a

conversion without referring to a singular or proper noun antecedent, those trying to follow you would certainly become confused somewhere along the conversation and stop you for clarification of just who “he” is. One cannot introduce “he” into a dialogue without a clear antecedent noun, or in the least a postcedent explanation, and not expect people to become immediately confused. And as the scripture saith, God is not the author of confusion.

Also, apparently you would think the new translators could not distinguish who God meant by “an annotated one”, but in reality it is easy to discern by the translation differences that follow that they simply did not want to name the Messiah. They purposely desired that the text be more ambiguous, as ambiguous as “the prince” in the phrase “the people of the prince that shall come” in order to make him a viable candidate to become the counter-reformation end-time anti-christ character put forth by the Jesuit Ribera. This to me, is the very fingerprint of the Jesuit Order on the new English versions.

In the King James Version it is crystal clear in that the characteristics attributed to the “he” in its translation are easily discernible as those of the antecedent *Messiah*.

1. he shall confirm the covenant - meaning that the covenant must already exist in order to be confirmed; and in compliance with the prophecy of Malachi chapter three, where “*The Lord*” is explicitly called “*the messenger of the covenant*” when He comes “*suddenly to his temple*”¹⁵, being a second witness to the Messiah

¹⁵Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the

as the proper antecedent.¹⁶ We list here several more witnesses in the epistles to “confirm” our understanding:

Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: Rom. 15:8

And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. Gal. 3:17

2. he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease - which Jesus coincidentally did in the midst of the seven year period immediately following his arrival at the Jordan river baptism depicted in the Gospels. Jesus caused *the sacrifice and oblation to cease* three and a half years after he began his ministry – by the sacrifice of himself on the cross. If one does not understand this simple truth, then one does not really understand the gospel at all.

3. he shall make it desolate - with the preposition “for the overspreading of abominations” describes this desolation announced upon Israel as a sovereign act of judgment by the Messiah, the one who is the King of Kings and very Judge of Heaven and Earth. As surely as God wielded Babylon as his sword in judgment against Judah when the First Temple was desolated,¹⁷ He, the fullness of the Godhead bodily, the resurrected and glorified Messiah wielded Rome as his sword in

messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. (Mal 3:1)

¹⁶The Malachi text reads virtually the same even in the new English versions – An oversight perhaps?

¹⁷Jer. 20.4 and 21.7

judgment¹⁸ against National Israel *for the overspreading of abominations* when the Second Temple was desolated in 70 AD.

Version Confusion

When I try to explain this to many people they open their Bible and read something that is totally different and it is no wonder that they are confused, because their new translation says something totally different. As a matter of fact the differences are so complete that one of the two must be wrong. It is very easy to determine that if one translation has textual and grammatical problems and one does not, that those problems will also extend to the interpretation in that translation as well.

The new English Standard Version is one of several versions that interprets the text so that it expresses something very different about the characteristics of the “he” in the same three statements.

1. he shall make a strong covenant^{ESV} - meaning that this cannot be about the covenant that already existed with Israel of which Jesus would be the messenger when he showed up in the Temple.¹⁹ But this interpretation does allow for an unknown end-time anti-Christ who will fit the bill of futurist doctrine and qualify to be the unknown “he” of the text.

2. he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering^{ESV} - while this is practically the same language it takes on a purely speculative meaning in concert with the afore mentioned yet non-existent “strong covenant” and the

¹⁸And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down... (Luk 21:24)

¹⁹Malachi 3.1

bizarre attributes that follow.

3. on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate^{ESV} - here the *he* is replaced with the ambiguous “one” once again confusing the identity, but further stating, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator^{ESV} so that the one desolating and desolated seem to be the same person. Therefore the *he*’s and the “one” cannot be the Messiah regardless of whether the verses make any sense or not. The prophecy begins in verse 24 with the opening, “*Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city*” but the end of this interpretive translation seems to be the close of a different prophecy and not the decreed end of Daniel’s *people* and *Holy city*.

With the King James Version complete closure is provided for the stated opening proposition within the four verses which comprise the entire seventy weeks prophecy.

The changes in the new texts are obviously intended to drive home the point that the now ambiguous *one* and *he* cannot be The Messiah. Therefore *he* must be the end-time Anti-Christ, even though it is not stated in the text. But this obscurity is what we are expected to believe and accept.

These presumptions play directly into the hands of those who developed this counter-reformation end-time anti-Christ scenario, because while they do not believe it nor hold it as Roman Church doctrine themselves, to the contrary they decree the belief of the resurrection and bodily return of Christ to be *The Millenarian Heresy*²⁰

²⁰<http://www.catholicplanet.com/articles/article126.htm> “Millenarianism refers to heretical forms of millennialism. The heresy of millenarianism believes

and will be perceived to be correct when the three raptures fail and they are still standing with an apparent truth. Of course this apparent truth will be bolstered upon the failure of the false prophecy they *developed for the very purpose of vindicating the Papacy as the very seat of the Historical and Biblical Anti-Christ*. This purpose has been one of the main objects of the Jesuit's Counter-Reformation war on Protestant thought.

Dating the end of the 69th week:

The dating of “*unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks*” is essential in determining the interpretation of the entire 70 weeks prophecy.

I had a public conversation with Pastor Steve Miller of Lubbock, then a Futurist, where he described verse 25 as vague. Now we agreed that the “seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks” is exact – it equals 69 weeks of years. But the vague part for him is the “unto messiah the prince,” which for me is as exact as the 69 weeks part.

For me the end of the 69th week would be unto Jesus' first appearance in His office as both Prince and Messiah. Jesus was born a prince, the Son of God – King of the Universe. But He did not qualify by the Law of Moses for the High Priest Messiah position until He reached the age of 30 years. It is no accident that Luke records for us that Jesus was in his 30th year at the time of His baptism by John at the River Jordan, immediately before He began his ministry.

in a visible reign of Christ over an earthly kingdom for a period of a thousand years.”

At that baptism both the Holy Spirit and the Father bare witness with John of Jesus' credentials. Quote:

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. (John 1:29-30)

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. (John 1:40-41)

In my mind, this record of events supports an exact understanding of the term "unto Messiah the prince." He was revealed at the Jordan River baptism as both, therefore the 69 weeks "unto Messiah" and prince, "this is my son" ended there, and the 70th week commenced.²¹

Notwithstanding all this, here we are at a time when the Temple seems to be on the verge of being built and most of the modern Christian and Evangelical world will expect to be *Raptured away* when an agreement is established to undertake the task. Will they finally shake this great delusion or will they fall in line with the Anti-Christ Church and worship The Beast and its Image?

²¹ Reformed Prophecy Interpretation, Nicklas Arthur

– Chapter Three – The Final Edit

The End-Time Anti-Christ scenario begins with the “strong covenant”²² which will initiate the Seven Year Great Tribulation of the juxtaposed Seventieth Week of Daniel. The doctrine states that this “man of sin” who brings this treaty to build the Jewish Temple, will not be revealed until an ambiguous restrainer²³ is taken out of the way. This ambiguous restrainer is believed to be the Holy Ghost by the Futurist, however this belief can only be pure speculation.²⁴

The Leading Role

So when this seven year *covenant-agreement-treaty* is made between some prominent person and Israel (and whoever else needs to be involved?), the pre-tribulation rapture is supposed to immediately take place, and Great Tribulation will ensue because the Holy Spirit is also supposed to be removed from the earth as well as all true Christians.

Since about the time that Jimmy Carter was the U.S. President, beginning with the Camp David Accords in 1978, it seems that it has fallen to U.S. Presidents to broker peace deals in the mid-east. So it would seem likely that it will be a U.S. President that will play the part of the pseudo anti-christ character who will broker a deal for the building of a Third Temple. Just who will step up to bring an agreement which includes building the Temple? Who wants to be pegged as the Anti-Christ figure of the popular but fictional prophecy? Early in his

²²Dan. 9.27 ESV

²³2 Thes 2.6 ESV

²⁴See the chapter, *The Restrainer* in my book, *The Rapture Will be Canceled*, for a Historicist understanding of this passage.

presidency I thought that Barack Obama was an easy candidate, but here we are several days after the election of Donald Trump and the following article appears in the Breaking Israel News:

Sanhedrin Asks Putin and Trump to Build Third Temple in Jerusalem²⁵

“The Nascent Sanhedrin is calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin and US president-elect Donald Trump to join forces and fulfill their Biblically-mandated roles by rebuilding the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem.”

The article then likens the pair of leaders to Cyrus the Great who helped Israel rebuild the Temple after the Babylonian desolation, but because of positive statements they have made in the past about Israel and Jerusalem.

“We are poised to rebuild the Temple. The political conditions today, in which the two most important national leaders in the world support the Jewish right to Jerusalem as their spiritual inheritance, is historically unprecedented,” Rabbi Weiss told Breaking Israel News.

Only time will tell if it will be a US president that will be credited with the peace process that is responsible for bringing about the necessary treaty or agreement to make the building of a Third Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount a reality. But when it does happen, that's when the fun begins!

Any prominent statesman, perhaps the Presidents son-

²⁵<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/78372/bin-exclusive-sanhedrin-asks-putin-trump-build-third-temple-jerusalem/#bIXpIAIWtjSHfz9.99>

in-law Jared Kushner, could be put up for the role, but this is one role that I can't imagine many are eager to volunteer for. However the Futurist interpretation of the Daniel Seventieth Week and the several Thessalonian combined text on this is so ambiguous that however things work out it is flexible enough to accommodate.

