

**Opening Scripture Reading/Prayer:**

**Exodus 31:12-17**

*The Sabbath*

<sup>12</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>13</sup> "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you . . .  
<sup>16</sup> Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. <sup>17</sup> It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.'"

**Isaiah 56**

*Salvation for Foreigners*

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

<sup>3</sup> Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,  
"The LORD will surely separate me from his people";

and let not the eunuch say,  
"Behold, I am a dry tree."

<sup>4</sup> For thus says the LORD:

"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,

<sup>5</sup> I will give in my house and within my walls  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

<sup>6</sup> "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples."

<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
"I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered."

**Isaiah 58:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,  
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,  
and call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

**Isaiah 66:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> "For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make  
shall remain before me, says the LORD,  
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the LORD.

#### Jesus Lord of the Sabbath

“For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” Matthew 12:8

#### Shadows

##### Freedom from Human Rules

“Let no one therefore judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths which are a shadow of what is to come but the Body of the Messiah.”

Colossians 2:16-17 (KJV)

Here, he is telling us that the **Appointed Times** (Feast Days) and the Sabbath are a **shadow of things to come**. A shadow is of the same image as what it is portraying. So, doesn't this imply these will be observed in the future kingdom? And note the text says that these commands **ARE** a **shadow of things to come**, **not** “were a shadow” or “used to be a shadow” of things to come. He then says, **‘let no man judge you’** (in these things: new moon; Sabbath; feasts) **‘but the Body of Messiah.’** The word “is” has been added to the original text and did not appear in the Greek.

*The Body of Messiah is to judge each other with regard to these things. A second witness to this can be found in the following verses:*

“But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone called ‘a brother,’ if he is one who whores, or greedy of gain, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you **not judge**, to **pick out** by separating, to be of **opinion**, to **judge** those who are inside? But Elohim judges those who are outside. And put away the wicked one from among you!” **1 Corinthians 5:11-13**

“not judge” - (*krinō* (2919): to distinguish (to approve what is correct and reject what is wrong - discern).

“to pick out”: choose.

“opinion”: decide.

“to judge”: “bringing to trial” - expressing severe disapproval of (someone or something), typically in a formal statement).

*Let's Remember what God told the People to do before they got delivered out of Egypt, which we are reminded to do prior to Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming:*

#### 1. I Will Provide the Way Out and All the Way Into the Promise Land

**Exodus 11:2** - Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry.”

#### 2. Know the Times

**Exodus 12:1-17** - The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “**This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.**”<sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

...<sup>7</sup> “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it . . .

...<sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast . . .

...<sup>17</sup> And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever.”

**Opening Scripture Reading:**

**"You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."**

**Mark 7:8**

**This Weekend's Big Day – "The Birth of the Redemption & Salvation of Mankind":**

**"The King is in the Field"**

**Last Weekend begin the new month of Elul** (which this year falls between **Sat, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> to Mon, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – 2021**)

These 40 days are a time of meeting with the King of Kings - a time to be happy. Which also corresponds to the prophesied Messianic Virgin Birth (Isaiah 7:14), **Jesus' Birth** (which this year would fall on **Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – 2020**), and the prophesied Messianic Return (Zechariah 14:1-4, 9), **Jesus' Return** (if this was the year of his Returning (which it is not! He will actually Return following an Israeli Peace Plan, World War III along the Euphrates River (2.4 billion die), Temple on the Temple Mount Built, Temple Sacrifices resume after nearly 1,900 years, the Abomination of Desolation, the Great Tribulation, 42 months following the Abomination of Desolation (per the prophecy of Daniel 8-12), Armageddon, and finally Jesus' Return on the Feast of Trumpets (also known as "the Day and Hour Unknown") will fall between **Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 2021**).

**Jesus' Birthday: ("When you go out" - Ki Tetze - Original Est. Date: Sept 8/9, 5 BCE)**

Elul - Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

**"When you go out to war against your enemies**, and the Lord your God gives them into your hand and you take them captive . . ." **Deut 21:10**

(Begins at sundown and Ends at sundown)

**2021**

Friday, August 20th to Saturday, August 21st

**2022**

Friday, September 9th to Saturday, September 10th

**2023**

Friday, August 25th to Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

Forty weeks (the period of human gestation) after Jesus' conception, following the Holy Spirit's impregnating the Virgin Mary, on Kislev 25, 3755, the first night of Hanukkah, December 6, 6 BCE, Jesus is born. It is Friday night, Elul 9, in the Jewish year 3756. This corresponds to our Gregorian calendar date of September 9, 5 BCE. It is the beginning of the weekly Sabbath. The Jewish people have a particular name for every Sabbath and they read specific passages of Scripture on those Sabbaths. The one on which Jesus is born is called KiTetzzei, **"When you go out"**, Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19:

**"When you go out to war against your enemies**, and the Lord your God gives them into your hand and you take them captive . . ."

**Deut 21:10**

**A Passage of Scripture that Stood Out to Me this Week, in a profound way:**

**Highlights of the Reading this Week:**

**Week 45 - KI TETZE (When You Go Out)**

Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19; Isaiah 54:1–10; 1 Corinthians 5:1–5

**"When you go forth to battle against your enemies" – The "TRUE" Christmas Story**

**"When you go out [ki tetze] to war against your enemies**, and the Lord your God gives them into your hand and you take them captive . . ."

**Deut 21:10**

**Last week**, Scripture Reading "Judges" (Shoftim) focused rather broadly on the system of worship, judicial procedures, and the administration of the nation; and the future Messianic Reign:

The Hebrew prophet Isaiah promised that there would come a day when judges would be restored as in the days of old: *"I shall restore your judges [shoftim] as at first, and your counselors [yaats] as at the beginning."* **Isaiah 1:26**

Although Isaiah mentions the judges, the officers do not appear in this prophecy, but rather "counselors."

Why will counselors replace the role of officers?

**In the days of redemption, when the Messiah returns to rule and reign in righteousness, there will be no need for “enforcers” of the Torah.**

In the Messianic era, all will have such a deep desire to follow and obey the Lord that only counselors will be needed to explain and clarify (not to enforce) the decisions of the judges.

*This week’s Reading of Scripture, Reading “When you go out” (Ki Tetze), includes 74 of the 613 commandments contained in the Torah. These commandments include miscellaneous criminal, civil, and family laws as well as moral and religious duties of the Israelites; and one of the most iconic prophetic revelations, time stamp of the Birth of the Messiah.*

- **“When you go out [ki tetze] to war against your enemies, and the Lord your God gives them into your hand and you take them captive . . .” Deut 21:10**

**Note:** Regular public reading of the Torah was introduced by Ezra the Scribe after the return of the Judean exiles from the Babylonian captivity (c. 537 BCE), as described in the Book of Nehemiah.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torah\\_reading#:~:text=Regular%20public%20reading%20of%20the%20Torah%20was%20introduced,a%20set%20procedure%20unchanged%20since%20the%20Talmudic%20era.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torah_reading#:~:text=Regular%20public%20reading%20of%20the%20Torah%20was%20introduced,a%20set%20procedure%20unchanged%20since%20the%20Talmudic%20era.)

### **Jesus’ Prophetic Birthday:**

Based on my knowledge of Scripture, historical facts, the Biblical calendar and Jewish tradition I would like to present the following Christmas story as a plausible way in which the events surrounding Jesus’ birth occurred.

It is Saturday night, Kislev 25, in the Jewish year 3756. It is the first night of Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication and the Feast of Light, December 6, 6 BCE. The angel Gabriel comes to the Virgin Mary with a message from God. She will conceive in her womb, bear a son and name him Jesus (Yashua – Joshua – “I AM SALVATION”). The Holy Spirit will come upon her, and the power of the Most High will overshadow her; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.

Also around the time of the winter solstice (December 21<sup>st</sup>), Romans observed Juvenalia, a feast honoring the children of Rome.

In addition, members of the upper classes often celebrated the birthday of Mithra, on December 25. Mithra was an ancient Persian god of light. It was believed that Mithra, an infant god, was born of a rock. For some Romans, Mithra’s birthday was the most sacred day of the year. In the later Roman Empire, Mithra blended with Sol Invictus, god of the “unconquered sun.”

Some theorists believe the early Roman Catholic Church may have chosen the same date for Christmas in order to supplant pagan rituals, though many Christian scholars dispute this.

<https://www.history.com/topics/natural-disasters-and-environment/winter-solstice>

**Pagans commonly celebrated the birthdays of their gods, however in the Bible a birthday is never celebrated to the true God, who being eternal has no birth or day of origin.**

Mary appropriately Hanukkahs (dedicates – first use for a holy purpose) her body to be the temple of God by saying, *“Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word.”*

The Holy Spirit impregnates Mary. She now has the Word of God, eternal life and the light of men dwelling in the darkness of her womb. As it is written: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.* (John 1:1-5)

Interestingly, on the first night of Hanukkah many Jews quote this passage of Scripture, *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.”* (Genesis 1:1-3)

Coincidentally we are reminded by the Scripture in **John 10:22-39**, that Jesus declared Himself to be the Son of God on Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication and Light in the Temple at Jerusalem.

#### **I and the Father Are One**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the **Feast of Dedication** took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me,<sup>[a]</sup> is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> **I and the Father are one.**”

<sup>31</sup> The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered him, “**It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.**”<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods?’ <sup>35</sup> If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—<sup>36</sup> do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? <sup>37</sup> If I am not doing the works of my

Father, then do not believe me; <sup>38</sup> but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may **know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.**” <sup>39</sup> Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands. **John 10:22-39**

**Forty weeks** after His conception Jesus is born. It is Friday night, Elul 7, in the Jewish year 3756. This corresponds to our Gregorian calendar date of September 9, 5 BCE. It is the beginning of the weekly Sabbath. The Jewish people have a particular name for every Sabbath and they read specific passages of Scripture on those Sabbaths. The one on which Jesus is born is called KiTeitzei, **“WHEN YOU GO OUT to battle against your enemies”**<sup>\*</sup>. On that Sabbath night Jesus goes forth from the womb. And the next morning in the Temple and in every synagogue Isaiah 54:1-10 is read. It begins this way:

**“Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; for the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous than the sons of the married woman,” says the LORD.**” Isaiah 54:1

**Forty weeks** – is the period of human gestation.

**enemies** – 1 John 3:7-9 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

**Timeline of John the Baptist and Jesus' Conceptions and Births (6-months apart):**

**Pentecost – June/Feast of Weeks/Pentecost (Conception of John the Baptist) Luke 1-23**

**Luke 1:5-80**

*Birth of John the Baptist Foretold*

<sup>5</sup> In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named **Zachariah**, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was **Elizabeth**. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because *Elizabeth was barren*, and *both were advanced in years*.

