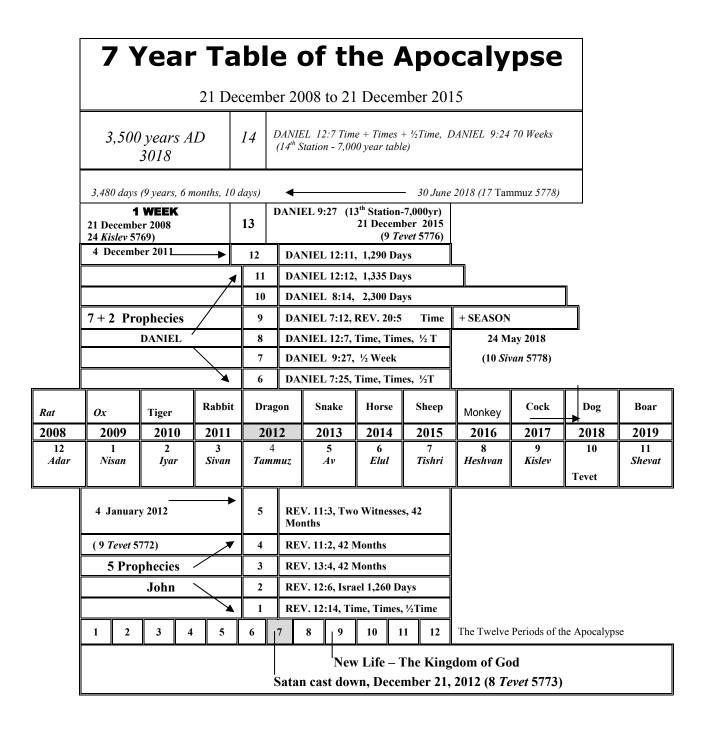
# Chapter 1 Jonah's Message for New York

Can we know when the Apocalypse will begin?
Is that the same thing as knowing when Jesus will return?
What is "Babylon" in prophecy? Is it New York? Why?
Who is Antichrist? How will he gain power and what will he do?

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#### **God's Plan and Time Tables**

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)

Knowledge of God's plan for the universe helps us put the pieces of the seven-year biblical Apocalypse puzzle together. The times and dates I have predicted for the Apocalypse, or as some call it - the Great Tribulation of Israel and the world, came first from my understanding of the relationships between key events in God's plan as written in Scripture.

Based on that understanding, I developed timetables concerning those events and correlated God's revealed biblical plan with historic events. Next, I related these initial patterns with the scholars' interpretive meanings for the Hebrew Alphabet Number System, which I then synchronized with various ancient calendars. I began to see a clear picture emerge.

Only the Bible verses are inspired: the rest is a dramatic discovery of correlations, like cuckoo clock gears. To substantiate any premise, I required at least two Bible verses as "witnesses" for earthly events and five Bible verses for heavenly events.

#### Can We Know the Time?

Today, many Christians are persuaded that we cannot predict the beginning and end dates of the Apocalypse because it is impossible to know the day and hour of Christ's Second Coming. This mistaken opinion arises from assuming that if one knows the date when the Apocalypse begins that the day of Jesus Christ's appearance in power can be calculated by merely adding seven years to it. This is not the case.

In my research I only discovered a number of key event dates for the Apocalypse. I could find no way to determine the day and the hour for the return of Jesus Christ. That there is a difference would settle many arguments of the past. I invite you to study what Jesus said in Matthew chapters 24 and 25.

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of

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heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (Matthew 24:36 NRSV, emphasis added)

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what *day* your Lord is coming. (Matthew 24:42 NRSV, emphasis added)

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the *day* nor the *hour*. (Matthew 25:13 NRSV, emphasis added)

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 (season)* or on a **Sabbath** *(one day)*. 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. (Matthew 24:19-22 NRSV, parentheses, and emphasis added)

Therefore, the hour is indefinite. This fact by itself has caused huge theological misunderstandings among Christians. However, Christian scholars generally agree that the Apocalypse will come suddenly and that its scheduled duration will be shortened so that the prophesied severe persecution will not be successful in wiping out all of the Jewish people and God's faithful elect of all nations.

This promised "shortening" makes any prognosis indefinite. Daniel prophesied a primary duration of seven years for the Apocalypse. Being "shortened" could mean either some days or weeks less than the seven years, or perhaps even a few years short of a century. (See where the different end points fall between the years 2015-2018 in my **7-Year Table of the Apocalypse**.)