Let the Show Begin

Entertain if you will the scene as the curtain opens: So it begins and no one is raptured away. How long will the adherents wait before they give up on the pre-tribulation rapture? The groundbreaking for the Temple takes place and the construction is moving along smoothly, three months pass, six months pass, a year! It has become all too obvious that the pre-tribulation rapture was the wrong one of the three multiple choices.

But that is the beauty of this interpretation, there are two more choices. However, this first failure or non-event exposes the Futurist Restrainer Doctrine fallacy, for the Holy Spirit cannot exit the earth if Christians are still present – but the treaty has been signed and the Anti-Christ has been revealed. Or was he? Remember! The *man of sin* cannot be revealed until the restrainer (Holy Spirit) is taken out of the way!

So not only is the pre-tribulation Rapture wrong, but the Restrainer/Holy Spirit assumption is also wrong. Some may even be comforted by the fact that neither of these assumptions were ever explicitly stated in the scripture (that's why they are assumptions). Nevertheless many will just move along to accept the mid-tribulation/pre-wrath option instead, regardless of the fact that these are also based upon the same type of shallow assumptions and conjecture.

But there are lingering questions: Since the Holy Spirit remains, who is the Anti-Christ, since he could not be revealed yet? Who made the “strong covenant” that kicked off the tribulation? Can the mid-tribulation position be a real option if the pre-tribulation fails to materialize? For all of those who hold to a mid- or post-tribulation position this conundrum should be resolved well in advance of the arrival of their expected Seven Year Great Tribulation period.

Nonetheless, we can easily imagine a series of events like the following taking place in the near future:

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Dateline: 2023

With the intervention of the most popular Pope in recent history into the peace process, the US President, took credit for the agreement hammered out by his team of negotiators between The State of Israel, the Palestinian Authority and the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf in the Mideast peace process. Thereafter it was announced by the Temple Institute that ground breaking for the Third Jewish Temple would commence within ninety days. The actual Architectural drawings had already just been completed and it was believed that the sacrifice could begin in time for the commencement of Passover 5785, four short years away.

The Islamic protest throughout the Mideast was vocal, violent, expected and well covered, but the Palestinians would finally get the autonomy they desired in the West Bank and Gaza strip. The Jewish protest, based upon prevailing orthodox thought, that the Temple must be built upon the very spot occupied by The Dome

of the Rock and then only after the Messiah appeared, were just as vocal but lacked mainstream attention due to the absence of violence.

Pastor John Hogue thundered from his televised mega church pulpit, “Are you ready to be raptured? We will fly away – oh glory – as soon as the agreement takes affect...” which of course made sense because the treaty was signed and they were not gone yet. The Pastor proclaimed it now undeniable, the identification of the current U.S. President as the bible predicted end-time Anti-Christ. The Temple cornerstone which had been prepared several years in advance was placed symbolically in a ground breaking ceremony 96 days later. Still no rapture of true believers took place.

Notorious debates raged since the day the agreement was signed, millions of disappointed Evangelicals were now ready to embrace the Mid-tribulation position, some even moved to the Post-trib position. Also becoming very vocal, and drawing many converts was the Universal Church that holds to a no-rapture position, instead teaching that the rapture is part of the Millenarian Heresy, “When none of the three raptures materialize, all those disappointed will be welcomed to the True Church with open arms,” could be easily proclaimed by the popular Catholic Evangelist, Mark Malleti. Most Evangelicals took a wait and see position, because the Mid-trib place was so neatly and beforehand prepared for them.

The Agreement called for The Temple Mount to be expanded and partitioned between the three great Abrahamic Faiths and completed over the next seven years. The Dome of the Rock would remain according to

the new Jewish interfaith initiative. The “God’s Holy Mountain Vision” project hoped to defuse religious strife by showing that the Jews’ “end-of-days vision” could harmoniously accommodate Islam’s present architectural hegemony on the Temple Mount. “This vision of religious shrines in peaceful proximity can transform the Temple Mount from a place of contention to its original sacred role as a place of worship shared by Jews, Muslims and Christians,” said Yoav Frankel, director of the initiative. Frankel considers the scenario: ... that the Temple be rebuilt on the current or an extended Temple Mount in peaceful proximity to the Dome and other houses of prayer such as the Aksa Mosque and nearby Christian shrines. There would also be room for a Christian Cathedral on a northward extension.

True to form, Mega Pastor John Hogue released his newest book, *Rapture Delayed – The Mercy of God*, before the year was out, this would be an even bigger best seller than his last multimillion seller during the Blood Moon mania of 2014. In the pages of this book you would learn why God had delayed the rapture to the mid-tribulation position, of course backed by as many biblical references as his prior pre-tribulation position. You could also find overt hints that God may wait further to the post-tribulation position, and that no matter which position was God’s final decision, all true believers would go to heaven when they die if they asked Jesus into their hearts, “Give your heart to Jesus today...” he would say.

Albert and Rosanne Henderson, a couple in their late 60s, had attended Northside Evangelical Church for more than 30 years, where not a whole lot of time was

spent on bible prophecy until now. Oh yes, they believed in the pre-tribulation rapture ever since the book *The Late Great Planet Earth* was major part of bible study back around 1980. The excitement and urgency had long since worn off. What was there to get excited about? Their church, as almost all of the American Evangelical world did not have to worry about such things as dealing with the coming One World Mark Monetary System, because they would all be simply pre-wrath raptured away before anything bad happened to them. But with the added heavy weight of current events, it was time to rethink their long held position. A friend had given them a book, *The Rapture Will Be Canceled*, several years ago, but now it was time to actually read it, they could not forget the haunting title which had presently become accurately prophetic.

Pastor Bob preaches at his own little church on the other side of town. He becomes very excited about everything that happens in Israel, waiting with baited breath to be whisked away at any moment. He has no tolerance for those who question the official view of prophecy accepted by him and the giants of the kingdom such as John Hoge and Chuck Mistler, neither does he have the time of day for weak minded Christians who revere God's Law or god forbid, won't eat pork! His faith and consequently the faith of his entire little congregation was shaking to its core. Bob was seriously considering returning to his roots and the Universal Mother Church, now feeling that he'd been led astray so many years ago by Evangelical arguments. He pondered his absolute rage while watching a YouTube video several months ago, *Show me the Gap Chuck* or something like that: how anyone could challenge a giant

in Gods Kingdom like Chuck Mistler on prophecy brought him to a rage of four letter epithets he could not easily forget. But now he avoided mention of the rapture debate and failure at all, his sermons were beginning to sound very ecumenical these days.

Three years of mounting Islamic protest, violence, sabotage and continual bomb threats had all but stopped the progress of the *God's Holy Mountain Vision*, most specifically for the Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount. The expansion on the north end was progressing nicely, but every attempt to progress beyond the eastward expansion where the Jewish Temple was being built was met with resistance from every quarter. Islam protested, Animal Rights protested, Environmentalists protested, even Orthodox Jewry protested. No one was happy, the treaty would need to be renegotiated. And behind the scenes that's exactly what was happening. The Vatican was now playing the major role in the peace process as a voice of reason and sanity.

The Temple Mount Cathedral on the North Expansion was progressing nicely and well in balance with the stature of the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque combination on the south, also undergoing renovation for the great celebration. The compromise? Jews would settle for a Temple type National Synagogue of similar stature on its East Expansion. No animal sacrifice would be allowed on the Temple Mount whatsoever, period. Those progressive Jews which played the major role now proposed that the sacrifice could satisfy every tenet of Torah Law if commenced off site. Orthodox Jews maintained that Messiah would come and build the Temple after removing the Christian and Islamic edifices on the Mount, then the sacrifice

would commence, they were content to wait. Appropriate changes for the Temple Mount National Synagogue were already in the works.

With the end of the prospect for a Jewish sacrifice even the Islamic protests died down to an unmentionable murmur. At the same time Evangelical rapture adherents announced that *the end of the prospective sacrifice* satisfied their interpretation of the Daniel prophecy, “*and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.*” And it was in the middle of their Seven Year Tribulation. Months passed and nothing happened. Four years from the signing of the agreement – the 1260 days; the times, time and half a time; three and a half years had undeniably passed. Still no mass rapture of true believers took place.

Most of the Evangelical, the true rapture believers, moved to the only remaining position available for them, the Post-tribulation position. There was no other position available as far as they were concerned. Rapture theology had been so completely scrutinized over the last four years that a majority of Evangelicals had already left it behind, some concluding that the whole seven year tribulation was not even biblical. The holdouts were scorned and embarrassed so much that it only strengthened their resolve that they would be raptured away at the post seven year tribulation position. Then the world would see, but “because of Gods merciful delay there would be no second chance for those left behind,” said John Hoge, “they would surely experience the wrath of God when Jesus suddenly appeared and destroyed all of the wicked.”

The Grand Opening Celebration date of the “God’s Holy Mountain Vision” was set, seven years to the day of the signing of the agreement. Those diehard Evangelical Rapturists remained firm, but were secretly scared that it would not happen, those who put off the belief were afraid, but hopeful that it would happen. Finally the day came. The Vicar of Christ took the podium and proclaimed the beginning of a new era of world peace. A majority of Evangelicals who had once vociferously proclaimed the rapture, were now drawing attention to the fact that the rapture was always in contention even within the ranks. “Pre, Mid, and Post-tribulation debates were always the norm, perhaps-evidently the whole rapture idea was mistaken. In this world without end all the faithful will certainly go to heaven when they die, that is when we will join the resurrection of the dead,” were now the comforting words of Pastor John Hogue.

