

# Chapter 1

## Introducing the Last Days

Opening Scene: The Destruction of New York City  
Four Deadly Themes: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse  
Four Main Players: Satan, Antichrist-the Beast, Israel, the Mahdi

When I began to write this book, almost all of the events described still lay in the future. But many key trends have already begun to unfold in the world's daily news media. By the time you read this book the details may be history, but the final battle of Armageddon may still lie ahead.

Today, the Middle East bristles with weapons including both state-of-the-art conventional armaments and weapons of mass destruction. Given the region's explosive instability and the hatred of the Arab and Islamic states toward Israel, this political and military confrontation will lead to the final events of the Apocalypse.

The proliferation of arms in the Middle East was spelled out in a report by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation that was released in 2004.<sup>1</sup> This report documented the huge expenditures in weaponry by Iran, Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as by Israel. Also, more than one responsible source has reported that Russia has failed to destroy as many of their own nuclear weapons and missiles as they had agreed to at the collapse of the communist Soviet Union.

Israel and the West's biggest threat in 2004 came from the Islamic fundamentalist Shiite regime in Iran, primarily due to that country's strategic decision to develop its own nuclear weapons. It appears that Iran, which mines its own uranium, has already acquired the necessary components to assemble atomic warheads. As of this writing, Israeli and American intelligence sources estimate that Iran could soon join Pakistan in the possession of Islamic nuclear warheads if nothing is done to stop the program. Not surprisingly, Russia has tacitly supported Iran's nuclear program both technologically and politically; however, open talk in Iran about the coming of the Islamic messiah or Mahdi has the Russians just as worried as the rest of the West.

### Preview of the Opening Scene of the Apocalypse

As the world approaches the Apocalypse, western nations fear that small terrorist groups wait and probe for opportunities to deliver nuclear suitcase bombs or "dirty bombs" to key urban targets in order to spread social disruption that can trigger the economic collapse of the West. Like many commentators on current events, I believe that international terrorists will not rest until they bring America down. On February 26, 1993, they detonated an improvised explosive device on the second level of the World Trade Center parking basement. Eight years later on September 11, 2001, they attacked the same target with hijacked planes. I believe that these two attempts on New York are the precursors of similar things to come.

By now it is common knowledge that a great quantity of fissionable material is missing from Russia's strategic nuclear storage facilities due to inadequate supervision. I have read that several bombs are missing and that one was sold for 25 million dollars on the black market.<sup>2</sup> The existence of a sophisticated black market in fissionable materials was dramatically demonstrated by Libya's confessions to dealing with a "Pakistan Connection" to get the parts and materials needed to assemble nuclear devices. Such are my own speculations - only time will tell the details.

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<sup>1</sup> Some excerpts and facts are taken from **Israel Today**, April 2004 #63.

<sup>2</sup> America's Worst Nightmare –Home-built H-Bombs, **Popular Mechanics**, August 2004.



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God will not use this building as His residence since He would not tolerate living next door to a heathen monument. (See Ezekiel 43:1-12) Besides, the present site is much too small to build the next Temple of His prophesied and certain indwelling described in Ezekiel chapters 40-48, which will actually be the Fourth Temple dedicated in 2018.

Three days before 21 December 2012, the president of the EU will be assassinated. The Israelis will probably be blamed, which may provide the political smoke desired by the Mahdi to break the treaty with Israel. A later attack will result in a slaughter of the Jewish people on a massive scale. The need for global security will cause many democratic governments to declare martial law and operate under emergency powers that will make personal freedom a thing of the past.

After the slain president lies in state for three days he will seemingly regain life on 21 December 2012. During the wonder and excitement surrounding this apparent "miracle," he will arise and proclaim himself to be the promised Messiah as proved by his "resurrection." He will then quickly consolidate his powerbase and announce world peace under one united world government. People who are not deceived (those who understand Bible prophecy, perhaps from reading this book) will know that Satan has entered into the dead body of Europe's slain leader.

At this point in time, Satan is bodily present in the physical universe as the Antichrist on earth. He will unleash a reign of torment and death never before encountered in the history of humanity. To stop the Islamic armies' wholesale murder of the Jews, NATO forces will occupy Israel ending their independence as a democratic country. The ensuing three years will see massive starvation around the world as money loses its value, oil stops flowing and food becomes scarce.

Since people have refused to submit in repentance to God the Creator, they will now have to deal face-to-face with the very personification of evil. God will judge this rebellious world by giving free reign for a few years to the lord of sin and death. No one will be able to hide from the Apocalypse's curses, woes and death. These brief years of intense evil and suffering will reveal Satan's true nature, which he has so carefully hidden with his lying deceits during the thousands of years of human history.

Due to these dramatic and chaotic international events, Satan will achieve almost total control of the world through his human agents. His objective is the complete annihilation of humanity, and he will stir up one massive block of nations against another as the only way to defeat God. But God's Word gives us hope. Satan's allocated time of extreme terror will be shortened at the end so that a sifted remnant of humanity will survive. But woe to those by whom destruction and evil will come to the earth!

### **The Opening Scene of the Apocalypse in the Bible**

The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.  
(Revelation 17:18)

The prime candidate for the "City of Babylon" mentioned here is New York. There is a high probability that it will be destroyed within the first period of the Apocalypse - between 21 December 2008 and 22 July 2009. I suspect it will happen on or near February 9, 2009. If I am wrong about identifying New York City being destroyed at the beginning of the Apocalypse, then some other constellation of economic and political problems will combine to break the power of America as the dominant world power during this first period of the Apocalypse.

Consider start dates of Noah's Flood. The Flood began with rain and an asteroid strike that burst the "fountains of the deep" on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the second month, along with a series of massive earthquakes. (Genesis 7:11) The precise timing of New York's destruction could begin in 30 (first month) plus 17 days of the second month, which is 47 days from 21 December 2008. Remember Jesus' statement, "for the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah." (Matthew 24:37)

Why do I think that the city referred to in Revelation 17 and 18 is New York? That New York is a target is no longer questioned by government officials, national security analysts and informed news

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reporters, who occasionally write or talk about New York City being a logical target of any terrorist. These reports often mention the potential of dirty bombs and simple nuclear devices. If I lived near New York City, I would take their warnings seriously and do something about them.

Let me explain. The Bible prophesies and describes a destruction of a world city with a major port facility that will dominate all the commercial and military power around the world. In Revelation John called this place "Babylon the Great." In ancient times, Babylon was man's first civilization, a united empire after the flood of Noah. In our modern time it should be a city which dominates western civilization.

The Scriptures predict that a future great city will be destroyed within one hour. (Revelation 18:10, 19) The capacity to destroy a great city in only an hour has only recently become possible in our modern nuclear age. I believe that New York City fits the description of Bible's book of Revelation Chapter 18.

