

Supplemental Notes:

Prophecy
101

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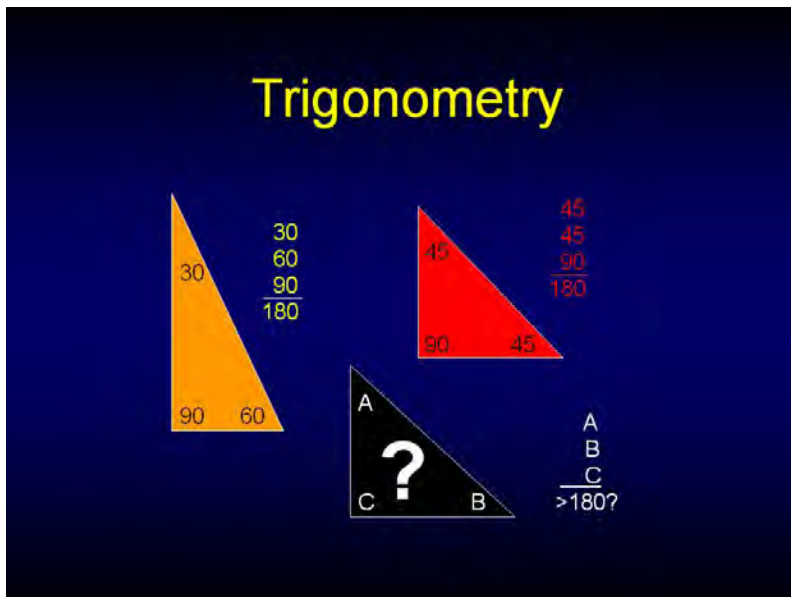
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Prophecy 101 Session 1

What Are We Dealing With?
How Sure Can We Be?

The Nature of Time

Until we can measure a thing, we really know very little about it.
William Thomson (Lord Kelvin)



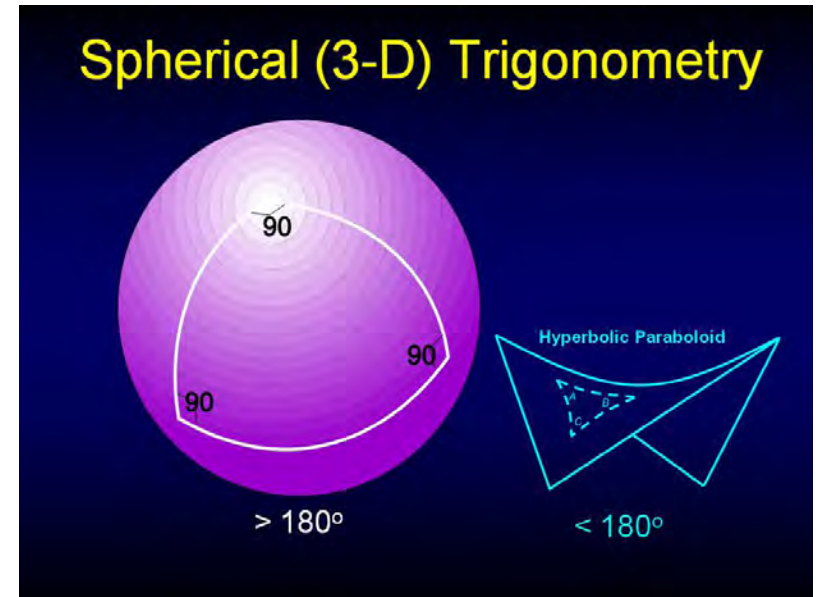
Einstein's Revolution

We have the advantage of modern physics, although few appreciate its aid to our understanding *Biblical* insights!

- **Special Relativity (1905):** Length, mass, velocity and time are *relative* to velocity of the observers.
- **General Relativity (1915):** No distinction between time & space = a 4-dimensional continuum (confirmed 14 ways to 19 decimals).

Gravitational Time Dilation

Two identical Atomic clocks are located at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colorado, and the Royal Observatory



in Greenwich, England. *Both* are accurate to better than 1 second per million years, yet the NIST clock ticks 5 μ seconds/year faster than an identical clock at Greenwich.

Which is correct? *Both* are! Boulder, Colorado = 5400 ft. altitude; Greenwich, England = 80 ft. Atomic Clocks run faster by 10^{-16} sec./meter elevation.

Other Demonstrations

- Aircraft experiment (1971): Eastward : *lost* 0.059 microseconds; Westward: *gained* 0.273 microseconds. Accounting for the Earth's rotation, etc., it was exactly what Einstein's formula predicted.
- Twin Astronauts (hypothetical) Alpha Centauri trip...

Time Is Not Uniform

Time is a *physical* property; it *varies* with mass, acceleration and gravity...among other things...We exist in *more* than three dimensions (apparently, 10...). This physical insight will dissolve most theological paradoxes...

The Nature of God

Is God subject to the restrictions of mass? Acceleration? Gravity? He is not simply One with “lots of time,” He is *outside* of the restrictions of time. This uniqueness is His Personal Imprint...

From Outside Time

For thus saith the High and Lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity...

Isaiah 57:15

Since God has the technology to create us, He certainly has the means to get a message to us; but how does He *authenticate* His message so that we know that it is really from Him, and not a contrivance or a fraud?

Authentication

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done...

Isaiah 46:10

Prophetic Scriptures

In the Bible there are 8,362 predictive verses; 1,817 predictions on 737 separate matters.

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The Old Testament (The *Tenach*)

These Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek by 270 B.C. They contain over 300 prophecies detailing the Coming Messiah. We are now going to examine just eight of them.

For this statistical analysis, I am indebted to Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks* (which I took as the basis and modified). Can we *measure* our confidence that Jesus really was who He said He was?

Prophecy #1: Born in Bethlehem

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Micah 5:2

What is the probability of any person, taken at random, of fulfilling this?

$$p = 10,000 / 1,000,000,000$$

$$p = 10^4 / 10^9 = 1:10^5 \text{ (1:100,000)}$$

Prophecy #2: King on Donkey

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Zechariah 9:9

How many have presented themselves as a king to Jerusalem riding a donkey?

$$p = 1:100$$

Prophecy #3: 30 Pieces of Silver

And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:12

How many people have been betrayed for 30 pieces of silver?

$$p = 1:1,1000$$

Prophecy #4: Temple, Potter, etc.

