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Chapter 2 The Mini-Apocalypse (4 December 2011 – 17 September 2015)

What is the "Mini-Apocalypse" vs. the "Great Apocalypse"? Why is there an Apocalypse in Heaven? Why does one beast come out of the earth and a second from the sea? How will these beasts be commonly known? Where do the ancient Aztec and Chinese calendars connect? Why is the Hebrew Number Alphabet System so important? Who are the Two Witnesses of God?

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Introduction of the Beast Coming from the Earth

The 6th and 7th Periods occupy the middle of the Great Apocalypse. They belong together just like the 8th and 9th Periods do, as you will learn later.

What I call the **Mini-Apocalypse** begins with the startling event of "a Beast coming out from the earth" early in the 6^{th} Period. (Revelation 13:11) As John wrote it, the Great Apocalypse will have two separate cycles within its seven years. The first cycle starts with a Beast coming out from the sea (Revelation 13:1), and the second one with a Beast coming out from earth.

Revelation is a difficult book. One reason is because it assumes a Hebrew context of concepts and historical events most people have never heard about. Certainly there is a close relationship to the book of Daniel, but beyond Daniel, there are background metaphors and layered meanings referring to biblical perspectives and principles that we don't usually notice until entering into a very detailed and disciplined study on stuff like the Hebrew Alphabet Number System, dating and prophecy.

As you read, questions may arise, "Where do you get that from?" Or, "Why does this event fit here – instead of there?"

I will follow the event sequence as much as possible, but to explain my thinking I must insert references to pieces of the picture that come from other chapters where the proofs are developed in greater detail. This necessity generated a bunch of additional, and sometimes strange looking tables and their explanations.

So please bear with me if the text seems a little complicated or repetitious at times. I assure you that at the end of this book the circle will be closed in a summary explanation of the whole concept of the Apocalypse. This closing summary will place all of the events prophesied to happen within their proper chronological context.

The 6th and 7th Periods of the Apocalypse

(23 November 2011 – 22 June 2012) & (23 June 2012 – 21 January 2013)

In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does.

He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power. (Daniel 8:23-25)

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Here is a short overview what will happen during the 6th and 7th Periods. The Mini-Apocalypse starts out early in the 6th Period on 4 December 2011 and ends during the 12th Period on 17 September 2015. This period of time within the Apocalypse gets special attention from John and Daniel. Together they wrote 12 prophecies concerning this same period of time. Daniel wrote seven and John wrote five: again I notice the 7:5 biblical Rosetta Stone ratio.

From our perspective in history about 500 years separates their lives, and yet the content and number of prophetic revelations given to them about the Apocalypse harmonize with the Hebrew Alphabet Number System. This is not just a coincidence. Once one is educated to some of the basics of the Hebrew system, these kinds of facts become worthy of note and not just unusual.

In this chapter I will discuss only the beginning, middle and end points of the Apocalypse. These critical dates correlate with the first, second and third fast days of the Jewish calendar – as I discovered when I overlay the various tables representing the divine cycles (gears) of historic-prophetic time.

I am sure that other Tammuz positions of special significance will be uncovered in each of the twelve periods, but within this chapter I will only focus on three of them: the 6^{th} , the 7^{th} and 12^{th} Periods.

Some headlines from the 6th Period: (See also Observation #5. in Chapter 9.)

• **First month:** 4 December 2011 begins the counting of Daniel's prophecy of 1,290 days. Thirty days later we begin to count the 1,260 days of the eight (*Cheth*, the most intense tribulation is limited to 1,260 days being "fenced in") prophecies mentioned in the books of Daniel and Revelation from 3-4-5 January 2012. (Do not be bothered by the variation of a day or two here. These dates fall on 8-9-10 *Tevet* 5772. The Jewish Fast of *Tevet* 10 commemorates calamities that took place on all three of these dates historically.)

Event: Sacrificial worship in the Jewish Temple is stopped by Antichrist or by the Arab forces.

• **Fourth month:** The 21 March 2012 is an equinox date. This date was identified by overlaying the fourth *Tammuz* position – just like the other *Tammuz* dates were spotlighted from correlations with the feasts and fasts of the Jewish calendar.

Event: Antichrist breaks his UN-European guarantee to Israel of seven years peace and protection as NATO invades to end the Israelis' autonomy within the world system. The reason for this action was probably an uprising of a radical Islamic Arab mob that will kill many Jews who settled in the disputed territories.

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The 7th Period is connected with the 6th Period. Events occurring within the 7th Period:

• Sixth month: 18 December 2012 - three days before a solstice day.

Event: The President of the UN-EU (Antichrist) is assassinated, which revives and inflames economic and political instability around the world - especially in the Middle East.

Seventh month: The first day is 21 December 2012, another winter solstice.

Event: Satan is cast out from Heaven to the earth. He personally inhabits and empowers the dead body of the EU president, who appears to be resurrected. **Antichrist is now not just a possessed man but Satan** "born in the flesh."

The world will see a resurrected body and consider it the former man returned to life, but they will have been fooled. The *persona* is not human but angelic, the Prince of Demons himself. When Satan is cast out of Heaven, he enters fully into the dead corporal remains of what was once a human person. Angels before the Flood seem to have done likewise, leaving their first estate (Heaven – *Heh*) to live in the lower realm, the *Daleth* dimension of our earth and historical time.

The Big Bang of the Mini-Apocalypse

As mentioned above, Daniel 12:11 states that the regular sacrifices on the Temple altar in Jerusalem will be discontinued beginning the Mini-Apocalypse on 4 December 2011. This event begins the 1,290 period of days followed thirty (30) days later by the Fast of *Tevet* from which the eight 1,260-days prophesies are counted. This pause in events also becomes the precursor of what will happen at the end of the **Mini-Apocalypse**.

