

# **RULES OF PROPHETICAL ENGAGEMENT**

**CONFRONTING INCORRECT BIBLICAL TEACHINGS:**

Responses to Dr. Dave Reagan, Joel Richardson, & Chris White



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## Confronting the Incorrect Teachings

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### Introduction

I stated in the email blast that introduced this monograph a few weeks ago that I have selected three great men as proponents of prophetic teachings that I believe are taking Christians down paths that will adversely affect their ability to make correct decisions for their lives with respect to preparation for coming judgments. These great men are Dr. Dave Reagan, Joel Richardson, and Chris White. I have selected these gentlemen as proxies for groups of prophecy teachers, because I have tracked them the most, and because they are prominent within their schools of thought. In saying that, I must also say that my tracking has not been at the level of constancy and consistency. All three are prolific producers of print, audio, and video material, so that running a business, tending to my household, and writing my own material limits the amount of mental and physical energy I have to ferret out everything they believe.

If I mis-state their beliefs, I invite these fine gentlemen and anyone in the audience to correct me. I feel that correctly stating their views with exactitude is important but not as critical for this exercise as it is for stating what I believe Scripture is teaching. The issue is to “speak the truth in love,” and it just so happens that I believe I’ve encountered some truths that the Body of Christ desperately needs to hear. No self-glorification here, for “...he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 10:17) The Lord alone grants prophetic truth, “...for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Revelation 19:10)

Regarding my positions stated herein, I do not go into great detail with all of them and will instead provide brief summaries with references to other articles or books I have written so as to avoid “reinventing the wheel” and to maintain brevity where brevity is due. The readers are encouraged to peruse these other resources to see the details. However, where I have not provided much or any commentary in prior writings about certain passages of Scripture, I have provided new material to interpret these passages in later sections of this monograph.

### The Three Great Men

Regarding the three great men, I thank them for the contributions they have made to our understanding of prophecy. Hal Lindsey got me started on the road to understanding the big picture of apocalyptic prophecy, specifically identifying key nations in end-times events and the significance of the rapture, but Dave Reagan, more than any other, taught me the “mechanics” of prophecy, the definitions, and the terms. He laid out the various views and provided a springboard for me to launch into new areas. He also laid out the numerous connections between America’s meddlings in Israel’s business and disasters that have befallen the United States (US) as a result; one wonders if there is a connection between coronavirus and the recent, un-Biblical Trump Peace Plan that involves giving up Israeli land, something entirely contradictory to God’s plan for that nation. You can read about the Trump Peace Plan in the article, *The Prophetic Implications of the Trump Peace Plan*.

I met Dr. Reagan once at a small church he visited in Houston probably 30 years ago, and he corresponded to me in a hand-written letter about his reasons for a pre-Trib rapture. I greatly appreciate that letter and will pass it on to my kids. He recently wrote another hand-written letter to me after sending him copies of my books, saying his responses to my books are contained in three of his books he sent to me: The Man of Lawlessness: The Antichrist in the Tribulation, America the Beautiful: The United States in Bible Prophecy, and The Rapture: Fact or Fiction. I greatly appreciate that letter and those books, as well. But of more impact to me than those letters and books is his life, for it has been a life lived well. His book, Trusting God: Learning to Walk by Faith, is powerful, and his integrity and devotion to Christ and His word have significantly influenced me.

As for Joel and Chris, in addition to their personal integrity and devotion to Christ and His word, I appreciate Joel and Chris for providing new areas of thought and study. Joel got me thinking about the antichrist as a Middle Easterner, and that Islam will factor heavily into end-times prophecy. Chris pleasantly surprised me in that he shares my view that Daniel 7 is a futurist prophecy, not a rehash of Daniel 2, and he shares my view that the antichrist will be Jewish. I am grateful for their contributions; nevertheless, there are major differences between my views and some of Dr. Reagan's, Joel's, and Chris's views, which this monograph seeks to elucidate.

### The Various Views

To simplify the reader's understanding of our respective views, I have included a chart that summarizes the points of agreement and disagreement, indicated by Yes (Y) and No (N). There is redundancy in the positions presented in the Position column as a way of emphasizing each man's position.

Position	Reagan	Richardson	White	Wild
Daniel 7 is a rehash of the Daniel 2 ancient nations vision	Y	Y	N	N
Daniel 7 is a future vision and is not a rehash of Daniel 2	N	N	Y	Y
The Ezekiel 38-39 war is a Tribulation war (Armageddon)	N	Y	N	N
The Ezekiel 38-39 war is at the end of Christ's millennial reign	N	N	Y	N
The Ezekiel 38-39 war is a pre-Tribulation war	Y	N	N	Y
Gog of Ezekiel 38-39 is the antichrist	N	Y	N	N
Gog and Magog are Russian	Y	N	Y	Y
Gog and Magog are Turkish	N	Y	N	N
The antichrist is a Jew	N	N	Y	Y
The antichrist is a Gentile	Y	Y	N	N
The antichrist will be Turkish and will reign from Mecca	N	Y	N	N
The antichrist will be Macedonian or some other eastern European nationality reigning from Jerusalem	N	N	Y	N
The antichrist will be Roman and will have his kingdom as a revived Roman Empire	Y	N	N	N

Position	Reagan	Richardson	White	Wild
The antichrist will be Iraqi and will have his capital as rebuilt Babylon	N	N	N	Y
The antichrist will be worshipped by the Jews	Y	N	Y	Y
The antichrist will not be worshipped by the Jews	N	Y	N	N
The rapture is before the Tribulation	Y	N	N	N
The rapture is at the end of the Tribulation	N	Y	Y	Y
Mystery Babylon is Rome	Y	N	N	N
Mystery Babylon is Mecca	N	Y	N	N
Mystery Babylon is Jerusalem	N	N	Y	N
Mystery Babylon is rebuilt Babylon	N	N	N	Y
The United States is presented symbolically in the Bible	N	N	?	Y
The United States is not presented symbolically in the Bible	Y	Y	?	N

The chart needs to be fleshed out a bit. Summarizing, Dr. Reagan believes in a pre-Trib rapture and that the US is not mentioned in the Bible, but the US's demise can be predicted based on parallels to Israel in which Israel fell into apostasy and lawlessness and was harshly judged. He believes Daniel 7 is a recapitulation of Daniel 2, meaning he does not recognize the beasts of Daniel 7 as concurrent, modern nations, with the exception that he recognizes the fourth beast as the antichrist's under a revived Roman Empire through the European Union. He believes Rome will be Mystery Babylon and that the antichrist will be a Gentile of European origin. He believes the Ezekiel 38-39 war is not during the Tribulation and that Gog and Magog are Russian. His website is at <https://christinprophecy.org/>.

Richardson believes in a post-Trib, or rather end of Trib/pre-wrath (day of the Lord) rapture, and that the US is not mentioned in Bible prophecy. He takes the same position on Daniel 7 as Reagan does, with the exception that he inserts the Islamic Caliphate into both the Daniel 2 and 7 visions and believes both visions refer to ancient nations rather than modern nations, but he believes the fourth beast is the Muslim antichrist. He believes the antichrist is the Gog of Ezekiel 38-39 and that he will be a Gentile from Turkey rather than Russia, with his capital as Mecca, which he believes is Mystery Babylon. His website is at <https://joelstrumpet.com/>

White believes as Richardson does regarding the rapture, but I do not know his position on the US in prophecy. He believes Daniel 7 is distinct from Daniel 2 and that Daniel 7 is about modern, contemporaneous nations, meaning he takes the "futurist" position regarding Daniel 7's prophecy. I do not know the nations he identifies in Daniel 7, but based on his recent debate video with Richardson where he mentions Macedonia as a possible origin for the antichrist, I feel confident that some or all of his modern nations are not the same as mine. He does not believe the antichrist is a Muslim Gentile but rather a Jew who will rule from Jerusalem, which he defines as Mystery Babylon. He believes the Ezekiel 38-39 war is at the end of the millennial reign of Christ, and that the Ezekiel story provides the details for the final war against Jesus when the Gentile armies surround Jerusalem and are destroyed by fire from God. His website is at <https://bibleprophecytalk.com/>.

For a great, online debate that occurred recently between Joel and Chris, go here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uy2ytMSFvm0>

Now, it's my turn. I believe the following:

1. **Daniel 7's Beasts**: Daniel 7 provides symbolism that indicates the four beasts are the modern nations of (1) the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK) – the western lion-eagle beast, which I also call the Anglo-American alliance, (2) Russia with Turkey, Syria, and Iran – the northern bear with three ribs beast, (3) China with Japan and the two Koreas, or maybe India or other Asian nations – the eastern 4-headed, 4-winged leopard beast, and (4) the southern leopard-lion-bear antichrist beast (Revelation 13:2). These nations are discussed in all three of my books and the *Daniel 7 Unlocked* series on my website and reproduced herein. I stated in 2009 when I self-published The Timing of the Rapture that these nations would become the most prominent nations in the news with the most impact on world events. Looking anywhere else to define who are the nations of Daniel 7, in my thinking, is dangerous and foolish, because these nations' correlation to Daniel 7 indicates soon-coming difficulties that Christians need to prepare for but mostly are not. It is difficult to understand how the three aforementioned, great men miss the obviousness of the symbolism of Daniel 7's three beasts that precede the fourth antichrist beast. Three superpowers currently are wrangling for power and influence on the world stage, yet they ignore the very evident connection of the three beasts to the US, Russia, and China. Turkey (Richardson), Macedonia (White), Rome (Reagan), and even Germany, as proposed by the Daniel 7 futurist, Irvin Baxter, are pipsqueaks compared to these powerful nations. The US-UK beast will fall, and on that point Dr. Reagan and I agree, but I go one step further and state unequivocally through deciphering the symbolism in Daniel 7 that the US, and possibly the UK, will repent and be restored spiritually. That is GOOD NEWS!
2. **Gog/Magog and Muslim Wars Against Israel**: Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 are pre-Tribulation wars that destroy Russia's military and those of its Islamic allies and will significantly reduce the influence of Islam in the world. These passages of Scripture support the idea that the second bear-ribs beast from the north is Russia with Turkish, Syrian, and Iranian allies. The fall of the US-UK alliance will allow the nations of Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 to attempt what they have always wanted to do, which is to destroy Israel. The Chinese will remain as the sole superpower. The fate of the Chinese is unclear to me, but some see Daniel 11:44, Revelation 9:14-16, and Revelation 16:12 as inferences to the Chinese. I suspect the antichrist will defeat the Chinese and absorb them, as well as the US-UK and Russian-Islamic beasts, into his sphere of influence, thus giving him global reach from east to west and north to south. On the other hand, due to the US's repentance and the absence of eagle's wings on the leopard-lion-bear antichrist beast, perhaps the US will not fall greatly under his influence; he may have little interest in US, since we may be mostly smoke and ashes after God judges US. Supporting that idea is that the antichrist hears

“...tidings out of the east and out of the north [that] shall trouble him...” (Daniel 11:44) but none out of the west. In any case, these nations are described in the most detail in Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy?: With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars, but they are also addressed in the *Daniel 7 Unlocked* series and *The Soon-Coming Israeli-Russia-Muslim Wars*.

3. **Antichrist:** The antichrist will be Jewish and will hail from Iraq, which is ancient Assyria. He is called the “Assyrian” and the “king of Babylon [modern Iraq]” in multiple passages of Scripture. My position should not be construed as anti-Semitic, for I am about as pro-Jew and pro-Israel as one can get short of being an Israeli Jew. My opinion is that the Jews are the single-most productive, useful, and influential people group in history, and it does not offend me that they are, seeing as some of my closest friends are Jews. I take the proponents of that wicked doctrine called replacement theology to task in *The Prophetical Implications of the Trump Peace Plan*. God works in parallels, patterns, and pre-types to teach precepts, principles, and prophecies, such that Nimrod, who founded Babel (Babylon) is a pre-type of the antichrist, and ancient Babylon is the pre-type of modern Babylon that will be rebuilt in Iraq (the plains of Shinar, i.e., Mesopotamia), as Zechariah 5 teaches. Polytheism and false religions after the Flood began in Babylon, and they will end in Babylon. The antichrist will be worshipped by the Jews at first. He is called the “idol shepherd” in Zechariah 11:17, indicating he will be idolized, and Isaiah 10:20 says the Jews will no longer “stay upon” him “but shall stay upon the Lord,” indicating their temporary worship of and devotion to the antichrist. Jesus said in John 5:43 that the Jews will not receive Him but will receive “another,” – Greek *allos*, meaning another of the same kind, i.e., a Jew, rather than *heteros*, meaning another of a different kind, i.e., a Gentile – “another” could encompass all false messiahs, such as Bar Kohkba (~130 A.D.), but it is believed by the majority of scholars to be a reference to the antichrist. The significance to Jesus of other false messiahs pales in comparison to the significance of the final, false messiah, indicating the weight of evidence for the antichrist as the subject of John 5:43 is substantial. However, after setting up an idol of himself in the temple in violation of “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth” (Exodus 20:4) and abolishing the daily sacrifices, the Jews will recognize him as a false messiah and flee to the wilderness of Jordan for protection. The Jews will also rise in opposition to him, as Micah 5:5 indicates. To think the Jews, who have always looked for a Jewish messiah, would suddenly look to a Gentile as their messiah is untenable. Identifying the Antichrist provides details about the antichrist and is supported by the article, *Satan Is a No-Name*, which clarifies who Lucifer (KJV) is in Isaiah 14.
4. **Rapture:** The rapture is post-Tribulational, following the convention of pre-, mid-, and post-, but the reality is that it will be near the end of the Tribulation before the day of the Lord, which is the wrath of God directly unleashed on the antichrist and his godless followers by Jesus Himself (Isaiah 63:1-6). The Tribulation is a time of judgments to bring people to Christ and to cleanse His Bride to prepare her for the

Revelation 19 wedding, followed by wrath at the end for those who refuse Him, such that the entire Tribulation period cannot be stated as the wrath of God. This nullifies the pre-Trib argument that “God has not appointed us to wrath” as an indicator of a pre-Trib rapture. God has always taken His people **through** tribulations, not out of them; otherwise, the Father would be denying the request of the Son, something that is unthinkable: “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.” (John 17:15) The rapture, repentance of the Jews, and return of Jesus is modeled in the last three Feasts of Israel, specifically Trumpets (rapture) on Tishri 1 (September/October timeframe), followed by Atonement on Tishri 10, followed by Tabernacles on Tishri 15, when Jesus will enter Jerusalem to set up His millennial kingdom. The Tishri feasts will follow the same pattern as the first four feasts of Israel that Jesus fulfilled – Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost – meaning in consecutive order on the Jewish calendar in the same year. Trumpets (rapture) will not precede Atonement and Tabernacles by several years, contrary to the pre- and mid- positions. Verses like John 11:24 cannot be ignored: “Martha saith unto him, I know that he [Lazarus] shall rise again in the resurrection at the **last day.**” The resurrection is the rapture. The details supporting my position on the timing of the rapture are presented in [The Timing of the Rapture](#).

### **Rules of Prophetical Engagement**

Prophecy becomes much simpler to understand when one employs the hermeneutic (rule or principle used for exegeting Scripture) of historical setting when a prophecy was made. What this signifies is that one should assume that a term used in an Old Testament (OT) prophecy had a plain meaning to the first hearers of that prophecy within their historical setting at the time the prophecy was uttered, and would have that same meaning to later hearers of a prophecy that uses that same term. If Babylon was understood by the Jews of Isaiah’s, Jeremiah’s, Ezekiel’s, and Daniel’s times to be that city in the plains of Shinar in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq), why would the Jews of the Apostle John’s time understand Babylon in Revelation to be anything other than that same city in the plains of Shinar in Mesopotamia? They wouldn’t have, and neither should we. Likewise, when a prophecy about Assyria or an Assyrian was uttered, we should understand it the way the Jews who first heard it would understand it. We should not assume it is a cryptic term that describes another location. A prophetical Assyrian of the end times means an Assyrian of our time, i.e., a modern Iraqi, not somebody from western Europe or Turkey. Prophetical Babylon of the end times means a city situated in the country where the ancient city of Babylon exists, i.e., Iraq. God has no intent to confuse us, which is easy to do since we’re likened to sheep (which are as dumb as bricks), such that we need to take geographic locations discussed in Scripture to mean now what they meant then. If Babylon is mentioned anywhere in Scripture, don’t apply that term to the United States, New York, Istanbul, Mecca, Jerusalem, or Rome.

Prophecy becomes simpler to understand when one also employs the hermeneutic of literary devices, like hyperbole, simile, metaphor, allegory, alliteration, symbolism, and so on.

Bear in mind that the writers of apocalyptic prophecy were describing things for which they had no terms at their times in history; how were they to describe an atomic bomb or an Apache helicopter, if indeed they saw those things in their dreams and visions? The Bible is a book of literature, as well as being the only book on the planet with a heartbeat and a pulse, as Ed Young of Second Baptist Church in Houston is fond of saying. Now, apply that understanding to your readings of apocalyptic prophecy in Scripture, especially in relation to the antichrist. Over-the-top language is used, but don't let that confuse you for what is occurring in the real world in real time. As described in Scripture, the machinations, maneuverings, and madness (see, I used the literary device of alliteration) of the antichrist and the end-times nations will be executed in the same way we see them now. Treaties are made, wars are fought, and politicians and bureaucrats scurry all over the world wreaking havoc on the rest of us. It will be the same way at the time the antichrist arrives on the world scene. We need only look back at the prophecies of Scripture that were foretold and fulfilled in the past. Those prophecies had some of the the same phantasmagorical language yet occurred in the way things always occur in the human experience, as natural as breathing air.

#### **New Material: Matthew 24:1-31, Isaiah 13, and Ezekiel 38-39**

I did not fully address Matthew 24 when I wrote The Timing of the Rapture. I included some verses out of it, but I did not address the full passage where the disciples ask Jesus about the end times, and Jesus responds with a dissertation starting with the "beginning of sorrows," finally taking them to the rapture. I aim to correct that oversight here.

I did not address Isaiah 13 when I wrote Identifying the Antichrist, probably because I didn't have enough grasp on it at the time. Things have changed, and I now see it as a major passage supporting my position that Babylon will be rebuilt in Iraq. Dr. Reagan takes the position that the reference to Medes disqualifies it as a prophecy regarding Mystery Babylon, but I will demonstrate that the Medes reference buttresses my argument.

I addressed Ezekiel 38-39 extensively in Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy?: With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars. Richardson and White miss the mark on this, and it is too critical of an issue to miss. Christians need to know how this passage relates to Daniel 7 to, in turn, understand just how close we are to incomprehensible, global suffering.

#### **Matthew 24:1-31**

If someone were to ask you to give an account of a series of events that were yet to occur, like maybe a wedding ceremony or a high school graduation, would you jumble the events up and discuss them out of order, or would you present them in chronological order? Which approach would be more logical and beneficial to the hearer? I dare say that you would agree that presenting the events in chronological order would be more logical and more beneficial to your audience. Yet, somehow, somehow, this thought process is lost on millions of Christians who read Matthew 24. It seems to be lost on the big-name proponents of the pre-Trib rapture position who take the last, major event of the discourse shown below, i.e.,

the rapture, and place it before or within the other events of Matthew 24. I will demonstrate this by first presenting and then exegeting Matthew 24:1-31.

<sup>1</sup>And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. <sup>3</sup>And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. <sup>5</sup>For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. <sup>6</sup>And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. <sup>8</sup>All these are the beginning of sorrows. <sup>9</sup>Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup>And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. <sup>12</sup>And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. <sup>13</sup>But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. <sup>15</sup>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:) <sup>16</sup>Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: <sup>17</sup>Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: <sup>18</sup>Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. <sup>19</sup>And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! <sup>20</sup>But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: <sup>21</sup>For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. <sup>23</sup>Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. <sup>24</sup>For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. <sup>25</sup>Behold, I have told you before. <sup>26</sup>Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. <sup>27</sup>For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. <sup>28</sup>For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. <sup>29</sup>Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: <sup>30</sup>And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:1-31

Jesus presents the end times in chronological order, progressing from false messiahs in Verse 5 to wars in Verse 6, but He adds that the end is not yet and tells us why beginning Verse 7, saying that more disasters are on the way. He confirms a consecutive-order, chronological timeline with the word “beginning” in Verse 8 and “then” in Verse 9, further enforcing the progressive, chronological order of Matthew 24. He tells believers in Israel to run to the hills when they see the abomination of desolation, which is when the antichrist goes into the temple and declares himself God in Verses 15 and 16 during the Tribulation. Everything after that is about the Tribulation leading to His return and our gathering together to Him. In Verse 29, He says, “...after the Tribulation of those days...” the earth will be shaken, and “then” in Verse 30 the people alive at that time will see Him, followed by the elect, meaning Christians, being gathered - raptured – to Him in Verse 31. Parallel passages are in Mark 13 and Luke 17.

Matthew 24:31 and Mark 13:27 teach that the elect, meaning us, will be gathered from “earth” and “heaven” nearly simultaneously, confirming Paul’s statement in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-16 that the dead in Christ shall rise first and then those alive and remaining will be gathered up with them. Positionally in the Matthew and Mark chapters, this gathering is mentioned after all the other prophetic events leading to Jesus’s return. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 says the gathering is announced with a “trump,” which is the same “trump” in 1 Corinthians 15:52, which is the same trumpet as the seventh and last trumpet of Revelation 10:7 sounded by one of the seven angels bearing the trumpets of Revelation 8:6. All of these trumpets, including the last and seventh, are within the Tribulation. Additionally, 1 Corinthians 15:51 says the rapture is a “mystery,” and Revelation 10:7 says, “But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound [his trumpet], the **mystery** of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” This “mystery” of the rapture is accomplished at the end of the Tribulation.

More evidence is in Matthew 24:37-41, where Jesus says that two will be in a bed or field and one of them will be carried away and one left behind, just like during the days of Noah. The ones who were carried away in Noah’s time were the wicked, and those “left behind” were those who would repopulate the earth, meaning Noah and his family. The Left Behind series by Tim LaHaye has it in reverse, which is incorrect. The ones left behind during the Tribulation will be the elect who have not yet believed in Jesus but who will - such as the surviving Jews and Gentiles – just before, on, or just after Tishri 10, i.e., the Day of Atonement, and before the day of the Lord when Jesus returns to destroy the godless. These surviving Jews and Gentiles will go into the Millennial Kingdom to repopulate the earth, as described in Revelation 20 and many supporting OT passages.

The disciples asked Jesus in Luke 17:34-37 where the people not “left behind” would be taken, and He responded that it would be to the place where dead bodies and birds of prey

gather. This is a reference to the day of the Lord and the Battle of Armageddon, which is also called the great winepress of the “wrath of God” and “supper of the great God” (Revelation 19:17-18), where the antichrist and his followers will be slaughtered by Jesus (Isaiah 63:1-6). Support for the order of the righteous being gathered for rapture before the wicked being gathered for wrath is in Revelation 14:12-20, which shows two reaping within the Tribulation, the first being for believers, i.e., the rapture, and the second being for the wicked for the day of the Lord, which is a day of wrath. Rapture before wrath, confirming Paul’s statement in I Thessalonians 5:9 that God has not appointed Christians to wrath. Remember, Jesus said, “...those who endure to the end shall be saved.” The end, brethren, not the beginning, and not in the middle – the end.

The pre-Trib position has caused significant damage to the Body of Christ for multiple reasons, one of them being that much time and mental energy has been wasted on propagating a belief that provides little to no value for preparing for the coming persecution of the Church. All that time and energy should have been geared toward preparing the Church for the coming holocaust, particularly spiritual preparation. The pre-Trib position has numbed down and dumbed down many believers who have little knowledge of Scripture and no idea as to the chaos and carnage about to be unleashed on the world. As God told Hosea, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” (Hosea 4:6)

It also has caused a mindset of complacency and lack of watchfulness in many members of the Body. Dr. Reagan stated “pure bunk” and an “absurd claim” to such a statement in his book, The Rapture: Fact or Fiction?, but I know it to be true because I have heard many Christians expressing little concern for the trials and tribulations facing the Church before and during the Tribulation, saying that they won’t be here anyway, so what does it matter? Foolishly, I made such statements when I was pre-Tribber for many years, but I have repented of that thinking. I have heard these types of statements for decades, and other Christians have recounted to me many similar tales of believers saying such things. Perhaps Dr. Reagan is blessed to be surrounded by folks who do not have a lackadaisical mindset and are homed in with laser focus on these end-times events. Dr. Reagan certainly is homed in, which is highly commendable, and has been for as long as I’ve followed his ministry, but the pre-Trib rapture view has and does produce apathy in many Christians, contrary to his “pure bunk” statement; I have seen it with my eyes and heard it with my ears.

One of my readers recounted for me something that Corrie Ten Boom, the great Dutch believer and protector of Jews during WW II, said about the dangers of the pre-Trib rapture belief. Her letter is on multiple web sites and is reproduced below:

The world is deathly ill. It is dying. The Great Physician has already signed the death certificate. Yet there is still a great work for Christians to do. They are to be streams of living water, channels of mercy to those who are still in the world. It is possible for them to do this because they are overcomers. Christians are ambassadors for Christ. They are representatives from Heaven to this dying world. And because of our presence here, things will change.

My sister, Betsy, and I were in the Nazi concentration camp at Ravensbruck because we committed the crime of loving Jews. Seven hundred of us from Holland, France, Russia, Poland and Belgium were herded into a room built for two hundred. As far as I knew, Betsy and I were the only two representatives of Heaven in that room. We may have been the Lord's only representatives in that place of hatred, yet because of our presence there, things changed. Jesus said, "In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" [John 16:33] We too, are to be overcomers – bringing the light of Jesus into a world filled with darkness and hate. Sometimes I get frightened as I read the Bible, and as I look in this world and see all of the tribulation and persecution promised by the Bible coming true. Now I can tell you, though, if you too are afraid, that I have just read the last pages. I can now come to shouting "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" for I have found where it is written that Jesus said, "Hallelujah!" for I have found where it is written that Jesus said,

"He that overcomes shall inherit all things: and I will be His God, and he shall be My son." [Revelation 21:7]

This is the future and hope of this world. Not that the world will survive – but that we shall be overcomers in the midst of a dying world. Betsy and I, in the concentration camp, prayed that God would heal Betsy who was so weak and sick.

"Yes, the Lord will heal me," Betsy said with confidence.

