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*“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.
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

Timeless Covenant

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*Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake,
do not disgrace the throne of thy glory:
remember, break not thy covenant with us.*

JER 14:21

MANY wonder how a lost Jewish people could possibly be one of the Two Witnesses, quoting as support for their view, “There is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby ye must be saved” (Act 4:12). Their concern is reasonable enough. So how can the true Church be the ally of a people who don’t know that Jesus is their Messiah? Well, when we look back at the rest of the Bible in the light of what we now know from Revelation, we get a clearer picture of the spiritual position of the Jews during this era. But to see it, we also need to understand the spiritual condition of the Old Testament saints. Were the Old Testament Israelites “born again” like New Testament Christians are? There are a few heavyweight theologians who would dispute the point, so let’s bring Scripture to bear on the issue.¹

In His discussion with Nicodemus (John 3), Jesus put a name to what happens in the human heart when we first turn to the Lord. He called it being “born again.” When Jesus spoke with Nicodemus, the cross was still in Jesus’ future, yet right there He made a doctrinal statement that many think applies only to the Church:

Joh 3:3,10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God ... Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

Even though the Old Testament was all the Scripture Nicodemus had, the Lord expected him to understand what being born

¹ Joh 3:3, 3:7 and 1Pe 1:23 are the only verses in the Bible where this experience is so named.

again was all about. So here is the question: How could Nicodemus have understood the born-again principle before Jesus died on the cross? Answer: He could only have understood being born again before the cross if Old Testament believers *could* be born again before the cross. Jesus expected Nicodemus to know, as did a scribe of his time, that it was not correct doctrine, but a changed heart that resulted in salvation:

Mar 12:32-33 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

The Old Testament is full of verses declaring that a changed heart, rather than sacrifice, is the central aspect of salvation.¹ The whole 11th chapter of Hebrews teaches that Old Testament saints were saved by faith. They were not justified by the Levitical code, nor by the deeds of the law any more than we are. Old Testament believers were given a changed heart before the cross – were born again – just like Christians are after the cross.

Since Jesus said, “Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God,” then Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, Job, Daniel, and all the rest of the Old Testament saints had to be born again, or we will not see them in Heaven. We saw Moses and Elijah in their glorified bodies on the Mount of Transfiguration – before the cross – so we can prove they were born again, unless we wish to believe that God would permit His glory to radiate through the faces of the unregenerate. Obviously, those elder brethren had changed hearts, and a changed heart is what being born again is all about.

¹ Here are four of many Old Testament verses that stress heart condition unto salvation above ritualistic observance:

Gen 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.
Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Psa 51:16-17 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Mic 6:8 ... what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

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Eze 36:26-27 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

Old Testament or New, there is NO difference in how a soul is saved. The only difference is doctrine, and doctrine is determined by how the Lord willed to reveal Himself to man at a given time. Old Testament saints and Christians have different doctrines, but the method of salvation is the same.

1Co 10:1-4 I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

True saints have always been born again “by grace through faith,” regardless of the era in which they lived. This is a major issue in some churches, so please make an effort to understand the argument. It will be important to your spiritual well-being and will aid you in your future comprehension of the Bible.

We said all that to get to this: When Jesus went to the Cross there were Old Testament Jews spread all over the world. They were in Africa, Spain, India, even as far away as England. If they were true believers, they were born again. Elect, just like you and I are (Rom 11:28). Many of them must have been unaware of Jesus’ ministry, death, and resurrection.

So here’s the question: Did those dispersed Jews lose their salvation the moment Jesus went to the cross and they were suddenly and unknowingly thrust into the Christian Era? If we believe so, then we are saying a man is saved by his doctrine, rather than by his heart condition.

If a Jew, under God’s covenants given to him through the patriarchs and prophets, could be saved by faith in his coming Messiah for one nanosecond into the Christian Era, then a Jew *in that same spiritual condition* can be saved under those same covenants a thousand, or even 2000 years later. The only way that would not be true is if salvation is based upon where we are positioned in history, and the correctness of our doctrine.

Numerous times in the Old Testament the Lord speaks of His everlasting covenant with the children of Israel, including the following verses:

Gen 7:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Psa 105:8-10 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations ... And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.

If faith in God's Old Testament covenant was good enough to save Moses and Elijah, then it is good enough to save a Jew today *if* – and it is a big *if* – the Holy Spirit has not revealed to that Jew that Yeshua is his Messiah. When the Holy Spirit does so, the Jew needs to recognize God's Son as his Messiah and Lord just like we do. So is it possible for a Jew in this information age to be unaware that Yeshua¹ is his Messiah?² Jesus gave us a marvelous parable in Luke that explains it very clearly:

Luk 5:33-39 (*excerpts*) And they [*the scribes and Pharisees*] said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink? And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?... And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. And

¹ Strong's No. H3091. Yehowshuwa', yeh-ho-shoo'-ah; or Yehowshu'a, yeh-ho-shoo'-ah; from H3068 and H3467; Jehovah-saved; Jehoshua (i.e. Joshua), the Jewish leader: Jehoshua, Jehoshuah, Joshua. Compare H1954, H3442. Transliterated into Greek as Jesus, many Jews spell His name in the abbreviated form of Y'shua, Yeshua or Yeshuah.

² It is no easier to tell if a Jew is saved than it is to tell the spiritual condition of a Gentile. But, if the Holy Spirit reveals to a Jew that Jesus is his Messiah, he is no longer blind. If a Jew then rejects the Lord, he is as lost as any Gentile who does. Consequently, a witness to Jews is as necessary as it is for Gentiles. If a Jew already has the circumcision of the heart (Rom 2:28-29), and the Holy Spirit takes the veil away, the believing Jew WILL turn to Yeshua. Why? Because, the same Spirit that takes the veil away will point him straight to God's Son. Only the Lord knows the true heart condition, (1Sa 16:7).

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no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

The Pharisees were questioning why Jesus' disciples didn't keep Jewish traditions. Jesus replied that the children of the bridegroom didn't fast while the bridegroom was present, speaking of Himself and the disciples. He then likened the gospel to new wine, and the Jews to old wineskins. Jesus went on to say that He would not put the new wine of the gospel into the old wineskins of the Jewish people, lest He destroy them both. Jesus concluded with the categorical statement that He did not will for the old bottles to perish, so new wine was put in new wineskins, *and both would be preserved*. That is a mystery indeed. How can a Jew be preserved if he does not understand the gospel? Let's see how God accomplished it. He promised Moses He would:

Lev 26:33-45 (*excerpts*) I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you ... And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands ... And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God . . . But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.

ELECTION FOR BOTH COVENANTS

Throughout the centuries, the Holy Spirit has kept the Jew under the law (2Co 3:14, Gal 5:2-3). As stated before, to the Jew, the Old Testament is all the Bible there is. To him, Messiah is still to come, and oh, how he longs for His appearance, just as we do. The Jew believes in Him and trusts in Him because of the promises of God given to him in the Old Testament. Can his faith be in vain? The Bible tells us, if we only have ears to hear it:

Rom 11:8-11 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear) unto this day. I say then, Have they

stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation is *come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.¹

Rom 11:24-25 For if thou [*the Gentile church*] wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree [*the Jews*]: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye [*Gentiles*] should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom 11:28-29 As concerning the gospel, *they* [*the Jews*] are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election,² *they* [*the Jews*] are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. [*are irrevocable, NASB*]

Note the two groups of people in those verses: *We* and *They*. Language is meant to communicate, and in no language known to man are *we* and *they* the same group of people. These are two distinctly different bodies of people. From context, these two groups are the Jewish people and the Gentile church. According to Rom 11:28, one of these two groups is the enemy of the Gospel. The Church is not the enemy of the Gospel, so the other group must be, and that's the Jewish people.

But despite their enmity to the truth of the gospel, wonder of wonders, they are still elect. Hear that: the Jews are still elect. That is not a suppositional doctrine; Rom 11:28-29 states they are still elect, and the following verses affirm it:

¹ Some have suggested that it is impossible for a Jew in this age not to know about Jesus. If we were dealing in the natural realm, the author would agree, but we are not. By a sovereign act of divine will, God blinded the spiritual eyes of the Jews (Rom 11:8) and only God can cause them to see again! If the Lord blinded the Jews to their eternal damnation, then He broke faith with the Patriarchs, and His everlasting covenants with Israel are untrue. Num 23:19 states, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

² Strong's No. 1589. ekloge, ek-log-ay'; from G1586; (divine) selection: chosen, election.

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Rom 11:30-32 For as ye [*the Gentiles*] in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their [*the Jews*] unbelief: Even so have these [*Jews*] also now not believed, that through your mercy [*shown to the Gentiles*] they [*the Jews*] also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all [*both Jews and Gentiles*] in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Those Scriptures lead us to this point: If the Church is “elect,” and Israel is “elect,” wherein lies the difference between us? Only in our historic position, and in the accuracy of our doctrine (*neither of which saves us*). The Old Testament saints knew their Messiah was coming, even though they did not know who He was going to be. They were born again, even though they did not know His identity. They were saved by faith in the same Messiah that you and I are and not by their doctrine. Praise God we are not saved because our doctrines are perfect, but because Jesus is the perfect atonement for our sins, and His blood is perfect even for the Jews who do not know His name.

Over the last 22 years, I have watched people dance all around Rom 11:11 and 11:24-32. I even know several theological types who heatedly declare, “I don’t know what those verses mean, but they certainly don’t mean what they say,” thus putting the doctrines of men above the Word of God. Why not believe what those verses say? Is the Bible the Word of God, or isn’t it? I fear our traditions are so firmly entrenched that only a major disaster or the return of the Lord will change them. Throughout the Christian Era, we have been trying to make Gentiles out of Jews, but we have it backwards. Israel was not grafted into the Church; the Church was grafted into Israel (Rom 11:17).

In Rom 11:25, we were commanded not to become “wise in our own conceits” because we were given the gospel while the Jews were not. But we became arrogant anyway, and it has resulted in our own blindness. We’ve been thinking all along that we had it all, while the Jews were without hope. It isn’t so, but unless we

permit the Holy Spirit to take the scales from our eyes, we will remain hopelessly blinded to God's overall plan.

BREAD AND WINE

Jesus was surrounded by a jeering crowd as He stood before Pilate. Pilate wanted to free Him, but the crowd demanded His crucifixion. The Lord loved them, taught them, fed them and healed everyone who came to Him. The Pharisees knew who He was, but still wanted Him dead:

Mat 27:22-25 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*. Then answered all the people, and said, **His blood be on us, and on our children.**

How are we saved, brethren? Because Jesus' blood is upon us. There at the Pavement, the Jews uttered what they thought to be a curse, "His blood be on us, and on our children." But I don't believe God saw it that way. With unfathomable love and mercy He looked down on the people He had blinded for our sakes and probably said, "Be it unto you in accordance with your words."

Despite the Jews not recognizing God's dying Son as their Messiah, the Lord put His merciful hand over the eyes of His beloved people Israel, and saved them. Do we even begin to grasp the caring and forgiving nature of our Heavenly Father? All He needed to do for them to be lost was nothing, just nothing. Instead of that, He blinded them so they could not sin against a knowledge of the truth.¹ Oh, what it has cost those precious

¹ Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth [*that Jesus is the only sacrifice for sin that is acceptable to God the Father*], there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

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people. What sufferings they have endured throughout the centuries because of their inability to see the Savior who went to the cross for them.¹ Spiritually, they suffer still, looking dimly ahead, through darkened Old Testament eyes, for the coming of their beloved Messiah.

Rom 11:33-36 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Looking at the big picture, why did the Lord decree a partial spiritual blindness upon His beloved people? It was for the sake of you and me, the Gentile believers. How dare the Church judge a people whom God Himself has blinded. The Lord desires that we have a loving and understanding heart toward our brethren afar-off, the people who were “blinded for our sake,” moving them to jealousy so that they come to His Son.

Most Jews believe that Christians hate them. They may not show it up front, but down inside the Jews believe it, and for a very good reason. It is a deplorable fact that many so-called Christians have persecuted the Jews throughout this era in the mistaken belief that they killed Jesus. My, have our spiritual eyes ever been dulled. It wasn't the Jews who killed Jesus. You and I killed Jesus! Don't you see that Jesus sacrificed Himself because you and I sinned? While Jesus was hanging on the cross, He saw the sins of all time, from the first sin of Adam until the very last sin to be committed. It was for your sins and mine that He said, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

¹ Certainly many of the Pharisees rejected the Lord so as to be lost, but not all. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea are notable exceptions. Nor would it surprise the author to see Gamaliel in Heaven. He defended the brethren in Acts 5:37-39, and that he feared the Lord is unquestionable.

Blindness is upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles is come in (Rom 11:25). Maybe that day is at hand now because many thousands of Jews are now turning to Yeshua. But the Lord has yet to take the scales from the eyes of all, and many Jews still look to Moses and the prophets.

In Hebrews we read about Father Abraham giving tithes to Melchizedek (the Lord Jesus). Abraham did so for all those who would proceed from his loins: for his children throughout all generations to come (Heb 7:1-10). Now what was Melchizedek's response to Abraham? He set a table before him, and on that table, bread and wine (Gen 14:17-20). Bread and wine . . . the same communion that Jesus served the disciples at the last supper. Oh, the richness of the foreknowledge of God. Do we have eyes to see what the Lord Jesus did through Abraham and for his physical seed forever? As Abraham gave tithes for the children of Israel yet to be born, so, in like manner, Jesus had communion with all the children of Israel yet to be born, and our God is a covenant-keeping God.¹

Jer 31:3-8 Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. For there shall be a day, *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

If the Jewish people had come to know Jesus as their Messiah, they would have been absorbed into the Church, and Jews would have disappeared from the face of the earth. That doesn't sound so bad, does it? How significant could that be?

¹ Most denominations believe that the Jews of the Christian Era who are blind to the fact that Jesus is their Savior are lost. Nonetheless, the scriptural evidence to the contrary is so strong that the author wonders how the Church has been able to maintain their position.

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If the Jewish people had accepted Yeshua as their Messiah, then the Jewish nation, as a distinct people, would have been absorbed into the Church and the prophecies we have been studying could never have been fulfilled!

The fulfillment of every prophecy we have looked at so far, plus the ones we study next, depended on the Jews not knowing Jesus as their Messiah!

Leopard-Bear-Lion

CHAPTER 11

*I will bring the worst of the heathen,
and they shall possess their houses:
I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease;
and their holy places shall be defiled.*

EZE 7:24

JUST about now you are probably saying, “So that’s who the Lord’s forces are, but what about this antichrist? Aren’t the beasts of Revelation about him and his army, and isn’t he supposed to give the unsaved a mark in their hands or on their foreheads?

Well, now that we understand day=years, it’s obvious that at least part of Revelation is less about the end-times than it is about the Holy Land during the Christian Era. Is it possible that the rest of Revelation is also being fulfilled in the Holy Land during this era? Lets look at that possibility.

The following verse was written on mount Nebo in 1406BC. Moses was about to die and this declaration is in his final oration to the Children of Israel just before they enter the land of Canaan.

Deu 11:11-12 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven: A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

The Lord’s eyes are still upon the Holy Land. Do you think the Lord has forgotten His promises about the land where Abraham offered up Isaac, where His temple was built, “a house of prayer for all people”? The land where His Son died, “not only for our

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sins, but for the sins of the whole world”? (1Jo 2:2)¹. Of course not, and that land is not holy to the Jews alone. We have been adopted into Israel (Gal 3:29). If the land of Canaan is holy to the Jews, it is holy to us. If Jerusalem is a Holy City to the Jews, then it is a Holy City to the Church.²

Gal 6:15-16 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

TIMES AND FOUR EMPIRES

All of Revelation’s day=years and “times” were fulfilled by 1967, *in the Holy Land*, so we should look at the possibility that other prophecies in Revelation, like its three Beasts, might also be fulfilled there.

Knowledge is cumulative. We had to understand that prophetic days were really years before we could identify the Dome of the Rock as the Abomination of Desolation. Only then could we understand the significance of the Moslems in Bible prophecy. We also had to understand day=years to identify the Two Witnesses. Only then could we understand the spiritual position of Jews during this era. In the same way, we now need to know about the four beasts of Daniel 7 before we can identify the Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast of Revelation 13.

Keep in mind that Revelation is a figurative book. It is full of concepts expressed in a pictorial way such as *beasts, horns, seals,*

¹ If you question that concept, please read 2Ch 7:12-16 and Eze 43:7. These verses are not alone; Gen 16:18-21, 17:8, Num 34:1-15, Jos 21:43, Exo 23:31 and Act 7:5 also affirm that the land of Canaan is eternally Holy unto the Lord.

² In Daniel and Revelation, God reveals the future of the Holy Land and the future of His people, the “Israel of God,” both Jew and Gentile. Daniel was positioned at the beginning of Gentile domination of the Holy Land, 606BC, so he is a prophet to “the time of the Gentiles.” With the exception of those few verses which relate to the ultimate time of the end (Dan 8:19-25), Daniel’s book was fulfilled in 1967AD. John, on the other hand, was positioned in 95AD, at the beginning of the Christian Era, so he is obviously the prophet to the Christian Era.

trumpets, candlesticks and bowls. If we are to understand God's intent for these figures, we need to find out what they mean. Let's first look at a couple within the Bowls of Wrath:

Rev 16:1-2 (NASB) And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth." And the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

Not for a minute does anyone believe that there will be holy angels up in Heaven pouring out an alphabet soup of trials on Earth from huge gold-rimmed alabaster "bowls." Many severe trials are indeed going to come upon the Earth, but enormous bowls full? Not very likely. It is more reasonable to conclude that God is using "bowl" figuratively, to show us the vast quantity and severity of the trials coming upon the earth.

