

Biblical stories that are shadows and types for a 2,000 year gospel age Part 3

Ecclesiastes 1:9 What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

In Ecclesiastes 1:9 it says to know what will take place in the future we must first look to what has been done in the past. In this study of the scriptures there are **8 stories** that strongly suggest there will be a 2,000 year gospel age to the Gentiles that will be followed by 7 years of tribulation. However just as the disciples were blinded to the historic account of Jonah in the big fish for 3 days and 3 nights as a prophetic sign for Jesus death and resurrection, I believe many in the church today have failed to recognize the Biblical stories of the past that are prophetic for a 2,000 year gospel age that will be fulfilled before the tribulation begins.

The next question that needs to be considered is the 2,000 year gospel age based on a **360 or 365 day year?** If a year is 360 days in length then 2000 years would be approximately 1,971 years of 365 days. When you add 1,971 years to the most likely time of 30 to 33 A.D. for Jesus resurrection it comes to 2001 to 2004 for the possible beginning of the tribulation. However if a year equals 365 days in length then the tribulation could begin around the 2030 to 2033 time-frame.

When I have pointed out the approximate years of **2030 to 2033** for the possible beginning of the tribulation, some Christians have replied, "this time-frame is wrong because the signs of the times are revealing the tribulation will happen within the next few years." Now we can speculate and try to predict when the tribulation might take place from the Biblical signs and birth pangs that mankind is now experiencing. However I would rather ask Jesus if he has hidden anything in the scriptural stories of the past that would help to let us know when the tribulation will take place in the near future. There is one interesting scripture that might be a prophetic clue for the correct number of days in a year concerning the 2,000 year gospel age.

Genesis 5:21-24 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. (22) Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. (23) Thus all the days of Enoch were **365 years**. (24) Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

The Lord took (raptured) Enoch (the 7th from Adam) to heaven when he was **365 years of age**. This verse may be a veiled prophetic hint for when Jesus will rapture his saints to heaven after 2,000 years of **365 days** just before the tribulation begins in the 7th millennium from Adam.

In Jude 1:10-13, the scriptures give a picture for the wicked in the tribulation, **fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead**. The Feast of Trumpets which Israel observed in autumn is prophetic for the tribulation. And the unbelievers in the tribulation will be like fruitless trees in late autumn who will experience the second death in hell (twice dead, Rev 20:13-14).

Jude 1:10-13 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. (11) Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. (12) These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; **fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead**, uprooted; (13) wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

Then in Jude 1:14 it says Enoch was the seventh from Adam, and the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones to convict the ungodly of all their deeds (at the end of the tribulation). Enoch who is mentioned as **the 7th from Adam** when the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones is prophetic for **the 7th millennium from Adam** when the Lord will return with his raptured saints (like Enoch taken at the age of 365) at the end of the tribulation to convict the ungodly and save Israel. So it's possible **Enoch's age of 365** might be prophetic for a gospel age of 2,000 years of 365 days that will end in approximately **2030 to 2033** just before the tribulation begins. Although this time-frame for the beginning of the tribulation is mere speculation at best unless we can find additional scriptural proof that points to these years.

Jude 1:14-15, It was also about these that **Enoch, the seventh from Adam**, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, (15) to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

When you consider there are 8 historic accounts in the Bible that are shadows and types for a 2,000 year gospel age, it's possible there could be other stories in the scriptures that might point out when the tribulation will be near. Jesus said we will not know the day or the hour when he will return, however he did say when you see the fig tree put out its leaves (Israel becoming a nation in 1948) you know that summer (the end-time tribulation judgment) is near.