New York City is the cultural, economic and financial heart of greatest world power ever to exist on the earth. It functions as the global nerve center of all commercial banking, stock exchanges, and military might. Even with just the loss of the two World Trade Towers, the damage done to the world economy on September 11, 2001 still lingers on. Just think of what the impact would be throughout the world if New York<sup>3</sup> was totally destroyed!

When I started to write my book in 2002 and mentioned the coming nuclear destruction of New York to some of my friends, they thought I had "flipped." And so it was until August 2004 when they saw the cover page of **Popular Mechanics** magazine. Then, they suddenly became very somber as they read the bold headlines proclaiming, "America's Worst Nightmare - Home-built H-bombs." In the picture's background stood the Empire State Building, an enduring symbol of New York City.

Thus, I have concluded that the Apocalypse will start with a big bang. Around the world, tidal waves of shock and fear will set events into motion that cannot be controlled by man. After comparing many Bible verses with the Hebrew Alphabet Number System, I am forced to conclude that the Apocalypse will begin with the destruction (probably nuclear) of New York City early in 2009. Current world news tells us that "the Islamic bomb"<sup>4</sup> is a reality. The people who have sold the nuclear secrets and materials are known. Terrorists will not rest until they have finished the job that they started in New York on September 11, 2001<sup>5</sup>.

If my scenario correctly describes Revelation 18's fulfillment, then the destruction of New York will strike a terrible blow against America, and she will not recover from it. As the global nerve center for all aspects of America's economic, financial and military power, New York performs the role of the World Capital. Worldwide communication networks via the Internet and satellite pass through New York's many diverse electronic resources. This mortal blow will shock and shake America to the very foundation of our civilization, and a different city will assume the role of World Capital - perhaps Rome.

### Daniel and the King's Dream

Any study of Bible prophecy must include the book of Daniel. Educated as a young man at the royal court of Babylon, Daniel was summoned before the mighty King Nebuchadnezzar. Under the threat of execution, he was asked to interpret the king's dream without even being told what the dream was. He must also give the king assurances that his predictions would be correct.

Daniel saved himself, and the lives of ancient Babylon's official science department, by accurately describing the king's dream:

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<sup>3</sup> *Can terrorists build the Bomb? It's the ultimate nightmare. A Nuclear Attack in the US Masterminded by Terrorists*, by Michael Crowley, **Popular Science**, February 2005. [www.popsci.com](http://www.popsci.com). Notice the area map of New York - Dirty Destruction page 62.

<sup>4</sup> Hal Lindsey, "The Islamic Bomb Expands," **World Net Daily** ([www.worldnetdaily.com](http://www.worldnetdaily.com), October 23, 2003).

<sup>5</sup> Michael Crowley, Dirty Destruction / Can Terrorist build the Bomb? **Popular Science Magazine**, February 2005.

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As you were lying there, O king, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen...

You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth. (Daniel 2:29, 31-35)

Inspired by God, Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that the statue in his dream symbolized four future world empires in which Babylon represented the golden head. In the Hebrew Alphabet Number System the head represents the control center of the body and its activity. The head is also the beginning of something. In the Hebrew system the beginning was customarily used to name the whole, thus the golden head of Babylon becomes the name for the whole series of successive systems of human governments or empires that have ruled on the earth. In other words human civilization under Satan's dominion is referred to as Babylon when compared to God's Kingdom, which will soon to come to this planet to replace them.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream symbolically revealed the main stages of the earth's political history. Humanity would be governed by four successive world systems followed by a fifth one symbolized by the stone from heaven that became a great mountain. The Hebrew Alphabet Number System often utilizes references to four (4=*Daleth*, meaning of "this world in this time") followed by a fifth (5=*Heh*, meaning "the other side" of the spirit world or heaven).

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the human empires that were to follow his own was ended by a stone falling from heaven to smash the statue into tiny pieces, and the wind blew away all of the debris. This indicates that the last remaining world power will be destroyed by something coming from space. The smashing stone (a huge asteroid the size of a mountain) will come from "the other side" as we will find out later at the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> Period of the Great Apocalypse announced by the second trumpet as described in the book of Revelation.

The heavenly rock coincides with Jesus Christ. (1Corinthians 10:4) From him now grows a mountain in the *Heh* dimension signifying the government of the coming of the Kingdom of God over all the earth's peoples in the Millennial (1,000-year or *Teth*) Age of peace and prosperity on earth when Jesus rules it. The Apocalypse will wipe out all of the world's religious, economic, political and military powers over a little less than seven years. Nothing from the present civilization will be left, and humanity will have to start over again.

### **The Fall of Babylon (New York Destroyed)**

After this, I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. With a mighty voice he shouted:

"Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great. For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries." (Revelation 18:1-3)

No other city in the world matches the Bible description for the city of Babylon like New York City does. The Apocalypse will start with a big bang. Once this main card of the world's global system of civilization is removed, the entire house of cards will collapse – especially the United States of America, which will lose her position of economic, military and political dominance over the world. Americans are ill-prepared for what is coming. Many will not survive even the immediate months of chaos that will soon descend upon our nation.

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I would suggest reading the following Bible verses two times to get the message it delivers. Only then will it raise your awareness to a level that fully understands and comprehends the importance of the solstice events linked throughout my books to the rest of the prophetic events that the Bible describes for 2008-2015.

Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: "Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In one hour your doom has come!"

The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more—cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and bodies and souls of men.

They will say, "The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your riches and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered." The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn and cry out:

"Woe! Woe, O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!"

Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, "Was there ever a city like this great city?" They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

"Woe! Woe, O great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour she has been brought to ruin! Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you."

Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

"With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again. The music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No workman of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again. The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. In her was found the blood of prophets and of the saints, and of all who have been killed on the earth." (Revelation 18:8-24)

There will be only one chance to escape the destruction of the city – and that only takes place before the day of destruction!

Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes." (Revelation 18:4-5)

Whether or not you accept the dating sequences I am presenting here, you have the chance to escape the destruction of your soul by accepting the claims of Jesus Christ. I believe that you have much less time than the rest of the world if you live near New York City or near one of the other possible primary

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terrorist targets mentioned in the press.

In this book I intend to confront you with the necessity to make a decision to either accept the biblical plan of salvation according to God's mercy and love or to reject it. The sooner you pray about this important decision, the better. Ask God in Jesus' name for spiritual guidance and understanding. Then read the Bible. Hopefully this book will help you to grow in grace and wisdom.

I have not written about the Apocalypse with an easy heart, nor do I personally relish the reasons for its urgency. It has been a heavy burden for me to consider the implications of my discoveries for my fellow human beings. A rational response to my books will require life-wrenching changes for thousands who decide not to take the chance that I am wrong about when and how the Apocalypse will begin. Others may decide that they can continue in their lives as if the Apocalypse is not right around the corner, and they might get rather angry with me.

Personally, I probably feel like Jonah did. All I want to do humanly is to run and hide in some boat going to anywhere. But also I fear God. If I refuse to tell the story, then there is no chance for those who would listen to God and flee the babylons of today's modern world, so I had to write and pass on this story, which is likely to be very unpopular. Please understand that I have had to make a difficult choice, too.

