

Rosh HaShanah

(Feast of Trumpets)

Starts (before sunset) - **September 29,
2008**

Ends (after sunset) - **October 1, 2008**

IS THIS THE RAPTURE DATE?

&

**THE START OF THE 7-YEAR
TRIBULATION?**



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that was
referred to as the hidden day or the day that no
man knew!)*

One of the reasons most often given to disclaim that the resurrection of the dead and the catching away of the believers is on **Rosh HaShanah** is the statement given by **Yeshua (Jesus)** in Matthew 24:36, as it is written, "*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*" Because **Rosh HaShanah** was understood to be the hidden

*day, this statement by Yeshua is actually an idiom for **Rosh Hashanah**. Thus it should be given as proof that He was speaking of **Rosh HaShanah** because **Rosh HaShanah** is the only day in the whole year that was referred to as the hidden day or the day that no man knew.*

“Research is a process of elimination. Whatever remains is the truth.” Unknown

Rosh Hashanah is the first and second days of the first Jewish month of Tishrei. It marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year. The celebration of this holiday is marked with solemnity, as it is the day on which the whole world is judged for the coming year. Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world, as it was on this day that G-d created Man on the 6th day of creation. Every year, on this day, we proclaim G-d as our one and true King.



Why the Rapture date is called:

“The day that no man knew”!

POSSIBLE EVENTS IN THE FALL OF 2008:

- 1. Rapture of the Bride (Church) to Heaven (for our wedding) on Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) September 29 to October 1, 2008.**
- 2. New Testament Church for 7 Years in Heaven**
- 3. The complete destruction of Damascus, Syria. When this happens, Iran will use this as an excuse to wipe out the U.S. Fleet in the**

Persian Gulf using 100's of their new Russian ship killing missiles. With the U.S. Fleet destroyed and with Israel's complete destruction of Damascus, there will be a great incentive for all parties to sign a **7-Year Peace treaty!** **The Bible says that this peace treaty will be in place at the beginning of the 7-Year Tribulation period!** Signing of the 7-Year Peace treaty around the 1st week of October 2008 would give the time necessary to mobilize for the attack on Israel by Iran and Russia (**the war of Gog and Magog--Ezekiel 38 & 39**).

SEE "BEYOND FAIL SAFE, PENTECOST" STUDY FOR DETAILS ON THIS MATTER.

This will be history repeating itself, remember before Hitler attacked Poland and Russia during World War II, he first signed a peace treaty with both of them! The "hook" described in Ezekiel that draws Russia into the "Jihad" conflict to wipe Israel off the face of the earth, will be the treaty arrangements that Iran and Russia had with Syria.

4. Start of the 7-Year Tribulation Period.

October 9, 2008 This begins with a massive stock market crash. **Therefore, the**

***beginning of the 7-year tribulation period
and the rapture starts in the fall of 2008!***

**For more information go to videos by
Perry Stone:**



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- 5. This coming Presidential Election will be the last elected President and will be the President during the fall of the USA.**
- 6. The Bible tells us that God fights for Israel to destroy the attacking forces. When Israel by a miracle from God wins the war, they**

realize (at last) that there is a God in heaven who fights for them and this war is the trigger for them to start: **The Third Temple in Jerusalem!** Grant Jeffery feels that the war of Gog and Magog (**Ezekiel 38 & 39**) will occur on the 24th of Cheshvan! The 24th of Cheshvan, 5769 = **Saturday, 22 November 2008!**

7 reasons for the start of the 7-year tribulation period in:

October 2008:

1. It has been a generation (40 years) from the date that Israel once again gained control of Jerusalem after 2,000 years during the 6 day war of 1967. We are also coming up on the 6th decade anniversary (60 years, meaning a “new cycle”) of when Israel became a nation. Jesus said that the generation that sees the rebirth of Israel would see His return. When he comes back to earth after the 7-year tribulation, it would be (67 years) well within a modern generation of (70 years).
2. Experts are predicting a “complete global economic collapse by the 1st week of October 2008”! This is a complete economic collapse (both stock market and banking collapse) that will start the 7-year tribulation period.
3. Global food supply is near the breaking point and out the lowest level in 30 years! The world demand for food now outstrips what the farmers can grow! To make matters worse, the Honeybees are dying off! One-third of the human diet

comes from insect-pollinated plants, and the honeybee is responsible for 80 percent of that pollination. Experts are predicting food shortages by the fall of 2008.

