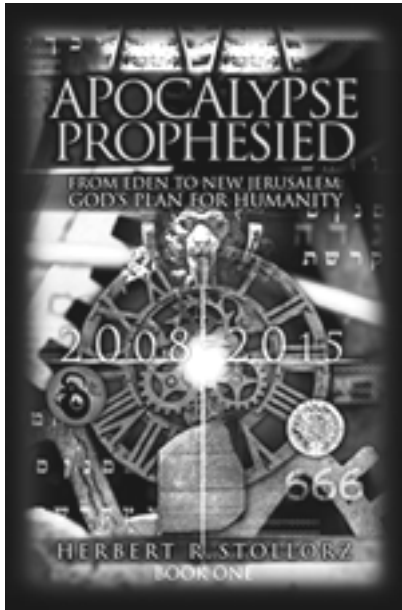


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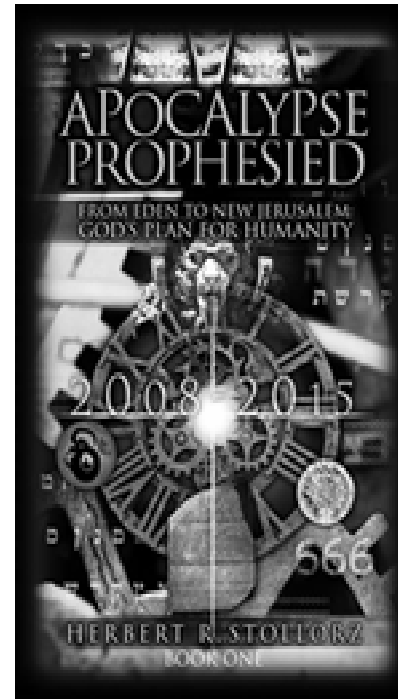
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CHAPTER 7

THE APOCALYPSE

(Ending of the Seventh World Age, 7 =
Zayin, "sword/strife")

Why does a loving God send us terrible
suffering and death?

Isn't one Apocalypse enough? Why are
there two?

And why does it all begin with the
destruction of New York City

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The biggest Apocalypse in the universe will not be on earth! However, humanity is the focus of God's plan for creation, so we are connected to that Apocalypse, too. In this chapter I will not

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only briefly explain why the Apocalypse on earth is certain, but also how we are connected to that other Apocalypse taking place in the universe. My second book, *The Mystery of Tammuz 17*, will detail the events of the apocalyptic fireworks as well as describe how I calculated their dates. Here I only identify the players and their behavior. Find out why God has just reason to get so mad at us!

Seventh Age in Heaven = War in Heaven

Some time soon war will be announced in Heaven against all rebellious angels. They will be judged and cast down upon the earth. Satan will be allowed to make one final physical appearance on earth to convince even the most devout atheists that other beings exist in the universe. God's plan calls for Satan, an expert in destruction, to become the primary vehicle for executing His judgment of the world. As the god of the Daleth world in the Zayin age, Satan will destroy his own dominion in the violent execution of his opposition to God's love and goodness. This time of trial is commonly called the Apocalypse. It will take place between 21 December 2008 and 21 December 2015.

Book #1 Chapter - Age Alignment				
Chapter 2	Chapter 4	Chapter 7	Chapter 9	
Before 4068 BC	4004 BC - AD 2008	2008 - 2015	2018 - 3018	After AD 3018
<i>WAW</i> Age	<i>ZAYIN</i> Age	<i>CHETH</i> Age	<i>TETH</i> Age	<i>JOD</i> Age

After the Apocalypse the Lord will usher in a rest period for the universe. All created beings on earth and in heaven will experience a new world order: the Kingdom of God. God will continue His program on earth but under new management. The saints of the first resurrection, who will have learned much from their experiences on earth, will be placed in important positions to govern earth and later, the universe.

Since the beginning of time, the world has been under Satan's control and his godless philosophy. But during the seven-year

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affairs. The evil accumulated from so many centuries will finally come to an end. Jesus Christ's prophecies are standing ready to be fulfilled in front of our very eyes.

To my knowledge no one has presented this truth in modern history, yet the Bible clearly states it. It is shameful that Christian scholars (both past and present) have not written books about this dramatic and complete change in civilization as it is the center of God's plan for the universe. When desperation, pain and terrors become unbearable, the promises of God will be the only hope for humanity during this transformation of our corrupted creation.

Although it has cost me quite a bit (and not just in dollars) to warn my fellow human beings to take heed, listen and change their ways, I am thankful. I want everyone to know that the God of the Bible can be trusted. He will provide a means of surviving your journey through the burning tunnel.