And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

Zechariah 11:13

*And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, “It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.” And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, **The field of blood, unto this day.***

Matthew 27:6-8

The Final Transaction

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, “I have sinned in that I have betrayed the in-

nocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? see thou to that." And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:4-5

The Precision of Zech 11:13. Price: 30 pieces of silver; location of the transaction: the House of the Lord (Temple); who ends up with the money? The potter!

$$p = 1:100,000$$

Prophecy #5: Wounds in Hands

And one shall say unto him, "What are these wounds in thine hands?" Then he shall answer, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

Zechariah 13:6

Thomas' Unbelief

But he [Thomas] said unto them, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be unto you." Then saith he to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." And Thomas answered and said unto him, "My Lord and my God." Jesus saith unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

John 20:25-29

How many people, taken at random, have been "wounded in their hands" in "the house of their friends"?

$$p = 1:1,000$$

Prophecy #6: No Defense Though Innocent

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Isaiah 53:7

How many prisoners, accused of a capital crime, make no defense even though innocent?

$$p = 1:1,000$$

Prophecy #7: Died with Wicked; Buried with Rich

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 53:9

How many died among the wicked, yet were buried with the rich?

$$p = 1:1,000$$

Prophecy #8: Crucified

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

Psalms 22:16

(This was written 700 years before crucifixion was invented.) How many, taken at random, have died by having hands and feet pierced?

$$p = 1:10,000$$

8 Prophecies

Micah 5:2	Born in Bethlehem	1:100,000
Zechariah 9:9	King on Donkey	1:100
Zechariah 11:12	30 pieces of Silver	1:1,000
Zechariah 11:13	Temple, Potter, etc.	1:100,000
Zechariah 13:6	Wounds in hands	1:1,000
Isaiah 53:7	No defense; innocent	1:1,000
Isaiah 53:9	Died with the wicked Grave with the rich	1:1,000
Psalms 22:16	Crucified	<u>1:10,000</u> 1:10²⁸

Composite Probabilities

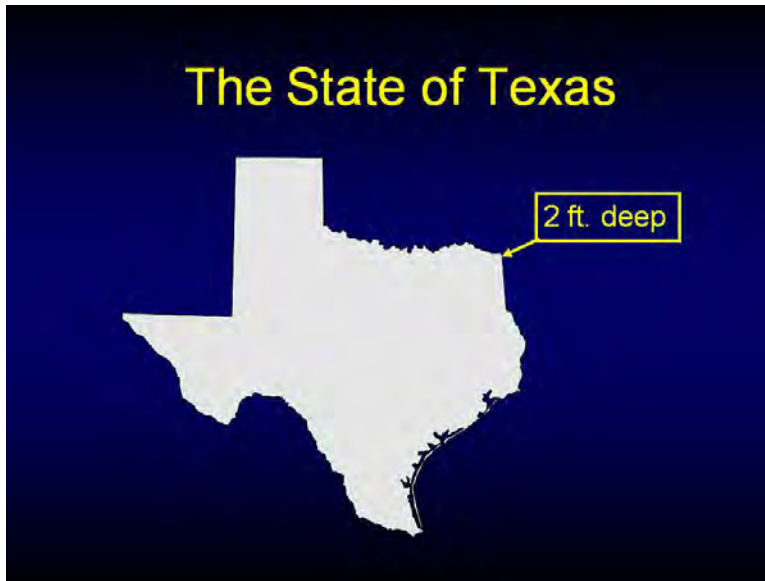
If a population has 60% male and 40% female, what is the probability that one taken at random is female? 40%, or $p = 0.4$.

If a population is 60% right handed and 40% left handed, what is the probability that someone taken at random is left handed? 40%, or $p = 0.4$. What is the probability of selecting a left-handed female?

$$p = 0.4 \times 0.4 = .16$$

8 Prophecies Combined

- Total population # 100 billion (10^{11})
- Combined probabilities: $10^{28}/10^{11} = 10^{17}$
- A “bucket” of 10^{17} silver dollars?



16 Prophecies Combined

Over 300 to choose from; the next eight would be more specific (each less likely than the previous). Assuming *no decrease* in likelihoods: $10^{28} \times 10^{28} = 10^{56}$. Combined probabilities: $10^{56}/10^{11} = 10^{45}$.

How big of a “bucket” do we need now? A ball of silver dollars with a radius that is 30 times the distance between the earth and the sun!

48 Prophecies Combined

Over 300 to choose from; assuming no decrease in likelihoods: $10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} = 10^{168}$. Combined probabilities: $10^{168}/10^{11} = 10^{157}$.

Silver dollars won't work this one... 48 Prophecies: 10^{157}
Make a “ball” of every atom in the universe: 10^{66}
Make one *for each atom* of the universe: $10^{66} \times 10^{66} = 10^{132}$
Repeat this exercise *every second since the universe began*:

$$10^{132} \times 10^{17} = 10^{149}$$

10^{149} vs. 10^{157} ? ...we are still short by 10^8 : *100,000,000 times*...and we've dealt with only 48 of over 300 prophecies!

The Most Amazing Ones

- His detailed genealogy;
- The specific prediction of the precise day that the Messiah would present Himself as King to Jerusalem;
- Old Testament *Midrashic* Prophecies;
- There are no other equivalents—Islam's *Koran*; Hindu's *Veda*; *Bhagavad-Gita*; *Book of Mormon*; Nostradamus' *Centuries*; Occultic mediums, channelers, “New Age” spirit guides, etc.

Our Agenda

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Daughters of Zelophehad

There is a peculiar exception recorded in the Torah, the result of a petition by the **daughters of Zelophehad**, which provided for inheritance through the *daughter*, if no sons were available and she married within her tribe. Requested of Moses (Num 27:1-11) and granted by Joshua (Josh 17:3-6).

It became traditional in such cases that the father would legally adopt his son-in-law (Ezra 2:61=Neh 7:63; Num 32:41, cf. 1 Chr 2:21-22, 34-35; Num 27:3-8).

This anticipates the lineage of Christ—Joseph was the *son-in-law* of Heli (Lk 3:23): νομίζω, *nomizo*, reckoned as by law. Every detail—even in the regulations of the Torah—are there by deliberate design; and always point to Christ!