4. Drought is at an epidemic level, worldwide! China, Australia, and even states in the United States are reporting lake and river levels lower than records have been kept (some going back over 160 years)! Where there is drought, food shortages will soon follow.

5. Jesus said that before his return that earthquakes, travel, and knowledge would increase. In the last 100 years each of these have been increasing at an exponential rate!

6. President George W. Bush has announced that there will be a peace treaty dividing up Jerusalem before his term expires in 2008. The bible predicts that the 7-year tribulation will begin in conjunction with the signing of a 7-year peace treaty. All of these factors and the ones listed below are coming together simultaneously to produce the "perfect storm" of the 7-year tribulation starting by the 1st week of October 2008.

7. 2007/2008 is the end of the biblical 490-year cycle and **the war of Gog and Magog--Ezekiel 38 & 39 is prophesied to happen this year. Israel has said they will attack Iran before the end of 2008. This is the Ezekiel 38 / 39 war. They have to: (a) While Bush is still President; (b) Before the advanced Russian air defense system is fully installed before the end of 2008; (c) Before Iran has nuclear capability at the end of 2008.**

FALL 2008

Sabbatical Year!

A number of Christians have emailed me wondering whether we are now living in the last year before the tribulation period could begin. The reasoning behind this is, this year in Israel is a 'shmita' year - the sabbatical year in which the Jews are commanded by God to let the land rest from producing fruit.

In the Autumn of 2008, the Feast of Trumpets will mark the beginning of another cycle of seven years for the Jewish people. The covenant between Israel and the surrounding nations is also strengthened by the Antichrist for a period of seven years (Daniel 9:27), so the thought is that this agreement could fall into one of these seven-year cycles on the Jewish calendar. The fact that the international community is aiming for a peace agreement by the end of 2008 is therefore quite significant. The book of Daniel states that the actual time of Jacob's trouble will begin after the agreement is broken by the Antichrist, and will run for a period of three and a half years (Daniel 12:7), or 42 months (Revelation 11:2), or 1260 days. Daniel also mentions another figure, 1335 days (Daniel 12:12).

Here are the past Sabbatical Years:

69/70 AC was a Sabbatical Year:

EVENT: Destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans!

1966/67 was a Sabbatical Year:

EVENT: Six-Day war, Israel gains control of Jerusalem after 2,000 years!

2001/02 was the last Sabbatical Year:

EVENT: Destruction of the World Trade Center

2008/09 is the next Sabbatical Year:

PROBABLE EVENTS: (SEE ABOVE)

Source: [Haaretz](#), [Guardian](#), [Reuters](#), [YNet News](#), [Jewish Feasts and Holy Days](#)

Blood Red Moon



(Total [lunar](#) eclipse over Jerusalem!)

It started for me with an April 30, 2008 World Net Daily story on Blood Moons

<http://worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.printable&page>

[Id=63076](#) which linked to an interview on a show called Prophecy in the News. As I listened to the interview with Mark Blitz <http://prophecyinthenews.com/> on the Internet I took up their offer to buy a DVD. It was recorded of Mark teaching at his church three days after his discovery about eclipses on the Jewish holidays in 2015. At three days he had not yet seen how amazing and compelling these eclipses would later prove to be. Sets of lunar eclipses falling on Jewish holidays spanning 600 years from 1493 to past 2100 happened only three times. They are: in 1948 (The year of the birth of Israel as a nation again), in 1967 (When Jerusalem was captured), and they will be in 2015. **(SEE THE CHARTS BELOW:)**

Heavenly signs: Sabbatical Year 2014-2015

(September 25, 2014 - September 13, 2015)

Four Lunar Eclipses: [NASA table of Lunar eclipses \(2011-2020\)](#) | [Jewish Holidays \(1998-2017\)](#)

The blood-red moon signifies trouble for Israel:

- **Passover: April 15, 2014** | Total eclipse visible in Australia, Pacific, Americas
- **Tabernacles: October 9, 2014** | October 8, 2014 Total eclipse visible in Asia, Australia, Pacific, Americas
- **Passover: April 4, 2015** | Total eclipse visible in Asia, Australia, Pacific, Americas
- **Tabernacles: September 28, 2015** | Total eclipse visible in East Pacific, Americas, Europe, Africa, West

Asia (This is the only one visible from Jerusalem at moon-set)

Four total blood-red moons back-to-back are rare, the only time it happens on four Biblical holidays is in 2014/2015. The only times last century these occurred together was in 1967/1968 when Jerusalem was recaptured. Hebcal used to determine older Jewish holidays.