- 1. At the end of Daniel's 1,260 days we find Antichrist desecrating the Temple on 17 *Tammuz* 5775 (4 July 2015) with the death of the Two Witnesses. (Revelation 11:1-10)
- 2. Satan will enter the Temple on this day declaring himself God. (2Thessalonians 2:4)
- 3. Three weeks later on the 9^{th} of Av 5775 (25 July 2015) the Temple will be destroyed by an Islamic mob gone out of control. In this or some similar manner, Satan will repeat the same behavior that he rehearsed historically through the Roman general Titus during the previous destruction of the Temple in AD 70.

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Satan's historical pattern is to defile the Temple before destroying it. Until the death of the Two Witnesses, Antichrist - or Satan as Antichrist, will not be able to enter the inner holy place of the Temple. From 4 January 2013 these two messengers of the God of Israel will have been placed in the Temple erected in His honor to preserve its holiness and deliver the gospel to the world. With their death there was no power on earth left to oppose Satan. Declaring himself to be God, this False Messiah will enter the Temple on the Fast of 17 *Tammuz* (4 July 2015) and desecrate it with foreign, unholy practices. Then 21 days later, certain destruction will follow on the fast of the 9th of Av (25 July 2015).

During His time on earth in the flesh, Jesus warned His countrymen about the days of trial that would fall upon them "in that generation" as fulfilled by the Roman legions under Titus (the rehearsal), but Jesus' prophecy also looked forward to the coming trials of the Apocalypse that we are concerned about today. Jesus' warning of the time of tribulation suffered by Roman Judea presaged the last days that we now live in.

His warnings are just as applicable to modern Israelis living around Jerusalem as they were to His ancient audience. Jesus also predicted that these terrible days would include brother betraying brother – even to death. Fathers would betray their children, and children will rebel against their parents. In other words, your neighbor will turn against you, whoever and wherever you are, once this intense chaos breaks out.

Scripture provides those who pay attention with a plain warning to save one's natural life - as well as proclaiming the more important priority of eternal salvation in the Kingdom of God. Daniel gives the warning in context, and Jesus repeats its significance - both to the Jewish people of the AD 30s-70s as well as to this "Last Days" generation of the twenty-first century, "When you see the Abomination of Desolation which was spoken of through Daniel...flee!" (Read Matthew 24:9-21.)

The implication is that they will flee into the eastern wilderness of desert mountains ranging from the Judean Wilderness just east of Jerusalem to the areas of Ammon, Moab and Edom. (Daniel 11:41; Isaiah 16:1-5; Revelation 12:6, 14) In Roman times the early church of Jewish believers fled Jerusalem for Pella to the east of the Jordan River. In the future the implications are that the area now governed by the modern state of Jordan will escape the worst of the armies of Antichrist. Will Jordan as a nation state exist at that time? The Bible does not say.

The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem presents a classic example of repeating prophetic typology. When we look through a prophetic telescope, we can only dimly see a near event and perhaps, a far out event: we see mountain peaks and don't see the low areas that lie between them. In our case the Mini-Apocalypse (the far out event from Jesus' day) will climax with a coming defilement of the Temple in Jerusalem, which is surrounded by the so-called occupied territories.

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These territories will remain a bone of contention throughout the Apocalypse that will be aggravated by the rebuilt Temple. These emotionally charged issues will eventually explode in a mass killing of the area's rightful Jewish inhabitants by their Islamic Arab neighbors. Elsewhere around the world, thousands of terrorist groups and private warlords will contend with each other for the control and resources of their districts. During this extended period of almost continuous conflict, hundreds of people will die every day. These violent conditions already exist in parts of Africa. They will only grow in frequency and intensity as we move forward in time. The worst will begin with the start of the Mini-Apocalypse. By that time the world will long for peace at any price.

For Israel, aid from America will no longer exist. Remember, America's military responded dramatically after the fall of New York, but then her economy collapsed. This loss of American economic power will have created a strong movement toward unity under European leadership as the American military and economic prestige and power fall to terrible lows. The US dollar will collapse, and the country will crumble under the massive burden of her many international, national and consumer debts. Under these dire conditions, the United States will produce armaments for European and Asian creditors in an attempt to pay her bills due.

So America's assembly lines will once again demonstrate her might and will produce massive amounts of armaments in volumes not seen since World War II, but her global position of leadership will have already become subjected to Europe due to the previous failure of her debt laden economy and financial system. This change in the world's power structure will have been a prime reason why Israel entered into a treaty of peace and alliance with the EU-UN.

Even so, during the 6th Period of the Apocalypse, Israel will be betrayed by the EU-UN about midway through the term of the treaty. That tiny nation will suddenly be left defenseless and without allies. Here is a probable explanation of how that will happen.

Because of the growing attacks from her Arab residents and neighbors, including one from the "King of the South," Israel will ask for help from the European President ("King of the North") in performance of his guarantees of protection. The "King of the South" probably refers to the ruler of Egypt, who may represent himself as the Muslim *Mahdi* (Messiah). At Israel's request NATO will send troops to defend Israel and Jerusalem in order to stop the killing, but these same NATO troops welcomed to "restore order" will turn into an occupying invasion force that

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effectively takes over the Jewish state, breaking the seven year peace treaty. (Daniel 11:40-45)

Too late will that small nation realize her vulnerability. NATO's military action will result in tremendous unrest with street-to-street fighting between NATO forces, the Palestinians and the Israeli army. As Israel scrambles to reorganize her defenses in the discovery that her allies have turned into enemies, it will seem an impossible task because she will have traded most of her military capability for the promises of protection as part of the security agreement with the EU-UN that permitted them to rebuild the Temple. NATO will eventually conquer and subdue most of Israel, and this tiny island of democracy will collapse in the midst of a massive worldwide conflict between contending dictatorships.