She died the next day and I could not understand it. They laid her thin body on the concrete floor along with all the other corpses of the women who died that day. It was hard for me to understand, to believe that God had a purpose for all that. Yet because of Betsy's death, today I am traveling all over the world telling people about Jesus. There are some among us teaching there will be no tribulation, that the Christians will be able to escape all this. These are the false teachers that Jesus was warning us to expect in the latter days. Most of them have little knowledge of what is already going on across the world. I have been in countries where the saints are already suffering terrible persecution.

In China, the Christians were told, "Don't worry, before the tribulation comes you will be translated – raptured." Then came a terrible persecution. Millions of Christians were tortured to death. Later I heard a Bishop from China say, sadly,

"We have failed. We should have made the people strong for persecution, rather than telling them Jesus would come first. Tell the people how to be strong in times of persecution, how to stand when the tribulation comes, to stand and not faint."

I feel I have a divine mandate to go and tell the people of this world that it is possible to be strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are in training for the tribulation, but more than sixty percent of the Body of Christ across the world has already entered into the tribulation. There is no way to escape it.

We are next. Since I have already gone through prison for Jesus' sake, and since I met the Bishop in China, now every time I read a good Bible text I think, "Hey, I can use that in the time of tribulation." Then I write it down and learn it by heart. When I was in the concentration camp, a camp where only twenty percent of the women came out alive, we tried to cheer each other up by saying, "Nothing could be any worse than today." But we would find the next day was even worse. During this time a Bible verse that I had committed to memory gave me great hope and joy.

If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. [1 Peter 4:14-15]

I found myself saying, "Hallelujah!

Because I am suffering (for the name of Christ), Jesus is glorified!" In America, the churches sing, "Let the congregation escape tribulation", but in China and Africa the tribulation has already arrived. This last year alone more than two hundred thousand Christians were martyred in Africa. Now things like that never get into the newspapers because they cause bad political relations. But I know. I have been there. We need to think about that when we sit down in our nice houses with our nice clothes to eat our steak dinners. Many, many members of the Body of Christ are being tortured to death at this very moment, yet we continue right on as though we are all going to escape the tribulation. Several years ago I was in Africa in a nation where a new government had come into power. The first night I was there some of the Christians were commanded to come to the police station to register. When they arrived they were arrested and that same night they were executed. The next day the same thing happened with other Christians. The third day it was the same. All the Christians in the district were being systematically murdered. The fourth day I was to speak in a little church. The people came, but they were filled with fear and tension. All during the service they were looking at each other, their eyes asking, "Will this one I am sitting beside be the next one killed? Will I be the next one?" The room was hot and stuffy with insects that came through the screenless windows and swirled around the naked bulbs over the bare wooden benches. I told them a story out of my childhood. "When I was a little girl, I went to my father and said, "Daddy, I am afraid that I will never be strong enough to be a martyr for Jesus Christ."

"Tell me," said Father, "When you take a train trip to Amsterdam, when do I give you the money for the ticket? Three weeks before?"

"No, Daddy, you give me the money for the ticket just before we get on the train."

"That is right," my father said, "and so it is with God's strength. Our Father in Heaven knows when you will need the strength to be a martyr for Jesus Christ. He will supply all you need, just in time."

My African friends were nodding and smiling. Suddenly a spirit of joy descended upon that church and the people began singing, "In the sweet, by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore."

Later that week, half the congregation of that church was executed. I heard later that the other half was killed some months ago. But I must tell you something. I was so happy that the Lord used me to encourage these people, for unlike many of their leaders, I had the word of God. I had been to the Bible and discovered that Jesus said He had not only overcome the world, but to all those who remained faithful to the end, He would give a crown of life. How can we get ready for the persecution? First we need to feed on the Word of God, digest it, and make it a part of our being. This will mean disciplined Bible study each day as we not only memorize long passages of scripture, but put the principles to work in our lives. Next we need to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Not just the Jesus of yesterday, the Jesus of History, but the life-changing Jesus of today who is still alive and sitting at the right hand of God. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is not an optional command of the Bible, it is absolutely necessary. Those earthly disciples could never have stood up under the persecution of the Jews and Romans had they not waited for Pentecost. Each of us needs our own personal Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We will never be able to stand in the tribulation without it. In the coming persecution we must be ready to help each other and encourage each other. But we must not wait until the tribulation comes before starting.

The fruit of the Spirit should be the dominant force of every Christian's life. Many are fearful of the coming tribulation. They want to run. I, too, am a little bit afraid when I think that after all my eighty years, including the horrible Nazi concentration camp that I might have to go through the tribulation also.

But then I read the Bible and I am glad. When I am weak, then I shall be strong, the Bible says. Betsy and I were prisoners for the Lord, we were so weak, but we got power because the Holy Spirit was on us. That mighty inner strengthening of the Holy Spirit helped us through. No, you will not be strong in yourself when the tribulation comes. Rather, you will be strong in the power of Him who will not forsake you. For seventy-six years I have known the Lord Jesus and not once has He ever left me, or let me down. Though He slay me, I will hope in Him. [Job 13:15] I know that to all who overcome, He shall give the crown of life.

Hallelujah!

– Corrie Ten Boom – 1974

I have nothing to add to that.

## Isaiah 13

The reader needs to see the entire passage with commentary:

<sup>1</sup>The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. <sup>2</sup>Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. <sup>3</sup>I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. <sup>4</sup>The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. <sup>5</sup>They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation [“indignation” is used in multiple, prophetic passages about the Tribulation in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel – do a word search and check it out for yourself, O noble Berean], to destroy the whole land. [Verses 3-5 might indicate a heavenly contingent that follows up after the earthly Medes to complete Babylon’s destruction - a mop-up campaign, if you will - judging by the use of “sanctified,” “mighty,” and “heaven”] <sup>6</sup>Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand [The day of the Lord is Christ’s return to destroy the godless – the term is used over 40 times in Scripture]; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. <sup>7</sup>Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man’s heart shall melt: <sup>8</sup>And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. <sup>10</sup>For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. [These terms are used elsewhere in Joel 3:15 and Matthew 24:29 as descriptors for the day of the Lord at Armageddon] <sup>11</sup>And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. [This is a global event speaking of the return of Jesus and not anything that happened to that level in the past by the overthrow of Babylon by the Medes and Persians in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.] <sup>12</sup>I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. [Again, a global event on the day of the Lord at Armageddon] <sup>14</sup>And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. <sup>15</sup>Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. <sup>16</sup>Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. <sup>17</sup>Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. <sup>18</sup>Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eyes shall not spare children. <sup>19</sup>And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. [This describes

utter ruin to the point where nothing habitable remains, something that did not occur to ancient Babylon] <sup>20</sup>It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. <sup>21</sup>But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. <sup>22</sup>And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Isaiah 13

After the Medes and Persians captured Babylon, it remained a viable city where people lived all the way through the times of the Greeks, Romans, and beyond until it fell into the dust bin of history after its conquest by Muslims in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century A.D. It was not and has not been obliterated to the degree described in Isaiah 13. Alexander was rebuilding it and died in 323 B.C. in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar; he was building a harbor to promote trade and planned to make it his imperial capital, so it was not in a state of total ruin, as some claim. Diodorus of Sicily (90-30 BC) said, "As for the palaces and the other buildings, time has either entirely effaced them or left them in ruins; and in fact of Babylon itself but a small part is inhabited at this time, and most of the area within its walls is given over to agriculture." Although highly degraded, its inhabitation in the 1st century B.C. does not support the total annihilation argued by those who see Isaiah 13 as fulfilled in the past.

Peter visited Babylon to preach the gospel to the Jews who were descendants of the Jews brought there by Nebuchadnezzar, so making an argument that Isaiah 13 describes the rapid, total annihilation of ancient Babylon and relates to a past instead of future event is unsustainable. Peter's ministry was to the Jews, in the same manner as Paul's was to Gentiles, so it makes sense that he went to Babylon with Mark, who sometimes did not get along with Paul and did not always travel with him, to preach the gospel to the sizeable Jewish population still there. In keeping with tradition, it would have been rude of an apostle to speak of the host city from where he was writing as another city. Babylon in 1 Peter 5:13 is not a code word for Rome.

Furthermore, the seven mountains of Revelation 17:9 are kingdoms, as Revelation 17:10 indicates, not the seven hills of Rome. The filthy religious system that the woman represents in Revelation 17:9 is the polytheistic, false religion that spanned the histories of the seven kingdoms that had control over Israel at one time or another, specifically Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the Ottoman Empire; the antichrist will be of these seven, meaning a product of these same godless empires, and he will be the eighth and final king, as Revelation 17:11 states. His capital, for awhile at least before he moves to Jerusalem, will be rebuilt Babylon.

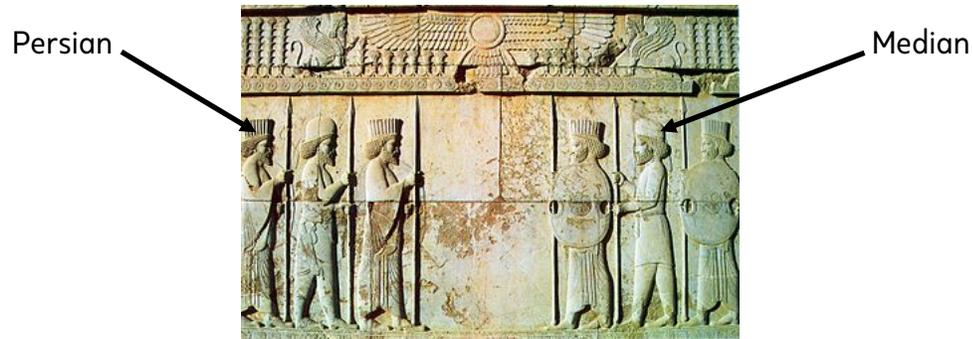
I will be definitive about this: Isaiah 13 means the Babylon of Revelation is the rebuilt city in Shinar (Iraq) of Zechariah 5. Babylon means Babylon, not Rome, Mecca, Jerusalem, or elsewhere.

Regarding the Medes that Dr. Reagan says indicates Isaiah 13 is a completed prophecy, we need to understand the Medes as a geographic location rather than a specific people group, such as the Kurds. The Kurds are proposed by some students of prophecy as descendants of the Medes, and I believe some of them are simply because the Medes inhabited the same regions that the Kurds do now. But given the history of intermingling of people groups of that region through wars, migration, and so on, it is likely that the Kurds have Arab, Scythian, Persian, Parthian, Turkish, Armenian, and other blood types within them. Supporting the idea of intermingling, I have Christian friends from Lebanon who speak Arabic and are surrounded by Arabs, yet they have blue and green eyes and consider themselves descendants of Phoenicians and Crusaders, with some probable Arab blood thrown in for good measure. But I do not take the position that the Kurds represent the Medes; rather, the focus is on a region, not a distinct people group.

Approaching the Medes in Isaiah 13 as a geographic region rather than a particular people group and then applying the geographic boundaries of the Median Empire as described by the Greek historian, Herodotus, to modern nations, we can define Turkey as the western extent to Pakistan as the eastern extent. This would then include Azerbaijan, Iraq, and Iran, and probably Georgia, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan. Whoa. Ten nations. Perhaps these are the nations of the ten kings of Revelation 17:12 who join with the antichrist to obliterate rebuilt Babylon (Zechariah 5). I don't know, and we likely won't know until it actually happens, since the wording of Revelation 17:12,16 indicates they coalesce as a confederacy rather late in the apocalyptic program to destroy rebuilt Babylon. However, there is some logic to it in the sense that the best place to launch an attack on a region of the world is from that same region of the world, i.e., neighboring countries. Moreover, it seems to gin up with Daniel 8:9, which states the antichrist waxes "exceeding great...toward the east..."

Irrespective of which nations they are, God will use them to "...sweep it [Babylon] with the besom [broom] of destruction..." (Isaiah 14:23) indicating a complete leveling of the city, which is not the situation for the remains of the ancient Babylon in Iraq. If the antichrist is Iraqi, as I believe, then moving east would immediately take him into Iran, and if his movements are "exceeding great" to the east, then he could capture those nations mentioned above that are east of Iran. OK, well, I admit I'm being highly speculative regarding those ten nations; no need to start a new church denomination over it.

Recall from Daniel 8 and known history, both the Medes and Persians overthrew Babylon, yet the Persians (modern Iran) are not mentioned in Isaiah 13. Daniel 8 indicates the Persians became the dominant power of the two, and archaeology supports this, as shown on the photo below of a bas-relief from the Persian palace of Persepolis in Iran showing two Persian soldiers for every one Median soldier.



The significance of this is that Persians still exist as a distinct, people group in Iran, yet the Medes no longer exist as a distinct, people group in a distinct, modern nation, but their descendants cover a large, geographic region. The Persians are not mentioned in Isaiah 13, because (1) it would link them to the modern nation of Iran that would not accurately convey the territory of the antichrist, and (2) the Persians (Iranians) will have been destroyed as a threat to Israel by their foray into Israel during the Ezekiel 38-39 war, which is a pre-Tribulation war that paves the way for the ascension of the antichrist.

### Ezekiel 38-39

I deal with this passage of Scripture extensively in Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy?: With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars and to a lesser extent in the enclosed monographs, but I need to provide a quick summation for the audience for why Joel's and Chris's views are incorrect.

1. In response to Joel's position that Gog and Magog are of Turkish extract rather than Russian, I quote from my US in Prophecy book:

It is possible to examine some of these ancient sources and link them together to get a picture of who the Magogites' descendants are. We will examine three ancient sources: Herodotus, the Greek world traveler and historian who lived in the 5th century B.C.; Josephus, the 1st century A.D. Jewish historian; and Claudius Ptolemy, the Greco-Egyptian writer and mathematician of the 2nd century A.D. We will begin with Herodotus, who introduces us to the Scythians.

#### Herodotus, Book IV: 20

Callippidae on the north coast of the Black Sea, beyond [which] is a mixed race part Scythian and part Greek; beyond them is a people named Alazones. Both these follow the Scythian way of life. Beyond these are Scythians who till and sow, not for food, but for sale. Beyond them are the Neuri and to the northward of those the land is uninhabited as far as we know.

Ptolemy expands our understanding of the Scythians.

Ptolemy, Book 2, Chapter 2: Of the Characteristics of the Inhabitants of the General Climes

Those who live under the more northern parallels, those, I mean, who have the **Bears** [Please note the reference to bears, i.e., Ursa Major/Ursa Minor, Big Dipper/Little Dipper] over their heads, since they are far removed from the zodiac and the heat of the sun, are therefore cooled; but because they have a richer share of moisture, which is most nourishing and is not there exhausted by heat, they are white in complexion, straight-haired, tall and well-nourished, and somewhat cold by nature; these too are savage in their habits because their dwelling-places are continually cold. The wintry character of their climate, the size of their plants, and the wildness of their animals are in accord with these qualities. We call these men, too, by a general name, Scythians.

Josephus connects the dots for us.

Flavius Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Book 1, Chapter 6:1

Magog founded those that from him were named Magogites, but who are by the Greeks called Scythians.

Therefore, the Scythians were descendants of Magog who lived in cold, northern climates - certainly north of the Black Sea, which itself is to the north of modern Turkey - and had fair skin and straight hair. Sounds like Russians to me.

As I demonstrate with modern headlines in my books and articles, the Turks, Syrians, and Iranians are working amongst themselves with the Russians to varying degrees and collectively form the bear with three ribs motif in Daniel 7. Emphasizing Turkey and de-emphasizing Russia is like exalting a chimpanzee over a 900-lb gorilla sitting in the room. Russia dwarfs Turkey in global influence and outright might in every consequential metric. The reading audience needs to reject Turkey and focus on Russia, and while you're at it, tell every other Christian with any interest in prophecy to do so, as well.

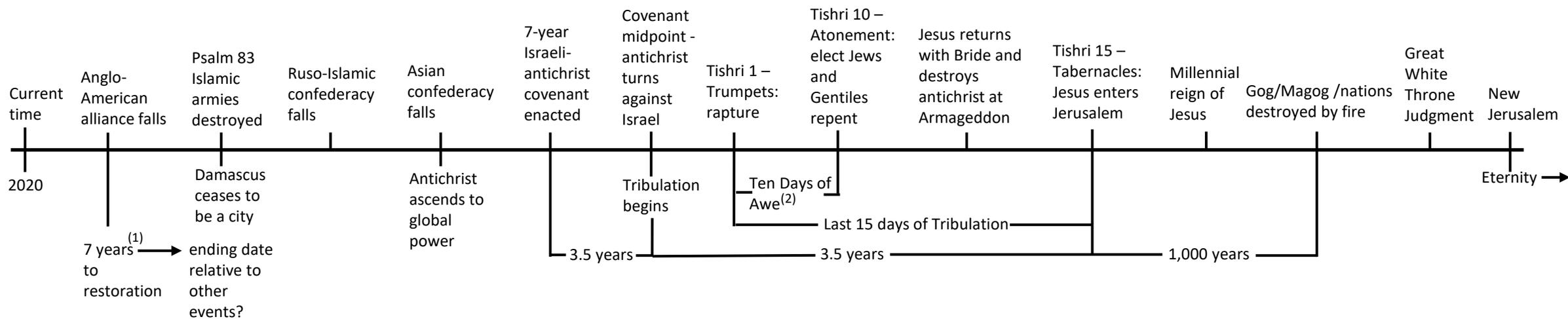
2. Chris believes the Revelation 20 narrative of Gog and Magog leading all the nations from east to west and north to south from the entire surface of the earth is detailed for us in Ezekiel 38-39. Ezekiel 38-39 mention only a few nations and from a limited, albeit large, geographic region stretching from Russia down to north Africa; therefore, this discrepancy between the geographic descriptions of Revelation 20 and Ezekiel 38-39 indicate no connection between the two events. Ezekiel 38-39 also describe seven months of gathering bodies and seven years of burning weapons. There is no hint of that in Revelation 20. In fact, it is quite the opposite, as the scene of fire coming down from heaven and Satan being thrown over the brink switches immediately to the Great White Throne judgment – where is there time to do all the cleanup, and why would there be a need? Revelation 21:1 indicates God will create a new earth after the final attack on Jerusalem, and Peter indicates in 1 Peter 3 He will

do it through fire. Satan is described in Revelation 20 as the one who entices the nations to attack Jerusalem, yet Ezekiel 38-39 do not mention Satan, and Ezekiel 38:10 places the blame for the idea to attack Israel on Russia. Zechariah 14 indicates massive, geologic upheaval will occur around Jerusalem when Jesus returns, with Jerusalem being lifted up higher than the surrounding terrain that will be a 40-mile plain from Geba, about five miles north of Jerusalem, to Rimmon, about 35 miles south. This area will cover perhaps 1/3 to 1/2 of ancient Judah. In contrast, Ezekiel 38-39 indicate Russia will be destroyed on the mountains of Israel, not a plain. There are too many differences of terms and ideas between Revelation 20 and Ezekiel 38-39 for them to be the same event. The signs of the times indicate the Russians are preparing for war against Israel, whether the Russians currently know it or not.

### **Closing Comments**

I have attached at the back of this paper a proposed timeline for how I see prophecy unfold from this time moving forward. The intent of it is to provide an easy way of observing the positions I've taken herein. I trust that the reader will be noble like the Bereans of Acts 17:10-11 and study these things to see if there is truth in what I'm saying. I have all too often trusted the words of a teacher who seemed like an expert but did not do my homework and then wasted years, nay decades, believing things that were not Scriptural. We are called priests in Scripture, and it is befitting a priest to know the word of God. I look forward to hearing back from anyone who may care to respond about their thoughts on these issues. Irrespective of whether we agree or not, I believe the exercise of studying these things and sharing thoughts and ideas among the Body will further our progress to understanding and preparing for the trying times ahead. God bless you all.

## Proposed Prophetical Timeline



(1) Proposed length of time for US judgment based on Nebuchadnezzar's duration of judgment in Daniel 4 and God's use of 7 as the number of perfection or completion

(2) Jewish tradition for the period from Tishri 1 to 10 for introspection and repentance

Bill, here is the timeline you asked for.

January 23, 2020

Greetings to my brethren in Christ,

Much thanks for responding to the Charisma pop-up regarding Identifying the Antichrist. As a newbie to these types of outreach programs, my learning curve is exponential, but I hope to get up to speed and get my website and YouTube channel up and running in the next few weeks.

**In the interim, I felt that recent events needed to be addressed sooner rather than later regarding the prophetic implications of the ongoing conflict between US and the Iranians in Iraq.**

The US, Iran, and Iraq are three nations that figure heavily into end-times prophecy (that's right, the US is mentioned in Scripture, but not in the way that most prophecy folks believe). In the Antichrist book, I discuss the idea that Iraq, the location of ancient Babylon, will become a major world player in the days preceding and into the reign of the antichrist and will become the location of the revived Babylon mentioned in Revelation.

**Many prophecy scholars scoff at this idea, but the seeds are being sown for this event right now in many different ways.**

One possible seed is through the world elites demanding that the United Nations move from New York to another location with fewer restraints and constraints than those of the US. What better way to jump start the greatest symbol of defiance against Almighty God than to move the current center of defiance against Almighty God to where it all began - Babylon?

The Trump administration on January 6 refused to grant an entrance visa to the Iranian Foreign Minister, which the Iranians claim is a violation of the UN Charter to grant visas to diplomats. Actions like this (a reasonable one, I might add) by the Trump administration could increase the calls for establishing another location for the UN, one with minimal monitoring or stringent regulations for the movements of diplomats, or one which has minimal capabilities to affect their movements even if the Iraqi government wanted to.

To be sure, I can only speculate that the UN is a precursor to Mystery Babylon, so perhaps Babylon will be rebuilt through some other means or mechanism by another institution. Nevertheless, Zechariah 5 makes it assured that Babylon will be rebuilt in Iraq, the land of Shinar.

Could it be that the US continues to play hardball with various nations to the point that the global community screams for another place to scheme their nefarious schemes? No way of knowing now, but prophecy buffs should understand that the current machinations of the US, Iraq, and Iran are straight out of Scripture and indicate the birth pangs spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 24 are increasing in both frequency and intensity.

To your success,

Paul

February 6, 2020

Greetings to my brethren in Christ,

Thanks to those of you who responded to that last email. I got some interesting and positive feedback, so I'm gratified the information was helpful to some folks.

My hope this week is that the monograph provided in the button below will be even more helpful in negotiating the prophetic map being laid out before us as we move closer to the return of Jesus.

[Download | Prophetic Implications](#)

I address the prophetic implications of the Trump Peace Plan for a "Two-state Solution" and, along the way, comment on "replacement theology," a doctrine proposed by some students of prophecy that Israel no longer factors into the blessings of God.

Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## THE PROPHETICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE TRUMP PEACE PLAN

Paul R. Wild, February 4, 2020

Trump, Netanyahu unveil peace plan; Palestinians balk January 28, 2020  
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-trump-benjamin-netanyahu-to-reveal-their-mideast-peace-plan>

There they go again. The Jews get their land back after 19 centuries of being on the run and then think it's OK to give up something that they have no right to give up. The above-referenced "peace" plan includes provisions to cede Israeli land, including parts of Jerusalem, to the Palestinian Authority and the Muslim terrorist organization, Hamas, with the formation of a new nation, or state, i.e., the "Two-state Solution." Not a good idea, as I will reveal below.

From 70 A.D., when the Roman general Titus overran Jerusalem, until May 14, 1948, when Israel became a nation in one day, the Jews were separated from their homeland because of their rejection of Jesus, fulfilling Jesus's prophecy of Luke 19:44:

<sup>44</sup>And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Luke 19:44

Yet, despite their rejection of Jesus and their subsequent diaspora, God had and still has a plan for redeeming Israel, for the formation of modern Israel is itself a fulfillment of prophecy:

<sup>8</sup>Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or **shall a nation be born at once?** for as soon as Zion travailed [Israel travailed immediately after its formation, because it was attacked by the surrounding Arab nations and defeated them within a 10-month period to March 1949] she brought forth her children.

Isaiah 66:8

I am 100% confident that God does not approve of someone giving away something that God has given as a possession to the children of Abraham, which is itself fulfillment of yet another prophecy:

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. <sup>2</sup>And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. <sup>4</sup>And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but **he that shall come forth out of**

thine own bowels [Isaac] shall be thine heir. <sup>5</sup>And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. <sup>6</sup>And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. <sup>7</sup>And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

Genesis 15:1-7

Now, to any proponents of replacement theology who might be reading this, meaning those who believe the Gentile Church has entirely replaced the Jews as the recipients of God's blessings, please note that God was speaking of Abraham's physical seed. His physical seed, the nation of Israel, inhabited the land of Israel from roughly 1450 B.C. until their diaspora. To think that God meant anyone other than Jews to be the future stewards of His land when He spoke to Abraham is to suggest that God was fooling Abraham and used "thy seed" in Verse 5 above as a mysterious code word for "Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise" from Galatians 3:29, meaning Gentile Christians. Ridiculous. Remember, prophecy must have a plain understanding to the people the prophecies were spoken to first, meaning Abraham would never have had an understanding of his "seed" to be anything other than his bloodline leading to Jesus, through Whom we become heirs of Abraham through faith. But our position of heirs through faith does not nullify God's promises to Abraham's heirs through blood; they are not mutually exclusive, for Paul said that one day, "...all Israel shall be saved." (Romans 11:26) I will address the dangers of replacement theology more fully later in this monograph.

The issue of the physical land of Israel is massive in the Biblical record. God's love of the land and the people ordained to live within it cannot be underestimated, and it is a major theme within Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. We started exploring it with the Genesis 15 passage above, so let's continue with that passage to track it further.

<sup>18</sup>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 [the Nile] unto the great river, the river Euphrates [in modern Iraq]: <sup>19</sup>The Kenites [Saudi Arabia], and the Kenizzites [probably Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan], and the Kadmonites [probably Jordan], <sup>20</sup>And the Hittites [Turkey, Lebanon, Syria], and the Perizzites [Israel], and the Rephaims [Israel], <sup>21</sup>And the Amorites [Syria], and the Canaanites [Israel], and the Girgashites [Israel], and the Jebusites [Jerusalem].

Genesis 15:18-21

Therefore, we can map the land promised to the children of Abraham through Isaac as including all or parts of modern Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia (and perhaps other Arabian Peninsula nations, like Yemen), Iraq, and Turkey. To its fullest extent, this territory has never been controlled by the Israelites, not even during the glory days of King David and King Solomon. This indicates a future fulfillment when the 12 Tribes of Israel will receive their inherited allotments during Christ's millennial reign on earth. Ezekiel tells us that after Jesus is ensconced on His throne in Jerusalem, the land will be divvied up among

the 12 tribes, with no interlopers allowed to have any territory within the lands promised to Abraham way back in Genesis 15.