The solar eclipse signals judgment for the nations:

Why 2015?

**Is it because of Isaac
Newton?**

Newton wrote over a million words of commentary on the books of Daniel and Revelation. They were released in reprint only in the past few years. He thought God had given us a way to see His "End Time" timetable. Newton thought the Second Coming of Jesus would be the start of a Jubilee year. The keeping of when these fifty year cycles called Jubilee years is to take place has been lost in time. They start after a count of 49 years on a Jewish Holiday, the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur. That 50th year called a Jubilee Year would be a time of

returning land to the original owners and freeing of slaves.

Leviticus 25:8-10

8 The Year of Jubilee

And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. 9 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. 10 And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

NKJV

Hears where it gets exciting, Mark Blitz wanted to see if there were any eclipses in 2015 because he had heard about some other person's calculations. Here is a link I found when I Google searched June 7, 1967 and Daniel 9:25 it seems to follow along with what Marl Blitz was saying. I know nothing else about this site but I will put some quotes from it below. First Daniel 9:24,25,& 26 then "Newton's Riddle":

Dan 9:24-26

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

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto

the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

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

KJV

"Newton's Riddle" - Jim Bramlett - Feb 27, 2008

http://www.prophecyforum.com/bramlett/newtons_riddle.html

Newton was a devout believer in Christ and Bible scholar, fluent in ancient languages, and who translated directly from the Hebrew and Greek. He was unusually drawn to the prophet Daniel, which he began studying at age 12 and continued until he died at age 85. In fact, The Columbia History of the World, a secular history book, remarks, "At the end of his days he spent more time studying and writing about the prophecies in the Book of Daniel than he did in charting the heavens." Apparently, God Himself put in Newton's heart this burning desire to study Daniel, then gave him the key to the timing of Christ's return.

Could this be the final profound secret the Lord revealed to this godly genius near the end of his life -- a secret "accidentally" discovered in the Library of Congress and republished just in the last few years -- a secret so simple that most have missed it?

If Newton was correct in his interpretation of Daniel, the prophet to whom God gave specific timing, then the return of the Lord Jesus Christ will be very, very soon, indeed!

Newton's understanding of one key passage in Daniel chapter 9 is fundamentally different from that of most common interpretations. In about 550 B.C., God gave the prophet Daniel a view of history to the end. From Daniel

9:25, scholars usually add the "seven weeks (of years, or 49 years) and 62 weeks (434 years)" to get 483 years and calculate the time of Messiah's First Coming. However, Newton says there is no linguistic basis for adding those two numbers (49 and 434), and to do so is "doing violence to the language of Daniel." Newton says the two numbers separately speak of both the First and Second Coming, both being counted from the "going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem." Some commentators agree. Newton says the "62 weeks," or 434-year part was fulfilled at the First Coming, and the "seven weeks," or 49-year part will apply to the Second Coming. And three centuries ago he saw in the Scriptures and wrote about the rebirth of Israel at a time when such a thought was preposterous. Amazingly by faith and understanding of the Scriptures, he foresaw a "friendly kingdom" someday again issuing the "commandment to restore and build Jerusalem." Now, centuries later, that "friendly kingdom" may have been the United Nations, which decreed Israel's rebirth in November, 1947, causing Israel to be reborn in May, 1948.

...if you use exactly 49 Jewish (360-day, prophetic) years from the day Israel captured the Temple Mount on June 7, 1967, you get $49 \times 360 = 17640$ days, which amazingly takes one exactly to September 23, 2015, the Day of Atonement 2015!

Now what I am about to say is personal speculation. If you go back 7 years from the Day of Atonement in 2015, you arrive at the Day of Atonement in 2008, October 9. Therefore, (in my opinion) astronomical signs prove 100% that the ending of the 7-year tribulation period is in the fall of 2015! Therefore, the beginning of the 7-year tribulation period and the rapture starts in the fall of 2008!