In my 12<sup>th</sup> Period Tables the tribulation of the Mini-Apocalypse ceases on 17 September. This falls short of the 21 December 2015 date for the end of the Great Apocalypse. It could be that this is the shortened period spoken of by Daniel. In reference to the total time of the Apocalypse, this few weeks' difference in time could mean a big difference how many people will perish.

I will now summarize the chronology of all these events. Remember, knowing the dates of Apocalypse events does not give us the day and hour of Christ's return or even the timing of the First Resurrection. I can only speculate about those events because the Hebrew calendar has not imbedded these dates into the gears. The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is known only to God: he decides the hour or the proper moment,

because he designed the plan for the universe. There remains this element of surprise until it happens.

### The Twelve Periods of the Apocalypse

I designed the 7-Year Table of the Apocalypse with twelve time periods of seven months each to overlay with the first twelve railroad stations of the 7,000-Year Table of Human History. These twelve periods are presented with their dates in their own table, Twelve Periods of the Great Apocalypse.

The number twelve (12) corresponds to "government" or "perfection." It symbolizes a divine perfection in government administration. Matthew 19:28 describes twelve thrones with judges, who will be in charge of the twelve tribes in Israel. The twelve zodiac signs map out the stars. They are governed by laws that will not change, and they express a divine creation:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (Psalm 19:1-4)

Can you loose the cords of Orion? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the Bear with its cubs? Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth? (Job 38:31-33)

The 7-Year Table of the Apocalypse is divided into twelve (12) periods so that they can be overlaid with the 7,000-Year Table of Human History. It is like a Russian Egg, a number of increasingly smaller ones nest inside the big one, but they all look alike with their features aligning proportionately and precisely.

The seven year long Great Apocalypse, described in detail in the books of Daniel and Revelation, officially starts on 21 December 2008, which is the northern hemisphere's winter solstice – the longest night of the year. I sometimes call the entire seven year age of *Cheth* the Great Apocalypse in order to distinguish it from the even more intense last half of this age, which I call the **Mini-Apocalypse**. It is "mini" only in its length of time. In regard to its destruction, tribulation, sorrow and death, it is "maxi" for sure.

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You will notice right away that the table incorporates seven (7) dates (shaded) of astronomical significance. Three (3) of the dates fall on the winter solstice and four (4) are equinoxes. Again we find the Rosetta Stone 7:5 ratio, which alerts us for their proper position to establish certain dates. Parallel symmetry in tables like these, which are independently derived by different variables, is not an accident of chance. The symmetry is an evidence of God's design in the Bible.

The Twelve Periods of the Great Apocalypse						
21 December 2008 – 21 December 2015						
1	<b>21 DECEMBER 2008</b>		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		22 NOVEMBER 2011			
The Mini-Apocalypse						
(4 December 2011 - 17 September 2015)						
6	23 NOVEMBER 2011 21		1 March	22 JUNE 2012		
*7	23 JUNE 2012 *21 Dec		ember	21 JANUARY 2013		
8	22 JANUARY 2013		21 AU	GUST 2013		
9	22 AUGUST 2013		21 MA	RCH 2014		
10	22 MARCH 2014		21 OC	TOBER 2014		
11	22 OCTOBER 2014		21 MAY 2015			
	22 MAY 2015					
12	12 Mini-Apocalypse Ends		17 September 2015			
	Great Apocalypse Ends			CEMBER 2015		

The Mini-Apocalypse starts at the first month of the 6<sup>th</sup> Period on 4 December 2011. This date was determined by counting Daniel's 1,290 days backwards from the 17<sup>th</sup> of *Tammuz* (4 July 2015). This calculation is easier to see in the **7 Year Table of the Apocalypse**, which lists Daniel and John's (12) twelve prophecies imbedded in Jewish holidays. Eleven of those prophecies count back 1,260 days from the 17<sup>th</sup> of *Tammuz* to 4 January 2012. They will be explained later.

The Mini-Apocalypse possesses special significance. Its end is best illustrated in **The 11**<sup>th</sup> - **12**<sup>th</sup> **Periods of the Great Apocalypse Table**. Counting 1,290 days backwards from the last  $17^{th}$  of Tammuz (4 July 2015), we arrive at its start on 4 December 2011, the first month of the  $6^{th}$  Period.