<sup>1</sup> Moreover, when ye shall **divide by lot the land** for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

Ezekiel 45:1

This gives meaning to what the angelic being told Daniel about Daniel's future:

<sup>13</sup> But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and **stand in thy lot** at the end of the days.

Daniel 12:13

The phenomenon of dividing the geographic nation of Israel into allotments, or lots, spread among the 12 tribes is nothing new and began about 3,500 years ago:

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou **divide for an inheritance the land**, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:6

God approved of dividing the land among His people, but the land was to stay strictly within His people as a unified nation, not as a fractured one. The Israelites themselves destroyed their unity after Solomon died and became the Divided Kingdom, consisting of the ten northern tribes of Israel and the two southern tribes of Judah. But God has a plan to fix that problem:

<sup>22</sup> And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king [Jesus] shall be king to them all: and **they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided** into two kingdoms any more at all.

Ezekiel 37:22

In its current state, Israel is not divided within the areas controlled exclusively by the Jews, indicating that the current nation of Israel is not geographically divided among factions within the Jews, so a portion of this prophecy has been fulfilled and will be completely fulfilled when, after the Tribulation, Jesus is reigning in Jerusalem during His millennial reign (Revelation 20). Yet, currently the entirety of the land is divided and partially held by Muslims in the Palestinian Territory and the Gaza Strip.

Scripture tells us that God sees division of the land of Israel by outsiders as a bad thing but allows it or deliberately brings it upon the nation of Israel as punishment for its rebellious ways. God warned the Israelites in Deuteronomy 28:15-68 that they would suffer this fate if they forsook Him, and He reiterated it through His prophets.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and **thy land shall be divided by line** [which occurred when the Assyrians and Babylonians conquered the northern and southern kingdoms in succession]; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

Amos 7:17

<sup>39</sup>Thus shall he [antichrist] do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and **shall divide the land for gain.**

Daniel 11:39

It gets even worse when Jerusalem comes into the picture. Messing around with the future capital of Christ's kingdom on earth is bad juju for those who engage in such attempts:

<sup>1</sup>Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. <sup>2</sup>For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. <sup>3</sup>Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. <sup>4</sup>And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. <sup>5</sup>For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea [Edom, now modern Jordan, where the Jews will be hiding from the antichrist's forces that will be chasing them into Jordan to kill them], and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. <sup>6</sup>The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah [modern Bouseira, or Busaira, in Jordan], and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. <sup>7</sup>And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. <sup>8</sup>For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance [the Day of the Lord, i.e., Armageddon, the day Jesus returns to destroy the antichrist and his followers] and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion [the controversy being over who has rights to this most holy mountain in Jerusalem].

Isaiah 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. <sup>2</sup>Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people:

all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12:1-3

What is the point of this discussion with respect to the current Trump plan? Quite simply, it will not work and likely is seen by God as an affront to Him, even if Trump and Netanyahu have good intentions. The land of Israel is not to be given to anyone other than the Jews. Period. Time will tell exactly where Trump's proposal will lead, but given the history of such previous attempts and God's animosity toward foreigners owning the land, it will not stand. My prayer is that God will cut some slack to Trump and Netanyahu for having their hearts in the right place and perhaps give them a pass due to their ignorance of Scripture. After all, probably most, if not all, of the rabbis in Israel don't fully understand the Scriptures about this issue, and most Christians don't either, so how would Trump and Netanyahu have a clue?

A quick note is in order to those who might think Trump's plan is somehow related to prophecies about the antichrist and the 7-year covenant described by Daniel: there is no correlation. That covenant relates to rebuilding the temple and restoring the daily sacrifices and, as noted in my Antichrist book, it will be initiated by a Middle Eastern antichrist, not a lily-white Anglo-Saxon like Trump [I'm a lily-white Germano-Gael, so I can say that].

To wrap it up, I mentioned earlier that I would address replacement theology more fully. When I think of this issue, I can't help but think of Hosea 4:6, wherein God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Why? Because this issue is filling up Christians' minds with rot and leading them down the road to anti-Semitism. With my own ears I have heard Christians apply the term "Christ killers" to the Jews with an air of contempt, not understanding that Gentiles are also "Christ killers." It does not matter that the Jews speak blasphemously of Jesus publicly in their speech or privately in their Talmud - this is no different than what Gentile pagans do in their news and entertainment media and in the ivory towers of academia - for God will burn this wickedness out of the Jews when they see Jesus on Tishri 10 (September/October), i.e., the Day of Atonement, of some future year:

<sup>10</sup> And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me [Jesus] whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10

Every person who has ever lived, Jew or Gentile, is guilty of the blood of Jesus. For Christians to look upon the Jews with contempt and an air of superiority is to set themselves up for a trip to the woodshed to receive a severe whoopin' from Father God, or at least to show themselves to be foolish and ignorant of God's word. Consider the following:

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: <sup>2</sup>And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: <sup>3</sup>And **I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:** and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:1-3

To propose that God intended to bypass the nation of Israel as a whole forever after Jesus completed His earthly ministry and supplant the Jews with Gentile Christians violates the simple, straightforward understanding of the passage. The replacement theology folks would have us believe that God intended some cryptic, allegorized, spiritualized meaning for "great nation" above to indicate Gentile Christians. Would Abraham have been able to unlock that meaning? No. Moreover, would it be wise to get loosey-goosey with the exegesis of this passage in light of the stern warning to those who might be inclined to curse Abraham's progeny? I think not.

God made a blood covenant with Himself to accomplish His purposes through Abraham. You can see this in Genesis 15, where blood was shed and the Father and the Son passed through the animal carcasses in the pattern of infinity (∞) to demonstrate Their eternal commitment to the progeny of Abraham, by faith and by bloodline; Abraham had nothing to do with it, for God had put him into a deep sleep.

God will honor His blood covenant, which is a type of contract that cannot be broken, is eternal, and covers all the assets and liabilities of the other party (mostly liabilities). Provided below are several passages that demonstrate God's ultimate intent is to bless the nation of Israel and Jews in general, irrespective of their current state of rebellion:

<sup>1</sup> But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. <sup>2</sup> And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the **God of Jacob** [In saying this, the Lord is obviously aligning Himself with the Jews, for that term had great import to the Jews of that time and has great import to Jews now]; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths [This is a Jewish prophet stating that his people, the Jews, will learn God's ways and walk in His footsteps]: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem [when Jesus is sitting on His throne in the midst of His people Israel].

Micah 4:1-2

<sup>11</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people [those who are scattered as a result of the antichrist's persecution], which shall be left, from Assyria [Iraq], and from Egypt, and from Pathros [upper Egypt], and from Cush [Sudan, Ethiopia,

Yemen, Saudi Arabia] and from Elam [Iran], and from Shinar [Iraq], and from Hamath [Syria], and from the islands of the sea [the rest of the world].

Isaiah 11:11

<sup>1</sup>Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. <sup>3</sup>Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. <sup>4</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. <sup>5</sup>And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. <sup>6</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. <sup>7</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country [see Isaiah 11:11 above for the list of nations east and west of Israel]; <sup>8</sup>And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. <sup>9</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. <sup>10</sup>For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour. <sup>11</sup>But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. <sup>13</sup>And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong. <sup>14</sup>For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not: <sup>15</sup>So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. <sup>16</sup>These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: <sup>17</sup>And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying, <sup>19</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace. <sup>20</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: <sup>21</sup>And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. <sup>22</sup>Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the

LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

Zechariah 8

<sup>10</sup>And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me [Jesus] whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn [meaning they will recognize that they missed Him the first time and will seek to atone for their sins with a spirit of repentance on Tishri 10 (September/October), the Day of Atonement, in some future year]. <sup>11</sup>In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. <sup>12</sup>And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David [the rulers] apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan [the prophets] apart, and their wives apart; <sup>13</sup>The family of the house of Levi [the priests] apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei [the common man] apart, and their wives apart; <sup>14</sup>All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Zechariah 12:10-14

<sup>1</sup>And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. <sup>2</sup>And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup>Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. <sup>6</sup>Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. <sup>7</sup>Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. <sup>8</sup>Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 7:1-8

There are many, many more such passages that vigorously and rigorously affirm that God will restore the Jews and make them equal to the Gentile Church as heirs of grace. None of these passages provide any hint, sniff, aroma, or flavor of an everlasting rejection of the Jews. Should any Christian stubbornly, willfully, and deliberately insist on maintaining a

replacement theology position, then know for a certainty that it will result in rotten fruit, and they may find themselves in opposition to their own Father. Contemplate the following:

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Weinstein says both his sons were exposed to Christian proselytizing at the Academy. In the case of his younger son Curtis, he reported that it included anti-Semitic language and being asked "how it felt to kill Jesus". His elder son, Casey, a 2004 Academy graduate, alleged that "Senior cadets would sit down and say, 'How do you feel about the fact that your family is going to burn in hell?'"

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_L.\\_Weinstein](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_L._Weinstein)

As you can see, the replacement theology mindset wounded some innocent people who otherwise would be minding their own business and resulted in birthing a man who, like the Marines, is agile, mobile, and hostile, in this case not toward foreign enemies but rather toward Christians. And I would ask, to what good purpose is the desire by any replacement theology proponent to marginalize the Jews and make it a mission to convince other Christians to also do so? The Apostle Paul certainly didn't think that way, for he said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Romans 10:1) When there is a conflict between two competing theologies, and both seemingly have some Biblical support, we must ask ourselves which theology gives more glory to God. In my mind, the theology of a compassionate and loving God Who keeps his promises, irrespective of the actions of the other party, for the purposes of redemption and healing, brings far more glory to God than a theology of rejection, marginalization, and condemnation.

To anyone reading this who still espouses a replacement theology approach, I submit to you that Jesus might well say to you what Paul said to the Jewish Christians in Rome...

<sup>24</sup>For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.  
Romans 2:24

...except that it would be the Jews blaspheming The Name, Jesus, because of foolish, Gentile Christians.

May it never be.

February 21, 2020

**I want to share with you how Satan's alleged name relates to identifying passages of Scripture describing the antichrist.**

The article clears up some mischaracterizations of Satan's name and how certain passages of Scripture have been incorrectly attributed to descriptions of Satan when, in fact, they describe the antichrist.

**This issue is important if we want to understand more about the antichrist's place of origin and his eventual fate.**

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On a separate issue, Crosspoint radio show, a prophecy-focused show on KNEO 91.7FM radio station in Missouri, interviewed me about my books and will air the interview four times during the week of **February 20-23**.

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If you would like to discuss today's download, simply reply to this email and I will promptly respond.

Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## SATAN IS A NO-NAME

Paul R. Wild, December 31, 2019

Have you ever wondered if Satan has a name like regular folks do? I mean, does he have a name that is not based on his title or a descriptor of his personality? He has plenty of titles and descriptors – more accurately stated as pejoratives - for Satan means *adversary*, and its twin word devil means *slanderer*. Other pejoratives for Satan include *tempter*, *lord of the fly* (Beelzebub), *god of this age*, and *prince of the power of the air*, among others. In Scripture, we find that Michael, translated as *Who is like God?*, and Gabriel, variably translated as *man of God* or *God is my strength*, are named, but we find no such *e*-ending name for Satan. *El* in the Hebrew means God, and if we peruse ancient, extra-Biblical literature such as Book of Enoch, Book of Baruch, and Exodus Rabbah, we will find that there are many other elect angels and fallen angels with God's name built into their names: Uriel, Raphael, Raguel, Michael, Saraqâêl (Sariel), Gabriel, Remiel, Azazel, and Samael, to name some prominent ones. If Satan is on par with or even surpassing Michael and Gabriel with respect to his prominence in Scripture, then why isn't he called out by name like his brethren?

Some would argue that Satan is named in both Scripture and the aforementioned, extra-Biblical texts. Turning our attention first to the extra-Biblical texts, one of the angels named above, Samael, is believed by many who hold to either Jewish or certain Christian traditions to be Satan's proper name. Perhaps it is, but since I take the position that anything outside of the Protestants' 66 Bible books are suspect for developing doctrine, I cannot take a firm position on his proper name. My interest here is not with these extra-Biblical sources and traditions, so I don't want to spend time on diving into them, but rather my interest is in what Scripture has to say about his name.

And that's the problem. Scripture doesn't have much to say about his name or, as I will propose herein, **nothing** to say about it. It is now time to turn our full attention to the Scriptural record.

The word proposed by most Christians to be Satan's proper name is Lucifer, or *light bearer*, *shining one*, or *morning star*, as it is variably translated into English. Borrowing from my book, Identifying the Antichrist:

Lucifer, which is the Latin word that translates from the Hebrew *helel*, or "shining one," was transliterated from the Latin translation of the Hebrew text by the KJV, New KJV, and Wycliffe translators as a proper name.

There again, Satan's name, if one were to advocate Lucifer being his name, is a title or descriptor, not a proper name in the same vein as the proper names of his former colleagues. In fact, I propose that Lucifer is a descriptor for mocking the antichrist and has nothing to do with Satan. Let's explore this.

Lucifer is named in Isaiah 14:12 in the three Bible versions mentioned above, and the Wycliffe version uses Lucifer again in Job 38:32, but in most Bible versions the phrases *star of the morning* or *morning star* are used. The reason people equate Lucifer to Satan is based on the following Isaiah passage from the KJV:

<sup>12</sup>How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer [shining one], son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! <sup>13</sup>For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isaiah 14:12-14

At first glance, it's easy to see why many people equate Lucifer to Satan, for this passage has many of the attributes of another passage that most people also equate to Satan:

<sup>11</sup>Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, <sup>12</sup>Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup>Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. <sup>14</sup>Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>15</sup>Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. <sup>16</sup>By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup>Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:11-19

I can get behind the Ezekiel passage as a rebuke to Satan, because he sealed up stuff and covered other stuff and was a wise and perfectly beautiful cherub that hung out in the Garden of Eden and the mountain of God and had musical instruments and had gobs of beautiful covering stones and was perfect from the day he was created and was bright and walked among fiery stones without getting burned...(OK, whew, that left me breathless); nevertheless, I cannot get behind the Isaiah 14 passage as a rebuke to Satan. Why?

When reviewing all of Isaiah 14, in contrast to the cherub guy in Ezekiel, the shining star guy in Isaiah 14 is described using human terms. Again, pulling from Identifying the Antichrist:

1. The dead kings of the earth consider him their comrade, as one of them, in Verses 9 and 10;
2. He is covered with worms as a dead carcass in Verses 11 and 19, respectively;
3. He is called a man in Verse 16;
4. He destroys his own land and his own people in Verse 20, another indicator that he will be a Jew;
5. He is called the Assyrian in Verse 25.

The man is entirely delusional and has the most over-inflated view of himself of any human in history. These are not terms used for a fallen angel such as Ole Slewfoot; if you want to see a description of that rascalion, turn your attention to Ezekiel 28:11-19.

The cherub guy in Ezekiel is told by God that he seals and covers, he was here or there, and he is this or that, meaning that these items are not hypothetical in his own mind but **actualities** stated by God Himself. In contrast, the Isaiah 14 shiny guy has a severe case of narcissism, for God reveals his **delusional** mindset: **“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (Isaiah 14:12-13) But God does not support his delusions of grandeur and instead says, “Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” (Isaiah 14:14)**

So, God declares to the cherub guy that he **possesses** various traits, while God declares to the shining guy that he only **thinks** he possesses various traits. Quite the contrast. And who is this delusional, shining guy? The antichrist. Focusing on the text in **bold** below, what do the relevant Scripture references say about his state of mind?

<sup>25</sup> And **he shall speak great words against the most High**, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Daniel 7:25

There is a clue in Verse 25 that speaks to the insanity of this man. He will **“think to change times and laws,”** as opposed to God who actually **does** such things. Nebuchadnezzar says this about God:

And he changeth the times and the seasons...

Daniel 2:21

The idea that the antichrist is a first-rate candidate for a straitjacket fitting is not confined to only one place in Daniel, for both Daniel and Paul reinforce the idea in multiple places.

<sup>9</sup>And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. <sup>10</sup>**And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven;** and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. <sup>11</sup>Yea, **he magnified himself even to the prince of the host,** and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.

Daniel 8:9-11

<sup>36</sup>And the king shall do according to his will; and **he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods,** and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. <sup>37</sup>**Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.**

Daniel 11:36-37

**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.**

2 Thessalonians 2:4

He's a God pretender who insanely believes he is greater than God. This squares nicely with the Isaiah 14 passage that portrays him as utterly self-deceived. In his heart, he is the greatest thing in heaven and earth, but Scripture states with a certainty that he is nothing more than a condemned man.

<sup>19</sup>But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. <sup>20</sup>Thou shalt not be joined with them [the kings of the earth] in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

Isaiah 14:19-20

Isaiah 14 is about the antichrist. Inserting Isaiah 14:12-14 within the larger context of Isaiah 14 and intending these verses to be about Satan does not make sense and is a recipe for confusion, something I feel strongly was not God's intent. God does occasionally throw some seemingly out-of-context verses into the middle of passages, but I feel the evidence for Isaiah 14 exclusively being about the antichrist is overwhelming. The conclusion of the matter is that Isaiah 14 cannot be used to assign a name to Satan, for even if the passage is about Satan (which it is not), then at best we can say only that Lucifer is a title, not a proper name.

But why would God not let us know Satan's proper name? My friend Mike postulates that it's possible that God wants him to be forgotten and unreachable by man, hiding him from us to protect us; erasing his name from Biblical history is an effective way to do that. That's a reasonable theory and one I can endorse as a good possibility. As for myself, I have meditated on this question many times and propose another explanation. Picture yourself as the head of your household with multiple sons who possess your name. Now picture one of your sons turning against you but not just to gain freedom to do whatever he wants to do but rather to **destroy** you and all your other children. He causes some of your other children to stumble and turn against you. Would not such a son leave a stench in your nostrils and be an embarrassment to your name? Would not such a son be unworthy of even carrying your name? Would not such a son be unworthy of having his name even mentioned in the annals of your family? I think so. And so it goes with Satan, a son of God who lost his right to carry his Father's name in the greatest annal of human history, the Bible.

In conclusion, we can safely and accurately, without fear of exegetical confusion, proclaim robustly that...

...Satan is a no-name.

March 5, 2020

This week I cover three things that are prophetically interconnected in ways that are not intuitively obvious but after examination become evident.

The sequestration of power that the antichrist and his globalist, elitist comrades will accomplish will not come overnight but will be accomplished gradually and incrementally in ways that the global populace will barely notice, much like the frog in the pot that cannot sense it is boiling to death as the heat is slowly turned up.

**The article this week addresses this phenomenon relative to the eventual goal of these evil elitists to control the world's economy, specifically the flow of money.**

I encourage my readers to perk up and take notice of trends that indicate the sense of urgency that Christians need to have to prepare for the coming storms.

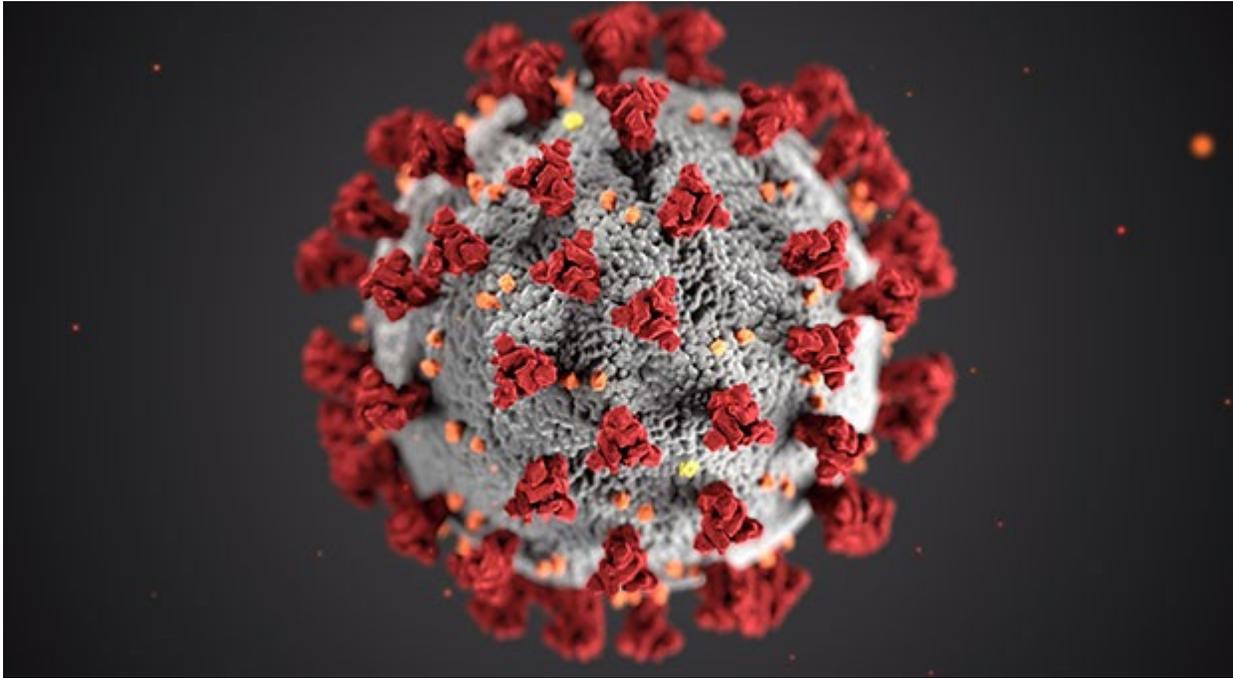
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## Coronavirus, China, and Cryptocurrencies

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Paul R. Wild, February 24, 2020

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Returning to the main topic, the war on cash is not confined to China. The US government has been slowly working its way toward the goal of **cashlessness**; I'm not sure that word is even an official English word, but it serves its purpose. The \$1,000 and \$500 bills are rarities usually found only in museums or in the hands of collectors, and I suspect (and am

supported by the above-referenced financial insiders) the \$100 bill will decrease in circulation as time goes by, but those are only anecdotal compared to the move toward electronic exchanges of money the IRS and other agencies prefer over cash and checks. Americans now give the IRS direct access to their bank accounts through e-filings and electronic tax reimbursements. I could belabor this more, but I see no need. I suspect the bulk of my audience is already attuned to this continual erosion of our individual autonomies, financial or otherwise. The worst of the erosion to individual autonomy will be when the antichrist compels his followers to take a mark of some sort that will allow them to participate in the global economy, without which they will not be able to participate. Again, another means of governmental control and oppression, and the governments of the world are aiding and abetting this profane man before he even comes on the scene. Woe to them.

By now you might be saying, "OK, I see the prophetic implications of coronavirus and China, but what do cryptocurrencies have to do with it?" For those of you not familiar with cryptocurrencies, they are encrypted digital currencies exchanged using blockchain technology, which is computer software that is used to track the flow of digital data. I am not a whizzbang guru on blockchain, but suffice it to say that it is a means of protecting digital data that is allegedly unhackable, and the transactions are open for everyone to see on digital "ledgers." The ledgers are public and allow the participants in the "chain" to see what others on the chain are doing. In this manner, it supposedly keeps people honest, and it does not need a bank or government to back it; it allows people to interact financially without a bank or government being involved. For that reason, the Chinese have been fighting it tooth and nail in a losing war because they have been unable to control all means of digital communication between their people and the outside world. The most famous and largest of the cryptocurrencies is Bitcoin, considered the gold standard among cryptocurrencies, but Ethereum and Litecoin are somewhat sizeable, as well. Numerous major American and European financial institutions are diving into cryptos and blockchain, so **they are here to stay**. I'll say that again: **they are here to stay**. Moreover, cryptos and blockchain will likely factor heavily into prophetic events in these last days.

There are two ways that cryptos might both hurt and help people in the last days. Since cryptos are digital, if governments can somehow figure out an ironclad way of controlling the use of cryptos and blockchain technology, they can then monitor and control their citizens' financial dealings. On the other hand, if the cryptos remain free of government intrusion, then it might be a way of avoiding the antichrist's gaze and provide a means of trade and commerce for those who refuse his mark. But either way, here is the ominous thing about cryptos: some of the crypto experts believe cryptos will make paper and metal currency obsolete as soon as 2030, thus fulfilling the evil intents of governments across the globe. The anonymity of paper- and coin-based transactions will be gone. What will someone refusing the mark of the beast do if they have no means of working "above the table" for digital money. What if they have no means to purchase goods and services even if they have digital money before the mark takes effect? Let that sink in. Someone could be wealthy one day and effectively be poor the next if they don't play the antichrist's game.

I mentioned in the first paragraph that China is prominent in end-times prophecy. I have taken the position that China and other Asian nations comprise the third beast of Daniel 7, the leopard with four heads and four wings. In the near future I will begin a series of discussions on why the classical view that the beasts of Daniel 7 are ancient nations needs to be immediately abandoned and replaced with an updated view in which the first lion-with-eagle's-wings beast is the Anglo-American alliance; the second bear-with-three-ribs beast is Russia with Turkey, Syria, and Iran; the third leopard-with-four-heads-and-four-wings beast is likely the Chinese, Koreans, Japanese, and possibly the Indians or others; and the fourth beast is the leopard-with-bear's-feet-and-lion's-mouth of Revelation 13:1-2, meaning the antichrist and his kingdom. Excepting the antichrist's kingdom which is yet to be revealed and which will be a consolidation of the other nations, these nations are simultaneously prominent on the world scene to an extent never seen before. To further my point about the Chinese and consolidation of power among Asians in general, look at the relatively recent actions of the Philippines' President Duterte. From Wikipedia:

On October 18–21, 2016, Duterte visited Beijing to meet with Chinese officials, including President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang. While announcing his "separation" from the United States in front of Chinese and Filipino businessmen at the Philippines–China Trade and Investment Forum in Beijing on October 20, Duterte also said that he would realign himself with the Chinese ideological flow and that he might also travel to Russia to meet with President Vladimir Putin to "tell him that there are three of us against the world – China, Philippines, and Russia".

Adding to that, be advised of the China–Japan–South Korea Free Trade Agreement that is currently being negotiated, with the 16<sup>th</sup> round of talks scheduled for the near future. Be advised of this headline from *US News and World Report* on December 24, 2019: "China, Japan, South Korea Meet on North Korea, Free Trade." My reason for hammering this point home in my various books and articles is that I am gravely concerned that many Christians are not understanding the gravity of the moment and that there is little time to prepare for the coming storms. Daniel 7 is upon US, and our wings are about to be plucked, meaning judgment, followed by the Russians and Asians flowing into the power void to create chaos, consternation, confusion, and carnage leading to the ascension of the antichrist. I urge my audience to hang in there with me over the coming weeks and months as I systematically dissect Daniel 7 to demonstrate that Daniel 7 is about modern nations, not ancient Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, or Rome. In the interim, I pray you will study this issue for yourself, come to the same conclusion, and begin preparing in whatever way the Holy Spirit leads you.