The Pre-Existent One

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-3

The Incarnation

And the Word was made flesh, and tabernacled among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

The Final Horseman

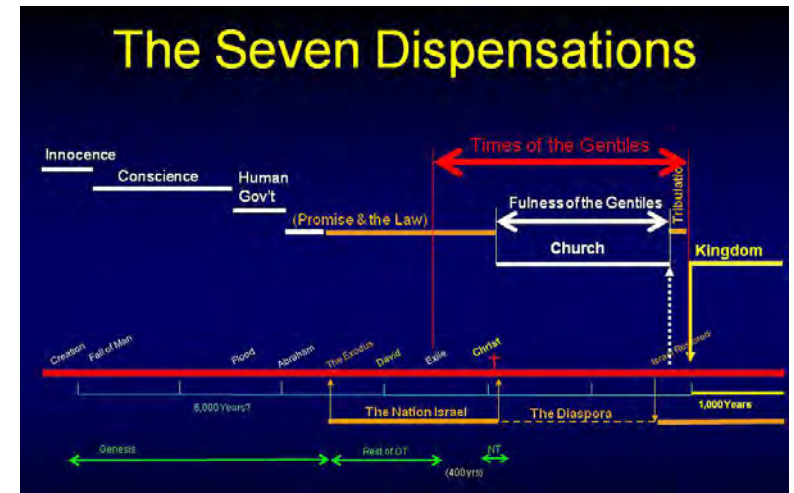
And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war... And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:11, 13

“Dispensations” (Traditional View)

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|---------------------|----------|
| 1) Innocence | Gen 1:28 |
| 2) Conscience | Gen 3:7 |
| 3) Human Government | Gen 8:15 |
| 4) Promise | Gen 12:1 |
| 5) Law | Ex 19:1 |
| 6) Church (“Grace”) | Acts 2:1 |
| 7) Kingdom | Rev 20:4 |

The Seven Dispensations: Alternative View



Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream: Daniel 2

Nebuchadnezzar defeated Pharaoh Necho at Battle of Carchemesh. He accedes to the throne of Babylon upon Nabopolassar’s death and inherits the staff of advisors of his father. He uses a disturbing dream as a test...



Kings of Babylon

- Nabopolassar (625 – 606)
- Nebuchadnezzar (606 – 562)
- Evil-Merodach (562 – 559) 2 Kings 25:27
- Neriglissar (559 – 555) Jeremiah 39:13
- Labashi-Marduk (555, 9 mos.)
- Nabonidus (553 – 536)
 - Balshazzar, Viceroy Daniel 5

The Fall of Babylon: Daniel 5

Belshazzar (Nebuchadnezzar's grandson) throws a party for 1,000 nobles. The Persian army is on their near horizon. The fingers of a hand are seen writing on the wall of the banquet hall...Daniel is called to interpret. Unknown to them, that night the Persian Army was able to slip through and conquer Babylon without a battle...

Cyrus II (“The Great”)

Cyrus II (“the Great,” 559-530 B.C.) was the founder of the Achaemenid Persian Empire. Cyrus' father, Cambyses I (600-559 B.C.), was king of Anshan, a region in eastern Elam (**Persia**). His mother was Mandane, a daughter of Astyages, king of **Media** (585-550 B.C.).

When Cambyses died in 559 B.C., Cyrus inherited the throne of Anshan and, after unifying the Persian people, attacked his father-in-law, the weak and corrupt Astyages. (The Median general Harpagus, whom Astyages had previously wronged, deserted the king and brought his army to the side of the young Cyrus.)

Astyages was soon captured and the Persians took the capital city of Ecbatana in 550 B.C. *without a battle*. (This was also to be the result at Babylon 11 years later.) Cyrus succeeded in welding the Medes and Persians into a unified nation that continued for two centuries until the time of Alexander the Great (331 B.C.).

The Conquest of Babylon

On October 12, 539 B.C., Cyrus' general captured Babylon *without a battle*. The Persians diverted the River Euphrates into a canal upriver so that the water level dropped “to the height of the middle of a man's thigh,” which thus rendered the flood defenses useless and enabled the invaders to march through the river bed to enter by night (Herodotus).

The Letter to Cyrus

When Cyrus made his grand entrance Daniel presented him with an ancient scroll of Isaiah, which contained a personal letter *addressing him by name* (Josephus, *Antiquities*, XI, I, 2). *Isaiah had died 150 years before Cyrus was born!*

That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

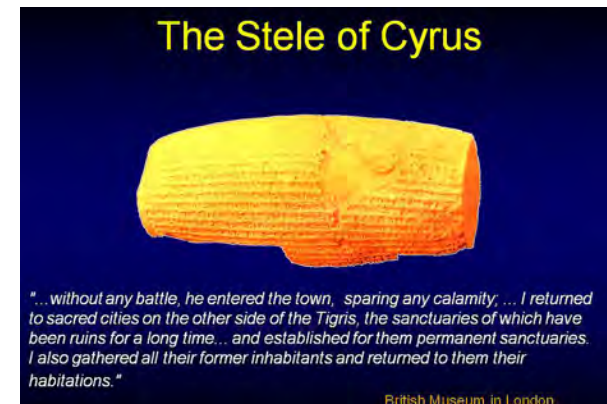
Isaiah 44:27-45:5

Cyrus' Response

Cyrus was duly impressed. He freed the captives and even gave them incentives to return to their homeland and rebuild their temple.

Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, “The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.”

Ezra 1:2,3



Daniel 8: The Ram and the Goat

This occurred two years after the vision of Daniel 7; 12 years before the Fall of Daniel 5.

- Vision of a Ram and a Goat
 - The Ram is defeated by the Goat from the West;
 - The “notable horn” of the Goat divides into four;
 - A “Little Horn” has a key role at the end...
- Daniel interprets
 - A Leader from the West (Alexander) will subdue the Medo-Persian Empire...

Alexander’s Four Generals: Daniel 8

- Cassander Macedonia & Greece;
- Lysimachus Thrace, Bithynia, most of Asia Minor;
- Ptolemy Egypt, Cyrene, Arabia, Petraea;
- Seleucus Syria and lands to the East all the way to India. (Antiochus Epiphanes appears as the “Little Horn”)

The Roman Empire, Phase I

- 68 B.C. Rome emerges.
- 63 B.C. Pompey conquers Judea.
Herod Antipater, an Edomite, appointed ruler.
- 44 B.C. Julius Caesar assassinated.
- 40 B.C. Parthians conquer Judea.
- 37 B.C. Romans regain Judea.
Herod the Great succeeds Antipater.
- 31 B.C. Battle of Actium.
- 7 A.D. Caponius appointed Procurator.
Removed legal powers of Sanhedrin.

The Word of God Broken?

“Woe unto us for the scepter has departed from Judah and the Messiah has not come!”

Babylonian Talmud

The Priests thought the Word of God had been broken. However, a young boy was growing up in a carpenter shop in Nazareth...

The Roman Empire, Phase I (cont.)

- 64 A.D. Nero begins his persecutions
- 284 A.D. Diocletian splits the Empire (into two legs?)
- 312 A.D. Constantine moves the capital to Byzantium
- 476 A.D. Empire breaks into pieces...

Daniel 9: The Most Amazing Passage in the Entire Bible

When four disciples came to Jesus for a confidential briefing on His Second Coming, Jesus pointed them to this passage as the key to end-time prophecy! (Mt 24:15).