Nor does anyone believe that we are going to have a flaming red, ten-horned, seven-headed dinosaur roaring about the land, with an all-decked-out, blood-drinking "lady of the night" riding on its back (the Scarlet Beast of Rev 17:3). Nor are we likely to see a real, living animal that is a cross between a leopard, bear and lion all rolled up into one, with blasphemous names tattooed all over its seven heads (the composite beast of Rev 13:2). Nor are we likely to hear a spirited oration from a stone idol that looks like that beast (the image of Rev 13:15). However, if we interpret Revelation literally, that is what we have to believe because that is what Revelation says. Since none of the above is even remotely sensible, then Revelation must be figurative in nature. God's eternal plan given to us in pictorial language.

Now, figurative language is as different from literal language as Japanese is from English. If Japanese were the only language I spoke and you wished to tell me something, you would need to speak to me in Japanese. If you addressed me in English, I

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wouldn't understand a word you said. Some of your words might sound familiar and I might even try to make sense of them, but I would only be guessing, and probably guessing wrong. Well, Revelation is written in a special language, too – a pictorial one. Revelation cannot be understood unless you “speak” the pictorial language in which it was written.

So let's look at the pictorial language God used to tell the Jews about the nations who were going to rule in the Holy Land during the “Time of the Gentiles.” This is a rather lengthy quote and commentary, but I don't know of a better way to explain these verses. Comments are set within the Bible text itself, in *italics*. Please study the passage carefully because your ability to identify the beasts in Revelation will depend upon your understanding of these principles:¹

Dan 7:3-4 And four great beasts came up from the sea [*the sea is the peoples and nations of the world, Rev 17:15*], diverse one from another. The first was like a lion [*The national emblem of Babylon was the winged lion*], and had eagle's wings [*The Ishtar gate of that city has bass reliefs of winged lions upon it*]: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man [*The Neo-Babylonian Empire, begun under Nebopolasser, was brought to the peak of its power by his son Nebuchadnezzar, (606-562BC). Nebuchadnezzar was the most absolute monarch in all human history*], and a man's heart was given to it [*Also a reference to Nebuchadnezzar, who came to the Lord late in life, Dan 4:37*].

Dan 7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear [*After Babylon was taken in 536BC, Medo-Persia became the dominant world power*], and it raised up itself on one side [*The Persians were “raised up” over and ruled the Medean half of their empire*], and it had three ribs in the mouth of it

¹ This prophecy was given to Daniel in 552BC. Daniel lived at the beginning of the time of the Gentiles, so his prophecies look forward at world history from the beginning of that time. The identity of these beasts has been understood by the church for centuries and this view is accepted by most conservative theologians.

between the teeth of it [*The Medo-Persians conquered three other empires: Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt*]: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

Dan 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl [*Alexander the Great defeated the Medo-Persian Empire at the Battle of Issus, in 332BC*]; the beast had also four heads [*Alexander had four great generals under him*]; and dominion was given to it [*After Alexander died in Babylon, 323BC, his empire was divided between his four generals: Ptolemy, Selucius, Lycimicus, and Cassander*].

Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it [*Rome destroyed the remnants of the divided Grecian Empire and began to control the Holy Land in 65BC – The Roman Empire continued until 476AD*]: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns [*After Rome fell, it was divided into roughly ten Eastern and western nations which have continued to this day.*].

Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots [*Adolf Hitler – The Nazi regime controlled most of the geographic area of the old Roman Empire. Which three nations the Lord is talking about here is open to question, however Nazi Germany did pull surrounding states up by the roots*]: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man [*Same expression as is used to describe Nebuchadnezzar, so the Lord is telling us of a single king with absolute power*], and a mouth speaking great things [*Dan 7:11 continues on to tell us of the fall of Nazi Germany, which was the death-knell of the Roman Empire*].

Dan 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts [*Lion-Bear-Leopard or Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece*] they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time [*After Rome fell, the Holy Land again came under the dominion of the descendants of the three first beasts, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece. They came back into power*].

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as the 1st Islamic Jihad of 634AD. They conquered Jerusalem in 639AD, and ruled that city for most of the Christian Era. A time of 1000 years, plus a season of 250 years= 1250 years. The Moslems ruled in the Holy Land for 1260 years, from 688 to 1948AD].

Dan 7:17-20 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings [*or kingdoms*], which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High [*the Jews were the saints during Daniel's time*] shall take the kingdom [*i.e., the Holy land*], and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast [*Rome*], which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet [*Rome dominated the known world for over 400 years*]; And of the ten horns that *were* in his head [*the Roman Empire divided into many smaller states including the major European nations we know today*], and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things [*Adolf Hitler*], whose look was more stout than his fellows [*The Hitler regime. Nazi Germany was the last gasp of the old militaristic Roman Empire*].

Dan 7:21-22 I beheld, and the same horn [*Hitler*] made war with the saints, and prevailed against them [*the Jews were the saints when God gave Daniel this prophecy, and 6,000,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis*]; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom [*and in 1948 the Jews did indeed become a nation again*].

Dan 7:23-24 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth [*This is how we know that this passage is not about just individual kings, but really about kingdoms or empires*], which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he

shall subdue three kings [*Austria, France and Italy were indeed subdued by Hitler during WW2*].¹

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High [*Satan speaks out against the Most High, so now God is telling Daniel about the vast unseen spiritual battle taking place all around us*], and shall wear out the saints of the most High [*When this was written, in 552BC, the Jews were all the saints there were*], and think to change times and laws² [*Islam begins counting its years in 622AD and ignores the Sabbath*]: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time [*The Jews were given into the enemy's hand from 552BC, when this prophecy was given, until the new nation of Israel, 1948AD. That is 2½ x 1000 or 2500 years*].³

IDENTITY OF THE LEOPARD-BEAR-LION

Now the most important thing to notice in the above quote is that the “beasts” in Daniel were *not* conquerors or kings. In fact, they were not people at all. Those “beasts” were empires. Nowhere in the Bible has the Lord changed the definition for “beasts,” and that key unlocks the hidden identity of the “beasts” in Revelation. It’s a pretty obvious key once you see it:

The Biblical definition for beasts

¹ Dan 7 is not an end-time prophecy. Dan 8:17-19 identifies the little-horn out of the He-Goat (Greece) as the final enemy of Israel and the Church. Since Syria-Lebanon was recognized as Grecian during John’s time, the final enemy leader to come against Israel will be Moslem, probably out of the Syria-Lebanon area.

² June 25th, 622 AD marked the turning point in Islam as Muhammad migrated (Hijra) to Yatrib (now Medina) and was declared as head of state and commander in chief of the first Islamic Umma (community of believers). Moslems start their dating from that year. Thus, according to Islam, we are in the fifteenth century not the twentieth.

³ Since it is evident that this “time, times and half a time” was fulfilled in 1948AD, regardless of who we wish to claim as the “Little Horn” of Dan 7, that person would have to be placed before 1948. Looking at history, it appears that Adolf Hitler and the German Third Reich accurately fulfill this 4th beast.

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is kingdoms or empires!

Daniel 7 firmly establishes the figurative identity of the first three Middle Eastern empires that dominated the Holy Land after the fall of the Kingdom of Judah:

Lion = BABYLON.

Bear = MEDO-PERSIA

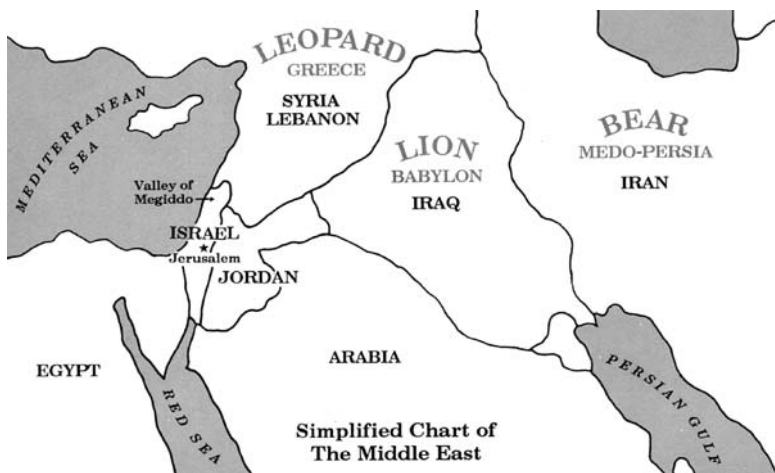
Leopard = GREECE

The modern counterparts of those beasts are:

Lion = IRAQ

Bear = IRAN

Leopard = SYRIA-LEBANON



Nowhere in the Bible have those figurative identities been changed. Throughout Scripture, Lion remains Babylon or Iraq, Bear remains Medo-Persia or Iran, and Leopard remains Greece or Syria-Lebanon. So when we read about a beast in Revelation with those same names, we have every reason to believe the Lord is telling us of the offspring of those empires:

Rev 13:1-2 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. And the beast which I saw was like unto a **leopard**, and his feet were as the feet of a **bear**, and his mouth as the mouth of a **lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

And there he is! The Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast of Revelation thirteen (LBL). Notice that this one beast looks like all three of those old empires rolled into one. So what has tied the three separate Middle Eastern states of Iraq, Iran, and Syria together during the last two thirds of the Christian Era? Islam and the false prophet, Muhammad, that's what! Though they have sometimes battled each other, for thirteen centuries Iraq, Iran, Syria and associates, including Saudi Arabia, have been the home of the radical Moslems, the lair of assassins, a haven for terrorists and a roost for all who hate Israel and the Christian nations.

That's not guesswork theology, folks. The Islamic states have historically been the enemies of the West and they still are today. Furthermore, those radical Moslem states will continue to be enemies of God's people until Jesus returns. Why? Well, notice who empowers those countries, the dragon! And Satan has always been the implacable enemy of God and of God's children. Do not be deluded that the Moslem god, Allah, is the same as our Heavenly Father. Our Sovereign God is a God of *love*, a word conspicuously absent from the Koran. There may indeed be loving Moslems, but the Koran doesn't teach it.

So the Leopard-Bear-Lion is Syria-Iraq-Iran, and their radical Islamic friends. But now we need to know when this beast will be in power, and to establish that, we need a little review:

Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months.

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The 42 months of Rev 11:2 were explained at length in Chapter 5. They were 1278.34 years, and it was 1278.34 years from the construction of the Dome of the Rock until Jerusalem was again under Jewish control. In the prophecy of the Leopard-Bear-Lion, we again see 42 months (Rev 13:5). LBL was granted authority over Jerusalem for 42 months:

Rev 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.

The Leopard-Bear-Lion also was given authority to “blaspheme God’s tabernacle” for 42 months, so these prophecies are clearly parallel. They are obviously about the Moslem rule of Jerusalem (688-1967AD). From the above verses we can now positively identify the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast of Revelation 13 as the Moslem states of the Middle East. LBL is not some future antichrist after all. LBL are those Islamic nations that now stand against Israel and the West. Now let’s look at Rev 13:3-10 in detail. Explanatory notes are again set within the text, in *italics*:

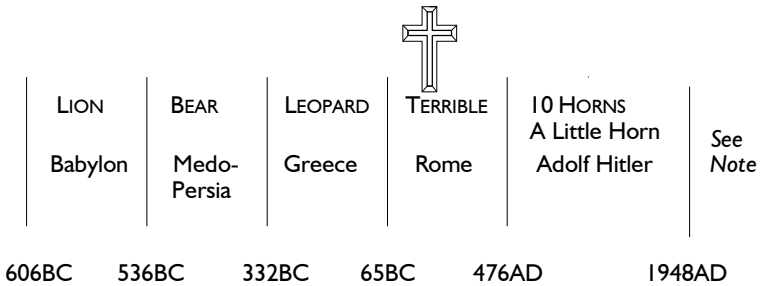
Rev 13:3-4 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death [*The battles of Tours and Vienna struck death blows against Moslem expansion into Europe that destroyed their hope of world conquest*]; and his deadly wound was healed [*After WW2, the western nations sent a major portion of their liquid capital into the Middle East which enabled the Moslem states to rebuild*]: and all the world [*Remember that Bible prophecy is ethnographic – The "whole world" refers to the part of the planet John knew about, John’s known world. The Lord is not telling us of China, Australia, or the Americas here*] wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon [*This verse shows that Islam is not another route to heaven – The dragon is Satan, ergo, The Moslems worship Satan*] which gave power unto the beast [*LBL*]: and they [*the Moslems*] worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? [*During the 1st Jihad the Moslems were indeed victorious over the weaker Christian*

GRAPH NUMBER 15

The Beasts of Daniel

Dan 7:3-24 (excerpts) And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this ... behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron

teeth; and it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns ... and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things ... Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings



NOTE: The Ten Horns of the fourth beast (strong and terrible), arise out of the remnants of the old Roman Empire. Throughout the Christian Era the nations from Roman roots have struggled for world dominion ... the final attempt being made by Adolf Hitler, the "little horn" of Dan 7:8. However, Daniel 7 is not the vision of "ultimate time of the end." Daniel 8 is the end-time vision (Dan 8:19-23), and that vision points to the Leopard-Bear-Lion as the final enemy of the Church and Israel. The Leopard, Bear and Lion beasts had their dominion taken away, but they continued to exist during the Christian Era, and they controlled the Holy Land for "a season and a time" (See graph No. 12 for details).

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Middle East and African states and the Eastern Roman Empire].

Rev 13:5-6 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months. [*the Moslem domination of Jerusalem from 688 to 1967 is 42 months of day=years*] And he [*LBL, the Moslem states*] opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle [*The Moslems built a memorial to Muhammad on the footstool of God's feet*], and them that dwell in heaven [*we dwell in the heavenlies right now, Eph 2:6 "and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus"*].

Rev 13:7-9 And it was given unto him [*LBL*] to make war with the saints, and to overcome them [*The 1st Jihad overwhelmed the Coptic Church which at the time covered the Middle East including North Africa, in fact, from India to Spain*]: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations [*remember that Bible prophecy is ethnographic, that it primarily addresses the countries that surround the Holy land*]. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world [*again a reference to show that Islam is not another road to Heaven*]. If any man have an ear, let him hear.

Rev 13:9-10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity [*during the 1st Jihad, the area controlled by the Coptic church went into captivity, including the Holy Land*]: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword [*the Moslem armies of the Middle Ages were defeated at Tours and Vienna, with great loss of life*]. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The beasts of Revelation appear to be a figurative picture of Satan's total kingdoms on Earth, both physical and spiritual. The

Leopard-Bear-Lion appears to be a VISIBLE aspect of Satan's unseen spiritual kingdom in the Middle East. The Moslems who controlled the Holy Land were held together by a common religion, a spiritual unity, rather than by a common ethnicity. In Rev 13:2, the prophet John also declares the Middle East to be the seat of Satan's power, and Satan's throne does appear to be there.

GRAPH NUMBER 16

Domain of the Leopard-Bear-Lion

Rev 13:1-5 (excerpts) And I ... saw a beast rising up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns ... And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power,

and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed ... And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.



Dome of the Rock
688AD



Jerusalem Freed
1967AD

"Authority was given unto him for forty-two months"

Leopard	Bear	Lion
<i>Early Greece</i>	<i>Medo-Persia</i>	<i>Babylon</i>
now SYRIA	now Iran	now IRAQ

LBL is one beast.

The Islamic World!

1. "Head slain..." In 732AD, Charles Martel defeated a large Moslem army at the Battle of Tours in southern France. In the Battle of Vienna, 20,000 Christian knights under Jon Sobieski won against 300,000 Moslem cavalymen. These two battles stopped Moslem incursions into Christian Europe.

2. 42 Months of days = 1278.34 years. 1967 - 1278.34 = 688.66AD, the Dome of the Rock! That is how long LBL beast had "authority" over the Holy City.

THE TEN HORNS OF LBL

There is probably one more aspect of the Leopard-Bear-Lion we ought to examine. When God gave the land of Canaan to Abraham, He set the boundaries thereof: From the River of Egypt (at the southern border of the Gaza Strip) to the River Euphrates (near Damascus in Syria). That area has always been the land the Lord gave to Isaac and Jacob. The Jews know it and the Arabs know it. But ever since, the Moslems have been trying to take the land God gave to Israel:

Gen 15:18-21 The LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Those peoples were the original inhabitants of the land. When Joshua and the Children of Israel entered Canaan in 1406BC, God commanded them to drive all those people out.¹ They didn't do so. Instead, Israel enslaved the local people and put them to forced labor. When Nebuchadnezzar took the Jews captive to Babylon, he left the "poorer people in the land." That would have included the descendants of those Canaanite slaves, and the descendants of those slaves have been a thorn in the side of Israel ever since. They are probably the Palestinians and they are still a thorn in the side of Israel today!² But they are only part of the 10 horns.