So what does this scenario of future events based on biblical prophecies mean to those who live in the Middle East? Take Damascus, for example. Isaiah 17:1 and Jeremiah 49:23-27 speak of that city's sudden destruction and abandonment. Since Damascus is the oldest continuously inhabited city on earth, scholars agree that this prophecy is yet future; therefore, I would highly recommend that you move out of Damascus before the Apocalypse begins on 21 December 2008!

In some way God will deliver a strong warning to the people of these areas. There is a plain statement as to "why" inevitable punishment has been decreed in Isaiah 17:12-14, but opinions differ on how some these other prophecies relate to the future as opposed to the past. More certain is the coming destruction that Israel (verses 4-7) and the surrounding areas will suffer during these months and years of tribulation. Although it could be interesting and you might come up with some good insights, I do not recommend that you spend long hours in Bible study trying to figure out exactly where the targets will be.

North or South American, European, African, Asian – anyone: get your priorities straight and tend to the most important issues first. Take an honest assessment of your spiritual condition. Don't delay or play mental games with your conscience. It is time to repent and repair your relationship with the Creator God, and that is only possible through faith in Jesus as your personal Savior. He not only sacrificed Himself to pay the penalty of your sins, but He is also coming again soon as the victorious, messianic King of Israel and King of all the nations' kings.

### The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

In the book of Revelation, John describes four horses—white, red, black and pale—that represent the result of the attack on New York City. Numerous patterns of regional expressions of the events described here will stretch out over a period of three years. The four deadly themes will be experienced in a multitude of specific trials following the start of the Apocalypse. They are: Global government uniting economic, military and spiritual powers, warfare, famine and disease:

I watched as the Lamb [Jesus Christ] opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a **white horse!** Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. (Revelation 6:1-2, emphasis added)

The destruction in the Middle East will cause civil wars to erupt among the many political factions and warlords of Islamic countries in an attempt to gain control of their leaderless countries:

When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a **fiery red** one. Its rider was given power to take peace

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from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.  
(Revelation 6:3-4, emphasis added)

The turmoil and conflict will create mass confusion and unleash pent-up hatred. Peace will be removed from the earth:

When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a **black horse**! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" (Revelation 6:5-6, emphasis added)

These verses in Revelation indicate that 25% of the world's population will die of starvation within the first three years of the Apocalypse. For decades, America and the United Nations have fed most of the world's poorest with their generous food programs. The collapse of many governments after the nuclear exchange in the Middle East will cause increasing occurrence and intensity of famine and starvation around the world that will be compounded by a corresponding breakdown in food aid and international trade.

When we eat good food we feel well. When we eat rotten food, we get sick. Not only is this common sense, it follows the natural laws of cause and effect. When there is a delay or a lengthy period of time between the cause and effect, people may miss the connection altogether or ignore it for now out of immediate need to eat cheaply. Eating food that has been genetically modified may be consuming an embedded "poison" that will eventually cause some kind of disease or biological malfunction that means a person dies sooner than he or she normally would – and perhaps more painfully.

People around the world now face a dilemma. Since 2000 - just eight years ago, the use of biological technology has grown so rapidly that now 95% of all vegetables sold in America have been genetically modified and permanently changed. Their natural policeman of the immune intelligence system have been removed, spliced out as evidenced by the numbers stuck on every fruit and vegetable sold by your neighborhood grocery store.

Besides big corporations, hundreds of lawyers are lined up at the money trough of GMO feed. Furthermore, I believe that the consumption of GMO foods makes people and animals more vulnerable to deadly bacteria or viruses in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, which predicts 1/3 of the population dying from malnutrition, diseases or plagues. I think many of them are linked to the food we are eating.

Because of the interruptions of commerce, double-digit inflation will destroy the currencies of many countries, leading to a total collapse of the banking industry:

When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a **pale [pale green, NIV] horse**! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. (Revelation 6:7-8, emphasis added)

Notice the key words "come" and "green" for each horse called out as I finish and insert a sentence to explain why:

**"Come and see what the earthlings are doing to my earth."**

Now you can witness in the next verse on what is happening after, a mode to describe a transport system or transformations, which is pale **Green**. We even use that term today to indicate organically grown plants, but here in Revelation the pale green horse represents the famines and diseases that will come from using GMO technology on various food crops and other biological plants in nature.

The reference to wild beasts could also be understood in terms of the biological diseases originating from the deadly germs and viruses that arise in wild animals as a result of our greed. It could also be chemical or genetic pollution of the environment. Biological agents sourced in the wild have already spread into the commercial animal husbandry industry around the world. Millions of chickens, ducks,

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cows and sheep have been killed to stop the spread of these plagues that even infect humans. The mass media regularly carry stories about these deadly diseases like Ebola, Asian bird flu, AIDS and/or SARC.

Genetically Modified Organisms - GMOs are a bigger threat to human survival than terrorists or nuclear bombs from the Middle East. The public is asleep to this great danger that is destroying the nutritional value of all food on earth. The result will be human extinction if God does not intervene.

The public is asleep to this great danger that is destroying the nutritional value of all food on earth. The result will be human extinction if God does not intervene. Because of modern technology's unnatural and greedy manipulation of many species' genetic codes, God must destroy large areas of the globe to preserve the creation. The world's environmental ecosystems must be cleansed and purified through fire and extensive calamities so that mankind can survive.

Modern society has become totally corrupt. In their race of mega-profits, global corporations are destroying the earth for the next generation by genetically modifying all foods. The products of this mad science are destroying the natural balance built into the creation, such as causing massive extinction of honeybees that are disappearing. If left unchecked, this irresponsible use of scientific knowledge would by itself terminate God's creation and destroy His Plan for Humanity at the same time.

Massive biological manipulation is poisoning the environment with wholesale destruction. God must interfere to save what he created for future generations. A willful rebellious atheism lies at the core of this global threat to all life. It has almost reached the point of no return and must be stopped in the next three years or Satan will be able to gloat, "This time, God, I screwed up your creation irreversibly because I am more powerful than you!"

Watch God's reaction to Satan's greatest challenges since the Flood. God must not delay His schedule by showing mercy for a second chance. Instead, He must hurry up to save the creation before the natural order becomes extinct. The cuckoo bird now set to appear at the "midnight hour" of 21 December 2012, which will reset the time dimension in another parabolic time direction as even the ancient Mayans and Aztecs recorded in their calendars.

I now understand that the first four seals opened describe the manmade causes of destruction on earth that force God to respond in order to stop the spiritual madness that threatens the earth with total destruction. One of the primary reasons is the potential genetic perversion of all life. The prophesied sequence of events now seems unstoppable as the chain reaction of a collapsing civilization becomes the apocalypse foretold in the Bible. In His mercy, God wants to provide millions of survivors with another chance to live and develop a third civilization that will last 1,000 years on earth.