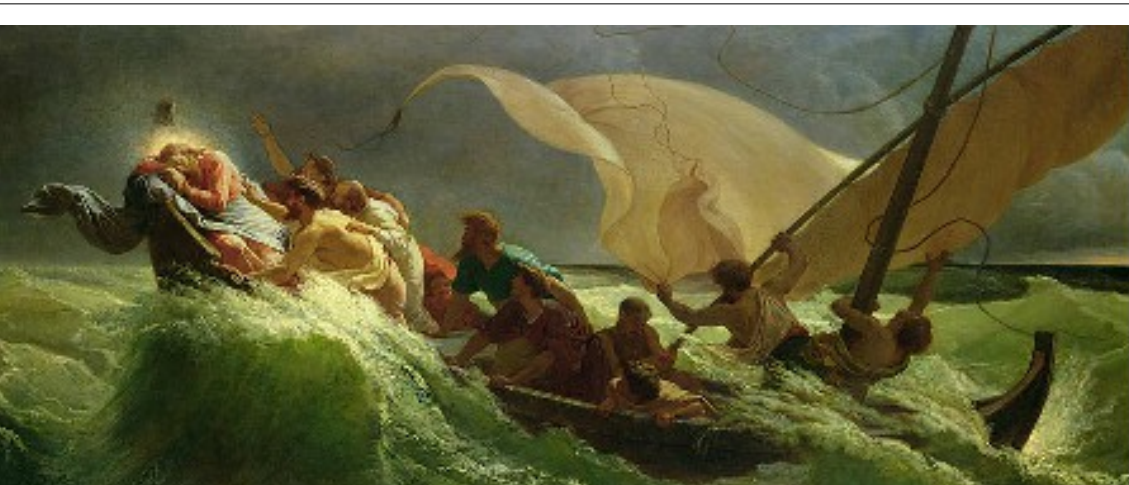
Matthew 24:32-34 "**From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.** (33) **So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.** (34) **Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.**

In the next study, "Biblical stories that are shadows and types for the 7 years of tribulation," we will examine several prophetic stories that appear to reveal a more specific time-frame for when the events of the tribulation might be fulfilled.

David crushes Goliath's head with one smooth stone and then cuts off his head with the giants own sword