Now let's look from the perspective of a space traveler who watches what unfolds on earth as history races through the tunnel of the Apocalypse into the wonderful future that awaits all peoples on the other side.

The Twelve Periods of the Great Apocalypse			
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	
The Mini-Apocalypse			
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

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Over the last two thousand years the book of Revelation has been discussed by thousands of Bible scholars and theologians. When that event actually happens, the reality of it will be incomprehensible to us. Satan's domain and his evil influence will end on earth. This concept will take time to sink into our conscious thoughts of reality because it is against everything we have been taught.

Humanity is not, nor will we ever be, prepared for such revolutionary changes worldwide. The Apocalypse is not just a seven year time of trouble for the world and purification for the faithful; it will be the end of Satan's access to Heaven . . . forever.

There have been many books written about the Apocalypse, but this one is different. Pay attention! I cannot stress it enough. Satan's domain is going to end with the Apocalypse! His dominion on earth ends completely even though he is released once more, briefly, at the end of the thousand year reign of Jesus on earth. **Why? Because these seven years on earth called the Apocalypse also mark the final and complete end of any presence of Satan in Heaven!**

What is about to come on the world is not just a little judgment because of a society's sins. I will repeat it again because it is against the entire social and "scientific" education of all of us, and to my knowledge, no one has ever explained it before. The Apocalypse is not just a merely a seven year period of terrible trouble and distress for the world and a spiritual cleansing of the faithful. It is also the final and complete end of any presence of Satan in Heaven as well as the end of his dominion over humanity on earth!

The prophesied kingdom of Heaven does not exist today. It will start when the entire universe is cleansed from all evil by eliminating the fallen angels who rebelled with Satan. This has been the center of God's plan since the creation of Heaven. This is the point where the universe from the shadow side flips into the light side.

Zayin Age of strife and the sword will end! The kingdom that will come to earth will have a totally different civilization, never before experienced by humans. We cannot imagine what it will be like to live in a world where Satan cannot interfere in people's

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Apocalypse, his domain will be destroyed along with all vestiges of evil on earth and in heaven. The present world system will be terminated. After centuries of history a cosmic event will take place: the first resurrection. It will be followed by 1,000 years of peace, known as the Millennium.

At the end of the Millennium Satan will be loosed one last time to clean up all vestiges of latent rebellion. His defeat coincides with the Great Last Resurrection of all humanity to appear before God's Great White Throne. At that time all who oppose God—including Satan and his evil angels—will be judged and thrown into the Lake of Fire, which will eliminate them forever being called the Second Death. (Revelation 21:8)

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before Him. Thousands upon thousands attended Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. (Daniel 7:9-10)

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." (Isaiah 6:5)

Why an Apocalypse?

We have now come to the section of this book where I will explain why the people of the earth must go through the terrible time of trial known as the Apocalypse. When we visit a big house, we want to know its architectural features. That is why we first ask the question, "What is the purpose?" Then we answer with what was the intent of this house and follow the blueprint to understand the design concept.

The next chapter's title includes the Hebrew word Cheth, which can mean either "a new beginning" or "fenced in, surrounded." In it you will learn about the major events that are going to take place in Heaven, which is the center of the planning process for

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the universe. Heaven is where eternity past clashes with eternity future; it is similar to our awareness of the present moment, which exists only in our imagination.

Time exists only in the material universe. The present is so vast that when a second of time elapses, it turns into the past, which can no longer be changed. The next second lies in the future. It holds all the promises one could imagine, but we can never arrive there, so the present is very short.

Similarly, the Apocalypse is a very short period of time in respect to millions of years. When John was asked to "come up here," wherever "up" is, he was transferred into Heaven (Heh, "the other side"). John was told to "write what you see," and he did. But what he saw has not occurred on earth yet. This is the ultimate paradox of the highest order. Did God show him a movie that projected real events from the distant future? I do not think so. I believe these events occurred in Heaven, where time, as we know it does not exist. I only can explain this concept with a story I made up that goes as follows.

When a star is born in the universe, the light travels from that point outward in the endless universe. When a star dies, no more light radiates from it. The light has collapsed too, making that section of the universe dark again. Since it takes light quite a while to get to earth, by the time that a sky-gazer with a telescope announces that a new star has been discovered, that star may have already died. The astronomer thinks he has discovered a new star, but in reality that star may have been dead for millions of years.

From the other side (Heh) events appear to be concrete as if they can no longer be changed - just like the one second that just passed a blink ago. We live in the Daleth dimension ("this world in this time"), but Heh (the other side) is a separate but linked dimension. Although they share similar reflections, they are not the same.