March 19, 2020

**I promised in "Coronavirus, China, and Cryptocurrencies" that I will begin to cover the topic of the United States (US) in Bible prophecy** and demonstrate that Daniel 7 prophesies about modern nations, not nations of antiquity as is most often taught by the mainstream prophecy experts.

I am resolute and passionate about destroying that old way of thinking, because failure to recognize what Daniel 7 is saying will leave many, many Christians unprepared for the coming difficulties, some of which are already here. Prophecy has as its main purpose to warn God's people to prepare.

That purpose is thwarted in Daniel 7 if Christians continue to believe Daniel 7 is only about old, dead nations. I still intend to begin addressing the US in prophecy very soon, but a couple of things have happened recently that compel me to divert a bit to set the foundation for future discussions about US.

The brief diversion has to do with which Bible version is best to use for prophetic studies and whether or not a guy like me who has no seminary background has anything legitimate to say about the timing of the rapture.

That last part is about authority - should the Body ignore a non-professional theologian like me and pay attention only to the professionals who run our churches, seminaries, and ministries, i.e., the "authorities," or should the Body pay attention only to whether or not the facts support a particular position and ignore credentials? Therefore, to address these issues, I offer up a twofer to my audience for this week.

I hope you'll read the attached articles and let me know if I make a good case for my positions.

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## The KJV Controversy and Its Impact on Prophetic Studies

Paul R. Wild, March 10, 2020

Before we launch into a new series on Daniel 7, I feel that some ground rules need to be laid, at least ones that I feel compelled to follow. It is not impossible but is more difficult to explore Bible prophecy and doctrine in general if multiple Bible versions are consulted, because terms may differ between them and, in some cases, later versions do not possess certain verses and passages that the King James Version (KJV) possesses. For this reason and many others, I advocate using only the KJV. Unfortunately, the KJV has been under non-stop assault since 1881. British Anglican theologians by the name of Westcott and Hort - both of them as lost as geese - stated that they only wanted to update the KJV with modern language, but what they actually did was to fool the Anglican church hierarchy and supplanted the Greek text that the KJV is based on with older, corrupt Greek texts that now form the basis of modern Bible versions. At the end of this treatise I will provide a few side by side comparisons of the KJV wording to the wordings of later versions so that readers can see for themselves the degradation of basic doctrines in the later versions.

In recent days, I watched a YouTube video where a scholarly type was asked by the channel host which version of the Bible is the best. Although he was respectful toward the KJV, the scholar inevitably brought up the “older and better Greek texts” argument to support modern versions, such as the Revised Standard Version (RSV), the New American Standard Bible (NASB), the New International Version (NIV), the English Standard Version (ESV), etc. He said that there are now better translations than the KJV, ones which have modern, more relatable English. But the issue is not *translation* but rather *preservation* and *inspiration*. Sure, modern Bible versions may well be great translations, but if they are based on corrupt texts, all you have is a great translation of falsehood. These modern versions are not entirely corrupt, and you can glean some basic Christian doctrines out of them, but like the Apostle Paul said, “A little leaven...” The major problem with the modern versions is that they de-deify Jesus in subtle and sometimes not so subtle ways, lessen the truth of mankind’s depraved, sinful nature, and minimize the truth of hell as punishment for the lost. The contrast between Jesus’s Godhood and absolute sovereignty versus humanity’s utter incapability to save itself is diminished in the modern versions.

As a real-life example of this phenomenon before we met and married, my wife, Christy, had a fellow Sunday school class member who became confused by the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ (JW) New World Version (NWW) that a JW couple gave him during one of their door-knocking, proselytizing sessions. He got to know the JWs and saw the great marriage they had versus the carnal behavior he saw with Christians in his Sunday school class, thereby concluding the JWs had the truth rather than orthodox Christianity. He began to challenge Christy about the deity of Jesus with the NWW but would recoil when she came back at him with the KJV. You see, the modern versions he had been using before the JWs proselytized him were more like the NWW than the KJV.

Returning to the aforementioned scholar, what he failed to tell his audience is that the modern versions he advocates are based on corrupt Greek texts that were doctored by a

lost, godless heretic, Adamantius Origen, who is often but falsely called an early Church Father by liberal historians. Origen is the father of the allegorical method of interpreting Scripture, a method that disconnects Scripture from its intended meaning and leaves it up to the imagination of the reader as to what it means. He promoted numerous other heresies, such as pre-existence of the soul, purgatory, and the compatibility of Greek Platonic philosophy with Christianity, that time and space don't permit for discussion in this treatise. He traveled extensively around the Mediterranean and altered Greek texts that he encountered, and his emendations were captured in later copies that have made it to our time. We should not be surprised at this, for Paul said in 2 Corinthians 2:17 that people were already corrupting the word of God in his time, so why should we doubt that some lost, godless, deceived soul was doing it a couple hundred years later?

Getting straight to the point, I am saying that God *preserved* His word in the *inspired* Greek text used by the KJV translators, but the new versions are based on Greek texts altered by Origen. Regarding the above-referenced, scholarly type, I got the feeling that below his outward respectfulness was an inner mindset of "There, there, you KJV-only folks; the KJV served its purpose, but move over now and let the adults handle this," and I almost felt like I was being patted on the head as he spoke. Well, even if he didn't have that mindset and I'm just displaying hyper-sensitivity to the issue, I have encountered plenty of Christians, particularly seminarians, who do have that mindset.

I appreciate scholarly, seminary-trained Ph.D.s and Th.D.s who have done the hard work of uncovering truths for the rest of us, laboring in the areas of archaeology, history, Biblical languages, systematic theology, apologetics, hermeneutics, exegesis, Biblical chronology, and so forth. My brother-in-law is a seminarian, and I am tickled that he is, for he provides me a well-trained sounding board to discuss doctrine. Nevertheless, the scholarly types can go off the rails from time to time and lead those without the same knowledge base down the road to a dead end. Case in point, my Yale Divinity School-trained, Ph.D.-level New Testament History and Literature professor during my freshman year of college was an atheist. As a zealous, 17-year-old kid, I found that irritating, so I stayed up all night before the final and wrote him a letter filled with proofs of the existence of God and told him he needed to get saved. I got a C, but I couldn't have cared less if I got an F; deceivers get under my skin.

Why do the scholars attack the KJV and exalt the modern versions? I mentioned up front the "older and better Greek texts" argument. The crux of the issue is that the Greek text for the New Testament that the KJV translators used was based largely on the Textus Receptus (TR), or Received Text, as that being the one received from God the way the original autographs of the apostles were written. The modern, liberalized scholars reject the TR as the inspired, preserved word of God and supplant it with corrupt texts, specifically Sinaiticus Aleph (A) and Vaticanus B (B) under the control of the Roman Catholic Church. The TR was first compiled by Desiderius Erasmus, a Dutch-born, Cambridge professor and Roman Catholic priest of the 1500's who was considered the greatest mind in Europe at the time. Erasmus used the best Greek manuscripts available to him, and he was aware of the existence of corrupt texts that modern scholars now say are "older and better" but

rejected them. The term “Majority Text” (MT) is used to describe the overwhelming majority of ancient Greek texts. There are thousands of them, and all of them are handwritten and copies or copies of copies of the original autographs that are very much in agreement between each other for their Greek wording. The TR correlates very well to the MT, so Erasmus didn’t need to consult dozens of ancient texts to compile his Greek text in order to rebuild the complete canon of the New Testament (NT) in Greek. Prior to Erasmus, the NT was predominantly available only as portions, some very large and some very small, spread among thousands of hand-written documents. Martin Luther, a contemporary and acquaintance of Erasmus, used Erasmus’s text rather than the Roman Catholic’s Latin Vulgate version to develop a German translation that was instrumental in initiating the Protestant Reformation. It’s saying something when the father of the Protestant Reformation used Erasmus’s text rather than the standard text of the Romans.

Now, what about that “older and better” argument? What do the modern scholars say about their preferred texts, A and B, and later texts derived from them? You can see indirect references to these texts in the margin comments of various modern versions, and these comments unveil the disdain the modern translators have for the TR and the KJV. I pulled out the NIV Study Bible and the NASB Study Edition that I had stashed away in boxes to look at some of these margin comments and recorded a few of them herein. Unfortunately, I could not find the RSV that I was given as a reward for completing Presbyterian catechism when I was 12, but it has similar margin comments. Let’s look at some margin comments and verse commentaries from these modern versions, shown in “quotes”:

1. **NIV margin comment and commentary for Mark 16:9-20.** This passage reveals the resurrected Lord and His commandment to go into all the world preaching the gospel: “The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20” and “Serious doubt exists as to whether these verses belong to the Gospel of Mark. They are absent from important early manuscripts and display certain peculiarities of vocabulary, style and theological content that are unlike the rest of Mark. His Gospel probably ended at 16:8, or its original ending has been lost.”

Read it for yourself and ask yourself if it makes sense to end the gospel at Verse 8, with two women trembling and confused, afraid to tell anyone about the empty tomb, or does it make sense to end the chapter with the exalted Lord commanding His disciples to preach the good news?

2. **NIV margin comment and commentary for 1 John 5:7-8.** These verses boldly teach that God is composed of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - all distinct from one another, all God, and all unified: “Late manuscripts of the Vulgate *testify in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth: the* (not found in any Greek manuscript before the sixteenth century)” and “*three*. The OT law required ‘two or three witnesses’ (Dt 17:6; 19:15; see 1 Ti 5:19). At the end of this verse, some older English versions add the

words found in the NIV text note. But the addition is not found in any Greek manuscript or NT translation prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.”

This is the famous Johannine Comma and the strongest verse supporting the doctrine of the Trinity. There is supporting documentation for it in Latin texts and writings of early Church Fathers/clerics/historians. Furthermore, the internal evidence of the Greek indicates that the Comma must be there for the rules of the Greek language to be satisfied, but that’s an entire discussion of its own and too much for this writing to cover. In any case, it has the ring of truth, feels authentic, is consistent with other passages teaching the Trinity, and certainly fits in with the context of 1 John 5.

3. **NASB margin comment for 1 Timothy 3:16. This verse states that God (Jesus) came in the flesh, was vindicated, and was taken up in glory:** “Some later manuscripts read, *God*.”

Yes, later manuscripts like the TR correctly use *God*, whereas the NASB, NIV, RSV, and ESV based on the older, corrupt A and B Greek texts state *He who was revealed in the flesh*, or something similar. This verse, as stated in the KJV, is one of the strongest verses attesting to Jesus as God, whereas the modern versions based on the so-called “oldest and best” manuscripts obliterate that attestation. A *He* could be an angelic being, something which the Mormons might support, but it is not supportable in Christian orthodoxy. Which has the greater ring of truth, *God* or *He*?

The alterations to the *inspired, preserved* text of the TR shown above only scratch the surface of the problem. For anyone caring to see a far more thorough treatment of this issue, I recommend getting copies of [Which Version is the Bible?](#) and [Ripped out of the Bible](#), both by Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones. I have read many defenses of the KJV but none better than these. Dr. Jones also wrote [The Chronology of the Old Testament](#), a superb defense of Biblical chronology that exposes the fallacies that liberal scholars propose to attack the historical accuracy of the Bible. I have personally sat under his teaching and found that he is a first-rate scientist and theologian, a combination that most appeals to me. Dr. Jones has a Ph.D. and a Th.D.; majored in geology, chemistry, mathematics, theology, and education from six institutions at the college or university level; has a minor in physics; and is an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist Convention. You can access his writings at the following website:

[http://www.floydnolesjones.com/Floyd\\_Nolen\\_Jones\\_2/Home.html](http://www.floydnolesjones.com/Floyd_Nolen_Jones_2/Home.html)

I mentioned up front that I would provide side by side comparisons of the modern versions to the KJV, the proverbial “proof in the pudding.” If you examine them carefully, you will see that many of the modern version verses alter basic Christian doctrine and, in the very least, do not provide as much historical detail as the KJV. Additionally, Dr. Jones compared the TR Greek text to the corrupted Greek text, specifically the one used by the United Bible Society, and found the corrupted text has 2,886 fewer words than the TR. Beloved brethren,

do you know what you're missing if you're reading another version, and can you say without any doubt that whatever you're missing has no effect on your life?

There are many more verses to compare to the KJV than those that are presented herein, but a few are presented in the following, attached table. I pray that you will read them; even if you are not convinced or simply prefer another version over the KJV, I hope you will understand and be OK with why I stick with the KJV. If you want to use the KJV but have a hard time with the older English, you might consider the New KJV that is based on the TR. Although it is superior to the modern versions, it still has some problems when compared to the KJV, so use it with caution.

Verse(s)	KJV	RSV	NASB	NIV	ESV
Colossians 1:14	In whom we have redemption <b><u>through his blood</u></b> , even the forgiveness of sins:	in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.	in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.	in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.	in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Matthew 9:18	While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and <b><u>worshipped</u></b> him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.	While he was thus speaking to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."	While He was saying these things to them, a <i>synagogue</i> official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."	While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."	While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."
Matthew 20:20	Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, <b><u>worshipping</u></b> him, and desiring a certain thing of him.	Then the mother of the sons of Zeb'edee came up to him, with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.	Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him.	Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.	Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.
Mark 9:43-44	And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: <b><u>Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.</u></b>	And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.	If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]	If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.	And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

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Mark 10:21	Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, <u>take up the cross,</u> and follow me.	And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."	Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."	Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."	And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
Luke 1:34	Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing <u>I know not a man?</u>	And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?"	Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"	"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"	And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"
Luke 9:54-56	And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, <u>even as Elias did?</u> But he turned, and rebuked them, <u>and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save</u>	And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.	When His disciples James and John saw <i>this</i> , they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.	When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.	And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

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	<b>them.</b> And they went to another village.				
Luke 22:64	And when they had blindfolded him, <b>they struck him on the face,</b> and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee?	they also blindfolded him and asked him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"	and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?"	They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?"	They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"
Luke 23:38	And a superscription also was written over him <b>in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.</b>	There was also an inscription over him "This is the King of the Jews."	Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."	There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.	There was also an inscription over him, <sup>[a]</sup> "This is the King of the Jews."
Acts 8:36-37	And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? <b>And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.</b>	And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?"	As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]	As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"	And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"
Romans 8:1	There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in	There is therefore now no condemnation for	Therefore there is now no condemnation for	Therefore, there is now no condemnation for	There is therefore now no condemnation for

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	Christ Jesus, <u>who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.</u>	those who are in Christ Jesus.	those who are in Christ Jesus.	those who are in Christ Jesus,	those who are in Christ Jesus.
Hebrews 1:3	Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had <u>by himself</u> purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:	He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,	And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and <sup>b</sup> upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,	The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.	He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

## The Issue of Authority and Its Impact on Prophetic Studies

Paul R. Wild, March 14, 2020

I have no 501(c)3 non-profit ministry. I have no church backing. I don't take donations. I have no Th.D. or Ph.D. from a seminary. I self-funded the publication of my books and the ongoing promotion of them that I'm attempting to do. In contrast, the big names in prophecy often are pre-funded by a publisher who is willing to cover the publication and promotional costs up front because of the likelihood the big names will turn a profit for them. Not a problem. In my thinking, the big names have paid their dues and are worthy of a reward, along the lines of I Timothy 5:17-18: "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward." Some folks interpret these verses as God's endorsement of people making a living from their full-time vocations of propagating the gospel. I take no issue with that, although I do take issue with those who use the gospel to deceive the flock for the sake of wealth:

<sup>7</sup>For a bishop [To keep it simple and general, let's just say for the sake of argument that we can stretch beyond the "bishop" to include those Christians who are viewed as authorities of some type by other Christians, say, for example, televangelists] must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; <sup>8</sup>But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; <sup>9</sup>Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. <sup>10</sup>**For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision** [meaning Jews, and now in these modern times, Gentiles]: <sup>11</sup>**Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.**

Titus 1:7-11

But I'm not a full-time-gospel-propagator guy or one in authority in the Church. I'm just a tentmaker of sorts, like the Apostle Paul, but instead of making tents I make reports for people who need information. I'm a scientist, not a professional theologian. It turns out that some people see that as a deficiency and suggest that what I have to say is trumped by the professional theologians. It gets back to the issue of making arguments from authority. Wikipedia, which I jokingly refer to as the source of all knowledge in the universe, says this about arguments from authority:

An **argument from authority** (*argumentum ab auctoritate*), also called an **appeal to authority**, or **argumentum ad verecundiam**, is a form of defeasible argument in which a claimed authority's support is used as evidence for an argument's conclusion. It is well known as a fallacy, though some consider that it is used in a cogent form when all sides of a discussion agree on the reliability of the authority in the given

context. Other authors consider it a fallacy to cite an authority on the discussed topic as the primary means of supporting an argument.

To illustrate the fallacy of the argument from authority, would you say that a non-meteorologist would be wrong in saying that the dark, black, storm clouds on the horizon indicate a coming rainstorm just because that person is not a meteorologist? Would you reject a non-chemist's claim that acids and bases react to produce water and a salt just because that person is not a chemist? No, you would not, at least not if you're being rational. In the same vein, I'm asking my audience to not reject my doctrinal positions simply because I'm not a professional theologian and take into consideration that, over the last 45 years, I've done the level of work comparable to what the professionals have done.

I've stated all this as an introduction to a recent event that has greatly disturbed me. I liken it to a drive-by shooting. On Amazon, a reviewer of my book, The Timing of the Rapture, essentially told the reading audience: (1) I'm just another post-Tribber, suggesting I have nothing of value to say, (2) I'm not a good theologian, because I'm only a scientist, and (3) consult the professional theologians to get good information on the rapture rather than Paul Wild. It was as if he was saying, "Move along, people, move along; there's nothing to see here." He provided no detailed analysis to controvert my positions but only vague assertions with no meat. I replied to the person, but my reply is buried down in the Amazon web page where most people will never find it if they don't know which link to click on.

Now, I'm pretty thick skinned and used to legitimate criticism (like most everyone else, I sometimes find it unpleasant, but I don't come unglued), which is good to have in my industry since multiple sets of eyes see my reports and have the opportunity to shred my work. Fortunately, shredding very, very rarely happens anymore, since I got that out of the way many years ago as a novice in my field. Supporting the thick-skinned idea, one of my business partners likes to poke fun at me about any number of things, such as my voracious appetite, and when I jokingly respond that he hurt my feelings, he replies with, "You have feelings?" But when it comes to propagating truth about something that I'm passionate about and something that is critical for the Church to get right, I get downright resolute and have some very intense feelings.

If I were wanting to be popular and have a better chance of recouping my costs, I would offer up a doctrine that tickles the ears and gives every reader a warm, fuzzy feeling about the future. I'd tell them that they're going to get a pass and miss out on all the bad stuff that Jesus warned about in the last days. Paul warned about teachers in the last days who would tickle people's ears, and he stated that portions of the Church would not endure sound doctrine. You don't apply the term "doctrine" to unbelievers – they don't care about doctrine – you apply the term to believers. Far be it for me to be any part of that; James has a stern warning for the Church to be selective on who it recognizes as teachers and warns of a stricter judgment for failure to do so. That being said, **I want to get it right** for fear of adversely affecting another Christian's life because of lousy doctrine. Moreover, I fear the Lord (in a good way).

Yes, folks, I'm a post-Tribber, but I was a pre-Tribber for 18 years. I know the pre-Tribber arguments exceptionally well and know how to slice and dice them. The issue of the timing of the rapture is serious business, and there is no margin for error. If you're a pre-Tribber and correct that you're not going to be here for the Tribulation, assuming you're alive long enough to make it to the rapture, whenever it may be, then you've gained everything and lost nothing. However, if you're incorrect and unprepared for the Tribulation, then you may lose everything and gain nothing except martyrdom. However, martyrdom is ultimately OK, because you'll find yourself landing in the arms of Jesus. But wouldn't you rather be one of those who Jesus speaks of in Matthew 10:22, i.e., "...he that **endureth to the end** shall be saved"? Wouldn't you rather be "A prudent man [that] foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself..." rather than "...the simple [who] pass on, and are punished"? (Proverbs 22:3) My concern is for my brethren, God's precious babies, who will be in the uttermost state of shock and entirely susceptible to all the bad events described in Revelation if they are not prepared, under my belief that the Church will go through the Tribulation. Therefore, the cavalier attitude exhibited by the brother who flippantly rejected my positions in the Rapture book without serious analysis is, in my thinking, foolish.

Beloveds, I'll put it to you in the way that the great French mathematician and philosopher, Blaise Pascal, put it. It's called Pascal's wager. The wager states that God may or may not exist. If God exists and you choose to believe in God, then your reward is substantial, meaning eternal life in heaven. Alternatively, if you do not believe in God but He does exist, your punishment is also substantial, meaning eternal damnation. If God doesn't exist, neither the person who believes in God nor the person who doesn't believe in God gains nor loses anything. If it's a 50/50 bet that God exists or does not exist, then the best wager is to choose the one that has the best payoff, meaning that God does exist. Of course, we know that there's more to it than simply believing God exists, for if the god you believe in is not Jesus, then you lose everything.

But the point is made. With respect to the pre-Trib/post-Trib argument, which position would be safer to take? What kind of a gambler are you? I'm urging my audience to wager that I have some sound, reasonable, legitimate things to say about the rapture and its timing, for my concern is for my brethren who continue to believe in a doctrine that will leave them unprepared for the coming holocaust. If I wanted to be popular and have a better chance of making a bunch of money, I'd be an ear tickler and preach something different.

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*I want to give a shout out to a noble Berean, Leonard Buttner of Eagle Ascend Ministries in Auckland, New Zealand, for notifying me of an incorrect Scripture reference in the recent KJV article. Where Matthew 4:10 is shown in the table, it should be Matthew 9:18. The corrected article is posted on [wildtimes.us](http://wildtimes.us).*

On another note, before we take on the topic of the United States (US) in Bible prophecy, I must thank those of you who read the last two articles on the KJV controversy and the issue of authority relative to prophetic studies. Also thanks to those who checked out the "Coronavirus, China, and Cryptocurrencies" article on the Charisma News website.

**The audience interest was very high for "Corona," and that's good, because the topic is very important for Christians to understand to prepare for the future - that's the primary purpose of prophecy.** As an update to the war on cash to prepare the world for antichrist-controlled electronic commerce, recent news is showing that private businesses responding to the coronavirus crisis are now rejecting paper cash and will only take credit or debit cards.

Why would governments need to enforce cashless commerce and alarm people even more when private entities will do it for them? In the same vein, who needs government censoring against Christians and conservatives when private enterprises like Google, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter will do it for you? Hitler would have called these people "useful idiots." Like Rahm Emmanuel, former mayor of Chicago, said before he was mayor and again now, "Never let a crisis go to waste."

This week we start a series to show that the US is definitively described in Bible prophecy, and it has nothing to do with Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17. The focus will be on Daniel 7, which historically until now has incorrectly been understood to be about ancient nations. It's not.

Daniel 7 is about US, the Russians and their Islamic allies (Turkey, Syria, Iran), and the Asians, all leading up to the antichrist and his kingdom. Come along for the ride over the next few weeks to see a detailed breakdown of Daniel 7 to see this truth, and understand the urgency of the moment.

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 1 – Winds, Waters, and Beasts

Paul R. Wild, March 22, 2020

I have a sense of urgency to get this series started, for I feel that the Body of Christ is awash with some bad ideas about where we are headed as a nation, and these bad ideas may circumvent God's intent to warn us for the purpose of preparation. I think many Christians feel that the United States (US) in the short term is heading in a wrong direction and is having serious internal moral, political, financial, and physical problems – after all, coronavirus is staring US in the face - but I also think that many Christians are listening to some voices who are not speaking for God regarding the long-term prospects for US. Some Christians are thinking there will be a political solution to our problems, and others are listening to “prophets” who claim national revival is nigh unto US. As an example, a couple years back a brother proclaimed to me with enthusiasm that, “We’ll get Trump elected for a second term and then Pence for two terms and get it turned around.” Wishful thinking, but not Biblical. And then there are “prophets” who are telling believers that God is soon bringing revival to the nation. I’d be OK with it if the “prophets” kept their revival proclamations limited to their own churches or organizations, because perhaps Jesus will bring revival on a local level, but when they proclaim soon-coming revival on a national level, no way. Not now. Not soon. Why? Beside the fact that Paul said, “Evil men will wax worse and worse,” (I’m quite confident gobs of evil men exist in this country, and they are getting worse) Scripture says something different about our national revival, and Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken.

Some Christians will agree with me about coming judgment and point to US as the Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17:5, citing our power, influence, wealth, perversity, decadence, and apostasy, and the Bible says Mystery Babylon will be destroyed. I wished they’d stop that, because the Bible is Middle Eastern-centric, and the first readers of the Old and New Testament prophecies would never have had an understanding of a nation 6,000+ miles to the west and 2,000 years in the future as Mystery Babylon. The prophecies about Mystery Babylon had to have some understandability to the first hearers and readers of prophecies before they have any understandability to us. Still others will say that the US is not described in Scripture but that we will follow Israel's cycle of judgment followed by repentance followed by prosperity followed by apathy followed by rampant carnality followed by judgment followed by repentance, and so on. I can agree with them on the cycle bit, but as for those who say we’re nowhere described in Scripture, my response is that **we absolutely are described in Scripture**, and it’s just a matter of understanding Biblical symbolism.

We’re going to explore this symbolism, and after we’re done, I believe my audience will fully understand that America is described in Scripture and will be judged harshly by the Lord. But to those who believe national revival is coming, I agree with you; however, it won’t come until we’ve been taken to the woodshed, in the same manner as Israel. You see, there are only two nations in the history of the world who based their founding on God: Israel and US. That being said, it’s not an irrational idea to think that God has big and ultimately great plans for US after we get severely spanked. After all,

<sup>6</sup> For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Hebrews 12:6

But that's an if/then argument, the idea being that if the pattern of judgment and restoration was true for Israel, then it must be true for US. The problem with if/then arguments is that they are dicey to use as proofs, so we need to have hard, Scripture proofs to defend a position. It turns out that we have those hard, Scripture proofs, and they can be found in Daniel 7.