The ten horns of the Leopard-Bear-Lion are the Jihadists like Usama bin Laden with his al Qaeda, Yasser Arafat's Hamas, the Hizbullah, the Islamic Jihad, the PFLP, the Intifada, all the militant

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Though the Arabs are also children of Abraham through Hagar, God gave the Holy Land to the people born through Sarah's son Isaac: "Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Rom 9:7).

² The name Palestinian is derived from Philistine. Those people were the worst of David's enemies. Goliath of Gath was a Philistine.

fundamental Moslems and the nations that support them: Iraq, Syria, and Iran (in ancient times, Afghanistan bordered the Medo-Persian empire, today's Iran).

Jews are being tortured and killed almost daily by terrorist Palestinians from the Gaza strip and Jericho, with the full blessing of Yasser Arafat and the surrounding Arab states. The Palestinians are trying to destroy God's people one soul at a time and take their land one square inch at a time. May Yeshua defend Israel, for no one else will. If an Israeli kills a terrorist in self-defense it is front page in the world's newspapers, reported as a vicious homicide. But if a Palestinian bombs a bus full of women and children, you might find it as a two inch filler, hidden on page 14 of section "B" – and even then, only reported as a justifiable act in a Palestinian "war of liberation" against their Jewish oppressors.

Should we be surprised by this biased journalism? Not at all. That is what we should expect from our media today, considering the influence that OPEC money and Moslem extremists now have on the economies and news agencies of the Western world. Supposedly, these Palestinians are just a poor misunderstood people who are being oppressed by their Jewish landlords, but it isn't so. The Holy Land was a sand hill until, in fulfillment of Scripture, the Jews returned and started cultivating it again:

Isa 35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

A NEWS BRIEF

Christian Action for Israel Newsletter #49, 10/5/2001, 4:55pm

In Gaza City recently, Palestinians put on a reenactment of the suicide bombing of the Sbarro Pizzeria in Jerusalem. The Palestinian Authority bomber and 15 people were blown to pieces in the actual Aug. 9 bombing. Of the 15 victims, seven were children, including a 4-year-old boy and his 2-year-old sister. One of the victims was a 31-year-old American woman. Four were teen-agers. The exhibition included fake body parts scattered about to add more "realism" to rejoice over.

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The Palestinians aren't interested in peaceful coexistence with Israel on any terms. A poll taken last week showed 72 percent of Palestinians favor continuing the uprising, while 66 percent favor continued attacks against Israeli civilians.

Two-Horned Beast

CHAPTER 12

*"When will the new moon be over,
so that we may sell grain
and open the wheat market,
to make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger,
and to cheat with dishonest scales,
so as to buy the helpless for money
and the needy for a pair of sandals."*

AMOS 8:4-6 EXCERPTS

FOLLOWING the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast is another great beast: the beast with "Two Horns like a Lamb." Since the 42 months of LBL's dominion take us from 688 to 1967, this later beast might give us information on events that take place AFTER 1967.

Rev 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

Look at how this new beast is described: It is "like a lamb." The Greek word used here for lamb is *arnion*,¹ accurately defined as "a little lambkin." *Arnion* appears 26 times in Revelation, and in every time except this one, *arnion* referred to the "lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world" (Joh 1:29). So why did the Lord use a lamb to describe this new beast? Because of its nature. This beast will appear to be Christ-like, it will appear to be Christian, but Two-Horns really speaks like the dragon. In other words, this beast would sound just like a Christian empire, but it too would be militant and strongly influenced by Satan.

¹ ἀρνίον, Strong's No. G721. arnion, ar-nee'-on; diminutive from G704; a lambkin: lamb.

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Now, this beast has two horns. In other words, this empire would have two major kings or kingdoms. These kingdoms might exist at the same time, or from examples like Dan 8:3 and 8:8, they could appear one after the other. So how can we know who these kingdoms are? Well, the Bible doesn't directly state who, but it does tell us when they will rule:

Rev 13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him [*i.e., in his sight or presence*], and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

The Old English of the KJV is a little confusing here, but “before him” in Greek is *enopion*, or “in the sight of.”¹ The two-horned beast will rule *in the sight of*, or in the presence of, the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast. Now we already know that LBL was given authority from 688 to 1967. So for this lamb-like beast to rule “in the sight” of LBL, he would have to rule during the *same time*. His two horns would also have to come up between 688 and 1967! That's the key to the identity the Two-Horned Beast, so I'm going to say it again:

For the beast with Two Horns like a Lamb to be in the presence of the Leopard-Bear-Lion, he would have to exist while LBL was in power; in other words, his two horns would have to come up between 688 and 1967!

“In his presence” also means something else. Two Horns and LBL will coexist. Two Horns will not destroy LBL, but will be given authority while LBL remains in the Holy Land. So let's look at the history of the Holy Land, and see if any so-called Christian nations ruled there sometime between 688 and 1967.

The Moslems conquered Jerusalem in 639AD. Forty-nine years later, Abd el Malik Ibn Marwan began construction of the Dome

¹ *ἐνώπιον*, Strong's No. G1799. *enopion*, en-o'-pee-on; neut. of a comp. of G1722 and a der. of G3700; in the face of (lit. or fig.):--before, in the presence (sight) of, to.

of the Rock on the temple mount. Construction was completed in 705, and Islam ruled victorious in Jerusalem for the next 200 odd years. Satan must have thought it was all over for the Holy Land, the Jews and the Church. The Moslems rejoiced over defeating God's Two Witnesses, a fact that was predicted in the prophecy about them:¹

Rev 11:10 (NASB) And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets [*the Two Witnesses*] tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Then in the 10th Century, Pope Urban II called for the Crusades to begin. Christian knights from Europe and England captured Jerusalem and ruled in the Holy Land for the next 200 years. But by the end of the 12th Century, the Crusaders were driven out, and Islam again ruled the country. Moslems continued to rule the Holy Land through several regimes, the final one being the Ottoman Empire.

Though we don't read about it in western histories, the Crusaders raped, murdered, and pillaged the Jews and Arabs who were living in the Holy Land. They claimed to be Christians but they indeed "spoke like the dragon!" They didn't destroy the Dome of the Rock, nor drive the Moslems out of the land so the Crusaders were "in his sight." They were the first horn, and they were in the presence of the Leopard-Bear-Lion!

Seven Centuries later, during World War I, a later group of "Christian knights" again fought against the Islamic world and entered the Holy Land. Lawrence of Arabia and General Allenby (with the blessing of the League of Nations) conquered what was later to be known as the *British Mandate*. The western nations, appearing "like a lamb," ruled in Jerusalem, and from 1917 to

¹ A full explanation of the 3 ½ days or Rev 11:9, is contained in a chapter entitled *Hour, Day, Month, and Year*.

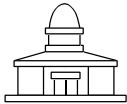
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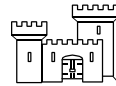
Beast with Two Horns Like a Lamb

Rev 13:11-12 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he 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.

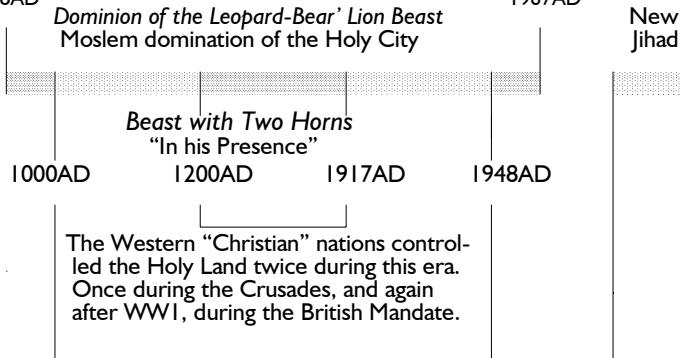
Rev 13:13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.



Dome of the Rock
688AD



Jerusalem Freed
1967AD



Two Horns continues to exist today as the western nations. The Beast with "two horns like a Lamb" would appear to be Christian, but speaks like the dragon. In other words, it would be aggressive and ungodly in its behavior. When the "Christian" nations conquered the Holy Land, they did not destroy the Dome of the Rock, nor drive the Moslems out of the land, so they were in the presence of the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast. Today, the western nations are in bondage to Arab oil, so it is Two Horns that is bringing the likeness of the first militant Islam back to life by financing this new Jihad that threatens us all.

The Last Trumpet, 1Co 15:52, Rev 10:7, Rev 11:15



1948, Great Britain controlled the Holy Land. They did not destroy the Dome of the Rock, nor drive the Moslems out. They were another horn “in the sight” of the Leopard-Bear-Lion. Thus, the British Mandate was the second horn of the Two-Horned Beast.

In 1948, the new nation of Israel was established and that ended Gentile domination of the Holy Land, forever. But twice during the 42 months, “Christian nations” did rule in the presence of the Leopard-Bear-Lion, so the western, so-called “Christian” nations are the beast with Two Horns like a Lamb.

THE HEALED BEAST

That takes us to 1948, but that is not the end of the Two-Horned Beast (2H) nor of the Leopard-Bear-Lion:

Rev 13:12-14 And he [2H] exerciseth all the power of the first beast [LBL] before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast [LBL], whose deadly wound was healed. And he [2H] doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the [LBL] beast.

After World War II, the Beast with Two Horns experienced an accelerated growth in its economies and industry. With western oil fields insufficient for its needs, Two Horns turned to the Middle East. Over the next five decades, a major portion of western hard currency flowed into the coffers of the Leopard-Bear-Lion. Those Middle Eastern nations then used those funds to rebuild Islam and to buy modern weaponry from the West. The Beast with Two Horns “healed” the beast who had a wound of the sword, and Leopard-Bear-Lion came back to life! So for the first time since the Battle of Vienna, radical Islamic states can again threaten the peace of Israel and the Western world.

Indeed, the Beast with Two-Horns “performs great signs” which deceive men and turn their eyes from God. The western

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nations are the most scientifically advanced on earth. If you had been standing on the streets of Baghdad in 1991 or in Kabul this year, the phrase, “and he even makes fire come down out of Heaven to the earth in the presence of men,” wouldn’t have been a mystery to you. American guided missiles and smart-bombs are indeed a “fire from Heaven” that is visible to all.

We have dived to the bottom of the bottomless sea, harnessed the atom, sent probes beyond our solar system, and placed men on the Moon. These are great signs which deceive us into thinking man is God (2Th 2:4).

IMAGE OF THE BEAST

There has probably been as much written about the image and mark of the beast as about any other passage in the Bible (Rev 13:14-18). It has always been assumed that this “image of the beast” was something physical, like a statue that was carved, cast, or sculpted out of stone, wood, or metal. But that is not all the dictionary says an image can be.¹

An image is a likeness of any kind. A photograph is an “image” of the original scene, a book is an “image” of the thoughts of the writer and a child can be the “image” of his father. If we use that broader definition for “image,” then the new Moslem Jihad that faces the West and Israel is an image of the first Jihad. For indeed, this new Islamic threat is just as menacing as the one that came before it.

Rev 13:14 And he [*the Two-Horned Beast*] deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast [*LBL*]; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the [*LBL*] beast [*a likeness of, or a new Islamic power*], which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

¹ Image: A duplicate, counterpart, or other representative reproduction of an object. One that closely or exactly resembles another, a double. A mental picture of something that is not real or present.

An image is a likeness, and now a likeness of the first Moslem Jihad is springing up all over the world. The fastest growing religion in Europe is Islam, and as of this writing, the largest mosque in the Western world is in Rome. The largest place of worship in Toronto, Canada, is a mosque, and there are more people attending mosques in England than there are going into the Church of England. In Holland, state-owned Christian churches are now being turned over to Moslems, and 14% of the immigrants into the United States are Islamic.

There are over 1.4 billion or so people in that false religion today. Best estimates are that 10-15 percent of all Moslems are militant fundamental extremists. In other words, 100 to 150 million human beings are in the world's most dangerous splinter group. Since there are an estimated three to five million Moslems here in the United States, if that 10-15% statistic holds true for us, we could reasonably conclude that between 300,000 and 750,000 Moslems in America also support the terrorists.

It is considered an outrageous sin for a Moslem to betray a fellow Moslem to an infidel, regardless of the crime. As a result, extremists can comfortably hide in any Moslem population. They do so right here in this country.

Dan 8:25 ... he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many:

We are being taken for fools. Did you know that the major portion of Hamas' funding comes from this country? That money isn't being given to the Palestinian terrorists by the tooth fairy.

While claiming to be our friends, these same Moslems, are killing many thousands of Christians in Nigeria, over 1,000,000 Christians in the Sudan – many by crucifixion – thousands more in Indonesia, the Philippines, and anywhere else in the world where there are large Islamic populations. Have we already forgotten our own embassies in Teheran and Africa, the Achille

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Lauro, Pan Am 107, the Marine barracks in Beirut, Somalia,¹ the first World Trade Center attack and the USS Cole?

So what are the differences between the United States and Nigeria, the Sudan, and Indonesia? Many, but there is one central difference – there are a lot more Moslems in those troubled countries. And what do we hear, even from the President of the United States? That Islam is love and peace. Maybe now we can hear three verses from within the Bowls of Wrath:

Rev 16:12-14 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates [*which flows between Iraq and Iran*]; and the water thereof was dried up [*as the waters that separated them were figuratively dried up, they figuratively became one land, and through Islam they have spiritually become one people*], that the way of the kings of the east [*LBL*] might be prepared [*Afghanistan is also East of LBL*]. And I saw three unclean spirits [*Leopard-Bear-Lion is a three-part empire*] 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 [*Muhammad*]. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world [*for the first time in history, Islam is now spreading into the Western world*], to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Note the location of this prophecy: the River Euphrates, a river that runs between Iran and Iraq and into Syria. That's the lair of the Leopard-Bear-Lion once again. Notice how many evil spirits like frogs there are: THREE and LBL beast is a composite three-part beast. It is the release of these three demons into the world that will trigger Armageddon. Just watch how Islam is spreading. The Two-Horned Beast helps the Leopard-Bear-Lion to gain strength to its own harm:

¹ There is now credible evidence that Osama bin Laden funded and sent al Qaeda fighters into Somalia to fight the US Special Forces there, 18 of whom were killed with 75 wounded. Al Qaeda forces fired from behind the local women and children making it extremely difficult for US troops to defend themselves without causing great collateral damage.

Rev 13:15-16 And he [2H] had power to give life unto the image of the [LBL] beast, that the image [or likeness] of the [first LBL] beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

But all of that is far away, and Islam could never be a danger here, right? Yeah right! Most thought so until the World Trade Center fell. But by then, Islam was already a major force among the Black youth in America and many prison populations are controlled by Black Muslims. Of the immigrants now entering this country, 14% are Islamic and Moslems are spending over \$1,000,000 a week here to subvert our people. Even as we write, Islamic fundamentalists hold secret meetings in such unlikely places as Tampa, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, and Kansas City to plot terrorist acts against our nation¹

But despite the destruction of the World Trade Center, western nations, including our own, still favor Arab interests above those of our staunchest friend in the Middle East, Israel. Ignoring the fact that Yasser Arafat and his henchman, Abu Abas, invented airplane hijacking, the Palestinians still have access to the highest echelons of our government. We listen, in a vain attempt to further a peace process that will never work. Arafat is the most murderous terrorist who ever lived, yet we demand that Israel make peace with him. You cannot make peace with those intent on your obliteration, and though it hasn't happened yet, the Bible indicates that our listening to the Leopard-Bear-Lion could lead to the destruction of the Church in the Western world:

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

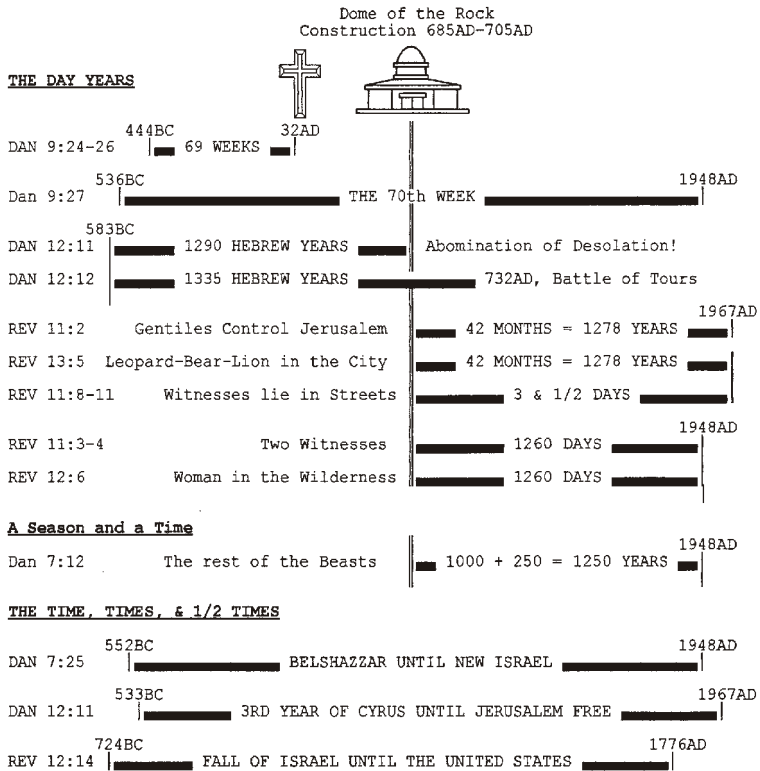
¹ M. Ali, *Christianity's Greatest Challenge* (Kaduna, Nigeria, Soul Winning Team Ministries) pp. 2-5

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That death may be physical, but surely it is spiritual, as the Church stumbles about in a self-induced doctrinal trance. At no time since the Reformation has the Church known less about Jesus or the Bible than it does right now. Blinded by tradition, lethargy, and the cares of this world, we keep right on playing. In Matthew 24:25 the Lord promised He would tell us all this in advance, and He has. But Jesus will still be returning as a thief, for few there are who await His appearing.