### **Satan, the First Player**

Long before humans came on the scene, the archangel Lucifer rebelled against his Creator. After Adam and Eve chose Lucifer's lies over trusting their Creator, God permitted that angelic antagonist or enemy (Satan) to exercise spiritual dominion over humanity on earth in order to teach people the difference between right and wrong. God knows eternity and how to live it the right way with love and joy. Humanity simply needs to learn, really learn from deepest inside out, that God's way is the only way to do eternity.

So God's plan had begun with Lucifer's expulsion from the heavenly government but not from the heavenly (Heh or five-based) dimension. This is what the Bible has to say about this important event:

You were blameless in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you. In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and the guardian cherub drove you out from among the stones of fire. (Ezekiel 28:15-16 NRSV)

In the middle of the Apocalypse on earth, the war in Heaven materializes, becomes directly visible and felt by mortals on earth. This will be Satan's last battle. The archangel Michael and his armies will

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expel all evil and unclean spirits, demons and fallen angels from the heavenlies. This Apocalypse in Heaven will finish in the 7<sup>th</sup> Period of the Apocalypse on earth as shown in the **Twelve Periods of the Great Apocalypse** table.

<b>The Twelve Periods of the Great Apocalypse</b>			
21 December 2008 – 21 December 2015			
1	21 DECEMBER 2008	22 JULY 2009	
2	23 JULY 2009	21 FEBRUARY 2010	
3	22 FEBRUARY 2010	22 SEPTEMBER 2010	
4	23 SEPTEMBER 2010	22 APRIL 2011	
5	23 APRIL 2011	21 NOVEMBER 2011	
<b>The Mini-Apocalypse</b>			
4 December 2011 - 17 September 2015			
6	22 NOVEMBER 2011	21 March	21 JUNE 2012
*7	22 JUNE 2012	*21 December	21 JANUARY 2013
8	22 JANUARY 2013	21 AUGUST 2013	
9	22 AUGUST 2013	21 MARCH 2014	
10	22 MARCH 2014	21 OCTOBER 2014	
11	22 OCTOBER 2014	21 MAY 2015	
12	22 MAY 2015		
	Mini-Apocalypse Ends		17 SEPTEMBER 2015
	Great Apocalypse Ends		21 DECEMBER 2015

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. (Revelation 12:7-9)

Heaven will be cleansed from all evil influences; however, on earth Satan will be permitted to continue his rebellion for almost three more years during the Apocalypse.

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while. (Revelation 20:1-3 NRSV)

Before the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> Period (17 September 2015) Satan will be imprisoned in the underworld for a thousand years. At the end of that time he will again be allowed to test the human race. He will be successful because an unsuspecting portion of the human race will not have learned how to resist evil; however, God will end evil's influence over the human race by destroying all living things on this earth. A new earth will be introduced, and life will continue in another dimension.

And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10 NRSV)

At the end of time Satan and the other rebellious angels or demons will be thrown into the lake of fire, to be eliminated forever.

## **Antichrist and the Babylonian System, the Second Player**

King Nebuchadnezzar is recognized in ancient history books as the ruler of the first great empire on earth. According to the Bible, this king had a dream of such magnitude that he called all of his wise men to his residential fortress: the educated elite, enchanters, the ruling class of the Chaldeans and the astrologers.

Many had to travel hundreds of miles. When they all arrived, they were confronted with the impossible task of interpreting the king's dream. They knew that Nebuchadnezzar, with only a flick of his finger, could order one's head cut off or that he be sent to the lion's den to be devoured by hungry beasts.

To the horror of everyone present, not one of them could interpret the king's dream. But just before Nebuchadnezzar commanded them all to be executed, someone in the court remembered a man who could. Daniel had been captured in Jerusalem as a teenager and brought to Babylon, where he had been educated for an administrative job in Nebuchadnezzar's vast empire. Since his contemporaries claimed that the Spirit of God was in him, Daniel's name had been changed to Belteshazzar, the name of the king's favorite Babylonian god. Now much older, Daniel was a highly respected and capable administrator.

Everyone in the court suggested that Nebuchadnezzar summon Daniel/Belteshazzar to call on the "spirit of the holy gods" to see if he could tell the king what he wanted to know. (Daniel's indwelled "spirit" is obviously the same Holy Spirit as revealed in more detail 500 years later as described in the book of Acts and the epistles of the New Testament.) So Daniel was called to the king and given the assignment to listen and interpret the king's dream. Nebuchadnezzar told Daniel:

Upon my bed this is what I saw;

There was a tree at the center of the earth, and its height was great. The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth. Its foliage was beautiful, its fruit abundant, and it provided food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it, the birds of the air nested in its branches, and from it all living beings were fed. I continued looking, in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and there was a holy watcher, coming down from heaven. He cried aloud and said: "Cut down the tree and chop off its branches, strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from beneath it and the birds from its branches. But leave its stump and roots in the ground, with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field.

"Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven, and let his lot be with the animals of the field in the grass of the earth. Let his mind be changed from that of a human and let the mind of an animal be given to him. And let seven times pass over him. The sentence is rendered by decree of the watchers, the decision is given by order of the holy ones, in order that all who live may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdom of mortals; He gives it to whom He will and sets over it the lowliest of human beings."

This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are unable to tell me the interpretation. You are able, however, for you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods. (Daniel 4:10-18 NRSV)

Though shocked at first and unwilling to give the king the bad news, Daniel revealed the mystery. At the risk of his life Daniel proclaimed boldly what the Holy Spirit revealed to him. He explained that the dream was a prophecy that the king would lose his mind for seven years becoming like a beast of the field and living as a pet in his own palace garden, kept away from the public eye. Nebuchadnezzar was the "big tree" to be cut down with its remaining stump and roots bound with iron and bronze to represent the preservation of his government. This event would be a sign to all that heaven rules, and the interpretation is certain. Once the king acknowledged the One who determines the rise and fall of earthly kingdoms, his sanity would return, and he would once again enjoy the honor, splendor and

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majesty of his office.

A year later the first portion of Daniel's prophecy was fulfilled. The king became insane behaving like an animal for seven years. But not all of Daniel's vision came to pass either literally or symbolically. The big tree symbolized the king's empire, which did not end. It continued. This indicates that aspects of the prophecy have yet to be fulfilled.

The February 2004 issue of **Midnight Call** magazine contained an interesting article written by an expert in global portfolio management, Mr. Wilfred Hahn.<sup>6</sup> This article provides a fascinating perspective on the prophecies recorded in Daniel 4:1-18.

The author is an expert in the world financial market. He writes how our capitalistic world system, like the big tree in the king's dream, has its roots in the ancient Babylonian empire. He believes that Daniel's prophecy indicates that our present financial system will be totally cut down in the near future. "Financial markets are manic and volatile," Hahn states. "The world's economic and trading systems groan with imbalance and high risks. It is not unreasonable to conclude that the time of judgment cannot be far off."