In writing about the Apocalypse I invite you to see a cosmic display unrecorded in history on the Daleth dimension, but already fixed in the Heh dimension. The Apocalypse will happen, not because I say so, but because it is recorded in the ancient Scriptures written by faithful people to whom God spoke. God reveals to us the laws of the universe, which cannot change. I

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will enter that temple again in the person of Jesus Christ to rule from the throne of His human forebear, King David. This new house of God will be built exactly as illustrated in Ezekiel Chapters 40 to 43.

According to Daniel's 2,300-days prediction, the foundation of this Fourth Temple (4 = Daleth, "this world in this time") will be dedicated in 2018. These coming events will be described in the next chapter, which will conclude the plan of God. After that we are ready to understand the full impact of the Apocalypse as detailed in my second book, *Mystery of Tammuz 17*.

After the conclusion of the Apocalypse, a new global world government system will be instituted. The nation of Israel will again become the overseer of the oracles of God. They will demonstrate to all angels and humanity that God's laws work.

A Final Thought on Why there will be an Apocalypse

I have written enough about "why" will be there an Apocalypse. Now we must visit the last room in this house of God's plan for mankind, which will acquaint us with the Bible's prophecies for the future end time on earth. I return in considerable detail to the story of the Apocalypse in my second book as mentioned above. In it I will describe the sequence of events prophesied in many Bible verses as well as take you step-by-step through how I arrived at the dates for the critical events that mark the progress through and following the seven years of the biblical Apocalypse.

The World Cuckoo Clock major blocks of time: the first 6,000 years of mankind (Zayin) and the last 1,000 years (Teth). (See Chapter 10 for details.) The Bible contains numerous references to these seven years because they represent the turning point of this universe.

The Black Plague during the Middle Ages wiped out most of Europe's population, yet the world system continued. But the apocalyptic events lying ahead of us will be very different because they also correspond with the purging of evil from the spiritual dimension in Heaven, the five-based dimension (Heh) as explained in my Rosetta Stone chapter in the second book.

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housetop must not go down to take what is in the house; the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat.

Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Then if anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" - do not believe it. (Matthew 24:15-23 NRSV)

The Jewish people are currently under a curse again, which they brought upon themselves. At the crucifixion of their Messiah, they pronounced an oath: "Let His blood be on us and on our children!" (Matthew 27:25)

Since the Jews refused to accept what the prophets had clearly foretold, God rejected them and allowed them to be persecuted and oppressed for centuries. They ignored all the warnings; hence, they no longer receive God's full blessing. No other nation has suffered as much as the Jews. The Scriptures prophesy that the Apocalypse will be a horrible time for the Jews. They will have to make a choice: to continue in their defiance against Jehovah or to repent and return to their Creator and Redeemer.

Although Israel will go through a time of tremendous slaughter and destruction in their land that will last 1,260 prophetic days (1,278 days in our time), a remnant will survive. The armies that gather for the destruction of Israel will be defeated and destroyed. God will fight for His people, and Israel will witness one of the greatest miracles ever to occur on earth. The Israelis will repent over their rejection of the Messiah and be converted as a nation to follow the full Word of God. God will pour out great blessings, compassion and love to the survivors because of the promises He gave to Abraham and the many faithful prophets and saints of the past.

After the Apocalypse Israel will lay the foundation of a Fourth Temple. The Most Holy, the *Shekinah*—God's presence with man,

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invite you to read about the reasons for and events of the Apocalypse in this chapter and the next.

The Building Plan of God's House

When we visit a big house, we immediately want to know the layout or how the rooms are arranged. We especially want to find out where the bathroom is. Although this room is important, we do not plan to spend much time there.

If the plan of God for humanity is like a big house, we have now come to the bathroom: the Apocalypse. I am glad it is only seven years long and that there are other rooms in the house with more interesting things to discover.

I have split this chapter into two parts. The first section explains why there must be an Apocalypse. The second describes what will happen during the Apocalypse, and Chapter 8 details the "Day of the Lord," which concludes the Apocalypse and transitions into the Millennium. I will try to disclose the plan of God without interjecting my own commentaries or theories.

Many people wonder why there must be an Apocalypse. To answer that question, I want to show you around the various rooms of the house, because they reveal God's plan for humanity. By itself the Apocalypse can easily become confusing because we have taken it out of the broader biblical context of God's plan. The Apocalypse is not an outhouse but a small and dramatic room that fulfills an important function in the Architect's design for a grand mansion. By becoming acquainted with the whole house, we will get a better perspective of the totality of the Daleth, seven-based time dimension. In the process you should gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for what God inspired to be written thousands of years ago concerning our present generation.

