

The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Review and Addenda¹

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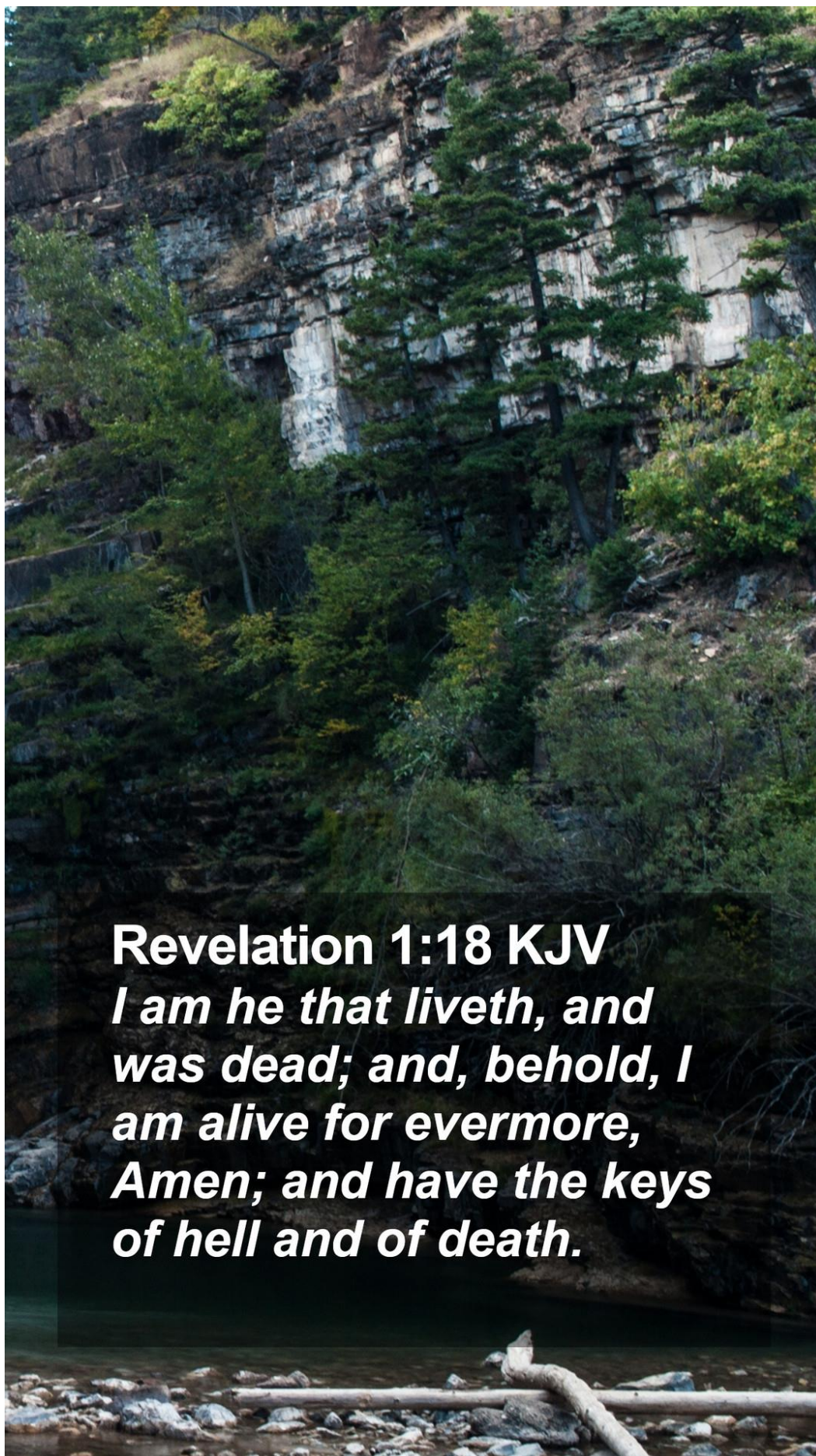
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Revelation 1:18 KJV
***I am he that liveth, and
was dead; and, behold, I
am alive for evermore,
Amen; and have the keys
of hell and of death.***

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Introduction

It occurs to this writer that the nervous system², see graphic, and ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21 are similar in that each is extraordinarily intricate, interconnected, pulsating with life and designed and implemented by the same Genius. The study that follows appears to bear out that analogy.



Pastor Brian Donovan of the Bible Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, has written a most informative 58-page booklet entitled *The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks*³. Note that each day of those weeks represents a year, Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6⁴.

Pastor Donovan's main conclusion from his work is that what is commonly known as Daniel's 70th Week of seven years alluded to in Daniel 9:26-27 has only three and a half years left to run, and as prophetic 360-day years not calendar years of 365 days⁵. Pastor Donovan concludes that the first three and a half years of Daniel's 70th Week were fulfilled as calendar years from the Lord's baptism to His subsequent death and resurrection, Matthew 3:16-17, 27:35-50, 53, 28:1-10.

This writer strongly recommends Pastor Donovan's booklet for its detailed analysis of the doctrine of Daniel's 70 weeks, especially Daniel's 70th Week and its numerous points of enlightenment that this work will address. In particular, this writer believes that Pastor Donovan, in addition to addressing the First Advent fulfilment of the first half of Daniel's 70th Week, has commendably sought to address how Daniel's 70th Week would have come to pass without a Church Age. See ***Daniel's 70th Week No Church Age***.

Concerning Pastor Donovan's main conclusion about how much of Daniel's 70th Week has still to elapse this writer differs from Pastor Donovan's conclusion by means of certain caveats with scriptural support that should be raised. See ***Caveats***. Those caveats are the central theme of this review.

This writer concludes that although the first three and a half years of Daniel's 70th Week were fulfilled as calendar years from the Lord's baptism to His subsequent death and resurrection, that fulfilment was set back to the beginning of the 69th Week by ***“the law of the Nazarite”*** Numbers 6:13, 21 to which the Lord was subject because as Isaiah prophesied ***“it pleased the LORD to bruise him...when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin”*** Isaiah 53:10. Daniel's 70th Week therefore still has seven years to run. See ***Full Future 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators***.

See also ***Cross References*** that link associated parts of this work. Cross reference indicators in the text of this work are as follows:

Cross Reference Daniel 9:27

Cross Reference Isaiah 28:15, 18

Cross Reference 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Cross Reference John 19:15

Cross Reference Revelation 6:8

Cross Reference Revelation 6:2

Cross Reference Revelation 11:3

Cross Reference Darwin and Environment

It is hoped that this work's corollary study ***Revelation 6-19 Total Time Element*** will assure readers that ***“the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether”*** Psalm 19:9 and accord with Ezekiel 14:23 ***“when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done...saith the Lord GOD”*** after which ***“shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed...and it shall stand for ever”*** Daniel 2:44.

70th Week - Agreement

Pastor's Donovan's booklet contains these items with which this writer largely agrees⁶.

- Calendar years of 365 days should be used for *most* of Daniel's 70 weeks not 360-day prophetic years. See the next bullet point.
- The Lord will return the world to a 30-day month 360-day year in the tribulation as it was in Noah's time. This time frame becomes that for the Antichrist's rule of 42 months or 1260 days and "**great tribulation**" Revelation 7:14, the last half of Daniel's 70th Week, Genesis 7:11, 24, 8:3-4, Matthew 24 21-22, Luke 17:26, Revelation 12:6, 14, 13:5. Revelation 12:6, 14, 13:5 taken together confirm that the second half of Daniel's 70th Week extends for three and a half prophetic years.

By inspection, Revelation 11:2-3 "**But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth**" give time spans of 42 months and 1260 days respectively. Pastor Donovan includes Revelation 11:2-3 as evidence that the second half of Daniel's 70th Week extends for three and a half prophetic years. However, see *Caveats* for details of the actual placing in Daniel's 70th Week of Revelation 11:2-3.

- A concise literature survey of extant studies on Daniel's 70 weeks by Anderson, Bullinger, Larkin, Scofield et al reveal that the supposed error in the calendar of 4 years accepted verbatim by those writers is itself an error.
- The supposed 4-year error in the calendar was introduced by the unregenerate astrologer and astronomer Johannes Kepler and should therefore be seen as invalid.
- Kepler murdered the Bible-believing astronomer Tycho Brahe in order to steal the results of his work and his position as chief astronomer.
- The star of Bethlehem was *not* a planetary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.
- Statements of support for *genuine* science versus "**oppositions of science falsely so called**" 1 Timothy 6:20 are given with respect to the speed of light decreasing instead of being constant as Einstein assumed and geocentricity as the Biblical and actual representation for the motions of planets and stars etc. instead of heliocentricity. Heliocentricity was devised by unsaved Bible rejecters attempting to discredit the Holy Bible.
- The division between seven and sixty-two weeks of Daniel's 70 weeks highlights the closure of the Old Testament canon forty-nine years after "**the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem**" Daniel 9:24 that was the starting point of Daniel's 70 weeks.
- Revelation 14:20 occurs with the effusion of blood down the Great Rift Valley following the battle of Armageddon, Revelation 16:16, 19:18-21⁷. See this writer's note **The Great Rift Valley**. This writer deems it feasible that the opening of the Great Rift Valley is a God-ordained earthquake to deliver the faithful* Jewish remnant from the devil's attempt to drown that remnant during the Antichrist's 42-month rule. See Revelation 6:12, 12:15-16 "**And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake...And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.**" *And fearful Israelites, fleeing "**from the face of the serpent**" Revelation 12:14
- *Saved* individuals are rebuked who dismiss in-depth study of Daniel's 70 weeks as unimportant because it is not of practical significance to them and won't matter in eternity. This writer has heard of that view preached about differing approaches to the scriptures on the Lord's Return. Such a view is a direct violation of 2 Timothy 2:15 "**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**"

Split 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators

Note that this writer largely agrees with Pastor Donovan's scriptural analyses and related comments concerning a split 70th Week⁸. The main point of difference between Pastor Donovan and this writer is with respect to Pastor Donovan's conclusion as the **Introduction** indicates that the Lord's earthly ministry split Daniel's 70th Week so that only the last half of it is left to run. This writer has concluded that additional scriptures allow for a future full 70th Week with no violation of the scriptures that Pastor Donovan cites. Pastor Donovan's salient points from his booklet for a split 70th Week - with which this writer largely though not entirely agrees, as will be noted - are as follows⁹.

- The precise application of the word **"after"** in Daniel 9:26 is key to determining how much of Daniel's 70th Week has still to run.
- The only time period with respect to the End Times after the rapture of the Church that the scriptures specifically mention is three and a half years, never seven years, Revelation 11:2-3, 12:6, 14, 13:5.
- A three and a half year gap exists between the anointing of **"the most Holy"** Daniel 9:24, namely at the Lord's baptism, Matthew 3:16-17, Luke 3:21-23, Acts 4:27, 10:38 and His cutting off or crucifixion at the time of the Passover, Daniel 9:26, Matthew 26:2, 27:35. See **Caveats** with respect to the timings and commandment of Daniel 9:24-25.
- A three and a half years of peace under the initial rule of the Antichrist set out by earlier writers such as Anderson, Bullinger, Larkin, Walvoord is not scriptural and nullifies Job **"upon the ground seven days and seven nights"** Job 2:13 as a type for Daniel's 70th Week.
- The covenant of Daniel 9:27 is God's land grant to Abraham, Genesis 12:7, 15:18, 17:1-8 and is confirmed* by Judas as an apostle by means of signs and wonders during the Lord's earthly ministry. Judas broke that covenant after his three and a half years with the Lord i.e. in the middle of Daniel's 70th Week according to Pastor Donovan's analysis when Judas betrayed the Lord, Matthew 10:1-8, 26:14-15. *See **Caveats**.

Dr Ruckman¹⁰ takes issue with Pastor Donovan's conclusion that the covenant of God's land grant to Abraham, Genesis 12:7, 15:18, 17:1-8 is confirmed by Judas as an apostle by means of signs and wonders during the Lord's earthly ministry. However, noting that Baal, Balak and Balaam are a satanic trinity¹¹, when **"...the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab...Balak...king of the Moabites at that time...sent messengers therefore unto Balaam...to call him, saying...curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land"** Numbers 22:1, 4-6.

Balak's request to Balaam to curse Israel so that Moab could displace Israel from the land is in open defiance of the covenant of God's land grant to Abraham, Genesis 12:7, 15:18, 17:1-8. Numbers 23:5-24:19 show that God thwarts Balak's request to Balaam and **"...the curse causeless shall not come"** Proverbs 26:2. However, the hatred of Balak and Moab and the entire satanic trinity for Israel, amounting to cursing, nevertheless persists but it is then thwarted by Judas' apostleship and allegiance to **"the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ"** John 1:41 on behalf of his nation because **"Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve"** Mark 14:10 (1+12 = 13) is **"Judah – A man of Kerioth"**¹². Kerioth is a city of Moab, Jeremiah 48:24, 41, Amos 2:2.

Judas' apostleship and allegiance for three and a half calendar years to **"the Messiah...the Christ"** John 1:41 in defiance of the hatred of Balak and Moab and the entire satanic trinity for Israel, amounting to cursing, do then confirm the covenant of God's land grant to Abraham, Genesis 12:7, 15:18, 17:1-8. The first half of Daniel's 70th Week consisting of three and a half calendar years is then fulfilled according to Daniel 9:27.

When Judas, after three and a half calendar years with **"the Messiah...the Christ"** John 1:41 betrays the Lord and Israel by transferring his allegiance, by means of a separate covenant, Matthew 26:14-15, to those who declare **"We have no king but Caesar"** John 19:15, he effectively breaks

the covenant of God's land grant to Abraham, Genesis 12:7, 15:18, 17:1-8, by going back on his earlier confirmation of it.

The hatred of Balak and Moab and the entire satanic trinity for Israel, amounting to cursing, is then back on track to the present day amongst the ideological descendants of Balak and Moab.

"We will declare OUR STATE...with Jerusalem as its capitol; yes Jerusalem, the eternal capitol of OUR State whether [the Jews] like it or not! Now we are on OUR holy land, and we are re-gaining this HOLY land inch by inch" - Yasser Arafat, May 1999 (emphasis in original)¹³.

The Second Advent ensures that the ideological descendants of Balak and Moab will never achieve their aim. Moab will survive the Antichrist's attempt to achieve that aim¹⁴, Daniel 11:41, but the Lord will inflict judgement on Kerioth and Moab in **"the time of the end"** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9, with just cause¹⁵. See *Introduction*. Note that the land of Israel remains an issue.

"But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet" Amos 2:2.

"O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD" Micah 6:5.

"I have heard the reproach of Moab...whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border. Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom...even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation...This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts" Zephaniah 2:8-10.

The key point of the foregoing analysis, though, is that it confirms that the first half of Daniel's 70th Week consisting of three and a half calendar years is fulfilled according to Daniel 9:27 during the First Advent.

- The *resurrected* Judas as the Antichrist ***"peaceably"*** confirms but then breaks God's Abrahamic covenant with Israel ***"in the midst of the week"*** Daniel 9:27, 11:24, 27 with Matthew 24:15, John 17:12, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 9, Revelation 13:1, 17:8 i.e. at the start of the second half of Daniel's 70th Week that is yet future. His confirmation of the covenant for one week i.e. seven years is in reality deception to ***"speak lies at one table"*** Daniel 11:27. See *Caveats* and *Cross References* with respect to Pastor Donovan comments¹⁶ on Daniel 9:27, 11:24, 27.
- The contexts of other time frames prophesied of 2300, 1290, 1335 days, Daniel 8:13-14, 12:11, 12 show that they do not conflict with 1260 days or 42 months of the Antichrist's rule.

Pastor Donovan therefore reasonably concludes that the statement ***"...after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself"*** Daniel 9:26 should be read as ***"immediately after"*** Matthew 24:29 62½ weeks of years i.e. 69½ weeks of years in total ***"shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself."***

It should be noted that Pastor Donovan places the rapture of the Church at a Passover of unspecified year¹⁷. The rapture of the Church is beyond the scope of this review but this writer would place it as the *second* stage of the Lord's *threefold* harvest of His saints at Pentecost, Passover 33 A.D. having been the *first* stage, with the *third* stage at the end of the tribulation¹⁸. Note in passing Dr Ruckman's¹⁹ summary of the format of the Book of Revelation as four accounts of the Second Advent just as the four Gospels are four accounts of the First Advent and his allusion to the third stage of the Lord's threefold harvest of His saints at the end of the tribulation just before the Second Advent.

See this writer's attached study **Passover Pentecost Whitsun** setting out how the *second* stage of the Lord's *threefold* harvest of His saints at Pentecost could come to pass.

It is possible, though, that the timing of the rapture of the Church is flexible with an upper limit in any one year set by Jeremiah 8:20 **"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."**

Today's believer's prayer should therefore be as Paul urged Timothy **"Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me...Do thy diligence to come before winter"** 2 Timothy 4:9, 21 and as John urged the Lord Himself **"Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus"** Revelation 22:20²⁰.



Psalms 72:6 KJV

***He shall come down like rain upon
the mown grass: as showers that
water the earth.***

Caveats

70th Week – Agreement, Revelation 11:2-3, p 2 bullet point 2 para 2

Revelation 11:2-3 occur in the first half of a yet future full 70th Week. The ***“forty and two months”*** Revelation 11:2 are calendar months and therefore extend beyond ***“a thousand two hundred and threescore days”*** by 18-19 days. Details will follow when Revelation 11 is addressed.

Split 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators, Restoration Commandment and Timings, p 3 bullet point 3

Pastor Donovan²¹, with respect to Clarence Larkin’s detailed analysis in his commentary on Daniel²² and those of other commentators, describes the decrees of earthly Gentile kings with respect to the initiation of the events listed in the following key scriptures set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison. Archbishop James Ussher identified Artaxerxes’ decree of 453 B.C. as matching Daniel 9:25, giving 483 years to 30 A.D. and the Lord’s anointing for His ministry, Luke 3:21-23.

Daniel 9:24 ***Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.***

Daniel 9:25 ***Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.***

Concerning the decrees of earthly Gentile kings to initiate ***“the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem”*** note Ezra 7:27 ***“Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king’s heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem”*** with Proverbs 21:1 ***“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will”*** and Daniel 4:17, 25, 32 ***“the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.”***

The Lord gave the commandment of Daniel 9:25. He prompted Gentile kings to implement it but He determined the start date. Taking the beginning of the Lord’s First Advent ministry, 30 A.D. as a key date, it means that the Lord issued the commandment 483 years before then, whichever king or kings set the implementation in motion. Archbishop Ussher of course highlighted the Lord’s precision.

Split 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators, The Lord’s Anointing and Daniel 9:24, p 3 bullet point 3

As indicated, Pastor Donovan equates the anointing of ***“the most Holy”*** Daniel 9:24 with the Lord’s baptism, Matthew 3:16-17, Luke 3:21-23, Acts 4:27, 10:38. The scriptures pertaining to the Lord’s baptism are set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison.

Luke 3:21 ***Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,***

Luke 3:22 ***And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.***

Luke 3:23 ***And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age...***

Luke 4:1 ***And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...***

Acts 4:27 ***For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,***

Acts 10:38 ***...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.***

The anointing referenced in Acts 4:27, 10:38 took place in Luke 3:21-23.

The point is therefore that the Lord's three and a half year First Advent ministry began with His anointing by the Holy Ghost at His baptism, which event, as Pastor Donovan shows, can be dated accurately. Time intervals before and after that event may be realistically reckoned from the date of that event. Calvary occurred in 33 A.D. Pastor Donovan is correct in his allusion to that anointing. However, the Lord Jesus Christ has a *second* anointing at the Second Advent, which is the anointing of Daniel 9:24²³.

"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows" Psalm 45:6-7.

To reiterate, God anoints the Lord twice, the first time for His ministry, Luke 3:21-23, 4:1, insofar as all the Lord's saints are anointed for ministry, as Paul explains in 2 Corinthians 1:21 **"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God."**

The second time is to testify to the Lord's Kingship on earth, Psalm 45:6-7 insofar as **"...the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one"** Zechariah 14:9. See *Introduction*. Note that though **"Jesus Christ...is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him"** 1 Peter 3:21-22, **"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"** Matthew 6:10 awaits the Lord's Return:

"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him" Hebrews 2:8. They will be at the Second Advent, Matthew 13:40-43, 1 Corinthians 15:24-25.

Split 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators, Judas and the covenant, p 3 bullet point 5

Pastor Donovan's explanation²⁴ does not show how Judas *consciously* fulfilled Daniel 9:27 **"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"** at the beginning of the Lord's First Advent ministry in the way that the Antichrist will in Revelation 6:2 at the beginning of a future full 70th Week. Contrary to Pastor Donovan's expectation, that covenant will incense Mohammedans, papists and Marxists all of whom have sought and will seek to implement against Israel²⁵ Ezekiel 35:5 **"...thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end."** Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-5 describe their defeat, for which God is glorified *but also the Antichrist who thereby exalts himself in imitation of the Lord after the manner of John 12:19* **"The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him."** See Revelation 6 *Daniel's Full 70th Week in Summary*. The Antichrist has won almost everyone over thereby.

All who agree, including this writer, that the first half of Daniel's 70th Week was fulfilled during the Lord's First Advent ministry must therefore *assume* that Judas does fulfil Daniel 9:27 **"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"** at the beginning of the Lord's First Advent ministry without knowing it because **"the scripture must be fulfilled"** Mark 14:9. The same assumption applies with respect to all 18 types of the Antichrist whom Dr Ruckman²⁶ identified.

Daniel's 70th Week Future Full Seven Years Implications, Daniel 9:27, 11:24, 27, 12:7, Revelation 12:6, 14, pp 11-12 bullet point 3

Daniel 9:27 cannot reasonably be compressed into the latter half of Daniel's 70th Week. Pastor Donovan inserts another year into Daniel 9:27 to elapse before the beginning of the latter half of Daniel's 70th Week, along with an additional covenant *not* cross-referencing to Revelation 6:2 and indeed not found in scripture²⁷. That insertion, *made within the bounds of Daniel 9:27*, extends Daniel's 70th Week from seven years to eight years, which is also not scriptural. See *Cross Reference* Daniel 9:27.

That insertion, though, is the main thrust of Pastor Donovan's conclusion with respect to a split 70th Week with only three and a half years left to elapse. Further considerations of Daniel's 70th Week will now be addressed.

Full Future 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators

Scriptural indicators that point to a full 70th Week are as follows, with reference to the Nazarite typifying the Lord Jesus Christ, see *Introduction*, set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison. Concerning the Nazarite:

Numbers 6:8 *All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.*

Numbers 6:9 *And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.*

Numbers 6:12 *And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.*

Numbers 6:13 *And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:*

Numbers 6:14 *And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offering.*

Matthew 27:46 *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

Matthew 27:50 *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Philippians 2:5, 8 *Christ Jesus...being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Hebrews 7:26 *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.*

Hebrews 9:24 *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*

Hebrews 9:26 *...now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

Revelation 21:3 *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

The salient features from those scriptures are as follows.