Hahn views the unfulfilled portion of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in the light of the coming seven year Apocalypse. By overlaying it with the Hebrew Alphabet Number System, I interpret the tree in that dream to symbolize Satan's domain, which will be cut down. The root of the tree, banded with iron and bronze, represents the financial systems of the Bronze Age (the era of the Babylonians, who invented money) all the way from the ancient and into our modern Iron Age (of silicon chips, airplanes and rockets).

Modern multinational corporations have grown more powerful than many nations. Like the tree reaching into heaven, their economic roots reach out to oppress and enslave workers around the world. Revelation 20:1-3 prophesies that an angel will come down from heaven with an iron chain and bind Satan in the underworld. In the coming millennial rule of Jesus, the "tree roots" will be kept bound up so they can never again grow into a world power to ruin the earth. Satan's commercial world system will still have its roots in the ground, but the profit generated from that system will never again flow to only a few individuals or corporations.

In Daniel's vision, King Nebuchadnezzar represents a world system of business and education of the highest order—the power structure that exists in our present civilization. It will soon be brought to the level of a beast in the field. This phrase means that the events of the Apocalypse will be devoid of any human reasoning or compassion. It will be a time of completely mindless violence and evil lasting for almost seven years, just like Nebuchadnezzar's insanity.

The nations have denied God for most of their histories. They have not given the Creator the honor He deserves; therefore, all states will face seven years of a debased life like an animal, during which they will devour one another over rotten garbage. Millionaires and scholars alike will beg for a glass of water, but none will be available.

Having lived through the chaos of World War II and its aftermath, I have witnessed with my own eyes how such difficult times can be. But this time around, it will be ten times worse. The following passage, written thousands of years ago, is the preface of the Apocalypse. It describes in detail what will happen during those seven years. Please notice the parallel of the tree sample being stripped of its foliage, its fruit scattered. (Fruit refers to people.)

See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; He will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants—it will be the same for priest as for people, for master as for servant, for mistress as for maid, for seller as for buyer, for borrower as for lender, for debtor as for creditor. The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered.

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<sup>6</sup> Wilfred Hahn, "The Coming Fall of Endtime Tyre," **Midnight Call**, World Trend Watch Part XI, February 2004.

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The Lord has spoken this word. The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt.

Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left. The new wine dries up and the vine withers; all the merry-makers groan. The gaiety of the tambourines is stilled, the noise of the revelers has stopped, the joyful harp is silent. No longer do they drink wine with a song; the beer is bitter to its drinkers. The ruined city lies desolate; the entrance to every house is barred. In the streets they cry out for wine; all joy turns to gloom, all gaiety is banished from the earth. The city is left in ruins, its gate is battered to pieces. So will it be on the earth and among the nations, as when an olive tree is beaten, or as when gleanings are left after the grape harvest.

They raise their voices, they shout for joy; from the west they acclaim the Lord's majesty. Therefore in the east give glory to the Lord; exalt the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea. From the ends of the earth we hear singing: "Glory to the Righteous One."

But I said, "I waste away, I waste away! Woe to me! The treacherous betray! With treachery the treacherous betray!" Terror and pit and snare await you, O people of the earth. Whoever flees at the sound of terror will fall into a pit; whoever climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare.

The floodgates of the heavens are opened, the foundations of the earth shake. The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is thoroughly shaken. The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again.

In that day (during the 7<sup>th</sup> Period) the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above (Satan and his evil angels) and the kings on the earth below (the 12<sup>th</sup> Period). They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days.

The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously. (Isaiah 24:1-23, parentheses added)

The prophet Isaiah wrote under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When God revealed to him that millions of people would suffer death and destruction, he must have wept bitterly. I do not know if I would be able to write such a letter to someone in the future, but when God tells you to do something, you do it.

When Isaiah prophesied something against Israel, he also gave hope in the midst of destruction. He both warned and encouraged the Israelites to "go forth from Babylon" many years before the exile happened (in 588 BC). (Isaiah 48:20 NASB) When the Israelites returned from Babylon as prophesied (in 538 BC), Isaiah's writings sustained the faith and hope of the returning exiles.<sup>7</sup> However, the worldwide disasters described in this prophecy have not yet come to pass. It was written for us because it will apply to our present age.

Isaiah wrote sixty-six chapters, which coincidentally overlays with the sixty-six books of the Bible. His book appears to be structured like a miniature Bible. When I get to heaven, I cannot wait to meet this extraordinary man. I want to shake his hand and tell him that everything he predicted on earth came to pass thousands years later.

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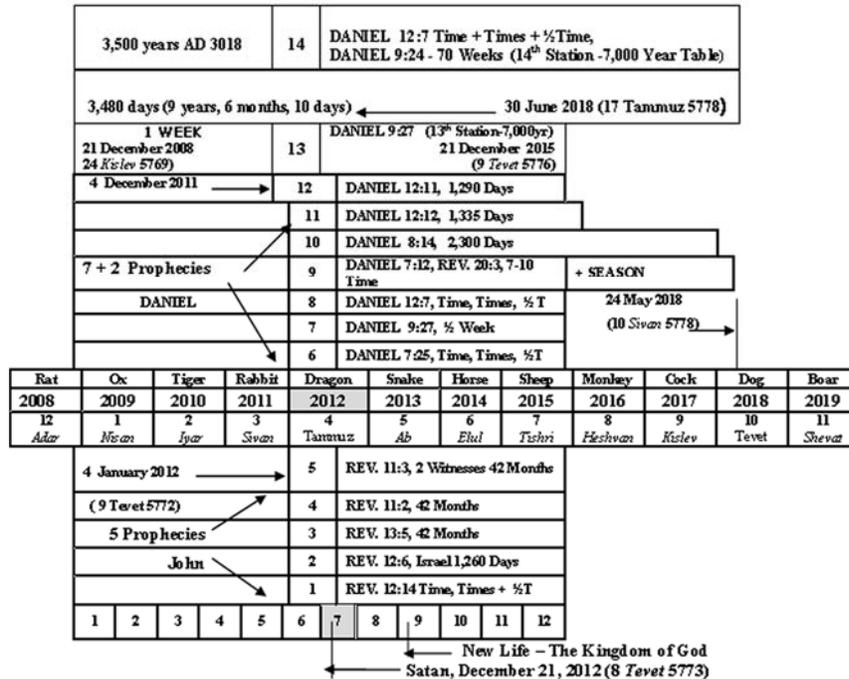
<sup>7</sup> The Nelson Study Bible (Nelson Bibles, 1997), 1108.

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## 7-Year Table of the Apocalypse The Great Apocalypse

December 21, 2008 to December 21, 2015



### Israel, the Third Player

The Bible reveals that a special covenant relationship exists between God and Israel. God appointed them to transfer accurately His oracles from one generation to the other and to be the timekeeper for the world. (Romans 3:6) They have failed on many occasions and oscillated between blessings and curses, according to the contract God made with them. The prophet Jeremiah wrote about one of many of Jehovah's contracts with Israel:

This is what the Lord says, He who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord Almighty is His name: "Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the Lord, "will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me."