In Chapter 9 we will visit various rooms of the house that describe the events and of a future world system that will follow the Apocalypse. After you have become acquainted with the whole house, you can get a better perspective of this little bathroom, the Apocalypse, within the context of all the mansion's other rooms. My second book, *Mystery of Tammuz 17*, returns to the dating and events of the Apocalypse in detail. I

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hope that this sequence of discussion will convince you that these prophetic events will take place as seen through the eyes of this clockmaker's discovery.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2Peter 1:20-21)

Two Apocalypses: One in Heaven and One on Earth

The Apocalypse is an intense seven year transitional period of global trials and tribulations that will take place between our present civilization and God's new civilization of peace and prosperity for all people. The Apocalypse will make visible the final phase of God's plan to reconcile a world full of deceived people to Himself. However, the events of the Apocalypse focus particularly on the children and land of Israel due to His specific promises regarding them.

When we study a passage of Scripture, we must determine which spiritual perspective the events should be seen from: the eternal one in heaven and/or the material one subject to time on earth. Daniel and John both prophesied an Apocalypse. Actually they were describing two Apocalypses: one on earth and one in heaven. To evaluate the many Scripture verses that apply to the Apocalypse, we need to differentiate between events that happen on earth and those that occur in heaven.

In the Hebrew numbering system, Cheth has two meanings that seem to express opposite concepts. One indicates something "fenced in," like animals being held in an enclosed corral. The other meaning is "a new beginning," indicating something never before experienced—something expansive as opposed to being confined in a small space.

There will be one Apocalypse on earth ("fenced in") and one in heaven ("a new beginning"). Certain events will occur on earth while other things happen simultaneously in heaven. The

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25th. This date matches the last (twelfth) period of the 7 Year Table of the Apocalypse.

7-Year Table of the Apocalypse The Great Apocalypse

December 21, 2008 to December 21, 2015

3,500 years AD 3018	14	DANIEL 12:7 Time + Times + ½ Time, DANIEL 9:24 - 70 Weeks (14 th Station - 7,000 Year Table)										
3,480 days (9 years, 6 months, 10 days) ← 30 June 2018 (17 Tammuz 5778)												
1 WEEK 21 December 2008 24 Kislev 5769		13		DANIEL 9:27 (13 th Station-7,000yr) 21 December 2015 (9 Tevet 5776)								
4 December 2011 →		12		DANIEL 12:11, 1,290 Days								
		11		DANIEL 12:12, 1,335 Days								
		10		DANIEL 8:14, 2,300 Days								
7 + 2 Prophecies		9		DANIEL 7:12, REV. 20:3, 7-10 Time							+ SEASON	
DANIEL		8		DANIEL 12:7, Time, Times, ½ T							24 May 2018 (10 Sivan 5778)	
		7		DANIEL 9:27, ½ Week								
		6		DANIEL 7:25, Time, Times, ½ T								
Rat	Ox	Tiger	Rabbit	Dragon	Snake	Horse	Sheep	Monkey	Cock	Dog	Boar	
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
12 Adar	1 Nisan	2 Iyar	3 Sivan	4 Tammuz	5 Ab	6 Elul	7 Tishri	8 Heshvan	9 Kislev	10 Tevet	11 Shevat	
4 January 2012 →				5 REV. 11:3, 2 Witnesses 42 Months								
(9 Tevet 5772)				4 REV. 11:2, 42 Months								
5 Prophecies				3 REV. 13:5, 42 Months								
John				2 REV. 12:6, Israel 1,260 Days								
				1 REV. 12:14 Time, Times + ½ T								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
							New Life - The Kingdom of God Satan, December 21, 2012 (8 Tevet 5773)					

The 7 Year Table of the Apocalypse designates 21 December 2015 as the end of the Apocalypse. July 25th (the 9th of Av) occurs five months earlier. Could it be that God will shorten the time? Matthew 24:15-23 indicates that God will shorten the time to save the elect:

So when you see the desolating sacrilege standing in the holy place, as was spoken of by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; the one on the

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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 days 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.

A Possible Date for the Destruction of the Third Temple

The 12th Period of the Apocalypse (22 May 2015 to 21 December 2015) will see the destruction of a yet-to-be built Third Temple in Jerusalem. After that event the greatest army ever assembled in one place will come to eradicate Israel, only to be completely destroyed by the brightness of Jesus' presence at His return. This present (second) world civilization of humanity will end after the last (seventh) trumpet has been blown and Satan will be imprisoned in the abyss.

I believe it is possible to discover the precise dates on which these events will take place. Following is a brief summary. For a more detailed description of my research process, please read my second book, *Mystery of Tammuz 17*.