The Cross Goliath mocks the God of Israel 40 days and is killed by one smooth stone thrown by David	The Resurrection David picks up Goliath's sword and cuts off his head and brings it to Jerusalem	A 2,000 year gospel age David kills and circumcises 200 Philistines to receive his bride	The 7 years of tribulation Saul kills himself by falling on his own sword and Israel burns his body and fasts for 7 days
<p>Goliath, a giant who apparently had 6 fingers, 6 toes (1Ch 20:6-7) and was 6 cubits high with a spear that weighed 600 shekels, taunts and insults Israel 40 days when David the 8th son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, gathers 5 smooth stones from the river and slings one of the stones into the head of the giant and kills him, 1Sam 17:7-8, 16, 40, 49-50.</p>	<p>David then took Goliath's sword and cut off the giant's head and brought it to <u>Jerusalem</u> to show the Lord has given David victory over Israel's enemies, 1Sam 17:51, 54.</p> <p>Isaiah 27:1-2 In that day the LORD with his hard and great and <u>strong sword</u> will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will <u>slay the dragon</u> that is in the sea. (2) In that day, "A pleasant vineyard, sing of it!</p>	<p>David kills 200 Philistines and circumcises them and gives the foreskins to Saul for his daughter Michal as David's bride, 1Sam 18:25-27.</p>	<p>Saul who ruled Israel and was in rebellion against God tried to kill David (God's chosen future king of Israel) and the men who followed David. Then in a losing battle Saul commits suicide by falling on his own sword, 1Sam 31:3-5.</p> <p>The Philistines find Saul's dead body and <u>cut off his head</u> an valiant men from Jabesh Gilead bring back Saul's body and burn it, and Israel fasts for 7 days, 1 Sam 31:12</p>
<p>David who was born in Bethlehem as the 8th son of Jesse, who crushed Goliath's head with one smooth stone after the giant jeered Israel 40 days, is prophetic for Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, the chief corner stone the builders rejected (Psa 118:22), who <u>crushed Satan's head by one sacrifice</u> (1 smooth stone) at approximately 4,000 years from Adam when he bruised his heel on the cross and died for our sins, Gen 3:15, Mat 21:42, Joshua 4:9.</p>	<p>David cutting off Goliath's head with the giant's own sword might be prophetic for Satan's own sin and rebellion against God is what condemned him when Jesus died on the cross for our sins and destroyed Satan's power over God's saints.</p> <p>Matthew 12:36-37 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, (37) for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."</p>	<p>A 2,000 year gospel of God's law kills us and declares we are all dead in our sins and unrighteousness which leads us to salvation through faith in Jesus and circumcises our heart by the Spirit so the saints can become Jesus bride through faith (200 Philistines are killed and circumcised by David so he could receive his bride).</p>	<p>Saul ruling Israel in rebellion to God is a type for the Antichrist who will rule Israel in defiance to Jesus (God's chosen future king of Israel) in the tribulation as he tries to kill the saints and the Jews (Saul tried to kill David and his men), Dan 7:24-25, Rev 12:17.</p>
<p>David who was born the 8th son of Jesse the Bethlehemite and was anointed with the Holy Spirit by Samuel to be Israel's future king represents Jesus, the Son of God who was anointed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit, resurrected (born from the grave) on the day after the Sabbath, the 8th day, and will be Israel's future king, 1Sam 16:1, 12-13.</p>	<p>David who took Goliath's head to <u>Jerusalem</u> and declared the Lord's victory over Israel's enemies could be a picture for the day of the resurrection when Jesus appeared to his fearful and discouraged disciples in <u>Jerusalem</u> and declared he has triumphed and risen in victory over Israels enemies of sin, death and the grave, Luke 24:33-53</p>	<p>Romans 7:10-11 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. (11) For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it <u>killed me</u>.</p>	<p>Rebellious Saul in a losing battle who committed suicide by falling on his own sword prophetically speaks of the Antichrist who will be destroyed by his own sin and rebellion to God (by his own sword) in a self-defeating and losing battle with Jesus at the end the tribulation, John 8:24, Rom 6:23, Rev 19:11-20.</p>
<p>The 5 smooth stones David gathered to slay Goliath represents it was by <u>Gods grace</u> (5 is the number of grace) that Jesus crushed Satan's head on the cross to set us free and save us from our prison of sin and death.</p>	<p>And the dead saints who came out of their graves after the resurrection and went <u>into Jerusalem</u> also revealed that Jesus has won the victory and has set us free from our enemy of sin and death, Mat 27:50-53.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD; <u>remove the foreskin of your hearts</u>, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds."</p>	<p>The Philistine's who found Saul's body and cut off his head is similar to David who cut off Goliath's head which represents God's victory over Satan and the Antichrist, 1 Sam 31:8-9.</p>
<p>Ephesians 2:8 For by <u>grace you have been saved</u> through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,</p>	<p>Matthew 27:50-53 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. (51) And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. (52) The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, (53) and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went <u>into the holy city</u> and appeared to many.</p>	<p>Romans 2:28-29 For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. (29) But a Jew is one inwardly, and <u>circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit</u>, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.</p>	<p>The burning of Saul's body may be prophetic for Satan and the Antichrist who will eventually be thrown into the lake of fire for eternity, 1 Sam 31:11-13, Rev 19:20.</p>
Jesus travels in a boat to the Geraseses and casts demons out of two possessed men and sends them into 2,000 swine that rush down into the sea and drown			