This is what the Lord says: "Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 31:35-37)

The first segment of the 7,000-Year Table of Human History ends with the destruction of the first temple in Jerusalem (588 BC). In order for the two tables to correlate at this crucial juncture, the first section of the 7-year Table of the Apocalypse would also have to end with the destruction of a temple; however, no temple currently exists in Jerusalem.

The destruction of the Temple is an important time marker for biblical predictions. It is crucial for understanding prophecy because we are trying to view earthly events from a heavenly perspective. Since the Temple is the earthly residence of God the Almighty, it is the hinge point of everything that happens in this world. Let's go back in history and see what we can learn from it about the temple.

During Israel's exodus from Egypt and their subsequent wanderings in the desert (1545 BC), God visited the earth in the form of a pillar of fire, which hovered over the tent of the covenant. In 1004 BC Solomon built the Temple for the God of Israel in Jerusalem. Not only was it a place of sacrifice and worship, it was the Lord's throne on earth. The *Shekinah* glory of God's presence filled the Temple.

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When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it.

When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, "He is good; His love endures forever." (2Chronicles 7:1-4)

Because of Israel's long history of rebellion and sin, the glory of God finally left the Temple by the east gate and returned to heaven. God stopped protecting Israel. In 588 BC (at the conclusion of the seventh 490-year cycle of the 7,000-Year Table of Human History), Nebuchadnezzar conquered the city of Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple. The worship service was terminated. Thousands of Israelites were killed, and most of the rest were sold into slavery:

The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through His messengers again and again, because He had pity on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against His people and there was no remedy. He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and spared neither young man nor young woman, old man or aged.

God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar. He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasuries of the Lord's temple and the treasuries of the king and his officials. They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.

He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. The land enjoyed its Sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of Lord spoken by Jeremiah. (2Chronicles 36:15-21)

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<b>7,000-Year Table of Human History</b>						
<b>God's Plan for Humanity</b>						
<i>Heh</i> Dimension 4488BC (Aztec - Satan rebelled)			<i>Waw</i>	<i>Daleth</i> Dimension Seven Creation Shanah cycles		
1	4018 BC	490 years		World Cuckoo Clock <i>Zayin</i> (6,000 years) 490 year cycles of 360 days		4068 BC Adam created 64-year gear
2	3528 BC	490 years	1		4004 BC Adam & Eve expelled from the garden	1,715 year gears
3	3038 BC	490 years	2			
4	2548 BC	490 years	3			
5	2058 BC	490 years	4		2288 BC Noah's Flood Destruction of First Civilization 2287BC	
6	1568 BC	490 years	5			
7	1078 BC	490 years	6		1004 BC 1 <sup>st</sup> Temple built	
8	588 BC	490 years	7		9 Av 588 1 <sup>st</sup> Temple destroyed 9 AV 536 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temple built	
<b>518 BC Center</b>						
9	28 BC	490 years	8		End of Babylonian Exile	
10	AD 498	490 years	9		Jesus Christ 1 BC - AD 33 9 Av AD 70 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temple destroyed	
11	988	490 years	10			
12	1478	490 years	11			
13	1968 (50-year gear)  Apocalypse in Heaven?		12	1967 Jerusalem liberated. End of Gentile occupation		
			<i>Cheth</i>	13	2008-2015 9 Av 3 <sup>rd</sup> Temple built 9 Av 3 <sup>rd</sup> Temple destroyed	
10+4	2018 1,000 year gear Millennial Kingdom of God Jesus Christ as King of Kings		<i>Teth</i> <i>Jod</i> <i>Daleth</i>		9 Av 2018 4 <sup>th</sup> Temple built Fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham for Israel & Nations	
10+5	AD 3018 New Earth - New Heaven <i>Heh</i> Dimension		<i>Jod</i> + <i>Heh</i>		AD 3018 End of Time <i>Daleth</i> Dimension	

God sent many warnings and messengers to Israel before He interfered in man's affairs. But His admonitions were not heeded. When Israel returned from captivity, they worshiped God again. The Jews had developed a new awareness for the laws of God and their covenant with Him, and at least some of them have kept the Sabbath ever since.

Further down on history's path Jesus walked into Jerusalem and warned the leaders of that city of another judgment. He was angry that His house, the Temple, had become a supermarket filled with corrupt lawyers and dishonest moneychangers. He prophesied that the Temple would be destroyed.

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Forty years later that's exactly what happened.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." (Matthew 23:37-39 NRSV)

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, His disciples came to point out to Him the buildings of the temple. Then He asked them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." (Matthew 24:1-2 NRSV. See also Mark 13:1-2 and Luke 21:5-6)

Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolations which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. . .

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those day shall be cut short. (Matthew 24:15-16, 21-22 NASB)

Under Titus the Romans conquered the city during the Jewish rebellion and burned the Temple. The events leading up to this AD 70 fulfillment were just an historical sneak preview of the main event yet to come.

Since Daniel's "abomination of desolations" has not yet taken place, the primary fulfillment of Jesus' biblical warnings are still to come. At the appointed time the Apocalypse will follow a pattern similar to AD 70 but will fulfill all of the verses' content—without exception.

### **The Coming of a European World Leader**

While a weakened America continues its initial military campaign to root out terrorists around the world, the wounded European nations will band together to form an emergency government. They will elect a brilliant leader as their head of state: the prophesied Antichrist. He will do wonders for the European economy and will make a covenant with Israel. The terms will be as follows:

- The European Union with NATO's reorganized military capability will protect the nation of Israel.
- In exchange Israel will give up its strategic nuclear arms and cease all activity of aggression with its neighbors.
- Israel will allow the Palestinians to live within their borders and will give up some of the territory captured in 1967. The realignment of borders will reflect a concession made to appease the United Nations' demands.
- All religions in Jerusalem will cooperate in a common purpose: to obtain peace and to forestall total destruction of the world. Infighting between the religious factions and secular parties in Israel will cease, pressured by fear of continued nuclear war and the potential total destruction of the region.
- A deal will be worked out between the Arab nations and the European Union that will permit or instruct Israel to build a temple on the Temple Mount at or near the site of the Islamic shrine known worldwide as the Dome of the Rock.

The present political situation makes such a scenario seem impossible to achieve, but after the destruction of New York it will not only seem possible but absolutely necessary. This peace deal will be dictated by the UN and utilize EU supervision to force compliance with the negotiated terms upon the Palestinian Arabs and the Israelis in order to avoid another nuclear exchange. Radical terrorists will be executed wherever found by all sides even as individual rights are further curtailed for security reasons.