I believe that these events will take place during the fourth month of the 6th Period, focused on **21 March 2012**. This date is an equinox date, and it is related to the *Tammuz* 17 principles. Later on we will learn a lot about the significance of that Jewish fast of sufferings which historically overlays so many calamitous events in the history of the Jewish people.

At this juncture in the Apocalypse 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.

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.

If it were not for God's promises, I would only see black. Presently, one third of the UN employees are from Arabic and Islamic countries that are hostile to Israel. Watching TV news channels makes it obvious that the UN General Assembly is biased against the State of Israel. The General Assembly and the Security Council regularly condemn Israel unjustly while praising the murderous attacks by terrorists and the warmongering resolutions demanded by the dictatorships of Arabic countries. This trend will accelerate toward an outright hostility resulting in the EU-UN occupation of Jerusalem in the year 2012.

The Assassination of the EU World Leader

While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke

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boastfully... Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking **until the beast was slain** and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.) (Daniel 7:8, 11-12)

Moving into the 7th Period, there are two important dates. One of these dates is a very important one because it is a solstice date that links to important insights from other cultures' calendars. The Hebrew, Chinese and Aztec calendars each attach special significance to **21 December 2012**. These diversely determined, independent sources agree on detailed aspects pertaining to that one day in the future. This is not something that can happen by mere chance.

That such divergently developed cultures/calendars agree on one day in the historic-prophetic timeline provides dramatic verification of the methodology employed in my prophetic analysis. The last half of this book will present additional proofs that confirm this date as one of the most dramatic and detailed events of Bible prophecy.

The future occupation of Jerusalem by NATO forces probably has something to do with the world's highest European Union leader being assassinated on 18 December 2012. December 18th is three days prior to the solstice date of 21 December 2012. Those three days represent the three days that the Bible says Antichrist's body will be displayed for the entire world to see - on every television station around the world, I'm sure.

During those three days, political leaders and dignitaries of the UN will mourn for the slain leader as they see their hopes for world peace dashed. The headlines around the world will scream dismay. The financial markets will plummet disastrously; all of the military command posts will be placed on highest alert as the ghost of nuclear destruction haunts the world.

Around the world shocked populations will be glued to the newscast as dignitaries from around the world pay their respect to this great leader who had mastered a comeback from certain disaster in such a relatively short time: businesses were flourishing again; the stock market showed good gains; and terrorism seemed to be localized in some hot spots of developing countries.

As the apparent peace among nations begins to crumble, suddenly the corpse of the assassinated leader will start moving and become alive. People watching on television and those present at the time will gasp, perplexed and shocked to see this dead person get up and begin shaking hands with those who were mourning his death. This miracle will have no historical fact to compare it with except the resurrection of Jesus Christ; therefore, it will be directly linked to that event and perhaps referred to as the "Second Coming of Christ."

The resurrection of the European leader on 21 December 2012 will create a stir around the world. Wild speculation will break out that Christ has returned to

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establish His kingdom on earth. Many news services will begin to focus on the Apocalypse and Bible prophecy in conjunction with then current events unfolding in Jerusalem and Israel.

The combined political and religious momentum generated by his "resurrection" will not be lost on the EU World Leader. He will move quickly to capitalize on his popular identification with Christ by trying to enter the Jewish temple to proclaim his deity. He will also honor Islam and visit the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, too. Declaring himself the universal God of All Nations, he will demand that all religions unite in his worship.

The Two Witnesses will deny Antichrist entry to the Temple's holy place. Some "renegade" Biblicist Jews and Christians will refuse to submit to this world-acclaimed savior of humanity. They will understand that Satan has arrived on earth to inhabit the dead body of the world leader, called Antichrist in the New Testament. They will know that a new terror against them—and especially against the Jews—is about to begin.

Let me recap. The first day of the seventh month of the 7th Period, 21 December 2012, connects with the Hebrew, Aztec and Chinese calendars and overlays with the Hebrew Alphabet Number System. The Aztec calendar sets this day as the end of the world after 5,125 years. (See below.) This day is marked by both Daniel and Revelation as the center of the Great Apocalypse.

This solstice of 21 December 2012 follows three days after assassination of the world leader. It is the day that the war in Heaven ends with Satan being cast out from Heaven. The resurrected world leader, who is Satan indwelling an earthly body, announces that he is the long-awaited Messiah and proclaims himself to be the promised God incarnate come in the flesh to bring peace to all nations of the earth. Impressed by his supernatural ability, the leaders of the world – especially in the West - will renew their allegiance to him in a desperately renewed hope that he will deliver on his promises.

With virtually unlimited power given by the European Union and the United Nations, the Satan *persona* of Antichrist will establish new policies aimed at the total control of a new united world government. He will present only one agenda: world peace and prosperity for all nations. But all the good sounding propaganda slogans will not be able to hide the enormous cost of human suffering that all nations will be forced to endure in the name of "peace and prosperity."

The Mystery of the Missing Horns

Then another sign appeared in Heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. (Revelation 12:3-4)

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This passage describes a dragon with seven heads, ten horns and seven crowns. In the Bible horns symbolize divine power. Satan's seven heads are adorned with seven crowns to indicate royalty or a special, elevated position in the *Heh* dimension (Heaven).

The dragon should have two horns for each of his seven heads, for a total of fourteen, but there are only ten. I believe that five of the seven heads of the beast in Revelation 12 represent Satan in the second Heaven as the "god of this age" and "prince of the power of the air." His Heh dimension presence is symbolized with five heads and five crowns with ten horns, two horns for each head making up the total of ten horns. (See the five steps of Satan's doom in Chapter 3 of my first book, Apocalypse Prophesied.)