I don't know how long the dominant, classical view of Daniel 7 has been around, but I can trace it back as far as Matthew Henry's commentary from the early 1700's. The dominant view held by mainstream theologians and Church leadership since that time is that Daniel 7 is a repeat of the Daniel 2 statue vision. The statue vision is generally understood to indicate the progression of nations from Babylon to Medo-Persia to Greece to Rome to revived Rome under the antichrist, although in recent years some have suggested the Muslim Caliphate culminating in the Ottoman Turks should be inserted in there somewhere. For the sake of brevity, I won't elaborate on Daniel 2 here, and for anyone who cares, I address it more fully in [Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy? With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars](#). I will say this, though, about the belief held by many that Daniel 7 is simply a rehash of Daniel 2: to what end? What value is it to us in these last days to double down on describing ancient nations but leave out a discussion of the nations that lead up to the antichrist and the Tribulation? It makes no sense. Why would God give us no hint about the prominent nations of our time? Given that God's custom has been to warn His people to prepare for coming trials and tribulations down through the ages, I cannot see how a second telling in Daniel 7 of the Daniel 2 progression of ancient nations provides much value to His people trying to navigate the land mines of modern nations in these end times. It is my strongly held opinion that God would not and did not leave us blind on this issue. Daniel 7 needs to be unhitched from Daniel 2 and allowed to stand on its own merits. Therefore, the task at hand is to open up Daniel 7, so let us begin with Verses 1 to 3 for this article, reserving later verses for later articles.

Daniel 7:1-2 begins with Daniel stating he had a very vivid dream, a vision, which is different than a typical dream in that it is as if the person having the vision is seeing it three dimensionally, in real time, with exceptional detail. Essentially, it's like the observer is in the real, physical world watching events unfold. Verse 2 continues with Daniel seeing four winds striving against each other. Four winds indicate the four points of the compass, or north, south, east, and west. This tells us that the beasts Daniel saw in Verse 3 are going to encompass regions of the earth that directionally cover those four points and are distinct one from another in their spatial relationships. The fact that the four compass points are presented is a clue that the ancient nations of the classical view cannot be in view here, for those nations gobbled each other up successively, where Babylon had its territory overtaken and expanded by the Medes and Persians; the Greeks overtook and expanded the territory of the Medes and Persians; and the Romans overtook and expanded the territory of the Greeks. If you want to toss the Muslim Caliphate/Turks in there, so be it, for their territory

was comparable to their predecessors. Do some web searches for yourself to see maps of their ancient boundaries. These nations were not spatially distinct from each other and overlapped one another in whole or in part. It would be difficult to make a cogent argument that these nations distinctly represented all four compass points separate from one another.

The four winds are striving against each other simultaneously, signifying two things: (1) the beasts that the winds indicate are striving against each other exist concurrently, and (2) there is competition, or even violence, between these beasts. We can conclude that Daniel 7 eliminates the nations of antiquity based on the fact that the beasts are striving against each other concurrently, for those ancient nations mentioned symbolically in Daniel 2 did not all exist as distinct nations at the same time – they transitioned from one to the next over many centuries.

Verse 3 says the beasts come up from the sea and are diverse from each other. We'll leave the diversity issue for a future discussion on Verse 4 and beyond, but we need to explore the beast and sea descriptors further. What do they mean? The term "beast" is just another name for "animal," but the prophetic meaning of beast is "nation" or "kingdom." It is easy to prove this by using Daniel 8. Daniel 8 presents a ram and a goat, and the angel Gabriel told Daniel that the ram is Medo-Persia, while the goat is Greece. The use of beasts to indicate kingdoms shows God's low opinion of human kingdoms, for 2 Peter 2:12 says, "But these, as natural brute **beasts**, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption," referring to those who "walk after the flesh" of 2 Peter 2:10.

As for the sea, it represents the sea of humanity from whence these kingdoms arise. The sea is referred to as the "great sea," which may represent the Mediterranean, but this is not definitive. In any case, if it is the Mediterranean, it would be reasonable for God to use a body of water familiar to the Jews. A few verses supporting the symbolism of kingdoms coming from the sea of humanity are shown below, but there are many more.

<sup>12</sup> Woe to the multitude of many **people**, which make a noise like the noise of the **seas**; and to the rushing of **nations**, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty **waters**! <sup>13</sup> The **nations** shall rush like the rushing of many **waters**: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Isaiah 17:12-13

He stretched out his hand over the **sea**, he shook the **kingdoms**: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof.

Isaiah 23:11

<sup>1</sup> And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great

whore that sitteth upon many **waters**: <sup>2</sup>With whom the **kings of the earth** have committed fornication, and the **inhabitants of the earth** have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. <sup>15</sup>And he saith unto me, The **waters** which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are **peoples**, and **multitudes**, and **nations**, and **tongues**.

Revelation 17:1-2,15

It is now time for a simplified summary to wrap this topic up. Daniel saw four future kingdoms – but modern for US - coming up out of the sea of humanity that are spatially separate from each other and associated with northern, southern, eastern, and western regions of the earth. These four kingdoms exist at the same time and are in competition with or at outright war against each other.

This now concludes Part 1 of the Daniel 7 commentary. Part 2 in upcoming weeks will begin to address who these four modern kingdoms are. In the interim, I pray that the reading audience will study Daniel 7 in its entirety to become familiar with its terms and begin the process of deciphering who these end-times kingdoms are.

April 2, 2020

*A quick note before we get started: Mark Taylor of KNEO radio in Joplin, MO, interviewed me in February on his Crosspoint radio show. The audio file is now on the [wildtimes.us](http://wildtimes.us) web site.*

Last week I introduced the audience to Daniel 7 and stated that this chapter has been incorrectly understood for hundreds of years to be a retelling of the Daniel 2 statue vision about the Babylonians down to the Romans. I'm adamant that it is not and instead is a prophetic forecast of nations, or kingdoms, that are current for this time.

**Modern nations are the topic of Daniel 7, and it is imperative that Christians understand this to get out of our collective, spiritual fogginess to get prepared for coming judgment on US, followed by judgment on other nations leading up to the revealing of the antichrist.**

Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken, such that anyone saying "all is well" or "all will be well" until Jesus returns is not speaking from God, for when Scripture says one thing and man says another, reject the man.

Even apart from understanding prophecy, Jesus adjured us to use common sense and "read the signs of the times." To any watchful Christian, the signs of the times should indicate disaster is on the way. The current coronavirus crisis should be viewed by Christians as a warning shot across the bow to wake up and get ready for greater difficulties.

The nations are lining up for the "wars and rumors of wars" that Jesus warned of in Matthew 24. It is critical for Christians to understand where we are prophetically as a nation, for the primary purpose of prophecy is to prepare for things to come. As Peter said about prophecy in 2 Peter 1:19, "...take heed."

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 2 – The Beast from the West

Paul R. Wild, March 31, 2020

In Part 1 we addressed Daniel's vision of four beasts from the four corners of the earth that represent kingdoms or nations rising from the sea of humanity to strive against each other at the same time. Stress that last point: **at the same time**, not over centuries and millennia. The old, classical view of ancient nations is wrong and needs to be buried in the dust bin of history. That old view is that Daniel 7 is a rehash of the Daniel 2 statue vision that showed the progression of ancient nations from Babylon to the Romans. Daniel 7 provides clues in Verses 2 and 3 that show those ancient nations don't fit the description and, in any case, that old view provides little to no value to us in these last days for helping us navigate the stormy seas of modern nations striving against each other now. Daniel 7 differs from other prophetic chapters of Daniel that deal with kings and nations, like Chapters 2, 4, 5, 8, and 11, in that we know from matching the text to known history who the ancient kings and nations of those chapters were, and we know about the ancient nations from the text itself where Daniel or one of the angelic beings stated who the ancient nations were. Daniel 7 is not like those chapters and presents four nations, or kingdoms, which have strange symbolism for which no identification is provided. That is another clue that Daniel 7 speaks of modern nations, not ancient ones. As examples, Daniel 2 identifies the golden head of the statue as Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, thereby allowing us to identify the other nations after him, and Daniel 8 identifies the Medo-Persians and the Greeks as a ram and a goat, respectively. Daniel 7 does not follow this pattern.

Where to now? We must now begin to decipher the four beasts. Verse 4 introduces us to the "first" beast from the west, composed of a lion with eagle's wings that has the feathers plucked from the wings, is lifted above the earth, is made to stand up like a man, and is given the heart of a man. Let's not waste any time: it's the Anglo-American alliance consisting of the British lion and the American eagle. By stating it is the Anglo-American alliance, I can then state with confidence that it represents the western wind that is striving against the northern, southern, and eastern winds coming from those parts of the globe. Remember, the Bible is Middle-Eastern centric and focuses on the land of Israel, such that Israel effectively is the center of God's universe, and certainly of God's planet earth. In that sense, Western European and North American nations definitely meet the criterion of a western wind relative to Israel's location.

Since there might be readers from nations besides the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK) who might be unfamiliar with these countries' national symbols, a brief primer is in order. We'll start with the British, for which the easiest way to demonstrate the importance of the lion in their symbolism is to show the monarchy's various family crests. Again, consulting the low-hanging fruit of Wikipedia, three royal, family crests are shown below. Note the lions scattered throughout the crests and the center shields. The lions and the unicorn are termed "heraldic beasts," and it is easy to see the dominant beast is the lion.



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The Royal Arms as used by the House of Stuart (these being of William III and Mary II (1688-1694/1702))

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Turning our attention to the Americans, the beastly symbol for US is the eagle, as shown below.



Coat of Arms of the United States of America  
Wikimedia Commons

Note that the eagle's wings and the lion's body of Daniel 7:4 are fused. Remember that point as a point of contrast to the next beast that will be covered in upcoming Part 3. Regarding this fusion, perhaps it is accurate to look at the wings as springing forth from the lion, for that is exactly how it occurred in history in that the US was a colony of the UK and, after settling some serious differences, the US has become the greatest ally of the UK, and vice versa. These two nations are "joined at the hip" and have stood against global bullies for over a century, and continue to do so now. The proponents of the classical view will say that Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon are this beast, citing Jeremiah 4:13, 48:40, and 49:22 as prophecies about Nebuchadnezzar acting as an eagle to punish various nations; or they will cite Jeremiah 4:7, 49:19, and 50:44 as parallel prophecies about Nebuchadnezzar acting as a lion. If God had meant Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon to be the lion-eagle beast, then why not just use that conjoined symbolism in Jeremiah to simplify the connection to Daniel 7? Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians don't get it done in Daniel 7, for at the time Daniel was recording this vision, Belshazzar was in power, anywhere from five to twenty years after Nebuchadnezzar had died, depending on which historian you're listening to. Later in Daniel 7, an angelic being told Daniel that the beasts "shall" arise, as in a future sense from that time, such that citing a dead king and his kingdom as a future kingdom is bad exegesis. Again, another clue that Daniel 7 has nothing to do with ancient kingdoms and another nail in the coffin of the ancient kingdoms theory.

I mentioned "first" up front. That word indicates a chronological progression of kingdoms rising and falling leading to kingdoms after them. That is certainly the classical view, for those espousing the ancient nations view will readily say that the ancient nations rose and fell in consecutive order over many centuries. In that I can agree with them, i.e., progressive rise and fall. But that fall part is disturbing for US to think about, for it necessarily says we will fall as a nation. The falling is not an if/then hypothesis, because the symbolism of Verse 4 straight-up says we will fall - our wings will be plucked, meaning we are judged by having our beauty and symbol of power removed from US. The Aramaic word (the Hebrew word is equivalent) used there means "to make bald," "to shave," or "to poll," as if plucking feathers, shaving hair, or extracting horns. Have you ever seen a bird with its feathers plucked? Quite ugly.

Of course, the plucking could mean complete removal of the wings from the lion's body, as if we and the Brits get completely disconnected from one another and mutually are on our own. Time will tell. Irrespective of that issue, in my estimation both nations are worthy of judgment, because both nations have deliberately, purposely, with thought and intent, lowered themselves into a cesspool of corruption, perversion, and apostasy. How could God not whip the stuffings out of US? We have become a profane nation, and it's pretty much the same for the Brits. We appear to be trying to outswim each other down to the bottom of the cesspool. Irrespective of what your opinion of Donald Trump is, in my opinion, he is simply an instrument in God's hand to show US, especially Christians, just how profane we are as a nation. It's as if God has used the Trump presidency to lift our skirts to expose our nakedness the way He did with the Israelites, for the last four years have shown just how filthy we are from top to bottom. The common man is corrupt; the elected leaders are

corrupt; the unelected, appointed leaders are corrupt; and the unseen, government bureaucrats scurrying about in the shadows like cockroaches are corrupt. Woe to US.

But there is good news. Like our counterpart, Israel, the only other nation founded as a nation under God, we will get restored after severe chastisement. God is not finished with this nation, and perhaps it will be the same for the Brits, since we are first shown in Daniel 7:4 as connected beasts. Though the British were not founded as a nation under God, they have produced some of the greatest evangelists, pastors, teachers, and theologians the world has ever known and sent the good news of Jesus throughout the world with the King James Bible that they produced. Well, I can't be sure about the Brits, but I am sure about US, since the most shocking event in the vision is the wings being plucked, such that there is a strong focus on US. Either way, the picture of the beast being lifted above the earth is a picture of being lifted above the profane and common. The following passages show this.

<sup>16</sup>And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

1 Chronicles 21:16

<sup>1</sup>In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Isaiah 6:1

<sup>19</sup>And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. <sup>20</sup>Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. <sup>21</sup>When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. <sup>22</sup>And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. <sup>23</sup>And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies. <sup>24</sup>And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. <sup>25</sup>And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings. <sup>26</sup>And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

Ezekiel 1:19-26

<sup>14</sup> So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

Ezekiel 3:14

<sup>3</sup> And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

Ezekiel 8:3

<sup>1</sup> Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. <sup>2</sup> And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. <sup>3</sup> Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. <sup>4</sup> Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. <sup>15</sup> And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar. <sup>16</sup> And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. <sup>17</sup> When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them. <sup>18</sup> Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims. <sup>19</sup> And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. <sup>20</sup> This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubims.

Ezekiel 10:1-4,15-20

<sup>1</sup> Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

Ezekiel 11:1

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: <sup>15</sup> That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

<sup>32</sup> And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

John 12:32

Got the picture? And what can we say about being given the heart of a man? As I have stated elsewhere, Scripture defines Scripture, so we are fortunate that God chose to provide the key to what it means to be given the heart of a man in another chapter in Daniel.

<sup>16</sup> Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

Daniel 4:16

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed that he was a glorious tree that was cut down because of his arrogance, and rather than remain as a rational, reasonable man, he was driven to madness and became as a beast, i.e., unreasoning and wild. If a man can be given the heart of a beast to become unreasoning, then a beast can be given the heart of a man to become reasoning. It has nothing to do with the ferocious, powerful beast becoming a weak, vacillating, frightened man, as some commenters have suggested, as if being the beast is a good thing that then gets degraded to lowly human kind. Ridiculous. Talk about missing the mark on Biblical symbolism. After Nebuchadnezzar's sensibilities were restored to him, he repented and fully acknowledged and honored the "King of heaven." (Daniel 4:37) It will be the same for US.

Finally, to round it out, we are made to stand upon the feet like a man. The lion's paws have been replaced with the feet of a man, and the man stands up. This is the second mention of "man" in Daniel 7:4, as if to provide two witnesses – the Biblical mandate for confirming a thing – that the beast has lost its beastliness and has become a reasoning, rational human being standing upright before the Lord.

Let's summarize. The US and Great Britain are the lion-eagle beast of the western wind that will be severely judged for our profound wickedness. We will repent and be restored, probably not as an economic and military powerhouse, but as a nation or nations of saints patiently waiting for our Lord. Brethren, **This! Is! Good! News!**

What is the practical application for US? Every Christian must seek the Holy Spirit for direction, but since Solomon said the wise man sees the day of evil and takes cover, while the foolish pass on and are punished (Proverbs 22:3), it strongly indicates that we need to begin preparing in every way imaginable for the coming judgment. There are "prophets" scattered about the country who are proclaiming that all will be well with US and that we are on the verge of a soon-coming national revival, but I would urge my audience to pay no mind to them. Anyone "prophesying" "peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:13-14) for the entire nation is not speaking from God, nor is anyone who suggests that the prophecies in Scripture are not etched in stone and can be avoided by our actions; when the word of man and the word of God do not match, you must reject the word of man. Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken, meaning that there is no way to avert the coming judgment

on US. Given the rate of our decay, I don't think our implosion is far off, maybe an election cycle or two away, maybe less. We need to be the ones who are prepared in order to minister to the lost to lead them to Jesus, and we need to be able to minister to each other to survive the storm. God gave us prophecy for that reason, to prepare US for whatever He has ordained in eternity past. With that said, I encourage my readers to begin their preparations **now**, as God prescribes, through diligent prayer, Bible study, and consultation with other like-minded Christians. As Peter said, "...take heed."

<sup>19</sup>We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2 Peter 1:19

April 10, 2020

*A reader, Kathleen, has expressed exceptional excitement about the series on Daniel 7, so much so that she has downloaded copies of the articles for distribution to other Christians hungry for prophetic insight. The articles automatically have copyright protections under US law, but I'm more interested in getting the word out than I am about copyright law. To the audience, feel free to do as Kathleen has done. She indicated she has had doubts about some prophetic teachings over the years and said that the series is confirming some things she has felt for a long time. Very encouraging!*

And I don't want to let up on pounding this message home, specifically that Daniel 7 is occurring right before our eyes, but, sadly, the Body of Christ is largely unaware of it. Last week I covered the United States (US) and the United Kingdom lion-with-eagle's-wings Beast from the West.

This week I'm addressing the Russian-Iranian-Turkish-Syrian Beast from the North, an animal that is in the news every day and which has parked itself right next to Israel in preparation for the Ezekiel 38-39 invasion into Israel in the not-too-distant future. This beast is described as a bear with three ribs in its mouth, the symbolism of which aptly describes these four nations, all of which hate Israel and US. Daniel was told by an angelic being in Chapter 12 that "knowledge shall be increased," indicating that the knowledge of prophecy shall also increase as we put the pieces together to see pictures we could not see even a decade or two ago.

It's time to retire the classical view held by most pastors, preachers, and professors that Daniel 7 is about ancient nations. Proper exegesis of Daniel 7, combined with observation of current events, should make this point clear to anyone who cares to be a "noble Berean" to study the issue for themselves. (Acts 17:10-12) The third beast will be addressed next week. Three superpowers, three beasts, all of which must be removed from power to make way for the fourth and final beast - the antichrist. A modern interpretation of Daniel 7 makes sense and matches the world we see today. I pray that the Body sees it, for there is not much time left for preparation.

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 3 – The Beast from the North

Paul R. Wild, April 5, 2020

“Inevitable Iran-Turkey-Syria-Russia Alliance”

Fars News Agency online, November 5, 2007

Note: The article concluded by saying, “The final effect of the region’s aversion to American policies will be the formation of the “union of four.” Russia, Turkey, Iran, and Syria.”

“Turkey Announces ‘Trilateral Summit’ on Syria with Russia and Iran”

Jerusalem Post online, July 5, 2019

“Syria conflict: What do the US, Russia, Turkey and Iran want?”

DW.com, January 23, 2019

<https://www.dw.com/en/syria-conflict-what-do-the-us-russia-turkey-and-iran-want/a-41211604>

“Russia, Turkey, Iran See US Pullout from Syria as Positive Step”

Al Jazeera English, February 14, 2019

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=russia+syria+iran+turkey&docid=608026991975269951&mid=EF70B1042E60286DFE52EF70B1042E60286DFE52&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

“Trump Handing Northern Syria to Turkey is a ‘gift to Russia, Iran, and ISIS,’ Former US Envoy Says”

CNBC online, October 7, 2019

<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/10/07/trump-handing-syria-to-turkey-is-gift-to-russia-iran-isis-mcgu.html>

“Russia, Iran, Turkey Discuss Post-war Scenario in Syria Talks”

Al Jazeera English, April 25, 2019

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=russia+syria+iran+turkey&docid=608037033685353936&mid=5C3090BF16D9EBC44A235C3090BF16D9EBC44A23&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

Folks, you have just now been introduced to Daniel 7’s Beast from the North (Daniel 7:5). In this introduction, you can also see allusions of passing the baton from the Beast from the West, the United States (US), to the Beast from the North. We covered US in “Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 2...” and showed that the lion with eagle’s wings is the Anglo-American alliance of the United Kingdom (UK) and US. In the articles listed above, we see the second beast of Daniel 7: the bear with three ribs in its mouth, consisting of Russia, Iran, Turkey, and Syria. The first two articles listed above are discussed in my recent book, Identifying the Antichrist: Revealing Truths, Confronting Myths and Misconceptions, and are presented as supporting evidence that the Russians and their Islamic allies are another stepping stone toward revealing the final beast of Daniel 7, i.e., the antichrist and his kingdom.

I want to revisit the “passing the baton” issue mentioned above. I wish that it were that simple, just a peaceful transition of one “kingdom” to another “kingdom,” but it will not be the case. The US and the UK are barreling down the road to God’s judgment, but it will not be total destruction; rather, it will be a judgment leading to repentance and restoration. But it’s that judgment part that is important for this discussion, for it will allow the bear with three ribs to finally accomplish what it has lusted after for decades and, with respect to the Islamic faction, for millennia. How or exactly when the judgment on US will be accomplished is not known, but it is of a certainty and will allow Russia to be unopposed as it attempts to rape the object of its desire; and what is the object of the Russians’ and their Islamic allies’ desire?: Israel. Well, more accurately stated, the destruction of Israel. Unfortunately for them but fortunately for Israel, the Beast from the North will get slaughtered on the mountains of Israel, as Ezekiel 38-39 make abundantly clear. This attempted rape is a pre-Tribulation violation, but the proof of that truth is too much to address here and can be found in the [With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars](#) part of my 2017 US in prophecy book, should anyone care to investigate further.

That was a synopsis, but we need to fish out the details to demonstrate that the symbolism of the bear with three ribs, tipped to one side, and a devourer of much flesh is Russia with its Islamic allies. **It is absolutely not the Medo-Persian alliance of the outdated and antiquated, classical view held by most Protestant pastors, preachers, and professors.** If God had intended the Medes and Persians to be understood, then logic would suggest He also would have presented them in Daniel 7 as the ram of Daniel 8 that was defeated by the Grecian goat, but He did not. Under the classical, ancient-nations view, all it does is cause confusion. But “... God is not the author of confusion...” (1 Corinthians 14:33) That is an immutable statement about God that needs no context – you could park that statement anywhere in Scripture and not abuse its meaning.

Writing a bunch of text can get wearisome, so I tend to use shortcuts at times when it’s convenient. This is one of those times. Check out the links and the graphics below as a fast way of showing that the symbolism of the bear directly relates to Russia.

The video link below with the snippet taken from it shown to the right was used by Ronald Reagan during his presidential campaign to show that the Russian bear cannot be trusted and that the US needs a strong defense to stand against it.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np\\_wdcmjBgNA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np_wdcmjBgNA)



Ronald Reagan TV Ad: "The Bear"

What is the national animal of Russia  
BY ANDY · SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

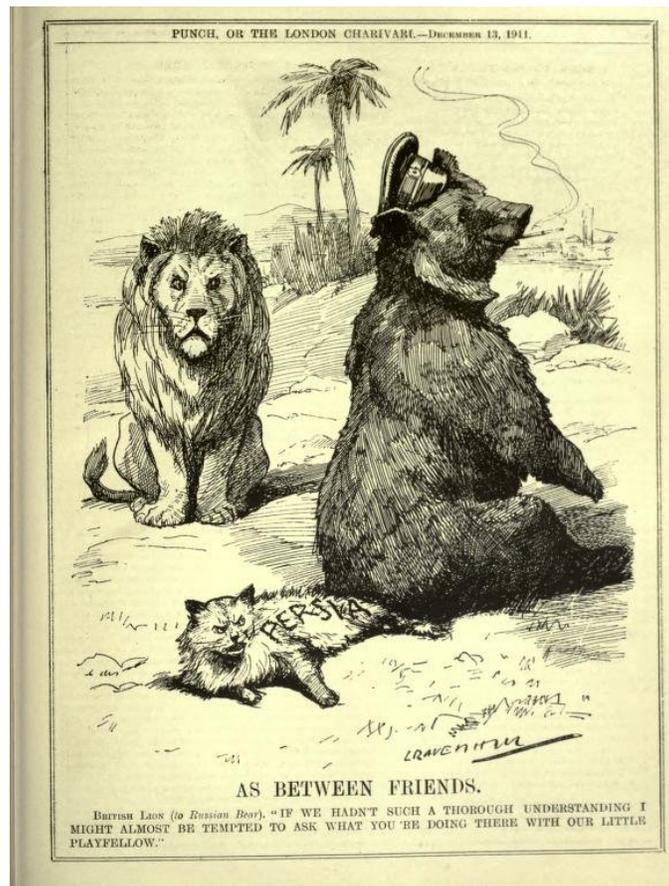
The national animal of Russia is the Russian Bear which is a derivation of the brown bears that are indigenous to the country as a whole. Over the years, the bear has come to symbolise the good and bad aspects of the Russian people and that comparison has been taken with a mixture of fondness and irritation by the country's citizens throughout the years.

<http://siberianlight.net/what-is-the-national-animal-of-russia/>

The link to the right will take you to numerous political cartoons showing the connection between the Russians and the bear. I'm not showing them to avoid copyright hassles.

<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=russian+bear+cartoon&id=987E26DC19874F101CB7E3DF4D4692A5B519152D&FORM=IQFRBA>

Do your own searches to confirm it for yourself, if the information above is not enough to convince you. Oh, and just for grins, shown below is a cartoon from December 13, 1911, showing the British lion and the Russian bear, with the Iranians (Persians) being shown as a cat being squished by the bear. I provide this for those who want to continue arguing with me about who the lion and the bear are and the bear's connectivity to Iran.



I stated in Part 2 last week that the fusion of the American eagle's wings to the British lion seems to intimate that the US sprang forth from the British, for that is how it occurred in history, and the two countries function that way politically and socially. Not so for the Russians and their Islamic allies. The three ribs of Iran, Turkey, and Syria are not organically connected to each other or to the Russian bear. The languages of each country are distinct, and their cultures are distinct. Even their common Islamic backgrounds are somewhat distinct in that the Iranians are overwhelmingly Shiite, but the Turks and Syrians are more Sunni oriented with sub-populations of Alawites, Alevis, and Jafaris. The Russian bear holds the three ribs in its mouth and could crush them at any time militarily, certainly bearing witness to the "...arise, devour much flesh" clause in Daniel 7:5. The Russians most assuredly devoured much flesh when they dominated the Eastern Bloc countries after WWII. The picture of the ribs in the bear's mouth also seems to confirm the voracious appetite for territory that the Russians possess, for their country is the largest in the world. Not content to stay in their homeland, they are now parked right next to Israel in Syria prepared to accomplish what God has foreordained of old for them, as described in Ezekiel 38-39.