For many of the elect, it was like waking from a dream, a great delusion – the scales had fallen from their eyes. They finally recognized the true Biblical and Historical Anti-Christ, he had been seated in plain sight all along. They could not go along, they knew what was coming and the only escape was in Christ alone to protect them even if martyrdom was their fate. It was widely preached and well accepted, few would make it to His return through the tribulation of the days to come. They would now be excluded from the one world Mark Money System. They could not, would not participate.

The Mark of the Beast Inquisitions were growing stronger every year, the black market was an outlawed and dangerous necessity. There were few places of refuge from the long arm of the UN police and

relocation forces in the fragmented States of the northern continent. Chaos and disorder was a regional hardship and also their ally. Losing their livelihoods and their homes, the true church was on the move spreading the gospel as they went. Miraculous provision, circumstance and healing was commonplace with this sojourning church movement, they had truly become, the church in the wilderness.

We left home in the middle of the night. The reports were all too common – they would also come for us. I had been a fan of alternative media so had plenty of exposure to prepper ideas, but never went all out for the storage food bunker mentality of the extremist bent. I had a different tact: never let the fuel go below half a tank and head for the hills when bug out time did arrive. We hooked the small two horse trailer to the back of our three quarter ton pickup truck, of course we brought our two best horses and all the food and comforts we could cram in with us. There would be provisions where we were going. Mountain Home was an 8500 foot seasonal resort community where there were plenty of empty cabins. We were certainly frightened, but we knew this day was coming.

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When the Temple Mount Agreement is announced many believe they will immediately be raptured away, so rather than being alarmed they are elated but soon will discover that they were mistaken. By the end of the play many of those who trusted the false “rapture/left behind” prophets may be ready to listen to a more historical position on Bible Prophecy. The rest of the story will be lived out beyond the *seven year tribulation*

deception by each and every one of us who live long enough to see it through.

– Chapter Four – The Stage is Set

We have considered a possible chain of events, understanding the reality that most of the modern church has been purposely deluded into believing a false interpretation of Bible Prophecy. Now that we understand why the script has been written and accepted by the audience we need only await the opening act of the play about to begin. Please realize that our previous chapter only recounts a guideline or prospect of what may happen, things will in all likelihood play out somewhat differently. Just as we have thus speculated, we must understand that the entire Seven Year Great Tribulation predictions are also little more than speculation, but based upon assumptions which are based upon more assumptions and conjecture rather than what is explicitly stated in Bible prophecy.

So what is left and what does prophecy really line out for our future? What does it explicitly express? God has given us prophecy in His word and surely He is not the author of confusion, so there must be some accepted method of interpretation demonstrated in that same word. There is. In Daniel chapter 2 it is recorded that God gave King Nebuchadnezzar a dream. This dream was a prophecy which revealed an overview of all the great kingdoms of the world that would rule until the Messiah would come and personally reign in His Kingdom over the whole earth. Some call the Image that he dreamed of the Metal Man Image, I call it the Mystery Babylon Image because it is the very same Image that is destroyed at the Revelation chapter 18 desolation of Mystery Babylon and the Beast. In the Daniel chapter 2 desolation the image is struck in the

feet by the *stone cut out without hands*,²⁶ the feet representing the distant future from Daniel's time, the time when Jesus would return for His millennial reign.

A Sure Interpretation

In Daniel chapter 2 we are given an extensive prophecy, then a complete interpretation, followed by fulfillment in history and confirmation in the Revelation for that part yet future. This is just one instance of how God teaches us in His word to interpret Bible Prophecy, and how the Bible interprets itself. Daniel closed his interpretation from God with the words, *and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure*.²⁷

Only if our interpretation is explicitly stated in the Bible can we rely 100 percent upon it.

Several things can be learned from what is explicitly stated in Daniel chapter 2.

1. That the symbols are not to be taken literally, the image is not a real statue or a living being.
2. The different metals represent different kingdoms that will appear chronologically as we move down the image from the head to the feet.
3. There are no gaps in the interpreted chronology so that the understanding of any other Bible interpretation that does not fit or coincide with this chronology is to be rejected.
4. That the Iron portion represents the last ruling power in the earth, though it divides, then breaks into

²⁶Dan. 2.34

²⁷Dan. 2.45

pieces mingled with clay at the end.

Therefore we can easily conclude:

1. That the Two Beasts and Image of Revelation 13 somehow rule the remainder of the Iron broken pieces together, tempered by the presence of the clay, immediately preceding the return of Christ, and;

2. The Revelation 18 destruction of Mystery Babylon and the Beast is the same event as the destruction of the Mystery Babylon Image of Daniel chapter 2 during the Two Beast and Image period of rule.

We have already discussed the clearly demonstrated fact that the Daniel 70 Weeks prophecy was completely fulfilled at the first century, according to scriptural and historical evidence. And despite the fact that every prophecy of the rebuilding of the Temple actually preceded the building of the Second Temple as recorded at Ezra chapter 6, the futurist choose to believe that many of these same texts foretell the building of a Third Temple before the return of Christ.

If you find a prophecy in scripture it only makes sense to look for the first fulfillment in the interim rather than applying it to a speculative event in the future, especially where one is not explicitly stated. For instance, there is nothing in the entire Bible that explicitly requires a rebuilt, or Third Temple before the return of Christ. Does this mean that it cannot happen? No, but it does mean that until it does happen it is pure speculation.

The New Testament Temple

The Futurist will point to several scriptures where the word *temple* appears in New Testament prophecy such as 2 Thess. 2:4 and the several Revelation temple scenes, then *assume* that a rebuilt temple will be required thereby, claiming that this will be the same fulfillment of those prophecies that called for the rebuilding of the temple after the Babylonian desolation, while ignoring the actual fulfillment that followed with the Second Temple building.

In the Old Testament where the word *temple* is used, it always refers to a physical building or tabernacle, especially where it explicitly calls for a rebuilding in prophecy. In the New Testament Gospels, of course the Temple Building is present on the ground as a reality of the day, and the only prophecy including it, explicitly calls for its destruction by Jesus himself!²⁸

One other reference we may wish to note is that Jesus refers to His own body as a temple.²⁹ In the Epistles to the New Testament Church every mention of the *temple of God* likewise takes on a whole new meaning:

1Cor. 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1Cor. 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1Cor. 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the

²⁸Mat. 24.2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

²⁹John 2.19-22

temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2Cor. 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

So when the same author prophesies of the *man of sin*:

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.³⁰

Several questions must be asked:

1. Is God through Paul referring to the soon to be destroyed Temple that was standing in Jerusalem when He penned these words in the first century? Obviously not.

2. Is he referring to a yet to be built future temple without explicitly stating that “it will be built again after it’s destroyed,” expecting us to assume that’s what he means? Again, absolutely not!

3. Or does he expect us to believe that *the temple* is a reference to that which he has already taught us to understand about the New Testament Church being the temple of God, as in the previous references?

There is only one acceptable answer – That is that God expects us to believe what we should have already learned: That we are the temple of God and that this prophecy is about *the man of sin* taking the place of God

³⁰2 Thess. 2.4

in the hearts and minds of men in the visible church on the earth – and in context, the very heart of a great apostasy.

The early Church Fathers agree: As to the “let” or hindrance, the restraining force to the manifestation of the “man of sin” referred to in 2 Thess. 2., E. B. Elliott says: “We have the consenting testimony of the early Fathers, from Irenaeus, the disciple of the disciple of St. John, down to Chrysostom and Jerome, to the effect that it was understood to be the imperial power ruling and residing at Rome.”³¹

Irenaeus held that the division of the Roman Empire into ten kingdoms would immediately precede the manifestation of antichrist. In his work,³² he says, “Let them await, in the first place, the division of the kingdom into ten; then, in the next place, when these kings are reigning, and beginning to set their affairs in order and advance their kingdoms, (let them learn) to acknowledge that he who shall come claiming the kingdom for himself, and shall terrify those sons of men of whom we have been speaking, having a name containing the aforesaid number (666), is truly the abomination of desolation.” Thus, according to Irenaeus the manifestation of antichrist required the previous overthrow of the then existing Roman Empire.

Tertullian, quoting Thessalonians, he says: “Now ye know what detaineth that he might be revealed in his time, for the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now hinders must hinder until he be taken out of the way. What obstacle is there but the Roman state; the

³¹Horae Apocalypticæ, vol. iii., p. 92.

³²Against Heresies, book v., chap. xxx.

falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce antichrist, . . . that the beast antichrist, with his false prophet, may wage war on the Church of God?³³ We could go on to Chrysostom and Jerome and find the like witness, which references may be found in E. B. Elliot's great work.

The Revelation passages that include a temple scene should be treated no differently as again there is no explicit statement about building a third National Jewish Temple before Jesus returns.

Notwithstanding I do believe that there will be an attempt to build a third temple in the near future. But without a capacity for the blood sacrifice, it will effectively be nothing more than a National Synagogue for Israel. This will be the required compromise for peaceful coexistence with the other Abrahamic faiths on the Temple Mount, not to mention that it complies with the counter-reformation play script.