The Mini-Apocalypse ends six days short of the autumn equinox, on 17 September 2015, as calculated by counting Daniel's 1,335 days forward from 4 January 2012. Daniel said that after those 1,335 days will begin

the blessings – even before the official chronological end of the seven years of the Apocalypse since all of the judgments against the present human civilization under Satan's dominion will have ended.

	11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Periods of the Great Apocalypse 22 May 2015 - 21 December 2015				
11 <sup>th</sup> Period, month 6	22 /3 21 /4		<u>1<sup>st</sup> Woe</u> 15 <i>Nisan</i> 5775 (4 April 2015)  Passover, 5 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet – 5 <sup>th</sup> Bowl Shock Troops' 5 months begin		
11 <sup>th</sup> Period, month 7	22 /4	21 /5			
1	22 /5	21 /6			
2	22 /6	21/7	1st Fast 17 Tammuz 5775 (4 July 2015) Death of Two Witnesses 9 prophecies of 1,260+1,290 days end		
3	22 /7	21/8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fast 9 Av 5775 (25 July 2015) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Woe Third Temple destroyed		
	4 September		6 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet - 6 <sup>th</sup> Bowl Earthquake <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Woe</u> / <b>7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet</b> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Bowl (1 <sup>st</sup> +2 <sup>nd</sup> Woes end) Armageddon, Birds of Prey		
4	16 September		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Fast</b> <i>Tishri</i> 3 5776 ( <b>G</b> edaliah) 7 Thunders in the Air, 4 Death Angels,		
	17 September		17 September	END of MINI-APOCALYPSE (3 <sup>rd</sup> Woe ends)	
	18 September	Daniel's <u>1,335</u> Days of Blessings			
5	23 September		4 <sup>th</sup> Fast Yom Kippur - Day of Atonement 10 <i>Tishri</i> 5776		
6	24/10	21/11	64 Gear 22 December - 22 February 2016 <i>Adar</i> [1]		
7	21/11	21/12	5 <sup>th</sup> Fast 10 Tevet 5776 (22 December 2015) END of GREAT APOCALYPSE		

The seven years of the Great Apocalypse technically come to an end on December 21, 2015. The months between the end of Daniel's 1,335 days and the end of the seven years is used to clean up the deadly war materials left over from the many battles. This toxic and explosive junk could still cause much suffering by killing or maiming people if hidden land mines and/or munitions were accidentally detonated by passing people or animals so apocalyptic danger exists even while blessings begin because there is no actual fighting going or enemy left alive.

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Elsewhere, I demonstrate how I arrived at the dates for various events prophesied to take place during the Apocalypse. To me, these dates seem certain because of how my mathematical calculations align and cross-check each other using a number of independent systems. You might want to refer back to the Twelve Periods of the Apocalypse table from time to time in order to orient yourself while reading this chapter. Keep in mind that the period number is listed in the left column from 1 to 12. To each period number's right, you will find the starting and ending dates of its seven month duration. The total elapsed time (12 x 7 months = 84 months) is seven years.

Also, it would be helpful to refer to the other tables from time to time, such as The 7,000-Year Table of Human History and the 7-Year Table of the Apocalypse as you read this book. I reference these important dates often. Having the tables handy will help you to keep them in their proper place and in their proper sequence relative to each other.

### Will Jonah go to New York?

Jonah is famous for being the most reluctant Hebrew prophet in the Bible. When God sent Jonah to the ancient Assyria's capital city of Nineveh, it was Israel's primary enemy at that time in history. This huge city was a major center of military power, economic trade and scientific technology.

But the Almighty God of Israel had determined judgment against this huge city, and he had decided to send a prophet to warn Nineveh before destroying it and all of its residents because of their sins. Jonah didn't want Nineveh to be warned for fear that Israel's enemy would repent when warned. Jonah wanted his country's enemy to be destroyed, and he knew that God in his mercy might change his plans and not destroy them if they repented. Well, they did repent, and God's judgment was delayed.