So with a total of seven heads, four horns seem to be missing. The Apocalypse is divided into two periods. A different leader, represented by the two crowned heads with no horns, will govern each period. One beast will come out of the sea; the other will come from the earth.

These two heads with no horns represent Satan's *Daleth* dimension presence on earth during the Apocalypse: first through his "overshadowing" or possession of the human president of the EU-UN; secondly by taking possession of that person's dead body and personally empowering its false appearance of a "resurrection" in imitation of Jesus, who was God born in the flesh.

During the first half of the Apocalypse, Satan will control the Antichrist from the other side (five = *Heh*, "the other side"). While the first world leader is still alive (during the first half of the Apocalypse), Satan's control and power will be limited by the degree to which that human person submits. On 18 December 2012, the last day of the sixth month of the 7th period of the Apocalypse, the EU-UN president will be killed. After his corpse has lain in full public display for three days, Satan will enter this world leader's dead body in an imitation of Jesus' resurrection and announce to all that he is the Savior God who has given his life for humanity.

On 21 December 2012 Satan will be driven out of Heaven. He must now become mortal in order to continue his revolt against God in our physical world (the *Daleth* dimension). Later, when Satan shows up in Hades, people will say, "He has become one of us." He will have sunk to the lowest level that angels can fall. From the heavenly viewpoint Satan is cast out to earth; while from an earthly viewpoint, he appears as a dead body that comes back to life. These events are positioned at the center of the Apocalypse.

Remarkably, the biblical time table for this event is corroborated by the structure of the Hebrew Alphabet Number System, the Hebrew calendar and at least two other cale ndars, which have been used independently by widely separated peoples for thousand of years. The symbolism of the Hebrew Alphabet Number System sheds

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some light on this mystery. Let's review these very unusual events as they relate to the calendars of other cultures.

Confirmation from the Hebrew Number System

In the Hebrew Alphabet Number System the number four (4) represents *Daleth*, which means, "door" or "this world in this time." Therefore, the fourth month of the Jewish year, *Tammuz*, makes perfect sense as a starting point for calculating the doorway to, or beginning of, the Apocalypse. Furthermore, the number 4 is the whole number middle of seven. Also, Noah's Flood took place during the fourth 490 year cycle of seven from Creation to the destruction of the First Temple at Jerusalem.

Most of my calculations have started from a midpoint. From the midpoint I have either counted forward to determine a starting date or backward to discover an end date. The keys have been to determine the location of the middle and the scales to use. This is where the Rosetta Stone discovery I made comes in: 12 is divided between 7 and 5 instead of at 6; and the midpoint of seven is found at four and not at three and a half.

Tammuz is also linked with a Babylonian heathen god of the underworld, which points to Satan as the major player in the Apocalypse. The Flood of Noah took place in the 4^{th} cycle, which overlays or symmetrically aligns with the relative positioning of the Apocalypse perfectly. If we count backward 3,480 days (9.6 years or 2 x 1,715 days x 1.0145 [365 day conversion factor]) from the 17^{th} of *Tammuz* 5778 (30 June 2018), we arrive at the date **21 December 2008** for the beginning of the Apocalypse, which is the date of the secular calendar's year-end solstice - a cosmic day marking significant changes worldwide. (This is explained in greater detail later.)

A door (*Daleth*) can either be open or shut. The open door suggests to me the beginning of the Apocalypse. The closed door at the center of my Apocalypse table points to the date that coincides with the end of the Aztec calendar when God closes the door on Satan as he is cast out of Heaven on 21 December 2012. This is the precise time that the Aztec calendar anticipates the world will end. Satan's presence in the Second Heaven will end on that date. Remember, he had already been cast out of his position in the Third Heaven court of the Father at his rebellion. (See *Apocalypse Prophesied* Chapter 2.)

Satan's dominion over the earth will formally end three years later on 21 December 2015, although the destruction, terrors and slaughter of the Apocalypse will be cut short by about three months in September. The December date is also a solstice date, symbolizing that it belongs to the cosmos. The sun of righteousness is coming over the horizon and the night of Satan's domain – the longest night – will have vanished forever. As Satan's dominion melts away by the brightness of Jesus' coming, the cosmic shadow cycles of *Zayin* (7) and *Cheth* (8) will progress into the

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sun cycle of *Teth* (9), which is God's promised new age of peace on earth and good will towards humanity.

At this point I want to briefly explain how the Aztec and Chinese calendars confirm the significance of 21 December 2012 in God's original planning. This date falls on the first day of the seventh month of the 7^{th} Period of the Apocalypse. Numerically, we see that we have $7 \times 7 = 49$, a number with significance in the Hebrew Alphabet Number System.

The Aztec Calendar

The Aztecs developed a highly sophisticated knowledge of astronomy. In Mexico archeologists recently discovered a round stone from the Aztec culture that is thirteen feet in diameter and weighs twenty tons. It contains a calendar over 5,125 years old. This calendar started in approximately 3114 BC.

The ancient Aztec people calculated time using the Milky Way as a reference point. They predicted that the earth would come to an end when current time intersects with the center of the Milky Way on 21 December 2012. Thus, they ended their calendar on that date.

The Aztec calendar was probably inherited from the Toltecs who lived before the Aztecs. Toltec history begins when a supreme god, Tloque Nahuaque, created a "water-sun." This is the first age. After 1,716 years, lightning and floods destroyed the world. (See the Seven Thousand Year Table of Human History, which lays out 1,715 years from Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden to Noah's flood - a nearly identical period of time.)

The second age was called a period of "earth-sun" when the world was populated with giants. They disappeared in an earthquake. In parallel we can easily identify similar Bible references to angelic giants that existed before the Flood who married the daughters of men. (Genesis 6:4)

Next, a "wind-sun" period followed; during which human tribes called Olmecs lived on earth. In the Bible I would identify this group with Noah's descendants. The fourth age is called "fire-sun", which is prophesied to end in a blaze and a holocaust. In the Bible we see a parallel in the Apocalypse.