- The Nazarite is “*holy unto the LORD*” as is the Lord Jesus Christ*, Numbers 6:8, Hebrews 7:26.
*Numbers 6:3 forbids “*the pure blood the grape*” Deuteronomy 32:14, which the Lord eschewed.
- The term “*Nazarite*” is therefore capitalised as is the term “*Word*” John 1:1, 14, 1 John 1:1, 5:7, Revelation 19:13, which refers exclusively to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Nazarite was defiled if a man died suddenly beside him. The Lord Jesus Christ died abruptly on the cross and “*he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin,*” Numbers 6:9 with Matthew 27:46, 50, 2 Corinthians 5:21. *Receiving the vinegar was also defilement*, John 19:29-30.
- The Nazarite had to shave his head in humble subjection to “*the law of the Nazarite*” Numbers 6:13, 21 after being defiled. The Lord Jesus Christ was humbled to “*the death of the cross,*” Numbers 6:9 with Philippians 2:5, 8.

- The Nazarite “shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.” The Lord Jesus Christ is “now to appear in the presence of God for us” in “the tabernacle of God,” Numbers 6:13 with Hebrews 9:24, Revelation 21:3.
- The Nazarite had to offer sacrifices, Numbers 6:12, 14. The Lord Jesus Christ “put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” Hebrews 9:26.

The Nazarite of Numbers 6:8-14 is not exactly equivalent to the Lord Jesus Christ but enough similarities exist for this writer to draw attention again to the equivalence of Numbers 6:8, 12 “All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD...the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled” with Matthew 3:16-17, 27:46 “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased...And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

In addition, it should be carefully noted that *Nazarites in appearance and humiliation typified the Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom...Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire: Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick” Lamentations 4:6-8.

“My beloved is white and ruddy...his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires...I may tell all my bones...his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men...for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken” Song of Solomon 5:10, 14, Psalm 22:17, Isaiah 52:14, 53:8.

The above scriptures emphasise how Nazarites in Jeremiah’s time and the Lord Jesus Christ *were both exalted and defiled.* That is key to what follows with respect to Daniel’s 70th Week.

Note again that Numbers 6:8, 12 reveal the Nazarite’s separation unto God terminated by defilement. Matthew 3:16, 17 reveal the Lord’s separation unto God for His earthly ministry or anointing. Matthew 27:46, 50 then reveal the Lord’s separation from God, at the termination of His earthly ministry, *even in defilement*, Numbers 6:3, according to the Lord’s last words “It is finished” John 19:30.

Note further Samson²⁸ who testifies “I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother’s womb” Judges 16:17. Samson repeatedly violates “the law of the Nazarite” Numbers 6:13, 21 and yet he is listed among “these all, having obtained a good report through faith” Hebrews 11:39. See Judges 14:3, 15:1, 8, 20, 16:3, 6, 19, 20, 28, 30, Hebrews 11:32, 34. Samson as a Nazarite therefore typifies “the new testament” 2 Corinthians 3:6 as in “Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered” Romans 4:7 and reinforces the Nazarite typology for the Lord Jesus Christ.

This writer would therefore agree with Pastor Donovan that by the time of the Lord’s crucifixion 69½ weeks of years of Daniel’s 70 weeks had elapsed. However Numbers 6:8-9, 12-14, Matthew 3:16-17, 27:46, 50, John 19:29-30, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 2:5, 8, Hebrews 7:26, 9:24, 26, Revelation 21:3 with emphasis on Numbers 6:12 “the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled” and Matthew 27:46 “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” taken together point not only to a hiatus in the course of Daniel’s 70 weeks *but that the first half of Daniel’s 70th Week was lost via the crucifixion so that the full seven years of Daniel’s 70th Week – consisting of half calendar years and half prophetic years – have still to run.*

Note that the reading of Daniel 9:26 “...after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself” is unaffected by that conclusion. Certain implications follow nevertheless but first note the following observation.

Daniel's 70th Week No Church Age

It should first be noted that although the Nazarite typology is directly applicable to a full future Daniel's 70th Week, the question arises how would ***"the scripture of truth"*** Daniel 10:21 accommodate a full Daniel's 70th Week without a Church Age, if Israel had accepted her Messiah after Calvary, for example at the martyrdom of Stephen, Acts 22:20, when he testified ***"...he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God"*** Acts 7:55-56? Pastor Donovan, in this writer's view, see *Introduction*, has sought to address that question.

Stephen's testimony reveals that the Second Advent was imminent at that time, contingent on Israel receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as her Messiah²⁹. The remaining three and a half years of Daniel's 70th Week would then have elapsed as follows. A resurrected Judas ***"the son of Perdition"*** John 17:12, 2 Thessalonians 2:3 would conspire with Israel's *traitorous* leaders who for their own safety covenanted with him, as in Matthew 26:15, via ***"a covenant with death, and with hell"*** Isaiah 28:15 so that ***"he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease"*** Daniel 9:27. See *Cross Reference* Daniel 9:27. Daniel's 70th Week would end three and a half years later at the Second Advent with Zechariah 14:9 ***"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one"*** without a Church Age as such.

The Nazarite typology therefore appears to break down if the Jews had been willing to receive their Messiah in response to Stephen's testimony instead of stoning him to death, Acts 7:58-60. However, ***"the scripture of truth"*** Daniel 10:21 insofar as ***"the scripture cannot be broken"*** John 10:35 should be sufficiently robust to accommodate the possibility of Israel being willing to receive her Messiah in response to Stephen's testimony and that of ***"...the apostles whom he had chosen. To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God"*** Acts 1:2-3.

The Biblical explanation is therefore as follows³⁰.

The Second Advent, in the absence of a Church Age or indeed post-rapture of Church Age saints, is contingent on *some* of Israel's leaders, each in response to Stephen's testimony on the basis of Jeremiah 8:6 having ***"repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done?"*** implementing Deuteronomy 21:1-9. The end results of implementing Deuteronomy 21:1-9 are revealed according to the Lord's promise in answer to the leaders' prayer set out in Deuteronomy 21:8-9 ***"Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them. So shalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD."***

Peter admonished Israel that ***"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree"*** Acts 5:30 because the Lord was innocent. ***"the guilt of innocent blood...the innocent blood"*** Deuteronomy 21:9, Matthew 27:4 therefore rests upon Israel. Because God ***"made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin"*** 2 Corinthians 5:21 so that ***"the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled"*** Numbers 6:12, Daniel's prophetic clock was reset. However, enacting Deuteronomy 21:8-9 such that ***"the blood shall be forgiven them"*** would cancel the defilement and restore ***"the days that were before...lost."*** The Lord is then ***"The repairer of the breach"*** Isaiah 58:12.

Daniel's prophetic clock would therefore be restored to its original setting. The remaining three and a half years of Daniel's 70th Week would then follow as shown, the end of which would see the fulfilment of Zechariah 14:9 ***"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one"*** without a Church Age.

Likewise without a Church Age that time would see the fulfilment of Psalm 86:9 ***"All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name."***

"the scripture of truth" Daniel 10:21 therefore accommodates both outcomes for Daniel's 70th Week, with or without a Church Age ***"For with God nothing shall be impossible"*** Luke 1:37.

Daniel's 70th Week Future Full Seven Years Implications

The implications of a full seven years of Daniel's 70th Week still to run are as follows:

- Revelation 6:1-8 unfold as set out by Dr Ruckman³¹ and cover the first 3-4 years of Daniel's 70th Week, Revelation 6:8 signifying the onset of the Antichrist's rule of 42 months, Revelation 13:5. It will be noted that as always, this writer has found Dr Ruckman's works most helpful and informative. However, consultation of the works of Dr Ruckman that **References** lists will reveal some points of detail where this writer differs from Dr Ruckman's comments³². Those differences should be perceived as exceptional and few and far between.
- Revelation 6:1-8 do *not* depict a time of peace, although a brief interlude of peace appears to overlap with Revelation 6:1-2³³. A second such interlude appears to occur in the fourth year of Daniel's 70th Week as the Antichrist exerts worldwide power. That brief interlude* would, like the eye of a hurricane, be the End Times fulfilment of 1 Thessalonians 5:3 **"For when they shall say, *Peace and safety*; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."** *18-19 days. See *Calendar Years, Prophetic Years and Power*.
- The Antichrist **"shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"** Daniel 9:27 i.e. the Abrahamic covenant as Pastor Donovan notes³⁴ but then break it **"in the midst of the week"** i.e. three and a half years later. That seems to match Judas' three and a half years of ministry with the Lord before his betrayal of the Lord. See *Cross Reference* Daniel 9:27 and this extract:

The covenant of Daniel 9:27 is God's land grant to Abraham, Genesis 12:7, 15:18, 17:1-8 and is confirmed by Judas as an apostle by means of signs and wonders during the Lord's earthly ministry. Judas broke that covenant after his three and a half years with the Lord i.e. in the middle of Daniel's 70th Week according to Pastor Donovan's analysis when Judas betrayed the Lord, Matthew 10:1-8, 26:14-15. See *Split 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators* for further details.

It would follow that the covenant of Daniel 9:27 would be confirmed with the Jews by the white horse rider, Revelation 6:2, as **"that man of sin"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3, in the first year of a full future 70th Week where he offers them safety in their land and permits them to carry out temple sacrifices in return for submission to his rule. The Jews accept his offer because they have never yet repented of their leaders' declaration **"We have no king but Caesar"** John 19:15³⁵. See *Cross Reference* John 19:15.

Though the Jews' agreement with the white horse rider confers safety for Israel in a practical sense and even prosperity, Ezekiel 38:8, 11-12, Jews loyal to the Lord, Zechariah 13:8-9, setting the scene for Revelation 12:1-6, 13-17, will each react according to Isaiah 21:2-4 **"A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth...Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me."**

Note however that Pastor Donovan³⁶ refers to the Antichrist confirming a covenant with Israel in the year *immediately preceding* the resumption of Daniel's 70th Week which covenant the Antichrist breaks **"in the midst of the week."** That analysis does not fit with Pastor Donovan's earlier analysis³⁷ which does not appear to allow for that intervening year or with Daniel 9:27 **"...he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."** As indicated, Daniel 9:27 refers to *the* i.e. Abrahamic covenant *not* to a covenant, undefined – though see remarks following with respect to **"a covenant with death, and with hell"** Isaiah 28:15 – and to *one* week as *the* week. See *Cross Reference* Isaiah 28:15, 18.

This writer takes that week as Daniel's 70th Week for the reasons given already, *without* a one year hiatus before the resumption of Daniel's *actual* 70th Week during which hiatus the Antichrist projects a time interval of seven years that is altogether separate from Daniel's 70 weeks. That

apparent application of Daniel 9:27 in Pastor Donovan's study³⁸ doesn't fit with a simple reading of Daniel 9:27. It introduces an unknown covenant and extends the 70th week to eight years.

Pastor Donovan alludes to Daniel 11:24, 12:7, Revelation 12:14 and the definition of "*a time*" as a year to refer to the Antichrist confirming a covenant with Israel in the year *immediately preceding* the resumption of Daniel's 70th Week which covenant the Antichrist breaks "*in the midst of the week.*" However, Daniel 11:24 matches Revelation 6:2 perfectly with respect to the white horse rider confirming God's Abrahamic covenant with Israel in the first year of a yet future full Daniel's 70th Week, which covenant is then broken "*in the midst of the week*" Daniel 9:27.

In addition, Pastor Donovan alludes – loosely - to Daniel 11:27 with respect to the breaking of the covenant in Daniel 9:27 but Daniel 11:27 cannot apply to Daniel 9:27 because Daniel 11:27 refers to "*both these kings*" and only one king is present in Daniel 9:27 because then as now Israel's leaders have declared that "*We have no king but Caesar*" John 19:15.

Further, at the beginning of the last half of Daniel's 70th Week, as Revelation 12:14 "*And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent*" itself reveals, certainly a significant number of Jews, indeed a third of all Jews, Zechariah 13:7-9, are fleeing into the wilderness of Selah Petra. See the attached study **Job 1 – Summary Thoughts**.

Compression of Daniel 9:27 into three and a half years plus a preceding fourth year, which unavoidably extends Daniel's 70th Week of seven years to an unscriptural eight years, must require reference to that flight. Daniel 9:27 makes no such mention of that flight. However such a mention is not required for the white horse rider of Revelation 6:2 confirming God's Abrahamic covenant with Israel in the first year of a yet future full Daniel's 70th Week.

It should be understood of course that Caesar is not Israel's true king. David is and he will be following the Second Advent³⁹, as Hosea makes clear in Hosea 3:4-5 "*For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.*"

To emphasise the foregoing point, Daniel 9:27 applied to a yet future full 70th Week by inspection allows for three and a half years as the first half of that week, for the events of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8, 11:7 to take place.

However, Pastor Donovan refers to Daniel 11:24, 27, 12:4 to insert an additional year into Daniel 9:27 with kings, two in number, lying to each other in the negotiations, Daniel 11:27. Daniel 12:4 does define a time as a year - however reckoned - but only one king is present in Daniel 9:27 because Israel is still under John 9:15 "*We have no king but Caesar,*" Caesar being that sole king in Daniel 9:27.

Daniel 11:27 would apply to "*the time of the end*" Daniel 11:35, 40, which in those contexts is not a year but a time interval, but not to Daniel 9:27.

In addition, to summarise, Pastor Donovan's placement of Daniel 11:24 into Daniel 9:27 as occurring just before the resumption of Daniel's 70th Week obviously extends that week from seven years - however reckoned - to eight years and that is not scriptural. Daniel 11:24 would, however, fit with Revelation 6:2 as the first year of a yet future full Daniel's 70th Week.

See *Caveats* and *Cross References*.

- Revelation 6:1-8 followed by the Antichrist's rule of 42 months makes Job 2:13 a *realistic* type, not a weak type⁴⁰, with Israel being effectively *conquered* for the *whole* of Daniel's 70th Week **"the time of Jacob's trouble"** Jeremiah 30:7 by the Antichrist and persecuted with extreme prejudice by the devil in last half of Daniel's 70th Week, Revelation 12:6, 13-17. Job 2:13 must have some typological significance, likewise the Nazarite of Numbers 6:8-14 and the Nazarites of Lamentations 4:6-8 typifying the Lord Jesus Christ in exaltation and humiliation, Song of Solomon 5:10, 14, Psalm 22:17, Isaiah 52:14, 53:8.
- Judas and Israel's leaders who declared **"We have no king but Caesar"** John 19:15 i.e. the Antichrist, see ***Cross Reference*** John 19:15, covenanted with each other according to Matthew 26:15 **"And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver"** to betray - i.e. the betrayal was *itself* a covenant - the Lord Jesus Christ Who typifies Israel, Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:15. That *second* covenant foreshadows Israel's leaders at the beginning of the Antichrist's 42-month rule who then betray their own nation to save themselves i.e. **"Skin for skin"** Job 2:4 by means of a *separate* covenant with the Antichrist that is **"a covenant with death, and with hell"** Isaiah 28:15 with Revelation 6:8. See ***Cross References*** Isaiah 28:15, 18, Revelation 6:8.

The above points appear to fit realistically into a full seven years, even if half-calendar and half-prophetic for Daniel's 70th Week still to run.

Conclusion

This writer concludes that when Numbers 6:8-9, 12-14, Song of Solomon 5:10, 14, Psalm 22:17, Isaiah 52:14, 53:8, Lamentations 4:6-8, Matthew 3:16-17, 27:46, 50, John 19:29-30, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 2:5, 8, Hebrews 7:26, 9:24, 26, Revelation 21:3 with emphasis on Numbers 6:12, Matthew 27:46 **"the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled...And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"** are adduced in addition to Pastor Donovan's overall analysis the scripture points strongly to a yet future fulfilment of all of Daniel's 70th Week, with the prophetic clock stopped and reset to 69 weeks at **"the place, which is called Calvary"** Luke 23:33.

It is hoped nevertheless that these considerations may be viewed according to Proverbs 27:17 **"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."**

The Great Rift Valley⁴¹

“The valley of the shadow of death” Psalm 23:4 would be the Great Rift Valley that passes from the Beqaa Valley through the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea towards the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea, which ‘just happens’ to be the area near ***“the land of Uz”*** where Job was, Job 1:1. It is likely that whatever embodies ***“the shadow of death”*** will emerge from beneath the Rift Valley via ***“a great earthquake”*** Revelation 6:12, 12:15-16 when its ***“doors”*** are opened Job 38:17 during the time of ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** and ***“great tribulation”*** Jeremiah 30:7, Revelation 7:14. Such would



be the doctrinal-prophetical significance of the expression ***“the valley of the shadow of death”*** Psalm 23:4. The Lord would then dispel ***“the shadow of death”*** and shut the doors on any further manifestation of it at the Second Advent. Psalm 23:4 indicates God’s protection for His people at that time.

Note that at the time of ***“a new heaven and a new earth”*** the Lord will shut* ***“the gates of death”*** forever by means of the restoration of ***“the tree of life”*** Genesis 2:9, 3:22, 24, Revelation 2:7, 21:1, 22:2, 14. *He will actually have disposed of them in ***“the lake of fire...the second death”*** Revelation 20:14.

Note also that ***“the valley of the shadow of death”*** had historical significance for David as ***“the valley of Elah”*** where David fought and killed Goliath, though the giant had vowed to kill him, 1 Samuel 17:2-3, 44-51. Devotionally, ***“the valley of the shadow of death”*** also applies to ***“the saints and martyrs of Jesus”*** who suffered for the Lord down through the centuries, especially at the hands of Rome and her abominable offspring like Islam, Hebrews 11:35-38, Revelation 17:6⁴².

It would seem entirely appropriate that as Pastor Donovan notes⁴³ the Great Rift Valley ***“The valley of the shadow of death”*** Psalm 23:4 is the conduit for the post-Armageddon effusion of blood of Revelation 14:20 ***“And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”***

To conclude on a more encouraging note, this scripture is no doubt soon to be fulfilled⁴⁴:

**And this gospel of the kingdom shall
be preached in all the world for a witness
unto all nations; and then shall the
end come.**

- Mathew 24:14



The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Addenda

Note these references⁴⁵ for what follows.

Split 70th Week a Non-Starter

As indicated in this work, a split Daniel's 70th Week is a non-starter because Daniel 9:27 cannot be compressed into three and a half years plus a twelve-month initial phase in Daniel 9:27 and an extra covenant neither of which has scriptural support. See ***Cross Reference*** Daniel 9:27. As noted in the review study, Pastor Donovan tried to do so and clearly struggled with the wording - unsuccessfully. Though he adduced Daniel 11:24, 27, 12:4 to support his explanation, it is largely conjecture. See ***Caveats***. That alone nullifies the teaching that three and a half years of Daniel's 70th Week were irrevocably fulfilled at the First Advent so that only the second half of the week remains to be fulfilled.

It is altogether much more straightforward to understand Daniel 9:27 as referring to all of Daniel's 70th Week yet to be fulfilled. However, it is necessary to observe typology for that purpose, with respect to ***"the law of the Nazarite"*** Numbers 6:13, 21 and in turn with respect to the first half of Daniel's 70th Week consisting of three and a half calendar years, not prophetic years. The implications of Israel's acceptance of her Messiah after Calvary, had that happened, and in turn of the application of Deuteronomy 21:1-9, must also be considered. In sum, a split 70th Week with only three and a half years left:

- Does not take into account the Nazarite typology for the Lord's First Advent ministry
- Does not take into account Deuteronomy 21:1-9, which would have eliminated a Church Age
- Compresses the events of Daniel 9:27 into three and a half years, creating an awkward reading for Daniel 9:27 compared with Daniel 9:27 describing a yet future full seven-year 70th Week
- Prompts the invention of an additional covenant between the Antichrist and certain of the Jewish leaders to be inserted into Daniel 9:27, which is a false covenant. That covenant is therefore neither the Abrahamic covenant that fits the context and is genuine nor the separate covenant of Isaiah 28:15, 18 that is evil but likewise genuine. See ***Cross Reference*** Isaiah 28:15, 18
- Requires insertion of an additional year into Daniel 9:27 that is not in the context and is not said to be part of the 70th Week but is perceived to be necessary to confirm the additional false covenant between the Antichrist and Jewish leaders. Strictly speaking *confirm* is not the correct term because that covenant, unlike the Abrahamic covenant, has no precedent so *makes* would be the correct term. By inspection, the term *makes* conflicts with Daniel 9:27.
- Misapplies Daniel 11:24, 27, 12:14 to Daniel 9:27 because Daniel 9:27 does not include the word ***"time"*** Daniel 11:24, 12:14 singular and only one king is present in Daniel 9:27 not ***"both these kings"*** Daniel 11:27 because Israel is still under her leaders' declaration ***"We have no king but Caesar"*** John 19:15, see ***Cross Reference*** John 19:15, until the Second Advent. Caesar is present in Daniel 9:27 as ***"thou, profane wicked prince of Israel"*** Ezekiel 21:25 ***"the prince that shall come...the desolate"*** Daniel 9:26-27 ***"that man of sin...the son of perdition"*** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see ***Cross Reference*** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, because Israel rejected ***"The Prince of Peace"*** Isaiah 9:6 as the Lord declared in John 5:43, 17:12 ***"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive...the son of perdition."*** Note further 2 Corinthians 11:4 ***"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus...ye might well bear with him."*** Israel did. See Revelation 6 *Daniel's Full 70th Week in Summary*.
- Effectively and unavoidably extends the 70th Week from seven years to an unscriptural eight years by the unwarranted insertion of an extra year into Daniel 9:27 for the Antichrist to make – not confirm – the additional covenant with certain of the Jewish leaders.
- Fails to address the absence of any mention in Daniel 9:27 of the flight of Jewish saints into the wilderness at the breaking of the covenant, Revelation 12:6, 14. That omission is understandable only if Daniel 9:27 begins with Revelation 6:2, see ***Cross Reference*** Revelation 6:2, but serious if the making – not confirming – and breaking of the covenant occur within only a year.

Nazarite Typology – Key to the Timing

As the review study shows, scriptures pointing to a fulfilment of the first half of Daniel's 70th Week during the Lord's First Advent earthly ministry are reconciled to a full future Daniel's 70th Week by reference to the Nazarite as typifying the Lord in His First Advent earthly ministry. See remarks under ***Full Future 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators***.

Taking the Nazarite as typifying the Lord Jesus Christ's separation unto God for His three and a half year ministry where the days of His separation are lost **"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"** 2 Corinthians 5:21 accords with **"the law of the Nazarite"** Numbers 6:13, 21 such that **"the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled"** Numbers 6:12 together with Matthew 27:46 **"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"**

As indicated, Israel refused to accept her Messiah even with Stephen's testimony and instead murdered Stephen, Acts 7:1-60. See remarks under ***Daniel's 70th Week No Church Age***.