But before all of that, Jonah had tried to take a ship to run away to anywhere else. He tried to circumvent God's command to go and warn them, but he learned in a dramatic way that he could not escape God's purpose. During the worst storm of his life, Jonah was swallowed by a big fish that took him directly to the doorstep of the very city God had appointed for prophetic warning. Jonah did his duty, and the city repented from the king to the common man on the street. Of course, Jonah was unhappy with God's mercy, and the book relates a few more lessons that this reluctant prophet had to personally learn about God. (Read the book of Jonah in the Bible for the whole story.)

I can relate to Jonah's situation. When God called me to write this book, at first I did not want to heed his calling. Unlike Jonah, I didn't like the message: I had no desire to deliver a message of destruction to New York, today's equivalent of a global capital city. I feared that I might be called a lunatic and/or other such names. At church, people had already started to avoid me for just mentioning that there could be an Apocalypse in the definite, perhaps specific, future.

"Why was I singled out?" I wondered. I am unskilled in writing. (A nice excuse.) English is not even my native language. (Another one.) Besides, a book like this could result in some very unpleasant confrontations! (Yet another excuse.) Whenever I put my foot into the Pacific Ocean surf at Mendocino, it got to the point that I could almost imagine some big fish jumping out of the ocean to gobble me up - just like what happened to Jonah. So I finally sat down to write, not even knowing where to begin.

Like Jonah, I became convinced that I was chosen to deliver a certainly unpopular message from God. Partly, I guess, it's because I know a little something about mechanical clock gears and because (as I discovered) Bible prophecy behaves very much like the gears of a clock. Using these "gears," I can assemble and cross-check a series of congruent timetables in which prominent prophetic events intersect and align with one another in precise mathematical relationships. From these tables I can reliably anticipate that the cuckoo bird (the Apocalypse) of the Bible prophecy clock will appear when the gears align themselves as God has designed them to do.

Unlike Jonah, I have no direct vision from God. I have heard no voice from heaven or seen any of my dates written on the wall either. Also, my hope is that the people of modern "Nineveh" (New York and anywhere else in the world) who read this book will actually repent and be spared from the certain destruction to come. You have now been warned.

If you live in New York, this warning is particularly urgent. Like the residents of Nineveh from the king on down, you can be spared if you will heed the warning God has provided through this book, penned by his reluctant servant. Because it is unlikely that all of New York will fast and repent like ancient Nineveh, prudence recommends relocation out of large urban areas that could be important targets for terrorists, like New York.

### The First Event of the Apocalypse

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

The "City of Babylon" mentioned here is New York. It will be destroyed within the first period of the Apocalypse - between 21 December 2008 and 22 July 2009. I suspect it will happen shortly before Christmas 2008.

Another thought came to me concerning these patterns of time periods. Consider start dates of Noah's Flood. The Flood began with rain and earthquakes bursting the "fountains of the deep" on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the second month, which conforms to the Rosetta stone principle. (Genesis 7:11) The precise timing of New York's destruction could begin in 30 (first month) plus 17 days of the second month, which is 47 days from 21 December 2008. Remember the Big Egg analogy could apply here due to Jesus' statement, "for the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah." (Matthew 24:37)

Why do I think that the city referred to in Revelation 17 and 18 is New York? That New York is a target is no longer questioned by government officials, national security analysts and informed news reporters, who occasionally write or talk about New York City being a logical target of any terrorist. These reports often mention the potential of dirty bombs and simple nuclear devices. If I lived near New York City, I would take their warnings seriously and do something about them.

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

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

New York City is the cultural, economic and financial heart of greatest world power ever to exist on the earth. It functions as the global nerve center of all commercial banking, stock exchanges, and military might. Even with just the loss of the two World Trade Towers, the damage

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done to the world economy on September 11, 2001 still lingers on. Just think of what the impact would be throughout the world if New York<sup>1</sup> was totally destroyed!

Like many commentators on current events, I believe that international terrorists will not rest until they bring America down. On February 26, 1993, they detonated an improvised explosive device on the second level of the World Trade Center parking basement. Eight years later on September 11, 2001, they attacked the same target with hijacked planes. I believe that these two attempts on New York are the precursors of similar things to come.

By now it is common knowledge that a great quantity of fissionable material is missing from Russia's strategic nuclear storage facilities due to inadequate supervision. The existence of a sophisticated black market in fissionable materials has been dramatically demonstrated by Libya's recent confessions to dealing with the "Pakistan Connection" to get the parts and materials needed to assemble nuclear devices.