<sup>8</sup> Now **while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty**<sup>\*</sup>, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

<sup>\*</sup> Zacharias was of the division of Abijah. A thousand years earlier, King David had reorganized the priests by families and had created 24 “courses” of priests to minister for a week at a time in the temple (*David's reorganization program is recorded in 1 Chron. 24:3, 4*). Each “course” or “division” ministered twice during the year, accounting for 48 weeks. The other four weeks in the year were at the time of the feasts when they all served as needed in the temple . . . The eighth in the list was Abijah (**1 Chron. 24:10**) . . . Hence, **the eighth division of priests arrived early on the day of Pentecost Sunday, seven weeks later, to minister in the temple** . . . Luke does not tell us which day of the week he was the one honored to burn incense in the temple, but it is likely that he did so on that first morning, Pentecost Sunday. It was the year 3 B.C., for John would be born around the following Passover. (<https://godskingdom.org/studies/books/dr-luke-healing-the-breaches-book-1/chapter-2-zacharias>)

**Sixth Month of Elizabeth's Pregnancy – December/The Feast of Hanukkah (Conception of Jesus) Luke 26-45**

**Ninth Month of Elizabeth's Pregnancy, she Gives Birth – March/Passover (Birth of John the Baptist) Luke 57-80**

**Ninth Month of Mary's Pregnancy, she Gives Birth (6-months after John the Baptist's Birth) – September/the season of “When the King is in the Field” and near the time of the Feast of Trumpets (Birth of Jesus) Luke 2:1-38**

<sup>\*</sup> **Elul 7/September 9th 5BC, the Sabbath Reading of “WHEN YOU GO OUT to battle against your enemies,” Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19; 23-days later was the beginning of the “Feast of Blowing/Trumpets” (Tishri 1/October 2nd 5BC), when all Israeli King's births began their counting and when all Israeli King's coronation were commenced; and 44-days later was the 8th Day of the “Feast of Tabernacles”, also known as “Hossana Rabba/The Great Day of Salvation”, fulfilling Mary's 40-days of Purification (Leviticus 12:1-4 & Luke 2:22), the future fulfillment of our Entering into Eternity with God, and the fulfillment of the consolation of Israel, prophesied to Simeon (Luke 2:22-35).**

On the following Sabbath, being the eighth day Jesus is circumcised. The Jewish people call this particular Sabbath, KiTavo, **“When you enter”**. On that day Jesus entered into the Mosaic (*Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 17:1-14 & Affirmed to Moses and God's People in Deuteronomy 30:6-10*) Covenant (*Mosaic Covenant – Exodus 31:12-17*) through His circumcision. And in the Temple and every synagogue the prophet **Isaiah 60:1-22** is read. It begins this way:

**Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you. And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you.**

And in verse six of that passage of Scripture it prophesies the coming of the Magi to see Jesus. It reads this way:

**A multitude of camels will cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba will come; they will bring gold and frankincense, and will bear good news (myrrh - a sweet smelling aroma) of the praises of the LORD.**

Mary waited the prescribed **40 days** for **her purification** from the blood of childbirth before presenting her son, Jesus at the Temple. It was Thursday, **Ethanim 21**, of the Jewish year 3756 or our October 23, 5 BCE. The Jewish people call the day **Hossana Rabba** or “**The Great Day of Salvation**”. It is the last day of the **Feast of Tabernacles** (Sukkoth).

**40 DAYS** (2020) - from the Sabbath, Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm through Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, reading during the Sabbath is “**When you go out**” (Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19), puts us on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm through Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, or on the Biblical Calendar, the same day as the “**Eight Day**” (the Beginning of Eternity in Heaven) of the Feast of Tabernacles, known as the “**Great Day of Salvation**”.

**her purification** - Leviticus 12:1-4 - “The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If a woman conceives and bears a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days. As at the time of her menstruation, she shall be unclean. <sup>3</sup> And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. <sup>4</sup> Then she shall continue for thirty-three days in the blood of her **purifying. She shall not touch anything holy, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are completed.**”

**Ethanim** - is the seventh month of God’s calendar. It falls within our September/October time frame. The Jewish people currently call this month Tishri.

**Feast of Tabernacles** - In Hebrew the feast is called Sukkoth, which is translated as tent, hut, tabernacle or booth and indicates a temporary dwelling.

i.e. Luke 2:22-35 – *Jesus Presented at the Temple* – “<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord . . . <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the **consolation** of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s **Christ**. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child **Jesus**, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

**consolation** – paraklés (3874) Messianic salvation.

**Christ** – Christos (5547) the Messiah – the Salvation of Israel.

**Jesus** – Iésous (2424) “I am Salvation” – the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind, Joshua, the name of the Messiah – Yahweh (tetragram name): “*Behold the man with raised nail pierced hands*”.

**The Feast of Tabernacles is the most joyous feast of the year** for Israel and it has four major themes associated with it. Let’s see how these four themes are linked to Jesus’ first appearance at the Temple.

**The first theme** is the **ingathering of various tree branches**. Jesus, “the **Branch**” spoken of by Isaiah the prophet (Isaiah 11:1-10) concerning the messiah is brought into Jerusalem during the feast. It was written of Him: “*Then a **shoot** will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a **branch** from his roots will bear fruit.*”

Jesse was King David’s father. Therefore, the messiah had to be a descendent of King David, which Jesus was according to the genealogies. The shoot or branch in the prophecy can also be rendered from the root Hebrew word **Nazir** meaning “*unpruned vine*” from whence we get the word **Nazarene**. This is why the Bible references Jesus as the **Nazarene** or Jesus from **Nazareth**.

**Nazarene** is a title applied to **Jesus**, who, according to the **New Testament**, grew up in **Nazareth**, a town in **Galilee**, now in northern **Israel**. The word is used to translate two related terms that appear in the **Greek New Testament**: *Nazarēnos* (Nazarene) and *Nazōraios* (Nazorean). The phrases traditionally rendered as “Jesus of Nazareth” can also be translated as “**Jesus the Nazarene**” or “Jesus the Nazorean”, and the title “**Nazarene**” may have a religious significance instead of denoting a place of origin.

The **Gospel of Matthew** explains that the title Nazarene is derived from the prophecy “He will be called a Nazorean”, *but this has no obvious Old Testament source*. Some scholars argue that it refers to a passage in the Book of Isaiah (Isaiah 11:1, “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a **branch** from his roots shall bear fruit.”), with “Nazarene” a Greek reading of the Hebrew *ne-tser* (**branch**), understood as a **messianic title**. Others point to a passage in the **Book of Judges** which refers to Samson as a **Nazirite**, a word that is just one letter off from Nazarene in Greek.

The Greek **New Testament** uses “**Nazarene**” (a **branch**) six times (Mark, Luke), while “Nazorean” is used 13 times (Matthew, Mark in some manuscripts, Luke, John, Acts). In the **Book of Acts**, “**Nazorean**” is used to **refer to a follower of Jesus**, i.e. a **Christian**, *rather than an inhabitant of a town*. “Notzrim” is the modern Hebrew word for Christians (*No-tsri*, נוצרים) and one of two words commonly used to mean “Christian” in Syriac (*Nasrani*) and Arabic (*Nasrānī*, نصراني).

In Acts, **Paul of Tarsus** is called, “**a ringleader of the sect of the Nazoreans**” (Acts 24:5), thus identifying Nazorean with Christian. Although both “Christianios” (by Gentiles) and “Nazarenes” (by Jews) appear to have been current in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, and both are recorded in the New Testament, the Gentile name “Christian” appears to have won out against “Nazarene” in usage among Christians themselves after the 1st century.

**Modern Hebrew** the word “Notzrim” (נוצרים) is the standard word for **Christians**.

In **Rabbinic** and contemporary **Israeli modern Hebrew**, the term *Notzrim* (plural) (**Hebrew**: נוצרים), or singular “*Notzri*” (נוצרי) is the general official term for “Christians” and “Christian”.

In **Talmud** and Midrash generally refers to Jewish Christians.

Although **Arab Christians** referred to themselves as مسيحي *Masīḥī* (from مسيح *Masīḥ*, “Messiah, Christ”), the term “Nazarene” was adopted into the **Arabic language** as singular *Naṣrani* (Arabic: نصراني, “a Christian”) and plural *Naṣara* (Arabic: نصارى, “Nazarenes, Christians”) to refer to Christians in general. The term “Naṣara” is used many times in the **Qur’an** when referring to them.

**The second theme** of the feast is **God comes to tabernacle or dwell with His people**. For the past week, all the Jewish people had been living in temporary dwellings or booths made out of tree branches. It was meant to remind them of the Exodus, when God's presence was manifest among His people, leading and protecting them day and night. Jesus arrives among the people as **Immanuel ... "God With Us"** to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14. *"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.*

**The third theme** of the feast is **the salvation of God's people**. The angel commanded Joseph to name the child, Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. In Hebrew, Jesus' name is Yashua or Joshua, which means, **"I AM salvation"**. God told Moses to tell the Israelites that **"I AM"** (Exodus 3:14) had sent him to deliver them from the Egyptians. In today's world we just hear a person's formal name and it has no particular meaning to us. But in Jesus' day peoples name were actual statements. So, every time Jesus introduced Himself, the people heard the statement, **"I AM salvation"**.

**The fourth theme** of the feast is **great joy**. While the people were rejoicing in God outside the Temple, Jesus was presented before God, in the Temple, as was the custom. At that time old Simeon and Anna were filled with the **joy of the Holy Spirit** and began prophesying because they had seen the consolation of Israel.

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### **Where was the Birthplace of the Lord Jesus?**

Tradition, not the Bible, says that Jesus' birth place was in cave over which the Basilica of the Nativity was built in Bethlehem. Roman Emperor Constantine, built a Basilica over this cave in the 4th Century at the request of his mother, Helena. It was destroyed and the present basilica was built by Emperor Justinian in 530 AD. **Origen of Alexandria (185 - 254 AD) wrote that it was generally accepted that Jesus was born in a cave at Bethlehem which could be visited in his day.**

Clearly the city of Jesus' birth was Bethlehem as **Micah 5:2** prophesied:

*But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

and as the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John confirm. (Matt. 2:1; Luke 2:4, 15; John 7:42). Luke proclaims the birth place as Bethlehem, *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* **1 Samuel 17:15**, confirms Bethlehem as the City of David, *"But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem."*

#### **But where in Bethlehem was Jesus born?**

The fact is that the New Testament does not mention the exact place in Bethlehem of where Jesus was born. **Nowhere does the Bible record that Jesus was born in stable attended by donkeys, chickens, and cows as many nativity scenes present.** In the past it was speculated that because there was no room for Joseph and Mary in the Inn, and that he was born in the stable behind the inn where the animals were kept. This conjecture is false and is a good example that shows us we should not apply speculation to God's word. All the New Testament specifically says is that Jesus was laid in a manger in Bethlehem.

Although the New Testament does not tell us where in Bethlehem Jesus was born, the Old Testament does. **Micah 4:8** states:

*"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."* Thus the Old Testament clearly states that the Messiah would be born at the **"tower of the flock"** (Hebrew: *Migdal Edar*).