One final point to consider is that it was God's judgment which brought about the destruction of both Jewish temples. Would God even allow National Israel to recommence the sacrificial system again, after His only begotten Son put an end to the sacrifice and oblation by the shedding of his own blood in the midst of the true seventieth week of Daniel?

After the Play

What about the resurrection? After the rapture fails some may wonder whether there is a resurrection that precedes the grave at all. Honestly for most of history and most of us living at this time the grave is where we

³³(Tertullian: On the Resurrection, chaps, xxiv., xxv.)

will end up, this has been an undeniable fact of life. However there will be a few who while living at the time of Christ's return will be changed: *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*³⁴

But when will this event occur? The Rapture was always eminent because they would have you believe all of the end-time prophecy events leading up to the return of Christ were to happen after the desired escape. We now understand that there is no pre-last trump escape by the plain reading of the above verse, so here we must remain until Christ's return when the dead and living are *caught up together*³⁵ in the same event. All of those sign post events of Christ's return will be seen by those of us who live until His return – then we will be resurrected.

In a chapter of my previous book and on my website I have a post titled What Year Is It. That post is an expose of a timeline expressed directly from the pages of the Bible starting at the Creation Account to the time of Christ and then following the Roman calendar to the present day. What we learn from this timeline is that the Seventh Millennium will begin about the year 2055. Though not expressly stated it is widely held that the seventh millennium will coincide with the Millennial Reign of Christ. If this expose is approximate in its accuracy as the summary chart above reveals, then we have somewhat less than forty years for the remaining end-time sign post events to occur.

These remaining events are elements of Bible

³⁴1Cor. 15.52

³⁵1Thes. 4.17

prophecy that rapture believers thought they would never have to deal with because of their planned rapture escape. These were all fun to speculate upon the horrors of those left behind in fictional books and movies, but now that comfort is gone and past. What does Bible prophecy explicitly state about the future for true bible believers and the world? A new and sober understanding of these things is now in order, but we can face it head on without fear, because our helper and comforter, the Heavenly Father's Holy Spirit will still be with us, and not “taken out of the way.”

Several years ago I had a dream unlike any I've had before. Immediately upon waking I knew that God had given me this dream: I was going up a neighbor's driveway when I looked back down at my foothill ranch and a flood appeared across the road between where I was and my home. Suddenly an emergency vehicle started across the rushing waters towards me. As I surveyed the scene I noticed that all was not quite topographically consistent with my actual neighborhood, only similar. Then I woke up.

Several days later we were having home church in my living room and just as we were about to close, God's Holy Spirit brought the dream back to my memory and revealed the interpretation to me which I shared with those present.

The flood represents the sword followed by pestilence and famine. The emergency vehicle traversing the flood represented God's provision of safe passage to prepared places of refuge for His people and my ranch represented one such place of refuge. Then another very simple dream I had previously also came immediately

back to me in which I simply walked on water, then woke up. This indicated that miraculous provision of necessities would be common place among God's remnant people during these very troublous final days. The notice of inconsistency revealed that my home was only representative of myriad places of refuge that would be prepared for the elect to flee across the entire planet.

Now I live on the North American continent and more specifically in the Southern Sierra foothills of California, so as you can imagine the Bible says nothing about my locality, so what this dream means to me or you would nearly be the same thing, that there will be places of refuge throughout the earth. If I were living in a densely populated area I would be sincerely praying about provision for moving to a more sparsely populated area, then seek to make that a reality unless I felt the Holy Spirit telling me to stay. This can be difficult as it is always less trouble for us mere mortals to choose what is easier or what we are accustomed to. It could very well be that God would have some stay right where they are for ministry purposes or even martyrdom should he choose one for that honor. Prayer and obedience is of the utmost importance in these troubling days.

Many people have dreams out there, and most of them are nonsense, certainly not to be relied upon more than the Word of God. I think it is more important for all true Christians to put on a Protestant Historicist mindset when it comes to Bible Prophecy. We must walk in the Spirit to be led by the Spirit.

“In estimating the character of the Reformation and its transcendent importance, it is necessary to bear in mind that it was properly a testimony; and a testimony of a double nature. The Reformers, like the prophets of old, were to bear witness for the truth of God. This they did in their Confessions of Faith. But in the second place, as the ancient prophets were witnesses against Israel, so were the Protestants set as witnesses against Papal Rome, the great corrupter of the truth, and the slaughterer of the saints. This part of their testimony, like the former part of it, could only be fulfilled by their recurring to the written Word, for to men who are not themselves inspired by the Holy Ghost (to pen the word of God as were the prophets), it is not given to testify against the enemies of God, or the corrupters of His truth, in any other way, or with any other weapons, than the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. The Reformers did accordingly (as already observed), fulfill this part of their testimony by their perfectly unanimous denunciations of Rome, as Babylon, the Mother of Harlots, and the Pope, as The Man of Sin.

Now from the last part of this testimony, it is manifest that the Futurists have entirely fallen; yea, they desire to destroy it root and branch, flattering themselves that they have thus risen to a higher degree of illumination, and have left us in the vale of darkness. . . .

No one who rejects the principles of interpretation affixing on Rome Papal and her bishop the characters of Babylon and the Man of Sin is truly a Protestant, seeing that he has denied

that which all the Reformers held to be the testimony of the Spirit against that idolatrous Church.”³⁶

³⁶History Unveiling Prophecy pp, 283-284

– Chapter Five – Identifying History in Prophecy

What does the Revelation reveal? According to E. B. Elliot the seventh vial was yet future and he refused to speculate upon it. Perhaps we should review his interpretation of the first six vials³⁷ and see if we can afterward identify some things that fill the void:

The Six Vials

For this purpose “seven angels came forth from the temple,” denoting that all the approaching political convulsions of Christendom were ordered by *the Lord's providence*; and inasmuch as the “vials of wrath” were put into the angel hands by one of the “living creatures,” it is implied that the *vindication* of their wrongs and injuries is the design and intent of these judgments.

The “vial” or cup is often introduced in Scripture to represent God's judicial infliction upon his enemies. Thus, “In the hand of the Lord is a *cup*, and the wine is red. It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same; but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out.”³⁸ Again, “Behold, I have taken out of thy hand the cup of trembling; I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee.”³⁹

The similarity of the *four first* vials to the *four first* trumpets cannot escape observation. The *localities*, as well as other figures, are almost identical. The earth, *the land division of Western Roman Christendom*; the sea, *its maritime colonies*;

³⁷Rev. 16

³⁸Ps. 75. 8.

³⁹Isa. 51. 22.

the rivers, *those two boundaries, the Rhine and Danube, and their valleys*; the sun, *the ruling emperor of one third of the Roman earth*, all these symbols and their significations remain pretty much the same.

The time to which the prophecy appears to point as the period of the seventh trumpet sounding is at the outbreak of the French Revolution in the year 1789. This was preceded by a short interval of warning, from the passing away of the Turkish woe about A.D. 1774, marked out by the prophetic notice, “The second woe is past; behold, the third woe cometh quickly.”

The general tranquility of Europe in that interval indicated to ordinary view no sign of approaching disturbance. Russia, although it comprehended those wilds whence long since the barbarian scourge of Christendom had poured forth, was now a civilized empire. Modern Germany, with its 2300 walled towns, presented obstacles to invasion unknown in earlier ages. The rancor of religious differences had all but subsided; and a balance of power forbade the idea of either party being strong for aggression. The late democratic revolt of America would have, it was thought, no effect on European principles; and the peace of Versailles in 1783 was supposed to bode a long repose to Europe.

There were, however, two opposite classes who watched the tendencies of events with interest. The one was that of the *Infidel philosophers* in France, headed by Voltaire, men who, aided by wit and science, left no means untried to effect the object for which they conspired – the overthrow of Christianity.

Republican clubs and cheap infidel revolutionary publications served under their direction to undermine the principles of the different ranks of society; and without religion to control them, the mass of the people were ready for any outbreak against government and social order.

The *Christian philosopher* also foresaw an outbreak, not such as the former looked for, but one of wrath and judgment. The abounding iniquity must needs meet with punishment.

“He heard the wheels of an avenging God
Groan heavily along the distant road.”⁴⁰

The unwonted convulsion of the elements which just then occurred drew the notice of thoughtful observers, and filled them with fearful forebodings. Tempests and volcanoes, earthquakes and hurricanes, ere long, destructive, and frequent.⁴¹ It was in allusion to this unnatural state of the elements, and specially with reference to an earthquake which lasted three years,⁴² from 1783 to 1786, that Cowper writes –

“The world appears
To toll the death-bell of its own decease,
And by the voice of all its elements
To preach the general doom.”

Thus, as in some other parts of Sacred Scripture, the literal and figurative seemed alike joined in the

⁴⁰Cowper's *Task*.

⁴¹In Iceland and the West Indies occurred volcanic eruptions and hurricanes; and in France, in the autumn of 1788, such a hailstorm and tempest as to destroy whole towns and districts.

⁴²At Calabria.

prediction: – when the seventh trumpet sounded, “there were lightnings, thunderings, an earthquake and great hail.” Then the French Revolution broke out. In the meeting of the National Assembly the Republican party gained the ascendancy, and at once proceeded to abolish the laws, rights, and customs of the French nation. The privileges and titles of the nobility, the tithes of the clergy, and the supremacy of the king were sacrificed to popular power and caprice. All that might have appeared most stable in Church and State was overthrown. It is at this period the vial judgments may have been supposed to begin.