Present speculation also runs high that the fissionable material missing from Russia has ended up in the hands of terrorists, who have been richly financed by radical Islamic interests. As a late warning, perhaps some of the missing high-grade uranium and plutonium will be located so that America is placed on the highest alert shortly before the bombs are detonated. I have read that several bombs are missing and that one was sold for 25 million dollars on the black market. Such are my own speculations - only time will tell the details.<sup>2</sup>

When Islamic suicide terrorists detonate the bombs, New York will be blown high into the sky, just like Hiroshima in World War II. The entire city will disappear within an hour, just as the Bible predicts. This event will start the prophetic seven year time clock of the Great Apocalypse - just as predicted in the biblical narrative.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Can terrorists build the Bomb? It's the ultimate nightmare. A Nuclear Attack in the US Masterminded by Terrorists, by Michael Crowley, Popular Science, February 2005. www.popsci.com. Notice the area map of New York –Dirty Destruction page 62.

### **Daniel and the King's Dream**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nebuchadnezzar's dream symbolically revealed the main stages of the earth's political history. Humanity would be governed by four successive world systems followed by a fifth one symbolized by the stone from

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heaven that became a great mountain. The Hebrew Alphabet Number System often utilizes references to four (4=Daleth, meaning of "this world in this time") followed by a fifth (5=Heh, meaning "the other side").

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

The heavenly rock coincides with Jesus Christ. (1Corinthians 10:4) From him now grows a mountain in the *Heh* dimension signifying the government of the coming of the Kingdom of God over all the earth's peoples in the *Teth* age. The Apocalypse will wipe out all of the world's religious, economic, political and military powers within a seven year time period. Nothing from the present civilization will be left, and humanity will have to start over again.

As we prepared the final copy to publish my research in printed books, I discovered on the Internet another author who has independently come up with the same date following the path of the Rosetta Stone discovery but without the help of the Hebrew Alphabet Number System. I am not surprised that unknown to each other, someone else would publish a book with the same dates.<sup>3</sup> After all, God's plan is preset in the Word for anyone to discover. I expect as the time approaches for the Apocalypse to begin that the Holy Spirit will inspire others to understand, too. This makes two witnesses, which signifies a valid opinion. How many more will there be? I have reason to believe that there will be five important ones.

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

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

"Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great. For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *The Writing is on the Wall*, A Bible Study by Jim Dahlgren 04/30/2004, http://www.lulu.com/content/107207, jdgmi@yahoo.com.

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committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries." (Revelation 18:1-3)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

understanding. Then read the Bible. Hopefully this book will help you to grow in grace and wisdom.

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

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

#### The Aftermath of the First Event

The destruction of New York City would certainly lead to a reaction of paralyzing fear and outrage. I believe it will cause America to experience a meltdown of social stability and democratic government as we know it. As a result of this catastrophe, the nation will be run by an emergency military tribunal. Martial Law will be announced. Politicians of both parties will be unable to resolve the many immediate and conflicting emergencies, which will arise from New York's destruction. Federal agencies will be asked to help locally wherever they can.

Of course, other cities are on the terrorist's lists, too. If Washington were hit, America's civilian government could be wiped out to be replaced by emergency committees of general and surviving politicians. If Houston were hit, the nation's capacity to produce petroleum based energy would be crippled.

About the same time I suspect, more terrorists will attack electrical transfer stations and installations around the country as they try to leave a path of destruction anywhere they can. There may even be an outbreak of bacteriological disease "plagues" that will create additional confusion and panic. Some areas of America will quickly suffer severe shortages of electrical power, water and food. Social order will crumble in these targeted areas creating massive and urgent internal security

problems leading to the imposition of martial law and the suspension of freedoms Americans take for granted.

There are many important targets with similar potential to cripple the United States, which is why the "Homeland Security" program is considered to be so important. Without power and communications our economy cannot operate as it is set up to do. The global transactions so necessary for trade will be totally interrupted so that the stock and financial markets could likely crash, which would be followed by worldwide unemployment and social chaos. I do not have any specific studies or scenarios on hand that seriously discuss these concerns, but I do have my memories of growing up in Germany during the Second World War and the chaotic years that followed its close.