The prophetic clock was therefore stopped and reset from 69½ weeks to 69 weeks at **"the place, which is called Calvary"** Luke 23:33 with all of Daniel's 70th Week still future. The typology of the Nazarite with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ for His three and a half year ministry in turn harmonises **"all the counsel of God"** Acts 20:27 with respect to a yet future Daniel's 70th Week.

Note that the Lord's three and a half year ministry is measured from His baptism during the Feast of Tabernacles and the subsequent four Passovers that took place during the Lord's ministry that John lists, John 2:23, 5:1, 6:4, 13:1. The first of those Passovers occurred six months after the Lord's baptism⁴⁶.

Full Future 70th Week – Further Scriptural Indications

Concerning scriptural indications of a yet future full Daniel's 70th Week, an explicit statement that seven years of Daniel's 70th Week cover Revelation 6-19 is not to be found in the Book of Revelation. But neither is there to be found in the Book of Revelation an explicit statement that three and a half years of Daniel's 70th Week cover Revelation 6-19.

Therefore consider the following with respect to further types in ***"the old testament"*** 2 Corinthians 3:14 in addition to the Nazarite typology pointing to a full future Daniel's 70th Week:

Job

See the attached study **Job 1 – Summary Thoughts**.

Elijah

Note in passing the progressive revelation of 1 Kings 17:1, 18:1, Luke 4:25, James 5:17-18.

Note further that although ***"...in the days of Elias...the heaven was shut up three years and six months...he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months...And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit"*** Luke 4:25, James 5:17-18 the number seven is central to the breaking of the drought. Seven points to the fulfilment, coincident with the Second Advent, at the end of a yet future full Daniel's 70th Week of Psalm 68:7-9 ***"O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary."***

Note that if the Lord had meant to point to a split 70th Week He could have used the expression ***"three or four"*** Jeremiah 36:23 or an expression equivalent to ***"a time, and times, and half a time"*** Revelation 12:14 – to be addressed in context – in what follows.

"...And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain..." 1 Kings 18:42-45.

Nebuchadnezzar

Nebuchadnezzar was a type of the Antichrist. He was reduced to the level of a beast for seven consecutive years, not three and a half years or two intervals of three and a half years with a gap in between. See Daniel 4:16-17, 28, 33, 5:21 to follow. That points in type to a yet future seven years for Daniel's 70th Week, not three and a half years. As typified by Nebuchadnezzar's seven consecutive years as a beast, the Antichrist will be active during that time, as ***"that man of sin...the son of perdition"*** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see ***Cross Reference*** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, assuming the latter guise for his undisputed 42-month worldwide rule - that the Lord brings about* - after his death and resurrection, imitating the Lord Jesus Christ, Revelation 13:3-8. *See ***Calendar Years, Prophetic Years and Power***.

That 42-month rule is the last half of Daniel's 70th Week, during which time the devil persecutes Israel, both those of her who flee into the wilderness and her remnant elsewhere, Revelation 12:6, 13-17.

Note that even during the rule of the Antichrist, the Lord is the overarching Ruler as the text confirms.

"Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men...All this came upon the"

king Nebuchadnezzar...and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen...and his heart was made like the beasts” Daniel 4:16-17, 28, 33, 5:21.

Sevenfold “a little while”

Note further the consecutive sevenfold repetition in John 16:16-19 of the expression “a little while.” That repetition was given at the end of the Lord’s three and a half year earthly ministry and the context of John 16:16-19 is future, pointing to a future full seven years of Daniel’s 70th Week yet to be fulfilled.

As the Lord Jesus Christ promised⁴⁷:



John 16:13 KJV

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Revelation 6-19 Total Time Element

See **Full Future 70th Week – Further Scriptural Indicators**. Concerning Revelation 6-19, Revelation 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8, 11:2-12, with Judges 18:7, 10, 27-28, 1 Chronicles 4:40-41, Isaiah 28:15, 18, Ezekiel 38:8, 11-23, 39:6-7, Daniel 9:24-25, 27, Amos 4:7 are key. This writer concludes therefore that only Revelation 6-11 need be considered in detail to confirm that Daniel's full 70th Week is yet future.

This writer believes that those scriptures taken together point to a future full seven years of Daniel's 70th Week yet to be fulfilled. As indicated, see **Daniel's 70th Week Future Full Seven Years Implications**, this writer will have to differ from Dr Ruckman with respect to that belief on certain points but hopefully not from **"the scripture of truth"** Daniel 10:21. See this overview and accompanying remarks to set the total time element for Revelation 6-19 in its overall context. Further details together with accompanying scriptures could be added but what follows should encapsulate the main aspects of a full seven years of Daniel's 70th Week yet to be fulfilled, in order to keep the study manageable.

Revelation 6-19 Overview

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" Matthew 24:21.

"For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be" Mark 13:19.

Revelation 6 Daniel's Full 70th Week in Summary

Revelation 6:1-8 address the first 3-4 years of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. See for additional details the attached studies:

Passover Pentecost Whitsun

Job 1 – Summary Thoughts

War, Famine, Pestilence, Earthquake

Famine and Pestilence Portend Each Other

End Times Horses and Chariots – Extracts

"vile affections"

Doorstep Desolation Abomination

Revelation 11 + God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1

Revelation 6:2 – Year 1

"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

The white horse rider, see **Cross Reference** Revelation 6:2, **"that man of sin"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see **Cross Reference** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, initiates his worldwide conquest for world domination. Revelation 6:2 would correspond to Revelation 13:1-2, as the emergence of **"the beast,"** chief of the **"...false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light"** 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 with **"Satan...at his right hand"** Psalm 109:6.



He re-establishes in Israel by confirming for seven years **"the covenant with many for one week...the sacrifice and oblation"** Daniel 9:27, see **Cross Reference** Daniel 9:27, to be freely observed by **"the people of the land...the people of the LORD"** Exodus 5:5, Leviticus 20:2, 4, 2 Kings 11:14, 18, 19, 20, 15:5, 16:15, 21:24 twice, 23:30, 35, 24:14, 25:3, 19 twice, 2 Chronicles 23:13, 20, 21, 26:21, 33:25,

36:1, Jeremiah 1:18, 34:19, 37:2, 44:1, 52:6, 52:25 twice, Ezekiel 7:27, 12:19, 22:29, 33:2, 39:13, 45:16, 22, 46:3, 9, Daniel 9:6, Zechariah 7:5; Numbers 16:41, Deuteronomy 27:9, Judges 5:11, 2 Samuel 1:12, 6:21, 2 Kings 9:6, Ezekiel 36:20, Zephaniah 2:10; 41 references together with 8 references. Israel as a nation enters into that seven-year confirmation of the covenant and submits to the rule of white horse rider, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:2, for national safety because **“We have no king but Caesar”** John 19:15, see *Cross Reference* John 19:15. **“Caesar”** is easily identified⁴⁸. See accompanying graphic.

However, not all **“the people of the land...the people of the LORD”** as individuals enter into that confirmation of the covenant. Note the declaration and prayer of those loyal to the Lord, who, for example, have faithfully followed the ministry of Moses and Elijah whom the Lord designates as **“...my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth”** Revelation 11:3 after the manner of Micah 3:8 **“But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.”** See *Cross Reference* Revelation 11:3.

The declaration and prayer of Moses and Elijah’s faithful followers, actually both Jew and Gentile, is this, to be wholly vindicated at the time of Revelation 6:8, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:8, at the midpoint of Daniel’s yet future full 70th Week. Moses and Elijah personify **“the law and the prophets”** Matthew 7:12, 22:40, Luke 16:16, Acts 13:15, Romans 3:21 and being two, they ensure that **“At the mouth of two witnesses...shall he that is worthy of death be put to death...”** Deuteronomy 17:6.

“Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble” Isaiah 33:1-2. **“the time of trouble”** is **“Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation”** Matthew 24:21, Revelation 2:22, 7:14, especially the last half of Daniel’s yet future full 70th Week.

Revelation 6:4 Year 2

“And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.”

Revelation 6:4 shows that the conquering white horse rider’s conquest is fiercely resisted for 12 months by open warfare, especially his concession to Israel. See *Revelation 6:2 – Year 1*. The judgement of God is then incurred, ironically and prophetically, with Nebuchadnezzar as a type of the Antichrist, the white horse rider, as shown in Jeremiah 27:8 **“And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.”**

This writer would place the invasion of Israel led by Gog that Ezekiel 38, 39:1-16 set out and certainly its immediate aftermath in this time interval. Gog’s *casus belli* for invading Israel is sheer malevolence, having like Edom nursed **“a perpetual hatred”** for **“the children of Israel”** Ezekiel 35:5, and greed, as revealed in Ezekiel 38:10-12 **“Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.”** See *Caveats Split 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators, Judas and the covenant...*

The objections to that placement of Gog’s invasion of Israel are derived from Ezekiel 38:8, 11, 14 **“After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel,**

which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them... And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwall'd villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates... Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?"

Israel's dwelling in safety, though real as the Lord declares, is as described under *Revelation 6:2 – Year 1*. It is a safety under Caesar and not a safety where **"safety is of the LORD"** Proverbs 21:31. It is possible to have such safety but it is not permanent as it will be for Israel in the land at the Second Advent as Ezekiel has earlier prophesied when **"...they shall dwell safely therein...in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods...and none shall make them afraid"** Ezekiel 28:26, 34:25, 28.

These scriptures describe the temporary safety such as Israel will experience under Caesar until he breaks the covenant of Daniel 9:27 with Israel in the last half of Daniel's 70th Week as **"the son of perdition...Judas by transgression...that he might go to his own place...the beast that was, and is not...and goeth into perdition"** John 17:12, Acts 1:25, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Revelation 17:11. See *Cross References* Daniel 9:27, 2 Thessalonians 2:3. The scriptures that describe real but temporary safety are as follows.

"Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man...a people secure...And they...came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man..." Judges 18:7, 10, 27-28.

"And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelt there of old. And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks" 1 Chronicles 4:40-41. Israel's safety under Caesar, though real, is likewise precarious but providentially for Israel **"...the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel"** Joshua 10:42 to obliterate Gog's invasion of Israel. Gog's allies include **"Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya...Gomer, and...the house of Togarmah of the north quarters"** Ezekiel 38:5-6, Mohammedan, Marxist, papist nations. The key prophetic scriptures are set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison.

Ezekiel 38:18 **And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.**

Ezekiel 38:19 **For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;**

Ezekiel 38:20 **So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.**

Ezekiel 38:21 **And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.**

Note how via the Lord's strategy Ezekiel 38:21 **every man's sword shall be against his brother** matches Revelation 6:4 **that they should kill one another** as forecast historically in 2 Chronicles 20:22-23 **...the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.**

Ezekiel 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Ezekiel 38:23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD...

Ezekiel 39:3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Ezekiel 39:4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Ezekiel 39:5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 39:6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 39:7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel...

Ezekiel 39:9 “And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years...”

Ezekiel 39:12 “And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.”

The Lord's defeat of Gog is manifested by:

- A massive earthquake in Israel with tremors felt offshore, the subsidence of Israel's mountains and worldwide terror at this manifestation of the Lord's wrath, Ezekiel 38:19-20
- Confusion amongst Gog's invading host so that they turn on each other, followed by a deluge upon the survivors of “pestilence and...blood...great hailstones, fire, and brimstone” Ezekiel 38:21-22
- Worldwide confession that “The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God” 1 Kings 18:39 *but without full submission to Him*, as will be shown, Ezekiel 38:23
- The demise of Gog “upon the mountains of Israel...upon the open field” Ezekiel 39:4-5
- A subsequent judgement from the Lord by fire “on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles,” that is “the land of Magog” Ezekiel 38:2. The judgement extends across Western Europe from the Ural Mountains to the British Isles, reinforcing worldwide confession that “The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God” 1 Kings 18:39 *but without full submission to Him, not even by Israel*, Ezekiel 39:6-7, until the Second Advent, Zechariah 12:10.
- The Lord's manifestation of “my holy name...in the midst of my people Israel” with the declaration that “I will not let them pollute my holy name any more” Ezekiel 39:7 showing that Israel is still in rebellion against the Lord to this point, the Lord's deliverance of Israel from Gog's invasion notwithstanding. Israel will be until the Second Advent, as will be shown.
- Israel's use of Gog's implements for fuel for seven years and Israel's burial of Gog's remains for seven months. See later with respect to the ministry of Moses and Elijah to Israel at this time, see Cross Reference Revelation 11:3, whom the Lord designates as “...my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth” Revelation 11:3 after the manner of Micah 3:8 “But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.”

In sum, though the Lord's victory over Gog exalts the Lord far and wide, it does not result in worldwide repentance and submission to Him, not even in Israel as a whole.

Israel's mindset to this point is as set out in Psalm 78:55-56 **"He cast out the heathen also before them...Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies,"** clinging stubbornly to the abominable mantra **"We have no king but Caesar"** John 19:15, see *Cross Reference* John 19:15, from which Israel will not be free until the end of Daniel's 70th Week and the Second Advent:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy" Daniel 9:24.

"...saith the LORD of hosts...I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day...And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" Zechariah 3:9, 12:10.

Note the comparison between Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12 and Revelation 20:7-10, set out in the same format, that in this writer's view locates Gog's invasion of Israel prophesied by Ezekiel in the second year of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. Gog and Magog's invasion of Israel at the end of the Lord's thousand-year reign, Revelation 20:4, 6 is a second such invasion.

Revelation 20:7 **And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,**

Revelation 20:8 **And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.**

Revelation 20:9 **And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.**

Revelation 20:10 **And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

Table Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12 and Revelation 20:7-10

Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12	Revelation 20:7-10
Satan not bound	Satan bound 1000 years, Revelation 20:7
Israel suffers an earthquake, Ezekiel 38:19	No earthquake occurs
Mountains subside, Ezekiel 38:20	No mountains subside
God inflicts pestilence, blood, rain, hailstones, fire and brimstone, Ezekiel 38:22	More nations invade Israel, Revelation 20:8 God inflicts fire only, Revelation 20:9
God uses His judgement on Gog to glorify His name to both Israel and the heathen, Ezekiel 38:23, 39:7	No mention is made of God glorifying His name to Israel and the heathen
Gog falls on the mountains of Israel and in the open field, Ezekiel 39:4-5. No camp of the saints is mentioned	Gog falls close to the camp of the saints and Jerusalem, Revelation 20:9
The devil, the beast and the false prophet are still active on earth	The devil, the beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire, Revelation 20:10
God's judgement on Gog is followed by a judgement on Western Europe, Ezekiel 39:6	No judgement of Western Europe follows
Israel burns Gog's implements for seven years and buries Gog's remains for seven months, Ezekiel 39:9, 12	No burning of Gog's implements or burial of his remains are mentioned. Revelation 20:9 makes them unnecessary

This writer concludes that Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12 and Revelation 20:7-10 describe two different invasions of Israel led by Gog, over a thousand years apart. The lesson of Gog's defeat for Israel, sadly not heeded, is that *true* **"safety is of the LORD"** Proverbs 21:31, not of Caesar.

Revelation 6:5-6 Year 3

"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

Revelation 6:5-6 describe widespread famine, a brutal aftermath of war, such as devastated Russia in the wake of World War 1 during which privation **peasants resorted to cannibalism**⁴⁹. These melancholy scriptures refer to Israel historically under siege but have prophetic application to Revelation 6:5-6 in the wider context when **"because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold"** Matthew 24:12 and men everywhere **"despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon"** Isaiah 30:12.

"And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee" Deuteronomy 28:53 and context, Deuteronomy 28:54-58.

"And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver" 2 Kings 6:24-25 and context, 2 Kings 6:26-30.

"Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?...The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people" Lamentations 2:20, 4:10. In addition, Lamentations 2:20 has implications for Revelation 6:8 Year 3-4 of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week concerning when **"the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord."** See remarks under that heading.

Abundance of **"the oil and the wine"** at this time, in ghastly contrast, will ensure that **"The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings"** Nahum 2:4 and multiply **"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine..."** Proverbs 23:29-30. It follows that those **"ungodly men...denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ...bring upon themselves swift destruction"** Jude 4, 2 Peter 2:1 in kind at the Second Advent:

"The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place...God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses" Psalm 68:17, 21.

"For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them" Jeremiah 25:15-16.

Revelation 6:8 Year 3-4

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

The pale horse rider in a dual capacity as **"Death, and Hell"** is **"that man of sin...the son of perdition"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3, insofar as he is **"destruction and**

death” Job 28:22, in turn insofar as “sin...bringing forth death” James 1:15, and “destruction and perdition” 1 Timothy 6:9.

Sin, death, hell, destruction, perdition are match mates according to the Lord Jesus Christ. “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell...I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” Matthew 10:28, John 8:24.

“the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see **Cross Reference** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, resurrected as Revelation 13:3 shows, see remarks later, breaks the seven-year covenant he re-established in Israel in Year 1, see **Cross Reference** Daniel 9:27, midway through Year 3-4 “and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” Daniel 9:27.

He does so because he “...opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” 2 Thessalonians 2:4 and at that time the answer to the question “shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?” Lamentations 2:20 is yes. It follows of course that the temple in Jerusalem must be in existence at that time. It could have been easily set up in Year 1 when the white horse rider confirms the covenant with Israel, see **Cross Reference** Revelation 6:2. He now springs the trap.

It is at this time, see **Cross Reference** Isaiah 28:15, 18, that Israel’s leaders, for their own self-interest betray their own nation and make their own covenant with the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “that man of sin...the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3, typified by the traitorous covenant between Israel’s then leaders and Judas in Matthew 26:14-15 “Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver”:

Isaiah 28:14 *Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.*

Isaiah 28:15 *Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves...*

Isaiah 28:17 *Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.*

Isaiah 28:18 *And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.*

It should be noted that the white horse rider, the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “that man of sin...the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 is an instead-of Christ, in a satanic counterfeit of Exodus 4:16 “And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.”

Israel’s leaders during Years 1-4 of Daniel’s yet future full 70th Week hope to “be in safeguard” 1 Samuel 22:23 with the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 from “the overflowing scourge” Isaiah 28:15, 18 that would include the judgements Revelation 6:8, see **Cross Reference** Revelation 6:8 and further for more details, lists after the manner of Jeremiah 9:21 “For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.”

The self-interest of Israel’s leaders at that time is callous insofar as the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 who “in the midst of the week...shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” Daniel 9:27, demands that “the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord” Lamentations 2:20, as Saul did, as a type of the Antichrist, 1 Samuel 22:18 “And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.”

The resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, **“the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God”** 2 Thessalonians 2:4 then violates the temple, as indicated. See **Cross Reference** 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

Concerning **“and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord”** Lamentations 2:20 at that time see remarks later with respect to the termination of the ministry of **“my two witnesses”** Revelation 11:3 Moses and Elijah. See **Cross Reference** Revelation 11:3.

Israel’s callous self-interested leaders for their part in the **“covenant with death, and with hell”** Isaiah 28:15 to **“be in safeguard”** 1 Samuel 22:23 with the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, **“the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 from **“the overflowing scourge”** Isaiah 28:15, 18, see **Cross Reference** Isaiah 28:15, 18, betray their own nation, as with the traitorous covenant with Judas, Matthew 26:14-15, by aiding and abetting worship of Caesar, 2 Thessalonians 2:4, because **“We have no king but Caesar”** John 19:15, see **Cross Reference** John 19:15.

They further support the worship of Caesar by conniving at the breaking of God’s Abrahamic covenant with Israel **“in the midst of the week”** Daniel 9:27, see **Cross Reference** Daniel 9:27, because Israel’s leaders perceive *this* Caesar, the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, **“the son of perdition...that Wicked”** 2 Thessalonians 2:2, 7 as one of their own, the Lord having confirmed that association in Ezekiel 21:25 **“And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end”** at the Second Advent. Like Nebuchadnezzar as a type of the Antichrist, this Caesar will brook no dissent from his tyranny, Daniel 3:4-7 with Revelation 13:11-15 to be addressed later in this work.

Worship of Caesar is enforced via the tyranny of Caesar by Israel’s leaders on Israel via:

- Rejection of **“the sacrifice and the oblation”** Daniel 9:27 in violation of Malachi 4:4 **“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments”**
- Rejection of the ministry of **“my two witnesses”** Revelation 11:3 Moses and Elijah and **“their testimony”** Revelation 11:7 to Israel after the manner of Samuel in 1 Samuel 12:23 **“Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:”**
- Rejection in particular of the ministry of **“my two witnesses”** Revelation 11:3 Moses and Elijah and **“their testimony”** Revelation 11:7 to Israel, by which Moses and Elijah enjoin their fellow Jews that they sustain their salvation via **“by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and...keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”** Revelation 12:11, 17.
- Rigid enforcement on pain of execution by fire, Revelation 13:13, 15, for refusal to **“worship the image of the beast”** Revelation 13:15, in particular forcing the Jew to violate Exodus 20:4-5 **“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”**
- Rigid enforcement on pain of execution for refusal by decapitation of participation in a literal sacrifice of the mass as the Psalmist⁵⁰, Moses and Elijah and their followers lament and resist, which is why **“...they loved not their lives unto the death”** Revelation 12:11. The Jew in particular is forced to violate Leviticus 3:17 **“It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood”** and all others to violate Acts 15:29 **“That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.”**

“Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD...Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God” Psalm 14:4, 53:4.

“Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god; their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips” Psalm 16:4.

“another god” is a further reference to the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3, and “Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god” is a reference to:

Isaiah 28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Isaiah 28:18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

“the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place” Isaiah 28:17 according to the future fulfilment after the events that Revelation 6:8 records of Isaiah 28:2, Jeremiah 47:2, Revelation 8:7, 16:21 “Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand...Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl...The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up...And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.”

“the overflowing scourge shall pass through” Isaiah 28:15, 18, see *Cross Reference* Isaiah 28:15, 18, with devastating effect following the events of Revelation 6:8, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:8, and at the Second Advent as these scriptures show:

“And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths” Revelation 9:15-18.

“Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire...And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod...For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it” Isaiah 30:27, 30-31, 33.

Revelation 6:8 “And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth” gives the total death toll on earth for the first half of the yet future full Daniel’s 70th Week that Revelation 6:2, 4-6, 8 encompass.

Revelation 6:2, 4-6 encompass deaths thus far by war and famine. Revelation 6:8 refers to deaths by disease and wild animals according as death is defined by pestilence, in God’s historical judgement on

Egypt, prophetically a type of the world, and is rampant again, historically against Jerusalem but prophetically “over the fourth part of the earth” Revelation 6:8. See *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:8 and note again the judgements of Jeremiah 27:8 “And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand” expressed with respect to Year 2 of Daniel’s yet future full 70th Week, spilling over into Years 3, 3-4:

“He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence” Psalm 78:50 and context.

“...Thus saith the LORD; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity...I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy” Jeremiah 15:2-3.