The fifth month of the Jewish festival calendar is Av, which occurs in July–August of our secular calendar. Many calamities have occurred during the month of Av throughout history. On the 9th day of Av, Israel has a national day of mourning called Tisha b'Av. The First Temple was destroyed on the 9th of Av in 588 BC. The Second Temple was destroyed on the 9th of Av in AD 70. I believe this enables us to predict that the Third Temple will be destroyed on the 9th of Av in AD 2015, which works out to July

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Apocalypse on earth will be seven years long, a short time compared to the history of humanity.

New York and the Real "Big Bang"

The Apocalypse is the dividing point of God's plan for the universe. Satan's domain began thousands of years ago, and it was predetermined to end at some time in the future during the Apocalypse. Our present generation will witness a spectacle of immense proportions when two gigantic titans battle it out in the universe. The fallout of this final conflict will fatally wound the earth.

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 overlaying many Bible verses with the Hebrew numbering system, I am forced to conclude that the Apocalypse will begin with the nuclear destruction of New York City at the end of 2008 or early 2009. Current world news tells us that "the Islamic bomb"¹ 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, 2001.²

The nuclear 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.

Americans will respond with tremendous anger against the Islamic and Arabic countries. To show that America means business and has a right to coexist in this world, the US

¹Hal Lindsey, "The Islamic Bomb Expands," World Net Daily (www.worldnetdaily.com, October 23, 2003).

² Dirty Destruction / Can Terrorist build the Bomb? By Michael Crowley Popular Science Magazine February 2005

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president will use nuclear force to wipe out those governments linked to the attack. These attacks and counter-attacks will spread fear and panic around the globe.

Mass confusion will follow on the heels of New York's obliteration. Under these dangerous and uncertain social, political and economic conditions, Europe will elect a new president to head up the European Union. This brilliant man will be given unprecedented emergency powers by popular demand. He will make an alliance with ten Arabic nations to stem the tide of global nuclear destruction. The Israelites and the Palestinians will be forced to settle their differences in a three-axis contract with the EU and the UN as guarantors.

As part of the peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians, the Third Temple will be built next to the Dome of the Rock (or in its place should that Moslem shrine be destroyed by "an act of God"). But God will not use this building as His residence. 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 a temple on according to the instructions given in Ezekiel chapters 40-48.

But the seven-year peace agreement will only last about four years. At that time (2012), the president of the EU will be assassinated, and the Jews will probably be blamed. This will cause 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.

To stop this violent unrest and wholesale murder against Israel's citizens, 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. The Bible tells of four apocalyptic horses coming in short succession. Their riders will wipe out one quarter (25 percent) of the world population. (Revelation 6:8)

After the slain president lies in state for three days he will miraculously rise and regain life. During the wonder and excitement surrounding this apparent "miracle," he will arise and proclaim himself to be the promised Messiah as proved by his

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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)

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. 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. . .

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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.

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"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.

Satan, as the Antichrist on earth, will then unleash a reign of torment never before encountered in the history of humanity. 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.

The Apocalypse will end with a horrendous bombardment of asteroids causing earthquakes of unheard-of intensity. The final act of the Apocalypse will end with a mighty conflict of 200 million soldiers assembled in battle at a place called Armageddon. Then the Creator will redeem His creation from the destruction of the Evil One. Armies will be slain and evil spirits restrained in the dark bondage of the abyss so that the earth may experience God's rule of love freely, unhindered by Satan's lies.

After that last great battle we will experience the Golden Age of Peace and Justice when war is no longer taught and weapons are no longer manufactured. Jesus Christ will rule, and to society today, it would appear that He rules with an iron hand. Even though Satan and his cohorts will be locked away, humanity will still struggle to overcome human nature, which is a naturally inherited mixture of good and evil.

Why a Seven Year Apocalypse on Earth?

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the timekeeper for the world. 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 prediction. 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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upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again.

In that day (during the 7th Period) the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above (Satan and his evil angels) and the kings on the earth below (the 12th 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. 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.

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

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vaccines have begun slipping into our food supply. No one knows if they are safe, and everyone involved seems to have something to hide.

Just a few statistics from this article will give you some idea of where this world is heading:

- 70 percent of processed foods on supermarket shelves in the United States now contain genetically engineered ingredients. The FDA has ruled that no special labels are required.
- Scientists are developing powerful plants called pharmaceutical crops (aka "pharm crops"), which are designed to mass-produce drugs, vaccines, and industrial chemicals.
- In 2000, an untested insecticide-producing corn called Starlink was mixed with normal corn, resulting in a massive recall of corn chips, taco shells, and other corn products.
- A company called ProdiGene produced "pharm corn" that contaminated a soybean silo. Tony Laos, CEO of ProdiGene, signed an out-of-court settlement between his company and the USDA in which he agreed to undergo stricter agency oversight, to pay a \$250,000 fine and to buy back 500,000 bushels of contaminated soybeans from the co-op.
- In ten years Laos says that "pharming" will account for about 20 percent of all pharmaceutical production, which is now about a \$364 billion industry.