The phrase **"tower of the flock"** is the Hebrew phrase *"Migdal Edar"* and means a **"watch tower of the flock"**. In ancient times this was a military tower erected to view into the valley on the edge of Bethlehem to protect the city. Several of these military towers are recorded in the Old Testament (See Judges 8:71, 9:46, 9:51; 2 Kings 9:17, 18:8; Nehemiah 3:1). The tower at Bethlehem is first mentioned in **Genesis 35:21**, *"And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar" ("tower of Edar"- Migdal Edar)*. After Jacob left Bethel he came to **Edar (the tower)** and there Rachel began hard labor and as she delivered Benjamin **she died and was buried there in Ephrathah which is Bethlehem** (**Gen. 35:19**). After burying Rachel, Jacob moved his flocks beyond the **tower of Edar**. This would pinpoint the location as being near to what is present day Bethlehem. Clearly, this establishes that **Migdal Edar, "the tower of the flock"** was in Bethlehem in Bible times.

The oldest tradition, based upon **Genesis 35:16-20; 48:7**, points to a place one mile north of present-day Bethlehem and 4 miles from Jerusalem. We do not know what were the bounds of ancient Bethlehem when Christ was born there, but **we know the area called Bethlehem was larger than it is today**. The references to present day Migdal Edar are in reference to present day Bethlehem and not the Bethlehem of biblical times which was certainly greater. **Genesis 35:19** and **48:7** both state that Rachel was buried at **"Ephrath, which is Bethlehem."**

*"And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to **Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.**"* **Genesis 35:19**

*"And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the **way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.**"* **Genesis 48:7**

It must be noted that Ephrath or Ephrathah was the ancient name for the area that later was called Bethlehem. According to **Genesis 35:19**, after Jacob buried Rachel, he *"moved his flocks beyond the tower of Edar"* or *"Migdal Edar."* **The location of**

Rachel's tomb today is outside, on the outskirts of present-day Bethlehem, but clearly it was not when Jacob, buried his wife there. Clearly the area which is called Bethlehem in biblical times covered a greater area than does present-day Bethlehem and the Tower of the Flock was in that city.

*This watch tower from ancient times was used by the shepherds for protection from their enemies and wild beasts. **It was also the place ewes were safely brought to give birth to the lambs.*** In this sheltered building/cave the priests would bring in the ewes which were about to lamb for protection. **These special lambs came from a unique flock that was designated for sacrifice at the temple in Jerusalem.**<sup>[1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15][16][17][18][19][20][21][22][23][24][25][26][27][28][29][30][31][32][33][34][35][36][37][38][39][40][41][42][43][44][45][46][47][48][49][50][51][52][53][54][55][56][57][58][59][60][61][62][63][64][65][66][67][68][69][70][71][72][73][74][75][76][77][78][79][80][81][82][83][84][85][86][87][88][89][90][91][92][93][94][95][96][97][98][99][100]</sup>

Rabbis state, (According to Edersheim in *The Life And Times Of Jesus The Messiah*, in Book 2, Chapter 6), "This Migdal Edar *was not the watchtower for the ordinary flocks* that pastured on the barren sheep ground beyond Bethlehem, but it lay close to the town, on the road to Jerusalem, leading to the conclusion that *the flocks which pastured there were destined for Temple sacrifices.*" Also, traditional rabbi interpretation of Genesis 35:23 and Micah 4:8, would render, "**He spread his tent beyond Migdal Edar, the place where King Messiah will reveal Himself at the end of days.**" What are we to make of all of this information from the writings of the rabbis? First, we know that Migdal Edar *was the watchtower that guarded the Temple flocks that were being raised to serve as sacrificial animals in the Temple.* These were not just any flock and herd. **The shepherds who kept them were men who were specifically trained for this royal task.** *They were educated in what an animal, that was to be sacrificed, had to be and it was their job to make sure that none of the animals were hurt, damaged, or blemished.* **These lambs were apparently wrapped in "swaddling clothes" to protect them from injury and also were used to wrap the Lord Jesus.**<sup>[1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15][16][17][18][19][20][21][22][23][24][25][26][27][28][29][30][31][32][33][34][35][36][37][38][39][40][41][42][43][44][45][46][47][48][49][50][51][52][53][54][55][56][57][58][59][60][61][62][63][64][65][66][67][68][69][70][71][72][73][74][75][76][77][78][79][80][81][82][83][84][85][86][87][88][89][90][91][92][93][94][95][96][97][98][99][100]</sup>

Thus, with the establishment of Temple worship in Jerusalem, *the fields outside of Bethlehem became the place where a special group of shepherds raised the lambs that were sacrificed in the Temple. Being themselves under special Rabbinical care, they would strictly maintain a ceremonially clean stable for a birthing place. The Tower of the Flock was used for birthing ewes, and the surrounding fields were where these shepherds grazed their flocks.* These shepherds customarily kept their flocks outdoors twenty-four hours a day every day of the year, *but brought the ewes in to deliver their lambs where they could be carefully cared for. It was to this place that Joseph took Mary. It was in this special place at "Migdal Edar" that Christ was born!* How do we know? *Micah 4:8 tells us so!:*

*And you, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come,  
the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.*

**Prophetically,** "Migdal Edar" is the exact place in Bethlehem for Christ to be born. *Micah was God's prophet* who was warning Israel of the coming captivity. *He used the authenticating prophecy of the Assyrian captivity of the Northern Kingdom (soon to occur when he foretold it) to serve as a reminder to Israel of God's promised Kingdom.* God wanted them to know that even though they would be taken from their land because of their disobedience that He would restore them in time. **Micah 4:7** establishes the context of the passage and clearly is a Messianic prophecy of the coming of the Millennial Kingdom when Jesus Christ will reign over Jerusalem forever. ". . . **LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even forever.**" In other words, God was assuring Israel that He would fulfill His promises to them of the Kingdom. In **Micah 4:8** the word is rendered "**tower of the flock**" (marg., "Edar"), *and is used as a designation of Bethlehem, which figuratively represents the royal line of David as sprung from Bethlehem.*

In this setting, **Micah (Micah 4:8)** uses the prophecy of the Babylonian captivity of the Southern Kingdom as a pledge to guarantee (authenticating prophecy) of the birth of Christ at "Migdal Edar" at Bethlehem which is exactly where it took place! **Micah prophesied that as surely as Assyrians would soon carry away Israel in the North, so the Messiah would come and establish His kingdom,** the "*first dominion, the kingdom shall come to Jerusalem.*" *The verse states that as surely as Babylon would carry away the tribe of Judah, in the South, into captivity, so the Messiah would arrive at the Tower of the Flock.* This prophecy was one other evidence that later proved that Jesus was the Messiah, but one that Israel ignored in rejecting Him as their Messiah.

**Who were the shepherds who first received the news of the birth of the Messiah? Luke 2:8-18** records that there were shepherds in the fields keeping watch over their sheep by night. **Who then were these shepherds?** Without question these were shepherds who resided near Bethlehem. **They were none other but the shepherds from "Migdal Edar" who were well aware that the Targum** (a written Aramaic explanatory translations or paraphrasing of the Hebrew Scriptures) **hinted and many of the rabbis taught that Messiah might well be announced from "Migdal Edar" at Bethlehem.** The angels only told the shepherds that they would find the Babe wrapped in "swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." **There was no need for the angels to give these shepherds directions to the birth place because they already knew. These were the men who raised sacrificial lambs that were sacrificed in the Temple.** *When the angelic announcement came, they knew exactly where to go, as Luke 2 indicates, for the sign of a manger could only mean their manger at the tower of the flock!* You cannot explain the meaning or direction of the sign they were given or their response unless you have the right manger and the right shepherds!

Typically, "Migdal Edar", (the tower of the flock) at Bethlehem is the perfect place for Christ to be born. **He was born in the very birthplace where tens of thousands of lambs, which had been sacrificed to prefigure Him. God promised it, pictured it, and performed it at "Migdal Edar". It all fits together, for that's the place where sacrificial lambs were born!** Jesus was *not* born behind an inn, in a smelly stable where the donkeys of travelers and other animals were kept. **He was born in Bethlehem, at the birthing place of the sacrificial lambs that were offered in the Temple in Jerusalem which Micah 4:8 calls the "tower of the flock."**<sup>[1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15][16][17][18][19][20][21][22][23][24][25][26][27][28][29][30][31][32][33][34][35][36][37][38][39][40][41][42][43][44][45][46][47][48][49][50][51][52][53][54][55][56][57][58][59][60][61][62][63][64][65][66][67][68][69][70][71][72][73][74][75][76][77][78][79][80][81][82][83][84][85][86][87][88][89][90][91][92][93][94][95][96][97][98][99][100]</sup>



John the Baptist in **John 1:29** proclaimed of Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus is presented in the Bible as being "in type" as a *sacrificial lamb*. It was not by chance but by choice that Christ identified His death with the time of the observance of the Passover. Peter spoke of our redemption as wrought by the "*precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot*" (1 Pet. 1:19); and Paul told us that "*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us*" (1 Cor. 5:7). Even the *first fulfilled type by which Christ is to be revealed in Heaven is as the Lamb* (Rev. 5:6-13).

The site has a long history as the place of the birth of Christ going back to Origen of Alexander in the 2nd Century who said that Jesus was born in a cave located in Bethlehem.

God's word tells us that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, of Judah in the city of David at a place called the "**tower of the flock.**"

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<http://www.bible-truth.org/BirthPlaceofJesus.html#2>

### **The Prophetic Reading for this Week:**

#### **Isaiah 54:1-10**

##### *The Eternal Covenant of Peace*

"Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;

break forth into singing and cry aloud,

you who have not been in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more

than the children of her who is married," says the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> **"Enlarge the place of your tent,  
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;  
do not hold back; lengthen your cords  
and strengthen your stakes.**

<sup>3</sup> **For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,  
and your offspring will possess the nations  
and will people the desolate cities.**

<sup>4</sup> "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;  
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;  
for you will forget the shame of your youth,  
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

<sup>5</sup> **For your Maker is your husband,**  
the Lord of hosts is his name;  
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord has called you  
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,**  
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,  
says your God.

<sup>7</sup> **For a brief moment I deserted you,  
but with great compassion I will gather you.**

<sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment  
I hid my face from you,  
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,"  
says the Lord, your Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup> **"This is like the days of Noah to me:  
as I swore that the waters of Noah  
should no more go over the earth,  
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,  
and will not rebuke you.**

<sup>10</sup> For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"  
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

If we apply this to the state of the Jews after their return out of captivity, it is a prophecy of the increase of their nation after they were settled in their own land. **Jerusalem had been in the condition of a wife written childless, or a desolate solitary widow;** but now it is promised that the city should be replenished and the country peopled again, that not only the ruins of Jerusalem should be repaired, but the suburbs of it extended on all sides and a great many buildings erected upon new foundations,—that those estates which had for many years been wrongfully held by the Babylonian Gentiles should now return to the right owners. **God will again be a husband to them,** and the reproach of their captivity, and the small number to which they were then reduced, shall be forgotten. And it is to be observed that, by virtue of the ancient promise made to Abraham of the increase of his seed, when they were restored to God's

favour they **multiplied greatly**. Those that first came out of Babylon were but **42,000 (Ezra 2:64)**, about a **fifteenth part of their number when they came out of Egypt**; many came dropping to them afterwards, but we may suppose that to be the greatest number that ever came in a body; and yet **about 500 years after**, a little before their destruction by the Romans, a calculation was made by the number of the paschal lambs, and the lowest computation by that rule (allowing only ten to a lamb, whereas they might be twenty) made the nation to be **nearly three millions**.