Old Testament (*Tenach*) Texts

- Original Hebrew (“*Vorlage*”) in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah.
- Septuagint Translation (LXX): in 285-270 B.C., Ptolemy Philadelphus II commissioned 70 top scholars at Alexandria to translate the Hebrew *Tenach* (Old Testament) into the common Greek of that day. It is the *primary quoted text in the New Testament*.
- Masoretic Text (MT), derived from the Council of Jamnia, 90 A.D.

Daniel 9: The Interrupted Prayer

- Daniel’s Prayer vv. 1 - 19
- Gabriel’s Visit vv. 20 - 23
- The Seventy Weeks vv. 24 - 27

The “70 Weeks” of Daniel

- The Scope Dan 9:24
- The 69 Weeks Dan 9:25
(The Interval) Dan 9:26
- The 70th Week Dan 9:27

The Scope

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

Daniel 9:24

The 69 Weeks

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

Daniel 9:25

The Triumphal Entry

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

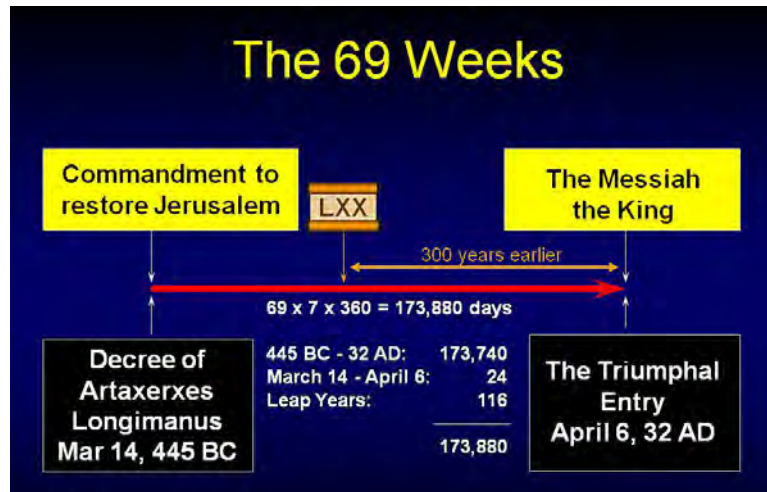
Zechariah 9:9

Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, "Master, rebuke thy disciples." And He answered and said unto them, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

Luke 19:38-40

Chronology of His Ministry

- Christ's ministry began in fall 28 A.D.
 - Tiberius appointed: 14 A.D.
- Augustus died August 19, 14 A.D.
 - (Within the) 15th year of Tiberius (Luke 3:1).
- 4th Passover: April 6, 32 A.D. [Sir Robert Anderson, 1894 (other chronologies presume a Friday crucifixion).]



Judgment Declared

And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least **in this thy day**, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another ...because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Luke 19:41-44

The Interval

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:26

Israel: God's Timepiece

1) Abraham to the Exodus

Promise (Gen 12:4)	75 years
Gal 3:17	<u>+430</u>
	505
Ishmael (Gen 16:16; 21:5)	<u>-15</u>
	490 years

2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun: 1 Kgs 6 - 8	594
Completed: 1 Kgs 6:38;	<u>+7</u>
	601

Servitudes:	Judges	
Mesopotamia	3:8	8
Moabites	3:12-14	18
Canaanites	4:2,3	20
Midianites	6:1	7
Ammonites	10:7,8	18
Philistines	13:1	<u>40</u>
		<u>-111</u>
		490 years

3) The Temple to the Edict of Artaxerxes

1 Kgs 8:1-66	1005 B.C.
Neh 2:1	<u>445 B.C.</u>
	560

Babylonian Captivity $\frac{-70}{490 \text{ years}}$

4) **Artaxerxes to the Second Coming**

Artaxerxes to the 1st Advent
 “The Sixty Nine Weeks” 483
 [Church interval] ?
 The Seventieth Week” $\frac{+7}{490 \text{ years}}$

The Desolations of Jerusalem

Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

Ezekiel 24:1,2

And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD... Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD’S temple was laid, consider it.

Haggai 2:15, 18

At the very time the Babylonian army was surrounding Jerusalem, Ezekiel, hundreds of miles away in Babylon (10th day of Tebeth, 589 B.C.); Haggai, nails the date they ended (24th day of Kislev, 520 B.C.). The interval is 25,200 days, 70 years of 360 days each.

430 Years?

430 (years) of judgment (Ezekiel 4:1-8): 430 – 70 [Babylon] = 360 years unaccounted for:

And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28

360 x 7 = 2520 years?

Calendar Reconciliation

$2520_{360} = 2483_{365} + 9 \text{ mos} + 21 \text{ days} :$

Julian year = 11^m 10.46^{sec} > mean solar year
 Gregorian Reform: 11 days removed

Leap Years: $2483/4 = 621$ (3 excess ea. 4 centuries: 18 excess)

$621 - (18-11) = 614 \text{ days}$
 $2483 \times 365 = 905,295$
 9 months = 270
 21 days = 21
 $2520_{360} = 907,200 \text{ days}$

“Servitude of the Nation”

$70 \text{ years}_{360} = 25,200 \text{ days} = 69 \text{ years}_{365}$ (less 2 days)

606 B.C. + 69 years = 537 B.C.

If July 23, 537 B.C. was their release...

[Source: Cyrus conquers Babylon, Oct 539 B.C.; Cyrus Cylinder: 538 B.C.; Return, 537 B.C.; Returnees 1st altar: 536 B.C. Josephus *The Antiquities of the Jews* 11. 1. 1.]

$-537^y \ 7^m \ 23^d$
 +1 (no “year 0”)
 $\frac{2483^y \ 9^m \ 21^d}{1948 \ 5 \ 14}$

On May 14, 1948, the nation of Israel was restored.

“Desolations of Jerusalem”

$70 \text{ years}_{360} = 25,200 \text{ days} = 69 \text{ years}_{365}$ (less 2 days)

587 B.C. + 69 years = 518 B.C.

If August 16, 518 B.C. was the completion of the walls:

$-518^y \ 8^m \ 16^d$
 +1 (no “year 0”)
 $\frac{2483^y \ 9^m \ 21^d}{1967 \ 6 \ 7}$

On June 7, 1967, the Biblical city of Jerusalem was restored to the nation.

“Desolations of Jerusalem” (Alternate View)

Window for the “Times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24):

-445 ^y	3 ^m	14 ^d	
+1			(no “year 0”)
2483 ^y	9 ^m	21 ^d	
2039	12	35	
2040	1	5	King Returns?
(less 7			70 th Week)
2033	1	5	Latest Harpazo date?