***This is further personal
belief:***

***If the final 7 years do, in fact,
begins on:***

October 9, 2008, then:

The rapture MUST take place on:

Rosh HaShanah 2008

***(September 29, 2008 to October 1,
2008)!***

Remember Newton thought the second coming would start a Jubilee year, which starts on a Day of Atonement. Adding a 49 biblical 360-day years to one of the most significant dates in Bible prophecy and coming up to a Day of Atonement are 365 to 1 odds. Yet there it is 49 Jewish (360-day, prophetic) years from the day Israel captured the Temple Mount on June 7, 1967, you get $49 \times 360 = 17640$ days, which amazingly takes one exactly to September 23, 2015, the Day of Atonement 2015!

Now you know why Mark Blitz looked to see if there were any eclipses in 2015 and as he said it blew his mind. By going to the [NASA's](#) website, you can look into the eclipses on your own.

The reason to subtract seven years from 2015 is to account for the time named the Tribulation, the events in the

book of Revelation. Most of us think the Rapture, the taking away of Believers happens just before the Tribulation starts.

Another Newton site:
<http://www.csg.net/eschatology/Newton.htm>

The 'rapture' is an important part of Christian doctrine, and for those of you not familiar with the Christian rapture I will summarize it's basic principles:

Throughout the Bible God threatens judgment (wrath) on sinful governments and people who refuse to follow him or his commandments.

In the 'end times' as famously portrayed in Revelation (last chapter of the Bible), these judgments finally unfold to start the period known as the "Tribulation" and result in devastating wars and natural disasters, all for the purpose of bringing God's unrepentant people to repentance, and separating the good people from the wicked and corrupt of the world.

The 'Pre-Tribulation' rapture represents God taking *some* of his people from the Earth before the Tribulation; these are Christians in high standing with God who do not have to suffer through his judgments of wrath that come on the world.

Breaking News: God Not Pleased with Christian Majority

A careful study of what God says in Revelation (chapters 2 and 3) to the seven early churches gives us some major clues as to how God views all populations of Christians.

Notice that only the Philadelphia Church (and a number of believers at the churches in Sardis and Smyrna) is without

fault and has no need to "repent". They are the only church guaranteed to be spared the 'hour of trial' (Revelation 3:10).

The remaining six churches (which would mean the majority of Christians) have the need to overcome sin in order to make themselves worthy. If they do not repent and embrace full love and faith in God (as warned specifically in these letters) they **MUST** go through the Tribulation, a time of severe testing and persecution, "such has never been seen before or will ever be seen again".

If you believe that Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation only apply to the churches two thousand years ago, please note that each letter ends with: **"Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches."**

The Rapture

In 1 Thessalonians, in the New Testament of the Bible, the apostle Paul talks about the 'end times' and a sudden, unexpected calamity that comes upon the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 - "... The Day of the Lord will come just as a thief in the night. When they say "Peace and security," then sudden destruction comes on them..."

Then a few lines down, 1 Thessalonians: 5:9 reads: **"For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."**

According to Paul, when the world is saying "Peace and security", sudden destruction hits... however as then stated by Paul, believers in Christ are not 'appointed' to this wrath, which comes upon the world and starts the Tribulation, which includes the Anti-Christ ruling for 42 months and the

entire period believed by many theologians to last up to 7 years.

Jesus said:

John 14:1-3 - "Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also."

With this well known passage by Jesus, we have *proof* that God has prepared a new world for his faithful believers. Of course, this leaves us with the question: "*When* will faithful believers be taken there?"

Left Behind and 666 (the Mark of the Beast)

Revelation 3:3 - Remember therefore what you have received and heard; keep it, and repent. But if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you have no idea at what hour I will come against you.

What happens to people who don't escape God's judgment on the world, who are stuck on Earth for the period of Tribulation? Who wake up one morning and *discover that people are missing?*

Obviously, they have to take part in it. These are the unbelievers and Christians of half-hearted faith who finally repent and turn away from wickedness and profess full love and faith in God during the time of Tribulation.

This group must cope with the rule of the infamous Anti-Christ and refuse to worship him or his image, and refuse

'the mark' that enables people to buy and sell under the Anti-Christ's *temporary* new world order.