Pharm crops are made by inserting human and animal genes into edible plants such as corn, peanuts and soybeans as a way to biologically manufacture complex drugs. These pharmacological vegetables have never been tested for safety because humans were never intended to eat them, but stray foreign proteins from genetically designed pharm crops have already escaped from "controlled" areas to contaminate animal feed. The potential for these dangerous chemicals to get into the food chain through the flesh of animals prepared as food for humans is unmeasured, but very real.

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Many crops come from flowers or flowering plants. Flowers produce pollen for the purpose of fertilization and reproduction. Food crops reproduce by self-pollination and/or by using pollen from other plants, which can travel long distances. Pollen from pharm crops, which may contain genetically inserted pesticides, pharmaceutical drugs or even industrial chemicals are almost impossible to contain. Winds, birds, deer and rainwater flowing into rivers can move these contaminated seeds hundreds of miles. In time they will alter every food crop under the sun.

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. (Genesis 1:11-13)

I recently read a Discover magazine article entitled "Terminator Genes: Here's Another Fine Mess Biotechnology Has Gotten Us Into." The author describes another horror story:

The Delta and Pine Land Company . . . is working on something of a time bomb in the world of farming—a terminator gene.

Plants equipped with a terminator gene grow up just like other plants, with one crucial exception—farmers can't grow anything from the seed they produce. This feat of genetic engineering has caused a world-class ruckus. . . The terminator gene—known by its makers as the Technology Protection System—is either a great safeguard against possible hazards in the brave new world of biotechnology or a threat to the world food supply. . .

The scope of the problem is unimaginably vast: More than 1 billion people rely on saved seed in developing countries each year. Two-thirds of the population of sub-Saharan Africa subsist on small, low-production farms. Critics contend that once terminator technology takes hold, it will become tied to every other improvement in plant

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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 merrymakers 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

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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.

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. 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.

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 totally debased and brought to the level of a beast in the field, meaning what will take place will be void of any human reasoning or compassion. It will be a time of completely mindless violence and evil lasting for 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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development, so farmers who are unwilling or unable to pay for new seed will be stuck with outdated, inferior varieties. . .

Pat Mooney [is] executive director of the ETC Group, an advocacy organization in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Even if terminator-seed purchases are subsidized, he says, dependence on them could become devastating. "When the foreign aid dries up, terminator companies back out, leaving no grain."

In the Old Testament God's people were forbidden to crossbreed cattle, sow fields with different kinds of seeds, or wear garments made of mixed material. (Leviticus 19:19) Gene-splicing manipulations are at least as harmful to our health if not many times more so.

Scientists are altering every original food-producing seed that God made and pronounced "good." Gene-splicing manipulations set in motion through a technological chain reaction could permanently alter the naturally balanced genetic design of thousands of insect species as well as other animal and plant life. Profit and greed without social awareness is the trademark of Satan's philosophy.

Our earth is at a crossroads of utter biological ruin. The world system is on an unavoidable collision course of self-destruction. Many nations are fighting for survival as food and oil become increasingly unavailable for large segments of the world's population. Many of these struggles for survival are manifested as religious conflicts between different ethnic groups.

There appears to be no way to reverse the destructive direction in which our planet is headed. The Apocalypse must come to stop this madness before all of God's original vegetables are genetically changed and disappear from this earth.

To give a quick perspective of the ecological condition that our earth is in, I would like to extract some statistics from a map entitled "A World Transformed," which appeared in the September 2002 issue of National Geographic magazine.

Oceans at Risk. Nearly 60 percent of our coral reefs are threatened by human actions. Some 70 percent of major

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commercial fish stocks have been depleted, overfished or exploited beyond maximum sustainable yield.

Earth's Vulnerable Soils. Six to eight inches of topsoil is all that stands between much of the world and starvation. Yet each year a huge swath of agricultural land is lost to erosion, salinization, and other forms of soil degradation. Degraded soils have lowered global food yields by 13 percent since World War II.

Missing Forests. Forests are the lungs of the planet. They capture vast amounts of carbon dioxide and release oxygen in exchange. Forests protect the soil, help keep water fresh and provide food and/or shelter for up to 90 percent of all terrestrial species in the bargain. Half of the forests that stood 8,000 years ago have been destroyed.