I believe that any surviving US government will carry out a pre-planned program of aggressive military response without mercy, throwing the world into utter chaos. Faced with the issue of survival, America will retaliate with a ruthlessness never before seen. I believe that the American military will use their strategic nuclear arsenal of laser-guided missiles to systematically destroy those Islamic cities that have been suspected all along as being part of the terrorists' support organization.

Previous American allied attempts to militarily persuade Islamic governments of their need to control the terrorists residing in their countries will have failed. The Islamic culture's long tradition of teaching hatred will finally bear fruit in acts of great terrorism that will bring horrible consequences to the terrorists' own friends and/or homelands.

Looking over the countries in the Middle East where the hot spots of terrorism are fermenting, it is not too difficult to pick some countries that hate America as possible military targets. America will by then have learned the hard lesson that occupying a foreign Islamic country does not result in pacification or converting their populations to western style democracy.

The lessons learned from America's wars in Iraq will push the decision for a first-strike counterattack without committing troops. It will seem to be a better deterrent against further terrorist attacks than to table the issue at a decapitated do-nothing United Nations. By nuking the terrorist havens, America's leaders will deliver a loud and clear message: any country that comes under the control of or that intentionally harbors any terrorist groups within their borders will suffer severe military consequences.

America will take this drastic action in order to survive. Nevertheless, she will still lose her position of world leadership due to her severely

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crippled economy. The only option left to her to pay off her enormous international debts will be to crank up her vast military-industrial complex to produce high-tech armaments for her creditors in Asia and Europe. America will be forced to arm her enemies around the world because the dollar will be worthless.

European and Asian government creditors will demand full payment in either gold or in the manufactured goods and agricultural commodities they need to sustain their own economies and international security. As the months unfold, events will at some point accelerate to the point of no return. The chain reaction of prophecy will be set off with a bang.

To give the American public an idea of what might happen to our elected institutions at a time of crisis, I will quote from a book written by Larry Bates, a former Tennessee House Representatives, and chairman of the Committee on banking and Commerce.

In case of an emergency, like the destruction of New York, the following laws already are on the books<sup>4</sup>:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been given power to control the economic and social behavior of everyone during a declared emergency. It makes no difference that the crisis was precipitated by the government itself: this self-styled authority has come about by issuance of unconstitutional Executive Orders by various presidents over the years. Lest you have doubts, the following Executive Orders have been issued within the last ten years:

- Executive order 10995 Take over all communication media
- Executive order 10997 Take over all electric power, petroleum, gas, fuels and minerals
- Executive order 10998 Take over all food resources and farms
- Executive order 10999 take over all methods of transportation, highways and seaports
- Executive order 11000 Mobilization of civilians and work force under governmental supervision
- Executive order 11001 Take over all health, welfare and education functions
- Executive order 11002 The Postmaster general will operate a nationwide registration of all persons
- Executive order 11003 Take over all airports and aircrafts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *The New Economic Disorder, Our Economy in the End Times*, Larry Bates, Published by Charisma House, 600 Rinehart Road, Lake Mary, Fl.32746 (www.charismahouse.com).

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- Executive order 11004 take over housing and finance authorities to relocate communities, to build new housing with public funds, designate areas to be abandoned as unsafe, establish new location for populations
- Executive order 11005 Take over all railroads, inland waterways, and public storage facilities
- Executive order 11051 Designate responsibilities of Office of Emergency Preparedness. Give authorization to put all other Executive orders in effect in times of increased international tension or economic or financial crisis.

When you examine the caption of Executive order 11051, the authorization is given to implement "all other executive Orders....in times of....economic or financial crisis." During a period of economic collapse the new political order will be implemented instantly by the above executive orders, plus many others already in place. Did I miss anything?

So what does this scenario of future events based on biblical prophecies mean to those who live in the Middle East?

If you are a Christian who lives in a city or region specifically referred to in a yet-to-take-place future prophecy of destruction, then you would become a possible casualty of America's targeted military response. Take Damascus, for example. Isaiah 17:1 and Jeremiah 49:23-27 speak of that city's sudden destruction and abandonment. Since Damascus is the oldest continuously inhabited city on earth, scholars agree that this prophecy is yet future; therefore, I would highly recommend that you move out of Damascus before the Apocalypse begins on 21 December 2008!

In some way God will deliver a strong warning to the people of these areas. There is a plain statement as to "why" inevitable punishment has been decreed. (Isaiah 17:12-14) But opinions differ on how some these other prophecies relate to the future as opposed to the past.