The Cross Jesus falls asleep in the boat during a great windstorm and his disciples are in great fear	The Resurrection The fearful disciples wake Jesus and he rebukes the sea and says, "Peace! Be still!"	A 2,000 year gospel age Jesus casts demons out of 2 men which enter 2,000 swine and rush into the sea and drown	The 7 years of tribulation Jesus told the healed man, go to the Decapolis and tell them what the Lord has done for you
<p>Mark 4:35-38a On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." (36) And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. (37) And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. (38) But he was in the stern, <u>asleep on the cushion</u>.</p>	<p>Mark 4:35-38b And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (39) And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (40) He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" (41) And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"</p>	<p>Jesus and his disciples enter a boat on the Israeli western shore of the sea of Galilee and travel to the eastern Gentile side of the sea to the Geraseses, in the area of the Decapolis, the 10 Roman cities.</p> <p>Jesus then meets a couple of demoniacs and casts a legion of demons out of the two men and the demons ask permission to enter a herd of swine. The 2,000 swine possessed by demons then dive into the sea and drown. After this the people of city begged Jesus to depart from their region, Mar 5:1-17.</p>	<p>Jesus told the healed demoniacs to go to the Decapolis (the 10 Roman cities) and declare how the Lord has set them free from their slavery to Satan, Mar 5:19-21.</p>
Job 33:14 For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it.			
<p>Adam's deep sleep when God created a bride for him is a picture of Christ's deep sleep of death for 3 days that gave Jesus his bride after he rose from the grave, Gen 2:20-23.</p> <p>The story of Jonah who went down into the lowest part of the ship and stretched out on its wooden beams and fell into a deep sleep during the storm is also a picture of Jesus who was stretched out on the wooden beams of the cross and died in the storm of God's judgment for our sins, Jonah 1:4-5.</p> <p>And Jesus who was fast asleep in the boat during the storm with his fearful disciples could be another type for Jesus death on the cross when the disciples looked upon their dead Messiah and were in great fear for their lives, Mark 4:38.</p> <p>Mark 14:69-72 And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." (70) But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." (71) But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." (72) And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.</p>	<p>Jesus waking up in the boat and calming his fearful disciples when he said to the storm, "Peace, be still" may be prophetic for <u>the day of the resurrection</u> when Jesus rose from his deep sleep of death and calmed his fearful and discouraged disciples when he said, "Peace, be with you," John 20:19-21.</p> <p>Mark 4:39-41 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (40) He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" (41) And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"</p> <p>John 20:19-21 On the evening of that day, the <u>first day of the week, the doors being locked</u> where the disciples were <u>for fears of the Jews</u>, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (20) When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (21) Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."</p> <p>Luke 24:36-38 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" (37) But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. (38) And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"</p>	<p>Jesus and the disciples who traveled from the Israeli side of the sea to the eastern Gentile area known as the Decapolis (10 Roman cities) is prophetic for the gospel that will begin from Israel and will go to the Gentiles throughout the world, Mark 4:35, 5:1.</p> <p>And the 2,000 swine represents the 2,000 year gospel age to the Gentiles.</p> <p>The demons that Jesus cast into 2,000 swine that sought death by diving into the sea is a picture for the demons that will be cast into unbelievers (spiritual swine) who will then seek death in hell, Mark 5:11-13.</p> <p>The people from the city who begged Jesus to leave their region is a picture of unbelievers who do not want Jesus as Lord and they will be given over to the demons, Mark 5:11-17 (the demons asked Jesus permission to enter the swine, unbelievers).</p> <p>The 2,000 demon possessed swine that sought death by drowning in the sea is similar to the demon tormented unbelievers in the tribulation who will also seek death but will not be able to find it, Rev 9:2-6.</p> <p>Revelation 9:2-6 He opened the book of the bottomless pit. And from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. (3) Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. (4) They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people <u>who do not have the seal of God</u> on their foreheads. (5) They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. (6) And in those days <u>people will seek death and will not find it</u>. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.</p>	<p>The number 10 in the Bible represents completeness. The 10 commandments is a brief summary of the complete Law of God. The Feast of Trumpets is a 10 day feast which is prophetic for the 7 years of tribulation, a time of God's complete judgment for all of mankind. And the Decapolis, the 10 Roman cities in this story is a type for all the cities of the world.</p> <p>The demon possessed man that was healed by Jesus and told to go to the Decapolis (the 10 Roman cities) and be a witness of how the Lord has set him free from Satan, is a prophetic picture for the gospel that will be declared to the whole world, to every nation, tribe and tongue during the tribulation.</p> <p>In Rev 14:6-7, An angel proclaims the gospel to the whole world during the tribulation.</p> <p>Revelation 14:6-7 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with <u>an eternal gospel</u> to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to <u>every nation and tribe and language and people</u>. (7) And he gave a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."</p>