First Vial. – “And the first (angel) went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the Beast,” etc.

One of the plagues of Egypt was a noisome ulcer. Here then of the *spiritual Egypt* the same expression is used. The angel of the *first trumpet* sounded, and fire fell on the *earth*, on the same locality. The “sore” indicates the outbreak of some corruption which had been festering within, and which, breaking out, would spread its infection and produce great distress. And so it was. A tremendous outbreak of social and moral evil, democratic and popular fury, atheism and vice, characterized the French Revolution. From France, as a center, the plague rapidly spread through its affiliated clubs, and the whole of Papal Christendom soon imbibed the poison and shared the punishment.

At the first its character was by many mistaken, and the movement was hailed as the harbinger of liberty and the overthrow of despotism. But it

quickly unfolded itself. First came the atrocious assault upon the palace of Versailles and the forcible abduction of the monarch. Then the National Assembly's declaration of the *rights of man*, a code of open rebellion against all order and rule; followed by the confiscation of the Church estates and the ascendancy of the Jacobin clubs to power. Then another and more ferocious attack on the palace, the dethronement of the king, the massacre of the Swiss guards and of five hundred Royalists! Soon followed the trial and execution of both king and queen, with that of other royal persons, and the avowed declaration of war against all authority. Then came the *reign of terror* under Robespierre; the Revolutionary Tribunal; the horrid massacres at La Vendee and Lyons, – men and women drowned in couples, and vessels filled with captives and then sunk; which atrocities they termed *republican baptisms and marriages*; – to say nothing of the innumerable multitude shot down, roasted alive, and drowned in the moss. Lastly, as the acme of iniquity, the threat of *dethroning the King of heaven*; the public renunciation of Christianity; the worship of an abandoned woman as the Goddess of Reason; the abolition of the Sabbath and all other institutions connected with religion; the sacraments profanely travestied, – a sacramental cup with wine being brought into the street, and an ass made openly to drink of it! Such was the development of the real character of the Revolution. Surely, “the whole head was sick, the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head, there was no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores.” It was as if God had said of it, as of Ephraim, “He is

joined to idols; let him alone.”

It was upon “men having the mark of the Beast” that this vial was poured out. The clergy were Romanists, and suffered fearfully, as did the Romish laity. But independently of this, the conduct of these Republicans was but the recompense of what they had learned to esteem of Popish tyranny; and it was now turned against those who had long and diligently sowed the seeds of oppression.

Second Vial. – “And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea,” etc. Again, the *second trumpet* gives the clue to the local scene of this judgment. There was destruction of the *maritime power and commerce* of the colonies of Papal Christendom. The democratic revolutionary spirit of France and the naval force of England contributed to effect the purpose of Divine Providence. First, the Isle of Haiti or *St. Domingo*, the most flourishing of the French colonies, being infected by the like infidel principles, was lost after a servile war of twelve years, in which 60,000 blacks were slaughtered. Then, for twenty years, the fleet of England (preserved and directed by the same good providence of God) wasted in all directions the ships, commerce, and maritime colonies of France, and of her allies, Holland and Spain. Their fleet was destroyed in 1793, at Toulon, by Lord Hood; by whom also Corsica, and nearly all the Spanish and West Indian Islands were taken in 1794. In 1795 followed the naval victory of L'Orient, and the capture of the Cape of Good Hope. The victory in 1797 off Cape St. Vincent was quickly succeeded by that of Camperdown over the Dutch fleet. Then followed Lord Nelson's three mighty

victories of the Nile in 1798, of Copenhagen in 1801, and in 1805 of Trafalgar. Viewing the losses suffered by France from 1793 to the end of 1815, we find that near 600 vessels of war, besides numerous ships of commerce, were destroyed, together with a large proportion of their officers and men. The world's history does not furnish another such period of naval war and bloodshed. "The sea became as the blood of a dead man." Finally, when the maritime power of the Papal nations had been swept away by English victories, the Spanish colonies of South America threw off their allegiance, after another scene of carnage, only paralleled by those before described; the Brazils also were separated from Portugal, and so the prediction was complete: as regarded the Papal European colonies, they became "dead." Doubtless the judgments on many of these colonies might be considered retribution for the cruelties practiced in their exercise of the slave trade.

Third Vial. – When the *third trumpet* sounded we found that the locality described was "the rivers and fountains of waters," *i.e.*, the Alpine fountains and streams, and the boundary rivers, the Rhine and Upper Danube. We have the same locality specified in this third vial – "And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters, and they became blood." According therefore, to the analogy of the former explanation, this judgment was to take place on those countries watered by the Rhine and Danube, as well as upon Northern Italy. Even so it fell out. During the year 1792 war was declared by France against Germany, and the next year against Sardinia; consequently all those towns watered by the

Rhine and Alpine streams became scenes of carnage. Metz, Worms, Spire, the towns formerly desolated by Attila, suffered. Another French army entered upon the countries situated on the Meuse, a branch of the Rhine; a third advanced into Piedmont, the Alpine frontier. In 1793 and 1794 war still raged in the same quarters. The French advanced to Holland. In many places the success fluctuated, but in most instances they were victorious. At last Charles of Austria drove their generals, Moreau and Jourdan, and their armies back to the Rhine.

In A.D. 1797 Bonaparte attacked the Sardinians and Austrians. The course he tracked was from Alpine river to river through Northern Italy, till he reached Venice. Every river was a scene of carnage, and he crossed seven in succession. The Alpine rivers were turned to “blood.” It was in 1797 that Bonaparte uttered the remarkable threat, “I will prove an Attila to Venice.” Before peace could be restored Austria was forced to submit; and the treaty of Campo Formio stipulated that *the valley of the Rhine*, one part of the prophetic scene, together with the Austrian Netherlands and Palatinate *on one side of the Rhine*, and Wurtemberg, Bavaria, Baden, and Westphalia *on the other*, should all be made over to France.

Again in 1799 the “fountains of waters” were dyed with blood, the French having suffered reverse and been driven out of all the places they occupied in North Italy with much bloodshed. The war soon recommenced: In 1800 that terrible and decisive battle of Marengo was fought, and the *Danube* became the scene of judgment. One victory after

another succeeded, till the memorable battle of Austerlitz completed the overthrow of the Austrian power.

The reason given by the angel for the judgment is remarkable, “They are *worthy*, for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink.” Was it not so that the cruelties – of the French and Piedmontese and the rulers of Savoy against the Waldenses and Albigenses, the Huguenots and Calvinists, from the end of the thirteenth to the end of the eighteenth century, and of Austria against the Hussites, the Waldenses and Lutherans in Lombardy, Moravia, and the Netherlands already related *did* call out for retributive justice? “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”

Fourth Vial. – “And the fourth angel poured out his vial on the sun,” etc. The *fourth, trumpet* again helps us to the meaning of the symbols. “The sun, moon, and stars” were on that occasion represented as being smitten by the judgment, and *the Roman emperor* and *the subordinate authorities* were the real sufferers. Even so at this time. In 1806, the year after the battle of Austerlitz, Napoleon required the sovereign of Austria to *renounce his title* of Emperor of Rome and Germany. So the *imperial sun* of Papal Christendom was darkened. Most of the independent sovereigns of Europe were revolutionized, and their *light eclipsed* in the political heaven. Bonaparte exercised his assumed office of king-maker much to distress of nations. The king of Prussia was shorn of half his dominions, which was assigned to a new

made king of Saxony. Westphalia; Holland, Spain, and Portugal, and Naples were apportioned, the three former to his brothers, the latter to his general Murat. Never had there been such a subversion of old dynasties – such a shaking of the powers of heaven. And when in 1809 the Austrian emperor made a desperate effort to regain his lost honors, he signally failed; and only purchased peace by giving his own daughter, Maria Louisa, in marriage to the oppressor, and thereby his implied acquiescence in his tyranny.

The “scorching with fire” we may refer to the *sufferings* of the countries which were exposed to these fearful troubles. The accounts which we have received enable us to appreciate the point and truth of Napoleon's own observation, – “The *genius of conquest* can only be regarded as the *genius of destruction*.” Conscription,⁴³ taxation, loss of life, pillage of property, devastation and ruin, marked his course and sullied the glory of his exploits. Men were “scorched with great heat.”

The Fifth Vial. – “And the fifth angel poured out his vial on the seat of the Beast.” We have already seen how in the Revolution the Romish clergy suffered. Their means of support was withdrawn by the abolition of tithes, the confiscation of the Church lands, and the destruction of monastic houses. This was followed by the national abolition of the Romish religion and the razing the churches to the ground. So was the whole French ecclesiastical establishment broken up. Twenty-four thousand of the clergy were massacred with horrid atrocities; the terrified

⁴³Alison computes conscription in France for the support of its armies, from 1793 to 1813, to have amounted to 4,103,000 men.

remnant fled.

So much had the anti-Papal spirit increased, that the French army urged their march against Rome itself, and the Pope only saved himself by the surrender of several towns and the payment of a large sum of money and the best treasures of the Vatican.

At length the decree went forth for the humbling of the Beast himself. In 1809 Napoleon declared *the Pope's temporal dominion at an end*. The estates of the Church were annexed to France; and Rome was degraded to be the second city of the French Empire. Surely on “the seat of the Beast” the vial of wrath had been poured out.