Revelation 6:9-17 Years 4-7

As indicated, Revelation 6:9-17 address the remainder of Daniel’s 70th Week and the Lord’s judgements leading up to the Second Advent when as He declares in Isaiah 13:11 “...I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity...” although Revelation 6:9 is a résumé for the whole week concerning “the blood of the saints, and...the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” Revelation 17:6.

That blood is shed by the white horse rider, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:2, the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “that man of sin...the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3. He is the personification of “Death, and Hell” Revelation 6:8 because “the saints of the most High” Daniel 7:18, 22, 25, 27 resist the rule of “that Wicked” 2 Thessalonians 2:8 and insofar as “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints” Psalm 116:15:

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held” Revelation 6:9 and context.

Revelation 6:12-14 describe the judgements of God in the form of environmental cataclysms that Revelation 8, 9, 16 depict further in graphic detail. Revelation 6:12-14 are therefore set out in different format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison. See *Caveats*.

Revelation 6:12 *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

Revelation 6:13 *And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*

Revelation 6:14 *And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

Revelation 6:12 reveals the rapidly approaching Second Advent with the Lord and His army descending to earth according to the prophecy of Joel 2:10-11, 31 “The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble; the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?...The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.”

Revelation 6:13 is literal, not figurative. It points to a prophetic fulfilment of Psalm 78:49 “He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them” in the context of Revelation 12:4, to be addressed later in this work.

Revelation 6:14 contrasts sharply with Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork” in that leading up the Second Advent and the Lord’s deliverance

of Israel, that declaration is suddenly shut off like the abrupt rolling up of a scroll when, see Joel 2:10, 31 with respect to Revelation 6:12, *“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine...Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger...The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel”* Isaiah 13:9-10, 13, Joel 3:15-16, pointing to Revelation 16:18-21, to be listed later in this work.

Revelation 6:15-17 prophesy the Second Advent as a precursor to Revelation 19, key scriptures of which will be listed later in this work, and are therefore set out as Revelation 6:12-14 to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison.

Revelation 6:15 *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;*

Revelation 6:16 *And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:*

Revelation 6:17 *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

Revelation 6:15-16 reveal that men at that time at last recognise the judgements of God for what they are and don't attribute them to, say, climate change or global warming or tectonic plate boundary deformation⁵¹, according to the prophecies of Isaiah and Zephaniah.

“And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth” Isaiah 2:17-21, together with Revelation 6:12, 14.

“That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness...Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land” Zephaniah 1:15, 18, together with Revelation 6:12, 14.

Revelation 6:17 reveals that at the Second Advent men at last are confronted with their preeminent priority as King Solomon sets forth.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding” Proverbs 9:10.

“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death” Proverbs 14:27.

The realisation and the question that Revelation 6:17 set forth are addressed by the prophecies of Isaiah and Paul, each man answering the question with reference to tribulation and indeed millennial salvation⁵². Paul makes clear that no man will be saved by *“the loftiness of man...and the haughtiness of men”* Isaiah 2:17.

“The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh

righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure” Isaiah 33:14-16.

“...God...will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God” Romans 2:5-11.

Revelation 7-10 God’s Judgements “from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth” Psalm 72:8 and on “the habitable part of his earth” Proverbs 8:31⁵³

Revelation 7 - Interlude

Revelation 7 serves as an interlude or pause in the unfolding of the Book of Revelation and as a curtain-raiser to God’s judgements on the land and sea “And wheresoever the children of men dwell” Daniel 2:38, that is upon the earth’s environment, including that which men occupy.

Revelation 7 includes key themes such as the depiction of “an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel” Revelation 7:4 sealed with “a mark upon the foreheads” Ezekiel 9:4 and “a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands” Revelation 7:9. See *Cross Reference* Darwin and Environment.

Revelation 7 nevertheless introduces the environmental theme as follows, using the same format as for Revelation 6:12-17, for clarity.

Revelation 7:1 *And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*

Revelation 7:2 *And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,*
Revelation 7:3 *Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

Revelation 7:1-3 warn of imminent devastation to the earth’s surface, both land and sea, according to the Lord’s timetable.

Revelation 7:4-8 then follow with respect to the designation of “an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel” Revelation 7:4, followed by Revelation 7:9-17 with respect to the depiction of “a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands” Revelation 7:9. That multitude is the fulfilment during Daniel’s 70th Week of the Lord’s commission that Isaiah prophesied fulfilled by both Moses and Elijah “my two witnesses” Revelation 11:3 and the one hundred and forty four thousand “preserved of Israel” according to Isaiah 49:6 “And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.”

The revelation of God’s judgements on the land and sea in particular and therefore upon “the inhabitants of the earth” Revelation 8:13 now follows in the next two chapters.

Revelation 8-9 – Years 4-7

Revelation 8, 9 describe God’s judgements on the land, sea and “the inhabitants of the earth” Revelation 8:13, inflicted following the events of Revelation 6:2, 4-6, 8.

Revelation 8:1-5 reveal that God's environmental judgements are initiated in heaven in answer to "the prayers of all saints" Revelation 8:3 and follow on earth with "thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake" Revelation 8:5. They are in turn heralded by "the LORD with the sound of a trumpet" Psalm 47:5 from each of "the seven angels which stood before God...given seven trumpets" Revelation 8:2. The earthquake of Revelation 8:5 cross-referencing with that of Revelation 6:12 would indicate that God's environmental judgements of Revelation 8, 9 follow in the wake of those of Revelation 6:2, 4-6, 8 and are therefore inflicted in the latter half of Daniel's 70th Week. They are equivalent to the judgements that Revelation 16 describes, key scriptures of which will be listed later in this work.

Selected key scriptures with respect to those judgements are set out for consideration using the same format as for Revelation 6:12-17, 7:1-3. See *Cross Reference* Darwin and Environment.

Revelation 8:7 *The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

Revelation 8:8 *And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;*

Revelation 8:9 *And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*

Revelation 8:10 *And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*

Revelation 8:11 *And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

Revelation 8:12 *And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.*

Revelation 8:7 reveals the onset of God's judgement on the arboreal and vegetational environment, for which hail and fire are devastating, as Egypt, a type of the world, found to her cost.

"And...the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous...And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field...and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field" Exodus 9:23-25.

Blood on the ground is a reminder of "the blood of Abel" Luke 11:51, the first blood shed where a soul "resisted unto blood, striving against sin" Hebrews 12:4 as shown in Genesis 4:9-11 "And the LORD said unto Cain...the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand" and a reminder that "every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward" Hebrews 2:2 "for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries" Deuteronomy 32:43 "whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not" 2 Peter 2:3.

Revelation 8:8-9 reveal the onset of God's judgement on the oceanic environment because "...the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt...Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths" Isaiah 57:20, 59:7.

Revelation 8:10-11 reveal, again with Egypt as a type of the world and Pharaoh as a type of the Anti-christ, the onset of God's judgement on the watercourse environment "For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof" 1 Corinthians 10:26 and "The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him...Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee,

Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself... And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it. Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate... Jeremiah 46:25, Ezekiel 29:3, 9-10.

Revelation 8:12 reveals the onset of God's judgement on the diurnal and nocturnal environment because contrary to the Big Bang theory⁵⁴ of **"the oppositions of science falsely so called"** 1 Timothy 6:20 **"The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun"** Psalm 74:16. Revelation 8:12 is therefore God's answer to the Psalmist's prayer of Psalm 74:18, 22-23 **"Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name... Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually."** See Cross Reference Darwin and Environment.

Revelation 9:1 *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.*

Revelation 9:2 *And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.*

Revelation 9:3 *And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*

Revelation 9:4 *And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.*

Revelation 9:5 *And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.*

Revelation 9:7 *And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.*

Revelation 9:8 *And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*

Revelation 9:9 *And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.*

Revelation 9:10 *And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.*

Revelation 9:11 *And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

Revelation 9:13 *And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,*

Revelation 9:14 *Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*

Revelation 9:15 *And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.*

Revelation 9:16 *And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand: and I heard the number of them.*

Revelation 9:17 *And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.*

Revelation 9:18 *By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.*

Revelation 9:19 *For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.*

Revelation 9:20 *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:*

Revelation 9:21 *Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*

Revelation 9:1-5, 13-15 reveal that God's judgements on the environment having been thus far inflicted on the earth and from above the earth, will now be inflicted from "under the earth" Exodus 20:4, Philippians 2:10, Revelation 5:3, 13 and from "the waters beneath the earth" Deuteronomy 4:18, 5:8. Note that the term "a star" is used to describe an angel as in Revelation 1:20 "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." See *Cross Reference Darwin and Environment*.

See the attached study **God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1** for "the bottomless pit" Revelation 9:1, 2, 11. Note that "the bottomless pit" Revelation 9:1, 2, 11 is opened "from heaven" i.e. it will not be opened until the Lord decides that it will be. Its opening furthers God's judgement of Revelation 8:12 in that "the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit" Revelation 9:2.

That is to be expected because the opening is to "the nether parts of the earth" Ezekiel 31:14, 16, 18, 32:18, 24 "...the land of darkness and the shadow of death; A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness" Job 10:21-22 because that light is "the burning flame...in hell...in this flame" Daniel 7:11, Luke 16:23-24. The flames are off the visible spectrum and *black*.

Revelation 9:2 reveals hell on earth, literally. John Lennon, who knows better now, could never imagine⁵⁵ it away and neither can anyone else at that time.

Yet Revelation 9:3-5 are indicative of God's mercy to unsaved men in the midst of God's judgement on "the habitable part of his earth" Proverbs 8:31 according to Psalm 117:2 "For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD."

Revelation 9:3, 5 – together with Revelation 9:7-11, 17-18, see later – reveal God's mercy to unsaved men in proving that as King Solomon declared Darwinism⁵⁶ is "the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness" Ecclesiastes 7:25 and of Darwinists and Darwin himself that "the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live...The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness" Ecclesiastes 9:3, 10:13.

Revelation 9:3, 5 – together with Revelation 9:7-11, 17-18 – reveal that different creatures do not 'evolve' from lower to higher forms via the transitional interconnection and interrelation of species as required by Darwinist dogma. Revelation 9:5 reveals instead that any interrelation of different creatures results in savage monstrosities mostly likely satanically genetically engineered "brute beasts" Jude 10 in the time of Noah when "the earth...was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth...And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth" Genesis 6:12-13. The genetic engineers would have been "the sons of God" Genesis 6:2 that God therefore condemned as Jude reveals. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" Jude 6.

The fate of their monstrosities was likewise to be "cast...down to hell with them that descend into the pit...in the nether parts of the earth" Ezekiel 31:16. Revelation 9:3, 5, 10 reveal a grotesque amalgam of the family Acrididae that have a swarming phase⁵⁷ with, emphasis in source, predatory

[arachnids](#) of the [order](#) **Scorpiones**⁵⁸. As will be shown, the horror gets worse but with the unleashing of these monstrosities, insofar as the Lord prophesied **“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man”** Luke 17:26, God is mercifully seeking to shock-horrrify men out of **“the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness”** Ecclesiastes 7:25 of Darwinism and out of **“giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”** 1 Timothy 4:1.

Revelation 9:4 reveals that the Lord commands these monstrosities from **“the bottomless pit”** Revelation 9:1, 2, 11 just as He commands any creature as in Amos 9:3 **“and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them.”** The men with **“the seal of God in their foreheads”** Revelation 9:4 are **“an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel”** Revelation 7:4, witnesses when on earth to Revelation 15:3-4 in God’s mercy to unsaved men. See **Cross Reference** Darwin and Environment.

Revelation 9:4 further reveals God’s mercy to unsaved men in that the locusts cannot harm the vegetation that escaped God’s judgement on the environment as Revelation 8:7 prophesies. Though no doubt hindered by God’s judgement of Revelation 8:12, Ecclesiastes 5:9 **“...the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field”** is therefore still in operation at this time.

Revelation 9:5 with its description of the locust-scorpions’ five-month long torment of men is indicative of yet more of God’s mercy. Revelation 9:5 refers to death without it being fully inflicted but also to five and the number five in scripture designates death, d-e-a-t-h⁵⁹. Moreover **“the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man”** Revelation 9:5 is for Biblical scorpions the torment of fire according to the association with fire of the scorpion in the first mention in scripture of the term in Deuteronomy 8:15 **“fiery serpents, and scorpions.”**

Revelation 9:5 is therefore both a *foretaste of hell* but yet a protracted example of how **“mercy rejoiceth against judgment”** James 2:13 in that God’s mercy in the midst of God’s judgement reminds men of their inevitable fate according to the unanswered prayer of Luke 16:22-24 **“the rich man...died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”**

As the Psalmist laments, typifying an unsaved man in hell **“The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow”** Psalm 116:3.

That is the inevitable fate of unsaved men in Daniel’s 70th Week who reject God’s mercy of Revelation 9:5 and spurn the ministry of **“an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel”** Revelation 7:4 who testify in addition to Revelation 15:3-4 that **“The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath...The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding”** Proverbs 15:24, 31-32. See *Revelation 7 - Interlude*.

The spurners, alas, still preferring death, Revelation 9:6, therefore incur the judgement applicable in Daniel’s 70th Week of Hebrews 10:26-27, Mark 9:44, 46, 48 **“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries...Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”**

Revelation 9:7-10 complete the anti-Darwinist locust-scorpion hell-spawned horror-scape mockery of evolution of Revelation 9:3, 5 revealing the additional amalgamation into the locust-scorpion amalgam of the family [Acrididae](#) that have a [swarming](#) phase with, emphasis in source, [predatory](#) [arachnids](#) of the [order](#) **Scorpiones** of *Equus ferus*, *Homo sapiens*, both genders insofar as **“Male and female created he them”** Genesis 5:2 not LGBTQ+, *Panthera leo* and at least in a rudimentary fashion



cyborg components⁶⁰. See graphic. Unrepentant unsaved men be warned. **“Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth”** Isaiah 24:17.

The cyborg element of metallic components of gold crowns and iron breastplates, Revelation 9:7, 9 identify these Acrididae-predatory arachnid-Equus ferus-homo sapiens-Panthera leo-cyborg monstrosities as hellish warrior-princes designed to subdue **“the habitable part of his earth”** Proverbs 8:31. The metallic components have been grafted into their organic bodies as in Ezekiel 28:13 **“the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created,”** insofar as no mention is made of those items being separate from the entities themselves, in contrast to Paul’s illustrative exhortation of **“taking the shield of faith...And take the helmet of salvation”** Ephesians 6:16-17.

Revelation 9:11 (!)⁶¹ confirms that these Acrididae-predatory arachnid-Equus ferus-homo sapiens-Panthera leo-cyborg monstrosities are not literal locusts in that these monstrosities are led by a king *the Lord* sets over them as a single swarm whereas for literal locusts **“The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands”** Proverbs 30:27, swarming according to a collective instinct.

The monstrosities’ king **“the angel of the bottomless pit”** insofar as angel is an appearance, Exodus 3:2, Judges 6:12, 13:3, 21, Matthew 1:20, 2:13, 19, Luke 1:11, 22:43, Acts 7:30, 35, will have the appearance of the monstrosities over which he is king, see the cyborg graphic, such that no doubt like Leviathan, the devil himself, **“one be cast down even at the sight of him”** Job 41:9 in his actual form.

That king **“whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon”** is in person as his names indicate **“Destruction and death”** Job 28:22 and **“Death and Hell”** Revelation 6:8, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:8, the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, **“that man of sin...the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3. See *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

That said, in keeping with **“the mystery of iniquity”** 2 Thessalonians 2:7 **“according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel”** Revelation 21:17, this king, as 2 Thessalonians 2:3 indicates, is a man, one with his mentor **“Lucifer”** Isaiah 14:12, **“...the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms”** Isaiah 14:16 but thankfully with his mentor **“cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever”** Revelation 20:10. Revelation 9:13-19 may be understood from this updated extract⁶².

The second group of beings that the scripture identifies as **“dragons”** are as indicated...**“dragons”** with the lost man in hell, Job 30:29, **“the land of darkness and the shadow of death”** Job 10:21, **“a furnace of fire”** Matthew 13:42 **“everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”** Matthew 25:41 **“hell...the fire that never shall be quenched”** Mark 9:43, 45 where dragons wail Micah 1:8 along with the souls of lost men because **“there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth”** Matthew 13:42.

These dragons are *poisonous*, Deuteronomy 32:33 and after the Second Advent will be *on earth* in **“pleasant palaces”** that are nevertheless **“desolate,”** overgrown and derelict **“in the land of Idumea”** Isaiah 34:6 where **“the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch”** Isaiah 34:9 i.e. a millennial lake of fire and hell on earth. The following scriptures describe monstrosities that apparently emerge from **“the land of darkness and the shadow of death”** Job 10:21 after the opening of **“the bottomless pit”** Revelation 9:1, 2. They are led by **“evil angels”** as in Psalm 78:49 **“He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them”** as applied to Egypt as a type of the world, Revelation 9:14-15 *of God’s fourfold rage*. They resemble the fabled centaurs⁶³ but are much more horrific. These monstrosities are **“horsemen”** and **“horses”** but **“dragons”** would be a fitting designation for these beasts. Note the matches with Deuteronomy 32:33, Job 41:21, Jeremiah 14:6. Each of the riders, all being designated as men, could be **“a devil”** John 6:70 like **“Judas”** that **“by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place”** Acts 1:25 **“the bottomless pit”** Revelation 11:7, 17:8. Note that Deuteronomy 32:17 refers to **“devils”** plural that are associated with **“gods”** as distinct from **“the devils”** that are explicitly designated as **“the unclean spirits”** Mark 5:12, 13. The

scriptures describing the monstrosities that apparently emerge from *“the land of darkness and the shadow of death”* Job 10:21 after the opening of *“the bottomless pit”* Revelation 9:1, 2 are as follows.

“And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone...For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt” Revelation 9:16-17, 19.

These are the *“dragons”* of Deuteronomy 32:33, Job 41:21, Isaiah 34:9, Jeremiah 10:22, 14:6 in all but name only. However, the designation of horse-like beasts, horses themselves being *“beasts”* Acts 23:23, 24, with riders provides a helpful description of these *devolved* monstrosities. They will clearly be confined *“in the land of Idumea”* Isaiah 34:6 where *“the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone”* Isaiah 34:9 at the Lord’s Return because *“his spirit it hath gathered them. And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein”* Isaiah 34:16-17⁶⁴.

Revelation 9:13-15 reveal, as in the case of Revelation 9:1-2, that the Lord according to His precise timing unleashes the dragons from hell and the angels who lead them, no doubt appearing like them, see foregoing remarks on Revelation 9:11, because the Lord Jesus Christ is King over the king of the Acrididae-predatory arachnid-Equus ferus-homo sapiens-Panthera leo-cyborg monstrosities and over *“ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word”* Psalm 103:20 even those that are evil.

Thankfully, the Lord Jesus Christ *“is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords”* 1 Timothy 6:15. See *Cross Reference* Darwin and Environment.

Revelation 9:15-19 reveal that God’s judgement on *“the habitable part of his earth”* Proverbs 8:31 is more severe than those of Revelation 8:11, 9:5. No merciful hiatus of five months is granted and although in God’s environmental judgement *“upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters...and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter”* Revelation 8:10-11, Revelation 9:15-19 show that the angel-led dragon army from hell will kill a third of the three quarters of men remaining from those slain in the first half of Daniel’s yet future full 70th Week.

The death toll therefore for both halves of the yet future full Daniel’s 70th Week from God’s judgements *“over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth”* Revelation 6:8, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:8, and via the angel-led dragon army from hell upon *“the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths”* Revelation 9:18 stands thus far, including the dead of Revelation 8:10-11, at over half the world’s population. As will be shown, many more deaths from God’s remaining judgements upon *“this present evil world”* Galatians 1:4 will follow:

“And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground” Jeremiah 25:33.

Revelation 9:20-21 reveal that despite the manifold judgements of God *“from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth”* Psalm 72:8 and on *“the habitable part of his earth”* Proverbs 8:31 though in answer to Habakkuk’s prayer the Lord did *“in wrath remember mercy”* Habakkuk 3:2, the survivors effectively fulfilled and will fulfil all of Zechariah 7:12 *“Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.”*

As Dr Ruckman⁶⁵ has noted, some folk are just too tough for their own good and wouldn’t depart from their folly even if pounded by a heavy metal bar, observing as King Solomon did that *“Though thou*

shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him” Proverbs 27:22.

As therefore the Lord declared through the prophet Jeremiah in 600 B.C., words as applicable now and in Daniel’s 70th Week as back then “Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD” Jeremiah 9:23-24.

Revelation 10 - Interlude

Revelation 10:5 *And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,*

Revelation 10:6 *And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:*

Revelation 10:7 *But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

Revelation 10:8 *And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.*

Revelation 10:11 *And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

Revelation 10, in particular Revelation 10:5-8, 11, prepares the reader for the next segment of the Book of Revelation that John at the Lord’s command, Revelation 10:7, 11, will faithfully record according to Amos 3:7 “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”

With references to “the sea and...the earth...him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein...the sea and...the earth” Revelation 10:5-6, 8 summarise the environmental emphases of Revelation 6-8 and confirm the rebuke to Darwin, see *Cross Reference* Darwin and Environment, of Revelation 9:3-5, 7-11, 17-18 with unequivocal testimony to:

Exodus 20:11 “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is...”

Psalms 146:5-6 “Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever.”

Acts 4:24 “they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:”

Acts 14:15 “Sirs...We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:”

The testimony of the prophet Jonah in 862 B.C. is therefore as applicable now and in Daniel’s 70th Week, especially in view of the likely witness of “an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel” Revelation 7:4*, as back then. “And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land” Jonah 1:9. *As a stinging rebuke to the Antichrist, “my two witnesses” Revelation 11:3 are now replaced by “an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel” Revelation 7:4.

Revelation 11 *Daniel's 70th Week Overview and Beyond Years 1-7+, Israel, Her Reproach*

This writer's study **Revelation 11 + God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1** is attached.

Revelation 11 takes the reader in overview through Daniel's yet future full 70th Week and beyond the Lord's millennial reign. The initial focus of Revelation 11 is on Israel and the ministry of Moses and Elijah, whom the Lord designates as "...my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth" Revelation 11:3 after the manner of Micah 3:8 "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin." See *Cross Reference* Revelation 11:3.

Revelation 11:2 *But the court which is without the temple...is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*

Revelation 11:3 *And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*

Revelation 11:4 *These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*

Revelation 11:5 *And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*

Revelation 11:6 *These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*

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

Revelation 11:8 *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

Revelation 11:10 *And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*

Revelation 11:11 *And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*

Revelation 11:12 *And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*

Revelation 11:13 *And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

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

Revelation 11:17 *We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

Revelation 11:18 *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

Revelation 11:2 is the outcome for Israel for her submission to the white horse rider, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:2. See *Daniel's 70th Week Future Full Seven Years Implications*:

It would follow that the covenant of Daniel 9:27, see *Cross Reference* Daniel 9:27, would be confirmed with the Jews by the white horse rider, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:2, as "that man of sin" 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3, in the first year of a full future

70th Week where he offers them safety in their land and permits them to carry out temple sacrifices in return for submission to his rule. The Jews accept his offer because they have never yet repented of their leaders' declaration "*We have no king but Caesar*" John 19:15⁶⁶, see *Cross Reference* John 19:15.