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Summary of Day-Years & Times



NOTE: Thirteen day-year historic fits are too many to ignore. The mathematical and historic evidence for his method of interpretation is overwhelming.

The Big Lie

CHAPTER 13

*And he shall destroy
the mighty and the holy people,
and through his policy also
he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand;
and by peace shall destroy many.*

Dan 8:24-25

With full permission of the author, M. Ali, all Koranic quotes and all the information about Muhammad and Islam is directly quoted from *Islam Reviewed, 2nd American Edition* (Fish House Publishing, Fort Myers FL, 1999). M. Ali is a well educated former Moslem who is now a Christian and an evangelist to Moslems.

IF we listen to the American media, President Bush and other politicians, we hear that this isn't a religious war, that Islam is peace, and even love. It is a big lie. From openly biased Islamic professors in our universities, we also hear that the United States' war on the terrorist groups in Afghanistan is unjustified. That's another big lie – talking heads trying to lull the American people asleep to the hidden danger that faces us. It isn't hijacked planes or potential bio-chemical attacks that we need to worry about, but fundamental Islam itself.

It is significant that President Bush didn't name the terrorist organizations in Israel and that Colin Powell, the US Secretary of State, continually pressures Israel to implement a so-called "peace process" with terrorist groups. The reason, of course, is to keep the petroleum rich Islamic states from shutting off our oil supply. A pragmatic policy, perhaps, but morally bankrupt.

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Yasser Arafat and his associates, the Hamas, the Islamic Jihad, the PFLP and the Palestinian Authority are continually being implicated in the every-day shootings and bombings taking place in Israel – women and children being murdered by snipers. Despite the public face Arafat shows to the West, his many speeches in Arab states call for the complete destruction of Israel. If you question the validity of that statement, just go to Arutz Sheva, <http://www.israelnationalnews.com> or read any other less Arab biased newspaper.

The Iranian and Syrian sponsored Hizbollah (Party of Allah) bombard northern Israel with rocket-propelled grenades and artillery, and they continually set ambushes and booby traps for Israeli soldiers. Philip Schaff, in writing on the history of the Christian church, clearly states the Islamic mind-set:

“The Sword”, says Muhammad “is the key of heaven and hell; a drop of blood shed in the cause of Allah, a night spent in arms, is of more avail than two months of fasting and prayer; whoever falls in battle, his sins are forgiven, and at the day of judgment his limbs shall be supplied by the wings of angels and cherubim.” This was the secret of his success. Idolaters had to choose between Islam, slavery and death; Jews and Christians were allowed to purchase a limited toleration by the payment of Jizya (humility tax), but were nonetheless kept in degrading bondage ... The khalifs, Muhammad’s successors who like him united the priestly and kingly divinity, carried on his conquests with the battle cry: “Before you is paradise, behind you are death and hell.” Inspired by the weakness of the Byzantine empire and the internal distraction of the Greek church, the wild sons of the desert who were content with the plainest food, and disciplined in the school of war, hardship and recklessness of life, subdued Palestine, Syria and Egypt, embracing the classical soil of primitive Christianity. Thousands of Christian churches in the patriarchal diocese of Jerusalem, Antioch and Alexandria were ruthlessly destroyed or converted into mosques. Twenty years after Muhammad’s death, the crescent ruled over a realm as large as the Roman Empire.

The command to fight for the cause of Allah is given in many Suras of the Koran:

"Then fight in the cause of God and know that God heareth and knoweth all things" (Sura 2:244).

The command to fight relentlessly is given in Sura 4:74. In Sura 8:65, Allah encouraged Muhammad to incite Moslems to fight. Listen to Allah giving the Jihad order:

"But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them and lie in wait (ambush) for them in every stratagem (of war) but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity, then open the way for them: for God is oft-forgiving most merciful" (Sura 9:5).

"O ye who believe! fight the unbelievers ... " (Sura 9:123).

Those who are ignorant of the Koran and Islam are astonished when they hear about Islam's slaughtering of Christians, but Moslems are just doing what they think is right. Allah specifically commands Moslems to fight against Christians and Jews until they are reduced to a condition worse than slaves:

"Fight those who believe not in God [*Allah*] and his apostle [*Muhammad*], nor acknowledge the religion of truth [*even if they are*] of the people of the book [*i.e. Jews and Christians*], until they pay jizya [*humiliating tax*] with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued [*enslaved*]" (Sura 9:29).

In obedience to Allah's call to fight, Muhammad spent a great deal of his own time between the Hijra (flight) and his death mapping out strategies for the purpose of spreading Islam, personally getting involved in ambushes and other battles. Islamic historians themselves confirm that Muhammad was present at twenty six such armed conflicts and fought actively in nine (Risalatullah & C., 47, CF. Ibn Hisham Vol. 3, P. 78).

Many try to explain away the high level of terrorism perpetrated by various Islamic groups, but all recognize Jihad as part of today's reality. Enthusiastically employed as a means of

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propagating Islam during the dark ages, Jihad now embarrasses many moderate Moslems. But despite the views of moderate Islamic governments, if fundamentalism becomes the dominant belief of their people, those governments will either agree to fundamentalist demands or those governments will fall. The ousting of the Shah of Iran is a good example.

Faithful Moslems have been drumming Islam's militant agenda for decades, but the West didn't think it needed to worry.¹ Before Israel even became a state, Ayatollah Khomeini was going into all the Islamic colleges, theological seminaries and schools in Iran, teaching them a five point agenda:

Stage 1: Iran must become a theocratic, fundamentalist Islamic State.

Stage 2: Iraq must become a theocratic, fundamentalist Islamic State.

Stage 3: Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, have to become fundamentalist, theocratic Islamic States.

Stage 4: Jerusalem must be retaken and the Jewish people destroyed.

Stage 5: Conquest of the nations.

As recent history shows, Stage 1 has been accomplished and there is no Moslem, fundamentalist or moderate, who does not also believe in stages 4 and 5. That is so important, I must say it again: *There is no Moslem, fundamentalist or moderate, who does not also believe in stages 4 and 5.* Those five stages are bonds that unite all Moslems, regardless of sect or geographic location. Let's say it again, Islam's ambitions are:

- (1) Annexation of Jerusalem and annihilation of the Jews
- (2) Obliteration of Christianity
- (3) Conquest of all nations.

² In a 3/22/99 speech delivered in Egypt, Hillary Clinton, wife of the former American president, declared that the United States would be more accepting of Islam in the future. Total insanity! If fundamental Islam ever gains political control in the United States, individual freedom and freedom of worship will be a thing of the past, just as it is in most Islamic states today.

To most Moslems, the failure to achieve those objectives means the failure of Islam and consequently, the failure of Allah – an unimaginable blasphemy to them. Islam will never renounce its claim to Jerusalem, neither will it relent in its effort to destroy the Jews. In 1984, Ayatollah Khomeini declared to the entire world:

“In order to achieve the victory of Islam in the world, we need to provoke repeated crises, restored value to the idea of death and martyrdom. If Iran has to vanish, that is not important. The important thing is to engulf the world in crises. Those who are called to export the revolution will lose their unhealthy desire for comfort and will attain the maturity needed to fulfill their mission. The road to Jerusalem goes through Kerbala.”
(an Iraqi town)¹

These are not the words of a naive, overwrought, emotional fanatic with stone-age ideas, as the West mistakenly concludes. Ayatollah Khomeini was one of the most politically astute theological minds in the Islamic world. He was able to perfectly express the mind of Allah and Islam, and though he has been long dead, his manifesto lives on. One prays that United States political thinkers will heed what is written here, but the government is now so politically and morally compromised, that any departure from a policy of appeasing Islam is most unlikely. Blindly optimistic, the American bureaucracy totally ignores the Moslem view of a treaty signed with infidels. In the Moslem mind, any agreement made with an infidel is not binding.

If the Koran is to be accepted at face value, and Muhammad is to be considered to be the model of correct Islamic behavior, those so called “extremists” or “fundamentalists” are actually the true Moslems. Moslems who are hungry for Christian blood are really the ones who are obeying what the Koran says:

“Therefore when ye meet the unbelievers [*in fight*] smite at their necks; at length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly [*on them*]” (Sura 47:4).

¹ Quoted in *Le Point*, No. 599, March 12, 1984, pp. 89-90

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The Koran abounds with that type of inflammatory Sura and that is why all true Moslems wish unbelievers dead (especially Christians and Jews). Islam has divided the world into two distinct camps:

1. The *Dar al-Salaam*, i.e. the household of peace.
2. The *Dar al-Harb*, i.e. the household of war.

Everyone who is not a Moslem is in the *Dar al-Harb*. They are regarded as infidels, the enemies of Allah, whose heads may be chopped off at will. Barbaric? Yes indeed, but it's a reality today. There are Christian churches hidden throughout Arabia and beheading is exactly what happens to them if they are ever caught. So let's take a closer look at the "peace-loving" founder of Islam:

Muhammad was born in 570 AD in Mecca (correctly pronounced Makka), a city northwest of Arabia. His father, Abdullah (meaning servant of Allah) died before he was born. His mother, Amia, died when he was six. He was raised, first by his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib, and later by his uncle, Abdul Manaf, also known as Abu Talib. He was of the Hashimite clan of Quraish tribe. As a young boy he traveled with his uncle in merchant caravans to Syria, and for some years after he made similar journeys in the service of a wealthy widow.

At the age of forty-three, Muhammad went to the public square around the Ka'aba stone to preach. He proclaimed that Allah was one, unseen and all-powerful. He condemned the worship of other gods beside Allah and warned of a coming day of judgment. In thirteen years of peaceful preaching, he won about a hundred followers. Persecution broke out and some of his followers fled to Abyssinia (now Ethiopia, a Christian country).

The Negus of Abyssinia and his Christian subjects protected the Moslems and lavished love on them. When the Meccan persecutors demanded their repatriation, the Christians refused to hand them over. The Moslems had earlier defended their faith in public debate, confessing their belief in Christ's virgin birth, His miracles,

and His ascension into heaven (the favorable passages about Jesus in the Koran may be there for that reason).

But, Muhammad's accommodation with the Christians was short-lived. After Islam became fully established, it revealed its true colors as a rabid anti-Christian religion, and the blotting out of Christianity from under the sun has been a major aim of Islam ever since. In their quest to destroy Christianity, Moslems even went as far as to forge a false "gospel," allegedly written by Barnabas.¹

Following in the footsteps of their prophet, Muhammad's successors, the Khalifahs, launched a Jihad against Christendom in Mesopotamia, Asia minor, central Asia, and in Egypt, killing millions and forcing the rest to embrace Islam.² Then they attacked and occupied Jerusalem. As if all this wasn't enough, on the very site where the magnificent temple of the God of Heaven once stood, the Moslems chose to construct the Dome of the Rock and their third most "holy" mosque, the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Why was the Dome placed where it was, if not to desecrate the temple site of the God of the Bible?

The Moslems undid most of what the early apostles had achieved in the Middle East by invading Christian populated North Africa, murdering many and forcing the rest to Islam at the point of the sword. Even today it is a crime to preach Christ in most Middle Eastern countries. As stated earlier, in Arabia, if a Saudi national is found to be a Christian, he is beheaded.

The battle-hardened Islamic "missionaries" then swept over Palestine, drove on to Persia, continued their drive into northwest India, and settled finally on the southern steps of Russia. They overran Spain and invaded France. Thank God for Charles Martel

¹ Barnabas is believed to have been written by a monk named Marino, a Catholic turned Moslem, who was later known as Mustapha Arandi. Barnabas contains direct quotes from the Koran and from a 15th century comedy by Dante.

² Before his death in 632, Muhammad ordered a military operation against Christian Byzantine (the Eastern Roman Empire).

who halted their advance into Europe. But for that battle, Islam could have overrun the entire continent. Islam is now using their petrol dollars to achieve what they could not accomplish earlier through the sword. Through its control of oil, Islam is now expanding at the expense of Christendom.

IMPORTANT DATES IN ISLAMIC CONQUEST:

- 632 AD – Islamic Jihadists conquered Yemen.
- 632 AD – Invasion of Abyssinia (Ethiopia) but the invading Islamic army was repelled by the orthodox church backed by the Portugese. This was a particularly disgraceful event, because just seventeen years earlier, Abyssinia had helped the persecuted Moslems.
- 633 AD – All the desert tribes of Arabia were thoroughly subdued through military campaigns.
- 635 AD – The attacking Islamic army conquered Damascus.
- 637AD – The Persians (Iranians) were defeated at the battle of Qadisiyya.
- 637 AD – The fall of Iraq
- 638 AD – Islamic fighters occupied Jerusalem.
- 639 AD – All of Syria fell into Moslems hands.
- 642 AD – All of Egypt fell to Moslems after some resistance in Alexandria. The great Coptic church was destroyed never to get strong again.
- 670 AD – Khalif Muawiya ordered an unsuccessful sea assault against Byzantium.
- 688 AD – The fall of Carthage.
- 702 AD – The Berber tribes of North Africa conquered.
- 705 - 708 AD – Occupation of North Africa.
- 711-713 AD – Arabian expansionists captured all of Spain and Portugal. The place the Islamic Commander pitched his headquarters still bears his name, Gibraltar, in English, or Jebel Tariq (Arabic), meaning mountain of Tariq.
- 715-717 AD – Arabian armies subdued Afghanistan, central Asia, northern limit of the Caspian sea, much of northern India.
- 718AD – Islamic forces started attacking France.
- 725AD – The invading Islamic armies besieged Toulouse and raided Burgundy and the Rhone valley.

732 AD – Bordeaux was besieged. The Islamic armies advanced up to Poitiers where they were defeated by Charles Martel.¹

And thus, just one century after the death of Muhammad, the domain of Islam stretched from the Pyrenees to the Himalayas, from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, and from central Asia to central Africa.

From 750 AD onwards, Islam went through a period of stagnation. For a time, intellectual, commercial and artistic pursuit became more prominent, and by the eleventh century, the Islamic empire was weak enough for the Vatican to venture the crusades. However, this provoked the Moslems to more conquests:

11th Century AD – Moslems penetrated Africa south of the Sahara.

12th - 14th Century AD – Moslems' occupation of northern India.

13th Century AD – A band of Moslem states linked Dakar (Senegal) to the Red Sea across the sub-Sahara prairies.

14th - 16th Century AD – Moslem fighters conquered Indonesia.

15th Century AD – Constantinople falls. That city (renamed Istanbul) was the eastern bastion of the whole of the Christian world. The great Christian church of Santa Sofia built by Christian emperor Justinian, was then turned into a mosque.

¹ CHRONICLE OF ST. DENIS: The Moslems planned to go to Tours to destroy the Church of St. Martin, the city, and the whole country. Then came against them the glorious Prince Charles, at the head of his whole force. He drew up his host, and he fought as fiercely as the hungry wolf falls upon the stag. By the grace of Our Lord, he wrought a great slaughter upon the enemies of Christian faith, so that—as history bears witness—he slew in that battle 300,000 men, likewise their king by name Abderrahman. Then was he [Charles] first called "Martel," for as a hammer of iron, of steel, and of every other metal, even so he dashed: and smote in the battle all his enemies. And what was the greatest marvel of all, he only lost in that battle 1500 men. From: William Stearns Davis, ed., *Readings in Ancient History: Illustrative Extracts from the Sources*, 2 Vols. (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1912-13), Vol. II: *Rome and the West*, pp. 362-364

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1683AD – The Battle of Vienna. Decisive loss for the Moslems and that defeat ended their attempts to take Europe.¹

1804 AD – Islamic Jihadists conquer northern Nigeria.

ISLAM, A BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Since many western nations have a distorted or vague knowledge of Islam, it is essential to give a brief historical background of this political entity that is also a religion. Islam literally means submission. Consequently a true Moslem is one who submits in every way to the Koran. Islam is not Muhammadanism nor are Moslems Muhammadans. Such terms are a misnomer and quite offensive to Moslems. Islam revolves around a central figure called Muhammad, but that does not mean the religion is built around or on Muhammad. According to Moslems he was only an instrument of Allah.

Islam is not just a religious but a political entity, and since politics is a game of compromise, Muhammad did make concessions to his Arabian opponents. He recognized and worshiped their idols (Al-Lat, Al-Uzza and Manat) (Sura 53:18-22). When these concessions backfired, Muhammad blamed Satan for putting false “revelations” in his mouth (Sura 22:52). These satanic verses (of Salmon Rushdie fame) came in the same way as Muhammad’s earlier visions, but he never once suspected that they all might have had the same source.