Many of these Christians are reported by the Bible to be executed for refusing the mark of the Anti-Christ – these Christians choose execution, because the alternative is eternal torment in Hell, which is the punishment promised by God if his people take the mark (so if you are left behind, whatever happens, do not take the mark).

On top of that, natural disasters will be occurring all across the world, with greater frequency and terrifying effects. Earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, heat waves, famine, plagues – in many places these disasters will be so widespread that the Anti-Christ will be the least of peoples' concerns.

First Fruits vs. The Elect

Luke 21:36 - "But be alert at all times, praying that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Here, we have a passage in Luke that tells us to pray 'to escape all these things that are going to take place' AND 'be counted worthy'. The things that are going to take place are the disastrous and terrifying events of the Tribulation, which as stated above, the Philadelphia Church in Revelation 3:10 is told it will be spared from.

If you're taking notes, Luke 21:36 and Revelation 3:10 appear to state the *same thing* – that at least *some* believers will be counted worthy to escape 'these things that are going to take place' (Luke 21:36) and be spared from the 'hour of trial' (Revelation 3:10).

Bonnie Gaunt on the Rapture

From Jim Bramlett:

Yesterday I received an interesting three-page paper in the mail from author and Bible codes expert, friend Bonnie Gaunt. (She is not online.) Bonnie has written several books on the Bible codes, has been interviewed on secular network television and also Christian television, including the 700 Club.

Bonnie has discovered some new things:

1. There is a direct relationship between the Hebrew words for Rapture and 1st Tishri (Rosh Hashanah). Tishri is the first month in the Hebrew civil year. When reversed, three of its letters, and sometimes all four, she says, spell the Hebrew word which could be interpreted as "rapture."
2. In Deuteronomy, "the combination of the word Rapture and Tishri can be found over and over again in the ELS code." She says that many times in that book the words Rapture and 1st Tishri actually come together and cross. (1st Tishri is the Feast of Trumpets.)
3. Bonnie says, "There are many indications in both the chronology of the Scriptures, and in the prophetic word, that would suggest the return of Jesus for His bride will be on the 1st day of Tishri, which is the day of the Feast of Trumpets. The chronology suggests that this would occur on the Feast of Trumpets in the year 2008.... On our calendar this would be September 29, 2008."
4. In the excerpted Bible code matrix she sent me, she identifies the following words appearing very near each other in Deuteronomy 16:
5769 (the Jewish year which begins September 29, 2008), come away with me, Messiah (twice), Return (interwoven twice in Messiah), Midnight To reign Bride Bridegroom Went up Shiloh (or Shallah, which means "happy, or "take away")

Also, her new book is available (but she has to charge for this): "The Coming of Jesus: The Real Message of the Bible Codes."

Russian military stalls on reports Ukraine sold warheads to Iran
<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20060403/45107320.html> 3-4-06

MOSCOW, April 3 (RIA Novosti) - The chief of Russia's General Staff said Monday he could neither confirm nor deny reports that Ukraine had sold 250 nuclear warheads to Iran.

"Russia's General Staff has no information about whether Ukraine has given 250 nuclear warheads to Iran or not," General Yury Baluyevsky, also deputy defense minister, said in response to an article in Novaya Gazeta newspaper Monday. "I do not comment on unsubstantiated reports."

The newspaper said that Ukraine had failed to return 250 warheads to Russia in the 1990s when the former Soviet republic declared itself a nuclear-free zone. The paper suggested the warheads could have been sold to a third country, including Iran.

Russian General Confirms Iran Has Nuclear Weapons

Stratfor Intelligence, Week of June 4, 2002

<http://cuttingedge.org/news/n1660.cfm>

A Russian general's statement about Iran's nukes fails to register with media. Sometime a slip of the tongue is so incredible that no amount of doctoring can explain it. And sometimes a slip of the tongue is as intentional as could be. Take an appearance by Russian Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky. He gave a briefing on Friday in Moscow during the Bush-Putin summit and was asked about whether Iran actually fired the Shihab-3 intermediate-range missile in a successful test earlier this month. The second question was whether Iran can threaten Israel, Russia or the United States with its nuclear and missile programs.