## Transition to End Time Teaching:

**And therefore Today, we too are Preparing the Next Generation, as we begin to Enter into the Promise Land of God's End Time Teaching to the Millennial Reign of the Messiah, and His Third Temple, in which He will reign from for the proceeding 1,000 years.**

### **The Beginning of a Series:**

The Teaching of "From Here to Armageddon" will be taught during the season of "When the King is in the Field", just after the Ninth of Av, beginning July 17<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>, and for the next 40/50 days and concluding on the Feast of Trumpets, also recognized as to the date of the counting of the Birth of Kings, the time period when Jesus would have been born, and all Kings are Ordained, when Jesus will return and begin His rule on as King of kings and Lord of lords. At which time, we will also be searching the Scriptures to Find the King in the Field, what God wants us to know regarding End Times, and not be Mislead, as Jesus instructed His own Disciples when asked, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered them 'See that no one leads you astray,' Matthew 24:3-4. We will teach on the 1. The Overall View of the Timeline from "Here to Armageddon", 2. **The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet War** (Use Page 19 – Seals/Trumpets/Vials), 3. **The Final 7 Years**, 4. Israel's Third Temple, 5. Antichrist Revealed, 6. **666 The Mark!**, 7. Armageddon, and 8. The Messianic Fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets and Atonement.

### **Last week we taught on the Antichrist Revealed:**

#### **Daniel 9:27**

<sup>27</sup> And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.

#### **Daniel 9:36**

<sup>36</sup> And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. <sup>37</sup> He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all.

#### **Revelation 12:12**

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

#### **Revelation 13**

##### **The First Beast**

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup> And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

### **This week we will be teaching on 666 The Mark!, found in:**

#### **Revelation 13:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

#### **Matthew 24:3-4, 15-28**

##### **Signs of the End of the Age**

<sup>3</sup> As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray . . .

## Opening Scripture Reading:

### **Daniel 12:8-13**

#### **The Time of the End**

<sup>8</sup> I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" <sup>9</sup> He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end." <sup>10</sup> Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. <sup>11</sup> And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. <sup>13</sup> But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days."

### Daniel 11:32-33

<sup>32</sup>He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. <sup>33</sup>And **the wise among the people shall make many understand**, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.

#### Review of the Last couple of Weeks Teachings:

*Timeline of Events, Including "The King is in the Field", Daniel's 70 Week Prophecy, Nebuchadnezzar's Dream, The Second Coming & The Rapture of the Church are One Simultaneous Event of One Bride (One Church).*

#### "The King is in the Field"

2021 – Starts this Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> (Elul 1) – Ends 40 days later, on the Feast of Atonement, Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (Feast of Trumpets – Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm)

Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm of next month begins "The King is in the Field", in which God's people search the Scriptures for the next 40 days to find the King, also known as the "Days of (God's) Favor", our Messiah, during the period of time when all Kings of Israel births were calculated from and Commissioned, and during this same season our Messiah will return, following several KEY Prophecies, as we will learn through this sermon series. Upon the completion of these next 8 weeks, we will be celebrating the "Feast of Trumpets" and the "Feast of Atonement", to tie these End Time teachings into God's Prophetic Biblical Calendar.

"My heart says of you, 'Seek His face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek." (Psalm 27:8)

#### Jewish History

**Moses ascends Sinai for 3rd 40 days (1313 BCE) – "Second Chances - Redemption"**

Again, on the early morning of the 1st of Elul of the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE) Moses ascended Mount Sinai, taking with him the stone tablets he had hewn by divine command, for G-d to re-inscribe the Ten Commandments. On the mountain, G-d allowed Moses to "see My back, but not My face" -- the closest any human being ever came to knowing G-d -- and taught him the secret of His "Thirteen Attributes of Mercy" (Exodus 33:18-34:8):

Moses remained on the mountain for 40 days, until the 10th of Tishrei (Yom Kippur), during which time He obtained G-d's whole-hearted forgiveness and reconciliation with the people of Israel following their betrayal of the covenant between them with their worship of the Golden Calf. This was the third of Moses' three 40-day periods on Mount Sinai in connection with the Giving of the Torah. Ever since, the month of Elul serves as the "month of Divine mercy and forgiveness."

<https://www.chabad.org/calendar/view/day.asp?date=9/1/2019&show=8#history>

#### We also find during this time, the reading of Isaiah 40:3-5:

"A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'"

Isaiah 40:3-5

**This prophecy of Isaiah would likely have been understood by the Israelites as an allusion to the ancient practice of eastern monarchs sending harbingers before them to prepare the way, leveling roads and removing impediments for the king.**

**Just as these monarchs prepared the way before themselves, God prepared the way before those who choose to follow Him, once slaves in to this world, leading them to their Promised Land. Like the Jewish exiles in Babylon, God He would prepare the way again for His Return and Future Reign, leading those, His people home, into the promise Land, the Kingdom of God. In which is also read during this time:**

"Your procession, God, has come into view, the procession of my God and King into the sanctuary." (Psalm 68:24)

Although **Elul is a month of repentance**, it is also a time to contemplate God's mercy and forgiveness.

It is, in essence, a **period of renewal** – an opportunity to draw close to God.

**Traditionally, this period is considered to be a time when God is accessible, when "the King is in the field."**

As well, one must meticulously prepare for the meeting, including proper dress.

*There are, however, times when the king leaves his palace and goes out into the field.*

*At this time, anyone can approach him, and all usual decorum and bureaucratic requirements are suspended.*

*During the month of Elul, it is said that God makes Himself accessible in this way.*

Because of the King's presence, more time is spent in Torah study, in more fervent prayer, in greater generosity and giving. His presence has made the field a holier place. (Chabad)

This is the month in which we are, in a sense, welcomed back as being children of God; we are experiencing an *appointment* with the Lord of the Universe. To prepare for this, we need to examine ourselves closely. Still we have the certainty that God will forgive us, no matter what our sins might be.

*These 40 days are a time of meeting with the King of Kings – a time to be happy.*

## Overview of events occurring from here to the Battle of Armageddon

### A. The Timeline

Before we review the Timeline, we must first acknowledge the Origin of the Timeline, the “Feasts of the Lord” created at the Foundations of the Earth on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation. The Spring Feasts are the Blue Print of the Fall Feasts, as Jesus fulfilled them one the Day and the Hour, and will do the same at His Second Coming.

#### 1. Overview of events occurring from here to the Battle of Armageddon

- Sixth Trumpet War – occurs when sixth trumpet of Revelation sounds
- Book of Revelation – seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven vials

“The seals are the long story, the trumpets are the short story, and the vials are the real short story.”

The book of Revelation is not in chronological order. The seals are the long story, the trumpets are the short story, and the vials are the real short story. They are three vantage points of the end time. You can view them in comparison with the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. We know this is true because the 6th and 7th seal, the 7th trumpet, and the 7th vial all record the same event, the second coming of Jesus Christ. Also if the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ in Revelation 11:15, it would not make sense for the Antichrist to begin his rule in Revelation 13.

<https://www.endtime.com/blog/book-revelation-chronological-order/>

- War starts from Euphrates River
- One-third of mankind destroyed. It is going to be World War III!
- Army of 200 million will participate in this war. There are only three entities on the planet that can fulfill this:
  - China
  - India
  - Islam

### B. Middle East Peace Agreement

#### 1. Palestinian-Israeli interim peace agreement

#### 2. Antichrist to confirm covenant

*Daniel 9:27*

*And 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, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

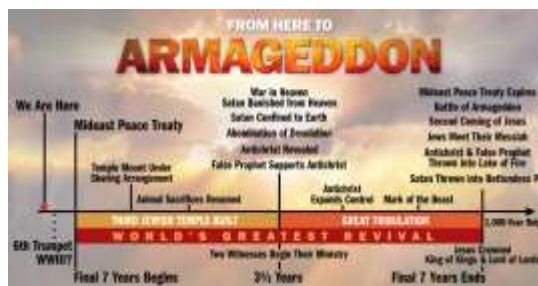
#### 3. Abrahamic covenant

*Genesis 15:18*

*In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt upon the great river, the river Euphrates . . .*

### C. Final Seven Years to Armageddon

This is one of the few prophecies with a timeline attached to it. The Bible specifically says that when this agreement is struck the Final Seven Years to Armageddon will begin – culminating at the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!



### F. Israel's Third Temple

*Daniel 11:31*

*And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.*

### G. War in Heaven

*Revelation 12:7-8*

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

#### 1. Satan is banished from Heaven.

### H. Satan Confined to the Earth – (the Great Tribulation is the Great Wrath of Satan)

*Revelation 12:12-13*

*Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. But woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **For the DEVIL is come down unto you, HAVING GREAT WRATH**, because he knows that he has but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) which brought forth the man child.*

#### 1. This triggers the Great Tribulation.

### I. The Antichrist Revealed

*II Thessalonians 2:3-4*

*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, shewing himself that he is God.*

**J. The Abomination of Desolation**

**Matthew 24:15-18**

*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 Judaea flee into the mountains: 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.*

**1. The Antichrist will stand on the Temple Mount saying, “I’m in charge here.”**

**2. Jews in Judea must flee**

**K. Great Tribulation Begins**

**Matthew 24:21**

*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

**1. Great Tribulation = 3 ½ years**

**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.*

**L. Antichrist Stands in Temple Claiming to be God**

**1. Abomination of Desolation**

**2. The False Prophet will support the Antichrist.**

**Revelation 13:11-12**

*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.*

**M. Two Rulers on Earth**

**1. Political leader and spiritual leader**

**2. Antichrist and False Prophet**

**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.*

**N. Deception vs Truth**

**1. The Antichrist will continue for 42 months (3 ½ years).**

**2. The Two Witnesses will prophesy for 3 ½ years.**

**3. God will send two prophets to preach the truth.**

**Revelation 13:7-8**

*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. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

Make sure your name is in the Lamb’s Book of Life!

**O. The Mark of the Beast**

**Revelation 13:16-18**

*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, 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 man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*

**1. You must have a number to participate in the economy.**

**2. You will not receive the mark if you don’t worship the beast, the world government.**

**P. The Seven-Year Interim Agreement Expires**

**1. Israel still refuses to surrender Jerusalem.**

**2. The UN passes a resolution demanding Israel surrender east Jerusalem.**

**3. Israel refuses to comply – this leads to Armageddon.**

**Q. Israel Makes its Last Stand at Jerusalem**

**Zechariah 14:2**

*For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*

**1. UN will represent all the nations in the world.**

**2. UN will bring its international army down against Israel for the Battle of Armageddon.**

**Revelation 16:16**

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

**3. She’s (Israel) going to defend the holy city, Jerusalem. The place where God says 37 times, “I will put my name there.”**

**4. Half of Jerusalem will fall to UN armies.**

**R. Jesus Descends onto the Mount of Olives**

**1. They knew their Messiah would come when they needed Him the most.**

**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 men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heave.*

**Zechariah 14:3-4**

Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in the day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

“The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east . . . I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said: ‘Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. **This is where I will live among the Israelites forever.**’” Ezekiel 43:4-7

#### Revelation 12:16-17

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 the dragon was wroth (angry) with the woman (Israel), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (True Christians – True to Jesus Christ).