Water Crisis. Water is the tie that binds every living thing. It is as vital to life as air, yet one third of the world's people live in countries where water supplies often don't meet demand. Renewable water is less than one tenth of one percent of all of the earth's water. Many of the world's great watersheds now suffer from pollution, overexploitation and political conflict.

The Air We Breathe. For millions of people around the world simply breathing has become risky business. An estimated three million people die annually from the effects of pollutants that result from the burning of fossil fuels. Children in the developing world's megacities are the hardest hit; they often inhale two to eight times the amount of pollutants deemed safe by the World Health Organization.

Alien Invasion. Earth is quickly being taken over by hundreds of hardy, aggressive species of plants being spread either knowingly or accidentally by human hands. Such invaders cost the US nearly \$140 billion a year in losses to agriculture, forestry, and other segments of the economy. These plant species are now considered the second greatest threat to native plants and animals after habitat destruction. Those two factors combined fuel extinction rates that are a hundred to a thousand times greater than normal. A quarter of all mammals and fish are now threatened, as are a fifth of reptiles and amphibians, and a tenth of all birds.

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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 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. 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).

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In spite of all the ecumenical movements in the world and the longing for peace expressed by people around the globe, the age of capitalism is already forcing changes for which no one is prepared. These rapid, chain-reaction economic changes are intensifying the polarization of ancient belief systems toward a total social and economic collapse. We are about to enter a time of global political, economic and spiritual chaos never before experienced. No nation can or will escape the consequences.

The western world with its historically Christian culture is now perceived by most other nations as being governed according to materialistic values. Most Americans live in a realm of comfort, over-consumption, high income and easy credit. People in third-world countries often see the US as an oppressive military and commercial colossus with excesses of greed and moral decay.

On the opposite extreme the Islamic world suffers from retarded economic growth, a low standard of living and an educational backwardness unchanged for centuries. Ninety percent of Muslim women and girls are undereducated and kept in servitude, their voices silent. Although Islam teaches against the hoarding of wealth, it also provides little motivation to reduce the level of poverty suffered by most citizens of Islamic states.

The Islamic religion is now clashing with foreign worldviews outside their borders. Because of the Internet, television, and global tourism, Muslims are no longer shielded from outside influences. Millions have emigrated from Islamic nations to Europe and America in search of economic opportunity and political freedoms not found in their homelands.

This increasing exposure to western culture has created a militant backlash within the Arab world of dogmatic Islamic fundamentalist factions. Fueled by hatred against Zionism and Israel, these radical Islamic jihadists wage war against the Western-style humanism of global capitalism.

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The signs of a collapsing American culture are all around us. Our constitution is re-interpreted by a corrupt legal culture to erase any reference to our true religious heritage. The fathers of the constitution struggled to put in writing complex principles of law to govern a people in the future. America is now on a destructive path to systematically undermine the foundation of Christian values that our founders wrote into the constitution. The Bible is now outlawed in the halls of public learning. The flag is openly dishonored and efforts are being waged to remove any rendering of "In God We Trust" from US currency.

In 1782 there was a shortage of Bibles in the newly independent American colonies. So the Congress of the United States adopted a resolution to import 20,000 Bibles in English. When that effort failed, Congress passed another resolution that authorized American patriot Robert Aitken to publish an English language Bible. Congress highly approved "the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken" and recommended this Bible to all the inhabitants of the United States. Ten thousand copies of the Aitken Bible (also known as "The Bible of the American Revolution") were printed. Today only thirty or forty are still around to prove that the founders of our nation were God-fearing people who submitted to the higher law of the God of Israel.

A granite stone monument displaying the biblical Ten Commandments once sat inside a court rotunda in Montgomery, Alabama. The rotunda is a public place where lawyers, judges and legislators pass daily on their way to conduct business. This monument served as a constant reminder of the laws that have sustained Western civilization since its beginning—laws that have existed for thousands of years, such as: "Thou shall not bear false witness," "Thou shall not steal," "Thou shall not lie," "Thou shall not covet," and "Thou shall not murder." These laws were fundamental to the formation of the US Constitution, yet on August 27, 2003 this monument was removed by court order.

A few atheistic lawyers and judges have succeeded in shanghaiing the American Constitution away from "We the People." They undermine our liberties with laws serving the greed and corruption of special interests, yet Americans have shown little resistance to these destructive philosophies.

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tormented day and night forever and ever.
(Revelation 20:10 NRSV)

At the end of time Satan and his angels will be thrown into the lake of fire, a black hole in the universe, to be eliminated forever from existence.