Then the Russian general takes a surprise turn: 'Now, as to whether or not Iran has tested something like that. Iran does have nuclear weapons,' Baluyevsky said. 'Of course, these are non-strategic nuclear weapons. I mean these are not ICBMs with a range of more than 5,500 kilometers and more.'

Now this is shocking news, indeed! This Russian general has just confirmed that Iran has nuclear warheads and theater missiles with which to deliver them! And, he seems not to be concerned because these warheads cannot yet hit Russian soil. If Iran has nuclear weapons and the missile capability with which to deliver them to Israeli targets, then the entire calculation of military balance in the Middle East may just have changed.

Iran Has Missiles to Carry Nuclear Warheads

By Con Coughlin - NEWS.TELEGRAPH - 07/04/2006

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/04/07/wiran07.xml>

Iran has successfully developed ballistic missiles with the capability to carry nuclear warheads.

Detailed analysis of recent test firings of the Shahab-3 ballistic missile by military experts has concluded that Iran has been able to modify the nose cone to carry a basic

nuclear bomb. The discovery will intensify international pressure on Teheran to provide a comprehensive breakdown of [its nuclear research programme](#).

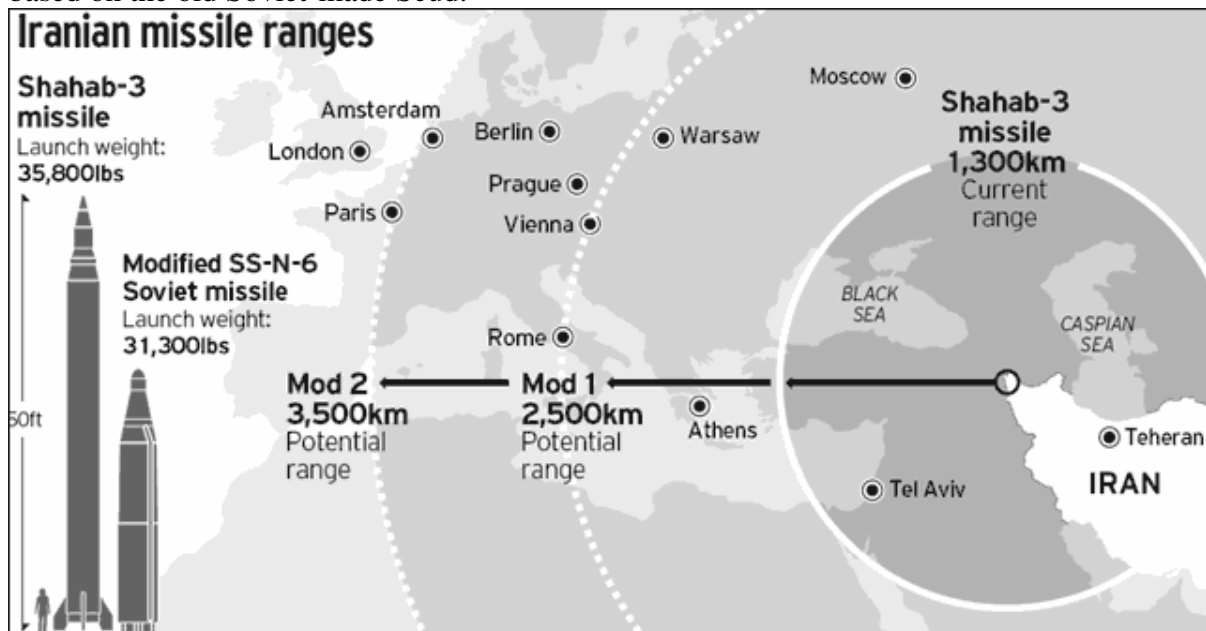


An Iranian Shahab-3 missile on parade in Teheran

Last week, the United Nations Security Council gave Iran 30 days to freeze its uranium enrichment programme that many experts believe is part of a clandestine attempt to produce nuclear weapons.

Iran denies it is trying to acquire a nuclear arsenal. But ballistic missile experts advising the United States say it has succeeded in reconfiguring the Shahab-3 to carry nuclear weapons.

The Shahab-3 is a modified version of North Korea's Nodong missile which itself is based on the old Soviet-made Scud.