More certain is the coming destruction that Israel (verses 4-7) and the surrounding areas will suffer during these months and years of tribulation. Although it could be interesting and you might come up with some good insights, I do not recommend that you spend long hours in Bible study trying to figure out exactly where the targets will be.

North or South American, European, African, Asian – anyone: get your priorities straight and tend to the most important issues first. Take an honest assessment of your spiritual condition. Don't delay or play

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mental games with your conscience. It is time to repent and repair your relationship with the Creator God, and that is only possible through faith in Jesus as your personal Savior. He not only sacrificed Himself to pay the penalty of your sins, but He is also coming again soon as the victorious, messianic King of Israel and King of all the nations' kings.

### The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

In the book of Revelation, John describes four horses—white, red, black and pale—that represent the result of the attack on New York City. Events described here will stretch out over a period of three years.

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

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

When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a <u>fiery red</u> one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword. (Revelation 6:3-4, emphasis added)

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

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

These verses in Revelation indicate that 25% of the world's population will die of starvation within the first three years of the Apocalypse. For decades, America and the United Nations have fed most of the world's poorest with their generous food programs. The collapse of many

governments after the nuclear exchange in the Middle East will cause increasing occurrence and intensity of famine and starvation around the world that will be compounded by a corresponding breakdown in food aid and international trade.

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

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

The reference to wild beasts could be understood in terms of the biological diseases originating from the deadly germs and viruses that arise in wild animals as a result of our greed. It could also be chemical or genetic pollution of the environment. Biological agents sourced in the wild have already spread into the commercial animal husbandry industry around the world. Millions of chickens, ducks, cows and sheep have been killed to stop the spread of these plagues that even infect humans. The mass media regularly carry stories about these deadly diseases like Ebola, Asian bird flu, AIDS and/or SARC.

### **The United Confederated World Power System**

To survive the massive political instability that will strike the west in early 2009, many European countries will unite under one command. In order to feed millions of starving people, an alliance with Muslim nations will be formed in exchange for an uninterrupted supply of oil to fuel the world economy. Hunger and fear of nuclear destruction will force these former enemies and uncertain friends into a confederation of convenience:

Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. [Atomic bombs]

For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's words are

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fulfilled. The woman you saw is the great city [New York City] that rules over the kings of the earth." (Revelation 17:15) [Brackets are my addition for clarity.]

The prostitute in this passage represents America. With New York City destroyed the US will lose its power, influence and world dominance. America will attempt to mass-produce military hardware to pay off her massive debts, but this process will be severely hampered because many of the parts needed are manufactured in China and other countries.

#### The Beast Out of the Sea

The Apocalypse is divided into two parts. At the start of the first one a beast will come out of the sea. Later, another one will come out of the earth. Both beasts represent the same system, but they are viewed from different perspectives and stand for the two stages of the Apocalypse:

I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion.

The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world. (Revelation 13:1-8)

The beast from the sea will appear in the beginning of the seven year period. John compares it to a leopard, swift and stealthy; a bear, acting

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with brute force against anyone who stands in its way; and a lion, which speaks of fear, terror, and deception. The dragon (Satan) will give that system tremendous political power.

#### **Ten Horns**

I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. (Revelation 13:1)

After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. (Daniel 7:7)

John describes ten horns, which could represent ten new regions within the European Union or even the number of seats on an expanded UN Security Council. They will be formed in advance or as a result of the nuclear destruction of several Arab states. Daniel prophesied that the fourth beast (*Daleth*) will be successful and ruthless. It will link together a strong inner core of the European Union in a special coalition. The ten horns and ten crowns of the Beast symbolize this political system's economic and military strength. Although the population of the planet will see human leaders, the real power behind this new government will be Satan (seven heads) who will control that system through his control of its leaders a widely broadcast spirit of deception.

The EU is presently comprised of twenty-five countries and more are to be added in the future. However, it is currently divided over a number of issues. NATO was originally set up to fight communism using American capital. Because of America's nuclear attacks against the Islamic terrorist havens, former US enemies will become even closer friends with a politically united Europe. By then American influence will be deteriorating rapidly. Later it will disappear almost altogether.