Though the Jews' agreement with the white horse rider confers safety for Israel in a practical sense and even prosperity, Ezekiel 38:8, 11-12, Jews loyal to the Lord, Zechariah 13:8-9, setting the scene for Revelation 12:1-6, 13-17, will each react according to Isaiah 21:2-4 "*A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth...Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.*"

Revelation 11:2 reveals that "*Jerusalem the holy city*" Nehemiah 11:1 including part of the temple grounds will be under Gentile domination under the white horse rider as "*that man of sin*" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 for the three and a half calendar years of the first half of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. The actual temple is left inviolate during that time so that the Jews can carry out "*the sacrifice and the oblation*" Daniel 9:27 in return, see *Cross Reference* Daniel 9:27, as indicated, for submission to the rule of the white horse rider as "*that man of sin*" 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

That temporary concession for Israel notwithstanding, Isaiah prophesied the severity for Israel of the covenant confirmation of Daniel 9:27 under the white horse rider as "*that man of sin*" 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3, according to the judgement of God just as it was for Israel under Caesar during the First Advent, John 11:47, 48, 19:15 "*We have no king but Caesar,*" though the temple ordinances remained in operation, Luke 1:5, 8-9, 2:22-27.

"O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and...mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets" Isaiah 10:5-6.

Revelation 11:3-6 describe the "*thousand two hundred and threescore days*" testimonial prophetic ministry of "*my two witnesses*" Revelation 11:3, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 11:3, Moses and Elijah with Revelation 11:4, Zechariah 4:12-14. That ministry would begin in Year 1 of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week coincident with Revelation 6:2 "*And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer*" and the rider confirming for seven years "*the covenant with many for one week...the sacrifice and oblation*" Daniel 9:27 with Israel as "*that man of sin*" 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

Note especially with respect to Revelation 11:5-6, Exodus 7:14-25, 8:1-10:29, Numbers 16:35, 1 Kings 17:1-7, 2 Kings 1:9-12, James 5:17 one effect thereby, still with Revelation 9:20-21 in operation. That effect will be Amos 4:7-8 "*And also I have withholden the rain from you...and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.*"

Moses and Elijah's ministry is encapsulated by Jonah "*And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land*" Jonah 1:9, see *Revelation 10 – Interlude*, and predicated upon the Lord's prophecy through Malachi:

Malachi 4:4 *Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.*

Malachi 4:5 *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:*

Malachi 4:6 *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

Moses and Elijah will therefore discern, deplore and rebuke the ultimate identity and intention of **“thou, profane wicked prince of Israel”** Ezekiel 21:25, **“that man of sin...the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. See *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

They will likewise deplore the perfidy on the part of their nation that submits to him as the Lord declared of Israel **“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive”** John 5:43 and reprove it, not without good effect insofar as they command **“the fire of the LORD”** Numbers 11:1, 3, 1 Kings 18:38, according to:

Exodus 20:3 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Deuteronomy 5:7 *Thou shalt have none other gods before me.*

1 Kings 18:37 *Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.*

1 Kings 18:38 *Then the fire of the LORD fell...*

1 Kings 18:39 *And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.*

Noting 1 Kings 18:39, Malachi 4:6, as indicated, the ministry of Moses and Elijah, throughout the wide-ranging calamities of Years 1 to 4 of Daniel’s 70th Week, Revelation 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8, see *Revelation* 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8 – *Years 1, 2, 3, 3-4*, has some good effect according as the Lord said through the prophet Isaiah and as in the context Gabriel prophesied to Zacharias about John. The relevant scriptures are set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison:

Isaiah 66:5 *Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.*

Luke 1:16 *And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.*

Luke 1:17 *And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

That said, as will be shown, not all will receive the ministry of Moses and Elijah, certainly not those men as indicated described by:

Revelation 9:20 *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:*

Revelation 9:21 *Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*

Therefore, in keeping with Malachi 4:6, even during the ministry of Moses and Elijah, Revelation 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8 and afterwards, Revelation 8:7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 9:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Isaiah’s grim prophecy is relentlessly taking effect after the manner of Isaiah 5:24 **“Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.”** See *Revelation* 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8; 8-9 – *Years 1, 2, 3, 3-4; 4-7*. That grim prophecy is as follows:

Isaiah 24:1 *Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.*

Isaiah 24:2 *And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the*

lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

Isaiah 24:3 *The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.*

Isaiah 24:4 *The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.*

Isaiah 24:5 *The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.*

Isaiah 24:6 *Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.*

Revelation 11:7-10 date the ascension from “the bottomless pit” of the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “that man of sin...the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3, see *Cross Reference* 2 Thessalonians 2:3. The date is “a thousand two hundred and threescore days” Revelation 11:3 from the beginning of the first half of Daniel’s yet future full 70th Week. That date points to the date of Revelation 13:3 as shortly before the termination of Moses and Elijah’s ministry “when they shall have finished their testimony” Revelation 11:7.

Noting Revelation 13:3 “And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast” Dr Ruckman⁶⁷ delineates the seven crowned heads of the dragon, that is the devil, Revelation 12:9, as follows, which he equates to the seven heads of the beast, Revelation 13:1. Dr Ruckman then allows for a future Caesar, in power during Daniel’s 70th Week, whom this writer takes as the white horse rider, see *Cross Reference* Revelation 6:2, “that man of sin” 2 Thessalonians 2:3. It is that Caesar that this writer takes as receiving a fatal head wound. The seven heads of the dragon and the beast are listed as follows:

1. Nimrod, king of Babel
2. Pharaoh, king of Egypt
3. Sennacherib, king of Assyria
4. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon
5. Cyrus, king of Persia,
6. Alexander, king of Greece
7. Caesar, king of Rome – and the Antichrist

Revelation 13:3 corresponds to the Lord’s declaration of Deuteronomy 32:39 “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.” The correspondence shows that the devil’s power bestowed upon the beast notwithstanding, Revelation 13:2, as the Psalmist rightly testifies “God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God” Psalm 62:11. See later.

Deuteronomy 32:39, Psalm 62:11 explain the assassination of the white horse rider “that man of sin” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 and his ascension from “the bottomless pit” as the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, “that man of sin...the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Note the continuation of God’s judgement upon the rebellious souls that Revelation 9:20-21 depict, in accordance with the worldwide adulation that the resurrected beast receives, Revelation 13:3-4, which judgement is explained in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

The resurrected beast, Revelation 11:7, 13:3, the Antichrist, as shown having the power to do so *ultimately from God*, will lose no time in executing Moses and Elijah and thereby greatly enhance the world’s worship of him “...because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth” Revelation 11:10. See Revelation 11:3-6 and as indicated Moses and Elijah’s warning of the Lord fulfilling Isaiah 24:1-6 at that time along with the sure fulfilment of Isaiah 13:9-10, 13, Joel 3:15-16, pointing to Revelation 16:18-21. See *Revelation 6:9-17 Years 4-7* and these scriptures set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison:

Isaiah 66:15 *For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.*

Isaiah 66:16 *For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.*

Given those warnings, the resurrected beast, Revelation 11:7, 13:3, in *“rebellion against the LORD”* Jeremiah 28:16 and yet even as *“the chief of the ways of God”* Job 40:19 to ensure that *“the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience”* Colossians 3:6 eliminates Moses and Elijah, who sought *“to turn the hearts of...the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord”* Luke 1:17. Moses and Elijah also rebuked Israel for her submission to the beast. See Revelation 6:2, 8 – Years 1, 3-4, foregoing extract and remarks on Malachi 4:4-6, Ezekiel 21:25, John 5:43, Numbers 11:1, 3, 1 Kings 18:37, 38, 39, Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 5:7. Therefore the beast eliminates Moses and Elijah, desecrates the temple, 2 Thessalonians 2:4 and ravages Jerusalem, Jeremiah 52:12-13, Daniel 9:26, after the 42-month occupation, Revelation 11:2. Many Jews flee, Hosea 13:13, Revelation 12:6 (those who covenanted *“with death, and with hell”* Isaiah 28:15 stay and are spared but ultimately suffer, Zechariah 14:2). Thus *“he shall do exploits”* Daniel 11:28:

Daniel 7:7 *After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.*

Daniel 7:8 *I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.*

Daniel 7:19 *Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;*

Daniel 7:20 *And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.*

Daniel 7:21 *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;*

Daniel 7:25 *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

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

Revelation 13:6 *And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

Revelation 13:7 *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations including Moses and Elijah as saints at the outset of his rule as the resurrected beast, Revelation 11:7, 13:3.*

However, what follows in Revelation 11:11-13, 15, 17-18 is yet more confirmation, contrary to the worldwide tyranny of the beast, *“that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men”* Daniel 4:17, 25, 32, a salient fact emphasised even in the words of Jethro *“Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them”* Exodus 18:11. That confirmation will emphasise, again contrary to the worldwide tyranny of the beast, the overarching power and authority of *“our Lord Jesus Christ...who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords”* 1 Timothy 6:14-15 *“F(f)or the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof”* 1 Corinthians 10:26, 28. See *Calendar Years, Prophetic Years and Power*.

Therefore, compare Revelation 11:7, 13:3 **“the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them...And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast”** with these scriptures set out with accompanying remarks and scripture comparison. Note that:

- Moses and Elijah did not simply receive a fatal head wound like the beast. They had their heads cut off, like John the Baptist had by Herod, a type of the Antichrist, the beast⁶⁸, John being a type of Elijah. See these scriptures, set out in the following format for clarity.

Matthew 11:13 ***For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.***

Matthew 11:14 ***And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.***

Matthew 14:1 ***At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,***

Matthew 14:10 ***And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.***

Matthew 17:10 ***And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?***

Matthew 17:11 ***And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.***

Matthew 17:12 ***But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.***

Matthew 17:13 ***Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.***

- The souls of Moses and Elijah ascended after **“the Spirit of life from God entered into them”** Revelation 11:11, typifying the Lord’s ascension after His three and a half year ministry, from **“Abraham’s bosom...in the heart of the earth”** Luke 16:22, Matthew 12:40 adjacent to **“the bottomless pit”** from which the beast ascended. See the attached study **Revelation 11 + God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1.**
- Moses and Elijah then ascended each with **“whole spirit and soul and body”** 1 Thessalonians 5:23 not simply to **“the face of the earth”** Genesis 4:14, 6:1, 7, 7:4, 41:56, Exodus 10:5, 32:12, 33:16, Numbers 11:31, 12:3, 22:5, 11, Deuteronomy 6:15, 7:6, 1 Samuel 20:15, 1 Kings 13:34, Psalm 104:30, Isaiah 23:17, Jeremiah 8:2, 16:4, 25:26, 28:16, Ezekiel 34:6, 38:20, 39:14, Amos 5:8, 9:6, 8, Acts 17:26; 29 references as did the beast **“to try them that dwell upon the earth”** Revelation 3:10 but **“into heaven itself”** Hebrew 9:24, like the Lord before them. Indeed they were **“caught up to the third heaven”** 2 Corinthians 12:2.
- The catching up of Moses and Elijah just prior to the beginning of the beast’s 42-month rule prefigures the catching up or rapture of **“the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth...redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb”** and of the Tribulation saints, **“a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues”** Revelation 7:9, 14:1, 3-4*, 14-16, 15:1-4. Moses and Elijah typify those saints according to James 1:18 **“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”** *See last bullet point.
- The beast cannot obstruct any of that, of which the Psalmist testifies **“This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes”** Psalm 118:23, as Paul declares **“For who hath resisted his will?”** Romans 9:19. Not the beast, who can neither prevent the catching up of **“a great multitude, which no man could number...to the third heaven”** Revelation 7:9*, 2 Corinthians 12:2, including the resurrection, like Moses and Elijah, **“of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands”** Revelation 20:4 nor the implementation in the tribulation context with James 1:18 of James’ exhortation **“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls”** James 1:21. *Saved also via **“the everlasting gospel”** Revelation 14:6.

The tribulation context of begetting and salvation is as for Saul **“God gave him another heart”** 1 Samuel 10:9, a condition maintained by steadfast observance of Proverbs 4:23 **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”** That exhortation applies not solely to **“the life of the flesh”** Leviticus 17:11, Proverbs 14:30 but as **“the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore...According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue...”** Psalm 133:3, 2 Peter 1:3. Tribulation saints **“in the Lord”** Revelation 14:13 keep Proverbs 4:23.

- The judgement of God of Revelation 11:13 that follows the events of Revelation 11:11-12 brings not simply wonder, Revelation 13:3, but an earthquake resulting in massive retribution, that is, kill two of mine*, and I'll kill seven thousand of yours *and finally you and all yours* - compare the July 7 2005 London bombings⁶⁹ with the 2005 Kashmir earthquake⁷⁰ - and terror **“For I have caused my terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD”** Ezekiel 32:32. *Note: two witnesses are replaced⁷¹ by one forty-four thousand, sealed!

The death and resurrection solely of the beast pales in comparison to the foregoing. The Lord therefore vindicates His sole claim to worldwide rulership as these scriptures prove, set out in the following format for clarity, leading to the declaration of Revelation 11:17-18, listed earlier:

1 Chronicles 16:25 ***For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.***

Psalm 47:2 ***For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.***

Psalm 95:3 ***For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.***

Psalm 96:4 ***For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.***

Psalm 135:5 ***For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.***

Malachi 1:11 ***For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.***

Malachi 1:14 ***But cursed be the deceiver...for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.***

For all that, the world chooses the *wrong* king, after the manner of John 5:43, 17:12 **“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive...the son of perdition”** and Revelation 13:3-4 **“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”** Hence what follows:

Revelation 12-19 *Israel Her Flight, Her Nemeses - the Dragon and Beast, Her Deliverance, Rapture of Tribulation saints, Armageddon Part 1, God's Judgements on the environmentally-friendly papal NWO, the Second Advent, Armageddon Part 2*

Revelation 6 *Daniel's Full 70th Week in Summary* to Revelation 11 *Daniel's 70th Week Overview and Beyond Years 1-7+, Israel, Her Reproach* have addressed this work's main theme of the extent of Daniel's 70th Week that is yet to be fulfilled. The ***Overall Conclusion*** lists this writer's findings.

For now, it is understood that students of Daniel's 70th Week agree that relevant time spans that Revelation 12-19 cite, specifically Revelation 12:6, 14, 13:5, refer to the last half of Daniel's 70th Week. This work will therefore list key scriptures that cover the topics that the foregoing subheading includes, to summarise the main events of the last half of Daniel's 70th Week that this work has not noted explicitly. **“what saith the scripture?”** Romans 4:3, Galatians 4:30:

Revelation 12:1 ***And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:***

Revelation 12:6 *And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

Revelation 12:14 *And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*

Revelation 12:17 *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

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

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

Revelation 13:14 *And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*

Revelation 13:15 *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

Revelation 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

Revelation 14:13 *And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

Revelation 14:15 *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

Revelation 14:16 *And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.*

Revelation 14:17 *And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.*

Revelation 14:18 *And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.*

Revelation 14:19 *And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.*

Revelation 14:20 *And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

Revelation 15:1 *And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.*

Revelation 15:2 *And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*

Revelation 15:3 *And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

Revelation 15:4 *Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for*

all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 16:1 *And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.*

Revelation 16:2 *And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.*

Revelation 16:3 *And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.*

Revelation 16:4 *And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.*

Revelation 16:8 *And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.*

Revelation 16:9 *And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.*

Revelation 16:10 *And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,*

Revelation 16:11 *And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.*

Revelation 16:12 *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.*

Revelation 16:16 *And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

Revelation 16:17 *And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.*

Revelation 16:18 *And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

Revelation 16:19 *And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.*

Revelation 16:20 *And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.*

Revelation 16:21 *And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*

Revelation 17:1 *And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

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

Revelation 17:4 *And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:*

Revelation 17:5 *And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

Revelation 17:6 *And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

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

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

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

Revelation 17:17 *For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

Revelation 17:18 *And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

Revelation 18:7 *How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.*

Revelation 18:8 *Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.*

Revelation 18:20 *Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.*

Revelation 18:21 *And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.*

Revelation 18:24 *And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

Revelation 19:1 *And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:*

Revelation 19:2 *For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.*

Revelation 19:6 *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

Revelation 19:11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

Revelation 19:15 *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Revelation 19:16 *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Revelation 19:19 *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

Revelation 19:20 *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

Revelation 19:21 *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

Calendar Years, Prophetic Years and Power

As indicated, see ***Full Future 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators***, Numbers 6:12-13 require that three and a half *calendar* years elapse to fulfil the first half of Daniel's 70th Week, that is three and a half prophetic years plus 18-19 full days whether the Julian or Gregorian Calendar⁷² is used.

That 18-19 days would be the time taken for the setting up of the Antichrist's 42-month rule of three and a half prophetic years. It would include the desecration of the temple, the devastation of the city and the Jews' flight into the wilderness, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Daniel 9:26, Revelation 12:6.

The time span of three and a half prophetic years is the time span for the last half of Daniel's 70th Week according to the timing set out with respect to Genesis 7:11, 24, 8:3-4 **"...the second month, the seventeenth day of the month...an hundred and fifty days...the end of the hundred and fifty days...in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month"** and leading up to the Second Advent as the Lord said in Luke 17:26 **"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."**

The Antichrist will be the direct cause of the change of the calendar according to Daniel 7:25 **"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."**

However, as that scripture itself indicates along with Revelation 13:5 **"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months"** the Psalmist rightly testifies **"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God"** Psalm 62:11.

As Paul testifies **"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation"** Romans 13:1-2.

That power can be and is delegated.

"And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it" Luke 4:6.

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

The Power Holder now, even for **"the beast...and the dragon,"** is the Lord Jesus Christ and He will exercise that power directly at the Second Advent and beyond.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" Matthew 28:18.

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

The exercise of that power will cause the calendar to be changed from calendar years to prophetic years as Daniel 7:25, Revelation 13:5 show *but the change is the Lord's* as Daniel reveals in Daniel 2:20-21 **"Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding."**

Daniel bears witness to the Lord's permanent change of the calendar in Daniel 12:7, 11 **"And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these"**

things shall be finished...And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Daniel 12:7, 11 to this writer encompass the Antichrist's 42-month rule and an additional 30-day month at the end of which *"all these things shall be finished"* Daniel 12:7 concerning in that 43rd month the termination of all aspects of rebellion and ungodliness under the Antichrist according to Matthew 13:41-42 *"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."*

The Lord will therefore restore for their specific purpose national boundaries at that time, dismantled by the Antichrist to ensure to the utmost that *"many shall run to and fro"* Daniel 12:4 to encourage integration of all kinds because the Antichrist himself, Revelation 13:2, is of *"mingled seed"* Leviticus 19:19. See the following scriptures, noting the references to *"all nations"* Matthew 25:32, *"the nations"* Revelation 11:18 and *"the times before appointed"* Acts 17:26 matching *"the times and the seasons"* Daniel 2:21.

"When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" Deuteronomy 32:8.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory...before him shall be gathered all nations" Matthew 25:31-32.

"God that made the world and all things therein...hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" Acts 17:24, 26-27.

"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth" Revelation 11:18.

Note the repeated use in the Book of Revelation in open defiance of the Antichrist's integrated one-world globalism of the term *"nations"* Revelation 2:7, 7:9, 10:11, 11:9, 18, 12:5, 13:7, 14:8, 15:4, 16:19, 17:15, 18:3, 23, 19:15, 20:2, 7, 21:24, 26, 22:2; 19 occurrences in all.

The foregoing study therefore completes this work with respect to ***The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Addenda***. The ***Overall Conclusion*** follows, followed in turn by the attached studies as support for this work's main theme, namely that the seven years of Daniel's 70th Week are still future, the first half of which are calendar years and the second half prophetic years.

See ***The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Review*** for additional details concerning that main theme.