#### 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.

### 2. The Jewish people rush out to meet their Messiah.

#### Zechariah 13:6

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.

### 3. They notice the wounds in His hands and His feet.

### 4. Where did you get these wounds?

### 5. Two thousand years of blindness falls from their eyes.

### 6. Jesus forgives them and all of Israel is saved.

#### Romans 11:25-26

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 fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

### S. Jesus Sends Antichrist and False Prophet to the Lake of Fire

#### 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.

### T. Satan is Cast into the Bottomless Pit for the Next 1,000 Years

#### Revelation 21:1-2

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

### U. We Crown Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords

#### 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.

The people He will have with Him – the called, chosen and faithful.

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## Two Prophesied Events in the Near Future

### 1. Sixth Trumpet War (World War III)

### 2. Peace Agreement between Israelis and Palestinians

The Book of Revelation is built around three groups of seven – seven seals, seven trumpets and seven vials. These three groups of seven all end at the same time with the same event. They all end with the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus to the earth.

## Daniel 12:1-13

*The Time of the End*

<sup>11</sup> And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be **1,290 days** (Abomination to Messiah's Return). <sup>12</sup> Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the **1,335 days** (Abomination to Kingdom of God on Earth). <sup>13</sup> But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

### 2027

Trumpets (Prophetic 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming) – **October 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>**

Atonement (Prophetic Jubilee) – October 11<sup>th</sup>

Sukkot (Prophetic Beginning of the Millennial Reign) – **October 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**

8<sup>th</sup> Day (Prophetic New Heaven & New Earth) – **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Spring Begins – March 20<sup>th</sup> (a Sabbath day)

Number of days	3 years	6 months	3 ½ Prophecy	Purim 2024	Actual Dates
1260	1095	23wks + 4days	March 20, 2024	March 23-24, 2024	September 1-2, 2027
1290	1095	27wks + 6days	March 20, 2024	March 23-24, 2024	<b>October 2-3, 2027</b>
1335	1095	34wks + 2days	March 20, 2024	March 23-24, 2024	November 15-16, 2027

## 2028

Trumpets (Prophetic 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming) – September 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

Atonement (Prophetic Jubilee) – September 30<sup>th</sup>

Sukkot (Prophetic Beginning of the Millennial Reign) – October 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Day (Prophetic New Heaven & New Earth) – October 12<sup>th</sup>

Spring Begins – March 19<sup>th</sup>

Number of days	3 years	6 months	3 ½ Prophecy	Purim 2025	Actual Dates
1260	1095	23wks + 4days	March 20, 2025	March 13-14, 2025	August 31, 2028
<b>1290</b>	1095	27wks + 6days	March 20, 2025	March 13-14, 2025	<b>September 30, 2028</b>
1335	1095	34wks + 2days	March 20, 2025	March 13-14, 2025	November 14, 2028

## 2029

Trumpets (Prophetic 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming) – September 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Atonement (Prophetic Jubilee) – September 19<sup>th</sup>

Sukkot (Prophetic Beginning of the Millennial Reign) – October 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Day (Prophetic New Heaven & New Earth) – October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Spring Begins – March 20<sup>th</sup>

Number of days	3 years	6 months	3 ½ Prophecy	Purim 2026	Actual Dates
1260	1095	23wks + 4days	March 20, 2026	March 2-3, 2026	September 1, 2029
1290	1095	27wks + 6days	March 20, 2026	March 2-3, 2026	October 1, 2029
1335	1095	34wks + 2days	March 20, 2026	March 2-3, 2026	November 15, 2029

## 2030

Trumpets (Prophetic 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming) – September 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

Atonement (Prophetic Jubilee) – October 7<sup>th</sup>

Sukkot (Prophetic Beginning of the Millennial Reign) – October 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Day (Prophetic New Heaven & New Earth) – October 19<sup>th</sup>

Spring Begins – March 20<sup>th</sup>

Number of days	3 years	6 months	3 ½ Prophecy	Purim 2027	Actual Dates
1260	1095	23wks + 4days	March 20, 2027	March 22-23, 2027	September 1, 2030
<b>1290</b>	1095	27wks + 6days	March 20, 2027	March 22-23, 2027	<b>October 1, 2030</b>
1335	1095	34wks + 2days	March 20, 2027	March 22-23, 2027	November 15, 2030

## How should Christians prepare for the Sixth & Seventh Trumpet? What should Christians do?

### Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles see) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

### Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you**. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

### Matthew 24:13-14

But the one who **endures to the end** will be saved. And **this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world** as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

## God’s People in the End Time

1. They shall be strong and do exploits.
2. Those who understand will instruct many.
3. We need to have the same level of commitment in the end time as the early church in the Book of Acts.
4. The prophecies are designed to equip and energize us so that we see the greatest revival the world has ever known.
5. If we take care of God’s business, He will take care of us!

## Review Last Week Teaching

### The Antichrist Revealed

1. The War in Heaven – Satan is defeated and is banished from Heaven. (This takes place 3 ½ years before the Battle of Armageddon.)

2. Satan is filled with wrath.

### Revelation 12:12

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

3. Satan persecutes Israel for the next 3 ½ years.

**Revelation 12:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

**4. Abomination of Desolation – The Abomination of Desolation will mark the beginning of the Great Tribulation.**

- a. This is the final 3 ½ year period when Satan will assert his dominance over the entire world.
- b. He will attempt to bring every person on earth under his control.

**Daniel 9:27**

*And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”*

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness<sup>[a]</sup> is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

**5. The Abomination of Desolation will reveal the identity of the Antichrist.**

- a. Those who know Scripture will know who he is.
- b. He will agree with popular belief that we all worship the same god.
- c. He will claim to be the messiah.

**6. Great Tribulation Begins**

**Matthew 24:21**

*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.*

**7. The False Prophet will endorse the Antichrist as the world leader.**

- a. He will look like a lamb but will speak like a dragon.
- b. He will cause the earth to worship the Antichrist.

**Revelation 13:11-12**

*The Second Beast*

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

**8. All the world will worship the Antichrist.**

- a. Worship will probably be a pledge of allegiance.
- b. All will worship him except those who have been born again.

**Revelation 13:8**

*And all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.*

**9. Where did the Antichrist come from?**

- a. He comes from a 10-nation kingdom.
- b. Reborn Holy Roman Empire
- c. The European Union was reborn on November 3, 2009.

**Daniel 7:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. <sup>8</sup> I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

**10. What are the ten horns?**

- a. The ten horns are ten kings that will join themselves together in an alliance.
- b. The little horn is the Antichrist and he will subdue three kings.

**Daniel 7:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. <sup>25</sup> He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.



## 11. How do we know the little horn is the Antichrist?

a. He will make war against the saints until Jesus returns to earth to establish His kingdom.

### Daniel 7:19-22

<sup>19</sup> “Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, <sup>20</sup> and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. <sup>21</sup> As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, <sup>22</sup> until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

## 12. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream – Daniel 2

- Head of gold: Babylon 606-539 BC
- Arms and breasts of silver: Media-Persia 539-331 BC
- Belly and thighs of brass: Grecian Empire 331-197 BC
- Legs of iron: Roman Empire 197 BC-300 AD
- Feet of iron mingled with clay: Holy Roman Empire 800 AD-1806 AD
- Stone that smote the image on the feet: Kingdom of God

### Timeline of Daniel 9:24-27

<http://www.egsf.org/dbeattie/calendar/?hebrew=3303>  
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### Daniel 9:24-27

The Seventy Weeks

<sup>24</sup> “**Seventy weeks (or 490 years) are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.** <sup>25</sup> **Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks (or 49 years).** **Then for sixty-two weeks (or 483 years) it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.** <sup>26</sup> **And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.** <sup>27</sup> **And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week (or 7 years), and for half of the week (or 3 ½ years) he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”**



### Daniel 2:31-35

Daniel Interprets the Dream

<sup>31</sup> “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. <sup>32</sup> **The head of this image was of fine gold (), its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze,** <sup>33</sup> **its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.** <sup>34</sup> **As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.** <sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

**70 Week Prophecy = 490 Total Years of Prophecy**

**7 Week Prophecy = 49 years of the total 490-year Prophecy (leaving 441 total years remaining of the fulfillment of the Prophecy)**

- **453-404BC – 49-years/7-weeks: Scroll Found, Prophecy Given to Exile – to the Word to Restore Jerusalem, and 483-years to the Cutting Off of the Messiah: 458BC (3303 Biblical Calendar Date) – “Josiah renovated the “Holy Temple” – (“I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord” 2 Chronicles 34:15)**

**430BC (3031 Biblical Calendar Date) – Jeremiah persisted in prophesying calamity (Jeremiah 2, 3:13, 4:1-2)**

### \*421BC (3040 Biblical Calendar Date) – Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

(Daniel 2 – 70 Week Prophecy)

**Babylonian Empire (7 Weeks – 49 Years)**  
(458-372 BC)

**Medio-Persian Empire (62 Weeks – 434 Years)**  
(358-331 BC)

**Grecian Empire (62 Weeks – 434 Years)**  
(331-197 BC)

**Roman Empire (After the 62 Week Prophecy the Cutting Off of an Anointed One – 31 AD, Jesus Death and Resurrection)**  
(197-284 BC)

**Holy Roman Empire (1 Week – 7 Years, The Signing of the Abrahamic Covenant that starts the 7-years before the return of the Messiah)**  
(800 AD – Second Coming)

429BC (3032 Biblical Calendar Date) – Ezekiel prophesied in exile (Ezekiel 47)

- 423/422BC – **The first Holy Temple was destroyed** – The 9<sup>th</sup> of Av on the Biblical Calendar

457/458BC to 410BC = 49years (7weeks)

**62 Week Prophecy** = 434 years of the total 490-year Prophecy (leaving 7 total years remaining of the fulfillment of the Prophecy)

- 421BC (3040 Biblical Calendar Date) – Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream (Daniel 2)
- 410BC (3052 Biblical Calendar Date) – Ezekiel prophesied about the future “Holy Temple” (Ezekiel 40-48) – (the end of the 7 Week Prophecy and the beginning of the 62 Week Prophecy)
- 373-372BC (3089 Biblical Calendar Date) – Belshazzar, in the third year of his reign, a hand appeared and wrote a mysterious inscription on the wall, the Daniel Interpreted<sup>†</sup>
- 372BC (3089-3413 Biblical Calendar Date) – Persia/Media (24-year rule)
- 371BC (3090 Biblical Calendar Date) – Zerubabel led the return to the Land of Israel
- 370BC (3091 Biblical Calendar Date) – Building of Second “Holy Temple” commenced, then halted
- 362BC (3399 Biblical Calendar Date) – Esther was taken to the palace (369-355BC (3393-3406 Biblical Calendar Date) Story of Purim (14-year span))
- 357BC (3404 Biblical Calendar Date) – Esther took action against Haman’s decree
- 355BC (3406 Biblical Calendar Date) – Mordechai proclaimed the celebration of Purim (for shadowing of the prophecy by Jesus “not on the Sabbath or in Winter” regarding the coming of the Anit-christ.)
- 349BC (3412 Biblical Calendar Date) – Temple in Jerusalem is completed

410BC to 31AD = (441years) 434years (62weeks)

“After the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off” Week Prophecy

- 31AD (3792 Biblical Calendar Date) – Jesus is Crucified (the end of the 62 Week Prophecy and the beginning of the “an anointed one shall be cut off” Prophecy)

### The Gap

1. After the first 483 years was ended by the cutting off of the Messiah and before the events of the final seven-year period are described, there is a gap.
2. The fact there are gaps in this prophecy is the reason the prophecy is given in segments of 49 years, 434 years and seven years.
3. One more seven-year period of the prophecy is remaining.
4. How long does the gap last? It has lasted around 2,000 years.