The reader needs to know that there are some competing views about Ezekiel 38-39, and Russia in particular. A major movement has been occurring in the last ten to fifteen years to propose that the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39 describe a Turkish antichrist leading Turkish hordes with Muslim allies of other nations against Israel, and that Saudi Arabia and Mecca will comprise Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17. It is then necessary to demonstrate that Russia is the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39, since the competing view that they are Turkish has gained too much traction and has distracted Christians from the correct focus. A detailed explanation is provided in [Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy?](#) and [Identifying the Antichrist](#), but sufficient for this monograph is showing the connections between the writings of Herodotus, the 5<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. Greek historian; Josephus, the 1<sup>st</sup> Century A.D. Jewish historian; and Claudius Ptolemy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century A.D. Greco-Egyptian writer and mathematician.

Herodotus introduces us to the Scythians, who he said are north of the Black Sea. Ptolemy described the Scythians as a northern people with a cold climate who had the Big and Little Dipper constellations over their heads. Ptolemy added, "They are white in complexion, straight-haired, tall and well-nourished, and somewhat cold by nature." Finally, Josephus said, "Magog founded those that from him were named Magogites, but who are by the Greeks called Scythians." Therefore, the Scythians were descendants of Magog who lived in cold, northern climates - certainly north of the Black Sea, which itself is to the north of modern Turkey - and had fair skin and straight hair. Sounds like Russians to me.

I appreciate these good folks who have come up with the Turkey/Saudi Arabia idea, because they have rightly placed the focus on the antichrist and his kingdom back on the Middle East and away from US and Europe. However, beyond that, I urge my readers to ignore the Turkey/Saudi Arabia angle; it is a distraction that takes the Body's focus off where it correctly belongs, which is Russia.

There are those who still naively, foolishly, and tenaciously believe that Russia can't be the aggressive bear of Daniel 7. I recall the excitement of many Americans when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and the East opened up to the West. The American "intelligentsia" and "intellectuals" were telling US that the Cold War was over and that nuclear war was no longer on the horizon. The common American bought into it, including many in the Church, and ignored the prophetic voice of Scripture. Very foolish. Harsh words, I know, but I'm not the One who originated that idea.

<sup>6</sup>My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...

Hosea 4:6

<sup>15</sup>The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Proverbs 14:15

<sup>3</sup>A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 22:3

Still others say that Russia is returning to Christianity and rejecting homosexuality and that the communists have been defeated, so Russia cannot be the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39. Great news that the Russians are returning to Jesus and rejecting homosexuality, but the Russian proletariat (Marxist term for commoners) are irrelevant, because Russia's leadership is evil and calls the shots. Putin has effectively declared himself de facto king for the rest of his life. As the leadership goes, so goes the country. Anyone thinking Putin and his cronies have suddenly become dovish are delusional. We can expect the lost to think and say such nonsense, but Christians? Sad to say, but the Body is filled with naïve, foolish sheep who refuse to read the signs of the times; refuse to pay heed to what Jesus told us; refuse to read His word to know when some false shepherd is fleecing the flock; and refuse to believe the Bible is literal and not allegorical or metaphorical when it describes the future using decipherable symbolism.

In closing, we can now summarize Daniel 7's second Beast from the North. It is geographically north of Israel and is composed of Russia, Iran, Turkey, and Syria, with the dominant bear being Russia and the ribs being its Islamic allies. After the first Beast from the West, i.e., the lion-eagle Anglo-American alliance, is judged and removed from power, it will create a power vacuum into which the Russians will step to feel emboldened to invade Israel. The Russian bear will be destroyed on the mountains of Israel, paving the way for the third Beast from the East to implement its plans for global domination. The third beast will be addressed in an upcoming article.

In the interim, I want the reading audience to contemplate the sensibility and simplicity of the approach I've taken here and recognize that common sense indicates the superpowers must be taken out of the way to allow the antichrist to arise. The Bible uses grandiose language to describe apocalyptic events, and this grandiose language can create a fog in

the mind of the reader to obscure the reality that the rise and fall of nations occurs within the normal, political events we routinely see. Compare ancient maps, Dark Ages maps, WWII maps, and modern maps to each other to see this point. The antichrist will only be a man, an unusual one no doubt, but he will still need a way paved for him to acquire global power. Daniel 7 describes this paving process as superpowers crumbling one by one until the antichrist is the last dictator standing. I will address this big picture view in more detail in an upcoming article. Until then, I encourage the reader to continue digging into the details of Daniel 7 to prepare for future discussions.

April 17, 2020

This week I take on the topic of Daniel's third Beast from the East, China and its Japanese and Korean allies.

At first glance, many people might be inclined to recoil at the idea of the Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans having any mutual interests, particularly in light of the history of Japanese aggression against China and the two Koreas and China's meddling in the affairs of the Koreans.

The global headlines say otherwise and demonstrate that these nations have mutual interests, including economic and logistical concerns relative to dealing with regional crises, such as coronavirus.

**These nations have long histories of intertwined interests and hostilities, but the momentum now appears more toward mutually beneficial interests than hostilities.**

China is the third superpower in Daniel 7 that must fall to allow the rise of the antichrist. None of the first three beasts of Daniel 7, being the US-UK lion with eagle's wings, the Russia-Iran-Turkey-Syria bear with three ribs, and the Asian leopard with four wings and four heads, will willingly cede power to the antichrist, so it makes sense that the three beasts must fall.

The Asian beast is composed mostly of a leopard, which will in turn compose the major portion of the amalgamated leopard-lion-bear fourth beast, the antichrist and his kingdom. Christians get lost in the hyperbole and phantasmagorical language of Biblical prophecy, but the reality is that, when seen at ground level in real time, the prophetic language is simply describing the routine machinations and maneuverings of nations that have always occurred.

**This is what we see now, the concurrent strivings of three superpowers and their allies spread across the points of the compass, just as Daniel 7 describes.**

Perk up, believer, for Daniel 7 is unfolding before your eyes, and those who are paying attention will be like Solomon's "prudent man [who] foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself..." (Proverbs 22:3)

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 4 – The Beast from the East

Paul R. Wild, April 14, 2020

“Asia's Top 5 Economies in 2030”

National Interest online, July 8, 2016

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/asias-top-5-economies-2030-16898>

Note: The author stated, “Looking into the crystal ball, by 2030 Asia’s top economies are expected to comprise China, India, Japan, Indonesia and South Korea,” and, “Could South Korea unite with the North?”

“China, Japan, South Korea Meet on North Korea, Free Trade”

US News & World Report online, December 24, 2019

<https://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2019-12-23/china-japan-south-korea-meet-as-north-korean-threat-looms>

“China, Japan, South Korea Ties Vital”

China Daily online, April 14, 2020

<https://www.chinadailyhk.com/article/127477>

“China, Korea and Japan: Forgiveness and Mourning”

Asia Society online, 2020

<https://asiasociety.org/china-korea-and-japan-forgiveness-and-mourning>

China, Japan and South Korea Can Marshal a Collaborative Response to COVID-19

East Asia Forum online, April 13, 2020

<https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2020/04/13/china-japan-and-south-korea-can-marshall-a-collaborative-response-to-covid-19/>

“China–Japan–South Korea Free Trade Agreement”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China–Japan–South\\_Korea\\_Free\\_Trade\\_Agreement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China–Japan–South_Korea_Free_Trade_Agreement)

Folks, you have just now been introduced to Daniel 7’s Beast from the East (Daniel 7:6); however, I must admit a little less certainty on the exact complexion of this beast than I have for the first two beasts of Daniel 7. This third beast is a bit further into the future than the first two beasts from the west and north, i.e., the Anglo-American alliance and the Russians with their Islamic allies, Iran, Turkey, and Syria; and it is a leopard with four wings and four heads, indicating the possibility that eight nations could be in play rather than just four. I have taken the position in prior books and articles that only four nations are in play and that each wing-head combination represents one nation, mainly because it’s what I see in the news, as shown above. Specifically, I see four nations consisting of China, Japan, South Korea, and North Korea. I absolutely do not agree with the old, classical view that has been around for centuries, that this beast is ancient Greece and that the four wing-head combinations represent Alexander’s four generals that took over his empire after he died.

In my book, Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy? With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars, I added India as a possible fourth-nation alternative to North Korea because of (1) its huge population and considerable economic and military strength and (2) North Korea continues to be an isolated pariah that seems unwilling to engage in any reasonable thinking. Maybe even Taiwan should be thrown in as an alternate to North Korea, since the Chinese very much want Taiwan back for absorption into the mainland milieu. Therefore, I think it is wise to not state with absolute certainty the smaller nations standing with China. Nevertheless, I am absolutely certain that China is the major nation of the four, for to suggest otherwise would be like ignoring not just a 600-lb gorilla in the room but rather a 900-lb gorilla in the room. Furthermore, with China, it completes the pattern of three superpowers being stripped of power to allow the fourth and final beast – the antichrist and his kingdom – to rise to the top. It makes sense and fits the pattern of the most prominent nations on the world scene currently jockeying for power, as the concurrently striving east-west-north-south winds of Daniel 7:2 show.

But, as we did for the prior two beasts, we must examine the symbolism of the third beast to validate the theory. The primary indicator of this beast is that it is a leopard, and it will be the major component of the fourth and final beast, the lion-bear-leopard antichrist (Revelation 13:2). I have postulated in previous books and articles that the leopard could represent African nations, since the leopard is native to Africa and has great significance to African nations; it is mythic in many ways to the people of those nations. However, the leopard is also mythic to Asian nations – defined as those nations east of the Mediterranean Sea - for the Chinese even developed a kung fu style named after it. Ignoring the snow leopard, a whitish leopard that is exceptionally rare and highly limited in geographic distribution, we must take note of the coloring of the common leopard, having yellow fur for the main body, white fur for the underbelly, and black fur for the many, scattered spots. This symbolism more appropriately fits Asia, which has major groupings of the three major skin colors classically (but not much anymore) used by anthropologists in the past: black, white, and yellow; Africa is more homogeneous relative to skin color, with virtually no yellow, and thus seems less likely as a candidate for the third beast. Now, before anyone goes apoplectic over skin color and sees racist overtones, I will do a preemptive strike and quote from Identifying the Antichrist.

One commenter commenting on a YouTube video lesson taught by a pastor covering this topic called these concepts “disgusting stereotypes,” but I would reply, “Nonsense,” and counter that stereotypes exist for a reason in that they conveniently and often accurately describe large groups of people, places, and things. The Bible is not politically correct, nor should we be. We are called sheep in Scripture, deservedly I might add, since humanity’s behavior has been much akin to those silly, easily lost, easily captured and killed animals. The stereotype fits. Therefore, the use of a leopard is a simplistic but fitting way for God to identify a characteristic of the beast for silly, sheep-like humans, that he [the antichrist] will be appealing to all the cultures (and races) of humanity.

There is no room for assigning more wickedness to one race than another; all are wicked and, in any case, sin is a distinctly *human* race issue. As an aside, the Bible does not use the Hebrew or Greek words for race to uniquely assign skin color. I challenge anyone to prove that last statement wrong.

Brethren, in my opinion, ultimately there are only two colors of importance for making distinctions among humans, and those colors are defined as the red blood of Jesus that makes our souls as white as snow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 1:18

I got sidetracked there a bit, but I think it was useful for reminding us what is important. Now, moving further into our analysis of the leopard, we take note of the numerous black spots. Perhaps this speaks of the many Asian nations with huge populations where, in some instances, the people are packed in like sardines. But I think more telling that the leopard represents Asia rather than Africa is that we need a Beast from the East to provide balance to the beasts of the western (US-UK), northern (Russia-Islamic allies), and southern (antichrist) regions of the earth.

Another comment about the Asians is in order to support my thesis about the Beast from the East being composed of the Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans, both North and South. If you examine the histories of these nations, their spoken languages, written languages, and cultures are more alike than those of the other Asian nations. These nations have intermingled more and fought more than the other Asian nations that are in proximity to them. With the exception of Japan, which is separated from China and the Koreas by the South China Sea and the Sea of Japan, for all intents and purposes the four nations are contiguous with each other and geographically can function much more easily as a unit than other Asian nations near them.

One final observation about my Asian beast argument: Revelation 9:14-19 and 16:12 describe a 200-million-horsemen army and the Euphrates River being made to dry up so the "kings of the east" will be able to cross it. These two facts corroborate a massive, eastern army. What better location is there to find 200 million people to move from the east to the west than Asia, of which one nation, China, apparently boasted in a Time Magazine article (May 21, 1965, Vol. 85 No. 21) that it could field a 200-million-man army. Theories abound on what the symbolism of the horsemen in Revelation 9:14-19 means, for the symbolism doesn't describe ordinary horses with riders, but perhaps it was John's way of describing military equipment that he had never seen before. In any case, the Revelation passages indicate that Asia appears to be a great candidate as an eastern beast to be a major player in end-times prophecy.

Unlike the Anglo-American Beast from the West and the Russian-Islamic Beast from the North, I don't know how the Asian Beast from the East gets displaced by the fourth and final antichrist Beast from the South (see Daniel 11:36 – 45). Daniel 7 teaches the US-UK beast gets its wings plucked, and Ezekiel 38-39 teach that the Russian-Islamic beast is destroyed on the mountains of Israel, but I can find no such clarity for the demise of the Asian beast. Irrespective of that, somehow, someday, it will fall and be overtaken by the fourth and final Beast from the South, the antichrist. I will address him in the next article.

Keep studying Daniel 7, brethren. Let it sink in that it is happening now, and share that message with other believers. Time is of the essence. We have relatively little time left to prepare.

April 24, 2020

Hello again my fellow believers,

The three modern beasts have thus far been covered in the series on Daniel 7, and they comprise the three major superpowers of the US, Russia, and China with their respective allies. Daniel 7:2 describes four beasts coming from the four compass points of the globe that are striving against each other at the same time.

The three nations mentioned above certainly match the description of striving nations coming from the eastern, western, and northern points of the globe. **Each of these nations must fall to pave the way for the fourth and final beast from the south, described as a leopard-lion-bear beast composed of parts of the three previous beasts.**

This fourth beast is the antichrist. Considering that we see serious political conflict occurring now between the US and both China and Russia, the stage is being set for more serious conflict that may spark the series of events leading to the domino effect of these nations falling to allow the rise of the antichrist.

It is important for Christians to see the very obvious handwriting on the wall, that current events match the symbolism of Daniel 7 far better than the classical ancient-nations view that has held sway with theologians for centuries. All of this indicates that this week's topic, the antichrist Beast from the South, is not far off. Matthew 24 is nigh unto us - we need to be watchful and prepared.

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 5 – The Beast from the South

Paul R. Wild, April 22, 2020

The news headlines that I cited in the last two articles about the beasts of Daniel 7 made it easier to make a case that the second bear-with-three-ribs beast is Russia with its Islamic allies and that the third leopard-with-four-heads-and-four-wings beast is China with its Asian allies. Not so for the fourth leopard-lion-bear beast of Daniel 7:7-8. This beast has no headlines to cite, because it is the antichrist and his kingdom which has yet to arrive on the world scene. For those noble Bereans (Acts 17:10-11) in the audience who quickly scrambled to read Daniel 7:7-8, I tried to save you the labor by quoting it below, but if you beat me to the punch and already have read it, you should be asking why I call it a leopard-lion-bear beast, considering how the fourth beast is described.

<sup>7</sup>After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse 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 little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 7:7-8

Where are the leopard, the lion, and the bear? Well, notice the “ten horns” at the end of Verse 7 above. Now look below at the corresponding passage in Revelation and notice the “ten horns” in Verse 1.

<sup>1</sup>And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. <sup>2</sup>And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13:1-2

Take note of this connection between Daniel and Revelation and burn it into your memory that these two books cannot stand without each other, at least not with respect to understanding apocalyptic symbolism. Both the Daniel and Revelation passages are obviously about the antichrist, but of particular interest for this exercise is the leopard's body, the bear's feet, and the lion's mouth, for they indicate the amalgamation of the three predecessor beasts of Daniel 7. This is significant because it signifies the global reach of this beast, specifically that this beast will absorb the territories of the prior three beasts within his sphere of influence. Revelation 13:3-4 confirms his global reach, stating, “...**all the world** wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”

To be consistent with previous Daniel 7 articles, we must address the issue of the fourth beast's compass direction relative to Israel. Recall that the first US-UK beast is a western beast, the second Russian-Islamic beast is a northern beast, and the third Asian beast is an eastern beast. How do we account for the fourth beast's southern direction relative to Israel, since the absorption of the three predecessor beasts suggest a global reach that encompasses east, west, and north, but not necessarily south. Through the process of elimination, accounting that the other three beasts capture the east, west, and north compass points, there is only the southern compass point left. There is more evidence within the book of Daniel to support this, as shown below.

<sup>40</sup> And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. <sup>41</sup> He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. <sup>42</sup> He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. <sup>43</sup> But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Daniel 11:40-43

How can the king of the south push against the antichrist and yet the antichrist be the king of the south? Simply, the antichrist will supplant the king of the south and become the new king of the south. I have stated with vigor and rigor in my book, **Identifying the Antichrist**, that the antichrist will have his origin from Iraq, which is composed of ancient Assyrian and Babylonian territories that are north of Israel, Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia. I state Iraq as his nativity based on Isaiah stating in multiple passages that he is the "Assyrian" and the "king of Babylon," and I demonstrate that the Isaiah passages have clues in them that tell us that Isaiah is describing future events in these passages, not just historical events related to God's judgments on Assyria and Babylon in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Centuries B.C. It is fitting that he will hail from Iraq, for the first anti-God world ruler, Nimrod the Rebel, came from that region and founded several cities after the Flood, including Babel.

You see, God uses parallels, patterns, and pre-types to teach precepts, principles, and prophecies (the six Ps), and He uses the six Ps to show His people another three Ps, consisting of purpose, planning, and predictability. We can get into the mind of God if we understand this hermeneutic. That being said, mankind's rebellion, including that of Adam's, began in that region of the world, and God will end it in that region of the world. What God did in the Old Testament (OT), He repeats in the New Testament with a new spin on it. As Zechariah 5 reveals, Babylon will be rebuilt as the headquarters of the anti-God, world system that the antichrist will dominate for a short time. But as Revelation 14:8, 16:19, and 18 also reveal, rebuilt Babylon will be destroyed in a way that never occurred for the ancient City of Babylon. I advise the reader to ignore the other theories that the antichrist will be American, British, Roman, or Turkish, and that rebuilt Babylon is Istanbul, Mecca, New York,

or the United States in general. The primary place of Biblical action for God's redemptive purposes has always been the Middle East, of which Israel and Babylon, i.e., Iraq, have factored most heavily.

Returning to the king of the south issue, if the antichrist is from Iraq, then it makes sense that he will move south from Iraq to dominate Israel but also to overtake Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia. All of these nations are south of Russia, the northern beast, and Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia are south of Israel. He will not be able to overtake Jordan (Edom, Moab, and Ammon), for that is where the Israelis will be hiding during the Tribulation under God's protection for 3 ½ years.

<sup>14</sup> And to the woman [Israel] were given two wings of a great eagle [God is described as an eagle in Exodus 19:4, so don't apply this to US] that she might fly into the wilderness [of Jordan], into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:14

Thus, we have our necessary southern beast as a balance against the northern, eastern, and western beasts of Daniel 7:2's four winds of heaven. The classical, ancient-nations interpretation and my interpretation at least agree on this point, that the fourth beast is the antichrist and his kingdom. The difference is that the classical interpretation sees the antichrist as a European in a Revived Roman Empire, whereas I see it as a Middle Eastern Beast with its roots in Iraq. The classical view sees a significant time gap between the ancient nations and revived Rome, whereas I see it as happening now where the way is being prepared for the three major superpowers, the US, Russia, and China, to fall in succession, leaving the antichrist as the last dictator standing. In support of my thesis that there is no significant time gap between the fall of each beast leading to the antichrist, I offer the following:

<sup>12</sup> As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a **season** [zeman] and **time** [iddan].

Daniel 7:12

Zeman is used 11 times in the OT, with all of them used in Daniel except one instance in Ezra. All 11 uses refer to short periods of time. Iddan is used 13 times in the OT, all of them in Daniel, and in every case they refer to a year, a short period of time, or an abstract concept in the case of Daniel 2:21 where it is said of God that "he changeth the times and seasons." The importance of this is that you cannot reasonably apply these words to huge periods of time, meaning centuries and millennia, yet the apologists for the classical view do just that. If the first, second, and third beasts of Daniel 7 are supposed to mean Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece, then it cannot be said of those kingdoms that "their lives were prolonged for a season and time." Their lives as national entities or distinct kingdoms were not prolonged for a season and a time, for they came to abrupt ends as each successive kingdom conquered its predecessor. Properly understood, Daniel 7:12 indicates that modern nations

identified as beasts in Daniel 7 will be allowed to exist as identifiable nations and people groups simultaneously for a short time, on the order of a few years or maybe a decade or two, after their falls until Jesus sets up camp in Jerusalem after the Tribulation at the beginning of His Millennial reign. **All of this signifies that the beasts of Daniel 7 are modern nations.**

I want to make one final point about the fourth beast. There is a movement afoot to define the antichrist as a distinctly Muslim beast, the Mahdi, and that his kingdom will be a distinctly Muslim kingdom that is the Revived Muslim Caliphate. This view holds to the ancient-nations, classical view of Daniel 7 except that the Revived Roman Empire is replaced with the Revived Muslim Caliphate. My concern for this position is that it will, as the classical view does, take Christians' eyes off the urgency of the moment, specifically that there is little time to prepare Christians in this country and others for coming judgment.

I will address the Caliphate position in a future monograph, but I will leave the audience with this thought to ponder. In opposition to the Caliphate position, Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 describe wars that are pre-Tribulation wars waged against Israel by Russia and many Muslim nations. These nations will be defeated by the Israelis in Psalm 83 and by God Himself in Ezekiel 38-39. One of these wars is likely the war that causes "Damascus [to be] taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." (Isaiah 17:1) Islam will cease to be a major player in Middle Eastern politics. The idea of a Revived Muslim Caliphate is unsupportable and should be rejected, for it distracts us from the primary, prophetic significance of Daniel 7. I believe the antichrist will have a Muslim cultural background by virtue of being Iraqi, but he ultimately will pay no mind to Allah and will exalt himself above every god; therefore, he will not function as a distinctly Muslim antichrist reviving a Muslim Caliphate, for his eyes will be on Jerusalem, not Mecca. I pray the audience understands this and prepares to unlock more of Daniel 7 with the correct perspective that it deals with current times and with a soon-coming beast that exalts himself above all.

May 2, 2020

Today, I'd like to share the last article in the series on Daniel 7.

In this last article, I address two competing theories, that the beasts of Daniel 7 are ancient nations leading up to either the Revived Roman Empire or the Revived Muslim Caliphate.

I consider both theories incorrect and ones which will unnecessarily send Christians down rabbit holes leading nowhere. Both theories minimize the impact that needs to occur on Christians' mindsets, that impact being that the beasts of Daniel 7 are modern nations that will fall in succession to allow the antichrist to arise. The fall of these nations will have major consequences for Christians and the nation of Israel.

**These nations are now.** Prophecy has always had at its core the purpose of warning God's people to prepare. Like the five watchful, diligent virgins that Jesus spoke of, we need to trim our lamps and **be prepared**. I pray the reading audience will grasp the significance of the moment and seek Jesus for how to prepare, for He is the only One who can guide individual believers and the Body for how to do so.

Seek Him diligently, brethren.

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 6 – The Beasts Which “Shall Arise”

Paul R. Wild, April 30, 2020

<sup>17</sup>These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which **shall arise** out of the earth.

Daniel 7:17

Paul intimated that we tend to get “...tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine...” (Ephesians 4:14) With that truth in mind, I aim to minimize disputes about doctrinal issues by “layering on thick” the proofs of my positions. In other words, once I’ve staked out a position and am convinced of its truth, I try to supply overwhelming evidence to other Christians so that the proverbial “nail in the coffin” can be hammered into opposing positions. This is not intended to be a hostile act against other Christians with opposing positions, for their positions may well be very reasonable and understandable for why they have their positions. It’s more of the idea that we live our lives best founded on truth and making decisions founded on truth, so if I believe another position is not true, then I am obligated to challenge it. We are to be about the business of “... speaking the truth in love...” (Ephesians 4:15) If we aren’t making our decisions based on accurate teaching and sound doctrine, then we expose ourselves to unnecessary dangers. This is nowhere truer than the issue of the prophetic, where making the wrong decision can be catastrophic on both a personal and a Body-wide basis. Should we proceed to the beach assuming it will be a bright, sunny day when in fact the weather service is saying a hurricane is on the way? Ok, so, I’m volunteering to be the weather service.

The ideas stated above serve as the backdrop for this week’s topic. There are some teachings out there for which I have grave concerns are heading Christians off in wrong directions that may personally imperil them. I have touched upon those teachings to varying degrees in previous articles, but this week I am dealing with them head on. They are summarized below.

1. The nations of Daniel 7 are the same ancient nations as those in Daniel 2 and will lead to a Revived Roman Empire that will serve as the foundation for the antichrist’s kingdom.
2. The nations of Daniel 7 are the same ancient nations as those in Daniel 2 and will lead to a Revived Muslim Caliphate that will serve as the foundation for the antichrist’s kingdom.

It is interesting to note that the proponents of the second teaching have done a great job of undermining the first teaching by making an excellent case that the Bible is Middle Eastern-centric, not European-centric. This is to say that the end-times apocalyptic epicenter is centered around Israel and nations near it, not Rome. I applaud them for doing this, and I wholeheartedly agree with them on that point. After that, there is little agreement between us.

The reason I want to bury these two teachings under a mound of controverting evidence is that they both send Christians off looking for things that will never exist and ignore things that exist now and are threatening our lives. Both teachings have us waiting for fourth-beast kingdoms that will not arise in the way their proponents describe them and ignore the first three beasts of Daniel 7 that are staring us in the face. By advocating that the first three beasts of Daniel 7 are ancient nations that no longer threaten us, they are missing the first three beasts that currently **are** threatening us and thereby diminish the sense of urgency. The current birth pangs of which Jesus spoke, which increase in both frequency and intensity, are being ignored by many in the Body of Christ. Ignoring these things is the exact opposite of what Jesus told us to do. He is looking for watchful disciples.