June 25th, 622 marked the turning point in Islam as Muhammad migrated (Hijra) to Yatrib (now Medina) and was declared as head of state and commander in chief of the first Islamic Umma (community of believers). Moslems start their

¹ One of the greatest battles ever fought against Moslem forces took place at the gates of Vienna, September 12, 1683. Like the Battle of Tours before it, this battle saved Europe from falling to Islam. The city was besieged by a large Islamic force of about 275,000-300,000 Turks and Tartars, led by Grand Vizier Kara Mustafa. Christian forces were losing the battle until Jan Sobieski, King of Poland, entered the field with about 30,000 knights. The Turks left 15,000 dead on the battlefield. Christian losses are believed to have been about 3500 dead and wounded.

dating from that year. Thus, according to Islam, we are in the fifteenth century, not the twentieth. Moslems also ignore the Sabbath. That Satan would attempt to change time and days is stated in black and white in Daniel 7:25:

“He will speak against the most high and oppress his saints and try to change the set time and laws ...” (NIV)

Once Muhammad had consolidated his position in Medina, his god, Allah, commanded him to wage a Jihad. Attacks and counter attacks continued until a ten year peace pact was signed with the Meccans, known as the treaty of Al-Hudaybiyah. This treaty was just a ploy, and Muhammad invaded Mecca two years later at the head of ten thousand fanatical Jihadists (cf. Daniel 11:23-24). Realizing that any resistance would be suicidal, the Meccans surrendered unconditionally.

Muhammad’s bitter enemies, Abu Sufyan, Suhail and the like, saved their lives by immediately switching over to Islam. Those who would not do so were summarily executed (Another sterling example of Allah’s tender mercies). Since then, Islam has maintained a steady expansion throughout the Third World, most of it by open military aggression.

And Islam has not changed in modern times. Though we tend to ignore them, their attacks continue. In 1992, the U.N. Security Council imposed an air travel and arms embargo on Libya. This action was taken because Libya refused to hand over the two men who were implicated in the blowing up of the Pan-Am passenger plane over Lockerbie, Scotland, a 1988 terrorist act in which 270 people were killed. Because the perpetrators were Moslems and in the *Dar al-Salaam*, Libya hid them for years, until international pressure made it impossible for them to continue doing so.

On Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th May 1992, Radio France International reported the death of fifty people as Islamic fundamentalists attacked Coptic Christians in Egypt. The attacks against Coptic Christians continue to this day. Later that year, the

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Islamic Salvation Front of Algeria asked its members to take up arms against its own government, a conflict that is ongoing.

In 1996, radical Taliban Moslems in Afghanistan captured Kabul with the intent of setting up a fundamental Islamic state based on strict Koranic (sharia) law. They did so, putting in place one of the most degrading to women and oppressive governments that has ever existed on the planet.

Fundamental Moslems in the Sudan have slaughtered over 2,000,000 unarmed villagers, both Christian and animists. Christian pastors are routinely crucified. Christian women have their breasts cut off, making it impossible for them to feed their babies who subsequently starve to death. The West has known about this genocide for years, but little has been done to stop it.¹



The following is an eyewitness decade-long synopsis of what is happening in one predominately Christian country, Nigeria:

We don't need to go to the historical archives to find out what Jihad is like. Moslems regularly slaughter Christians here, and at random. Here are a few examples:

In the North, with the full backing of local authorities, Churches are pulled down at will. The excuse? The North is now an Islamic State. M. Ali, the author of *Islam Reviewed* was in Kano in 1980, when an Islamic riot broke out, killing 4,177 people (official figure) with millions of dollars worth of properties destroyed. In October 1982, the Islamic faithful were again

¹ Until this very year, the United States tacitly supported the Christian people in southern Sudan, but the present Bush administration has shifted the support of the US to the Moslem north, probably to strengthen our coalition with the Islamic states. However, in so doing, we put this country on the side of genocidal mass butchers as evil as any in Nazi Germany. Reported on Marlon Maddox Radio Talk Show, *Point of View*, 2:30pm, 10/17/2001. The hypocrisy and gross immorality of such a policy is beyond comprehension. There is a righteous God in heaven who will not long defend those countries that support the murderers of His people.

destructive, setting eight big churches ablaze. In that same year, the Moslems in Kaduna went berserk, slaying 400 people (official figure).

In 1984, Islamic fury erupted in Yola and Jimeta, killing 700 people, including some policemen, and rendered 5,913 people homeless. In March 1987, Moslems in Kaduna, Zaria, Kafanchan and Katsina launched a half-week Jihad against Christians.

In Zaria alone, all one hundred big churches were fire-bombed. Several Christians were butchered and many others were roasted to death. Many known Christian buildings were destroyed. In all those cities, any motor vehicle that displayed a Christian sticker was attacked.

In April 1991, Moslems in Bauchi went on an indiscriminate killing spree, burning down churches and destroying a great deal of personal property. About 350 people were killed.

On October 14th 1991, the Moslems in Kano went on rampage again, ostensibly to disrupt a crusade during which the German-born evangelist, Reinhard Bonnke, was to preach. They planned to murder Bonnke himself. It is difficult to arrive at the exact casualty figure there, because many of the murdered Christians were dumped into wells. However, it is estimated that over 2,000 Christians were cut down by Islamic swords. In this case, however, the Moslems, too, suffered casualties:

“Unlike previous religious riots in which non-indigenes (*the non-violent*) and Christians turned the other cheek or ran for their lives, this time they hit back. Within hours of the fundamentalists unleashing a reign of terror, the non-indigenes mobilized themselves into a militia force, brandishing cutlasses, matchets, iron rods and broken bottles in a counter attack.”¹

In May 1992, Zangon-Kataf, a town about 200 km south of Kaduna was destroyed, the Moslem settlers clashing with the indigenous church-going Kataf. The entire town was devastated

¹ Page 16 of the Oct. 28, 1991 edition of *Newswatch Magazine*

and farmlands destroyed. The destruction was so total that federal authorities declared it a disaster area.

Within a few days, the war spread to Kaduna. The Moslem plan was to attack Christians during their Sunday worship services. They struck at 8 PM, local time, slaughtering people from house to house, chanting “Allahu Akbar” as they went. Many churches were set ablaze, and as usual, other Christian buildings were targeted. Thousands perished.

On September 14, 1994, the Islamic faithful struck Potiskum, Yobe State (North East Nigeria), killing three people including an ECWA church Pastor, Yahaya Tsalibi, who was conducting communion service. Nine churches were set ablaze and millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed (Police estimate).

In Kano, on December 26, 1994, Mr. Gideon Akaluka (a Christian) was beheaded by a mob of Moslem faithful, allegedly for defiling a portion of the Koran. They paraded around the city with his severed head on a pole, chanting a victory slogan.

In Sokoto, northwest Nigeria, another Christian was mercilessly beaten because a Moslem beggar who was asking for alms accused him of insulting the prophet. Mr. Azubuike was more fortunate than most; he was thought dead and abandoned.

July 1-7, 1995, Moslems attacked Sayawa Christian community of Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi State (northeast Nigeria). The Moslems then proceeded to attack and burn down 30 Christian villages. Over 1,000 homes were razed. Christians were killed by the thousands. Seventy-seven churches were burned to the ground. Properties worth millions were destroyed. Not even women and children were spared in this genocidal Jihad – the Islamic faithful slaughtering 36 women and children who had taken refuge at a church building in another village. The women even had their bellies ripped open. In another village called Bununu, in Bula district, twenty-two school children (ages 11 to 16 years) were trapped and butchered by Moslems.

Wouldn't you think the police or military would come to the rescue of these defenseless people? Not a chance, and no Moslem ever stood before a court of law to answer for the numerous acts of vandalism, not to mention the countless murders they committed. Instead, the Christian victims of that Jihad had to stand trial before a military tribunal for causing the trouble. A gross miscarriage of justice? Certainly, but eventually one becomes accustomed to the ever-present threat of governmental injustice or Moslem violence. So accustomed to it, in fact, that we just started calling it the "Nigerian Factor."

The religious fervor that caused above atrocities is not going to go away. Authorities who think they can appease Moslems by supporting them against Christians need a better understanding of Islamic law. According to the Koran, true Moslems cannot be appeased until a pure, non-negotiable, Islamic government with a Sharia, i.e., fundamental Islamic constitution is in force in the nation where they live.¹

Even worse than the atrocities is the apathy of the church towards Moslem evangelism, for the problem lies not with a people who are worse than any other. It lies in the religious system they have been taught and they so earnestly believe. As long as Moslems believe the Koran to be of God, they will continue to burn, rape, and murder their opponents.

We have ignored the irreconcilable spiritual differences that exist between ourselves and Islam. The Moslem goal first, last and always, has been to conquer the world for Islam by the power of

¹ Editor's Note: That's not just Nigerian secular authorities, but governments anywhere who try come to some diplomatic accord with Moslem fundamentalists, Palestinians included. By true Islamic law, it is not only permissible but laudable to lie, cheat, steal and even murder those who are not Moslems. After all, they are infidels and in the House of War. As a result, Islamic militants will not depart from their stated intent of destroying Israel and the United States just because of some worthless paper they signed but have no intention of honoring. The liberal media in the West blindly applauds such agreements as wonderful "peace initiatives," but the non-Islamic nations will eventually pay a staggering price for failing to understand the true nature of Islam.

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the sword. It won't be long before the Jihad they live with in Israel, Indonesia, the Philippines, North Africa and Europe reaches its bloody sword across the Atlantic, and the West suffers for its diplomatic folly.¹

Jos, Nigeria, 10/29/2001

Dear Brother Skolfield,

Moslems launched a devastating attack on our city after their Friday Jummat prayer. We managed to escape by God's grace, but we have been living like refugees for the past eleven days. No place is really safe. Just yesterday we heard that Moslems secretly killed a number of college students. Things are so bad now that we sleep with one eye open.

We sympathize with you, the brethren and the entire U.S. over the Islamic Jihadists suicide attack on Washington and New York. Your book is becoming clearer by the day yet the devil is stigmatizing the church against hearing it.

Your brother in the Lord.

M. Ali

(Author of Islam Reviewed)

¹Editor's Note: The wealthy Arabian terrorist, Osama bin Laden, stated publically that he would explode two nuclear devices in the United States in the year 2000 as his part in the ever-expanding Islamic Jihad against the West. That he and all fundamental Islam are at war with the West is patently obvious. Well, bin Laden missed his declared deadline, but as of this writing, his organization was able to hijack four planes in 2001, two of which destroyed the World trade Center and one that damaged the Pentagon. US intelligence agencies had already implicated bin Laden in two US embassy bombings, the battle in Somalia and the attack on the USS Cole, but the Clinton administration did little to stop him.

Scarlet Beast

CHAPTER 14

*And the light of a candle shall shine
no more at all in thee;
and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride
shall be heard no more at all in thee...
And in her was found the blood of prophets,
and of saints,
and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

REV 18:23-24

HISTORICALLY positioned at the fall of the Davidic kingdom, Daniel's visions accurately predict the four great Gentile empires, who would rule in the Holy Land during the Time of the Gentiles. The visions of the "Great Image" and "Four Beasts" identify those major Middle Eastern empires as Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome (Daniel chapters 2 and 7). The descendants of those empires, united under Islam, continued to rule the Holy Land from 639 to 1948-1967.

Daniel's primary ministry was to tell the Jews about their future during the 2573 years their land would be under Gentile control, and he did so in a series of parallel and repetitive prophecies. The Lord also told Daniel how long that Gentile domination would last (the Time, Times, and a half), but Daniel

couldn't understand "time" (Dan 12:8), so until this generation, nobody knew when the Time of the Gentiles would be over.

After the cross, God inspired another apocalyptic prophet, the Apostle John, to write the book of Revelation. John was positioned at the beginning of the Christian Era, and his book is primarily about this era.¹ The Leopard-Bear-Lion identifies the Islamic beast who would trespass on the Holy City for 1278 years, while the Scarlet Beast is an overview of the Gentile empires that would trouble God's people throughout time.

Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

When we look back at history through the grid of Revelation, the seven heads of Rev 17:3 exactly fit the world empires that have controlled the Holy Land down through the ages. But to understand who these empires are, we need to look at them from the historic position of the Apostle John, in about 100AD:

Rev 17:10-11 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.

During John's lifetime, Rome was in power, so Rome was empire number six, the empire that IS. The "five fallen" would then have to be five empires that controlled the Holy Land before John's time. Four of those empires can easily be documented as Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. The identity of the first

¹ Revelation is also a figurative work, and it is organized in exactly the same way that Daniel is – in a series of repetitive prophecies. The two beasts of Revelation 13 and 17 are repetitive pictures of world history, and they are repeated in an organized way. Rev 17 equals Rev 13 as the B=B of Rev's 2nd chiasm. The chiasm is a Hebrew poetic form that was used in both Daniel and Revelation. The chapter Chiasms & Bifids in *Sozo, Survival Guide for a Remnant Church* explains this form and shows how it is key to understanding the parallel and repetitive nature of the visions in the apocalyptic books. If there is sufficient interest in this book, a sequel will be released that contains all this supporting information.

“king” is less certain; it could be Egypt, but it is more probably the Canaanites.¹

A 7th empire would follow Rome and continue a little while. After Rome fell in 476AD, the next major empire to rule in the Holy Land was the Leopard-Bear-Lion, and in God’s eternal eyes, the Moslems did remain a little while. 1260 years is a “short space” for an eternal God.²

The seven heads of the Scarlet Beast are human empires that existed in both Old and New Testament eras, so who is the beast itself? The Scarlet Beast out of which those heads came must have existed for thousands of years. No human empire lasts through millennia, so this beast must be some unseen creature or kingdom that has existed in the spiritual world for thousands of years. And it has! This Scarlet Beast has been influencing the empires of men of every age, and those kingdoms were given into his hand long ago, just as the Bible told us at the temptation of Jesus:

¹ Some teach that the seven kings of the Scarlet Beast were Roman emperors of the 1st century and that Revelation was primarily written to the Church of John’s time. However, we can now conclusively prove that the Two Witnesses, the Leopard-Bear-Lion, and the day=years are repetitive prophecies that span the Christian Era. Consequently, it is hermeneutically unsound to conclude that out of the whole book of Revelation, only Chapter 17 would be addressed to the Church of the 1st Century. If Rev 17 was only to the 1st century Church, it would be a departure from the repetitive chiasmic pattern the Lord revealed through the prophet Daniel. For details, see the chapter on Chiasms & Bifids in *Sozo, Survival Guide for a Remnant Church*.

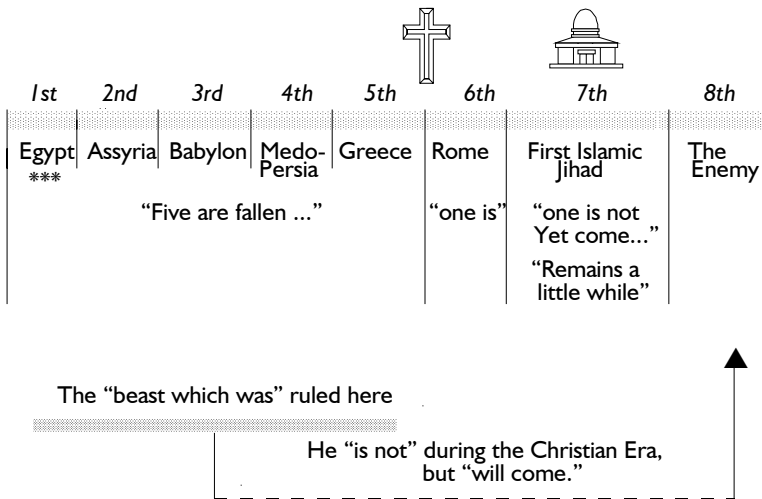
² Nazi Germany geographically duplicated the old Roman Empire, and it lasted for a very “short space” (just 12 years), so I wrote in *Hidden Beast 2* that Nazi Germany was probably the 7th head of the Scarlet Beast. I was wrong! Since a “short space” is a rather vague term, I was looking at that space of time from man’s perspective rather than God’s. That “short space” probably means something like, “I’m going to the store, and I’m going to stay there for a short space,” indicating that I am going to spend some time at the store. When the Lord declared that the 7th head would continue “for a short space,” it now appears He was declaring that the Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast would rule in the Holy Land for 1260 years, just as the day=years and time, times have now shown us.

GRAPH NUMBER 19

Seven Heads of the Scarlet Beast

Rev 17:8 (KJV) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Rev 17:10 (KJV) 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. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.



NOTE: To understand this prophecy, stand in the historic position of the prophet. It was given to John in 95AD, so Rome was the kingdom that "is"! The five "that are fallen" were kingdoms that existed before John. Kingdoms seven and eight have to come after John. Since Rev 17 speaks primarily of the Gentile nations that dominated the Holy Land throughout time, the 7th head is probably the Moslem powers that controlled Jerusalem between 688 and 1967.

*** Though Egypt had considerable influence over the land of Canaan prior to Joshua's invasion, Scripture and history indicate that the independent Canaanite city-states of Gen 15:19-21 are probably at least part of the 10 horns of the LBL. We see the descendants of those Canaanites as the Palestinians of today. Palestinians are being supported by, and are giving their support to the Moslem beast.