Overall Conclusion

See for details

Caveats

Full Future 70th Week – Scriptural Indicators and Nazarite Typology – Key to the Timing

Daniel's 70th Week No Church Age

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Full Future 70th Week – Further Scriptural Indications

Revelation 6 *Daniel's Full 70th Week in Summary*

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Revelation 11 *Daniel's 70th Week Overview and Beyond Years 1-7+, Israel, Her Reproach*

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Calendar Years, Prophetic Years and Power

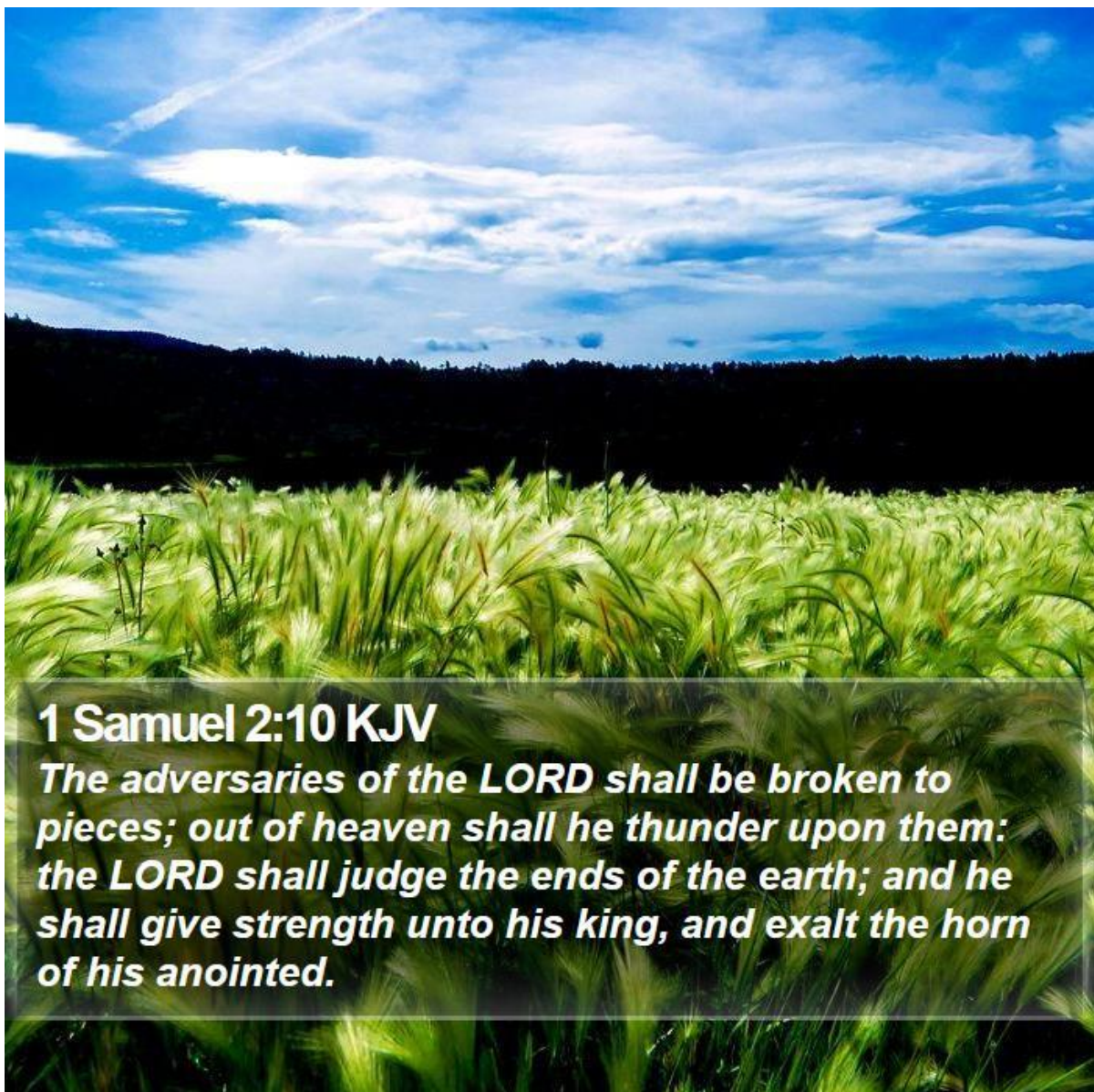
and note that, predicated upon Pastor Donovan's main justification for a split 70th Week⁷³:

- Daniel 9:27 cannot be compressed into three and a half years plus a twelve-month initial phase in Daniel 9:27 with the insertion of an additional covenant, neither of which has any scriptural support. Pastor Donovan's main justification in Daniel for a split 70th Week effectively extends the 70th Week to an unscriptural eight years.
- Appeal cannot be made to Daniel 11:24, 27 to support a split 70th Week for Daniel 9:27. The contexts of Daniel 11:24, 27 are distinctly different from that of Daniel 9:27, no additional *"time"* Daniel 11:24 is found in Daniel 9:27 and because Israel is still subject to John 19:15 ***"We have no king but Caesar"*** only one king, Caesar, is present in Daniel 9:27, not ***"both kings"*** Daniel 11:27. See *Cross Reference* John 19:15.
- Daniel 11:24 does however fit precisely with Revelation 6:2 for a yet future full 70th Week and Daniel 11:27 with the aftermath of Revelation 6:4.
- It is altogether much more straightforward to understand Daniel 9:27 as referring to all of Daniel's 70th Week yet to be fulfilled, with the covenant referred to as God's Abrahamic covenant with Israel.
- Though Pastor Donovan is correct in stating that half of Daniel's 70th Week was fulfilled during the Lord's First Advent ministry, Nazarite topology as applied to the Lord Jesus Christ requires that those years be discounted ***"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin"*** 2 Corinthians 5:21.
- That Nazarite topology as applied to the Lord Jesus Christ could have been overridden by Israel's application of Deuteronomy 21:1-9 following ***"his passion"*** Acts 1:3 but that did not happen.
- Pastor Donovan is correct in stating that the Book of Revelation has no direct reference to a seven-year time interval but neither does it state explicitly that Revelation 6-19 occupy three and a half prophetic years only. Biblical types, namely Job, Elijah, Nebuchadnezzar and the consecutive sevenfold repetition in John 16:16-19 of the expression ***"a little while"*** point to a future full seven years of Daniel's 70th Week yet to be fulfilled.
- The Book of Revelation, by means of Revelation 11:2, 13:5, enables the reader to determine arithmetically and Biblically that Revelation 6-19 occupy 42 calendar months + 42 prophetic months = seven years of a yet future full Daniel's 70th week, half calendar, half prophetic years.

- *The Lord* will cause the Antichrist via the additional days of the calendar years to establish himself as the undisputed world ruler **“the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof”** Isaiah 14:16-17.
- Revelation 6:2 with Daniel 9:27, Revelation 6:4, 5-6, 8, Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12 fit seamlessly into the first half of a yet future full 70th Week. Revelation 6:9-17, 7-10 fit easily into the second half of a seven-year yet future 70th Week.
- Revelation 11:2-8, 10-13 likewise fit seamlessly into the first half of a yet future full 70th Week and with Revelation 11:15, 17, 18 emphasise Revelation 19:6, 1 Corinthians 15:24 **“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth...when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.”** Revelation 12-19 then fit seamlessly into the latter half of a yet future full seven-year Daniel’s 70th Week.

It is this writer’s considered opinion that, informative as it is, Pastor Donovan’s study does not satisfactorily address the above criteria for a comprehensive Biblical exposition of Daniel’s 70th Week.

Finally⁷⁴, in keeping with Isaiah 33:22 **“For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us”**:



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Passover Pentecost Whitsun 2024

Together with Song of Solomon 2:10-13⁷⁵ study *“of the times and the seasons”* 1 Thessalonians 5:1 gives the earliest date for the Rapture. This site⁷⁶ states Shavuot, the “Feast of Weeks,” is celebrated seven weeks after [Passover](#) (Pesach). Since the counting of this period ([sefirat ha-omer](#)) begins on the second evening of Passover, Shavuot takes place exactly 50 days after the (first) [seder](#). Hence, following the Greek word for “fifty,” Shavuot is also referred to sometimes as *Pentecost*. Noting that⁷⁷:

[Passover Seder](#)

Begins 15 [Nisan](#)

Ends 21 Nisan (22 Nisan in traditional Diaspora communities)

2024 date Sunset, 22 April – nightfall, 30 April (8 days)

Therefore⁷⁸ [The date of]...the **Feast of Weeks** or **Pentecost** ([Koinē Greek](#): Πεντηκοστή) in English...is directly linked to that of [Passover](#); the Torah mandates the seven-week Counting of the Omer, beginning on the second day of Passover, to be immediately followed by Shavuot.

2024 date Sunset, 11 June – nightfall, 13 June

This site⁷⁹ explains that Passover 2024 begins at sundown on Monday, April 22 and ends the evening of Tuesday, April 30. The first Passover seder is on the evening of Monday, April 22, and the second Passover seder takes place on the evening of Tuesday, April 23.

Seven weeks from the evening of Tuesday, April 23 bring the date to Sunset, 11 June. Certain related key dates on the traditional church calendar are set out as follows:

Noting Mark 16:9 *“Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene...”* this site⁸⁰ states **Easter...or Resurrection Sunday**, is a [Christian festival](#) and [holiday](#) commemorating the [resurrection of Jesus](#) from the dead, described in the [New Testament](#) as having occurred on the third day after his [burial](#) following [his crucifixion](#) by the [Romans](#) at [Calvary](#) c. 30 AD.

Easter Sunday 2024 date March 31 (Western)
May 5 (Eastern)

Noting Acts 2:1, 4, 11 *“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance...the wonderful works of God”* this site⁸¹ states **Whitsun** (also **Whitsunday** or **Whit Sunday**) is the name used in Britain and Northern Ireland, and throughout the world among [Catholic](#), [Anglicans](#) and [Methodists](#), for the Christian festival of [Pentecost](#). It is the seventh Sunday after [Easter](#)*, which commemorates the descent of the [Holy Spirit](#) upon Christ’s disciples ([Acts 2](#)). *An estimate follows.

Whitsun Estimate 2024 date 19 May [from March 31]
23 June [from May 5]

Conclusion with Caveat

Song of Solomon 2:10-13 and study *“of the times and the seasons”* 1 Thessalonians 5:1 give the earliest date for the Rapture as Pentecost-Whitsun Estimate 2024 yet *“yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night”* 1 Thessalonians 5:2. *“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh...Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not”* Matthew 24:44, Luke 12:40.

Job 1 – Summary Thoughts⁸²

See Dr Ruckman's works for detailed comment, including insight into the word **"Selah"** 2 Kings 14:7, Psalm 3:2, 4, 8 etc. 75 times, Sela Petra⁸³, the rock city of Edom:

Introduction

Job is the oldest Book of the Bible and the first real book ever written, dating from about 1780 B.C., almost 600 years after Noah's flood, 2348 B.C., Job 14:11, 22:16, 28:4 and almost 300 years before the exodus from Egypt, 1491 B.C.

The author of Job is **"Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram"** Job 32:2. Elihu identifies himself as the book's author. **"They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion"** Job 32:15-17.



Sela Petra

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I...Selah"

Psalm 61:2, 4

How does Elihu fit into the Book of Job? It is possible that, as an evidently mature young man, Elihu was betrothed to Job's eldest daughter Jemima, Job 42:14, noting Job 42:15 **"And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job..."** If so, then the author of the Book of Job wrote from a position of anguish similar to that of the subject of the Book. Elihu would have lost both his beloved fiancée and his upcoming brothers and sisters-in-laws, probably his closest friends, so that like Job he lost ten of his nearest and dearest in one day, Job 1:19. If this is so, then, noting the reaction of Job's friends, Job 2:12, and that **"they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights"** Job 2:13, Elihu, with **"his own sore and his own grief"** 2 Chronicles 6:29 is like Ezekiel – who lost his wife, Ezekiel 24:16-18 – **"and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days"** Ezekiel 3:15. Moreover, Elihu is like **"the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus..."** Hebrews 3:1, 12:2. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ is an author. He is the Author of **"the scripture of truth"** Daniel 10:21 **"the book of the LORD"** Isaiah 34:16. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ **"sat where they sat"** in that like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ endured sorrow as Isaiah says **"He is...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief"** Isaiah 53:3. As Paul says **"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"** Hebrews 4:15. Therefore, as Isaiah says further **"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"** Isaiah 53:4-5. That should always be kept in mind when reading the scriptures. The Author understands *all* that the reader goes through in **"this present evil world"** Galatians 1:4 and has overcome it for us as the Lord Jesus Christ said **"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"** John 16:33.

The Book of Job of course focuses on the question of suffering, especially the *righteous* suffering in that **"Job...was perfect and upright"** Job 1:1. Job asks that question by asking **"Why?"** 13 times; Job 3:11, 12, 23, 7:20, 21, 9:29, 19:22, 28, 21:4, 24:1, 27:12. The answer is the way *up* to enduring and overcoming suffering with God is the way *down*, repenting of

self as Job did, “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of” 2 Corinthians 7:10:

“I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes” Job 42:5-6. See Philippians 3:8-9 below.

Job – “great tribulation,” 1st and 2nd Advent Prophecy

Dr Ruckman states that besides addressing the righteous suffering, the Book of Job is one of the most detailed Books of scripture on the suffering of *the nation of Israel* during the **“great tribulation”** Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14 *after the rapture of the Church*, 1 Thesalonians 4:16-18. The Lord Jesus Christ is **“the King of the Jews”*** Matthew 27:11, 37, Mark 15:2, 9, 12, 26, Luke 23:3, 37, 38, John 18:33, 39, 19:19, 21 *i.e. the nation of Israel as distinct from the Church* **“And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end”** Luke 1:33 but **“there shall be great distress...and wrath upon this people”** Luke 21:23. *The Lord Jesus Christ is always **“the King of the Jews”** with a big K except during mockery, Luke 23:37. The Book of Job depicts and foretells the **“great distress...and wrath upon this people”**:

- Job means *one persecuted* as Israel will be during **“great tribulation”** Matthew 24:21.
- Job is in **“Edom...the land of Uz”** Lamentations 4:21, where Sela Petra is, the rock city.
- Israel will flee from persecution to Sela Petra **“a place of refuge”** Isaiah 4:6. See graphic.
- Satan, **“leviathan”** Job 41, persecutes Job, Job 1:9-19, 2:7-8 and Israel, Revelation 12:13-17.
- Job is on the ground 7 days and 7 nights, depicting Daniel’s 70th week, Daniel 9:27.
- The Book of Job has 42 chapters, for the 42 months of the Antichrist’s rule, Revelation 13:5.
- **“The LORD turned the captivity of Job”** Job 42:10 **“And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first”** Jeremiah 33:7. See attached study **Satan The Devil** for further insight into the adversary, 1 Peter 5:8.

In addition to revealing Job *the man*, see subtitles below, Job’s sufferings depict:

- The sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross; Job 3:24, Psalm 22:14, John 19:28.
- The torment of the lost man in hell; Job 30:20, 26-31, Matthew 13:41-43, Luke 16:23-25.
- The peril of trusting in *self* righteousness *not* God’s; Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, Romans 10:3.

Job the Perfect Man, Job 1:1, 8

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil” Job 1:1 with Job 1:8. Job was **“perfect”** in *doing* right, *living* right, *worshipping* right and *hating* evil as God and the Bible testify. To be **“perfect”** back then was to walk *with* God, *before* God and *in obedience* to God, Genesis 6:9, 17:1 as Job did, Job 1:1, 8. Yet *note*, though **“perfect,”** Job only offered sacrifice for others not himself. That was self *i.e.* **“perfect”** does *not* mean *sinless*! Never interpret a Bible term by popular usage. Always compare scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13. **“Blameless”** NKJV, NIVs is *not* correct because to be **“blameless”** then was to walk rightly before *men*, Genesis 44:10.

Job the Particular Man, Job 1:8

Psalm 37:37 says **“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.”** Job was a particular i.e. marked man. God marked him, for a purpose and Job’s end was peace, though his way was wearisome Job 5:23, 24, 7:3. So it is for believers, John 16:33.

Job the Persecuted Man, Job 1:14-19, 2:7-8

Though via Satan* God persecuted Job: **“thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause”** Job 2:3. *Satan obeyed God *instantly* so note Matthew 21:6. Note Satan **“had the power of death”** Hebrews 2:14, Jesus has **“the keys of hell and of death”** Revelation 1:18 *now*.

Job the Patient Man, Job 1:22

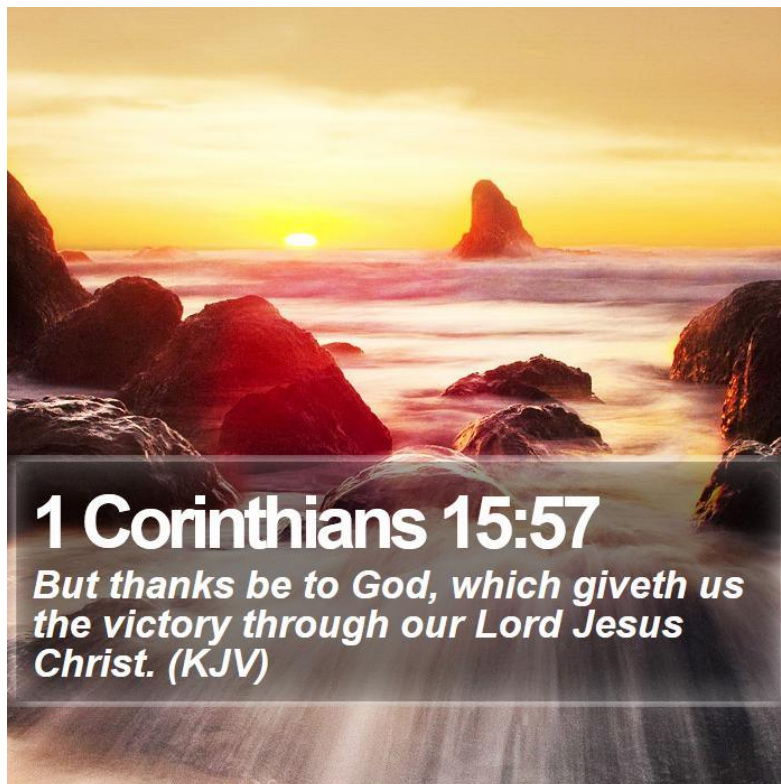
“In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly”. Believers, note 1 Thessalonians 5:18 **“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”**

Job the Purified Man, Job 42:5-6

Job was self-righteous, Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, until he saw God. **“...but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes”** Job 42:5-6, like Isaiah, Isaiah 6:5, like Peter, Luke 5:8. In each case, repentance brought restoration, **“thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged”** Isaiah 6:7 with Job 42:12, John 21:15-17, 19, 22. Paul, who also saw **“Jesus Christ our Lord”** 1 Corinthians 9:1 with Acts 9:3-6, states for *now* what Job foresaw *then*.

“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...not having mine own righteousness...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith” Philippians 3:8-9.

Finally⁸⁴:



War, Famine, Pestilence, Earthquake

As Haggai 2:6-7, 9 reveal, men desire ***“Peace and safety”*** 1 Thessalonians 5:3. As Haggai 2:6-7, 9 further reveal along with Matthew 24:7, they will not get them pre-Second Advent, except, as other scriptures reveal, for brief interludes *before* Matthew 24:7 comes to pass, see remarks below on Zechariah 1:11, *and* like the eye of a hurricane with the onset of the beast’s rule of 42 months, Revelation 13:4-5 ***“...and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.”*** That brief interlude will then be followed by further calamity according to 1 Thessalonians 5:3 ***“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”***

Matching Matthew 24:7, war, famine, pestilence, earthquake feature prominently in prophecy for the years leading up to and encompassing the rule of the beast, likewise in keeping with 1 Thessalonians 5:3. See the following scriptures, noting that Revelation 6:1-2 refer to the upcoming rule of the beast, established via force of arms and on the back of global calamity⁸⁵. Revelation 6:3-8, 12 follow the same sequence of calamities as Matthew 24:7.

“a penny a day” Matthew 20:2 with Revelation 6:6 is of course equivalent to a day’s wage, emphasising the severity of the upcoming food shortage *for necessities* as the Lord depicts prophetically for ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 through Ezekiel with Revelation 6:5-6 according to Ezekiel 12:18 ***“Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness.”***

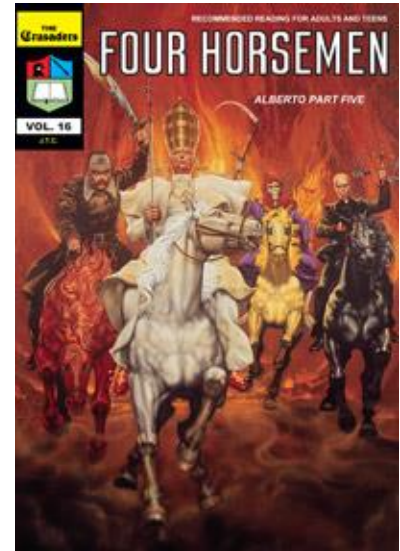


Table Revelation 6:1-8, 12

- 1 *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.*
- 2 *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*
- 3 *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*
And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.
- 4 *And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.*
- 5 *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*
- 6 *And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*
- 7 *And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*
- 8 *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*
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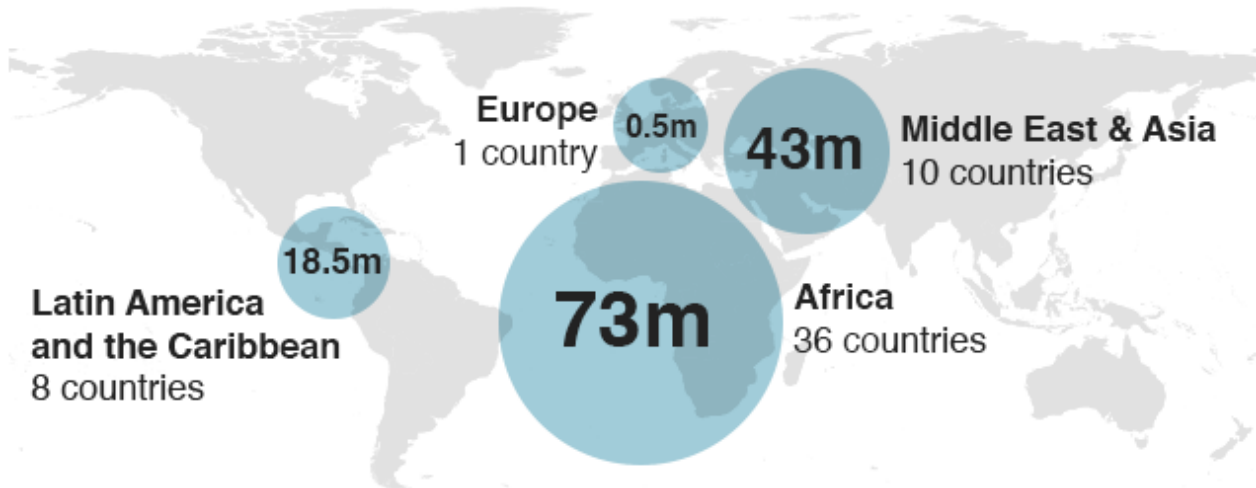
Given that Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:1-8, 12 give a precise forecast of world conditions overall leading up to and during *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9, attention is now focused on the specific calamities of *“famines, and pestilences”* Matthew 24:7 as applied to the coronavirus, their relationship to each other and how those twin calamities will afflict the West according to Biblical prophecy. As serious as it is, coronavirus as such will not, however, feature in *“the time of the end”* but according to *“that which is noted in the scripture of truth”* Daniel 10:21, pestilences will, as will be shown.

Famine and Pestilence Portend Each Other

Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:5-8 prophesy famine followed by pestilence. Though in reverse order compared with the scripture, current events nevertheless depict Biblical prophecy and show definite links between famine and pestilence⁸⁶. See the accompanying figure of populations at risk from famine because the coronavirus has so severely disrupted national infrastructure.

People facing food shortages by continent

Acutely food-insecure populations (million)



Source: FSIN, GRFC 2020

BBC

According to major news outlets in the West, the UN's WFP World Food Programme reports:

The world is at risk of widespread famines “of biblical proportions” caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the UN has warned.

David Beasley, head of the World Food Programme (WFP), said urgent action was needed to avoid a catastrophe.

A report estimates that the number suffering from hunger could go from 135 million to more than 250 million...

The United Nations warned the coronavirus pandemic could trigger famine as the worldwide freeze on commerce sent shock waves through financial markets.

The bleak warning came on Tuesday as deaths from the virus surpassed 174,000 worldwide [April 22 2020], with governments anxiously trying to chart a path out of the unprecedented global health and economic emergency.

One World Food Programme director warned ‘widespread famines of biblical proportions’ could force millions in already vulnerable countries into starvation due to the global crisis.

The economic impact of the pandemic could lead to a ‘humanitarian catastrophe,’ with the number of people suffering from acute hunger projected to nearly double to 265 million this year, the UN’s World Food Programme warned...

That major secular news outlets none of which could ever be **“called the Friend of God”** James 2:23 should publish a UN-based statement ‘widespread famines of biblical proportions’ shows the fulfillment of prophecy of Matthew 24:7 with respect to **“famines, and pestilences”** and reveal how those calamities are linked, specifically for coronavirus but by extension for all pandemics.

The questions then arise, given that the present scourges of *“famines, and pestilences”* fulfil Biblical prophecy as in Matthew 24:7:

- How will those horrors occur during *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 in sequence according to Revelation 6:3-8, matching Matthew 24:7?
- How will the twin judgements of *“famines, and pestilences”* afflict the West during *“the time of the end,”* in that sequence?
- What should be today believer’s response as the Church Age draws to a close?