### The Final Seven Years

1. What we know is the Final Seven Years has still not begun.
2. The prophecy that tells us what will trigger the Final Seven Years is found in Daniel 9:27.  
Daniel 9:27

#### The Seventy Weeks

<sup>27</sup> And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week (or 7 years), and for half of the week (or 3 ½ years) he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

To understand the verse, we must know five things:

- a. Who is “he”?
- b. What is “the covenant”?
- c. How long is “one week”?
- d. What “sacrifice” will be stopped and who stops them?
- e. What is the “Abomination of Desolation”?

#### 1. Who is “he”?

- a. The prince that shall come.
- b. The “he” that is going to confirm the covenant is the Antichrist!

Daniel 11:31

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

**1 Week Prophecy** = 7 years of the total 490-year Prophecy (a time which includes the “half of the week” or 3 ½ years which will include the ending of sacrifices and offering, and leaving the remaining 3 ½ years of the 7 year prophecy to “the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate” and “the decreed end is poured out on the desolator” – concluding the 70 total Prophesied Weeks “to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophecy, and to anoint a most holy place” – The Beginning of the 1,000 year Messianic Age on Earth)

- 2020-2021 (5781 Biblical Calendar Date) – Present Day (the possible beginning of the Final Week Prophecy – “he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week” – “The Abrahamic Accords”)
- The original **Abraham Accords** were signed by the UAE’s Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Bahrain’s Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and U.S. President Donald Trump on September 15, 2020, at the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C.
- The Feast of Trumpets was September 19 in 2020 (7-years from the signing of this Covenant, “Abrahamic Covenant”, will be the coming of the Messiah on the Feast of Trumpets; which if it was not 2020, then it will have to be signed on or around this same Feast Period, “The Feast of Trumpets” as Prophecied).

**2020-2021AD** (5781 year) Present Day

Daniel 9:26-27

The Seventy Weeks

<sup>26</sup> And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. <sup>27</sup> And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

The pronoun “he” in verse 27 agrees with the nearest antecedent, “the ruler who will come” (the Roman prince) of verse 26b, not the Anointed One of verse 26a . . .

Other texts indicate that the abominations of Daniel 9:27 (which include the abomination of desolation) are eschatological and perpetrated by Antichrist (Dan. 12:11; Matt. 24:15). **The description of the person in Daniel 9:27 parallels that of the evil ruler who persecutes the saints in the book of Daniel and elsewhere in Scripture** (cf. Dan. 7:25; 11:36-12:1; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Rev. 13:1-10). This ruler is yet to come for he will be judged at Christ's return (cf. Dan. 7:11, 26; 11:45; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19:20. "The end that is decreed is poured out on him" is specifically described in Daniel 7:11, 26; and 11:45-12:1. **Accordingly, the person who makes the covenant and persecutes the saints is the eschatological Antichrist. He will continue his tyranny until Christ returns and judges him.**

<https://www.mabts.edu/sites/all/themes/midamerica/uploads/Miller%20article%20The%20Seventy%20Weeks%20of%20Daniel.pdf>

#### Revelation 13:5-8

<sup>5</sup> And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was **allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them**. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

#### Revelation 12:12-13

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. But woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **For the DEVIL is come down unto you, HAVING GREAT WRATH**, because **he knows that he has but a short time**. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) which brought forth the man child.

#### Daniel 7:25

<sup>25</sup> He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and **they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time**.

#### Matthew 24:9-13

<sup>9</sup> "Then **they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake**. <sup>10</sup> And then **many will fall away** and betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

#### Matthew 24:21

<sup>21</sup> For then **there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now**, no, and never will be.

**The Lord spoke to Moses**, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the **appointed** (fixed festivals) **feasts** (an exact divine appointment) **of the Lord** that you shall **proclaim** (attract the attention of and detain (someone) in conversation) as **holy** (set apart for a most holy thing) **convocations** (rehearsal, assembly, reading); **they are my appointed feasts.**" **Leviticus 23:1-2**

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:1

*The Day of the Lord*

Now concerning the **times** and the **seasons**, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.

**times**: (*chronos* – 5550 Strong's) – exact time (plural joined with *kairós*).

**5550 xronos** – *time* (in general), especially viewed *in sequence* (a "succession of moments"); *time in duration* in the *physical-space world*, sovereignly apportioned by God to each person; especially expresses time *quantitatively* (with regard to the quantity of something rather than its quality)

**seasons/epochs**: (*kairós* – 2540 Strong's) – a fixed and definite time, appointed times, an occasion, set or proper time, for a certain time only, for the season of an hour, i.e. for a short season.

**2540 kairós** – *time as opportunity*. 2540 /*kairós* ("opportune time") is derived from *kara* ("head") referring to things "coming to a head" to take full-advantage of. 2540 (*kairós*) is "the suitable time, the right moment (e.g. Soph., *El.* 1292), a favorable moment" (*DNTT*, 3, 833).

#### Daniel 7:25

<sup>25</sup> He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to **change** the **times** and the **law**; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

**times**: (*zeman* – 2166 Strong's) – festival seasons (festival), appointed periods, epochs

**law**: (*dath* – 1882 Strong's) – absolute law, law(s) of God.

## 9. Ten toes of iron mingled with clay

### Daniel 2:44

*And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.*

- This is the same ten kings prophesied in Daniel 7.
- The Antichrist will come up among these ten kings.
- The Antichrist will come out of the reborn Holy Roman Empire, which is the European Union.

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## Scripture Reading:

### Revelation 13

*The First Beast*

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he

had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

<sup>5</sup> And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

<sup>10</sup> If anyone is to be taken captive,

to captivity he goes;

if anyone is to be slain with the sword,

with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

*The Second Beast*

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup> And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, <sup>17</sup> to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

## 666 – The Mark!

### A. Understanding the Agenda of the Antichrist

1. Mikhail Gorbachev in his famous book “Perestroika” stated there are three root causes of war on earth:

- Political conflicts
- Religious conflicts
- Economic conflicts

2. He contended that if we had one-world government, one-world religion and one-world economy, we would have eliminated the root causes for war and could see an unprecedented era of peace and security.

3. This is exactly what the Antichrist is going to preach to the world.

4. The agenda of the Antichrist was prophesied in the Bible 2,000 years ago.

Chapter 13 of Revelation is devoted to the end time agenda of the Antichrist and it describes a world government, a global religious system and a one-world economy.

### B. Antichrist and His World Government – Revelation 13:1-8

*Revelation 13:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.

1. This beast is a union of the four beasts of Daniel 7.

- Body of the leopard: Germany
- Feet of the bear: Russia
- Mouth of the lion: Great Britain
- Ten horns: Future 10-nation alliance from Europe
- These are the nations that will make up the kingdom of the Antichrist.
- All seven heads of Daniel 7 are represented in the combo beast of Revelation 13.
- Satan will be the power behind the world government of the Antichrist.

### C. The Healing of the Deadly Wound

*Revelation 13:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

**1. The four heads of the leopard (Germany) represent the number of times a kingdom will rise and fall.**

- a. The third head represents the Third Reich of Hitler (The German state from 1933 to 1945 under Adolf Hitler. Third Reich, is the name given by the Nazis to their government in Germany; Reich is German for “empire”. Adolf Hitler, their leader, believed that he was creating a third German empire.).
- b. Germany was divided in half in 1945: West Germany and East Germany.
- c. The Berlin Wall was built by Russia in 1961 to stop the people from leaving East Germany and fleeing into West Germany.
- d. The Berlin Wall was referred to as the deadly wound.
- e. The Fall of the Berlin Wall was referred to as the healing of the deadly wound.

**2. The fall of the Berlin wall in 1989 signified the end of the Cold War.**

- a. Birth of the New World Order
- b. Beginning of globalism
- c. The fourth head of the leopard symbolizes Germany rising again.

**3. Globalism is moving from nation-state government to world government.**

- a. One-world organizations: World Community, International Community, World Health Organization, United Nations.
- b. One army to enforce peace when there is conflict.
- c. One world leader, the Antichrist.
- e. What happens when one leader is in control? Tyranny

**D. Antichrist will Reign 42 Months**

***Revelation 13:5***

*And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.*

**1. The Great Tribulation will last 42 months.**

- a. The Antichrist will dominate the world.
- b. The Antichrist will be a great orator.
- c. All will worship the Antichrist except those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

**2. He will make war with the saints.**

- a. This will happen toward the end of the Great Tribulation.
- b. It will appear the Antichrist has squelched all opposition.
- c. He will overcome the saints just before Jesus returns.
- d. It’s critical to have your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life.
- e. You must be born again to have your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

***Revelation 13:6-8***

*<sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.*

**E. False Prophet and His World Religion – Revelation 13:11-15**

***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.*

**1. Looks like a lamb**

- a. He will deceive by miracles.
- b. He will be the world’s leading Christian leader.
- c. He will look like Jesus Christ (a lamb) but he will speak like a dragon – Satan.

**2. He will influence the world to worship the Antichrist.**

- a. He will cause all to worship: pledge allegiance to him.
- b. How will you react when you witness a religious leader pulling fire down from Heaven?
- c. Those who do not worship the image of the Beast will be severely persecuted and killed.

***Revelation 13:12-13***

*<sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, <sup>13</sup> and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people.*

**3. False Prophet’s tool will be deception**

- a. The antidote to deception is knowing the truth.
- b. Those that will not submit to the New World Order will be considered enemies of the state and many of them will be put to death.
- c. Most will be deceived, but not those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

***Revelation 13:14-15***

*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.*

## **F. Global Economic System – Mark of the Beast**

### **Revelation 13:16-18**

*<sup>16</sup>Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.*

#### **1. A mark in the right hand or in the forehead**

- The favored means of biometric identification are fingerprints and eye scans.
- A mark in the hand? A computer chip injected under the skin?
- The FDA has approved the injection of computer chips under the skin for Alzheimer’s patients and pets.
- Are tattoos conditioning the world for acceptance of the Mark of the Beast?