Luk 4:5-6 And the devil, taking him [*Jesus*] up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me.

Since the Scarlet Beast transcends time, it would almost have to be a figurative representation of Satan's spiritual domain down through time. Satan was given dominion over all the kingdoms of the earth, so Satan's kingdom is probably the Scarlet Beast:

Rev 17:8 & 11 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

There is something else peculiar about this satanic beast. This wicked beast "was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit." What can that mean? It means that before Jesus went to the cross, Satan had direct control over the empires of the world, but by John's time "he is not." Satan lost his dominion at that point, and was cast into the bottomless pit. So when and how was Satan cast into that pit, and by whom? Therein lies one of the most beautiful truths in the New Testament.

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS

In the sovereign plan of God, Jesus was not granted authority over all things, nor was He given a kingdom, until *after* He ascended to the right hand of God the Father. Before then, as a matter of biblical truth, the kingdoms of this earth were given into Satan's hand (Luk 4:6). But after the Lord was crucified, all things were given into Jesus' hands, and He now rules over a very real spiritual kingdom that exists today:

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Eph 1:20-23 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church.

That's reality. The kingdom of the Lord Jesus exists right now, today. Satan had it all his way until Jesus went to the cross. But after Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, the enemy was finished, and he knew it. While Jesus was still on earth, He told his disciples about this several times:

Luk 10:18 & Joh 12:31 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

Cast out to where? To the abyss. We find that same event recorded in Revelation but told to us in figurative language:

Rev 20:1-2 And I saw an angel [*Jesus*] come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years [*and thus, the thousand years of Rev 20 is a figure of the Christian Era*].¹

You know, folks, we have been looking for Jesus' kingdom through the wrong end of our spiritual telescopes, and the Church has been fed "doctrines of demons." Just as Scripture declared three times, we Christians have been ruling with Christ since the cross.² We are even now "seated in the heavenlies with Him" (Eph 2:6). With all that has happened to the brethren during this era, it may not seem like we have done much ruling, but we have been ruling, all the same. Our kingdom is spiritual and it has never been of this world. It is in the heavenlies, where Christ is seated at the

¹ A full explanation of why Rev 20:1-7 should be viewed as a figurative picture of the Christian Era will be in Book II, if there is sufficient interest to publish it.

² 1Pe 2:9, Rev 1:6, Rev 5:10.

right hand of God. Christians are here on earth, among the servants of Satan, for a specific purpose:

Mat 12:29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

Jesus bound the "strong man" at the cross and we are here to carry off Satan's goods by leading the lost to Jesus. Every time we lead a soul to the Lord, we are carting off Satan's property. So what do you think the enemy's response would be to saints who are despoiling his kingdom? Here is Satan's response:

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

We would like our Christian lives to be quiet and sweet and free from trials, but that has never been the Lord's plan for us. It wasn't true for the earlier saints of this era and it isn't true for us. Most who have gone before were tortured and murdered for their faith in Jesus. Is there some reason we should expect better? If we are not being persecuted, it is because we haven't done anything to deserve it. Being a Christian isn't some effortless little fire escape to keep us all from going to Hell. It is a lifetime commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, even unto torture and death. When a saint dies for Jesus' sake, it isn't a defeat, it's a victory, for "a servant is not greater than his Master":

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

That is what it is supposed to be like. Dead or alive, we reign with Christ. Satan was totally defeated at the cross, cast down, and throughout this era he has been bound in the abyss that he might not deceive the nations. But then we read ...

Rev 17:8, 11 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition ... and they shall wonder ... when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is ... And the beast that was,

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and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

Who was bound and cast into the bottomless pit (i.e., the abyss)? Satan, so Satan himself is the 8th Beast. He lost direct control of the nations at the cross, but he still “is,” and he has been ordering his fallen angels throughout this age to tempt the hearts of men. The enemy didn’t gain direct control of the nations again until 1967, after the 7th head (the Leopard-Bear-Lion) was fulfilled (Rev 12:12). Jesus bound Satan at the cross and cast him into the abyss, and to whom did He give the keys? The Lord gave the Church the keys:

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Defeat comes when we allow the enemy to lead us into the activities of his world to the point where we become indistinguishable from the unsaved. When he does so, we stop witnessing, and in a very real sense we loose Satan to influence the minds of those about us. In this generation of ease, the Church has gotten up off its knees – which loosed Satan’s chains – and once again the enemy and his angels have been released upon the Earth (Rev 12:12). He is not a human antichrist, nor a talking statue on the old temple mount, and you are not going to visibly see him. But the enemy has been released from his prison, and he goes forth to deceive the nations:

Rev 20:7-8 And when the thousand years are expired [*the Christian Era*], Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle...

As this era draws to a close, you see national boundaries collapsing and a one-world super economy developing. A one-world religion is also appearing – a global ecumenism embracing many faiths. But that ecumenism is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ

that is able to save men's souls from the wrath to come. It is the great religious whore, and it is inspired and run by the enemy.

THE TEN HORNS OF THE SCARLET BEAST

Within Israel's borders are the Palestinians, the Intifada, and the terrorist Hamas, while outside its borders lie a group of radical Islamic states. All are avowed enemies of God's people, and they fulfill the Leopard-Bear-Lion. But under the influence of the 8th beast (Satan), a godless council of ten is rising in the rest of the world for one hour (as time is reckoned in day-years that equals about two weeks).¹ With Satan loosed from his prison, he will again directly control the world's empires, but this time his kingdom will appear as ten political or economic regions.

Rev 17:12-13 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

In the past, visible world empires have always been controlled by visible public figures, but these ten horns are different. First, they don't come out of any of the heads but from the beast itself, so they are NOT the descendants of one of the seven previous empires. Second, they are not real kings or political leaders, but they receive power "as kings," so they are some kind of shadow empire operating behind the scenes, and that exactly fits global conditions today.

Folks, the following observations are not the fevered imagination of some conspiracy nut. These organizations do exist, and their influence on our land of liberty and their control of our financial systems can be read about in your own local paper. What's more, they exactly fit Bible prophecy about the final Gentile empire to come.

¹ In day=year time, one hour is 15.44 days, a little over two weeks.



Map of the regionalization of the world system as proposed by the Club of Rome. This same map appears in many multi-national publications. However, Region 1 has now been modified to include Mexico, and that is what the implementation of NAFTA was really all about.

Shortly after World War II, at the suggestion of major European bankers, a group of financiers and politicians in the United States, formed the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). That organization then founded the Trilateral Commission (TC). In 1954, the CFR hosted a meeting in the Bilderburg Hotel in Oosterbeek, Holland (thus the name, the Bilderburgers), with the express purpose of regionalizing Europe. Today's European Common Market is a product of that meeting. A further development of that meeting was the establishment of a European arm of the CFR named the Club of Rome. The Club was given one major task to perform: to divide the world into *ten* economic regions and plan for their unification under one economic head. If you noticed the number *ten* ... then alarm bells should start going off in your head. The Club held its first meeting in 1968, and proposed that these *ten* trading areas be known as *ten* kingdoms.¹

¹ Nicolò Nicolov, *The World Conspiracy* (Portland OR, Nicolov 1974) p220.

Rev 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

The CFR and the Trilateralists see the world as *ten* kingdoms, and almost every important appointed or elected official in Washington, *of either party*, is a member of one or both of those organizations. The United States, Canada, and Mexico are Region One of this Ten-Horned hegemony, and that is what NAFTA was really all about: the forming of Region One.¹ These one-world organizations are all intertwined, with many members in common. There are other even less visible groups, like the Illuminati, but they all have a single goal: total economic, political and spiritual control of the world.

A few years later, the same international bankers and politicians put their plan into action by forming a committee called the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT). It should come as no surprise that GATT views the world as the same *ten* kingdoms envisioned by the Club of Rome. In speaking of these international financiers, Barry Goldwater wrote:

The Council of Foreign Relations is the American branch of a society which originated in England...(and)...believes national boundaries should be obliterated and one-world rule established. The Trilateral Commission is international ... (and) ... intends to be the vehicle for multi-national consolidation of the commerce and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States.

What (they) truly intend is the creation of a world-wide economic power superior to the political government of the nation states involved. As managers and creators of the system, they will rule the future.²

¹ Gary H. Kah, *En Route to Global Occupation* (Lafayette, LA, Huntington House Publishers, 1992) pp.23-50.

² Barry Goldwater, *With No Apologies*, as cited by Nicolò Nicolov, *The World Conspiracy* (Portland OR, Nicolov 1974), pp161-164.

Goldwater's words were indeed prophetic. By 1987, the Trilateral Commission (TC) controlled 60% of the world's wealth through banks, presidents of multi-nationals, media moguls, politicians, and university authorities.¹

The CFR has been in control of US policy for some time now. At the suggestion of the chairman of the CFR, President Nixon initiated a special enforcement arm of the executive branch known as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Ignoring both state boundaries and state governments, this agency sees the United States as *ten management regions* and recognizes the same *ten global kingdoms* as established by the CFR, TC, and GATT.² Structurally, FEMA behaves as a federal police force, answerable to the executive branch alone. From an organizational standpoint, FEMA and the BATF are not unlike the Gestapo or SS of Nazi Germany – they are totally independent enforcement agencies that are not answerable to congress. As a result, this country could be placed under martial law at the stroke of an executive pen.

Most of our important elected or appointed officials support a one-world government and the termination of the United States as a sovereign nation. Our handsome officials don't look like the betrayers of our Constitution because they wear coats and ties and sound oh so environmentally concerned and so "compassionate," but many are covertly maneuvering our country away from our traditional democratic form of government.

A small handful of honest legislators have tried to defeat the unconstitutional mandates being issued by one-world leaders through the executive branch and other authorities, but their efforts are not reported in the media (why am I not surprised), so the American people have no idea what is really going on. Those who do try to investigate the conspiracy, like Senator John Tower

¹ Hillarie du Berrier, *Bulletin* (Ft Collins, Co, Committee to Restore the Constitution, Dec 1989), p4.

² Mihajlo Mesarovic, *Mankind at the Turning Point* (New York, NY, E. P. Dutton & Co, 1974), p143

or Congressman Larry McDonald, are first discredited and then, by some mysterious fluke of fate, manage to get themselves killed in fatal airplane “accidents.”

Eze 22:27-28 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed [*i.e., whitewashed over*] them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, “Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.”

Do not be deluded by what you hear on the nightly news, my friends. Major heads of most communications networks are also members of the CFR and TC and the “news” we hear from these sources is distorted to further one-world agendas. In its own publication, a CFR spokesman declared that it intended to make an end run around our national sovereignty to “get us to the new world order.” The long range goal of the agencies controlled by international financiers is to bring us under a world financial government ruled by them.¹

Rev 13:17 no man might **buy or sell**, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

It all begins to fit together, doesn't it? But this would be of little importance to Christians who are walking in the Lord were it not for one cataclysmic problem. According to their plans, these *ten kingdoms* will be governed by a council of *ten*. These financial and political world leaders are not Christians. They are New-Agers, and many are outright occultists who are channeling with demons.² Most overtly hate fundamental Christians (no big

¹ Richard N. Gardner, Member of CFR, and former deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations under both Johnson and Kennedy. *Foreign Affairs*, the quarterly periodical of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York, NY April 1974), p52.

² There is a “meditation room” in the UN. In its center is a large block of black stone. Behind the stone is an abstract of what might be the sun or the all-seeing eye of Osiris. William Jasper writes in *Global Tyranny, Step by Step* (Appelton, WI, Western Islands): “New Age Guru Shri Chinmoy who leads meditations there says: ‘The UN is a chosen messenger of God ... a divine messenger...One day the world

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surprise, considering it is Satan who controls them), so when they come into power, persecution, imprisonment, and even death could again be the lot of the saints, just as the Bible predicts:

Rev 11:7 And when they [*the Two Witnesses*] shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Here is that beast out of the bottomless pit again, and the Jews and the visible church — the two Witnesses – are right in his gun sights. Now that we know who the ten horns are, the above verse exactly parallels the final prophecy about the harlot that sits on the Scarlet Beast:

Rev 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.¹

As Christians play the harlot with the toys of the enemy, that woman, all decked out in royal apparel, who sits astride the beast, is none other than the visible church. She is the mainline Protestants, with their \$25,000,000 sanctuaries, the Roman Catholics, with their papal authority, and all who have departed from the Word of God. The fate is sealed for the visible church. She is going to be destroyed, just as Revelation 11:7-8 foretells. Consequently, it is of inestimable importance for the “called out ones,” the true Church, to know what it is supposed to do.

It isn't going to be life as usual ... going to church, raising our children and grandchildren, and saving for a retirement to some quiet nook in the country. Changing a few people in the Senate or Congress isn't going to make any difference. Getting a new

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will treasure the soul of the UN as its very own.” Many one-world leaders are New-Agers. Some are occultists while others are into eastern mystery religions.

¹ The term “whore” or “harlot” was used throughout the Old Testament to describe Israel when it turned away from the Lord: Isa 1:21, Jer 2:20, 3:1-8, Eze 16:1-41, Hos 2:5, etc. God hates it, and that same term is applicable to the Laodicean church of today.

President isn't going to change anything. Most of our revered political, industrial, and media leaders and many well known religious names are members of the CFR, TC, COR, Illuminati, or all four.¹ Even if they weren't, they are trying to make peace with an Islam the Bible declares to be our last enemy.

A new, so-called "laughing revival" or some great charismatic experience won't change the outcome, either, because it won't change people's hearts. The magic show you see in the Church today is just another part of the enemy's grand deception – geared to lull Laodicean believers to sleep – and it has done just that. The truth is this: We are in the final generation, and Satan has been loosed upon the Earth:

Rev 17:12-13 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

These Ten Horns will give their power to Satan! Remembering the day=year calendar, an hour equals about two weeks. Those "hours" appear in Revelation seven times. The "hour of trial" of Rev 3:10 equals two weeks. "In that same hour" of Rev 11:13 equals two weeks. "The hour of judgment" of Rev 14:7 equals two weeks. "In one hour" is recorded three times in the destruction of Babylon (Rev 18:10, 17, 19). All of these are parallel prophecies about the same time, and because of these "hours," Armageddon will probably last about two weeks.² With today's weaponry, two weeks is probably long enough. If it were to last much longer, there might not be a Mount Zion upon which the Lord could stand

¹ For additional information on one-world multinational agencies and their connection with the Masonic order: Gary H. Kah, *En Route to Global Occupation* (Lafayette LA, Huntington House, 1992).

² Pray that this hour is not a multiple because if it is, we could be looking at fifteen years of unimaginable trials.

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when He returns.¹ The carnage could go on, but to save the few elect who are still hanging on by their fingernails, Jesus will put a stop to it.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

Seven times in Revelation we read of the “hour of trial,” and that hour is upon us. As of this writing, the Ten Horns are here, so with the exception of that hour and the battle of Armageddon itself, there is little prophecy left to be fulfilled.

Europe is fast sliding into the Middle Eastern camp with Islam the fastest-growing religion there. Amsterdam, Holland, home of the Anabaptist martyrs, has become a cesspool of iniquity. A witch in Zurich, Switzerland, knows only two Christians, and they don't live there. She met them in the train station, while they were touring Europe.² The USSR has collapsed, and there is credible evidence that her break-away states are selling nuclear arms to radical Islamic countries. As a result, Iraq, and possibly even Iran may now possess nuclear arsenals and a covert delivery ability to get those weapons to any target they wish.

Rev 11:18 (*excerpts*) ... and thy wrath is come, and the time . . . that thou shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Amo 5:18-20 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

¹ Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

² The woman, dressed in all black, came up to a Christian family who was touring Europe and asked, “Where is your spiritual aura? You are the only people I have ever seen without a spiritual aura.”

The little flock that would give their all for Jesus knows by the Spirit that we have lost our beloved land. Greed has destroyed our crystal rivers and endless forests. Our bountiful wildlife has been decimated, and the passenger pigeon is no more.

Woe to us, indeed. What are we to do? Well, in identifying the final enemies of the Church (the Leopard-Bear-Lion and Ten Horns of the Scarlet Beast), we are seeing the final signs that “our redemption draweth nigh” (Luk 21:28). But what we need to know is this: How does the Lord intend to hide us from the enemy’s clutches.

A COUPLE MORE NEWS BRIEFS

www.IsraelNationalNews.com, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2001

Two Israelis are dead, four are seriously wounded, and close to 40 others are hurt. These are the results of a Palestinian terrorist attack in Jerusalem this afternoon, in which one or more Arabs opened fire at a public bus near the French Hill junction. Alert citizens and soldiers opened fire and killed one terrorist, but not before he managed to fire several rounds of fire through the front of the bus - full with many high school girls returning from their studies. This was the 5th terrorist attack at this junction. One of the wounded is the driver, an Arab resident of eastern Jerusalem.

www.IsraelNationalNews.com, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001

How many more? Yet another Israeli civilian was murdered today when Palestinian terrorists ambushed his car with gunfire, south of Shechem. The terrorists were then overtaken and killed by an IDF force. It occurred not far from the Gilad Junction, named for Gilad Zar, who was murdered there in a similar attack about five months ago. The terrorist cell included members of Hamas, Fatah, and the Communist Party.