### The Coming of a European World Leader

While a weakened America continues its military campaign to root out terrorists around the world, the wounded European nations will band together to form an emergency government. They will elect a brilliant leader as their head of state: the prophesied Antichrist. He will do

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wonders for the European economy and will make a covenant with Israel. The terms will be as follows:

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

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

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

#### **Antichrist**

For centuries, scholars have been puzzled over the writings of the ancient prophets regarding the antichrist. Today we see these

prophecies more clearly because we can connect many of the details in Bible prophecy with the present world situation.

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

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

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

With his resurrection Antichrist will exhibit a new, even stronger persona because he will then be personally indwelled and controlled by Satan. His true, hidden nature will be dramatically revealed by his increased opposition to the authentic, biblically-based Christian and Jewish religions. Antichrist will despise anyone who believes in the God of Israel and any religion other than that which worships him.

The Bible calls him "the lawless one," "son of Satan," "the beast," "mystery of iniquity" and the "man of destruction." His life ambition is to rule the world with absolute power. Notice again that **five** negative character tendencies are presented, meaning that they are diabolically

sourced from the "the other side." Indeed, they come from the fallen cherub, Satan who will indwell that person in a unique way never before experienced by a human as described in the next chapter.

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

During that season of global instability everyone will be closely monitored by computers in order to identify potential terrorists. Antichrist will control much of the global economy by using the latest high tech tools provided by computer science. Toward the end of the seven year period of the **Great Apocalypse**, he will forcefully consolidate his power over the nations of Europe including all Islamic countries. He will arrest and punish anyone who buys or sells anything without having a tattooed mark on the forehead or right hand. To curtail acts of sabotage and further instability, anyone who refuses to be catalogued will be branded a terrorist or enemy of the State. Many will be incarcerated in concentration camps for eventual execution. These events will confront Christians and Jews who remember the Bible's warning not to join that system. More later.

#### **International Trade**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Antichrist is represented in the Bible as the head without horns of the seven-headed dragon. Known to the world as the president of the European powers, he will be mortally wounded and then, three days later, miraculously healed in the middle of the Apocalypse on 21 December 2012.

All of the peoples of the world will be utterly astonished when they witness a resurrection of their dead president, and they will follow him with increased zeal and enthusiasm. They will adore the strength of the man and his system that survived the crisis of his assassination and rejoice eagerly in the renewed prospects for lucrative profits sought by the powerful multinational corporations, which are also needed by governments in the form of taxes on those corporate profits.

Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" (Revelation 6:6-8)

### The Superchurch

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

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

This Ecumenical Movement now stretches across the world and seeks to build bridges with other, non-Christian religions. An example of the impact of this movement on current world affairs is the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religion that took place at the United Nations in August 2000. The UN seeks to unite all religions in an aura of mutual

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coexistence oriented towards human needs instead of dividing over issues of doctrine and matters of faith.<sup>5</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

This world movement will deceive almost everyone. It will extend to every religious denomination, even to fundamental evangelical churches, which will not understand that this union is displeasing to God. Many clergymen and Christian leaders will retain some desire to continue in their own traditions, but over some months they will be successfully persuaded of the necessity to join the newly formed Superchurch in a desperate gamble for peace.

Even the "Christian" churches will further abandon the biblically based doctrines they once embraced resulting in a progressively disastrous and deceptive falling away from the truth. Antichrist will of course

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Some quotes: Word from Jerusalem, From Religious Wars to Ecumenism. Israel Today magazine, June2004,www.israeltoday.co.il

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welcome the political power of the Superchurch because he will shrewdly control the leadership with an aim to his own gain. But to God, the nations and religions of the world are of no consequence. He will pronounce terrible judgment against the rebellious apostates as the ending of the Apocalypse will demonstrate.

The original seven churches described in the book of Revelation disappeared a long time ago, but they have been some what replicated in our modern denominations. Many of today's self-declared Christians cling to Satan's perversion of the biblical faith once delivered. Less than 4% possess a basic biblical worldview of set of values as taught in the Bible.

There will be few Christian church leaders who will oppose the Superchurch and stand up for the truth. At the end of the Apocalypse God will pronounce this world religious entity as spiritually dead. The names of its members will not be found in the Book of Life; hence, they are lost and prevented from entering the Kingdom of God, which will come to earth after the Apocalypse.

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

The Christian church, once as pure as a mountain spring, has thus fallen into the muddy river of lukewarm ecumenism and will not be exempt from judgment. John puts it this way:

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