Subsequently this Pope was brought prisoner to France, and there, as a pensioner, he received a stated salary. True he afterwards gained back the privilege of fixing his seat at Rome. But the world had seen his weakness, and a precedent was established for the benefit of future generations.

In France the Romish religion continued only to be tolerated on an equality with other religions; in Portugal and Spain church property had been lately confiscated; and in Italy still later events have shown that the Papal authority, if unsupported by temporal power, has not any longer in itself that which can maintain its supremacy.

“They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and repented not of their deeds.” Here, too, history shows the truth of the prediction. Neither in Rome, Spain, France, or Italy has there been any *national return* to the true God. They felt the bitterness of revolution and bloodshed,

but felt it only as coming from man. They soon revived the old superstition. The reinstated governments of Southern Europe proceeded to restore the power of the Pope, agreed again to give him support, and to consider him as their ally. To regain his favor the Bourbons dedicated the kingdom to the Virgin Mary, the Jesuits were reintroduced, and Protestants again oppressed.

In *Spain* the Inquisition was re-established, and the blood of *heretics* flowed afresh at the stake. In *Austria* the Jesuits were again active, and in all the other countries the mummeries and lying wonders of Romanism once more had place. The desecration of the Sabbath was continued, and no improvement appeared either in devotion or morality.

The Sixth Vial. “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates,” etc. The introduction again of this symbol⁴⁴ directs us at once to the Turkman empire as the subject of this visitation. The Turks had long ceased to be a terror to the nations; the woe had passed. During the revolutionary wars they had been comparatively uninjured, but now their time of judgment was come.

The first appearance of trouble was in the revolt of Ali, pasha of Yanina, who, asserting independence, opened the way for the *Greek insurrection* of 1820. Its successful issue is well known. The annihilation of the Turkish army in the Morea and the uniform superiority of the insurgents over the Turks by sea had nearly completed their freedom, when the tide was turned against them by the Egyptian armament

⁴⁴See Lecture xiii.

of Ibrahim Pasha. The battle of Navarino, however, in 1827, in which the fleets of England, France, and Russia were combined, destroyed the Turco-Egyptian fleet and saved Greece.

The revolt of the Janizaries followed, which led to the massacre of 30,000 of those ancient troops and the consequent weakening of its power. Yet was it just then that, in its infatuation, Turkey hurried into a disastrous war with Russia. The armies of the Czar were everywhere victorious, and Constantinople was threatened with investment, when ambassadors interposed and peace was made. In the same year, 1829, the French landed 40,000 men in Africa, took Algiers, and, by converting that province into a colony of France, *dried up* another of the sources of Turkish power.

Then came the rebellion of the Egyptian pasha, *Mehemet Ali*, who attacked and conquered Syria, thrice defeating the Sultan's armies at Hems, Nezib, and Iconium. The union of the great powers of Europe, it is true, soon drove the Egyptians out of Syria, took Acre, and forced back the pasha to a nominal dependence upon his former master. Yet is the allegiance little more than nominal: *there* too the Euphrates flood is *fast drying up*.

But there were other causes of the waning of the Turkman Empire, and which marked the judgment as from God himself. *Earthquake, pestilence, and famine*, even more than the wars we have mentioned, served to *depopulate* the empire. *Conflagrations*, too, did their part. One writes from Bagdad, "Surely every principle of desolation is operating." Another, the chaplain of the British Embassy, says, "Within

twenty years Constantinople has lost more than half its inhabitants.” On every side the process of internal decay goes on. What may yet remain to be accomplished before the Turkish nation be wholly *dried up* and annihilated, is only known to Him “who doeth as he will in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth.” For the present, her only support is the favor of the princes of Christendom. A selfish policy on *their* part is *her* safety.

Who “the kings of *or* from the East” may prove, whose way is to be prepared by this drying up of the symbolic Euphrates, – whether, as some believe, the Jews, upon the fall of the Turkish empire; or, as others affirm, the Gentile nations, which it is promised “shall come and worship Christ;” – “kings of Sheba and Seba,” who, like the wise men from the East, shall offer gifts; or whether the way made easy for communication with the great empire of India, – is a consideration we must not attempt to solve. The question, though full of interest at this time, has reference to events still future, and therefore is beyond our limits of *fulfilled prophecy*.⁴⁵

⁴⁵The Last Prophecy, Horae Apocalypticæ 2015, Lecture 27

It is often said that Bible Prophecy is simply history written in advance, and as we can see from our forgoing excerpt, if we did not know the history that coincides with this portion of the Revelation and simply tried to understand it from the plain reading of the text it would make little sense.

It can however stir the imagination, and unfortunately, imagination is how many ignorantly derive their own interpretation.

How well God spoke of the false prophets,

*Woe unto the foolish prophets that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!*⁴⁶

And we do live in the age of the false prophet spirit.

⁴⁶Eze. 13.3

– Chapter Six – Filling in the Blanks

We saw in our last chapter where the Protestant Historicist interpretation of the Revelation left off after the French Revolution. Immediately after the opening statement of the sixth vial the *Three Frogs* are introduced in the Revelation. *For they are the spirits of devils (plural)*. The futurist would have you believe that there will be a singular False Prophet to identify at some juncture, but a careful study reveals a wider view. In my view, if there is a named singular False Prophet he would be none other than the *man of sin*.

The Three Frogs

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Rev.16:13-14

The *dragon* being representative of that old serpent and the devil, in this spirit we look for the continued and pervasive influence of religious pagan idolatry rising in the world at large and even gaining influence in the visible church. We also anticipate the final rise of persecution and wave of martyrdom again emanating also from the visible church directed at the true Bible believing elect of God as in the Inquisitions of the past.

The *beast* which also gets its power from the *dragon*, we recognize as the Roman Empire which morphs through history from the solid legs of iron in the Daniel chapter two image to the feet and ten toes

mingled with clay when it is struck by the stone cut out without hands and desolated so that no place is found for it any more. We recognize this desolation as the same event described in Revelation as the fall of Mystery Babylon. The spirit coming from the mouth of this beast will result in the idolatry of State-ism as those who bowed before the Mystery Babylon Image of Nebuchadnezzar and a combination of Church-State-ism as practiced by the Temporal Reign of the biblical and historical Anti-Christ.

The *false prophet* from the G5578 is everywhere else in the bible translated as plural (*false prophets*), only in the Revelation is it translated singular. Here it may be taken as plural (*they are the spirits of devils*) and should be even if in any instance it may refer to a singular individual, as should *the man of god*⁴⁷, or even *the man of sin* may refer to a singular Pope or the whole line. The Spirit of Prophecy being described as the testimony of Jesus⁴⁸, the *false prophet* or spirit of false prophecy, would refer to the abundance of false gospels and the inundation of false prophecy and false Bible interpretation to deceive even the elect (*if it were possible*) as disseminated by these evil spirits in the final epoch leading up to the return of our Lord.⁴⁹

So typical has the false prophet become that they are difficult to tell from the true prophet of God in the nominal church. We see these devilish spirits being loosed here for the specific purpose of organizing evil for their own ultimate destruction at the return of Christ.

⁴⁷2 Tim. 3:17

⁴⁸Rev. 19:10

⁴⁹The Last Prophecy, Horae Apocalypticæ 2015, Lecture 29

We also notice something similar at the end of the thousand year reign of Christ where Satan is loosed out of his prison to gather the forces of evil to battle against the camp of the saints.⁵⁰ In both of these instances the annihilation of those evil forces is the result.

That there is paganism, state-ism and false prophecy running rampant in the visible and nominal church is an undeniable reality to the discerning Bible believer. This era has seen an ever increasing prominence of these evils, and will until the Great Day arrives.

But how long is the *three frog* era, and when did it begin?

Would the evil that comes out of the mouth of the beast (that is human government), be consistent with the spirits that were loosed with the French Revolution?

Undeniably!

Consequently this spiritual reality has developed and matured through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries until this very day. Let me quote:

Legacy of the French Revolution:

The Loss of Restraint

I would be remiss not to start with the darkest legacy of the French Revolution—namely, the Terror. It reverberates to this day through every violent act done by revolutionaries and terrorists, from the Bolsheviks to bin Laden, in the name of the people.

The historian J. L. Talmon argues that the legacy of Jacobinism—the most radical part of the French Revolution—is totalitarian democracy. The

⁵⁰Rev. 20:7-9

Messianic ideal born in the French Revolution inspired the totalitarian movements of the 20th century, especially Communism.

But I would argue its influence is not limited to Communism. It is present as well in all illiberal movements that restrict liberty in the name of equality and justice. Such illiberalism exists today in Russia, Venezuela, and Iran where a façade of democracy masks oppression and a corrupt rule. You see it in the populist nationalisms of the world that end up in dictatorship, as the French Revolution did with Napoleon. Plebiscitary “democracy,” where the people are allowed to speak only once and forever hold their peace, is also a legacy of the French Revolution.

The fundamental error in this legacy was the loss of restraint. In their fervor to create a new humanity, the Jacobins in particular committed the cardinal sin of losing their humanity.

To illustrate this point, it is well worth remembering that even Niccolò Machiavelli, who served in a diplomatic mission at the court of one of the cruelest tyrants in European history, Cesare Borgia, saw the necessity of restraint. In writing *The Prince*, which was modeled on Borgia, Machiavelli believed that sometimes evil had to be done to create the good, but he always understood that it was, after all, still intrinsically evil—it was an exception to the rule, if you will.