Wherefore, Come Out

Chapter 15

*Wherefore come out from among them,
and be ye separate, saith the Lord,
and touch not the unclean thing;
and I will receive you,
And will be a Father unto you
and ye shall be my sons and daughters,
saith the Lord Almighty.*

2Co 6:17-18

Though written over twenty years ago, the following allegory was never more appropriate than it is right now. It reflects Church conditions in the West as they exist today. I could have left this chapter out, but what good is a book that avoids truth just because it might make a few people uncomfortable?

THERE was a wicked city. In the middle of the city was a lofty church. That church had the tallest steeple that ever was built. In the steeple was the grandest bell that ever was made. When that bell was struck, it pealed forth with such a mighty knell that every building in the city rattled and some even shook to their foundations. It was all very frightening at first, because here and there a building had collapsed. But nothing had fallen in a long, long time, so the townsfolk had gone back to playing and dancing in the streets.

Seeing the church, Christian tried to go inside. But in the middle of the doorway was a massive iron gate. It had strong iron bars. Looking through the bars he saw lots of people inside. They

were marching around in lock-step and chanting the same words to each other over and over and over again. They nodded approval to each other and kept telling each other how great they all were. They were God's elect, weren't they, and that was that.

Christian tried with all his might to open the gate, but it wouldn't budge. Then he noticed a heavy bronze plaque that was bolted to the gate with big bronze bolts. The headline engraved on the plaque read:

Church Doctrines and Traditions

Imposing and well-dressed men rode up in fancy cars. They mounted pedestals and stood guard over the plaque. The pedestals were very tall, and had signs on them that read, "Pastors and Evangelists Only". These elevated men held out collection plates and cried, "Give, give. Oh, give more! We need to build a bigger church and get a louder bell." Other men with arm-bands that read "Theologian" stood behind them as reinforcements.

People came up and bowed to the men. Then they breathed on the plaque and polished it with their handkerchiefs, like you would a pair of glasses. Some folks even knelt before the plaque and kissed it. For all of them, the iron gate swung open by itself.

There wasn't any light on the plaque, the print was very small and there was an awful lot of it, so Christian held up his Bible (which shines in the dark) so that he could see. Squinting and adjusting his bifocals, he started reading the fine print. As he read, he muttered and groaned and became more and more agitated. Finally, Christian could stand it no longer.

"These doctrines do not agree with Scripture," he cried out in a troubled voice. Christian then opened his Bible and began to read it aloud. As each verse of Scripture was read, a crack appeared in the plaque, then another, and another, until the plaque shattered into a million pieces. As it splintered and fell, it

made a tiny tinkling sound, but at that sound, the buildings of the wicked city quaked, and fell, until none were left.

The people in the church clapped their hands and giggled with glee, “The wicked city has fallen, the wicked city has fallen!”

They puffed out their chests and ran around shaking hands and congratulating each other. They never realized that it was not their bell, nor their lofty church, but the reading of the Bible that made the buildings fall. After the commotion had died down some, most of them went back to their marching, while others started working on a new plaque. They were so busy making sure that everyone was keeping in step that they forgot to take down their iron gate.

Christian didn’t want to chant or march in lock-step behind an iron gate, so with Bible in hand, he turned and walked away. A few people with Bibles in their hands came out from the church and went with him. As they strolled along, they were all joyously singing, reading their Bibles, and sharing what they read with any passerby who would listen.

Soon there was a huge crowd around them singing and reading their Bibles. Then someone said, “Let’s build a church and make a plaque ...”¹

Now that was not an attack against good churches. If you are in one of the few good churches that remain in the land, *stay right where you are!* That is so important, I will say it again: If you are in one of the few good churches that remain in the land, you are most fortunate, *stay right where you are!* But it’s not true for all. In many cities, spiritually hungry brethren spend Sunday after Sunday in a futile search for a Bible-teaching church, and can’t find one.

Is this what your church is like? You go to services three times a week, seeking a little spiritual reality in your life, but in Sunday

¹ The *Iron Gate* allegory does not appear in John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*, but to that beloved elder brother goes the credit for the idea.

school they rehash last week's TV programs and talk about the string of bass that George caught.¹ The pastor drones out some soothing old Charles Haddon Spurgeon sermon you heard twenty years ago, and you remember the last pastor, who ran off with that sexy-looking young organist. You also think about Tom, who lost his job and that his family didn't have enough to eat, but how that didn't stop the elders from giving the pastor a raise, nor from using the rest of the tithe to expand the sanctuary ... and you've been seriously asking yourself, "Is this what Jesus' church is supposed to be like, and is this really how God wants me to worship?"

You "sigh and groan" over the abominations committed in your midst, but what can you do? Your mother and father were life members of your church, you were baptized there, and the church down the street isn't any better. Could you even find a church that is truly concerned about your family's spiritual growth or that really has a heart to help you raise up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

If you are asking those questions of yourself and see no answers, then welcome to the true Church. The answer is the same as it has always been: It's in the person of Jesus Christ, and the Lord didn't make following Him difficult. He will show you through the Bible how easy it is to worship Him the way He intended for you to do it all along: "in spirit and in truth." It is all in God's Word, and we had better learn how, for very soon, the only refuge we may have left will be the Lord our God:

2Co 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

¹ 2Th 2:3 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first."

2Ti 4:4 "And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." So it is a falling away, not a great revival that will precede the return of Jesus.

It may not have happened to you yet, but if you can hardly stand what is happening to your church, or what is being taught there, sooner or later the Holy Spirit may lead you out of that church. With a heavy heart, many sound, Bible-believing Christians are now leaving established churches and attending no formal church at all. Some Christians are falling away, but a remnant – ah, the true Church – are forming little home groups. They are meeting in living rooms, cellars or garages, in any room large enough to hold a dozen brethren or so.

It's a scary thought, being on your own with just the Lord Jesus to sustain you. But don't worry, Jesus can handle it. He planned this whole thing long ago, and you are part of His plan. Just obey Him, and don't look upon what is happening as if it were a bad thing. It is the Lord's protection unto you. As we discussed in the last chapter, the visible church will soon be destroyed, and the Lord may be leading you out of it to hide you:

Isa 26:20-27:1 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Five times in the New Testament we read about where the Church was located. In each case, the Church was in the home of an individual believer, and nowhere in the New Testament are we told that we should meet anywhere else.¹ In fact, the Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, could probably be better translated as “the called out ones,” rather than “the assembly.” The first century “called out ones” were unsung little groups of believers, meeting in homes where they were hidden by the Lord from the swords of

¹ Act 8:3, Rom 16:5, 1Co 16:19, Col 4:15, Phil 1:2.

their enemies.¹ Very soon, we, too, may have to assemble in the same way. The enemy hates the Church, and since he has now been loosed, he will soon physically attack it here in the United States, just like he is doing everywhere else on the planet.

Most of us have been programmed to believe that we can't worship the Lord, serve communion, baptize, or even have elders unless some sectarian seminary sends an "ordained" pastor to do the job in an "approved" manner: building a building complete with steeple, pipe organ, stained glass windows, a choir, a music minister, and so on. It just isn't so:

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

As church doors close, or as assemblies depart from the truth, the very survival of the true Church will depend upon the obscure godly sheep who are willing to walk before the Lord with contrite hearts, regardless of conditions around them. True saints will again need to learn from the Bible for themselves and gather with other like-minded brethren who are seeking the Lord's face. And it's all right to do that, you know. After all, the Lord ordained each of us to be a king and a priest:

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

We have a thousand pages of guidance on just how to gather together. It is called the Bible. Throughout the Christian Era various men and organizations have told us exactly what each

¹ The word "church" itself comes from the old English/Germanic word *kirke*, which meant a ritualistic pagan circle. Meeting in a *kirke* was rooted in the pagan concept that people could stand in a "circle of agreement," holding hands, to call upon demonic forces. (from *Church*, Smith's Bible Dictionary, Flemming-Ravell). Unaware of its true spiritual significance, many evangelical churches have now adopted this demonic ritual and have included it in their worship service. The Greek *ἐκκλησία* (Strong's No.G1577) *ekklesia*, ek-klay-see'-ah; from G1537 and G2564. *ek* meaning "out of," and *kaleho* meaning "to call" or "called."

verse was supposed to mean, or exactly how each church ordinance should be observed. But if we just trust Scripture, the Spirit of Truth, Himself, will teach us from it (Joh 16:13).

In this chapter, I considered writing the usual “rules” on how to hold a meeting, serve communion, baptize, and so on. But then, I realized that I would be doing exactly what has gotten the Church into trouble all along: giving dictums of behavior beyond what Scripture already states. It’s all in the Bible, folks. Everything the Lord wants a believer to do is in the Word of God. We simply need to follow His orders.

Suffice to say that the qualifications for eldership are found in 1Ti 3:1-7 and Tit 1:5-9, and how communion should be served is recorded in Mat 26:26-28 and 1Co 11:23-26. There is no scripturally specified method for baptism, but we do have early church history to guide us.

Many brethren in home churches now follow a first century church mode of baptism. First, they ask the new convert to renounce his past sinful life. Then they ask the convert to make a firm declaration of his new position in Christ Jesus. Though the words below are not struck in stone, the confession of faith goes something like this:

“I turn away from, reject, and totally renounce Satan, his kingdom, his angels and all his works. I repent of and renounce all my sins, and ask God to forgive me for them all. I accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and ask Him to become Lord of my life, Amen.”

Then, observing the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19, the new brother or sister is baptized “In the name of the Father ... in the name of Jesus Christ His Son ... and in the Holy Spirit ... Amen.” If the new believer is being immersed, he is immersed only once. But if he is being poured over, as was a first century practice, the convert is asked to kneel, and he is poured over three times: once as each name of God is spoken. But the mode of

baptism is not nearly as important as getting it done.¹ Don't dawdle around. Baptism isn't just for show; it was given to believers for a sound spiritual reason (Act 22:16, 1Pe 3:21).

Brethren, unless I totally misunderstand Scripture, Christians and Jews will soon be persecuted in this land and we need to get ready for it. Not everyone in the church is saved. Many servants of the enemy are lurking there as wolves in sheep's clothing. They smile and sound sanctified, but if they don't really belong to Jesus, they would betray you in a minute.² You can't lead anybody to Jesus if you are lying face-down in some gutter with a bullet in the back of your head. Sound far-fetched? Well, it's a reality. That's the fate of Christians in many parts of the world, even as we write.

If you believe none of this could happen in your town or think that your friends and neighbors would never betray you, that is what the Protestant brethren in Ireland thought before 125,000 were tortured and killed by their neighbors. That is what 1,000,000 brethren in Cambodia thought before the Khmer Rouge wiped them out. That is what the Jews in Nazi Germany thought before they were herded into cattle cars that took them to the gas chambers of Buchenwald, Triblinka, and Auschwitz. And that is what we thought until the Twin Towers fell.

In Isaiah 26:20-27:1, the Lord directs us to hide at the end of time, and Jesus said, "Night cometh, when no man can work," Joh 9:4. Surely that time is upon us. So in accordance with those

¹ Southern Baptists would probably like me excommunicated for mentioning a mode of baptism other than immersion, however, pouring as an accepted mode of was clearly explained in the *Didache*, otherwise known as the "Teaching of the Apostles." Written in 85AD, the *Didache* is not an inspired work so it is not part of the Bible, but it does outline many practices of the 1st century church. William McGrath, *The Didache* (Christian Printing Mission, Minerva OH, 1976).

² If you think that to be an overstatement: A deacon's wife in one of our local Baptist churches wore a red cape and tapped people on their forehead with a wand to drive out their demons. Laughable? That's a page right out of the occult, open witchcraft. In another case, a church elder and his wife were a young man's satanic godfather and godmother. In a third case, I personally know a Christian sister who, as a child, suffered years of unbelievable satanic ritual abuse at the hands of the elders of her "evangelical" church. This happened years ago, but she is still in hiding and fears for her life.

verses, it would be fitting to make preparations for a coming holocaust while we still have the freedom to do so.

To give you an idea of how persecution has already begun in Europe, the media in Holland are publicly calling our Christian brethren “dogs.” Through this kind of overt anti-Christian propaganda, the Dutch people are being programmed to look favorably upon the havoc that may soon befall their little Christian community.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

SO WHERE IS THIS PERSECUTION GOING TO COME FROM?

While it is true that the vast majority of Middle Eastern people are peace-loving, the religion they follow is not, as both history and current events so clearly show. Despite the good intentions of many Moslems, the Bible irrefutably identifies the Islamic states of the Middle East and their associates as the final enemies of the church and Israel. As the Nigerian evangelist, M. Ali, clearly stated in his letter to me of October 19th, 2001:

“You know as well as I, that Moslems the world over are pleased with the activities of Osama bin Laden. Never mind the duplicitous political statements of various Islamic leaders. They all see him as a twenty-first century Saladin. That America will destroy bin Laden’s organization is not in doubt. The question is this: will it solve the hidden problem that *every radical Moslem is a potential Osama bin Laden?*”

As stated earlier, Islam would not be a problem if they had remained in the Middle and Far East as they had for the prior thirteen centuries. But fundamental Islam is spreading, not only in the Arab world, but in every place on earth where the Koran is taught. As a consequence, we are seeing these verses fulfilled right before our own eyes:

Rev 16:12-14 (excerpts) And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof

was dried up, [thus unifying the Islamic world] that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast] 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. 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.

Moderate Islamic governments supposedly support us while their fundamental mullahs stir up an ever-increasing unrest and hatred against all things Jewish or Christian. The Bible plainly foretells that Islam will be the final enemy of the Church and Israel, so a major future war against Islam is a certainty. This war in Afghanistan is not just a little minor conflict against a few extremists that we will be able to contain in Central Asia.

We can shout all we want that this is not a religious war, but to every fundamental Moslem in the world, it is. Christian values that have been ingrained in our society for the last 2000 years stand against a Jihad mentality that is central to the Koran. Conflict is inevitable.

Last Trumpet

Chapter 16

*When thou art in tribulation,
and all these things are come upon thee,
even in the latter days,
if thou turn to the LORD thy God,
and shalt be obedient unto His voice;
(For the LORD thy God is a merciful God)
He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee,
nor forget the covenant of thy fathers
which He sware unto them..*

DEU 4:30-31

But we are all going to be raptured out before the real bad times come, right? Let's make a little agreement between you, the Lord, and me. Let's take all our commentaries and set them aside for a while. Then let's take the Bible, and only the Bible, and see what it has to tell us about the final sequence of events.

Please be patient with me for making this a kind of nit-picking chapter. The I's are dotted and the T's are crossed because if the Scripture verses quoted below really mean what they say, then ALL of our current end-time ideas will need rethinking. Let's begin with a quote that is familiar to almost every Christian:

1Th 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

All agree that those verses refer to the so-called “rapture” of the Church.¹ In fact, 1 Th 4:16-17 is one of the central passages in Scripture that supports the physical return of the Lord Jesus to this Earth. Note the WE. Paul was speaking to the Church of which he was part and we have every scriptural reason to believe that we also includes us. You and I and the rest of the church are the WE of 1 Th 4:16-17. That’s relatively simple, isn’t it?

Also note that Jesus is returning with the “trumpet of God.” Now the Bible is full of trumpets, including seven in Revelation, so the next logical question is this: Which biblical trumpet is this one? Of all the trumpets in the Bible, at which one is the Church taken to be with the Lord?

1Co 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.²

Ah, and there it is, the last trumpet! We are taken to be with the Lord at the last trumpet. That trumpet is singular, so no other trumpets are blown with it. Also, there are no modifiers such as, “except the trumpets of judgment,” or “except the trumpets in Revelation.” That needs to be emphasized:

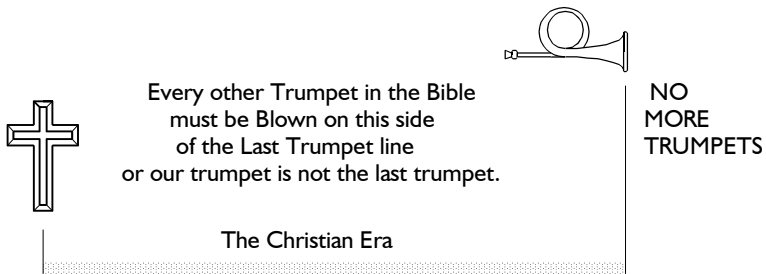
There are NO exceptions! Not one Bible trumpet is left out!

¹ “Rapture” is in quotes because the author does not find the return of the Lord for the saints so characterized anywhere in Scripture. It is believed to have come from the Latin Vulgate’s “raptao” in reference to this event. By definition, the word “rapture” seems more suitable for the mystery religions than it does for sober Christians looking forward to the most awesome event in all history, the return of Jesus. The whole “Rapture” concept may have been brought into the church by the publicists of Margaret Macdonald’s vision. See Dave MacPherson, *The Rapture Plot*, (Simpsonville, SC, Millennium III)

² Compare this 1Co quote with the 1Th quote above it. In both, the dead in Christ are raised, and in both, trumpets are blown. Notice also that there are three more *we’s*. Here is the point: If the *we* Paul was speaking of in 1Th 4:17 includes us, then so do the *we’s* in 1Co 15:51-52. Believe it or not, there are those who claim that 1Th 4:16-17 is for the Church, while 1Co 15:52 is for the great tribulation saints. Nonsense! There are *we’s* in both passages! Either both verses are for us, or neither are. We can’t go arbitrarily picking through the *we’s* in the Bible on the basis of some doctrine we wish to defend.