The World Political 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:

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In the middle of the Apocalypse on earth, war will break out in Heaven. This will be Satan's last battle. The archangel Michael and his armies will expel all evil and unclean spirits, demons and fallen angels from the heavenlies. This Apocalypse in Heaven will finish in the 7th Period of the Apocalypse on earth as shown in the 7 Year Table of the Apocalypse.

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 12th 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

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Less than 100 years ago a Bolshevik Russian government created the communist Soviet Union, a government ruled by atheists. The fascist movement took over Italy inspiring the rise of Adolph Hitler in Germany. The Nazi government established ghettos, work camps and the systematic annihilation of an estimated 14,000,000 people, including 6,000,000 Jewish people in concentration camps. The fascists started World War II that destroyed most of Europe and Asia. Today, America increasingly embraces similar godless laws in an effort to legalize the blatant moral decay of our present generation.

We have legalized the killing of millions of innocent human beings simply because those lives are "inconvenient" and conflict with someone else's lifestyle. The disrespect for life shown by these assaults on defenseless human babies puts Hitler and Stalin in the shadows. America has killed millions of future scientists, musicians and political leaders. We have eliminated precious persons who could have helped solve America's (or the world's) problems.

While Christians watch on the sidelines, human body parts are harvested in abortion mills to be used for science experiments. The great irony is that this killing of defenseless persons is performed at no cost to the one who has the abortion, yet we pay millions of dollars in legal fees to prevent convicted murderers from going to prison. Our movies, organized crime and child pornography create hatred around the world. Millions of people live at starvation levels while American executives alter their accounting books to secure obscene profits for themselves.

The United States is still the biggest arms dealer in the world, and it regularly dumps its obsolete military equipment in the poorest countries. Wars destroy the infrastructure (water, sewer, electricity and bridges) of third-world nations. Then, corporate giants rebuild the destroyed utilities at high cost so they can charge high fees for basic necessities. The world bankers provide poor nations with loans because they have no other way to pay. The end result is that the borrower nations fall under the control of the world's wealthy elite.

God must deal with any nation or society according to His standard of holiness, and America will not be an exception. He will punish evil at a national level. On an individual basis God is

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infinitely merciful. He binds up those who are injured and restores us for a future life. I find comfort in knowing that God in His great mercy forgives all our trespasses and offers us a better life to come.

It is your personal decision whether or not to allow Jesus Christ into your life so you can be made perfect in God's sight. He invites everyone to come to Him and be cleansed and made whole because Jesus bore all our trespasses on the cross. God will pronounce us acceptable and not guilty because the blood of His Son reconciles us to God. There is no longer any condemnation for those who love God. (Romans 8:1)

Many Christians in the future will perish; others will make it through. Just like in the days of Noah, a remnant will become the seed for a future human civilization on earth.

The Handwriting on the Wall

Daniel 5:5-30 tells a story of handwriting on a wall. As the Babylonian king feasted, God's finger wrote the following words on the wall:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

Literally, this phrase is translated:

- Mene, Mene means "numbered." Notice the repetition.
- Tekel means "weighed."
- Upharsin (the singular form is Peres) means "and divided."

In the story Daniel explained to King Belshazzar the meaning of this message: "*Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. *Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. *Peres*: Your kingdom is divided." (Daniel 5:26-28)

That message applies to our present generation as well. The present world system will be judged by the same rules as were applied to the first civilization in Noah's time. For thousands of years man has lived in defiance of God's oracles and denied His existence. The sun provides energy free of charge. The seasons have operated uninterrupted for thousands of years, and the

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earth provides food with perfect efficiency. Yet man goes about his business without thanking the Lord for His provisions.

Our loving and patient God has predetermined a time for His wrath to be let loose in order to teach us an important lesson that will have a tremendous effect on future generations. He will remove His divine protection and leave the world on its own while Satan is permitted to rule without divine restraint for seven years. Because of this horrible encounter, many people will finally acknowledge the evil they have allowed and desired instead of obeying their loving Creator.

These seven years of torment will be a time of severe distress for all nations. During the Apocalypse three main players will act out their assigned roles as predetermined by the Creator. One is Satan, the second is our atheistic political world system and the third is the Jewish state of Israel, which will become the spark that ignites the final tinderbox. These players must all be looked at from the perspective of God's plan in order to fully understand the Apocalypse.

Satan, the First Player

Long before man came on the scene it was predetermined in the heavenly realm that Satan's domain would be permitted for a time and then end. God's plan began with Lucifer's expulsion from the heavenly government but not from the heavenly (five-based) dimension. After this fallen angel was discharged from the highest government position in the heavenly realm, God created earth. He placed human beings on it and gave Satan dominion over it to implement the ideas and philosophies he had previously proclaimed boldly in the presence of God the Almighty:

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)

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