#### **2. Using money to control people**

**“Give me control of a nation’s money and I care not who makes its laws.”**

**Mayer Amschel Bauer Rothschild**

**“Who controls the food supply controls the people; who controls the energy can control whole continents; who controls money can control the world.”**

**Henry Kissinger**

The key to controlling people is money!

#### **3. Over 100 nations now have a compulsory national ID.**

- Most other nations have voluntary IDs that inevitably become almost necessary to function.
- In some countries, national IDs are required to hold a job, open a bank account, buy a house, drive a car, fly on a plane, and most other economic activities.
- Many nations require citizens to have their ID card with them at all times. If they don’t have it, they can be arrested.
- Can this happen again? Yes, it happened under Hitler’s rule: Papers please!

#### **4. Dictators almost always implement a national ID.**

- Assigning each citizen a number allows the government to track the person’s activity.
- Once people can be tracked, they can be controlled.
- CONTROL AND FREEDOM ARE OPPOSITE TERMS!

#### **5. U.S. has refused a national ID for 240 years**

- Most nations already have a national ID.
- In times of crisis, people will surrender liberties they would not normally surrender.

In 1981, then-Attorney General William French Smith argued that a perfectly harmless ID card system would be necessary to reduce illegal immigration. A second cabinet member asked, “Why not tattoo a number on each American’s forearm?” According to Martin Anderson, the White House domestic policy adviser at the time, Reagan blurted out, “My God, that’s the Mark of the Beast!” As Anderson

#### **6. Real ID Act: Turned drivers’ licenses into a national ID**

- It passed the House of Representatives.
- Senate didn’t have the votes to pass it.
- Senate leaders hid it on the back of a 1,000-page must-pass funding bill for troops in Iraq. It passed 100-0.
- President George W. Bush signed it on May 5, 2005.

#### **7. Twenty-five states passed laws or resolutions against implementing the Real ID Act.**

- Deadlines were missed in 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016.
- All states must comply by October 1, 2020.
- Without compliance, persons will not be able to use their driver’s licenses to board an airplane or enter a federal building.

#### **8. Will the Real ID become full-fledged national ID?**

- Social Security Act passed in 1935 – card to be stamped “Not to be used for identification.
- It is necessary now for everything we do.
- Will Real ID soon be needed for a job, to open a bank account, to obtain a loan, to rent a car, to rent a hotel?
- No job? No buying and selling!

#### **9. Technology needed to implement the Mark of the Beast only available now.**

- a. Prophecy is 2,000 years old
- b. Only possible since the invention of computers and the advent of the Internet (Last 10 years)
- c. The method of economic sanctions can be used for you and me.
- d. An economic expert estimated that Sweden will be totally cashless in 5 years.

#### **10. Buying and selling with a number**

- a. We now have credit cards, phone apps, apple pay, PayPal, etc.
- b. About 900 of Sweden's 1,600 bank branches no longer keep cash on hand or take cash deposits.
- c. An economic expert estimated that Sweden will be totally cashless in 5 years.

#### **G. Number of the Beast will be 666**

##### **Revelation 13:18**

*This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.*

#### **666 - Origin Of The Number**

##### **Introduction**

From history we know that the Sumerians, the builders of the tower of Babel, used the sexagesimal (base - 60) number system from which comes 60 minutes in an hour, 60 seconds in a minute, 360 (60×6) degrees in a circle and 60 degrees in each angle of an equilateral triangle, etc. Also 360 divided by 10 = 36 and 6 x 6 = 36. It is from this system that the mysterious number 666 is derived and can be directly linked to the worship practices of Babylon at least from the time of Daniel.<sup>1</sup>

The Babylonians worshiped gods that were associated with the sun, moon, planets and stars and were also the primary developers of astrology as we know it today. Because of their worship of the heavenly bodies and use of astrology in conjunction with it, that the pagan priests wore amulets called "Sigilla Solis" or "Sun Seal" which symbolized the 36 constellations.<sup>2</sup>

##### **Numbers**

In the Babylonian worship system, they had 36 supreme gods, and one of these, the god associated with the sun, was supreme over all the other gods ... as he was considered to be their father. They worshiped these gods for various reasons, such as divination of the future and protection from the other gods because they believed that all of them were primarily evil, so they feared them. They did ascribe some positive qualities to some of their gods, particularly the sun god, but overall there was a belief that the gods were evil rather than good.

The Babylonian people believed that numbers had power over the gods they worshiped. Each of the 36 supreme gods was assigned a count number in their system which was used in place of the name of each god. The count number assigned to each god was based on the power that each god was believed to possess. Therefore, the count number for any particular god represented its rank order among the 36 gods.

The Babylonians counted their gods and then added up all of the numbers from 1 to 36. The first god they counted got the number one assigned to it (which was the sun god for the purposes of the counting process), and the second god (the moon god) they counted got the number two assigned to it, and so on up to all 36 supreme gods. The gods numbered from 3 through 36 were considered the children of the Sun god, which included the various stars and constellations that these gods were associated with. The total of these numbers is 666.

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 + 13 + 14 + 15 + 16 + 17 + 18 + 19 + 20 + 21 + 22 + 23 + 24 + 25 + 26 + 27 + 28 + 29 + 30 + 31 + 32 + 33 + 34 + 35 + 36 = **666**

Myrl Vance, a biblical scholar and secret society expert who researched the subject for twenty years made the following comments in his book entitled Trail of the Serpent.

*"In the astrological religion of Babylon, every god had his sacred number or numbers which were often used in place of the god's name. These numbers indicated the god's place and power among the astrological gods..."*

*Going deeply back into Babylonian astrology we find the real reason for the sanctity for the number 36. The Babylonians divided each of the 12 houses in the zodiac into three rooms, making 36 in all. They then divided the entire remainder of the sky into 36 constellations, and appointed the ruling god of each constellation to rule over one of the 36 rooms of the zodiac. Since the spirits of the departed were believed to go to and dwell in the stars - a teaching still much alive today, there was therefore not a spirit in the heavens, not a star in the sky which was not represented in the 36 rooms of the zodiac, and to swear by the number 36 was to swear by every god in the heavens above, as well as by all the spirits of the departed. The 36 gods were called decans because each ruled over 10 degrees of the zodiacal circle and over 10 days of the 360-day year.*

*The seven planets or the 7-headed astrological dragon ruled over the 36 decans and over them all, as we have noted, ruled the sun, 'the father of the gods.' It was natural and inevitable that since the summary number of the numbers from 1-36 is 666, this number (called the Grand Number of the Sun), should have been assigned to the sun-god as the cosmic god who not only ruled over all the other gods but also was their heavenly parent. Herein lies the reason for the 'Solar Seals' in use before the time of Christ as amulets to ward off any evil that might come from the 36 decans." (Vance, pp. 26, 27)*

##### **Development of Amulets**

Since the Babylonians feared their gods they worried that one of them might strike them down at some point. Hopefully to prevent this from happening to them, they made amulets<sup>3</sup> with a 6 x 6 matrix of the numbers 1 through 36 on them. Today we call these numeric matrices "magic squares." The design of the amulets was to achieve a magical purpose, especially for the protection of the person wearing the amulet. The amulets had to be as powerful as possible, so in order to increase its power, they arranged these numbers in such a way that the sum of any given row, column, or diagonal is 111, and therefore the sum of all

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<sup>1</sup> Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. (Daniel 3:1)

<sup>2</sup> There are 21 constellations associated with the northern hemisphere and 15 associated with the southern hemisphere.

<sup>3</sup> Amulets are charms (such as an ornament) often inscribed with a magic incantation or symbol to aid the wearer or protect against evil (such as disease or witchcraft).

six rows or all six columns was 666. This was supposed to provide extra protection, including from the god associated with the sun, since this god's sum was present on the amulet.

"As to why anyone should use the number 666 lies in the very nature of pagan idolatry, which is ... nothing but disguised demon worship. The principle behind all demon worship is fear, and the worship is nothing more than an effort to placate the evil one. Since in the fear religions, all misfortune, sickness, and death are the result of the operation of evil spirits, the worshiper, knowing by his conduct that he is not on God's side and therefore cannot expect, as long as he continues in open rebellion, to have his prayers for help addressed to God answered, turns to the only other supernatural power available to him, Lucifer himself.

One characteristic stands out in any of these fear religions: the worshiper ever tries to stay in the good graces of his god by revering or wearing some symbol representing that god. Not only does he offer his most cherished possessions - perhaps his own children - he must ever, to avoid disaster, have on his person some object in which the spirit of his god dwells, he must carry his god around with him. This is the principle behind all charms, amulets, and magical objects ever found in pagan idolatry." (Vance, pages 108-109).

... As long as they carried the amulet with them, they thought that the amulet provided protection because it was believed that the numbers on the amulet and the sum of the numbers, 666, gave them power over all the gods. Thus, by having power over the gods, they could protect themselves against anything the gods might do to them.

Each god had one or more numbers assigned to it as the sun god not only had the number 666 assigned to it as the sum of the numbers of the 36 gods, but it also had the number 1 assigned to it, which went towards creating the sum of the 36 god numbers. The moon god was assigned the number 2 as it was considered the wife of the sun god, so their most important son was assigned the number 3 and typified all new life, whether plant or animal. The summary number of all three of these gods was 6 because  $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$ . Logically, to swear by the number 6 was to swear by the power of all three of these gods. This of course was the pagan equivalent of the divine trinity.

... King Nebuchadnezzar's actions help us understand the mystery of iniquity, as it existed in the past and will exist in the future. For example, the story of Nebuchadnezzar's setting up an image in Daniel chapter 3 foreshadows and parallels the imagery used in chapter 13 of the book of Revelation. Let's look at a couple of them:

1. Both the herald and the false prophet cause people to become idolatrous by worshipping an image.
2. Both the herald and the false prophet cause people to be put to death for failure to comply.
3. Both narratives use the number six.
  - a. Six is the number of man. It is one short of God's number ... seven, which is the number of spiritual completion or perfection.
  - b. Man was created on the sixth day.
  - c. Man's time is marked by the number six or its multiples. For example, six days shall a man labor. (60 seconds, 60 minutes, 24 hours, and 12 months)
  - d. Man's measurements are marked by the number six or its multiples. For example, geometric shapes are based on 360 degrees.
  - e. Nebuchadnezzar's image was 6 cubits wide and 60 cubits tall, in other words the number 66 while Revelation 13 uses the number 666. The third 6 in the number 666, is representative of the depth of the image ... 600 cubits.
  - f. There were six musical instruments used in the worship of the image.

Man, who was created in the image of God is a three-part being: body, soul and spirit. The following list demonstrates how the three-part man interacts with life.

Man also worships in three parts. 1) He gives his body by bowing down, humbling himself to serve or obey. 2) He gives his soul when he praises or offers thanksgiving. 3) He gives his spirit when he prays. He can choose to worship the one true God, Yahuwah or any other god or gods, which from Yahuwah's point of view is idolatry.

This idolatrous worship system is associated with and rules over the kingdoms of this world. Its development is demonstrated in the three world empires called Babylon, which are: Babel, classical Babylon and Babylon the Great.