That changed with the French Revolution. Now evil acts committed in the name of the good became, in and of themselves, good.

There are few ideas unleashed on the world that have caused more misery. While totalitarianism on the Left and the Right has had different philosophical roots and different aspirations, they were united in this one goal: Nothing could be allowed to stand in their way of totally transforming mankind and societies. This was equally true for Stalin as well as Hitler—for Pol Pot as well as Osama bin Laden.

The direct ideological heirs of the French Revolution—socialism and Communism—of course have had a varied history. Gracchus Babuef (*The Conspiracy of the Equals*, 1796) was one of the last of the revolutionaries and the first to envision an absolute leveling of society. Marx and others turned socialism into Communism as a critique of the capitalist system. Lenin and others transformed socialism into Communism as a totalitarian movement. But today in the West, the “socialist” idea has been tamed. Socialist ideals have made their peace with elections and the capitalist system, becoming social democracies in Europe and the welfare state in the United States.⁵¹

These ideals are the very seed of the model exposed in Revelation chapter thirteen about the Monetary Mark of the Beast. Those who do not go along with the totalitarian tyranny of equals will be beheaded, they will be killed, and those who kill them will think that they do God a service.

Of course their god is the god of the zeitgeist, and the head of the Beast, the Anti Christ, who once again,

⁵¹<http://www.heritage.org/research/lecture/2014/08/the-great-divide-the-ideological-legacies-of-the-american-and-french-revolutions>

through his Jesuit army, has permeated and dominated the outer court, the majority of the visible church on earth, as well as the secular mind at large.

And just who are these persecuted ones that will be martyred?

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city

The time in which we live now is a Church era increasingly dominated by the False Prophet Spirit. So we see the beginning of this era, and we understand the end which is clearly expressed in the scripture text.

...to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.⁵²

Let us now attempt to fill in some of the interim events.

⁵²Rev. 16:14

– Chapter Seven – Contemporary Times in the Revelation

So, what does the Revelation say about recent and contemporary times?

Addendum 2020

Since E. B. Elliot published his exhaustive work on the Revelation in the 19th century, some apocalyptic details have been readily clarified and several major events which affect the history and prophecy of the Revelation have occurred.

1. The Vatican, or Papacy, the head that was wounded on effect of apocalyptic judgment, beginning about the time of the French Revolution; that wound was healed in 1929 when the Vatican once again regained its sovereign political status on the world stage and has moved to a prominent position amongst all the nations.

2. The status of America on the world stage has greatly increased to an undeniable place of prominence and power among the nations as well as in apocalyptic prophecy.

3. The United Nations has been created as a worldwide governing authority which continues to increase in power, a construct or image through which the Antichrist may vicariously gain influence over all the nations of the entire world.

The Earth Beast

Interpreting the Earth Beast of Rev. 13 by the criteria in divinely given interpretations of the four preceding Beasts as revealed in Daniel and the Apocalypse.

(Dan 7:3-6) *And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion... the ...second like to a bear... and the third ...like a leopard...*

Compare this with: (Rev 13:1) *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

We notice that all of these beasts come up from the same place, *the sea*. We also notice that all of these beast powers were original in themselves and only incorporated the others when they conquered them consecutively. The Fourth Beast devours the three beasts that were before it and therefore inherits the attributes of the three before it: *leopard... bear... and lion.* (v.2)

1. Each of these sea beasts, as they were introduced was an original power in the earth.

2. Any division of a beast may be represented by the introduction of, horns and crowns in succession as you move from the body toward the heads and horns; And, the body is always the same beast.

3. That these Beasts rose up from *the sea* signifies that they all rose up from the same locality that was ultimately dominated by the Roman Empire: the Fourth Beast of Daniel 7 and the Sea Beast of Revelation 13. This is the locality specified for the origin of all the Sea Beasts.

Introduction of the Earth Beast.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; (Rev 13.11)

1. The Earth Beast is for the first time introduced as an original power at the time when the Sea Beast has *ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy*. The Earth Beast is not a division of the Sea Beast.

2. The Earth Beast did not rise up from the same locality as any of the Sea Beasts. Thus we must not look at the area of Dominion of the Old World Roman Empire for its place of origin.

We must first look at the direct description and attributes of this Earth Beast given in the text to determine its origin and Identity.

1. It is described as *coming up out of the earth...* This would be a clue to its place of origin: as the symbolic *earth* is different from the symbolic *sea* where the four previous Beasts rose up, in as much as actual *earth* or land is an opposite or different than *sea* or *waters*. We are given the interpretation of the symbolic *waters* in chapter 17: *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*.

In searching for a clearly symbolic use of the word *earth* in the Revelation, this author could find only one other reference: (Rev 12:16) *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*.

The woman was spared from the dragon war on the *remnant of her seed* by a prepared place in the *wilderness for the time, and times, and half a time*. This

prepared place would have been outside the governmental sphere of the Old World Roman Empire.

So the conclusion would be that as the *symbolic sea* represents a locality that is densely populated: *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*, so the *symbolic earth* would represent the opposite: a locality that is a *wilderness* or was sparsely populated when the Earth Beast had its origin.

When a tenth part of the Papal Kingdom fell,⁵³ which tenth E. B. Elliot identifies as the falling away of Protestant England from the Papal States, many had been fleeing to the New World to escape persecution and Papal Inquisition in the same place where Protestant England eventually established thirteen colonies. Canada to the North was a Crown Colony of the Sovereign City of London. Mexico down through all of South America (Latin America) was conquered on behalf of the Vatican by the Papal vassals of Portugal and Spanish Conquistadores.

In the New World the only Power that rose up and came to exhibit all of the attributes of the Revelation 13 Earth Beast is the one that developed out of the thirteen colonies planted by Protestant England: The United States America.

2. The Earth Beast ...*had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.* (Rev 13:11)

These two horns demonstrate two equal and opposing powers at the origin of this Beast: lamb like and draconic in speech.

⁵³ Rev. 11:13

The American Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation, the first constitution of the United States, on November 15, 1777. The present Constitution for the United States was written during the Constitutional Convention, those that opposed it were able to get the Bill Of Rights attached to it to preserve those liberties, it was signed on September 17, 1787

F. Tupper Saussy, in his book, *Rulers Of Evil* unquestionably exposes the hidden secret influence in the establishment of the U.S. Constitution and more specifically the concentration of power in the newly created head of this Beast, the Sovereign City of the District of Columbia.

Though this power was founded upon many Godly or *lamb like* principles the draconic influence would eventually turn it to come alongside the draconic power of the Sea Beast that infected it at its inception. The History of this alliance between these two Beasts is foretold in the 13th chapter of the Revelation.

3. The Earth Beast *exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.* (v.12) “It is not insignificant that at the same time this First Beast receives it’s deadly head wound that the Second Beast rises in the New World and in time comes to exercise all of the powers of the First Beast before it until it finally, “*causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*” It is all too evident that America is changing just as the Scripture indicates that it would as this Second or Earth Beast. As the Roman Empire was once the visible Police Power of the

world, so today America, since WWII has emerged as the Police Power of the world, and ...*exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.*”

4. We are also told that the Second Beast says...*to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.* (Rev 13:14-15)

In other words, “The Empire of the City (the Vatican) using the wealth of America through its Federal Reserve coop of the U.S. Treasury rebuilds the (Roman) world after WWII, then establishes the United Nations with its headquarters in New York City. In other words the Second Beast of Revelation 13, which has its head in Washington DC, one of the cities of The Empire, creates the Image of the First Beast, *The United Nations*, which will eventually require the allegiance of all. This allegiance or “worship” will be obedience to the United Nations implementation and enforcement of the One World Mark of the Beast Monetary System which will require the participation and numbering all people ...*small and great, rich and poor, free and bond.*”⁵⁴

The United Nations is an Image through which the Vatican, that is, Papal Rome may vicariously rule the world as it did before its head wound was inflicted.

⁵⁴ The Rapture Will Be Canceled, Nicklas Arthur

The Seven Kings

Interpreting the Seven Kings of Revelation 17 by the criteria in the divinely given interpretation.

(v. 10) *And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.* (11) *And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

First of all verse ten, the Angel time dates the 6th king (or power) as contemporary with John, that is the present Roman Empire. Verse 11 identifies these *kings* (from the Greek βασιλεύς)⁵⁵, as *beasts*. So we must look in the scripture for our enumerated beast powers.

So as some believe Pagan Rome to be the 6th, and Papal Rome to be the 7th, this cannot be for several reasons:

1. Papal Rome is not a separate beast; and, 2. Papal Rome does not merely *continue a short space*, but in reality far exceeds the space of Pagan Rome.

Therefore the 6th *king/beast* is both, Rome Pagan and Papal. The 7th had *not yet come*. There is only one additional beast that shows up in the Revelation: and that is the Second or Earth Beast of chapter 13.

The 8th power *goeth into perdition* therefore must be Rome, one of the seven, therefore also the 6th because she was contemporary with John. The 7th is a power that shows up for a *short space* at the end.

⁵⁵ bas-il-yooce', Probably from G939 (through the notion of a foundation of power); a sovereign (abstractly, relatively or figuratively): - king.