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A seven-year peace treaty with the EU will guarantee Israel's protection from interference from the Palestinians or other Islamic groups. Israel will get permission to build the new Jewish temple directly next to the Dome of Rock under the protection of NATO. The Third Temple will reestablish Israel's animal sacrifices after 1,939 years of absence (70 to 2009).

### Antichrist

For centuries, scholars have been puzzled over the writings of the ancient prophets regarding the antichrist. Today we see these prophecies more clearly because we can connect many of the details in Bible prophecy with the present world situation.

The Scriptures talk about two aspects or personas of Antichrist—two different spirits that will sequentially inhabit the same human body. The first one will appear to be a naturally exceptional person, but he will exude a charisma of spiritual (demonic) power like Hitler. Like the many Germans who elected Hitler in order to bring stability and economic answers to their national problems, the western world will be desperately looking for a savior to fix the failed banking system and restore a ruined stock market. They will willingly follow this newly emerged European leader, whose true diabolical nature as Antichrist will be dramatically revealed at the start of the Mini-Apocalypse.

The first aspect of Antichrist will be that of a highly educated and enlightened leader. He will be a smooth talking and brilliant politician who will deceive the world with his publicly humble (privately proud) assurances and seeming calm mastery of a world spun out of control. Millions of people will be dying of starvation around the world. Islamic warlords will be fighting for control of their countries' governments and oil production, and the world's economies will be almost totally stalled out with massive unemployment and collapsed financial exchanges and currencies. This situation will call for an extraordinary human being to resolve the world's problems.

As the newly elected president of the EU, Antichrist's first persona will appear at the beginning of the seven year period. He will start out with a promise to bring peace and stability to the Middle East and unity to the bickering western nations floundering in a bankrupt world. Thus, he is destined to great fame during the 7<sup>th</sup> Period of the Apocalypse (June 2012 to January 2013), when the world will witness this man's death and subsequent resurrection. Almost everyone will compare him to Jesus Christ, hailing him as the "Christ come again in the flesh."

With the resurrection Euro-leader's human body, Satan becomes corporeal and takes over the human life of that popular person, transforming him into the ultimate Antichrist. To the world, he will then exhibit a new, even stronger persona because of Satan's total presence within the fleshly shell. His true, hidden nature will be dramatically revealed by his increased opposition to the authentic, biblically-based Christian and Jewish religions. Antichrist will despise anyone who believes in the God of Israel and any religion that does not worship him.

The Bible calls him "the lawless one," "son of Satan," "the beast," "mystery of iniquity" and the "man of destruction." His life ambition is to rule the world with absolute power. Notice again that **five** negative character names are used, meaning that they are diabolically sourced from the Heh(=5) "other side." Indeed, they come from the fallen cherub, Satan who will indwell that person in a unique way never before experienced by a human as described in the next chapter.

Revelation 13:1-10 narrates Antichrist's rise to power through extraordinary circumstances. He will align himself with ten nations energized and controlled by demonic influences. He will be persuasive, a great administrator and will rule by international consent. Daniel 8:19-27 describes how he will rule with deception. Later I will discuss how a description of his nature is also referenced in the Chinese zodiac's dragon cycle.

During the coming years of global instability everyone will be closely monitored by computers in order to identify potential terrorists. Antichrist will control much of the global economy by using the latest high tech tools provided by computer science. Toward the end of the seven-year period of the **Great Apocalypse**, he will forcefully consolidate his power over the nations of Europe including all Islamic countries. He will arrest and punish anyone who buys or sells anything without having a tattooed mark

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on the forehead or right hand. To curtail acts of sabotage and further instability, anyone who refuses to be catalogued will be branded a terrorist or enemy of the State. Many will be incarcerated in concentration camps for eventual execution. These events will confront Christians and Jews who remember the Bible's warning not to join that system.

Scheduled Dates of the Mini-Apocalypse 3 1/2 years				
<i>Zayin Age</i> 6,000 years	<i>Cheth Age</i> 7 years		<i>Teth Age</i> 1,000 years	
6 <sup>th</sup> Period to 12 <sup>th</sup> Period				
	Reference	From Date	To Date	# days
1	Rev.12:14	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
2	Rev.12:6	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
3	Rev.13:5	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
4	Rev.11:2	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
5	Rev.11:3	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
6	Daniel 7:25	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
7	Daniel 9:27	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
8	Daniel 12:7	4 January 2012	4 July 2015	1,260
9	Daniel 12:7	4 January 2012	24 May 2018	Minus a season
10	Daniel 8:14	4 January 2012	24 May 2018	2,300
11	Daniel 12:12	4 January 2012	18 Sept. 2015	1,335
12	Daniel 12:11	4 December 2011	4 July 2015	1,290
13	Daniel 9:27	21 December 2008	21 December 2015	7 years
14	Daniel 12:7	518 BC	3018 AD	3,500 years

### The Mahdi, the Fourth Player

To build up a new infrastructure of international trade, Antichrist will force all citizens to submit to a state-controlled ideology that has, at its core, a denial of God's existence. He will brag about his success in having brought some semblance of financial stability to the stock market. His very nature, as imprinted on each of his beastly dragonheads, projects blasphemous insults to God. He will engineer an alliance with the Muslim nations, but the Islamic nations will experience difficulties as they are brought into alignment with the West.

Historically the descendants of Joktan, the sons of Keturah, and especially Ishmael (the Arab nations) have always been what Scripture describes as "a wild donkey of a man." Their hands have constantly been against themselves and everyone else. History records how they have lived in perpetual hostility toward their brothers and neighbors just like their father Ishmael:

You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers." (Genesis 16:11-12)

Muslim society is split between participation in the emerging world economy with its global socio-economic and political values and their Islamic doctrines and traditions. Muslims typically view western society as promoting materialism, sexual perversion and the worship of mammon (money) - a culture that is contrary to God and their religion. They feel oppressed and cannot cope with the advances of modern technology under the guise of global capitalism because it threatens their traditional way of life.

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The western world's technologically advanced culture, on the other hand, is based upon a blind faith in its prosperous, openly democratic marketplace and military superiority. Built on a foundation of natural resources and human creativity, America's media illusion of super-prosperity has been imaginatively devised out of creative financial tools and indices used to maximize paper profits and manage risks in the modern, globalized capital markets of stocks, bonds and other leveraged investments. In other words, greed has taken the prosperity based on real wealth and artificially multiplied it into mountains of obscene wealth that concentrate enormously exaggerated power in the hands of a few elite, who substantially control both of America's main political parties.

However, this system will have been proven vulnerable when it collapses at the beginning of the Apocalypse. Most wealth in the West depends heavily on confidence or perceived value as set by market transactions in the over-priced, debt-ridden and over-leveraged financial markets. The illusion of the West's invested wealth will be shattered at New York's demise. Confidence will be shaken. Perceptions of value will plummet as future dreams of accumulated instruments of wealth are overcome by the necessity of payment now.