The Aztec calendar ends after the fourth age because a serpent rules their world. They do not know about the coming fifth age of God's kingdom on earth.

Every year thousands of tourists flock to Mexico City to watch a wavy shadow that extends from the top to the bottom of a pyramid. The shadow ends on a large stone carved with an image of a serpent's head. The Aztec religion predicts that a serpent will come from Heaven and appear on earth on 21 December 2012.

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According to an Aztec legend, human beings can ascend into Heaven when the serpent descends.¹

This is strikingly similar to the Bible's prediction that a serpent will be cast out of Heaven to earth, and human beings will be resurrected. In Christian circles the resurrection is often called the "rapture" of the saints.

The Chinese Calendar

The Chinese calendar also started before Noah's Flood. According to Chinese tradition, the worst time for anyone to be born is during a dragon year. Even here the Hebrew Alphabet Number System contributes depth to understanding the meaning of the Chinese calendar's structure. It is a perspective alien to the Chinese people; they would never recognize it.

There are five different dragons. Each of these dragons appears once in a cycle of 60 years in an orderly succession of elemental description: earth, metal, water, wood and fire. Each dragon has his own place in the order of the cosmos. We know already that in the **Hebrew Alphabet Number System**, the number "five" means Heh "from the other side." In addition we have "water" (Mem = 40 or 4×10) meaning "this life with purpose in struggle," which connects it to Daleth (= 4, in this world and time).

The Year of the Water-Dragon is 2012. It will be followed by a Year of the Serpent (2013). The serpent is the sixth in order and corresponds to the element of fire. The Bible also connects the number 666 with intense fire. I cannot go into a detailed description of the all the symbolism locked within the Chinese calendar and philosophy as compared to the Aztecs' calendar and belief system. Additional information is presented below in Chapter 9 as Observation #7.

Suffice it to say here that they all point to the same certain period in future time for the Apocalypse as confirmed by the Hebrew Alphabet Number System. Someone could easily write a book about those relationships.

The Hebrew Calendar

The Hebrew calendar is oriented to both the lunar and the solar cycles; consequently, it varies by several weeks in its correlation to our secular, western (Catholic in source) Gregorian calendar during any given year. The Web site www.chabad.org contains a calculator for converting English dates to the Jewish calendar. Using that calculator, for example, I discovered that the 17th day of *Tammuz* in the Jewish year 5775 lines up with our 4 July 2015.

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¹ Max Toth, Pyramid Prophesies (Inner Tradition International Ltd., 1988).

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Overlaying this calendar date with the Hebrew Alphabet Number System confirmed this day as the end date for a 1,260 day (or 42 months or "times, time and half a time") period mentioned in eight different prophecies as well as being the end date for Daniel's 1,290 day prophecy. The last half of this book will cover the math used in calculating these calendar dates. In the context of this chapter, I only want to alert you that the 7th Period of the Apocalypse has buried within it some very important information of historical and prophetic correlations that are not found in the Bible but nonetheless generally match its prophetic message.

Going back to the Bible, Satan called "the dragon" will manifest himself in a physical form subject to the seven-based dimension (*Daleth*, "in this world in this time") which is our planet. On 21 December 2012 Satan will do with Antichrist's body something similar to what the angels did before the Flood when they left their first estate and cohabited with man.

The earth's physical laws – specifically, the Second Law of Thermodynamics - states that a higher level of energy can only devolve towards a lower level. Lower energy levels can never intensify or move in the other direction towards higher levels. The atom bomb conforms to that same principle.

Prophetically, Satan's expulsion from the second Heaven and entry into the region of our world lowers his energy state. This forces him to personally take over the body of Antichrist in order to lead human armies that already exist. Later he adds

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his demonic hordes of possessed men in order to battle in both the *Daleth* and *Heh* dimensions at the same time.

I believe that Satan's "fall from Heaven" or confinement to this planet will take place on 21 December 2012, which is the solstice day that begins the first day of the 7th month of the 7th Period of the Apocalypse. Is it a coincidence that after 5,000 years the Aztec calendar stops on 21 December 2012 - the same day in the same month as indicated by the Hebrew calendar?

On this day the Aztec religious calendar prophesies that a great serpent will come to earth; thus, Satan's fall coincides with the end of the Aztec calendar as well as the Chinese calendar. Satan's 21 December 2012 expulsion from Heaven falls near the end of the Chinese Year of the Dragon. During the same 7^{th} month of that same 7^{th} Period of the Apocalypse, the Chinese calendar moves into its succeeding astrological Year of the Serpent (2013) coinciding with the Aztec's great serpent legend.

Satan's re-entry to the earth is marked by a precise, triple overlay of the Hebrew, Chinese and Aztec calendars - all within a single month spanning the changeover between 2012/2013. That month receives an interpretive numeric value of 49 (seventh period x the seventh month = 49) in the Hebrew mathematical system.

Thus, the midpoint of the seven year Great Apocalypse is 21 December 2012. It occurs in the seventh of twelve periods of the Great Apocalypse and not precisely the day that marks 3-1/2 years from its start. Three extra-biblical sources (the Hebrew calendar, the Chinese calendar and the Aztec calendar) all merge on that precise day, never converging at any other time – present, past or future.

We must remember that in the Hebrew cycle theory the middle (What I call the *Tammuz* position.) period of any given seven periods would be the fourth period, which is *Daleth* (4), or the fourth month of the Hebrew calendar, *Tammuz*, which is the fourth month of the seven months containing all of the religious feast days given to Moses as listed in Leviticus 23.