The Second or Earth Beast of Revelation 13 must be that power because it is the only additional Beast mentioned in the Revelation. The Earth Beast fills up a *short space* when the Sea Beast, or Rome, is apparently wounded *as it were to death*, then the 7th, this Earth Beast comes alongside Rome, the Sea Beast, and builds an image to it, then all are caused to worship that image on the pain of death. *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.* (Rev 13:17)

Daniel gives us the names of the three beasts previous to Rome in his chapter 8: Babylon, Medo-Persia & Greece. This would require two more before these, plus the one yet to come to complete our count.

“It is about 95 AD when these words were spoken to John. Five Kingdoms which once ruled over Israel had fallen:

1; **Egypt**, into which Israel voluntarily entered and was subsequently enslaved;

2; **Assyria**, took the Northern Kingdom after Israel split;

3; **Babylon**, which completely dissolved Israel self-rule;

4; **Medea-Persia**, conquered Babylon and was followed by:

5; **Greece**; conquered by the Terrible Iron Beast;

6; **Rome**: the “and one is” current with John, 95 AD;

7 is; **America**; “*and the other is not yet come*”
America, the seventh kingdom, developed in the New World about the same time Papal Rome received its

wound by the sword. It is not recorded that this seventh (America) conquers the one before it or falls to a successor, only that it continues a short space...

8. is **Rome**, after the wound “as it were to death” was healed, is aided by number seven, who is also the Second Beast of Revelation ch.13...”⁵⁶

⁵⁶ Ibid.

– Chapter Eight – Going Forward in Faith

In chapter five we reviewed the Historicist interpretation of just the Six Vials. The Futurist Proponent would have you believe that these six vials, along with all of the other calamities divulged in the entire book of Revelation are reserved for a seven or three and a half year period immediately before the Return of Christ for His millennial reign. A mind filled with this misinformation would happily receive any proffered escape from such a prognosticated time of terror unlike any other.

It is no wonder that so many have bought into the Seven Year Tribulation Rapture Deception. I was guilty of being one of those many, I accepted it all, hook, line, and sinker. But I hope that like me, because you've read this far into this book, and have verified these things by the Word of God and history, you have been disabused of that great delusion.

“The subject of the Apocalypse according to its inspired definition is, *things which must shortly come to pass*. The Apocalypse is not primarily a book of history or of doctrine, but of prophecy: history in advance. To this its larger part is devoted. It treats of things which were future at the date of their revelation, and of things whose accomplishment was *shortly* to come to pass. Their chronological position did not lie in remote futurity. The time of their fulfillment was in the first century *at hand* (1:3). This idea of the speedy accomplishment of its predictions is again and again referred to throughout the prophecy, and appears at its close in the sentence, *the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show unto His servants the things which must shortly be done* (22:6). The Apocalypse is a

revelation not of remote events in which the Christian Church from apostolic days onward has had no practical interest, but of events which eighteen hundred years ago were near at hand as to the commencement of their accomplishment.”⁵⁷

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Rev. 1:3

What a relief to know that even though there is no Rapture escape we may only suffer such times as all the saints of history were subject to. Some lived and died in relative peace, some suffered deprivations, and others were tortured and martyred. Most of the prophecy in the book of The Revelation, including the six vials we reviewed in our chapter six here, have already been fulfilled in history. We are now near the end of the era immediately preceding the Return of Christ for His Millennial reign.

There are a few major events yet to be accomplished. His return is only imminent following these closing events:

1. The establishment of an enforced Universal Mark of the Beast Financial System, likely Digital.
2. A subsequent Inquisitional period to enforce that Mark Financial System by the Image of the Beast⁵⁸ (The United Nations).
3. The Fall of Mystery Babylon, the destruction of the Whore that rides the Beast by the Ten Horn Powers of

⁵⁷Key To the Apocalypse, <http://crosstheborder.org/key>

⁵⁸Rev 13

the same Beast.⁵⁹

Then Christ returns for The Final Battle.⁶⁰ After this battle the millennial reign of Christ will begin.⁶¹

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

(Rev 14:12-13)

Now remember our lesson from chapter four on The New Testament Temple. We are God's chosen people. People from every nation, all over the planet make up this Spiritual Temple, or the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom 10:10-13)

⁵⁹Rev 17:16,17 and Rev 18.

⁶⁰Rev 19:14-21

⁶¹Rev chapter 20.

APPENDIX

The Sacrifice Controversy

Why is it so important for a reestablished Israel to build a Third Temple in Jerusalem? Do they desire to fulfill some sense of national pride? Or reconnect to long severed roots of ancient history?

These questions can only be answered by a few zealous individuals on the ground. I would assert that the primary source for this desire is the book of their faith, The Torah, to the Christian, the Old Testament.

To appreciate the importance of restoring the Temple Sacrifice System for Judaism it may be necessary to understand the history and significance of the Sacrifice from its beginning. Therefore the Genesis Chapter Three sacrifice, being the very first recorded sacrifice in the Bible itself is where we must begin.

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. (Gen 3:21)

Adam and Eve stood before their High Priest having just received their death sentence, *thou shalt surely die*,⁶² accompanied with the several curses that would be upon them and their offspring after being forced from the Garden of Eden. But this High Priest did not leave them without hope, their redemption and that available to all mankind would come through the Seed of the Woman.⁶³ Though not explicitly stated, but rather

⁶² But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Gen 2:17)

⁶³ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Gen 3:15)

demonstrated by the animal skins that were given to them, in place of the inadequate covering of fig leaves which they had covered themselves with, a sacrifice was necessary to provide those animal skins. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.⁶⁴ The blood of the animals was only a type, a temporary covering, looking forward to the *seed of the woman* who would Himself allow His own blood to be shed, acceptable to God and a permanent sacrifice, once for all by their Redeemer and the Messiah of Israel.

It is further demonstrated by the story of Cain and Abel that the sacrifice was not only done for Adam and Eve at the first event but that it was taught to them by their High Priest and subsequently passed down to their children. Abel was a keeper of sheep⁶⁵ for the purpose of the commanded sacrifice, because the sacrifice was not only a departure, but also an exception to the vegetarian diet prescribed for mankind on the sixth day of the creation account.⁶⁶ If indeed the sacrifice was not instructed, how could it be that Cain was disobedient by offering vegetables instead? Fig leaves or animal skins, like vegetable or animal, the parallel is evident. The inference is again clear, without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

Also not explicitly stated in the Genesis record but clearly inferred by Eve's proclamation at the birth of Seth (which name means substitute), *For God, said she,*

⁶⁴ And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. (Heb 9:22)

⁶⁵ And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. (Gen 4:2)

⁶⁶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. (Gen 1:29)

*hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.*⁶⁷ They were looking forward to the promised redemption which they believed was or would come through Abel, but now hoped to come by Seth. These discerning parents absolutely knew that the promised seed would not be of Cain. The scripture also confirms of the lineage of Seth, *then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*⁶⁸ So the righteous seed line of Seth continued to the Messiah.

The next allusion to the sacrifice is the differentiation between clean and unclean of the animals when Noah was commanded to load the Ark.⁶⁹ Then Noah shortly after the flood built an altar and there offered a sacrifice of only the animals that were declared clean, and yes the sacrifice was eaten. Thereafter, God speaking to Noah, authorized the eating of that same clean meat as a regular part of their diet “*even as the green herb,*” so no longer exclusively for the sacrifice.⁷⁰ But a warning followed against the wanton shedding of the blood of animals which God himself said he would personally hold to account, but the death statute for the wanton shedding of the blood of man (murder) God would require at the hand of his fellow man.

Further demonstrated by the sacrifice or burnt offerings made by several of the patriarchs on the

⁶⁷ And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. (Gen 4:25)

⁶⁸ And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD. (Gen 4:26)

⁶⁹ Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. (Gen 7:8-9)

⁷⁰ Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. (Gen 9:3)

scriptural record, we understand that some form of the sacrificial system was part of an oral tradition before it was codified in the Exodus by Moses. In the Exodus God gave Moses instructions for a portable tabernacle for the priest tabernacle sacrifice system that served National Israel until Solomon built the temple envisioned by his father David about 830 BCE, to which the sacrificial services were transferred. The first Temple stood until about 586 BCE when it was destroyed by the Babylonians.

Israel went seventy years in exile without a temple to pay a Sabbath debt to their God. The Second Temple was built as prophesied and stood for about 500 years, beyond the seventy weeks determined for the people and the holy city.⁷¹ Yes, the temple stood until forty years after Jesus was crucified, and the desolation determined was poured out upon the desolate.⁷²

*The people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.*⁷³

With this prophecy being fulfilled to the letter about 70 CE, the Jewish people lost their Temple again, and the words of Jesus remain true until this very day:

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of

⁷¹Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (Dan 9:24)

⁷²And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (Dan 9:27)

⁷³(Dan 9:26)

*the Gentiles be fulfilled.*⁷⁴

Now it's the Roman Year 2017, and there are Jews back in the land of Israel, but we will not here retell the events which brought this about. We also know that Israel won back the territory which encompassed Jerusalem during the aggressive act of several surrounding nations during the six day war in 1967. However Israel did not act to immediately seize the Temple Mount nor destroy the several Islamic edifices extant, so that the prophetic words of Jesus still stand true. The Gentiles (other nations) continue to trod down Jerusalem and specifically the Temple Mount creating the most difficult roadblock to building a Third Temple. I believe this *times of the Gentiles* will only be fulfilled with the destruction of the Mystery Babylon Image of Daniel chapter 2 and Revelation chapter 18.

⁷⁴(Luk 21:24)

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