The End of the Diaspora

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 11:11, 12

An Astonishing Commitment

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

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Major Prophetic Themes

- Israel
- Jerusalem
- Temple
- Babylon
- Russia (Magog)
- Rise of China
- European SuperState
- Ecumenical Religion
- Global Government
- Rise of the Occult

Our Challenge

We are being plunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than in does about any other period in history... *including the time when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea.*

Prophecy 101 Session 3

The “End Time” Scenario

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“End Time” Topics

- The 70th Week of Daniel
- The Antichrist
- The Mark of the Beast
- The False Prophet
- The Abomination of Desolation
- The Great Tribulation
- The Revived Roman Empire
- Armageddon
- The Kings of the East
- The Refuge in Edom
- The Millennium

Jesus’ Confidential Briefing

Four disciples (Peter, James, John and Andrew) ask about His Return. Jesus’ response is recorded in three Gospels (Mt 24, 25; Mk 13; Lk 21).

The Olivet Discourse

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, When shall these things be? And What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:3-8

All these are “non-signs”: the end is NOT yet.

The Key Event

When ye therefore shall see the Abomination of Desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains...

Matthew 24:15-16

Jesus highlighted this very passage in Daniel as the key to prophecy in Matthew 24:15. He authenticates Daniel as a prophet, *and the author of this book! He also holds us responsible to understand this passage.*

[Note its Jewishness: “In Judea... not on the Sabbath Day.”]

The Flight from Judea

Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day:

Matthew 24:17-20

The “70th Week” of Daniel: Daniel 9

See last session for the study on the first 69 weeks.

And he (“the prince that shall come”) shall enforce the covenant with [the] many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27

The “Abomination of Desolation”

Every detail by design?

...and it was at Jerusalem the Feast of the Dedication, and it was winter.

John 10:22

Which “Feast of Dedication?”

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|------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| • Solomon’s Temple? | Autumn | 1 Kings 8:2 |
| • Zerubbabel’s Temple? | Spring | Ezra 6:15,16 |
| • The Rededication | Winter | (25 th of Kislev) |

Antiochus IV (“Epiphanes”): 175-164 B.C.

- Made Torah reading punishable by death
- Slaughtered a sow on the Altar
- Erected an idol to Zeus in the Holy of Holies
 - “The Abomination of Desolation” (Mt 24:15)
- The Maccabean Revolt
 - Three years: they threw off the yoke of Seleucid Empire
 - Rededicated the Temple: 25th of Kislev, 165 B.C.
- Celebrated as *Chanukah* (Jn 10:22).

The Great Tribulation

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:21, 22

The “Time of Jacob’s Trouble”: Jeremiah 30:7

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1

I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly.

Hosea 5:15

The Man of Sin: The Seed of the Serpent

Old Testament Allusions (from 33):

- Seed of the Serpent Gen 3:15
- Idol Shepherd Zech 11:16, 17
- Little Horn Dan 7:8-11, 21-2; Dan 8:9-12, 23-25
- Prince that shall come Dan 9:26
- Willful King Dan 11:36

New Testament Allusions (from 13):

- Beast Rev 11:7; 13
- False Prophet Rev 13
- Antichrist (Pseudo-Christ) 1 John 2:22
- Lawless One 2 Thess 2:8
- Man of Sin 2 Thess 2:3
- One come in his own name John 5:43
- Son of Perdition 2 Thess 2:3

His Characteristics

- An intellectual genius Dan 7:20; 8:23; Ezek 28:3
- An persuasive orator Dan 7:20; Rev 13:2
- A shrewd politician Dan 11:21; Dan 8:25;
- A financial genius Rev 13:17; Ezek 28:4, 5; Ps 52:7; Dan 11:38, 43;
- A forceful military leader Dan 8:24; Rev 6:2; Rev 13:4; Isa 4:16
- A powerful organizer Rev 13:1,2; 17:17
- A unifying religious guru 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 13:3, 14, 15;

(Cf. Ps 10, 52, 55; Isa 10,11,13,14; Jer 49-51; Zech 5; Rev 18.)

Jew or Gentile?

- The Leader will be the Son of Satan: Gen 3:15; Isa 27:1; Ezek 28:12-19; Rev 13;
- Some believe this leader will be a Jew: Ezek 21:25-27; Ezek 28:2-10 (of the circumcision); Dan 11:36, 37; John 5:43 (*allos*, not *heteros*: thus, a Jew, not a Gentile); received by Israel, Jn 5:43; Ps 55;
- Some believe he will be a Gentile (Roman Prince, etc.)
- There are *two players*: Rev 13.

The First Beast (of 2)

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 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. 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.

Revelation 13:1-3

His Physical Description

Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Zechariah 11:17

The Second Beast: “False Prophet”

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. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Revelation 13:11,12

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. 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: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Revelation 13:14-18

666: Whose Number?

Many point to bar codes, insertable chips, etc. for implementation technology and controls; they overlook that it is His number and name that are the critical identity issues.

The New Europe Roman Empire – Rome Phase II?

1951	April 18, Treaty of Paris; ECSC
1957	March 25, Treaties of Rome; EEC, EAEC
1958	March 19; European Parliament
1959	BeNeLux Group formed
1967	Merger of EEC, ECSC, EAEC
1973	Denmark, Ireland, UK join. (now there are 9)
1981	Greece joins. (Now there are 10?) Spain and Portugal join. Now there are 12.
1990	German unification
1993	November: Maastricht Treaty signed.
1995	Austria, Sweden, and Finland join. Now 15.
1999	The Euro as a common currency

An Empire Being Revived?

- Maastricht *obsoleted* the Treaty of Rome
- Centralized European SuperState:
 - Common Foreign Policy
 - Common Military
 - Common Currency: *Euro*
 - Common Judicial proposals
- Economic Potential Larger than the U.S.

New World Order

- “A World Without Borders”
- End of the independent Nation-State
- Multiculturalism
- Centralized Socialistic Government: prelude to tyranny...
- Forcing Functions: *Nuclear Proliferation; Terrorism*

Ecumenical Religion

Biblical Christianity is becoming increasingly politically *incorrect*. The Vatican is positioning for global leadership.

What is the “Miry Clay”?

And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Daniel 2:43

Are these Nephilim? Clones?

Armageddon

And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Revelation 16:16

Har-Megiddo = Tel (Mt.) Megiddo.



The Rise of China: The Kings of the East

Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these [from the east] from the land of Sinin.

Isaiah 49:12

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 16:12

The Refuge in Edom

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save and in mercy.