In this instance where we must deal with twelve (12) periods, the 7th Period, or *Zayin* Period, is considered the middle of the whole and not the end of the sixth, because it must conform to Heaven's binary code ratio of 7:5. The section on the Rosetta Stone discovery explains more about that principle in Chapter 7.

Therefore, the second half of the Apocalypse will begin with a sudden explosion of terror and destruction under an unprecedented demonic reign of terror in our Daleth dimension because Satan will have been kicked out of the heavenly realm as represented by the Revelation beast's two heads with no horns mentioned at the beginning of this chapter. Being forced from the Second Heaven of the *Heh* dimension, Satan now vents his torrents of destructive anger in an all-out effort to annihilate the last civilization on earth and especially those who belong to God – both faithful Jews and Christians alike. (Revelation 12:7-17)

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Satan wants revenge for his shameful defeat at the hands of God's angels. To the very end, Satan irrationally wars to thwart God's plan. His efforts will climax with the gathering of all surviving military forces to attack the remaining Jewish resistance in part of Jerusalem. This last battle is often referred to as Armageddon.

Later, I will describe in detail what the Chinese have to say about Satan's attributes as the dragon changes into the serpent. These cosmic calendar alignments will be explained in detail in Chapter 9 under the section titled, Observation #7.

An Amazing Connection

Because these last discourses on various calendars and symbols are difficult to understand, I will again summarize this material. The overlapping sequences of events and correlating calendars are convincing confirmation for the dates of the Apocalypse presented in my books.

The Aztec, Chinese and Hebrew cultures are separated by thousands of miles, originated on different continents, developed independently over thousands of years and have no common language. Yet each one lines up with biblical prophecy on one date in the future, which also **correlates precisely** with the Hebrew Alphabet Number System: **21 December 2012.**

The Aztec and Chinese calendars are oriented to solar cycles. Both of them are more than 5,000 years old. The Hebrew calendar follows the moon for the determination of the beginning and ending dates of the months, but it conforms to the solar years and cycles by inserting an additional month, *Adar*, seven times during every nineteen year cycle. The Hebrew calendar is also over 5,000 years old. The year 2012 is 5773 in the Hebrew calendar.

The Chinese calendar associates animal names with each year. Every animal represents certain characteristics. When I compared the animals associated with years predicted in Bible prophecy, I discovered another surprising parallel. The transition years of Satan's final ouster from Heaven and reign over the earth will occur during the years of the dragon and the serpent. As I studied the characteristics of those creatures, I realized that I could not find a better description of Satan as he is revealed in the Bible. Their contrasting characteristics align perfectly with the prophesied change in Antichrist's persona.

All these disparate sources point to the exact same time frame. Coincidence or design? I leave it up to you, the reader, to decide.

The Beast Out of the Earth

Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his

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behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from Heaven to earth in full view of men. (Revelation 13:11-13)

John described the first half of the Apocalypse as "a Beast out of the sea." The next half belongs to the "Beast coming from earth." The **Mini-Apocalypse** will end on **17 September 2015**. This day takes place just before Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which occurs on an equinox that year. The equinox is the day when the number of light and dark hours is equal.

The **Great Apocalypse** period of seven years will end on **21 December 2015**, the northern hemisphere's winter solstice. The repetitive pattern connotes a continuing process. The last half of the Apocalypse will be an especially difficult time for Biblebelieving Christians and Jews who will be severely persecuted. Satan will use all his demonic power to express his hatred for God's people. Most of the lost human beings under his control will not dare to oppose him.

The Mini-Apocalypse (4 DECEMBER 2011 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2015)										
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9	22 AUGUST 2013		21 MARCH 2014							
10	22 MARCH 2014			21 OCTOBER 2014						
11	22 OCTOBER 20	14		21 MA	Y	2015				
	22 MAY 2015									
12	12 Mini-Apocalypse ends					17 SEPTEMBER 2015				
	Great Apocal	yp se en	ıds	21 DECEMBER 2015						

Scripture describes Antichrist as a dragon who speaks like a lamb. He will act religiously and dramatically utilize the symbols of the Christian faith as a false messiah, who appears to be the true Lamb of God but is not. He will masquerade as being the man (the first beast) resurrected, but the human that was is no longer. The person is dead. What was his body is now the sole tool of the devil, in an attempt to hide his true identity as the Enemy, even in the disguise of a holy presence in the Temple.

Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell

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unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666. (Revelation 13:14-18)

Towards the end of this seven year Apocalypse (during the 12th Period), Antichrist will go into the Temple first to defile it and then to destroy it. His hatred of God, and the knowledge that his power is being taken away, will cause him to make an irrational last stand against God's purpose and people. Satan cannot prevent his removal from the universe, so he will leave a trail of destruction to the very gates of hell. However, the devil only has power over the body. The souls of the murdered saints await a glorious reception by Heaven.

Since we all are destined to die anyway, Satan only has the power to shorten one's life. For those who have already entered eternal life by faith, an untimely death only brings an earlier closure to pain or an end to the suffered experienced at the hands of evil. Jesus encourages us by saying, "Behold I am always with you." Passing through the portal of the *Daleth* dimension of mortality, we should not fear because we will rendezvous with the wonderful Lord who is waiting for us on "the other side."

As the final trumpet blasts reverberate in Heaven, God's wrath will be poured out for thirteen days. Jews are warned to get into the country, hide and save themselves in caves or out in the eastern desert lands. Christians must be faithful to preach the gospel until death. The reward for this service cannot be compared with anything in this world. Jesus warns our generation:

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:34-36)

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of

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the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:4-14)

Looking back, Antichrist will try to control all of humankind during the last three years of the Apocalypse. He will use his demonic powers to effect deceptive showmanship of spiritual signs and perform great miracles. In his quest to be worshiped he could also use the latest high-tech projectors to create a phantom image of himself with three-dimensional visual effects for television broadcast. The image will be computer generated on a huge scale and look very alive. Scripture records that he will order all citizens to worship this image. He will do this to discover who is loyal to him and who refuses his authority.