The answers to those questions will emerge from the following studies.

End Times Horses and Chariots - Extracts⁸⁷

What follows first is a prophetic vision of *“famines, and pestilences”* in the Church Age as a precursor to *“the time of the end.”*

End Times Horses

Zechariah 1:8 *“I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white”* is *“in the night visions”* Daniel 7:7, 13 denoting the End Times in which is the Church Age as shown in Song of Solomon 6:10 *“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon...”* with Paul’s exhortation of Philippians 2:15 *“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world”...*

It appears from the context of Zechariah 1:8-11 that the troop of Zechariah 1:8, of which it appears that even the horses can speak, like others of the Lord’s beasts, Revelation 4:6-8, has concluded a worldwide end-of-the-Church Age reconnaissance with a surprising result that at first seems to conflict with Matthew 24:7.

“...they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest” Zechariah 1:11.

The report that *“all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest”* suggests a calm before the storm of *“the time of Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7 *“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”* Matthew 24:21 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 such as is depicted in Judges 18:26-27 *“And the children of Dan went their way...and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.”*

Zechariah 1:11 would therefore indicate the first of two brief interludes of *“peace and safety”* 1 Thessalonians 5:3 before renewed calamity. See opening remarks under **War, Famine, Pestilence, Earthquake**. Those brief interludes indicate the forbearance of the Lord *“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”* 1 Timothy 2:4.

Though not in the same order as in Revelation 6 *“red horses, speckled, and white”* correspond to the war horse, Revelation 6:4, the plague horse, Revelation 6:8, see **Cross Reference** Revelation 6:8, and the satanic world ruler’s conqueror’s horse, Revelation 6:2. It is significant that the black horse of famine, Revelation 6:5, is not listed in Zechariah 1:8 and its mention is deferred until Zechariah 6:2, 6. The work of F. Jones⁸⁸ provides the reason for the omission of the black horse of famine in Zechariah 1:8, which is as follows.

The speckled horse is the *plague* horse of Revelation 6:8 and is therefore *“a pale horse”* but not of a single colour as F. Jones shows. Note the association of the *speckled* horse with the colours *red* and *white* in Zechariah 1:8 in the absence of *black* so that the colour association of the *pale, speckled* horse is emphasised for the colours *red* and *white*. *Red* and *white* are *plague* colours, as F. Jones emphasises, *red* and *white* depicting *leprous blotches* on an otherwise *pale* skin, citing the descriptions given in the Book of Leviticus e.g. Leviticus 13:24-25:

“Or if there be any flesh, in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white; Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.”

As indicated, the vision of Zechariah 1:8 applies to the End Times in which is the Church Age, the end of that age of which, as this work has already shown, Paul states *“that in the last days perilous times shall come”* 2 Timothy 3:1.

“perilous times” of the End Times merge into *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 post-Church Age where plague is rife, *but not explicitly the coronavirus*. Coronavirus together with its association with famine has served to fulfil in part the Lord’s prophecy of *“famines, and pestilences”* Matthew 24:7 but as Leviticus 13:24-25, Zechariah 1:8, Revelation 6:8, see **Cross Reference** Revelation 6:8, emphasise, the plague or pestilence of *“the time of the end”* is a leprous plague. Its distinct blemishes starkly exhibit God’s particular judgement on those who succumb to *“the mark of the beast”* Revelation 16:2, 19:20 according to Revelation 13:16 *“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.”*

Israel’s believing remnant of the End Times then specifically *“the time of the end,”* who are *“...the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”* Revelation 12:17 and *“the saints...they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”* Revelation 14:12 are enjoined to *“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments”* Malachi 4:4 including Leviticus 13. Those who would implement Leviticus 13 would be *“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”* Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 because synagogues exist during *“the time of Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7 until *“...they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land”* Psalm 74:8 at which point *“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”* and their followers would *“fly into the wilderness...nourished for a time, and times, and half a time”* Revelation 12:14.

It would appear that during *“the time of Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7 the cleansing from plague or leprosy marked by *“...a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image”* Revelation 16:2 for a repentant idolater is as it was for Naaman according to 2 Kings 5:14 *“Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean”* by means of a post-Rapture End Times not Church Age application administered by *“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”* Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 where baptism is both *“the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God.”*

Today’s believer can of course rejoice in John 15:3 *“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you”*...

In answer to the first bulleted question, with the twin horrors of *“famines, and pestilences”* Matthew 24:7 having been inflicted upon men during the Church Age they spill over into *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 in sequence according to Revelation 6:3-8, matching Matthew 24:7.

Zechariah 6:1-8 describe how those horrors will be visited upon the West, the operative pestilence being a leprous plague, not coronavirus. As Leviticus 13:24-25 show, a leprous plague is distinct from coronavirus covid-19, the symptoms⁸⁹ of which are not specifically leprous but include high temperature and repeated bouts of coughing. Death results in extreme cases from inflammation of the lungs and pneumonia⁹⁰.

See remarks on Zechariah 6:1-8 that follow.

End Times Horses, Chariots

Zechariah 6:1-8 *“And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through*

the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”...

“the...mountains of brass” Zechariah 6:1 locate this vision in Israel *“A land...whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass”* Deuteronomy 8:9. This is where the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:1-3 are assembled before they are deployed to their various destinations in Zechariah 6:6-8.

“four chariots” Zechariah 6:1 whereby *“In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses”* Zechariah 6:2-3 will be associated with *“red horses, speckled, and white”* Zechariah 1:8 and though not given in the same order *“...a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another...and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand...and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him”* Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 because the scripture associates chariots and horsemen.

“And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen...and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen...” 2 Samuel 8:4, 10:18.

“And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen” 1 Kings 4:26.

“And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 1 Kings 10:26.

“...and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots...” 1 Chronicles 19:18.

“And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 2 Chronicles 9:25.

The riders of the horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 will therefore be *spirit* chariot horsemen as in 2 Kings 2:12, 13:14 *“the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.”* The chariots will be *“chariots of fire”* 2 Kings 6:17 driven by angelic charioteers of God *“Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire”* Hebrews 1:7.

The horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 are in turn associated with the horses of Zechariah 1:8, which are no doubt the same creatures and the horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 according to *colour* as follows, noting that *“black horses”* Zechariah 6:2 are now included, matching *“a black horse”* Revelation 6:5.

The matching of the red and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the red and white horses of Zechariah 1:8 is plain – being more than one in number, as the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3. The matching of the red, black and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the white, red and black horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5 is likewise plain even if as indicated not in the same order. It is the matching of the *“grisled and bay”* horses Zechariah 6:3 with the *“speckled”* horses of Zechariah 1:8 i.e. more than one as chariot horses like their red and white counterparts, see remarks above, and *“a pale horse”* Revelation 6:8 that requires further explanation. See **Cross Reference** Revelation 6:8.

Note first the association between *“speckled, and grisled”* Genesis 31:10, 12 and this statement from remarks under Zechariah 1:8-11.

The speckled horse is the *plague* horse of Revelation 6:8 and is therefore *“a pale horse”* but not of a single colour as F. Jones shows. Note the association of the *speckled* horse with the colours *red* and *white* in Zechariah 1:8 in the absence of *black* so that the colour association of the *pale, speckled* horse is emphasised for the colours *red* and *white*. *Red* and *white* are *plague* colours, as F. Jones emphasises,

red and white depicting *leprous blotches* on an otherwise *pale* skin, citing the descriptions given in the Book of Leviticus e.g. Leviticus 13:24-25. See above.

Note now that the horses of the last chariot in Zechariah 6:3 are ***“grisled and bay.”*** The bay colour is the red colour of the horses in the first chariot of Zechariah 6:2 because bay is a red colour, applied to horses and that meaning is confirmed by Zechariah 6:6-7 ***“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth”*** where by inspection ***“the bay”*** plural can only refer to the red horses of the first chariot in Zechariah 6:2. The term grisled or grizzled according to current spelling is gray or grey and a grey-haired individual is said to be a *grizzled* individual, *gris* being French for grey. Note the expression ***“gray hairs”*** Genesis 42:38, 44:29, 31, Hosea 7:9 and ***“the gray head”*** Proverbs 20:29.

By inspection, since the other individually-coloured horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 black, white and red or bay have been accounted for, the speckled red-white horses of Zechariah 1:8 are the ***“grisled and bay horses”*** of Zechariah 6:3 and these horses are therefore *tri-coloured* creatures, *speckled red and white* i.e. *the plague colours*, see insert above, *on a pale gray background* like ***“a pale horse”*** Revelation 6:8. See ***Cross Reference*** Revelation 6:8.

Such horses do exist in the physical realm⁹¹. The horse is *speckled white and red* and *pale gray*.

These horses are identified as *spirit* horses in that ***“These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth...So they walked to and fro through the earth”*** Zechariah 6:5, 7 or designated parts of it, Zechariah 6:5-7, confirming that they are the spirit horses of Zechariah 1:8 ***“they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth”*** Zechariah 1:10.



Concerning Zechariah 6:6-8 ***“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”*** consider the following:

As with the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 the horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 ***“go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth”*** Zechariah 6:5 harnessed to chariots and listed in different order from the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. It may be noted that though given in different order the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 go before the horses and chariots of Zechariah 6:2-3 following the sequence of Zechariah 1:8 consisting of ***“a man riding upon a red horse...and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.”***

The mission of the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 would therefore not be one of reconnaissance as at the end of the Church Age, Zechariah 1:8-11. Instead, the mission of the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 is of judgements inflicted during ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7 following in the wake of and of the same natures as those of the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 where the natures of the judgements are given in detail.

Note that whereas Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 give the natures of the judgements inflicted by the four riders and horses followed up by the four chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3, as indicated above Zechariah 6:6-8 reveal *where* the judgements of the four chariots and horses will fall, or fall initially.

Zechariah 6:6, 8 state ***“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them...Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that***

go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.” The indication is one of famine in the *developed* world i.e. mainly north of Israel where the chariots and horses are assembled, see remarks on Zechariah 6:1, followed by *papal conquest*, no doubt facilitated by food shortage where national governance is therefore surrendered in return for physical sustenance. Specifically how that famine comes about may be the end result of modern agribusiness that is profit-driven by maximising yields with no regard for environmental consequences. Isaiah describes the End Times outcome. ***“The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant”*** Isaiah 24:5. See for example this work⁹² and these extracts.

Corporate Agribusiness--America's Merchants of Greed

by A. V. Krebs

In another era they would have been called “the robber barons.” Today, the ADMs, the Cargills, the ConAgras, the IBPs, the Smithfield Foods, the Tysons, the Chiquitas and other corporate agribusiness behemoths which produce and manufacture our food have become the merchants of greed. Food, next to life itself, is our greatest common denominator, but to the merchants of greed it is but the coin of the realm, a means by which they can enrich themselves while the poor go hungry; family farmers are discarded as “excess human resources;” farm and food workers and peasants become the slaves they rent...

Whereas family farming/peasant agriculture has traditionally sought to nurture and care for the land, corporate agribusiness, exclusive by nature, seeks to “mine” the land, solely interested in monetizing its natural wealth and thus measure efficiency by its profits...

Used and abused perhaps best summarizes the fate of the environment at the hands of corporate agribusiness, and in Smithfield Foods, the nation and the world's largest pork producer and processor, we see case after case where its processing facilities and its factory farms have been despoilers of the water and air we and nature depend on for life...

The article shows that agribusiness that is dominant in the developed world is contemptuous of the Lord's agri-wisdom of Leviticus 25:3-4, 20-22 ***“Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard...And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.”***

The end result of profit-driven agribusiness in the developed world could therefore be famine according to the outcome of Proverbs 13:23 ***“Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.”***

Thanks at least in part to agribusiness, the stage appears to be set in the developed world for the black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5.

Zechariah 6:8 ***“Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”*** cross-references to Acts 17:16 ***“Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.”*** Athens typifies the developed world ***“...for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols”*** Jeremiah 50:38. Developed world idolatry includes the God-defying agribusiness mentality - see article extracts above - that James describes.

“Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye

ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil" James 4:13-16.

This writer therefore makes a practice of using the expression⁹³ DV *Deo volente* God willing in accordance with James 4:15 *"For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."*

God's spirit according to 1 Peter 4:14 *"the spirit of glory and of God"* is no doubt stirred by developed world idolatry just as Paul's was by the Athenians' idolatry. The black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5, therefore, *"these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."* Revelation 16:5-6 may be applied practically for *murderous* idolaters, especially with respect to contaminated ground water, see article extracts above. *"And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."*

The developed world idolaters will as part of God's judgement will have inflicted upon them during *"the time of the end"* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 an actual idol to worship – *or else*.

"And he doeth great wonders...And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" Revelation 13:13-15.

The above remarks therefore answer the first aspect of the second bulleted question on how famine will afflict the West during *"the time of the end"* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9. Concerning pestilence, especially *leprous* pestilence, following in the wake of famine for the West according to the sequence of Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:3-8, note the following analyses.

Zechariah 6:6 *"the grisled go forth toward the south country"* focuses on the Lord's warning to apostate Israel such as those Jews in the End Times during *"the time of Jacob's trouble"* Jeremiah 30:7 *"great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be"* Matthew 24:21.

Those Jews declare *"We have no king but Caesar"* John 19:15, see *Cross Reference* John 19:15. The Lord's warning is with respect to communicable *"diseases of Egypt"* Deuteronomy 28:60 that will quickly be spread far and wide by *mobile End Times populations* when *"even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro"* Daniel 12:4.

The current migration⁹⁴ from North Africa to Southern Europe is an example of what is to come. What communicable *"diseases of Egypt"* Egypt geographically being in North Africa do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full.

However, that large scale migration will in this writer's view be greatly intensified by efforts to escape famine resulting from coronavirus disproportionately afflicting the developing world. See remarks under **Famine and Pestilence Portend Each Other**.



Note therefore in particular that hundreds of thousands of immigrants⁹⁵ have entered Britain in recent years. What communicable *"diseases of Egypt"* do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full. However, whatever *"diseases of Egypt"* these immigrants do carry with them and are

incubating are no doubt ready to burst forth and be rife during *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to *“Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7 in the wake of armed conflict, Revelation 6:4, and famine in the West, Zechariah 6:6-8, Revelation 6:5-6, after manner of 2 Kings 6:25 *“And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass’s head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove’s dung for five pieces of silver.”*

The Lord’s warning on those diseases reveals a *speckled* condition, see remarks on Zechariah 1:8, 6:3, Leviticus 13:24-25, Revelation 6:8, 16:2 and the graphic for the *speckled white and red* and *pale gray* horse. See **Cross Reference** Revelation 6:8.

The Lord’s warning to apostate Israel on these diseases is as follows.

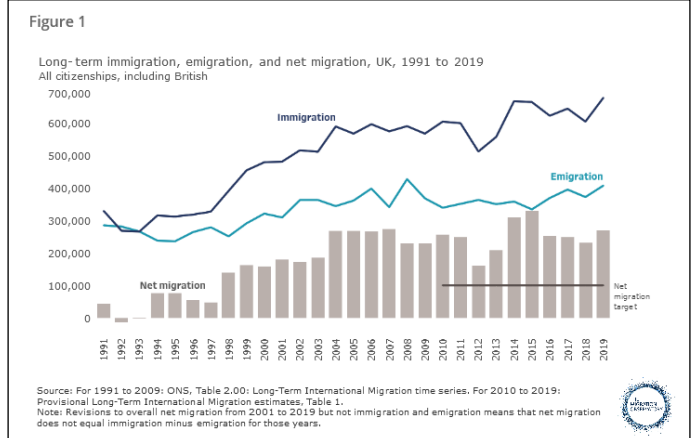
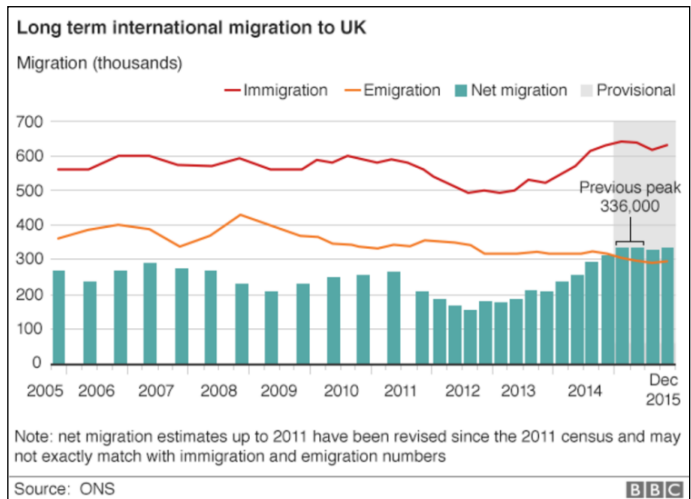
“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt...Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee” Deuteronomy 28:27, 60. *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 result is the wider, indeed worldwide judgement of Revelation 16:2. *“And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image”* Revelation 16:2 and context.

As indicated earlier, relief from that sore would require *post-Rapture End Times not Church Age* water baptism administered by *“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”* Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 where baptism is both *“the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God.”*

Though *doctrinally* part of *“the everlasting gospel”* Revelation 14:6 as distinct from *“the gospel of the grace of God”* Acts 20:24, Revelation 14:7 therefore makes good *practical* sense even now. *“...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”*

It should be noted that though the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 and the horses and riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 are listed in different order, the *“grisled and bay horses”* of *“the fourth chariot”* Zechariah 6:3 are listed last as is *“a pale horse”* upon which is seated *“Death, and Hell followed with him”* Revelation 6:8. It would be expected in each case that plague would follow satanic conquest, war and famine.

In sum, Zechariah 6:6, 8, Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:5-6, 8 together with the above analyses of **Famine and Pestilence Portend Each Other**, Agribusiness greed and mass immigration from the developing world to the West, immigrants infected with *communicable “diseases of Egypt”* Deuteronomy 28:60, strongly suggest that the West will see *“famines, and pestilences”* Matthew 24:7 in that sequence during *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to *“Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7.



The above study would appear to answer in full the second bulleted question with respect to how the twin judgements of ***“famines, and pestilences”*** will afflict the West during ***“the time of the end,”*** in that sequence.

That is not all.

“vile affections”

One other factor that will no doubt contribute to a leprous plague in the West during that time will be ***“vile affections”*** Romans 1:26 already prevalent in the West where in ***“the last days”*** of the ***“perilous times”*** 2 Timothy 3:1, *Europe and America are Becoming a Giant Sodom and Gomorrah!*⁹⁶

This work⁹⁷ shows even now the form of God’s judgement upon those ***“vile affections”*** that are very much like a leprous plague. Although Leviticus 13:34 describes ***“a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white”*** the blotches pictured below, described as purplish, seem to this writer not unlike the spots on the coat of the *speckled white and red* and *pale gray* horse pictured above. That suggests to this writer *an extremely virulent form of leprous plague* that the Lord inflicts upon ***“vile affections”*** Romans 1:26, worse than in the time of Leviticus historically, as in Deuteronomy 28:61 ***“...every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.”*** See the extract and graphic from the article, this writer’s emphasises:

...as far back as 1872 a skin expert at the University of Vienna called Moritz Kaposi spotted these same marks in a group of his patients. Kaposi recognised that the lesions were actually a type of cancer – the purplish colour was from the tumour’s blood vessels leaking into the surrounding tissue. A couple decades later this cancer became known as Kaposi’s sarcoma, or KS for short...[In the 1980s] US doctors soon realised that they were witnessing an unprecedented rise in people with KS, but they were flummoxed as to why. The only clue was that all the young men who were being diagnosed with KS at this stage were homosexual. Therefore “...what saith the scripture?” Romans 4:3, Galatians 4:30.



Kaposi’s sarcoma is a cancer that causes patches of abnormal tissue to grow

“And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet” Romans 1:27.

For now, regrettably, ***“vile affections”*** persist and propagate in the community and in the church but the Lord’s admonitions are clear:

Doorstep Desolation Abomination

Blatant Signage

Local residents will have seen the LGBT+ sign blatantly displayed on the storefront next to Sainsbury's on Enfield Chase, Guisborough. It may be likened to *"the abomination of desolation"* Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14, on your doorstep. Such signs are everywhere. See the graphic. The site⁹⁸ carrying it is that of Skipton Girls' High School, North Yorkshire.

"...they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not..." Isaiah 3:9.

Church Infiltrated

Even the church has been infiltrated.