Isaiah 63:1

The Millennium: A Watershed Issue

The Return of Christ to Rule

- 1,845 references in the Old Testament.
- 17 books give prominence to the event.
- 318 references in the New Testament.
- 216 chapters.
- 23 of 27 books give prominence to the event.
- *For every prophecy of Christ's 1st Coming there are 8 of His 2nd Coming!*

The History of Amillennialism

- Origen: Allegorization of Scripture.
- Augustine: Amillennialism.
- Roman Catholic Eschatology.
- Reformation failed to address...Most Protestant Denominations are Amillennial (and Post-Tribulational) in their eschatological views.

Amillennial Problems

- Messianic Promises throughout the Old Testament.
- Destiny of Israel in God's Covenants.
- Numerous reconfirmations throughout the New Testament.
- Promise given to Mary by Angel Gabriel.

Gabriel's Promise to Mary

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:32,33

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The Interval of Daniel 9:26 & the Destiny of Israel

Divisions of Theology:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Bibliology | The Bible |
| • Theology Proper | Attributes of God |
| • Christology | Lord Jesus Christ |
| • Pneumatology | Holy Spirit |
| • Angelology | Angels, fallen and unfallen |
| • Anthropology | Man |
| • Soteriology | Salvation |

- Ecclesiology The Church
- Eschatology End-Times; Last Things

Notice what's missing? Israelology = the study of Israel as an instrument in God's program for man.

Israel and the Church

- Distinctions: Different Origins, Missions, Destinies.
- "Replacement" views deny Israel its place in God's program.
 - Makes God a Liar.
 - Laid the basis for Christian Anti-Semitism.
- The "70 Weeks" deal specifically with *Israel*.
- Paul's dichotomy: Jews + Gentiles = Church.
- Distinctives reappear after Revelation 4...

Blindness Declared

Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Luke 19:42

For How Long?

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the Fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

Romans 11:25



The Magog Invasion: Ezekiel 38 & 39

This is the occasion in which God Himself intervenes to quell the ill-fated invasion of Israel by Magog and its allies—Persia, Cush, Phut, Libya, Gomer, Togarmah, Meshech, Tubal. (Why all the strange names? We make it do so: we keep changing the names of things:

Petrograd = St. Petersburg = Leningrad = St. Petersburg again...
 Byzantium = Constantinople = Istanbul
 Cape Canaveral = Cape Kennedy, etc.

The passage also appears to anticipate the use of nuclear weapons.

The Magog Identity

- Hesiod, Greek Didactic Poet, 8th century B.C.
 - Magogians => Scythians.
- Herodotus, "Father of History," 5th century B.C.
 - Scythians (10th - 3rd century B.C.).
- Philo, Josephus, et al.
 - The Great Wall of China = "Ramparts of Gog & Magog."
- Soviet Archaeologists' discoveries.
- From their place in the "north parts."

Nuclear Weapons?

- Left-over weapons provide all the energy for the nation Israel for 7 years
- Professionals hired to clear the battlefield
 - They wait 7 months; then clear for 7 months
 - Bury the dead east of the Dead Sea (downwind)
- If a traveler finds something the professionals have missed, he doesn't touch it: he marks the location and lets the professionals deal with it.

A Disturbing Hint?

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 39:6

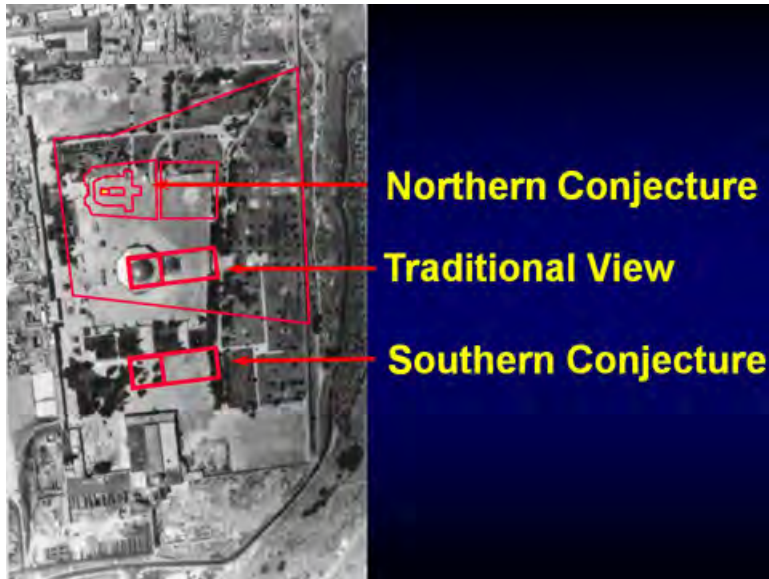
The more you know about the details of the text in Ezekiel 38 and 39, and the more you know about the current geopolitical horizon, the more it seems that it this could be getting into position to happen soon...

The Rebuilding of the Temple

Jesus: Matthew 24:15.
Paul: 2 Thessalonians 2:4.
John: Revelation 11:1, 2.

The Location of the Temple

Traditional: At the site of the Dome of the Rock.
Northern: Dr. Asher Kaufman.
Southern: Tuvia Sagiv



Some Background History

- 70 A.D.: Fall of Jerusalem
- 132 A.D.: Bar Kochba Revolt
- 135 A.D.: Romans regain Jerusalem
- Aelia Capitolina built over the ruins
- Temple to Jupiter built over the site of the Jewish Temple—An Equestrian Statue of Hadrian was installed over the Holy of Holies

The Destruction of Babylon: Isa 13-14; Jer 50-51; Rev 17-18

Is this destruction Literal? Pride of the Chaldeans; city on the Euphrates; etc. **Atrophy and Decay:** The city subsequently underwent a

gradual decay, even though the ruins remained occupied. Documents on clay from a school for priests in the city continued at least until 100 A.D. Early in the first century A.D. a colony of merchants from Palmyra brought brief prosperity, but they left about 75 A.D. (Garner, p 7-8.) The city was visited by Trajan in 115 A.D. Babylon was first reported deserted by Septimus Severus 84 years later.

As recently as the 1800's the village of Hillah, containing over 10,000 inhabitants, stood on the site of ancient Babylon. (Rich, p.157.) In the late nineteenth century, the German archeologist Robert Koldewey conducted extensive studies at Babylon and the four Arab villages situated on the site. Babylon had been inhabited for some time even before his arrival.

The great prophecies concerning the city of Babylon in Isaiah chapters 13 and 14 and Jeremiah 50 and 51 *have never been fulfilled*. In Isaiah 13 and 14, the destruction of Babylon is predicted. In vigorous terms, Isaiah describes how Babylon will be destroyed and then will *never again be inhabited*. This identifies the *time* of the destruction as that particular period known as the "Day of The Lord" that is mentioned throughout the scripture and is associated with the final day of God's vengeance. (Joel 2:10; Mal 4:5; Dan 12:1; Mt 24:21-22.) When God destroys Babylon, he will destroy all the evil in the world. The destruction of Babylon predicted by both Isaiah and Jeremiah has *never been fulfilled*.