This is reminiscent of the image anciently erected by Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel's day. Just as the old King of Babylon executed anyone who did not worship his image, so will this one. But anyone who submits to Antichrist faces the severe and eternal consequences of God's judgment:

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

And the smoke of their torment rises forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name." This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

Then I heard a voice from Heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:9-13)

The world population will be reduced to nearly half its former size. Most will have perished from hunger. Ethnic hatred throughout the Middle East will interrupt the supply of oil. Many Christians and Israeli citizens will be murdered because they will refuse the mark.

The 8th and 9th Periods of the Apocalypse

(January 2013 to March 2014)

The 8^{th} and 9^{th} Periods belong together because they remind us to direct our view into Heaven during the midst of these great sorrows. While the peoples on earth are preoccupied with the Great Tribulation in the *Daleth* dimension, even more important events are taking place in Heaven.

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Ever since Lucifer rebelled and became Satan, he and his fallen angels or demons have still had occasional access to God's throne in the Third Heaven. They have taunted God with humanity's sins. The Father and the righteous angels have had to put up with the presence of these defiling spirit beings. The Bible only gives us brief descriptions of this part of the *Heh* side. Since the Son's resurrection, Satan's "days" have been numbered, and now they come to an end. God will fully purge the presence of any and all evil from heavenlies before He does so on earth: there is a cleansing completed in Heaven before the Great Tribulation on earth ends.

The Heavenly Apocalypse

Two thousand years ago John saw a vision of what will soon happen in Heaven:

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.

Then I heard a loud voice in Heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and authority of His Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (Revelation 12:7-12 NRSV)

On 21 December 2012, the heavenly realm will rejoice at the announcement that Satan's domain has ended on this cosmic date, the Northern Hemisphere's (and Jerusalem's) winter solstice. The archangel Michael and his armies will expel all evil and unclean spirits, demons and fallen angels from the universe and throw them into the lake of fire where they will be eliminated forever from existence.

How have you fallen from earth, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid down the nations! (Isaiah 14:12)

Satan will be sent down to earth and given three years to conclude his final rebellion. There he will meet opposition. The gospel will have been preached to many around the world, and bold Christians will choose death rather submit to Satan's desires. Satan will learn that he has not only lost the heavenly battles, but

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he is losing ground on earth as well. God's power will be visible even during in the worst time of Satan's oppression.

At the closure of the *Cheth* Age Satan will be imprisoned in a sealed pit for another thousand years. After that 1,000 years, the abyss will be opened to release him, and he will instigate one more, final rebellion against God that seeks to destroy the unsuspecting population of humans who have lived their whole lives without his temptations or deceptions. On his last day on earth Satan will meet his final doom when he is cast into the lake of fire. His evil influence over every living being on earth and Heaven will be permanently eliminated.

According to the **Hebrew Alphabet Number System**, the 8th Period means "a new beginning," and the 9th Period indicates "new life."

After this I looked, and there in Heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

At once I was in the spirit, and there in Heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.

Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come."

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." (Revelation 4:1-11 NRSV)

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The celebration in Heaven will be announced with loud trumpets and the voices of a massive choir of redeemed mankind. In attendance will be millions of anointed saints and angels. This great event represents the capstone of God's design for a future eternity.

In the Hebrew Alphabet Number System the number nine (9 - *Teth*) symbolizes new life bursting forth, like a mother giving birth to a living baby. This is not like the potentially mortal life God once breathed into Adam, but eternal life the second stage (10 - *Jod*) in God's creation. This is the ultimate objective, which has been hidden in the darkness as it grows to maturity during the sixth, seventh and eighth cycles of the universe, until it finally becomes visible to all as a living, breathing entity. The placenta (Satan's dominion), which coexisted with the baby before its birth, will be destroyed. The baby (God's kingdom) will come to earth:

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" (Revelation 7:9-12)

Heaven will have a totally new environment, characterized by the absence of rebellion and evil. It will be the high point of unification between God's heavenly and the earthly kingdoms. It will be a time of giving rewards to the saints. The announcement will be made with a trumpet blast and many voices will call out in unison:

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.

They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in Heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:11-14)

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Observing these events in Heaven, John wrote about a special moment that caused absolute silence. Millions of angels and human beings were assembled before a brightly lit throne that was encircled by twenty-four smaller thrones. (The number 24 means "priesthood" and is connected with worship. Psalm 72 lists twenty-four references to the Messiah.)

Festive angels and other creatures surrounded John. All activity stopped. There was silence for half an (heavenly?) hour. Tension mounted as seven angels received trumpets for the countdown. After the period of total silence, the sounding of the trumpet gave the signal to start something that the army of the universe had prepared for. All the planning and preparation would result in another spectacular phase of God's predetermined plan for the earth.

Next came an offering of incense to represent the prayers of the saints. This expression of gratitude also contains the anguish, fear, pain and terror of being persecuted by evil men. All the memories the saints experienced before their deaths are represented here. Infused in the incense of prayer are the cries for justice of those who suffered for their faith. This causes the angel to hurl fire onto the earth, an act that will be accompanied by terrific peals of thunder, extreme lightning and a huge earthquake:

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake. (Revelation 8:1-5)

The Two Witnesses

The Bible predicts that the gospel will be preached throughout "the four corners of the earth." During the last years of the Apocalypse, many of Israel's citizens will wake up to the fact that the final judgment of God has arrived. They will begin to study the ancient teachings of the Torah, psalms and prophets. They will realize that they are about to enter a time of horrible persecution similar to the Holocaust.