In other words the financial house of cards will collapse when payments must be made without further borrowing. Transactions will demand fulfillment with tangible wealth instead of with future promises to pay through the sophisticated financial tools created to trade on an elaborate international network of stock, bond, currency, commodity and options exchanges.

The destruction of New York City, the head and heart of the capitalistic system, will cause global stock and bond markets to crumble and melt down. Considerable economic power will shift to the Muslim nations for two main reasons. First, because their subsistence economies are less dependent on international trade, the citizens of Muslim countries have always lived in poverty and will continue to do so. Secondly, power will shift to them because the Muslim nations sit astride most of the world's proven oil reserves. Modern civilization requires an abundant supply of cheap power in order to function – especially in the form of petroleum products.

The Muslims will demand payment in gold or some other tangible wealth. Their societies will be less affected by the global financial collapse because their citizens have lived for ages in poverty and currently require only modest amounts of modern technology and petroleum power. But these very facts will make them strategic targets for other world powers to dominate and control, and because of America's missile attacks, the Muslims will readily follow Antichrist's proposals for world peace and economic stability – even to the point of agreeing to a Jewish Temple on its historical site in Jerusalem.

Due to their need for defense against further attacks by the USA, Muslim governments will be compelled to compromise many principles of the Islamic faith as a part of their economic and military alliance with Europe. Because of Islam's ancient predispositions against such compromises, this forced Muslim alliance with Europe will be temporary, lasting only three to six years at best.

One probable reason for the short duration is that the Muslim nations' acquiescence to the western alliance will incite Islamic fundamentalist-terrorist organizations to continue their efforts to destroy the perceived evil system of western civilization. Millions of Muslims who already are inflamed by their hatred of Christians, Zionists and Jews will have survived America's attacks only to become more determined in their convictions. Because their tactics do not require the most advanced technologies, new cadres will be trained easily. These ancient hatreds will not have disappeared and will continue to set the stage for the final battle of the world: two gigantic religious belief systems clashing in a death struggle.

### **The Superchurch**

At this juncture in the Apocalypse story flow, religious persecution intensifies. The World Council of Churches will exceed the zeal of Islamic fundamentalists in persecuting anyone who does not align with the ideology of Antichrist's New World Order for global peace and hatred against the God of the Jews and His chosen people.

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The present religious indifference of secular Western culture will cease as materially-oriented people will be forced to choose between the universal god and the God of the Bible. Any churches still worshipping the God of Israel will not be tolerated in the new religious order. This universal, worldwide religious organization will include Islam and most other faiths to create an immense force to oppose and crush any opposition that the true Christians and the people of Israel might try to put up.

During the first three years of the Apocalypse, an almost universal religious deception will have spread throughout the Western alliance that will seemingly bring the three great religions of Abraham closer together than ever before in human history. Ever since the fourth century, theological disputes have fueled religious wars in the areas once part of the Roman Empire – especially in Europe and the Middle East. Just to name a couple, remember the Crusades of Catholic Christendom against the Muslims and the Thirty Years War when Catholics and Protestants wiped out almost half the population of Europe in the name of Christ.

Even though the political and economic desires of the various kings and emperors of the past were probably more important motivators behind many of the wars than were issues of theology and ecclesiastical authority, religion has usually played a vital role in motivating the masses. To put an end to such events, the 20<sup>th</sup> century witnessed the dramatic growth of the Ecumenical Movement. This originally Christian movement promotes unity and peaceful coexistence among different religions by reducing the doctrinal differences between them into matters of little or no consequence. It often has inspired compromise with biblical principles.

This Ecumenical Movement now stretches across the world and seeks to build bridges with other, non-Christian religions. An example of the impact of this movement on current world affairs is the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religion that took place at the United Nations in August 2000. The UN seeks to unite all religions in an aura of mutual coexistence oriented towards human needs instead of dividing over issues of doctrine and matters of faith.<sup>8</sup>

In 2004 the Pope invited the leaders of the world's great religions to a concert for the purpose of promoting world peace through reconciliation. He succeeded in bringing together the leaders of Islam, Judaism and Protestant Christianity under one roof, seated next to high ranking Catholic cardinals and bishops.

Such events are merely the preliminary movements that are leading up to the final act of uniting the world Christian church of Western culture with the Islamic and Jewish faiths in order to create a super-religion promising world peace and prosperity in the European tradition. The Bible reveals that the creation of such an organization will occur at the beginning of the Apocalypse. The fear of nuclear destruction throughout the world will motivate these different faiths to unite and pray for world peace. We can see a forerunner of this prophetic reality in the proclamations and meetings of the World Council of Churches.

The Bible identifies the name of the future world church system as being written on her forehead:

MYSTERY  
BABYLON THE GREAT  
THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES  
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.  
(Revelation 17:5)

The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast. (Revelation 17:8)

This world movement will deceive almost everyone. It will extend to every religious denomination, even to fundamental evangelical churches, which will not understand that this union is displeasing to

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<sup>8</sup> Some quotes: "Word from Jerusalem, From Religious Wars to Ecumenism." **Israel Today**, June 2004, [www.israeltoday.co.il](http://www.israeltoday.co.il) . (7-28-2008) Chapter 1, Page 21 of 22

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God. Many clergymen and Christian leaders will retain some desire to continue in their own traditions, but over some months they will be successfully persuaded of the necessity to join the newly formed Superchurch in a desperate gamble for peace.

As mentioned above, the Mahdi will rise up to lead the "true believers" of Islam in a jihadist rebellion against Antichrist, the Superchurch and the Western Empire. There will also be a few Christian leaders who will oppose the Superchurch and stand up for the truth. Most "Christian" churches will further abandon the biblically based doctrines they once embraced resulting in a progressively disastrous and deceptive falling away from the truth.

Such a course of action only fulfills the present trajectory of Church practice and teaching. The original seven churches described in the book of Revelation disappeared a long time ago, but they have been some what replicated in our modern denominations. Many of today's self-declared Christians cling to a perversion of the biblical faith once delivered. Less than 4% possess a basic biblical worldview of set of values as taught in the Bible. The Christian church, once as pure as a mountain spring, has thus fallen into the muddy river of lukewarm ecumenism and will not be exempt from judgment. John puts it this way:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. (Revelation 3:14-18)

Antichrist will, of course, welcome the political power of the Superchurch because he will shrewdly control the leadership with an aim to his own gain. But to God, the nations and religions of the world are of no consequence. He will pronounce terrible judgment against the rebellious apostates as the ending of the Apocalypse will demonstrate. At the end of the Apocalypse God will pronounce this world religious entity as spiritually dead. The names of its members will not be found in the Book of Life; hence, they are lost and prevented from entering the Kingdom of God, which will come to earth after the Apocalypse.

After three years of infighting between the UN world government and the world religion, this super alliance or world council of churches will be terminated during the Apocalypse. God's judgment will bring her to ruin. God condemns this religious system because it promoted Satan's false doctrines to twist and destroy the truth of God's words of forgiveness and love, the liberty of his justice.