

A Personal View of the "Time of the End"

Rapture of the Body

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

2017

Based upon studying and searching the Scriptures and considering world events of the last 120 years, I am of an evolving opinion that we are approaching the season of the "fullness of the Gentiles" and the season of "Jacob's Trouble". I believe these two events will likely occur in 2017. We are encouraged to study and search the Scriptures for understanding of the times and seasons. We are all expected to discern the signs of the times. (Matthew 16:1-3) Discernment anticipates knowledge of truth. Knowledge of truth rightly divided produces understanding. Understanding rightly applied produces wisdom. Who is as the wise man? and who knows the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom makes his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed. (Ecclesiastes 8:1)

I have written supporting articles which are linked at the end of this letter.

It is my view that the 70-year period between Hebrew Year 5707 (1947/48) and Year 5777 (2016/17) is prophesized in Zechariah 1. If it is not a primary prophetic reference, it is certainly associated with a secondary dual fulfillment. The "70-years" in Zechariah 1:12 expressed in the Hebrew words is "shib'iym shaneh". Interestingly these words have the Hebrew letter numeric value of 777. Would it be a coincidence if it were an indirect reference to Hebrew Year 5777 ? The Jews drop the "5" in reference to their years. From a Jewish perspective Year 5777 will be commonly termed Year 777.

During this Age of Pentecost, God has been dealing with Jews and Gentiles on an individual basis. Salvation in Jesus is a free gift creating one new man. During Daniel's 70th week, God will be dealing with the nation of Jews corporately. Since Israel became a sovereign nation in Hebrew Year 5707, God has been preparing the stage for the salvation of the remnant Jew who will turn away from transgression in Jacob. (Isaiah 59:20)

The greatest prophetic fulfillment in our day has been the resurrection of the independent and sovereign nation of Israel, after 2,520 years. The dry bones have been raised, but the life God intends for Israel has not been born yet. The barren woman will give birth to a faithful remnant Jew who will proclaim the testimony of Yeshuah. Worship God and give Him glory.

The beginning of Daniel's 70th week is disclosed in the Bible. It can be pieced together as a puzzle. It is one of the greatest and most important weeks in the Bible. The conclusion of this week (7 years) brings in "everlasting righteousness". It is not hidden. God has revealed all of His plans to the prophets. They are in His Book. (Amos 3:7) They are not hidden from us, but hidden for us. God wants searchers. (Proverbs 25:2)

My view of Bible prophecy is from the perspective of Israel. Daniel 9:27, the 70th week, is the next event on the prophetic horizon for Israel. The "fullness of the Gentiles" (Romans 11:25) precedes Daniel's 70th week. (Daniel 9:27). The "fullness of the Gentiles" occurs on a future Feast of Pentecost, probably 2017, on a day and hour known only to God. It will be a Springtime event. The "fullness of the Gentiles" results in the rapture, redemption and removal of the body of Christ from Earth.

This mysterious event will cause the world economies to crash. The economic devastation will be global and complete. Marshal law will be declared. In America, the Constitution will be suspended. Natural disasters in North America will be of biblical proportions. America will never recover from the events. America's military, what will be left, will be recalled home and never venture into foreign wars again.

Israel will be immediately attacked by the surrounding Islamic nations. No ally nation will come to Israel's assistance or rescue. Israel will have to rely on God alone. Israel will eject the Islamic Waqf, the Jordanian authority exercising dominion over Temple Mount, and commence construction of the Third Temple on temple mount.

Islam will become the dominant world religion. Sharia law will be declared and enforced. A great Islamic leader will rise in the Middle East. He will deceive wonderfully through the promotion of peace.

The ensuing 113 days, the period between Pentecost and the festival of Trumpets, will be a period of great divisions. People, nations and geographic boundaries will be divided. America will be judged, possibly September 11, 2017.

On Trumpets, the two witnesses, Moses and Elijah, will appear in Jerusalem. They will testify to the events of the Pentecostal rapture and explain God's plan for national Jewish salvation during the Time of Jacob's Trouble. A remnant of Jews will believe. The witnesses will testify that God will require them to (1) keep the commandments of God, and (2) have the testimony of Jesus. (Revelation 12:17; 14:12) They will be persecuted for their belief. They will lose their heads for their beliefs. (Revelation 20:4)

In the Fall of 2017, Daniel's 70th week will commence. It will be a time as never before. Therefore, time is of the essence. For he says, I have heard you in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I helped you: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2) Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1-2(a).

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Jesus stopped short and did not finish verse 2(b). There will have been about a 1,984 year gap between verse 2(a) and 2(b). Verse 2(b) is the Time of Jacob's Trouble, the Day of Vengeance. The "time accepted", the "acceptable year", is NOW. It is time for you to choose Jesus as your Lord and Savior. The offer is for a determined and limited time. The time is short. Even at the door !

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