Here in America many Christians will follow the urgent call to evangelize the world in the midst of strong government opposition. Emergency home front security laws will have turned America into a police state, and religious meetings will be suspected of harboring terrorists. The Truth will be suppressed.

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God will not be outmaneuvered during this oppressive time. Near the beginning of the 6th Period, two interesting individuals will appear. In Revelation 11:3 John calls them "witnesses." They will live in Jerusalem and will condemn the newly unified world Superchurch, and the media will capture everything they say. Television broadcasts will cover all of their speaking engagements and their tremendous demonstrations of supernatural power. They will appear to control the weather as they proclaim a stoppage of rain in the Middle East and other places around the world. They will seem to have the same power as the mighty prophet Elijah, who shut off the rain over Israel for three and a half years:

"And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

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

These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. (Revelation 11:3-6)

The unorthodox behavior of these two witnesses will become a political liability for the government and a thorn for many church leaders. They will be blamed for causing instability with their intolerantly heretical teachings, but these two will speak out unabashedly with great passion against the corruption of their time, admonishing people to ask God for forgiveness of their evil deeds.

They will start their public appearance on 4 January 2012, and their careers will end on the fast of *Tammuz* 17, which is 4 July 2015. John wrote that these two witnesses will be assassinated after 1,260 days of boldly proclaiming the gospel to and God's judgment on the world's evil economic and political systems. The antichrist President of the European Union will overcome them by supernatural demonic ability. For three days their bodies will lie on the street in Jerusalem, watched by millions of television viewers around the clock. Then a penetrating voice from above will command, "Come up here!" To everyone's astonishment, the bodies of the slain witnesses will rise and float into the heavens in full view of the cameras.

At the same time, a huge earthquake will shake the city of Jerusalem. Days later, the news will report 7,000 dead, buried under the rubble of collapsed buildings:

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The

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inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of Heaven. (Revelation 11:7-13)

The 10th Period of the Apocalypse

(March 2014 to October 2014)

This period on earth will be a time of massive destruction, ethnic cleansing and death. But the Good News will continue to be preached around the world through television news, the Internet, movies, and personal evangelism. True believers will become as bold as the terrorists, proclaiming Jesus Christ and His coming as Lord of Lords:

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14)

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." (Revelation 14:6-7)

The number ten (10) reminds me of the ten plagues in Egypt. In the tenth period of the Apocalypse, we will again see God's judgment against a world system that has persecuted the people of God.

The last months of the Apocalypse will find humanity caught within a vortex of horrendous conflicts fueled by political hostility and Islamic religious fervor. The oppressive government systems will arrest people daily. Unemployment, hunger, crime, looting and constant fear will destroy any remnant of civilization. The rejection of Christian principles rooted in the Bible will result in unimaginable lawlessness. The Bible says that people will lose love for one another. Families will be split over spiritual issues to the point that some will deliver their own household members to the executioners.

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When we focus on the destruction of the Apocalypse, we forget to notice what God is doing to save humankind. In the beginning of the Christian church's history, the Bible records a baptism of the Holy Spirit as a testimony to the religious and secular world, demonstrating the enormous power of God.

At the end of the church age, "before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord," God will again pour out the supernatural powers of the Holy Spirit against the backdrop of the most evil time on earth. True believers living through that time should feel highly honored that God has appointed them to manifest God's power of eternal life and light to the world in the midst of its darkest hour.

Jesus Christ, by a definite plan of foreknowledge, was crucified by lawless men, and then raised by God, having loosed the pangs of death. (Acts 2:23) Therefore, as the Scriptures testify, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Acts 2:21) Even in these most oppressing times to come, all a person has to do is "call upon the Lord Jesus" in order to be saved. Those who do so will experience the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In the midst of humankind's darkest hour, God's love will shine more intensely.

The prophet Joel (2:28-32) and the apostle Paul (Acts 17:21) both wrote that there will be a great awakening and hunger to find the God of the Bible. God in turn will pour out the Holy Spirit in a flood that will indwell thousands of people, a phenomenon seen only once before—at Pentecost, 2,000 years ago in the beginning of the church age. This will give the believers added assurance that God loves them and guaranties them eternal life for the future.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the survivors whom the Lord calls. (Joel 2:32)

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Acts 2:17-21)

The testimony of their newfound faith will attract even more severe persecution from the western world's governments. Many will be executed, but others will take up their places. This will be reminiscent of the days 2,000 years ago when Christians were slaughtered for entertainment after being found subversive by a corrupt religious society.

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To give assurance to those saints who die on earth for their faith and testimony, God asked John 2,000 years ago to "come up here" and "write what you see."

On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches." (Revelation 1:10)

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in Heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." (Revelation 4:1)

John went up into Heaven, and there he saw the resurrected saints in clean white garments, assembled by the thousands and ten thousands around the throne, the center of God's government. They were worshiping Him with palm branches in their hands. John noticed that they came from many nations and spoke different languages, but all sang in unison a song praising the Lord. John was impressed and awed by the splendor, unity, and love revealed in those people. I call them the "multinational saints."

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God; "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal [Apocalypse]; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9-14 NRSV_[my emphasis])

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in Heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

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And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:11-14 NRSV.)

Many Christians believe they will be exempt from suffering, assuming that a "rapture" will save them from the terrible end times. However, God has determined from the beginning to enrich His human children's lives to gain the experiences that will be needed in the coming Kingdom of God, which will last forever. He will not deny His children the benefits derived from suffering in the midst of great evil, nor the opportunity to witness a spectacle of events of unimaginable cosmic proportions that had never before been encountered by common people.

Standing in front of the throne, they will agree with God that it was worth their suffering for Him on earth. They will_praise Him in_their loyalty and give thanks for what they received on earth and for the future life in glory before them.

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