The Nodong, which Iran secretly acquired from North Korea in the mid-1990s, is designed to carry a conventional warhead. But Iranian engineers have been working for several years to adapt the Shahab-3 to carry nuclear weapons.

"This is a major breakthrough for the Iranians," said a senior US official. "They have been trying to do this for years and now they have succeeded. It is a very disturbing development."

The Shahab 3 has a range of 800 miles, enabling it to hit a wide range of targets throughout the Middle East - including Israel.

Apart from modifying the nose cone, Iranian technicians are also trying to make a number of technical adjustments that will enable the missile to travel a greater distance.

Western intelligence officials believe that Iran [is receiving assistance from teams of Russian and Chinese experts](#) with experience of developing nuclear weapons. Experts

who have studied the latest version of the Shahab have identified modifications to the nose cone.

Instead of the single cone normally attached to this type of missile, the new Shahab has three cones, or a triconic, warhead. A triconic warhead allows the missile to accommodate a nuclear device and this type of warhead is normally found only in nuclear weapons.

According to the new research, the Iranian warhead is designed to carry a spherical nuclear weapon that would be detonated 2,000 feet above the ground, similar to the Hiroshima bomb.

Although US defense officials believe that Iran is several years away from acquiring nuclear weapons, they point out that the warhead could hold a version of the nuclear bomb Pakistan is known to have developed. Iran has acquired a detailed breakdown of Pakistan's nuclear weapons.

The development of the Shahab-3 is just one element of a wide-ranging missile development programme.

In 2003 the Iranians concluded another secret deal with North Korea to buy the Taepo Dong 2 missile, which has a range of 2,200 miles and would enable Iran to hit targets in mainland Europe.

Earlier this week the Iranians announced that they had successfully test-fired a new missile, the Fajr-3, which has the capability to evade radar systems and carry multiple warheads.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

The Bible indicates that there will be two groups of people on the earth when Jesus suddenly returns. The first group consists of those individuals that have received Jesus Christ's free gift of Salvation. These are the Children of Light. They know the signs of His return and are anxiously awaiting Him (1 Thes 5:1-4). The other group will consist of those whose love for the Lord has grown cold and the Unbelievers who want nothing to do with Jesus' free gift of salvation.

This latter group is like the people who lived in Noah's time. In that day, the people were completely caught up with the affairs of everyday living and wanted nothing to do with spiritual things until the flood came. By then, it was too late.

THE VITAL AND ESSENTIAL WORK OF THE WATCHMAN OVER GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE.

Such is the work of a watchman. If the people are forewarned and if they have responded and brought themselves into readiness then this timely warning can turn a potential disaster into a victory. In the case of God's covenant people it is no different. We are in a spiritual war and increasingly so as the Day approaches. Our enemy certainly knows a lot of what is going on. And he knows that the day of his judgment is approaching. The church is advancing expanding by leaps and bounds over in the third world. Our enemy is actively responding to these developing realities. How about us back here in the comfort zone as we sit in our padded pews? Do we know what's going on? In the spiritual arena there are also serious consequences for an unfaithful watchman. Ezekiel had this spelled out for him very clearly. God said that as a prophet he, Ezekiel, had been made a watchman over the House of Israel. He was told that if he saw the enemy coming and he failed to blow the trumpet and sound the alarm then there would be some dreadful consequences for him. God said that He will actually require the blood of the people at the watchman's hand. This is an awful thing. Ministers and believers of today are wise to heed this warning.

Rosh HaShanah: Names, Themes, and Idioms

1. *Teshuvah* (repentance)
1. *Rosh HaShanah* (Head of the Year, Birthday of the World)
2. *Yom Teruah* (the Day of the Awakening Blast [Feast of Trumpets])
3. *Yom HaDin* (the Day of Judgment)
4. *HaMelech* (the Coronation of the Messiah)
5. *Yom HaZikaron* (the Day of Remembrance or memorial)
6. The time of Jacob's (*Ya'akov*) trouble (the birthpangs of the Messiah, *Chevlai shel Mashiach*)
7. The opening of the gates
8. *Kiddushin/Nesu'in* (the wedding ceremony)
9. The resurrection of the dead (rapture, *natza'l*)
10. The last trump (*shofar*)
11. *Yom Hakeseh* (the hidden day)