Gail Riplinger⁹⁹ states that the translation stylist for the NIV, Dr Virginia Mollenkott, *readily admits her "homosexuality."*

Virginia Mollenkott, consultant for NIV translating committee, stated in an interview for the June 1991 *Episcopal Monthly*¹⁰⁰ that *my lesbianism has always been a part of me...what I did ultimately realise was that God created me as I was and that this is where life was meaningful.*

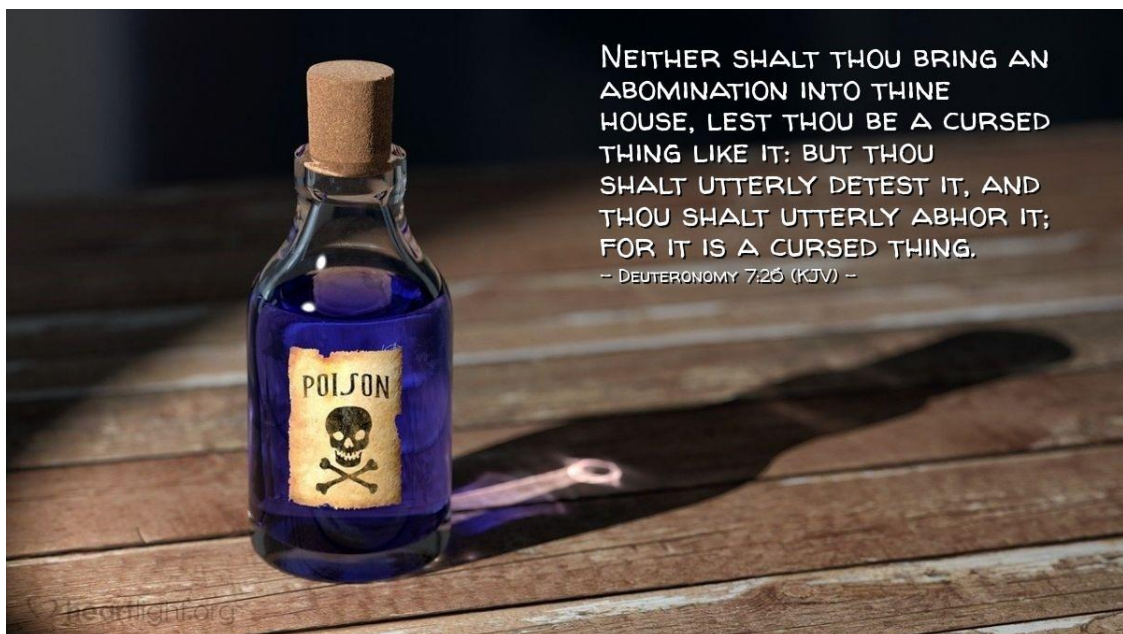
Mollenkott¹⁰¹ has stated further that *forcing gay Christians into silence also denies them the opportunity to celebrate in gratitude to God for their authentic nature and for their life enriching mutual relationship with a loving partner.*

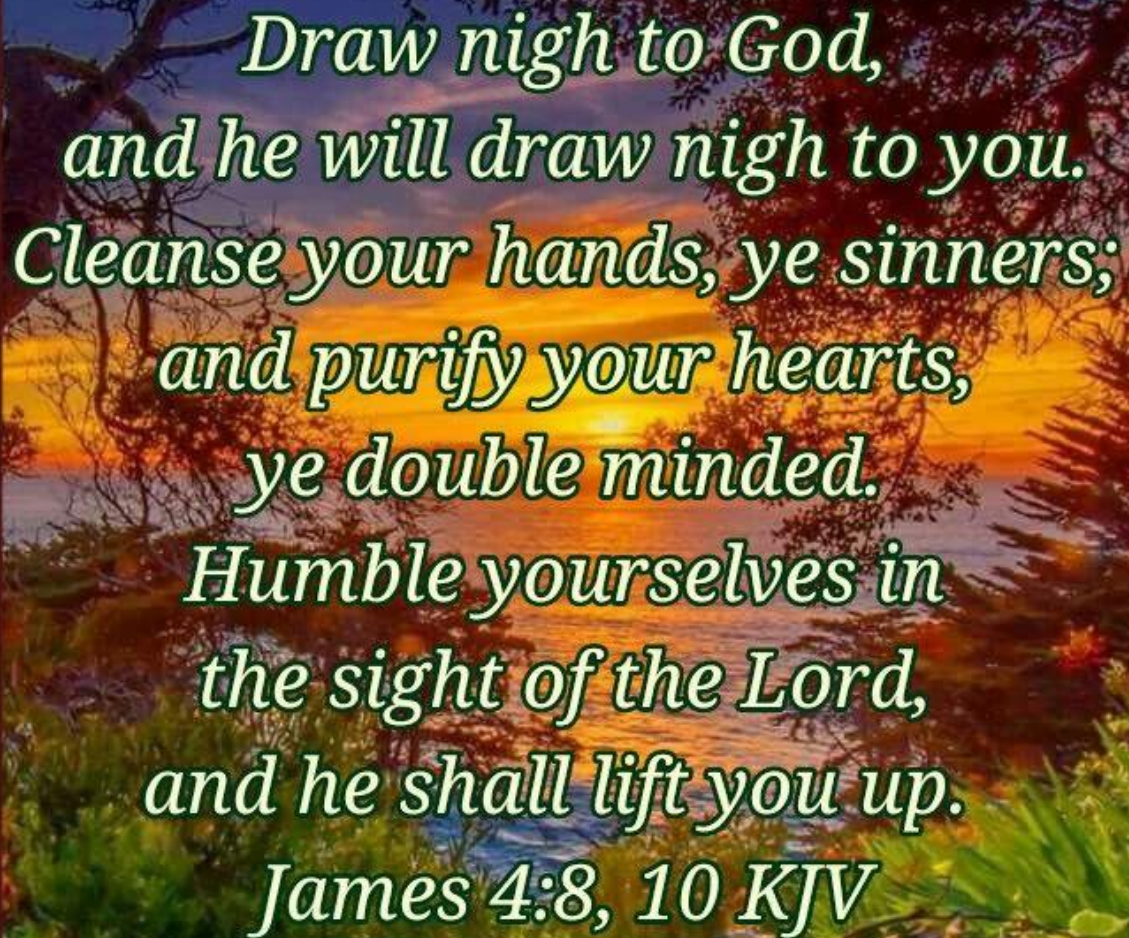
It is little wonder that the Biblical term *"sodomite"* Deuteronomy 23:17, 1 Kings 14:24, 15:12, 22:46, 2 Kings 23:7, singular and plural, does not appear in the NIV.

Gail Riplinger notes¹⁰² that linguistic analysis of the literary style of the pre-2011 NIV shows that it was written either by a woman or an effeminate man. Clearly that is not surprising. The increased gender-neutral trend of the 2011 NIV would no doubt reinforce the linguistic analysts' conclusion.

By contrast *"The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name"* Exodus 15:3.

*"a cursed thing"*¹⁰³





*Draw nigh to God,
and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse your hands, ye sinners;
and purify your hearts,
ye double minded.
Humble yourselves in
the sight of the Lord,
and he shall lift you up.
James 4:8, 10 KJV*

Revelation 11 + God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1

Table Revelation 11:1-19

- 1 *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*
- 2 *But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*
- 3 *And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*
- 4 *These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*
- 5 *And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*
- 6 *These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*
- 7 *And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*
- 8 *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*
- 9 *And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.*
- 10 *And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*
- 11 *And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*
- 12 *And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*
- 13 *And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*
- 14 *The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.*
- 15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*
- 16 *And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*
- 17 *Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

18 *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

19 *And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.*

See Dr Ruckman's studies¹⁰⁵ for detailed comment.

1. **Revelation 11:1-2.** John's ministry of temple measurement is significant because it signifies an End Times fulfilment of Zechariah 8:9 *"Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built"* after the manner of Isaiah 14:27 *"For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"* Note that the temple of John's day had been destroyed as the Lord prophesied in Matthew 24:2 *"And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."*

The manner of *"the Gentiles"* with respect to *"the court which is without the temple...and the holy city"* Revelation 11:2 is as King David observed in the light of Psalm 36:1 *"The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes."*

Given that John's ministry of temple measurement extends to *"them that worship therein"* today's believer should always remember God's measurement of a man according to 1 Samuel 16:7 *"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."*

2. **Revelation 11:3-6.** The duration of the prophesying coincides with that of the desecration and would likely consist of a warning *"unto the Gentiles"* Revelation 11:2 after the manner of Zechariah 12:3 *"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."*

Revelation 11:3 reveals that power to prophesy and duration of the exercise of that power *"...cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working"* Isaiah 28:29 and should be exercised in *"...humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering"* Colossians 3:12.

"...the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth" Revelation 11:4 emphasise that *"...power unto my two witnesses..."* Revelation 11:3 is spiritual power¹⁰⁶ according to Zechariah 4:2-3, 5-6 *"...And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof..."* Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me... *This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD*



of hosts.” By inspection of Revelation 11:4-6 these scriptures identify “...*my two witnesses*...” Revelation 11:3 as Moses and Elijah.

Exodus 7:20-21 “*And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt*”

Exodus 9:13-14 “*And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth*”

Deuteronomy 5:5 “*(I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;)...*”

1 Kings 17:1 “*And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word*”

2 Kings 1:10, 12, 13-15 “*And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty...And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty...And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him...*”

Malachi 4:4-6 “*Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD...*”

Today’s believer should always remember that power to witness is *spiritual* power via “...*the grace of our Lord...exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus*” 1 Timothy 1:14 according to Acts 1:8, 4:33 “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth...And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.*”

3. *Revelation 11:7-10.* Specific remarks on “*the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit*” Revelation 11:7 will be deferred until Revelation 13 is explicitly considered. Revelation 11:7 reveals that the enemy cannot intervene to terminate “...*my two witnesses*...” Revelation 11:3 until “...*they shall have finished their testimony*...” according to the principle of Isaiah 46:10 “*Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*”

The manner of the witnesses’ death is as set out in Matthew 11:13-14, 14:6-8, 10 “*For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come...But when Herod’s birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist’s head in a charger...And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.*”

Revelation 11:8 indicates that the headless bodies “...shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified” because the city is “...is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months” Revelation 11:2. Jerusalem is therefore likened to Sodom where “...the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly” Genesis 13:13 and to Egypt where “...the Egyptians are men, and not God” Isaiah 31:3 showing that at this time God declares Israel to be a “...sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward” Isaiah 1:4.

The grisly public display of the headless bodies accompanied by worldwide rejoicing, no doubt televised and broadcast via the internet because “...they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half...” Revelation 11:9, takes place “...because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth” Revelation 11:10 after the manner of Amos 7:10 “Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.”

Today’s believer should keep in mind therefore that the Lord may well call him to minister according to Isaiah 58:1 “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”

4. Revelation 11:11-14. Revelation 11:11 “...after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them” is a vivid testimony to “the glory of God” Psalm 19:1, Proverbs 25:2, John 11:4, 40, Acts 7:55, Romans 3:23, 5:2, 15:7, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Corinthians 1:20, 4:6, 15, Philippians 2:11, Revelation 15:8, 21:11, 23, 16 references in all and a distinct witness to:

Ecclesiastes 3:14 “I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him”

Isaiah 26:19 “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead”

John 5:23 “That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him”

John 17:2 “...thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him”

in the light of John 11:4, 38-40, 43-44 “When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby...Jesus therefore...cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?...And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.”

Today’s believer should therefore always be grateful for Romans 8:2 “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” and follow Paul’s exhortation of 1 Corinthians 6:20 “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Continuing with respect to “the glory of God” Revelation 11:12-14 are then a vivid and indeed fearful End Times fulfilment of:

Job 9:12, 37:4 “Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?...he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard”

Matthew 27:54 “Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God”

2 Peter 2:1, 3 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction...whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

Today’s believer should therefore always have in mind his prior preparation for Romans 14:10-11 “...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

5. *Revelation 11:15-19*. Revelation 11:15-19 are the *Second Advent*, *post-Second Advent* and indeed “new heaven and a new earth” Revelation 21:1 fulfilment with further revelation of:

1 Chronicles 16:31 “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth”

Psalms 11:4, 6 “The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD’S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men...Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup”

Psalms 47:7-9 “For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness...for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted”

Psalms 99:1-4 “The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. The king’s strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob”

Isaiah 2:3 “And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”

Isaiah 2:19-21 “And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth”

Isaiah 24:23 “Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously”

1 Corinthians 15:24-25 “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet”

Today’s believer should therefore consistently seek to apply 2 Corinthians 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Conclusion



Revelation 11 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. What do Revelation 11:1-2 reveal about a holy place and the heathen?
2. What do Revelation 11:3-6 reveal about the Lord's two witnesses?
3. What do Revelation 11:7-13 reveal about martyrdom?
4. What do Revelation 11:14-17 reveal about God's aim for this world?
5. What do Revelation 11:18-19 reveal about God's ultimate response to man's resistance?
6. What should be today's believer's stance in the light of Revelation 11:1-19?

Sample Answers

1. **"O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps"** Psalm 79:1.
2. **"The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue"** 2 Samuel 23:2.
3. **"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints"** Psalm 116:15.
4. **"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever"** Daniel 2:44.
5. **"The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed...Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup"** 1 Samuel 2:10, Psalm 11:6.
6. **"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness"** Psalm 29:2.

God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1

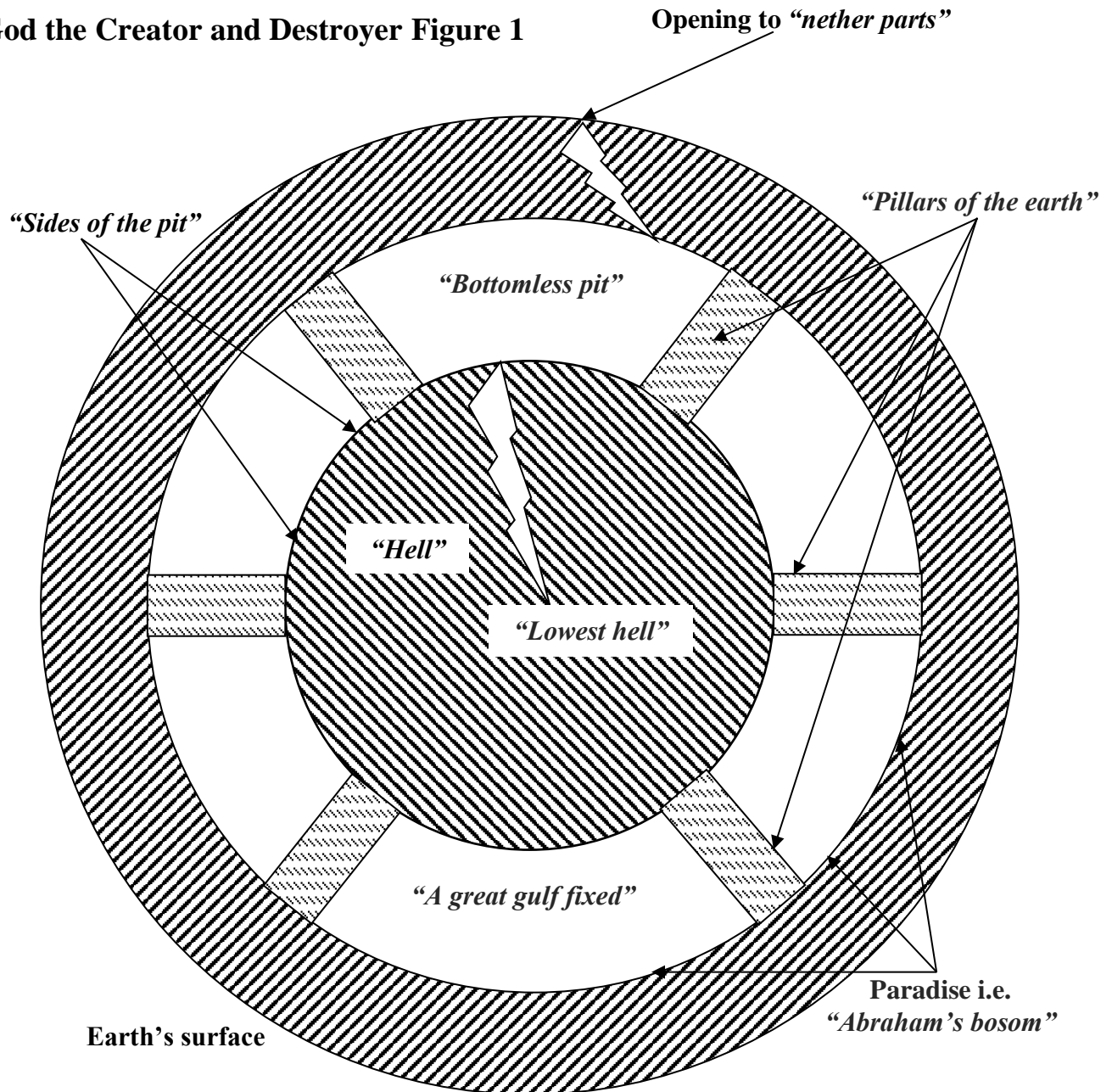


Figure 1 Earth and "The Nether Parts of the Earth"

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...the LORD God made the earth and the heavens" Genesis 1:1, 2:4. Note the difference¹⁰⁷!

Figure 1 - Key to Texts. N.B. **"Hell"** occurs 54 times in ***"the scripture of truth"*** Daniel 10:21

"Nether parts of the earth" Ezekiel 31:14, 16, 18, 32:18, 24

"Abraham's bosom" Luke 16:22

"Pillars of the earth" 1 Samuel 2:8

"A great gulf fixed" Luke 16:26

"Bottomless pit" Revelation 9:1, 2, 11, 11:7, 17:8, 20:1, 3

"Sides of the pit" Isaiah 14:15, Ezekiel 32:23

"Hell" (*sheol**) Deuteronomy 32:22; 2 Samuel 22:6; Job 11:8, 22:6; Psalm 9:17, 16:10, 18:5, 55:15, 86:13, 116:3, 139:8; Proverbs 5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:11, 24, 23:14, 27:20; Isaiah 5:14, 14:9, 15, 28:15, 18, 57:9; Ezekiel 31:16, 17, 32:21, 27; Amos 9:2; Jonah 2:2; Habakkuk 2:5 (*hades**) Matthew 11:23, 16:18; Luke 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Revelation 1:18, 6:8, 20:13, 14, (*geena**) Matthew 5:22, 29, 30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5, James 3:6, (*tartarus**) 2 Peter 2:4. *The distinctions are irrelevant in English

"Lowest hell" Deuteronomy 32:22, Psalm 86:13

Will The End Times Tribulation Be Seven Years Long?¹⁰⁸ - Remarks

Pastor Kim's message is a fair and comprehensive presentation. The initial reference to Daniel 9:26-27 puts the subject in focus.

He succinctly expounds the standard teaching of Daniel 9:27 as occupying seven future years.

He also satisfactorily addresses the alternative idea that the **he** in Daniel 9:27 is the Lord, on the basis of context, and counters that by reference to Daniel 9:26, 11:22, 31, 37.

He refers to **the prince of the covenant** Daniel 11:22 as the Antichrist having made a covenant with the Jews. However, the word **prince** would refer to the **man child** Revelation 12:5 with Lamentations 4:20 **The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen because the prince of the covenant...shall be broken.** Moreover, strictly speaking, as Daniel 9:27 states, the covenant is confirmed, not made.

Pastor Kim is right to refer to the key time span of three and a half years concerning the tribulation and to note that Revelation never mentions seven years. However, he is correct in alluding to the strength of Daniel 9:26-27 for a yet future seven years for Daniel's 70th Week.

He is also correct in referring to the various mentions of three and a half years in Revelation as applying to both halves of Daniel's 70th Week, according to context.

He rightly shows from Matthew 24:8, 13-15, 21 that tribulation events, yet future, have happened before the Antichrist desecrates the temple. Then follows, via Revelation 13:4-5, a three and a half year continuance of the Antichrist's rule i.e. he has already been reigning before then.

Pastor Kim pulls back from coming to a definite conclusion on this matter and explains why, Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10. In one sense, that's understandable.

I differ slightly in that I suggest that the sheep need simple, clear guidance, not something after the manner of 'It's probably this, but it might not be.' That could all too easily spill over into a similar mindset of <100% certainty about Church Age salvation and about the 1611 Holy Bible itself i.e. it could work *both* ways at **the judgment seat of Christ** Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10.

We're supposed to have **plentifully declared the thing as it is** Job 26:3, not how it probably is but might not be.

We need the stance of Brother Martin, see the attached item, and that of Paul according to Philippians 3:14-15 **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.**

I suggest that latter clause can apply wherever our doctrine needs to be put right, according to Acts 18:26 **And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.**

Martin's Hymn – “*Ein feste Burg*” A Mighty Fortress

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*



Martin Luther

“...I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen.”

Wartburg Castle¹⁰⁹, Eisenach, Germany – “A Mighty Fortress”

Introduction – “A good company of Lutherans”

This writer first met *A Mighty Fortress* over forty years ago at a church service in Sydney. After the hymn had been sung, the pastor said, “*That was one of the great hymns of the Reformation and you sang it like a good company of Lutherans.*” The hymn has remained special ever since to this writer, who always thinks of it as “*Martin’s hymn.*” Who was Martin?

Miner’s Son

Martin Luther was a miner’s son from Saxony. He was brought up as a strict Catholic and entered Erfurt University in 1501 at the age of 19 because his dad wanted him to become a lawyer. Luther gained his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees by 1505 but that year it is said that he was almost killed by a lightning bolt. Terrified of God’s judgement, Luther became an Augustinian monk.

Despairing Monk

In spite of his academic achievements and his dedication as a monk, Luther was miserable. While in the monastery, he endured long hours of fasting and ritual prayer, pilgrimages to saints’ shrines, frequent scourging and confessions. He said of that time, “*I lost touch with Christ the Saviour and Comforter, and made of him the jailor and hangman of my poor soul.*”

Saved Man

No doubt in despair about his soul, Luther turned to the scriptures. He had at the time the old Tepl Bible, named after Tepl in Bohemia. The Tepl Bible had been translated into German in 1389¹¹⁰ from the Old Latin Bibles of the Waldenses, who were the faithful Bible believers of northern Italy.

Henry Halley¹¹¹ says that *One day, in 1508, while reading Romans, [Luther's] enlightenment and peace came suddenly: [he read] "the just shall live by faith [Romans 1:17]. He saw, at last, that salvation was to be gained by Trust in God through Christ, and not by rituals and sacraments and penances of the Church. It changed his whole life, and the WHOLE COURSE OF HISTORY.* Martin's conversion would make history as the Reformation.

World Shaker, "These that have turned the world upside down" Acts 17:6

In 1517, the pope wanted to build what is now St Peter's Basilica. He raised money for the project by selling what were called *indulgences*, to have your sins forgiven. Luther was outraged. He wrote a list of 95 arguments, called the 95 Theses, against indulgences and nailed them to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31st 1517. That date became known as Reformation Day. It's now Halloween, so **"the god of this world"** 2 Corinthians 4:4 got a stroke in later on.

James 3:5 says **"Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"** and from Luther's 95 theses, the Lord fanned the flames of revival into a revolution against Rome and the Reformation spread like wildfire. Large sections of the Catholic Church broke away to form their own national churches, such as the Lutheran Churches, and the Church *in* England became the Church of England. They sought to follow the scripture, instead of the pope, by means of the basic Reformation principle of *sola scriptura*, by scripture alone¹¹². Amen.

Papal Enemy No. 1

Rome reacted typically against Luther. In April 1521, he was summoned before an imperial assembly or Diet by Emperor Charles V in the German town of Worms. The emperor tried to get Luther to recant. He refused. See figure. Again, Rome reacted typically, like Caiaphas' crew in John 11:53 **"Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death."**

Bible Translator and Hymn Writer¹¹³

However, just as **"the Lord hid"** Jeremiah and Baruch, Jeremiah 36:26, He hid Luther. Frederick III, Elector of Saxony, transported Luther to Wartburg Castle and Rome never did get him. Luther was in Wartburg from May 1521 to March 1522. In that time he translated the New Testament into German with the help of the Greek Text first published in 1516 by Erasmus of Rotterdam. Luther translated the whole Bible by 1534. It should be noted that Luther's Bible, Erasmus' Greek Text, the 1389 Tepl Bible and the pure Old Latin Waldensen Bibles from as far back as 157 A.D. closely match the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible and they were all used by the King James translators.

Wartburg Castle may in part have inspired the hymn *A Mighty Fortress*. Luther composed it from Psalm 46:1 **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."** Psalm 46:1 is a great verse that is special to this writer and in turn therefore so is Martin's hymn composed from it.

Home Call, the Devil's Backlash and God's Providence

Luther died peacefully in 1546 aged 62. Henry Halley says that Martin was *next to Jesus and Paul, the Greatest Man of all the ages*. Satan, though, was determined to crush the Reformation and almost did so in Europe through Rome's 100-year religious wars of the Counter-Reformation.

God had nevertheless sustained **"the time of reformation"** Hebrews 9:10 in another nation that would take the fruits of the Reformation **"to the uttermost part of the earth"** Acts 1:8 because it was a seafaring nation. That nation was England. From England, a century after Luther, another hymn and hymn-writer emerge, that are special to this writer - but that's another story.

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