The Doom of Babylon

- **Fall of Babylon** **539 B.C.**
 - Without a battle
 - Became Alexander's capital
 - Atrophied over the centuries
 - Presently being rebuilt
- **Destruction of Babylon** **Isa 13-14; Jer 50-51**
 - "Never to be inhabited"
 - "Building materials never reused"
 - "Like Sodom and Gomorrah"
- **"Mystery Babylon?"** **Rev 17-18**

"Mystery Babylon": Revelation 17 & 18

- **The Great Whore** **Rev 17**
 - Rides the Beast with 7 heads, 10 horns
 - Mother of Harlots and Abominations
 - Drunk with the blood of the saints

- **Babylon the Great (City)** **Rev 18**
 - Kings
 - Merchants
 - Those that trade by sea

The Woman in the Ephah: Zechariah 5:5-11

- Woman called “Wickedness”
 - Sealed in a Ephah with talent of lead
 - Carried by two women
- With wings of a stork
- Between the earth and heaven

The Destiny of the United States: Hosea 4-14; Gen 12:2, 3

Our Predicament

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times.
Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

The Northern Kingdom

Their standing army had recovered all of the territory previously lost; they enjoyed unparalleled material prosperity: “*It was the best of times...*”

God’s Indictment

They had exchanged their loyalty to their heritage for idol worship. The results? The lowest ebb of immorality: “*It was the worst of times...*”

- Social injustice
- Violent crime
- Religious hypocrisy
- Political rebellion
- Selfish arrogance
- Spiritual ingratitude

Hosea’s Message

Although a loving and caring God had provided their abundance and prosperity; their sin, disloyalty and abandonment of Him will force Him to vindicate His justice with judgment. Thus, God is going to use their enemies as His instrument of judgment. Shortly they will be history.

American Parallels?

- Homosexuality is just an “alternative lifestyle”
- We murder babies that are socially inconvenient
- We change marriage partners like a fashion statement
- We have abandoned the sanctity of commitments in all of our relationships.

God rebuked Israel for their brutality, murder, and warfare. We have had Waco and Columbine High School. New York City has recorded more crimes than England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Norway, and Denmark, *combined*.

We, too, have had Viet Nam, Kosovo, et al. We should have been sending Bibles, not bullets and bombs. Missionaries not missiles. We have clearly disconnected Character from Destiny.

Immorality and deceit have also come to characterize the highest offices of our nation as well. Our politics have condoned and covered up more murders than we dare list. Our public enterprises have been prostituted to the convenience of the elite. Our entertainments celebrate adultery, fornication, violence, aberrant sexual practices, and every imaginable form of evil. We have become the primary exporters of all that God abhors: “*It is (indeed) the worst of times.*”

A Measure of Distress

“Every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Deut 12:8; Judges 17:6; 21:25; Prov 12:15; 21:2) = *Absolutely no fear of God.*

The New Restrictions

Creationism cannot be taught because it requires a belief in God. Morality cannot be taught because it requires reference to the Bible. Traditional history cannot be taught because it speaks of the important place of God and our religious values throughout the entire record of human affairs.

The Cycle of Nations

...from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependency; from dependence back again into bondage.

Alexander Tyler, 1750

Where are we?

Thomas Jefferson

I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.

Thomas Jefferson, 1781
Notes on the State of Virginia

Judgment Deferred?

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:3

If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves; and pray; and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

The Destiny of the Church: Revelation 2 & 3

The Divine Outline: Revelation 1:19

Write the things which **thou hast seen**,

The Vision of Christ, Chapter 1

and the things which **are**,

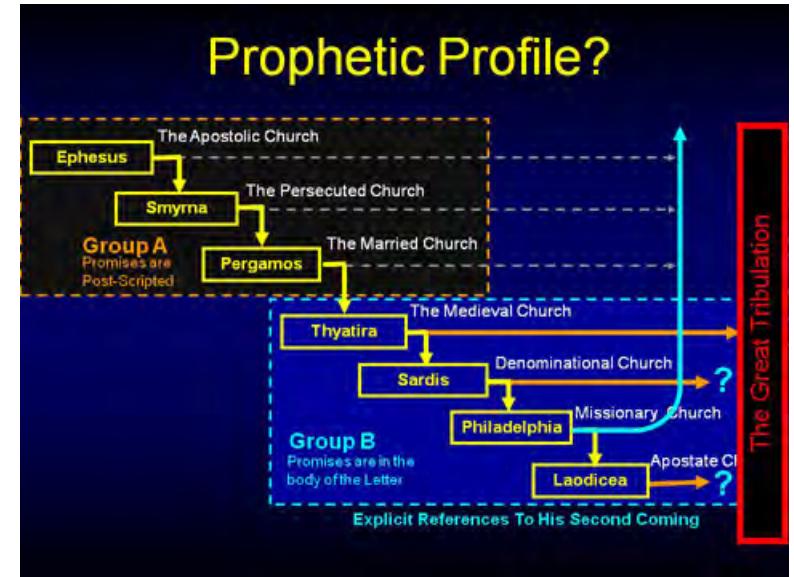
The Seven Churches, Chapters 2 & 3

and the things which **shall be hereafter**;

That which follows after the Churches; Chapters 4-22

The Seven Churches: “The Things that Are”

- Why *these* seven? “He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
- Four Levels of Application:
- Name of the Church
- Title of Christ Chosen
- Commendation
- Concern
- Exhortation
- Promise to the Overcomer
- “He that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”



The Harpazo: The Most Preposterous Belief of Biblical Christianity

This is controversial. Your view will derive from your hermeneutics: how seriously do you take the Biblical text? Traditional denominational eschatology is “amillennial” and has problems with the “harpazo” or “rapture.”

The Upper Room Promise

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

The Blessed Hope

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

The *Harpazo*

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16,17

Translated Believers

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

The Man of Sin

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that Man of Sin be revealed, 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, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2 Thessalonians 2:3-5

The Restrainer

And now ye know what [restraineth] that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He who now [restraineth] will [restrain], until He be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2 Thessalonians 2:6-8

The Order of Events

They believe that the Day of Lord has come, and they have not been taken out of the way (or why would they be upset?) **They either have been misinformed (by Paul!) or they have missed the *Harpazo*...** No! An apostasy must come first. [or the word “departure” *might* refer to the Rapture] **Then** the Restainer will be taken out of the way—and His containers! **Then** the Man of Sin will be revealed...etc.