Now, returning to the introductory Daniel 7:17 verse, I want to address the “shall arise” phrase. It is translated from the Aramaic “qum” (koom) infinitive, meaning “to arise” or “to stand” but in the imperfect tense. The imperfect tense can have past, present, and future aspects, with the idea of an ongoing action, so it is very versatile and needs context and certain prefixes to properly translate it. It can be translated as the simple future tense, meaning something that will be completed after the time of one speaking or being spoken to. The simple future tense is how it is properly translated in Daniel 7:17. The importance of this cannot be underestimated, for it very succinctly in common vernacular indicates that the four beasts are after the time of Daniel, not during his time.

At the time Daniel saw the four-beast vision, two major kingdoms were already in existence, the Babylonians and the Persians with their Medo allies. It doesn't make sense to equate the golden head representing Nebuchadnezzar of the Daniel 2 statue to the Daniel 7 lion-eagle beast when Nebuchadnezzar had been dead several years, or maybe even a couple decades, when Daniel saw the beastly vision. The “shall arise” phrase supports the idea that Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian kingdom were not in mind, nor were the competing Medo-Persians who were already powerful and about to overthrow the Babylonians. The translators of the Bible versions shown below understood the intent of “qum” is to indicate future events, not events occurring at the time of Daniel.

- 1599 Geneva Bible – “shall arise”
- Amplified Bible – “will arise”
- American Standard Version – “shall arise”
- Common English Bible – “will rise”
- Evangelical Version – “will arise”
- Good News Translation – “will arise”
- King James Version – “shall arise”
- The Message – “will appear”
- New American Standard Bible – “will arise”
- New International Version – “will rise”
- New King James Version – “which arise”
- New Living Translation – “will arise”
- Revised Standard Version – “shall arise”

- World English Version – “will arise”
- Wycliffe Bible – “shall rise”
- Young’s Literal Translation – “rise up”

Within the last two weeks I watched a YouTube video of a proponent of the Revived Muslim Caliphate theory who was working very hard to prove that Daniel 7 repeats Daniel 2. He went out of his way to say that we need to ignore the “shall arise” phrase because the Aramaic imperfect verb can have past tense or current tense aspects, which is true. But that only creates confusion and obfuscates the overwhelming evidence that “shall arise” means exactly what English speakers normally interpret it to mean: **the future**. I’ll add another layer of proof:

From The Verbal System of the Aramaic of Daniel: An Explanation in the Context of Grammaticalization as part of the Studies in the Aramaic Interpretation of Scripture series, March 25, 2009: In Chapter 6: The Prefix Conjugation, Section B. Non-Modal Functions, Subsection 1. Simple Future, author Tarsee Li states, “In at least 47 instances, the prefix conjugation verb expresses the simple future, By ‘simple future,’ I mean instances that predict actions or events after the moment of speech without any other explicit modal implications.”

Li cites Daniel 7:17 as an example of this, where  $\gamma\text{ə}\cdot\text{q}\ddot{\text{u}}\cdot\text{m}\ddot{\text{u}}\text{n}$  (Strong’s Concordance), the imperfect verb tense for “qum,” is the Aramaic simple future tense “shall arise” or “shall stand.” This means that the proper way to interpret “arise” in Daniel is in the future tense, as in events that had not happened and were not happening at the time the angelic being was speaking to Daniel. Most English Bible translators have understood it this way, as can be seen by the translations shown above. Of those translations, only two, the New King James Version and Young’s Literal Translation, are ambiguous. The implication of this is that **the four beasts of Daniel 7 cannot be the ancient nations and must be nations that were future from the time of Daniel.**

Any commenters trying to make an argument that the imperfect verb tense for “arise” can be translated in a past, present, or present progressive sense from Daniel’s time are muddying the waters to make a weak argument to support their theory. The upshot of this is that I’m on firm ground to postulate that the western lion-eagle beast is the US-UK alliance; the northern bear-with-three-ribs beast is the Russian-Islamic alliance; and the eastern leopard-with-four-heads-and-four-wings beast is the China-Asian nations alliance. But I will do more than postulate and state unequivocally that the ancient nations Revived Roman Empire and Revived Muslim Caliphate theories **must be immediately abandoned.** Time is of the essence.

I want to make a final point about the Roman and Muslim theories. Neither Rome nor Mecca are mentioned in the Old Testament (OT), but Assyria, Babylon, Israel, and Jerusalem are prominently mentioned in the OT prophecies about the last days. The action in the last days relative to the antichrist and his movements will be in Israel and Iraq (ancient Assyria

and Babylon), not Rome or Mecca. The book of Daniel supports this, for these two nations are the focus of Daniel. Daniel lived in Babylon (modern Iraq), yet his heart was in the land of Israel, and Jerusalem in particular. The placement of substantial end-times prophecy in Daniel is supposed to tell us something, and I am confident it is another layer of evidence to show that the Roman and Islamic theories are untenable. Even in the New Testament (NT) apocalyptic language of Revelation, Babylon (Iraq) and Israel are the focus, not Rome or Mecca; in Revelation, the city of Babylon should be understood to have its plain meaning as Babylon, not a mysterious code word for Rome or Mecca. Jews, whether OT or NT, would always understand Babylon to mean Babylon, and we modern Gentiles should, too. Finally, as I stated last week in Part 5, Islam will cease to be a major force after numerous Muslim nations are defeated in the Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 wars, which are pre-Tribulation wars that help pave the way for the antichrist to come onto the world scene.

We have come to the end of our Daniel 7 study. My hope and prayer are that Christians will come to grips with the fact that Daniel 7 is upon us and that God gave us prophecy to warn us to prepare. We must do something with this knowledge. **We must do something;** it cannot be that we gain new insight into prophecy and yet do nothing with it. It cannot be that we continue to do business as usual, for assuredly, as the Scripture makes certain, there will be a day of reckoning. Consider the parable of the ten virgins:

<sup>1</sup> Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup> They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: <sup>4</sup> But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. <sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:1-13

Now, let's all go trim our lamps.

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**This week I'm departing from the prophetical to give myself and everyone else a mental break from the prophetical issues that are breathing down our necks.**

My hope with moving further into this writing venture I've wandered into is that we can cover the whole counsel of God, not just prophecy. Perhaps, as we wander along together, we'll sense the Lord saying to us, "I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." (Isaiah 45:3) I like finding the hidden treasures and riches of the secret places that only God can reveal, but I feel that we need to put some effort into digging into His word to work with Him to find them.

To that end, I want to dig into something this week that I am confident most Christians have not heard about or understand. I say that because I had never heard about it after nearly thirty years of being a Christian and sitting in on multitudes of sermons and Bible studies in multitudes of different churches and parachurch ministries, and many of my Christian comrades could say the same. **The topic is blood covenant and how it relates to marriage, and along the way we'll discuss the Principle of Opposites.**

With over five decades of being a believer under my belt and exposure to a wide variety of preaching and teaching, I feel reasonably secure in saying much of the teaching occurring in churches and other venues does not get much beyond the level of "the sincere milk of the word," which Peter said is great for growth, but it's liquid-y and can only go so far.

**We need some strong meat, of which Paul said, "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."**

Brethren, today I offer you up some strong meat. I hope you chew on it and find it as savory as I have.

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## BLOOD COVENANT

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Why does God get so thoroughly offended by divorce? Well, perhaps I'm jumping the gun in the way I pose the question. Dennis Rainey of Family Life spoke at an I Still Do conference in Houston back in 1999 and stated that, for the first time in American history, the divorce rate for U.S. Christians exceeded that of the general U.S. populace. I have no reason to believe anything has changed since then. Given that divorce is running rampant through the Body of Christ, and since many of our members now seem to think little of getting out of marriage at the drop of a hat, perhaps I should rephrase the question more along the lines of, "Does God get thoroughly offended by divorce?" Many of our members seem to act in a way to suggest that He does not. Does Scripture succinctly answer the question for us?

For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he *hateth* putting away [divorce]: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Malachi 2:16

So, we can unequivocally state that He hates divorce. Why? Besides the fact that it is sin; that it shreds the human soul (it is fitting that the first two letters, di-, bring to mind the feelings that people describe when going through it, as if a loved one has di-ed); that it creates a whirlwind of chaos, confusion, and consternation; that it cascades brokenness down through multiple generations; is there something bigger that, when it occurs, tears at the very fabric of the universe? Yes, there is.

God is an *intense* God. You can see it in how He inspired the writers of the Scriptures to describe His emotions. Take James, for instance:

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us *lusteth to envy*? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

James 4:4-6

It's that central verse that really catches the eye: **lusteth to envy**. Wow. You can see it again in Song of Solomon (Canticles), that book that directly deals with the love of an earthly, married couple yet hints at the relationship between the heavenly Bridegroom and His Bride, or at least the relationship that will someday exist upon His return.

My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

Canticles 2:16

I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.

Canticles 7:10

He states this attribute of Himself ever so boldly in the following:

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Exodus 34:14

For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:24

You see, God functions consistently with His nature, so that what He loves He forever loves; and what He desires He forever desires; and what He commits to He forever commits to; and His commitment to that which He desires is made at the same level of intensity as the desire itself. He committed with His blood; He committed with His bone; He committed with His flesh so that He might make us, His Bride, "bone of [His] bones, and flesh of [His] flesh." Recall that He wants the things of earth to model the things of heaven, the physical to model the spiritual, the natural to model the supernatural.

So, this commitment, what is it, what is it called, how is it manifested in Scripture? Are there clues in Scripture for naming it? Well, since blood is such a powerful theme in Scripture, one wonders if it can help us with terminology. So central to God's working out his plan of salvation is blood that we must investigate whether there is a connection between the intensity of God's desire for us and the necessity of blood in His plan.

Covenant is also a theme presented prolifically in Scripture. This word is used in 280 verses of Scripture and most often is related to a solemn promise that God makes to His people. And we are told repeatedly in Scripture that we, the New Testament (NT) believers and the entire nation of Israel that will be redeemed in the latter days, are a party to a new covenant, a new plan, a new agreement that is not based on the hardness of the tablets of stone that God cut for Moses in the wilderness but on new tablets, ones of the tender flesh of our hearts.

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Ezekiel 11:19

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:31,33

In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 8:13

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:24

This new covenant had to be written with an eternal ink, an unfading one – the blood of Jesus Christ. So, we see, we can combine the two themes to arrive at the proper terminology for Christ's commitment to us, His Body:

### **Blood Covenant**

I have selected two passages, one from the Old Testament (OT), one from the NT, to introduce the necessity of blood in God's covenantal plan of salvation.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Leviticus 17:11

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Hebrews 9:22

It is first interesting to note that, whether old or new, God never changes, and concepts that were first introduced in the OT are not discarded in the NT but rather amplified and clarified. Scripture cannot be broken. Blood is central to God's work. As the two passages indicate, on the one hand, there is life in the blood; on the other, the deliberate shedding of it to cause death brings forth a purging, a cleansing, to the point of forgiveness. In two powerful passages of Scripture, we see another example of one of God's mysterious but magnificent principles – the Principle of Opposites. The Principle of Opposites is derived from a most peculiar pattern that emerges from Scripture as one diligently studies from Genesis to Revelation. God seemingly works backwards from the way we would work. Whereas we would give the pre-eminence to the prominent, the prosperous, and the

powerful, God gives the pre-eminence to the least, the last, and the lost. A sampling of God's reverse pattern is now in order.

The foolish things shame the wise.

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;  
1 Corinthians 1:27

The older serves the younger.

And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.  
Genesis 25:23

That which dies gives life.

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened [brought to life], except it die:  
1 Corinthians 15:36

Sins that are scarlet shall be white as snow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.  
Isaiah 1:18

Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more.

Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:  
Romans 5:20

Those members of the body which seem to be the more weak are necessary.

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:  
1 Corinthians 12:22

Power is perfected in weakness, for when we are weak, we are strong.

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10

The barren woman rejoices for her fewer children of the promise rather than for the plenteous children of the lost.

For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

Galatians 4:27

The King of Glory was born in a stable.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Luke 2:11-12

The last shall be first and the first last.

And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Luke 13:30

To save your life you must lose it, and to lose it you will find it.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 16:25

The generous will increase, but the greedy will decrease.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Proverbs 11:24

Blood covenant expresses this Principle of Opposites and is a doctrine unto itself. As for any Biblical doctrine, for a complete understanding of blood covenant we must begin with the beginning, Genesis. We are told that blood was spilled to provide a covering for Adam and Eve after their sin. Physical death first entered the world as a result of the spiritual death of man and, in response, God sacrificed an animal and took the skin to cover their nakedness and shame. In the beginning, God was already demonstrating His blood

covenantal relationship with man by taking of His own assets to meet the need of the other party to the covenant.

What is a covenant, anyway? Probably all of us understand to a degree that it is some form of agreement. Two parties enter into an agreement to do certain things, and each makes an affirmation of their intent to honor it if the other party agrees to honor it. In legal terms, these agreements take on various forms and may be called contracts, mortgages, legal tender, stocks, bonds, etc. For example, take legal tender, or money. The government agrees to back the money if the citizens pay their taxes, and the users agree to exchange goods and services in return for receipt of it. This instrument and the others are all legal instruments with limitations on the expectations placed upon those who enter into the agreements.

A covenant, at least the way it is used in Scripture, goes well beyond the limitations of the various forms of agreements cited above. In essence, from God's perspective, there are no limitations. It is lifelong, come what may, till death do us part, all assets, all liabilities, and cannot be broken. Of course, as it relates to our salvation, the only One who can make and keep such a commitment is God, but His operation within that commitment serves as a model for how we are to operate.

Where else in Scripture can we find blood covenant manifested? Again, begin with the beginning. In Genesis 15, God promises Abraham a son from his bride of promise, Sarah, and promises the land of Canaan, which might signify the Father's dowry given on behalf of Sarah, the bride of promise. He then instructs Abraham to sacrifice certain animals as a faith response to God's answer to his question, "...whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?" Abraham laid out "each piece one against another," which is to say they were equally split (the parties are to have equal value and significance in the covenant) and placed opposite each other (the parties face each other to make the commitment), perhaps a few feet (to place between them the duties, assets, and liabilities of the covenant). As is always the case in our relationship with God, Abraham played a small part, and as is most often the case in our relationship with God, he, as we, tried to take on a greater part by shooing the carrion birds away, as if God needed his help. God found it more expedient to put Abraham to sleep to keep him from making a mess of it all and to make it abundantly obvious that Abraham was not the Initiator or Maintainer of the covenant. And once again, as is always the case in our relationship with God, the larger part, the defining part, was played out by God Himself, for God the Father - the smoking furnace - and God the Son - the burning lamp - cut an everlasting blood covenant between Themselves. We can envision Them moving in a figure 8 pattern between the animal parts, making the mathematical sign of infinity to demonstrate an unending commitment to the children of the promise, the children of faith.

The covenantal duty of the Son was to shed His blood to bring many sons to glory; the covenantal duty of the Father was to give the Son the preeminence, make His throne an everlasting one, give Him the scepter of righteousness, anoint Him with the oil of gladness above His companions, and cause every knee to bow and every tongue to confess that Jesus

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. To His apostles and through them to us, He had stated at the Last Supper that His blood was the blood of a new covenant. The assets and liabilities of the covenant were not only the apostles who were with Him but all of us, His Bride:

...Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are...I kept them in Thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost..."

John 17:12

Since we are the reflection of God's glory, and we are to model on earth the truths found in the heavens, it would seem reasonable to think that there might be a human manifestation of blood covenant. I mean, there should be something in Scripture or in nature that demonstrates this doctrine through human relationships, human action, or human physiology. Well, this happens to be the case in several instances.

Let's start with a relationship. David and Jonathan were the closest of friends, but even more than that, they became "blood brothers." I remember as a child I saw a children's TV show, maybe a Hallmark Hall of Fame Special or something of that sort, where the two heroes, pre-teen best buddies, became blood brothers, as they termed it, by cutting slices across the palms of their right hands and then clasping them together to mingle their blood. They "cut a covenant." They went on to agree that they'd watch out for each other and go through hell or high water for each other to the end of their days. This is essentially what David and Jonathan did, but their covenant went beyond promises to watch out for each other and extended to all possessions, all assets, all liabilities – everything.

You can see the totality of their covenant when you study what David did when he came into his kingdom. He inquired of his staff if there were anyone left alive of the household of Jonathan, and they informed him that the son of Jonathan, Mephibosheth, lame from an injury as a child, was helplessly stuck out in the wilderness in the military outpost of Lodebar. Ponder this: the weak, sickly, helpless man, prohibited from ascending to the royal throne because of the sins of his forefathers, was now graciously being beckoned to the throne room of the king because of the prior blood covenant of his father. Don't miss the spiritual parallel here: *by grace, weak, helpless sinners lost in the wilderness of spiritual darkness are called into the light of the throne room of the King by the blood of the covenant made by the Father.* It does not get any better than this!

Now turning our attention to the example of human physiology, the purpose for one particular feature of the woman has perpetually mystified human kind. Certainly, scientists who hold to a naturalistic, Darwinian world view have no definitive reason for it from their religion, evolutionary theory. The world of medicine sees no medical necessity to it. But seen through the lens of a creationist world view, with an understanding that God places things in the physical world to shed light on the spiritual world, the reason for the woman's hymen becomes known. For those who enter into sexual intercourse lawfully by God's

standard as husband and wife, it is an instrument for the cutting of a covenant. The physical union between bridegroom and bride models the spiritual union between Bridegroom and Bride. Blood is shed as the hymen breaks, as the husband, the bridegroom, initiates the most intimate of unions and covenants to take on all of the assets and liabilities of the wife, his bride, and the bride gives herself freely to her husband to take on all his assets and liabilities. Of course, the analogy can only go so far in that our Bridegroom has no liabilities.

Lest the brides think they got an overly bad deal on that, i.e., the temporarily painful loss of a minor physiological feature, consider the loss of the bridegroom through the act of circumcision. The pain of circumcision is neither contemplated nor remembered by an infant boy, but it has not been always the case for older males undergoing the procedure. There are currently some third world cultures wherein the circumcision is performed on fully cognizant, adolescent boys, and it was first performed on a fully cognizant Abraham and the male members of his household. Meditate on Abraham having to perform it on himself. Meditate on the men of Shechem's city who were willing to undergo it on account of the defilement of Dinah, Jacob's daughter, to make peace with the sons of Jacob. Why, then, this onerous procedure? Beyond some hygienic benefit, there is no medical necessity to it. But once again, seen through spiritual lenses, a covenant is cut and blood is shed, that the physiological feature for passing on the seed of the man should be for a sign of a royal race, "...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people..." (1 Peter 2:9) a people that would have circumcised hearts.

The upshot of all this is that Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, cut a blood covenant with His Bride, His Body, to make us one flesh with Him. It was not sentimental, syrupy giddiness that compelled Him to ascend to the cross to cut that covenant but a commitment to see us sanctified, consecrated, and liberated at **all** cost. He set His face like flint.

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. <sup>7</sup>For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: *therefore have I set my face like a flint*, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. <sup>8</sup> He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? Let us stand together: who is mine adversary? Let him come near to me.

Isaiah 50:6-8

The giddiness came later. For the *joy* set before Him, Jesus Christ endured the cross, despising the shame (Hebrews 12:2), yet He fully embraced the need to cut a blood covenant with His Bride to sanctify her and set her apart, i.e., *to become one with her*. That is the meaning of blood covenant: *to become one*. Can we not see the intensity of the passion of our God, His jealousy, His overwhelming desire for us? Can we not see how divorce is a full, frontal assault on His blood covenant with us when the earthly blood covenant that is designed to model the heavenly blood covenant is broken? Can we not see that it serves the purposes of Satan to afford him the opportunity to make a mockery of things in the heavens? Can we *now* see why God is so thoroughly offended by divorce?

What would we be like as a Body if we set our faces like flint and went to the mat with the enemy of our souls and the things of this world to wrestle with them and defeat them on behalf of the other members of the Body? More specifically, what if every husband and every wife understood the depth of our God's commitment to us and approached their marriages in the same way, understanding that each party to the marriage has cut a blood covenant – lifelong, come what may, till death do us part, all assets, all liabilities, and cannot be broken?

Capture the vision, beloveds, for where there is no vision, we perish.

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Hello!

I hope that those of you who read the piece on Blood Covenant last week will feel like you savored some strong meat and perhaps appreciated the break from the complexities of prophecy.

Still, we need to continue with the theme of preparation that is inherent in prophecy and understand how the beasts of Daniel 7 will directly affect Israel, which is the signpost for end-times prophecy.

Israel will engage in some wars for its survival in the near future, and we see the storm clouds brewing in that part of the world as Russia has stationed itself right next door to Israel and is influencing the Islamic nations of that region.

**Scripture records that it will not go well for those nations, and I believe their pre-Tribulation wars with Israel will set the stage for the antichrist to arise.**

I invite the Body of Christ to weigh in on this issue, because many heads are better than one, and "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." (Proverbs 15:22) I look forward to your feedback.

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## The Soon-Coming Israeli-Russian-Muslim Wars

Paul R. Wild, May 12, 2020

Based on the feedback I received, the Daniel 7 series was successful in opening some eyes to the exigencies of the moment, specifically that three super powers – the United States, Russia, and China, with their respective allies – are the proper identities of the first three western, northern, and eastern beasts of Daniel 7 that currently are striving for supremacy on the world stage. These nations will soon go to war in some way, shape, form, or fashion to fall and allow the antichrist, the fourth Beast from the South, to arise and pursue Israel as the ultimate prize. The classical, ancient nations view of Daniel 7 needs to be jettisoned into the dust bin of history, for it provides little value as a rehash of Daniel 2's statue vision for us living in these last days.

As for the wars, I don't know yet how they will affect the first western beast, the United States-United Kingdom (US-UK) alliance – the Anglo-American alliance, i.e., the lion with eagle's wings – or the third eastern beast, the China-led Asian leopard-with-four-heads-and-four-wings alliance. Among the Christians who hold to my view that the US will be severely judged in the near future, the hypothesized ways the US will fall are myriad: complete financial collapse, massive natural disasters, civil war, terrorist attacks on major infrastructure, electromagnetic pulse (EMP) strikes that ruin our power grid and electronic devices, Chinese and/or Russian nuclear bomb strikes and invasion, or all of the above. I don't know how it will occur, but it will occur – our wings will be plucked bare or completely removed from association with the British lion.

The Asian alliance's fall is also a mystery to me. I do not know how they will fall, but they may fall victim to the antichrist through war. Perhaps the antichrist rallies the world against the Asians and thus sets himself up as the hero for the moment. Unfortunately, Scripture records that he will believe his own press and, combined with the delusions of grandeur and godhood that his dad, Satan, will bury into his skull, he will exalt himself against Jesus, resulting in his utter ruin.

But those wars are not today's topic. We must address the wars of the second, northern beast, the Russian bear with its three Islamic rib allies, Iran, Syria, and Turkey, and the Muslim nations surrounding Israel. The Bible provides clarity to us regarding the wars of these nations through two passages of Scripture: Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39. I discussed these two passages in great detail in [Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy: With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars](#) and demonstrated through multiple lines of evidence that these wars are pre-Tribulation wars and that the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39 are **absolutely Russia, not Turkey**, in opposition to the proponents of the Revived Islamic Caliphate/Muslim antichrist theory. The fall of the pro-Israel, Anglo-American alliance will allow the Russians and the Muslim nations surrounding Israel to move unopposed on Israel through two back-to-back wars. Let's analyze the two wars in the order I believe they will occur by examining the two passages. Since Psalm 83 is small, I will present it in its entirety but only select passages out of the Ezekiel 38-39 passage because of its length. I identify nations in [ ] and may be off a bit on their identities, but not by much.

<sup>1</sup> Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. <sup>2</sup>For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. <sup>3</sup>They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. <sup>4</sup>They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. <sup>5</sup>For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: <sup>6</sup>The tabernacles of Edom [Jordan], and the Ishmaelites [Arabs in general]; of Moab [Jordan], and the Hagarenes [Egypt, but also Ishmaelites (Arabs) in general, and used by some Muslim groups to describe Muslims]; <sup>7</sup>Gebal [Lebanon], and Ammon [Jordan], and Amalek [Arab Muslims in Israel and probably Egypt and Jordan]; the Philistines [Gaza Strip] with the inhabitants of Tyre [Lebanon]; <sup>8</sup>Assur [Syria and perhaps Iraq] also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot [Moab and Ammon, i.e., Jordan]. Selah. <sup>9</sup>Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: <sup>10</sup>Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. [Judges 4, a battle led by Barak] <sup>11</sup>Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: <sup>12</sup>Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. [Judges 7, a battle led by Gideon] <sup>13</sup>O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. <sup>14</sup>As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; <sup>15</sup>So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. <sup>16</sup>Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. <sup>17</sup>Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: <sup>18</sup>That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

Psalm 83

<sup>1</sup> And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set thy face against Gog [a Russian leader], the land of Magog [Russia], the chief prince [translated as Rosh in other versions] of Meshech [highly speculative, but some believe this is Moscow] and Tubal [again, highly speculative, but some believe this is Tobolsk], and prophesy against him, <sup>3</sup>And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: <sup>4</sup>And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: <sup>5</sup>Persia [Iran], Ethiopia [Sudan, i.e., ancient Ethiopia], and Libya [Libya] with them; all of them with shield and helmet: <sup>6</sup>Gomer, [debatable, but southern Russia, Turkey, and Armenia] and all his bands; the house of Togarmah [Turkey] of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

Ezekiel 38:1-6

The Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 wars are linked through Syria, one of the three ribs in the bear's mouth. The Psalm 83 war is different from the wars Israel has fought after 1948. Israel has fought many wars and border skirmishes since 1948, but none of them of

the magnitude described in Psalm 83. Of the many conflicts Israel has had, only four of them qualify as wars, in my opinion, and they did not follow the exact same list of nations as those of Psalm 83.