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I Cor 15:51-52 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



Note: The Last Trumpet draws a line in time. Every event predicted in the Bible must take place either to the right or left of that line. ICo 15:51-52 leaves no trumpets out, so that includes the trumpets in Revelation.

Recognizing that the church will be taken to be with the Lord at the one and only last trumpet of all time simplifies a doctrinal point the Church has been arguing about for over 100 years.

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time.

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days ... the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet [a great trumpet, NASB], and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Note the sequence of events:

- (1) Tribulation.
- (2) After the tribulation.
- (3) Great trumpet.

So isn't it obvious that the last trumpet comes after the tribulation?¹ Sure, and since the church is taken up at the last trumpet, the only way to defend the pre-trib rapture is to rewrite Scripture and put verse 31 before verse 21.²

No matter what our doctrines may have been in the past, the Bible states that our trumpet is the last, and the last trumpet does not blow until Rev 11:15, after the six other trumpets in Revelation have blown.³ So the last trumpet is solid scriptural evidence that the Church will be on earth through the trumpets of Revelation. Now Brethren, that isn't just another irrational end-time theory. If we have ears to hear it, that is what the Word of God proclaims, straight out.

The last Bible trumpet blows in Rev 11:15, but the conditions surrounding that trumpet blast are described in chapter ten:

Rev 10:6-7 ... that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

What a tremendous verse. If there is a central Scripture about the chronology of the Lord's return, Rev 10:6-7 is it. As is true of every other creation of this present age, when the seventh trumpet sounds, it also appears that time itself will come to an

¹ Some believe the Church is "raptured" at the end of Rev 3 because "church" (the Greek word *ἐκκλησία*, usually rendered church), does not appear after Rev 3. Some logic. That's like saying Esther didn't believe in God because the word "God," does not appear in the book of Esther. But the main problems with their view are still the seven trumpets of Revelation chapters 9 - 11.

² Dave MacPherson writes, "Over the years I've privately contacted hundreds of the best-known evangelical scholars in regards to their prophetic views. The vast majority ... harmonizes 1 Thessalonians 4's coming with Matthew 24's coming, but the general public doesn't know this. If just a minority ... were to publicly reveal their positions, pretrib dispensationalism would receive a death blow." *The Rapture Plot* (Simpsonville, SC, Millennium III Publishers), p.233

³ There are some denominational theologians who declare that this *last* trumpet does not include the seven trumpets in Revelation. Unbelievable as it may sound, they theorize that Revelation's seven trumpets are "special" trumpets of judgment excluded from the firm mandate of 1Co 15:52. There is absolutely *no* Scripture for their view, and it is counter to the plain testimony of the Bible: the declaration that we are taken to be with the Lord at the *last* trumpet!

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end.¹ That's important, because understanding that time will come to an end affects our end time doctrine.²

The "mystery of God" is the Church in Christ Jesus.³ So the Church as a betrothed body of believers on Earth will be concluded at this trumpet.

"As He hath declared to His servants the prophets." Which prophets is the Lord speaking of? We don't see any excluded, so these prophets are all the prophets in the Bible, both Old Testament and New. All prophecy will be fulfilled at this trumpet. Of course, this does not include those few verses which refer to the eternal Kingdom of God. That timeless state continues into infinity.

Let's look at the verse where that trumpet blast sounds. The 7th trumpet is blown right in the middle of Revelation, after the Seven Churches, after the Seven Seals, after six other trumpets, and after the Two Witnesses:

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

¹ The correct definition of the Gr. χρόνος (*chronos*) is "time," and it is so translated in the KJV. The modern translation of *chronos* as "delay" is invalid. Greek has several words for delay, including χρονίζω (*chronizo*), which is from the same root. If the Lord had intended delay, then He chose the wrong Greek word to express it. Though *chronos* appears 53 times in the NT, only in Rev 10:6 have modern translators taken the liberty of rendering *chronos* as delay. Strong defines χρόνος G5550, as a space of time, season, space, time, while. *Chronos* represents "delay" only by implication.

² If there is no more time after the 7th trumpet, there isn't any more time for another trumpet to blow. So our trumpet couldn't come after this 7th trumpet. Second, our trumpet can't come before this 7th trumpet either, or our trumpet would not be the last. So the 7th trumpet of Revelation is our last trumpet. It is the very trumpet at which we, the Church, are taken to be with the Lord! Neither is the last trumpet going to sound over several years. The phrase "when he shall begin to sound" tells us so. At the very first peep out of that trumpet, there will be no more time! Time as a natural phenomenon will cease to exist, and we will be in the eternal Kingdom of God. This puts to rest the idea that the seventh trumpet could be blowing throughout a seven-year tribulation.

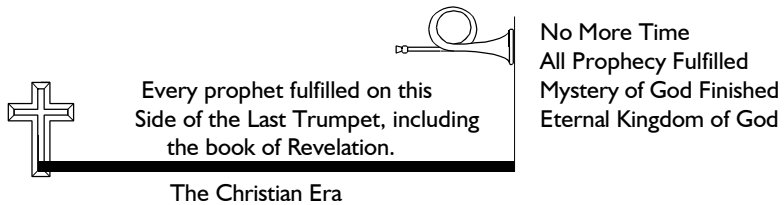
³ Rom 16:25, Eph 1:9, 3:4, 3:9, 5:32, Col:1:27, 2:2.

The 7th angel sounds, and the Lord reigns forever. Right then, forever! After that trumpet blows, there won't be time for a tribulation, or for a 1000-year millennium. We will be going straight into the eternal Kingdom of God when that last trumpet sounds. Despite differing doctrines, that is the chronological picture as declared in the Bible.

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The Seventh Trumpet

Rev 10:6-7 ... that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.



Note: The Greek word translated "time" in Rev 10:6, KJV, is *chronos* (Strong's No. G5550, χρόνος). It appears that present-day translators have rendered *chronos* delay for doctrinal, rather than linguistic, reasons.

So when is the great tribulation? Matthew 24:21 tells us there was going to be one. Well, the Greek word for tribulation is *thlipsis*, also translated affliction and trouble. *Thlipsis*, used 37 times in the New Testament, almost always refers to the suffering of the saints. Here are a couple of very familiar verses:

Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have [thlipsis] tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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Rom 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in [thlipsis] tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

2Th 1:4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and [thlipsis] tribulations that ye endure.

Generally speaking, the unsaved don't go through thlipsis; they are destined for orgy or thumos, God's wrath.¹ Orgy and thumos are the two Greek words for wrath. So we saints will suffer tribulation during the Christian Era, but we are not destined unto a final wrath, but unto eternal salvation.² The wicked are destined unto final wrath, the judgment of the Great White Throne, and the second death. So when is "the great tribulation"? John tells us:

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The tribulation of the saints began during John's time. May God forgive us for forgetting the terrible suffering the saints of the past have endured. Between two and twenty million Christians were killed by the Roman Empire in tortures unimaginable. The Catholic church killed up to twelve million more during the middle ages. In our own generation alone, the Nazis murdered six million Jews, and several million Christians. The Moslems have killed millions as well. We don't read *The Pilgrim Church*, *Fox's Book of Martyrs*, or *Martyrs Mirror* anymore, so we have lost our sense of history. We have lost all memory of sufferings of our forefathers:

¹ Rom 9:22, Eph 5:6, 1Th 1:10, Rev 16:19.

² The "but unto salvation" of 1Th 5:9 is much beloved by pre-trib rapturists as proof of their position. However, that phrase is not about a tribulation period at all, but about the eternal salvation of the saints. The verse must be read carefully if we are to grasp what it really teaches.

Mat 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

The Lord has permitted the enemy to blind our eyes and we have lost sight of God's big spiritual picture. The Great Tribulation of the Church began with the stoning of Stephen, and continued until the time of the Gentiles ended. From the Scriptures we have been looking at, it is obvious that all defined biblical times have been fulfilled in new Israel. As a result, the Great Tribulation is probably an epochal time that has been running throughout the Christian Era. In fact, since the true saints have suffered terribly ever since the cross, the "Great Tribulation" that Jesus spoke of may be His name for the Christian Era.

NEWS BRIEF

Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio, 11/12/2001, 1.09pm

Aaron Ussishkin, 50, the security officer of Moshav Kfar Hess, was shot dead by an Arab terrorist last night. He was alerted to the presence of a suspicious man at the entrance to the community, within pre-1967 Israel, about six kilometers northwest of PA-controlled Kalkilye and six kilometers northeast of Raanana. He ran to the site, and managed only to ask the Arab what he was doing there before the man shot him. Two other Israelis were wounded in the attack, and the murderer escaped.

Hour, Day, Month & Year

Chapter 17

*To every thing there is a season.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to kill, and a time to heal,
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.*

Ecc 3:1-3 (excerpts)

There are Seven Trumpets in Revelation and four different angels appear within the 6th Trumpet. Those angels can now be positively identified. Three of those angels have already been released and their messages were delivered between 688 and 1967!

REV 9:13-16 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

The Euphrates River area is the Middle East and the location of the Leopard-Bear-Lion. From other Scripture we recognize LBL to be the Islamic world! So these four angels were to be released from within the Islamic states.

That's not a whole lot to go on, so from what scriptures can we get further insight into these angels? Why, from somewhere between where this prophecy is given (Rev 9:14) and where the Lord sets up His eternal kingdom (Rev 11:15). These four angels appear after the 6th Trumpet blows, but before the Last Trumpet,

(Rev 11:15). And since we go directly into the eternal Kingdom of God at the last trumpet ...

The only place to find out more about these angels would be between Rev 9:14 and Rev 11:14!

Now four angels don't appear between Rev 9:14 and Rev 11:14, but there is another clue to follow – TIME! Those four angels or messengers were prepared for four different time periods – an Hour, Day, Month, and Year. Guess what? The hour, day, and month each appear, once, in three different verses in Rev 11, all within the account of the Two Witnesses:

MONTH Rev 11:2 “And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two **months**.”

DAY Rev 11:3 “And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty **days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

HOURL Rev 11:13 And in that **hour** there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

The above is no coincidence. Those “month” and “day” angels were the Islamic scourge on the Holy Land from 688 to 1967. From context, it's obvious that the final “hour” angel is future, but where is the year angel?

Ἐνιαυτός (eniautos, Strong's No. G2094), usually translated year, does not appear between Rev 9:14 and Rev 11:14, but since all things are fulfilled by Rev 11:15, that “year” has to be in there somewhere. Let's examine the passage carefully to see if there are any other time designations that could be understood as “years.”

REV 11:8-9 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead

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bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

REV 11:11 And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

The Greek word (*hemera*), translated “days” in the above is ambiguous.¹ Since the above 3½ days are the only other time frame within the passage that could be possibly translated years, then maybe the correct translation for the above is years. Let’s look at that possibility:

Rev 11:9 And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half YEARS, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

Rev 11:11 And after the three and a half YEARS the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

We are in the New Testament era, using the Roman calendar, so if YEAR is the correct translation, using “I give you a day for a year” to interpret this prophecy, look at when we get to:

$$3.5 \times 365.24 = 1278.34 \text{ Years}$$
$$1967 \text{ (Jerusalem free)} - 1278.34 = 688$$

The Dome of the Rock once again!

So the 3 ½ “days” of Rev 11:9-11 appear to be a repetitive prophecy about the Moslem domination of Jerusalem and the temple mount. If this is the correct way to view the passage, here is how the passage may be understood. To keep it simple, italic comments are inserted within the Bible text:

¹ The Greek *ἡμέρα* (*hemera*, Strong’s No. 2250g) found in vs. 9 and 11 is an ambiguous word, variously translated as day, moment, midday, time, and year, the correct translation depending upon context. In Rev 11:9 and 11:11 there are no contextual guidelines to determine the correct translation, so translators went with the most common usage, rendering *hemera* day. But twelve times, the translators of the NAS understood *hemera* to be year, Luk 1:7, 1:18, and 2:36 etc., so year is a perfectly acceptable translation.

Rev 11:8-15, NASB (*Excerpts*) And their dead bodies (the empty churches) will lie in the street of the great city (Jerusalem) which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations (*the Moslems in the surrounding lands*) will look at their dead bodies (*the empty churches*) for three and a half days (*Years of day=years, i.e., from 688AD to 1967AD*) and will not permit their dead bodies (the empty churches) to be laid in a tomb (*to be torn down*). And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets (*the Christians and the Jews*) tormented those who dwell on the earth (*it is torment for the lost when the gospel is preached and they do not repent*). And after the three and a half days (*after Jerusalem was freed*) the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; (*After 1967, God's people returned to Jerusalem's churches and synagogues*) and great fear fell upon those (*the Palestinians and Moslems*) who were beholding them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." (*Saints, both Jew and Gentile, taken to be with the Lord. Still in the future. Compare with REV 4:1*) And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them...and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. And the seventh angel sounded; (*the Last Trumpet*) and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

The above interpretation is in keeping with both Scripture and history. Now lets look at the 6th Trumpet (the 2nd Woe) again:

Rev 9:13-15 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels, who had been prepared for the **hour** and **day** and **month** and **year**, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind.

Those four angels were released during the 6th Trumpet! From the prophecy of the Two Witnesses, we can see that three of

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those angels were freed from 688 to 1967. Remembering that “angel” really means messenger, look at what those messengers can now show us:

1. For **42 Months** Gentiles to dominated Jerusalem.
A 1st “messenger” from the Middle East!
2. For **1260 Days** the Two Witnesses were driven out of the Holy Land.
A 2nd “messenger” from the Middle East!
3. For 3 ½ *Hemera* (**Years**) the Lord permitted the Moslem to control Jerusalem.
A 3rd “messenger” from the Middle East!
4. That **Hour**, the hour of trial, Armageddon.
A 4th “messenger” from the Middle East!

Those angels were messages to the Church; and three of them have already been delivered to us, with malice, by the bloody swords of a fundamental Islam. But has the West been able to hear God’s messengers from the Middle East, trumpeting to us down through the ages? It doesn’t seem so, and it looks like the 4th messenger from the Middle-East, “the hour of trial,” is just about to begin. Only a handful seem to notice, but this battle, too, will be fought against Islam. Fought by Israel and by what’s left in the church who have ears to hear.

The above is separated by light-years from the prophetic superstitions of today’s church, but few question our end-time traditions. If God were not in control, I would despair. Unless church leaders start doing their homework in the Bible instead of relying upon their dusty commentaries, I fear the church at large is doomed to remain in a spiritual darkness that will trigger the final holocaust. It’s a tragedy too, because it doesn’t have to be that way. But, as the Lord said through His prophets:

Isa 5:13 ...My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; And their honorable men are famished (for the Word of God), And their multitude is parched with (a spiritual) thirst.

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

A FINAL WORD

Within the Dome of the Rock is a large inscription in Arabic that reads: “God forbid that He should have a son.” That and many other teachings of Muhammad have turned 1/5th of the world’s population away from the Savior of mankind:

“ . . .The Christians call Christ the Son of God. That is a saying from their mouth. [*In this*] they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. God’s curse be upon them . . .”
(Surat at-taubah, 30).

So was Muhammad the false prophet of Revelation 16:13? Of course. This isn’t just a little “clash of cultures” over the words of some minor figure in world history. It is God and His Word on one side and Satan and his lies on the other, in a war that began in the garden of Eden. The declarations of Muhammad stand directly against what the God of Heaven says in the Bible:

John 3:36 & 16 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him ... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Despite all claims to the contrary, during this Christian Era, all authority has been given into Jesus’ hands!

Phil 2:8-11 And being found in fashion as a man, he [Jesus] humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Islam stands directly against those Bible truths. Understanding the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast as the Middle Eastern nations leads irrevocably to the conclusion that Islam and the fundamental Moslems are the final enemies of Almighty God. The day=year prophecies also show that we are in the last generation of the

Christian Era. God knew the future of Islam and the Holy Land, right to the year, and God told us about it six hundred years before Muhammad was born.

There is nothing like those prophecies in the Koran. The Holy Land and Jerusalem being under Jewish control again is something Allah could not foresee. It is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, not of Koranic prophecy. The comparison would be comic were it not so tragic. Many will stand before the Great White Throne in horror as their rejection of the truth is brought to a light from which they cannot flee. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:31).

There is one thought that should be repeated: Worldwide, there are about 1.4 billion people in Islam. Present estimates are that 10-15% of all Moslems are fundamental extremists. In other words, right now there are about 140 to 190 million people actively involved in the world's most dangerous splinter group and their numbers are rapidly increasing, particularly among the younger generation.

Now here's the point: Today there are an estimated three to six million Moslems in the United States. If that 10-15% statistic holds true for us, then from 300,000 to 750,000 of our American Moslems could be terrorist supporting Islamic fundamentalists. So are terrorists hiding in American mosques? The answer is obvious. If we don't root them out, our nation will never again be free of the threat of Islamic terrorism.

Not since the war of 1812 have enemy soldiers been allowed on United States soil. But liberal rhetoric and political correctness being what they are, we'll ignore God's warning about those who have rejected His Son. Instead, we'll march blithely on, to an Armageddon we'll have brought upon ourselves.

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