The Second Coming

Dan 2:44-45
Dan 7:9-14
Dan 12:1-3
Zech 14:1-15
Mt 13:41
Mt 24:15-31
Mt 26:64
Mk 13:14-27
Mk 14:62
Lk 21:25-28
Acts 1:9-11
Acts 3:19-21
1 Thess 3:13
2 Thess 1:6-10
2 Thess 2:8
2 Peter 3:1-14
Jude 14-15
Rev 1:7
Rev 19:11-20:6
Rev 22:7, 12, 20

The “Rapture”

Jn 14:1-3
1 Cor 15:1-53
1 Thess 4:13-18
Rom 8:19
1 Cor 1:7-8
1 Cor 16:22
Phil 3:20-21
Col 3:4
1 Thess 1:10
1 Thess 2:19
1 Thess 5:9
1 Thess 5:23
2 Thess 2:1, (3)
1 Tim 6:14
2 Tim 4:1
Titus 2:13
Heb 9:28
James 5:7-9
1 Pet 1:7, 13
1 Jn 2:28-3:2
Jude 21
Rev 2:25; Rev 3:10

Two Events

Second Coming

No translation at all.

Translated saints return to earth.

Earth judged; righteousness established.

Follows definite predicted signs, including tribulation.

Predicted often in Old Testament.

Affects all men on the earth.

Concluding the day of wrath.

Rapture

Translation of all believers.

Translated saints go to heaven.

Earth not judged.

Imminent, any-moment, signless.

Not in the Old Testament.

Believers only.

Before the day of wrath.

Satan is bound.	No reference to Satan.
Christ comes <i>with</i> His own.	Christ comes <i>for</i> His own.
He comes to the <i>earth</i> .	He comes in the <i>air</i> .
He comes with His bride.	He claims His bride.
Every eye shall see Him.	Only His own see.
Millennial Kingdom begins.	Tribulation begins
OT saved raised after Millennium?	Church believers only?

The Wrath of God

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Revelation 6:17

Three Groups Facing Flood of Noah

- Those that *perished* in the Flood.
- Those *preserved through* the Flood.
- Those *removed prior* to the Flood.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:36

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- 216 chapters.
- 23 of 27 books give prominence to the event.
- *For every prophecy of Christ's 1st Coming there are 8 of His 2nd Coming!*

The History of Amillennialism

- Origen: Allegorization of Scripture.
- Augustine: Amillennialism.
- Roman Catholic Eschatology.
- Reformation failed to address... Most Protestant Denominations are Amillennial (and Post-Tribulation) in their eschatological views.

Amillennial Problems

- Messianic Promises throughout the Old Testament.
- Destiny of Israel in God's Covenants.
- Numerous reconfirmations throughout the New Testament.
- Promise given to Mary by Angel Gabriel.

Post-Tribulation Views

- Classic Post-Tribulationism (Payne, et al)
- Semi-classic Post-Tribulationism (Alexander Reese)
- Futuristic Post-Tribulationism (George E. Ladd)
- Dispensational Post-Tribulationism (Robert H. Gundry)

Post-Tribulation Problems

- Denies NT teaching of Imminency.
- We are to expect at *any* time...
- Requires the Church during 70th Week.
- Israel and the Church mutually exclusive (Dan 9:26).
- Church experiences God's Wrath.
- Promised not to experience (1 Thess 5:9; Rev 3:10).
- How can the Bride come *with* Him?
- Who will populate the Millennium?
- Who are in the "Sheep and Goat" Judgment of Matthew 25?
- How can the virgins of Matthew 25 buy oil without the Mark of the Beast?

Rapture *Precedes* the 70th Week

- 70th Week is *defined* by covenant enforced by the Coming World Leader (Dan 9:27);
- "Great Tribulation" = last 1/2 of 70th Week (Mt 24:15, 21);
- The Leader cannot be revealed until *after* the Rapture (2 Thess 2:6-9).

Why Literally?

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:17,18

Pre-Tribulation Eschatology

- *Epistle of Barnabas*, A.D. 100.
- Irenaeus, in *Against Heresies*.
- Hippolytus, a disciple of Irenaeus, 2nd Century.
- Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*.
- Ephraem, the Syrian, 4th Century.

Ephraem of Nisibis (306-373 A.D.)

For all the saints and Elect of God are gathered, prior to the tribulation that is to come, and are taken to the Lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins.

On the Last Times, the Antichrist, and the End of the World

Pre-Tribulation Eschatology

- 1687: Peter Jurieu, *The Approaching Deliverance of the Church*;
- 1738: Philip Doddridge's *Commentary on the New Testament*;
- 1748: Dr. John Gill, *Commentary on the New Testament*;
- 1763: James Macknight, *Commentary on the Apostolical Epistles*;
- 1792: Thomas Scott, *Commentary on the Holy Bible*;
- 1812: Emanuel Lacunza (Ben Ezra);
- 1816: Edward Irving;
- 1820: John N. Darby;
- 1830: Margaret McDonald.

Date Setters

- Joachim of Flores, 1260;
- Militz of Kromeriz, 1365;
- Joseph Mede, 1660;
- John Napier, 1688;
- Pierre Jurieu of France, 1689;
- William Whitson, 1715; then 1734; then 1866;
- J.A. Bengal, 1836;
- Joseph Worlf, 1847;

- William Miller, 1843; then Oct. 22, 1844;
- C.T. Russell, 1874;
- E.C. Whisenant's "88 reasons for 1988";
- Harold Camping, September 1994;
- More coming...

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matthew 24:42

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:44

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:13; Mark 13:33-37

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Luke 12:40

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:7

"Rapture-itis"

- A uniquely American dementia.
- Just because the Church will *not* go through The Great Tribulation, *why should we escape what most of the Body of Christ, in most of the world for most of the past 2,000 years has had to endure?*

Our Challenge

We are being plunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than it does about any other period of time in history...*including the time when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea.*

Strategic Trends

- Struggle for Jerusalem Zech 12; Luke 21
- Magog Invasion Ezek 38, 39

- Rise of European Superstate Dan 2, 7
- Rise of China Isa 49; Rev 19
- Toward Global Government Dan 11, Rev 13
- Ecumenical Religion Rev 13, 17, 18
- Global Pestilence Rev 6:8
- Decline of United States Hosea 4 – 14
- Weapons of Mass Destruction Matthew 24:22

Other Resources

- Monthly News Journal: *Personal UPDATE*
- Internet site: www.khouse.org
 - Strategic Trends monitored
 - *eNews*: Weekly email bulletins (free)
 - Blue Letter Bible (free)
- English, Hebrew, Greek text
- Commentaries, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias
- Home Bible Study resources

[Ending Poem: *Our Coming King* (inspired by Pastor S.D. Lockridge)]



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