The first kingdom to rule the world was Babel ("the gate of god" or in other words, "this is the way to god") established under Nimrod.<sup>4</sup> The number 6 represents the number of his kingdom and name, as Nimrod only required man's strength to serve him. The building of his various cities and a tower whose top would reach into heaven<sup>5</sup> evidenced this.

Classical Babylon reached its zenith (the time at which something is most powerful or successful) under King Nebuchadnezzar. The name, Babylon can be translated as "the gate of the god, On". "On" is the Biblical name of the city in Egypt called, Heliopolis, "the city of the sun", whose principle deity was the sun god. This understanding is valid since the principle god of classical Babylon was Marduk, the sun god. The image that Nebuchadnezzar erected was of gold ... the color and symbol of the sun.

The number 66 represents the number of Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom and name as he erected an image to be worshipped that was 6 cubits wide and 60 cubits high. Nebuchadnezzar only required men to "fall down" (kneel or prostrate themselves) which is a sign of giving the body's service or obedience and to "worship" (adoration, praise, thanksgiving), which is a sign of giving the soul.

Babylon the Great as described in Revelation chapters 17 and 18 is associated with the last form of the world empires, which is led by Antichrist. The number 666 represents this kingdom and its leader. That system represented by its image will require all three forms of worship. (Revelation 13:15-17)

- Giving the body's service by receiving a mark on the right hand or forehead.
- Giving the soul's service by praising and thanksgiving for being able to buy and sell.
- Giving the spirit's service by praying to the image. The reason that the image will be given the power to speak is so that it can acknowledge and answer prayer. According to Isaiah praying to an idol is the ultimate form of idolatry. Isaiah 44:17 says, *But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god."*

<sup>4</sup> Nimrod's name means "rebel" or "rebellion".

<sup>5</sup> A better way to interpret this passage of Scripture is "a tower who has a top like the heavens". In other words the intent of the tower was to promote the worship of the sun, moon and stars.



Just as Nebuchadnezzar created an image of gold symbolizing his kingdom, the False Prophet will create an image of the final world kingdom from the materials God used to describe it – iron and potter's clay. Potter's clay is unbaked clay, not hardened, pliable, or moldable. The Greek word is "plasso", which means to mold, to shape, and was used of an artist who wrought in clay or wax. The English word is plastic or plasticity.

The missing ingredient is the fuel to give the image life. Revelation 13:13 says, "And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men." This then is the fuel that gives the image life ... the fire from heaven. Many people are mystified as to what this fire is but have to look no further than the picture of Benjamin Franklin flying a kite in his discovery of electricity ... the fire from heaven.



We currently have something that is used every day, which consists of the three elements that form the end-time image: iron, plastic and electricity. It can hear our requests and give us answers and it is the servant of all men! Remember Jesus' statement. "But the greatest among you shall be your servant." The image is the computer.



Computer technicians say "6" is the perfect computer number. Computers work on a series of "6" cores. It allows changing of direction of current to performing switching operations. The "6" cores work in conjunction with "60" displacements times "6" equaling one character or one bit of information. The formula for this system is ...

**"6" "60" "6".**

Revelation 13:17 says, he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. This system is already in place ... it is called the UPC or Universal Product Code. In each barcode there are three unidentified bars: one on the left, one in the center and one on the right. These bars each represent the number 6. Therefore each barcode has a hidden 666.



The number 666 is connected to the computer in another fashion. The Hebrew numeric equivalent to the letter Vav is 6. Therefore, the number 666 can be written as Vav Vav Vav. This doesn't mean much to us who don't speak Hebrew but when the English letter equivalent (W) is substituted for the Hebrew letter Vav it makes sense ... **www**.

The Tower of Babel story holds another truth concerning the computer. The story starts in Genesis 11:1, "Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words." Then in verse 4 we see that the people rebelled. They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven [whose top is like the heavens (a zodiac) – idol worship], and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." Finally God said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing

which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." (Verses 6-7)

Today the whole world has the same language ... it is called "binary" and it is the language of the computer. Now, anyone using a computer can communicate with any other person on the planet who uses a computer. They all have the same language ... now nothing that they purpose to do will be impossible for them.

Many people have tried to make a name out of the number 666. Using letter-number systems from different languages they have come up with a variety of people ... Nero, the Latins, and even the word Computer. By using the binary language of the computer this is how the name would appear:

600	1001011000
60	111100
6	110
666	1010011010

Time Magazine awards the individual who has made the most significant contribution to society during the previous year in its "Man Of The Year" award. In the January 3, 1983 edition they gave the award to the "computer". In the year 2000 they gave the "Man of the Century" award to Albert Einstein, however the entire selection committee noted that no human being came close to achieving what the computer had. Einstein was only a remote second place.



- Written by Michael Gibson in his book, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

### 1. A person will not have 666 on his forehead.

- Let him that has understanding calculate the number of the Beast. Revelation 13:17 calls the mark of the Beast "the number of his name."
- Inscribed in the Pope's crown, it says: VICARIUS FILII DEI which means Vicar (a person who acts in the place of another) of the Son of God.
- V=5, I=1, C=100, I=1, U (translated as a V)=5, I=1, L=50, I=1, D=500, I=1 – TOTALS 666
- Somehow the name of the Antichrist will equal 666.

### 2. What will be so horrible about receiving the Mark of the Beast?

- Anyone who worships the Beast or takes the Mark of the Beast will be tormented with fire and brimstone.
- It's not the technology that will be damnable. It will be worshipping or pledging allegiance to the Antichrist that will result in eternal damnation.
- this will be the system of control.

### Revelation 14:9-11

<sup>9</sup> And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

### 3. Plan of damnation vs. plan of salvation

- Worship the Antichrist as lord – worship Jesus as Lord
- Take the name of the Antichrist – take the name of Jesus
- Become demon possessed – be filled with the Holy Spirit

Satan has a grand master plan to force the whole world to worship him. He is going to largely succeed but ultimately fail. Jesus Christ will return thwart his plans, and we are going to worship and crown Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords!

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### Final Word:

#### Deuteronomy 20:1-4

Laws Concerning Warfare

<sup>1</sup> "When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people <sup>3</sup> and shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, today you

are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, <sup>4</sup> for the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.’

**For just as in ancient times, these courageous Israeli soldiers do not enter into battle alone but with God on their side to give them the victory against their enemies.**

**We can also rest assured that no matter what battle we may face, God is with us and will cause us to walk in triumph in Messiah Yeshua.**

“But thanks be to God, who in Messiah always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.” (2 Corinthians 2:14)

**The verses in this Torah portion about inheritance and victory in warfare bring to mind the final end-time battle.** According to Rabbinic Judaism, the Messiah will wage war against the enemies of Israel and succeed in battle.

We know that a day is coming when all nations will gather to battle against Israel; but Jesus the Messiah will fight for Israel and gain the victory. All the spoils of the nations will come into the hands of the people of Israel.

For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. **Zechariah 14:2-4**

#### **Zechariah 14:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

<sup>13</sup> And on that day a great panic from the Lord shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other. <sup>14</sup> Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance. <sup>15</sup> And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps.

<sup>16</sup> Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the **Feast of Booths** (“Sukkot”- 2019: October 13-22, 21<sup>st</sup> Eight Day/Eternity). <sup>17</sup> And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them. <sup>18</sup> And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; <sup>[b]</sup> there shall be the plague with which the Lord afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths. <sup>19</sup> This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the **Feast of Booths**.

In that day, we will receive back all that the enemy has stolen from us. God will restore the years that the swarming locusts have devoured (Joel 2:25); **and we will receive a double portion in our land.** Halleluyah!

I will restore to you the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent among you. **Joel 2:25**

“Instead of your shame you will receive a **double portion**, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a **double portion** in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.” **Isaiah 61:7**

#### **Next Week’s Reading:**

On the following Sabbath, being the eighth day Jesus is circumcised. The Jewish people call this particular Sabbath, KiTavo, “When you enter”.

**Jesus’ Circumcision: (“When you go in” - Ki Tavo - Original Est. Date: Sept 16, 5 BCE)**

**Elul** - Deuteronomy 26:1–29:9 (8)

“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it . . .” **Deut 26:1**

(Begins at sundown and Ends at sundown)

**2021**

Friday, August 27th to Saturday, August 28th

**2022**

Friday, September 16th to Saturday, September 17th

**2023**

Friday, September 1st to Saturday, September 2nd

**"Prophetic Fulfillment" of Jesus' Circumcision:** *"And at the end of **eight days**, when he was **circumcised**, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb," Lk 2:21.*

**Gen 17:12, 10-11** *"He who is **eight days** old among you shall be **circumcised** . . . This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be **circumcised**. and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you."*

**Deut 30:6-8,** *"And the Lord your God will **circumcise your heart** and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And the Lord your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today."*

Forty weeks (the period of human gestation) after Jesus' conception, following the Holy Spirit's impregnating the Virgin Mary, on Kislev 25, 3755, the first night of Hanukkah, December 6, 6 BCE, Jesus is born, Friday night, Elul 9, in the Jewish year 3756, corresponding to our Gregorian calendar date of September 9, 5 BCE, the beginning of the weekly Sabbath. On the following Sabbath, being the eighth day Jesus is circumcised. The Jewish people have a particular name for every Sabbath and they read specific passages of Scripture on those Sabbaths. The one on which Jesus is circumcised is called KiTavo, "**When you enter**", Deuteronomy 26:1–29:9 (8):

**"When you come into** the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it . . ." **Deut 26:1**

On that day Jesus entered into the (Abrahamic) Covenant through His circumcision. And in the Temple and every synagogue the prophet **Isa 60:1-22** is read. It begins this way:

*Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you. And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you.*

#### **Week 50 - Ki Tavo (When You Enter)**

**Deuteronomy 26:1–29:9 (8); Isaiah 60:1–22; 1 Peter 2:1–25**

***"We are to enjoy His blessings on our lives if we are walking (entering into covenant) in obedience to His commandments"***

**"When you have entered** (ki tavo) the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance . . . take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for His name."

**Deuteronomy 26:1–2**

The Teaching of "**From Here to Armageddon**" will be taught during the season of "When the King is in the Field", just after the Ninth of Av, beginning July 17<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>, and for the next 40/50 days and concluding on the Feast of Trumpets, also recognized as to the date of the counting of the Birth of Kings, the time period when Jesus would have been born, and all Kings are Ordained, when Jesus will return and begin His rule on as King of kings and Lord of lords. At which time, we will also be searching the Scriptures to Find the King in the Field, what God wants us to know regarding End Times, and not be Mislead, as Jesus instructed His own Disciples when asked, "*Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?*" And Jesus answered them '*See that no one leads you astray,*' Matthew 24:3-4. We will teach on the 1. The Overall View of the Timeline from "Here to Armageddon", 2. **The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet War** (Use Page 19 – Seals/Trumpets/Vials), 3. **The Final 7 Years**, 4. Israel's Third Temple, 5. Antichrist Revealed, 6. 666 The Mark!, 7. **Armageddon**, and 8. The Messianic Fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets and Atonement.