The Israeli War of Independence (1947 – 1949) started as fights between Jewish and Arab militias that then turned into a regular war after the establishment of Israel and the intervention of several Arab armies, specifically Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. An armistice was signed that established borders between Israel and its neighbors. The Six-Day War in June 1967 was fought between Israel and Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, and others also provided troops and weapons to the Arab forces. Israel's territory expanded significantly to the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria, and Sinai and Gaza from Egypt. The War of Attrition from 1967 to 1970 was a small war fought between the Israelis and Egypt, the Russians (USSR), Jordan, Syria, and the Palestine Liberation Organization. After the war, the borders remained the same as when the war started. The Yom Kippur War in October 1973 was fought by Israel against a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria as a way of recapturing part of the territories which they lost to the Israelis back in the Six-Day War. The war began with a surprise, joint attack by Egypt and Syria on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur; Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and Cuba supported Egypt and Syria with soldiers and armaments to varying degrees. The Israelis defeated them, with no significant territorial changes.

Note that Psalm 83:16-18 is a prayer that the invading nations would be shamed to the point of seeking the Lord. The passage suggests the nations bordering Israel will be forever defeated and perish to some degree; Genesis 15:18-21 and Ezekiel 48 describe their territories being allotted to the Israelis during the millennial reign of Christ. The confounding, perishing, and shaming to the point of seeking the Lord did not happen with those nations in those prior wars with Israel, but Psalm 83 is an end-times war that will result in the Arabs recognizing that Jesus is Lord, and they will reconcile with their brother, Isaac. You see, any Arab worth his or her salt will tell you that they are descendants of Ishmael and that Ishmael was the first-born of Abraham who received God's blessings, not Isaac. This is what Mohammed taught and the Muslims believe. The blood feud between the Jews and Arabs is the biggest family feud that the world has ever seen and makes the Hatfield-McCoy feud from my native state of West Virginia look like a picnic in the park. But the Lord is gracious and merciful beyond comprehension, for observe what He will do with these nations during His reign in Jerusalem after His return:

<sup>23</sup> In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. <sup>24</sup> In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: <sup>25</sup> Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Isaiah 19:23-25

In Psalm 83, Assur (KJV), or Assyria as it is translated in most other versions, relates to the territory of Ashur, second son of Shem, who founded Nineveh and other cities in modern Iraq. His territory covered Shinar, or ancient Mesopotamia, which is now shared by Iraq and Syria; Syria controls much of the upper Euphrates alluvial valley over to the Tigris. I believe Assyria is a reference to Syria and possibly Iraq, but I'm less convinced it's Iraq because (1) all the other nations mentioned in Psalm 83 directly abut or are within Israeli territory, (2) Jordan and Syria share a larger border than Jordan has with Iraq, and (3) Syria's military assets are closer to Israel than those of Iraq. I believe this war will result in Damascus being destroyed, i.e., it "is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." (Isaiah 17:1)

I stated that Syria is the link between Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39. How is this so? The destruction of Damascus will cause Syria's allies, Russia (Magog), Iran (Persia), and Turkey (Togarmah) to declare war on Israel, leading to their destruction described in Ezekiel 38-39. Russia has significant military and political assets in Syria and Damascus, so they will be very angry and will take the counterattack by Israel on Syria as an attack on them. Notice in Ezekiel 38-39 that Assyria (Syria) is not mentioned. That is because of its destruction described in Psalm 83 and Isaiah 17. Libya and Sudan (ancient Ethiopia) are Arab Muslim nations bordering Egypt (modern Ethiopia is predominantly non-Arab Christian and does not border Egypt) that will join the Russians in the Ezekiel 38-39 war, but notice that Egypt is not mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39. We'll discuss Egypt more in paragraphs below.

In contrast to Psalm 83, which describes ancient Israelite armies defeating Israel's enemies, Ezekiel 38-39 indicate direct intervention by God on behalf of Israel through supernatural disasters that have the appearance of natural disasters. The language of Ezekiel 38-39 alludes to the invading armies being destroyed by a massive earthquake, disease, confusion among the invading armies such that they fight each other, and good, old-fashioned fire and brimstone raining down from heaven. Other Bible versions translate Ezekiel 39:2 differently from the King James Version (KJV), but I'll stick with the KJV that says only one-sixth of Russia's armies will remain. It makes sense, since they will need some remainder to invade Israel again to attack the antichrist leading up to the final Battle of Armageddon. (Daniel 11:44, Revelation 16:13-16, 19:17-21)

As for Egypt (Hagarenes, as in Hagar, an Egyptian and mother of Ishmael), it will have been defeated by the Israeli army in the Psalm 83 war, and this defeat will likely infuriate the Libyans and Sudanese because the counterattack of the Israelis on Egypt will be the defeat of a neighboring, Arab Muslim nation. The Libyans and Sudanese probably will be more than happy to support the Russians in their attack on Israel, and they foolishly will believe the defeat of Israel will be assured with the overwhelming forces led by the Russians. That is always the way it is with those who hate Israel – they ignore the eternal truth that the God "who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." (Psalm 121:4) Adding insult to injury, Egypt, Libya, and Sudan (ancient Ethiopia) will later be defeated again by the antichrist and will serve as some of his territory (the king of the south) in Daniel 11:42-43.

I admit that it's just a theory, but it makes sense and is consistent with how nations act and react. It certainly is supported by the modern maneuverings of these nations. I anticipate that the domino effect of the US failing and the invasion of Israel is not too many years out, less than a decade, perhaps half that. The corona virus debacle combined with the hit on our economy and our increasing internal strife will hasten our demise. Perhaps China, which is becoming marginalized globally as a pariah and targeted by the US and other nations for sanctions, will become desperate and feel it has nothing to lose by attacking US; China recently has been tossing out in the press threats of war with US. The Japanese set the precedent of war when they felt desperate after the US embargoed oil to Japan, thus leading to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Irrespective of how it happens, the fall of the Anglo-American alliance will provide a path forward for the Russians and the Islamic hordes to set their sights on Israel, to their own destruction. Sheer speculation, I know, but I invite other Christians to chime in so that the Body of Christ can collectively fine tune the details.

May 22, 2020

Greetings,

Last week's article about the soon-coming wars between the Israelis and the Russians with their Islamic allies pointed out the obvious movements and maneuverings of those nations in real time that should cause believers to understand the urgency to prepare spiritually, mentally, emotionally, financially, physically, and so on.

To enable the Ruso-Islamic confederacy to accomplish its purposes (which will be foiled by God), the United States (US) and probably the British - the western lion-eagle beast of Daniel 7 - must be taken out of the way, for the US is the earthly protector of Israel. But we know that God is the ultimate protector of Israel...

**Psalm 121:4, "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."**

...contrary to the wicked replacement theology nonsense propagated by some who claim to be Christians.

As for the US being removed from power, it appears that the stage is being set for that to occur, as the leader of the third, eastern, 4-winged, 4-headed leopard beast of Daniel 7, China, amplifies its hostilities against US.

Simultaneous to that, the globalists are quickly moving US and the rest of the world toward a cashless society that can be controlled by them and their soon-coming, false god, the antichrist.

Take notice and take action, believer, for the door to the corral they are trying to put US in is about to close.

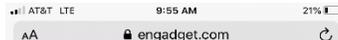
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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

# You Are Being Herded

Paul R. Wild, May 19, 2020



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUkjiNuUmOQ>

I recommend that you watch this video. Very informative.

I'm being herded, as well, but at least I'm working on a preparation plan. Much like the frog in the pot that doesn't feel the heat being turned up through gradual acclimation, the world's people are being slowly but surely corralled into a place where the globalists and their eventual god, the antichrist, can control them. I'm urging my brethren to develop their own plans to escape the corral.

The title of this piece is a tad ominous, but I wanted it to be catchy, so I thought personalizing it to you, the reader, rather than using a diluted and diffuse "we," would have a better chance of getting you to perk up and take notice. I want every Christian to work on a preparation plan, for the more of us who get a plan for the coming meltdown of the United States (US), the better chance we have of surviving it. The Body is designed to work together as ... uh ... well ... a body - with hands, feet, ears, and eyes (1 Corinthians 12) working together to function properly. Paul said we should "Not [forsake] the assembling

of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day [of the Lord's return] approaching." (Hebrews 10:25) Like my buddy John reminds me, we're meant to stick together "tighter than two coats of paint" to take care of one another during times of distress.

As for the press snippets shown on the first page (that's my thumb on the *C&EN* cover page), I felt it beneficial to remind the audience that the people of the world are being led inexorably down the path to destruction. If you have been tracking along with my various monographs over the last few months, you will notice two nations and several news topics in the snippets that match those of the monographs. At this time, the two dominant partners of two of Daniel 7's beasts, the first, western lion-with-eagle's-wings beast and the third, eastern leopard-with-four-heads-and-four-wings beast, are locked in a battle of wills, threats, and counter-threats. Simultaneous to that is the move away from paper currency toward electronic currency that can be tracked by the wicked governments of the world, and ultimately by the antichrist. If you are not feeling the squeeze, then why? Jesus provided a basic principle for what to do when we see prophetic events happen:

<sup>15</sup>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:) <sup>16</sup>Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: <sup>17</sup>Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: <sup>18</sup>Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. <sup>19</sup>And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! <sup>20</sup>But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: <sup>21</sup>For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Matthew 24:15-21

In a nutshell, He said to take physical action. Seeing prophecy being fulfilled in front of your eyes should compel you to also take physical action, if only to drop to your knees and ask the Holy Spirit for marching orders. Of the people in the future who will read and understand, one wonders if they would need to drop everything and run at the last minute if they had begun heeding their reading that a world leader making a pact with Israel is a sign of bad things to come. In the same vein, when two beasts of Daniel 7 are locking horns, it should compel Christians to act and stop doing "business as usual."

I have had numerous conversations with Christians over many years regarding the events of Matthew 24 prophesied by Jesus and, most often, they will say, "Well, I'll just trust the Lord," or "I won't be here anyway, so I don't care." The problem with the latter idea is that they have no clue when Jesus is coming to get them, so presuming nothing bad will happen before He returns is foolish. As for the first idea, a few days ago I asked my buddy Mike what he thought they meant by "trust the Lord," and he confirmed my gut feeling that many of them expect the Lord to drop manna from heaven or send a legion of angels. Certainly, God has done such things, but those are the exceptions, not the rule, and I will add that an

I'll-just-trust-the-Lord attitude might be perceived by the Lord as cavalier, presumptuous, and nigh unto tempting the Lord, something Jesus rejected.

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Matthew 4:5-7

Unfortunately, many Christians are paying little to no heed to the Scriptures or to the signs of the times and are heeding the words of false prophets and teachers who are proclaiming, "Peace, peace;...", yet "...there is no peace," (Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11) resulting in a deceived, blemished flock. As Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." One of the watchdog YouTube channels – I call them heresy hunters – did an excellent expose recently of 20 so-called "prophets" who were not speaking from God, because their words did not match Scripture and did not match the signs of the times. One of them proclaimed judgment on Covid-19 as one "standing in the office of the prophet of God" and called it "done," and yet, here it is still. Mark anyone saying such foolishness as a charlatan and a deceiver. Brothers and sisters, you are priests (Revelation 1:6, 5:10), and priests are required to know the word of God to discern between the evil and the good. We will be judged on that when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ to see which works burn up and which ones remain. (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)

Returning to the manna from heaven idea, with respect to the Israelites in the wilderness, God had to drop manna out of heaven, or otherwise they would have starved. Check out the area around Mount Sinai in Saudi Arabia and you'll understand what I mean, and even in that, they still had to go out and pick up the manna. But God doesn't have to do that with US, for there are likely gobs of food no more than a GrubHub, UberEats, or DoorDash push of a button away. Not to mention Sam's, Kroger, Sprouts, Whole Foods, Wal-Mart, Safeway, Fiesta, Randall's, Trader Joe's, ad nauseum. So, gather the goods while you have the time and energy using conventional money that can't be tracked so easily by the globalists.

Many in the audience may recall the modern parable of the man who went to heaven after rejecting offers of a car ride, a boat ride, and finally a helicopter ride to whisk him away from a flood, saying, "No, I don't need your help; I'll just trust the Lord." He asked the Lord why He didn't save him, and Jesus responded, "I sent you a car, a boat, and a helicopter. What else did you want?" If you study the Scriptures diligently, you will find that God much prefers to work through and with His people to accomplish His purposes rather than show up with a blinding light show performing amazing spectacles of miracles, signs, and wonders. He'll do those things from time to time, but He'd much rather have a people who through faith do the practical things He tells us to do, like build a big boat, go gather some

wood and a knife for a special hike up a mountain with your son, and store up grain for seven years. If you doubt that, you can ask Noah, Abraham, and Joseph about that when you get to heaven. I bet they'll side with me on that. James certainly would:

<sup>14</sup>What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup>And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? <sup>17</sup>Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. <sup>18</sup>Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup>Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. <sup>20</sup>But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? <sup>22</sup>Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? <sup>23</sup>And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. <sup>24</sup>Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. <sup>25</sup>Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? <sup>26</sup>For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 2:14-26

What am I saying, brethren? I'm saying that between the Scriptural truths of coming events and the signs of the times evident all around us that indicate coming trials, tests, and tribulation, you should have all you need to know to get ready. We are being herded. In response, prepare a plan to escape the corral. Are you sharing what you know with other believers? Are you encouraging the other believers in your community of believers to work together as a Body to prepare? Are you telling any lost souls who will listen that now is the time to get right with Jesus? Are you consulting the Holy Spirit for direction on what to do? Are you doing practical things that the Bible teaches, like using money wisely, reducing debt, storing provisions, staying fit and healthy, networking with other believers to develop procedures for communicating and sharing resources, etc., etc., and so on, and so on? Perhaps you have substantial limitations on those things for what you can do, but do what you can according to your ability, and God will honor it. Do you need Scriptural incentives and supporting documentation for the principles I'm presenting? So be it.

<sup>6</sup>Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: <sup>7</sup>Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, <sup>8</sup>Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. <sup>9</sup>How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? <sup>10</sup>Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: <sup>11</sup>So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

Proverbs 6:6-11

<sup>24</sup>There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. <sup>25</sup>The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. <sup>26</sup>He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

Proverbs 11:24-26

<sup>29</sup>Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean [average, common] men.

Proverbs 22:29

<sup>12</sup>For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. <sup>13</sup>For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: <sup>14</sup>But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: <sup>15</sup>As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

2 Corinthians 8:12-15

<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, **moved with fear**, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Hebrews 11:7

I've said all I need to say. Now, get some godly fear, and go build your ark.

May 31, 2020

Greetings, brethren,

I have tried in various and sundry ways to impress upon Christians that the nations of Daniel 7 are current and that these nations are paving the way for the soon-coming antichrist and the Tribulation he will embroil the world within.

The purpose is to warn believers to prepare for the coming judgments upon the wicked nations of the world, including my own nation, the US. Along the way, God the Father will clean up His Church to prepare a Bride for His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sadly, the Church is not the spotless wife that Revelation 19 foretells but is polluted and profane, with apostasy and "doctrines of devils" increasing exponentially. These issues also are prophetic signs of warning to the Body that those members of it who are watchful need to prepare for the coming judgments, and those on the fence about these issues need to fully cross over the fence to a ready state of mind.

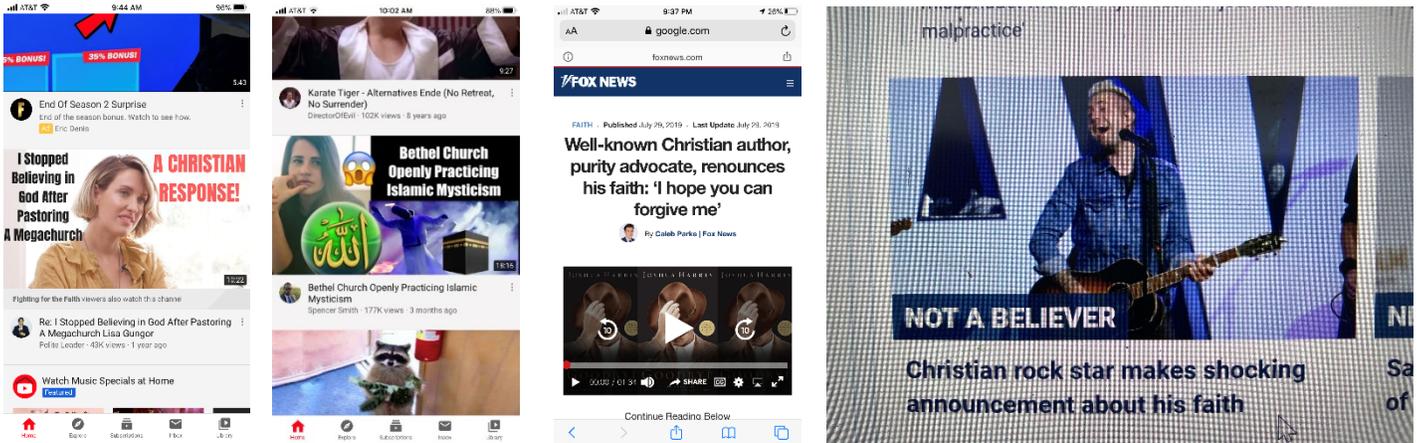
The signs are all around us. But take heart, believer, for these fulfillings of prophecy, as bad as they may be, are cause for rejoicing at the soon return of our Lord. Look up, for our "redemption draweth nigh."

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Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

## The Falling Away Is Now Paul R. Wild, May 28, 2020



<sup>1</sup> Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, <sup>2</sup> That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. <sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a **falling away** [apostasy, Greek apostasia] first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

According to Strong's concordance, apostasy is a defection or revolt and is derived from *aphístēmi*, meaning "leave" or "depart." *Aphístēmi* is derived from *apó*, meaning "away from," and *histēmi*, meaning "stand," or properly understood as a "departure" implying "desertion." Therefore, Strong's indicates that *apostasy* literally is "a leaving, from a previous standing."

There are those from the pre-Tribulation rapture fold who believe the apostasy of this verse is the rapture, suggesting that Christians are leaving, departing, or standing away from the earth, but that is bad exegesis. The other use of apostasy is in Acts 21:21, where the apostles and elders in Jerusalem explained to Paul that they had heard that Paul was teaching the Jews to "forsake [*apostasian*] Moses," meaning to forsake following the Law. The context of apostasy as it was used 2,000 years ago and as we use it today is to indicate when someone rejects a prior religious, political, or philosophical belief. When compared to other passages of Scripture, it is easy to see what Paul meant.

<sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:12

<sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart** [*aphistémi*; remember that word from above?] from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Timothy 4:1

<sup>1</sup>This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. <sup>2</sup>For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, <sup>4</sup>Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup>Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. <sup>6</sup>For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, <sup>7</sup>Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>13</sup>But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

2 Timothy 3:1-7,13

<sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine [doctrine is a term for those claiming to be believers, for unbelievers don't care about doctrine]; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2 Timothy 4:3

<sup>17</sup>But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>18</sup>How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. <sup>19</sup>These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Jude 17-19

The falling away that Paul speaks of in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 is the apostasy of those who previously claimed to be Christians but now reject it, but he alludes to another type of falling away in 1 Timothy 4:1 and 2 Timothy 3:1-7,13, where they may appear to be Christians but are not. Both types can be seen in the news snippets shown above.

Some will say, "So what? There have always been apostates. The Church has always had to deal with this kind of stuff, so this doesn't mean the end is near." A friend of mine worked in the music ministry of a large church in Houston where the pastor declared to the whole congregation only a few years ago that he didn't think the prophecies of Revelation and the return of Jesus were anytime soon. What blindness and ignorance; such shepherds are exceptionally dangerous to the flock.

But there must be a time when these things will occur. When the signs of the times show three large, competing nations (US, Russia, China) armed to the teeth that match the symbolical beasts of Daniel 7; when the world is filled with wars and rumors of wars like no other time in history; when the technology exists to track every person on the planet; when paper money and coinage are rapidly becoming obsolete in favor of digital money; when pestilence (disease) is on the rise; when drug abuse (sorcery, as in Revelation 18:23, i.e., Greek *pharmakeia*) is rampant across the globe, and when the LGBTQ agenda is considered normative **all at the same time**, then Christians need to get past the mindset that these are just bumps in the road and all will get back to normal. Especially for those Christians

here in the US, the days of “this-is-the-United-States-and-really-bad-things-don’t-happen-here-for-long” should be long gone. Unfortunately, it is not.

Peter spoke to the mindset of those who ignore the signs of the times and scoff at the idea of soon-approaching judgment.

<sup>3</sup>Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, <sup>4</sup>And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. <sup>5</sup>For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: <sup>6</sup>Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: <sup>7</sup>But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:3-7

And where does Peter say that judgment will begin?

<sup>17</sup>For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:17

I am no prophet. As age creeps up on me, I can barely remember what I did yesterday much less predict what will happen tomorrow, but I can read my Bible. My Bible tells me that the Church is about to be taken to the woodshed so that the Father can provide His Son a Bride that is a virgin, spotless and unblemished.

<sup>7</sup>Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. <sup>8</sup>And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Revelation 19:7-8

What does all this mean? The Church is not the wife arrayed in “fine linen, clean and white” but rather is soiled and corrupt. Many people presenting themselves as believers are not believers, and there are those who once claimed to be believers but now very publicly reject Jesus. This is what Scripture said would happen shortly before His return. My hope and prayer are that those in the audience who may still be on the fence regarding my messages to prepare for the coming judgment will get off the fence and recognize the need for urgent preparation. But in the midst of the preparation, take heart and remember:

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Luke 21:28

June 5, 2020

Brethren, I have no article to offer today, because I have run out of room on my website for posting an additional article.

It only allows 15 articles in the downloads tab, so I plan to merge the first 15 articles and make the merged document available through a project that I am working on with the good folks at Charisma. I am not adept at website management and will need assistance from someone more competent (my wife) at such things to eventually, fully use the various features of the website.

With respect to the Charisma project, Charisma will provide a popup that readers can click on to download the articles as a book format. But there will be more. I will provide new material to directly confront some prophetic teachings that I believe are deficient, perhaps dangerous, in educating believers to the sense of urgency to prepare for soon-coming judgment on the United States. This judgment will shortly be followed by judgment on other major nations, specifically Russia and China with their respective allies, that will set the stage for the rise of the antichrist.

No one on the planet can regularly make good decisions if their decisions are based on bad information. If the air conditioning salesman wants to sell you a unit designed for a 2-story, 3,000-sf house, but you only need one for a 1-story, 1,500-sf house, and if you don't know the difference, you will likely spend thousands of dollars more than needed. I'm not suggesting the salesman is being deceptive; he could truly believe you need a big unit. In the same manner, the proponents of the prophetic teachings I am going to confront are very good, honorable, godly people with no intent to deceive, but I am confident that their positions are leading Christians down the paths to bad decision making.

Specifically, I am going to address some teachings by great men such as Dr. Dave Reagan, Joel Richardson, and Chris White. There are others that share their positions, but I have selected them as proxies for others because I have tracked them the most and because they are leaders in their respective positions on prophecy. I greatly admire and respect them, and I suspect they far surpass me in the things that will count for eternity, like the fruits of the Spirit, which is to say, the character of Christ. Nevertheless, they hold to some positions that I do not feel are Biblically supportable and which I believe inhibit Christians from grasping the magnitude and speed for which exceptionally difficult times are coming.

Let me be clear: I am not even remotely suggesting they are heretics, false teachers, or false prophets – terms which seem to get bandied about indiscriminately these days - and are all within the “window of reasonability” for how they come to their conclusions. This is to say that it is very understandable for how they come to their conclusions, and many other people of good will could easily come to similar conclusions.

Prophecy is a tough subject to tackle, and the angelic being speaking to Daniel in Daniel 12:4 implies that our knowledge of prophecy will increase as we approach the end. The logical conclusion of that verse is that the Body of Christ collectively must hash things out and will get some things wrong until these prophetic occurrences unfold for us to see them.

I hope you will stay tuned in and join me in investigating these heady subjects. In the interim over the next few weeks, I will provide some basic email content discussing current events that match the Biblical narrative and which portend the trials coming our way. Until then and beyond, keep seeking Jesus with all your heart, mind, body, and soul.

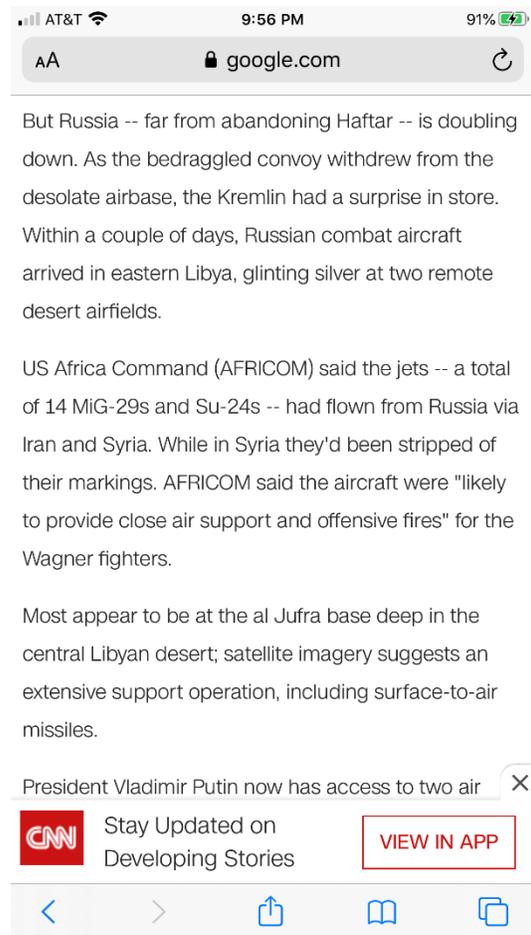
Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

June 11, 2020

Folks, I'm busy working away on the project with Charisma to provide some views that oppose those of three superb, heavy hitters in the world of prophecy studies, namely Dr. Dave Reagan, Joel Richardson, and Chris White, all great men of God.

Although their views are within the mainstream of prophecy perspectives, I feel that some of their views diminish the impact on the Body of Christ with respect to understanding the imminence of coming judgments on the United States and other major actors on the world stage. In the interim, I want to keep everyone warmed up with some current events that back my position on the Ezekiel 38-39 Gog/Magog war against Israel.



The news headline and article snippet shown above showcase a major connection between two nations that factor greatly in the coming Gog/Magog war against Israel. Gog and Magog are Russian and Russia, respectively, not Turkey, and Ezekiel 38:5 states that Libya will join with Russia in its invasion of Israel.

After the western US-UK lion-eagle beast of Daniel 7 falls, the door will be wide open for these nations to act upon their heart's desire, which is to destroy Israel. Brethren, when current news lines up perfectly with the prophetic symbolism of Scripture, don't go looking for other nations, such as Turkey, as candidates for Magog. The correct candidate is right in front of our eyes.

Blessings in Jesus,

Paul

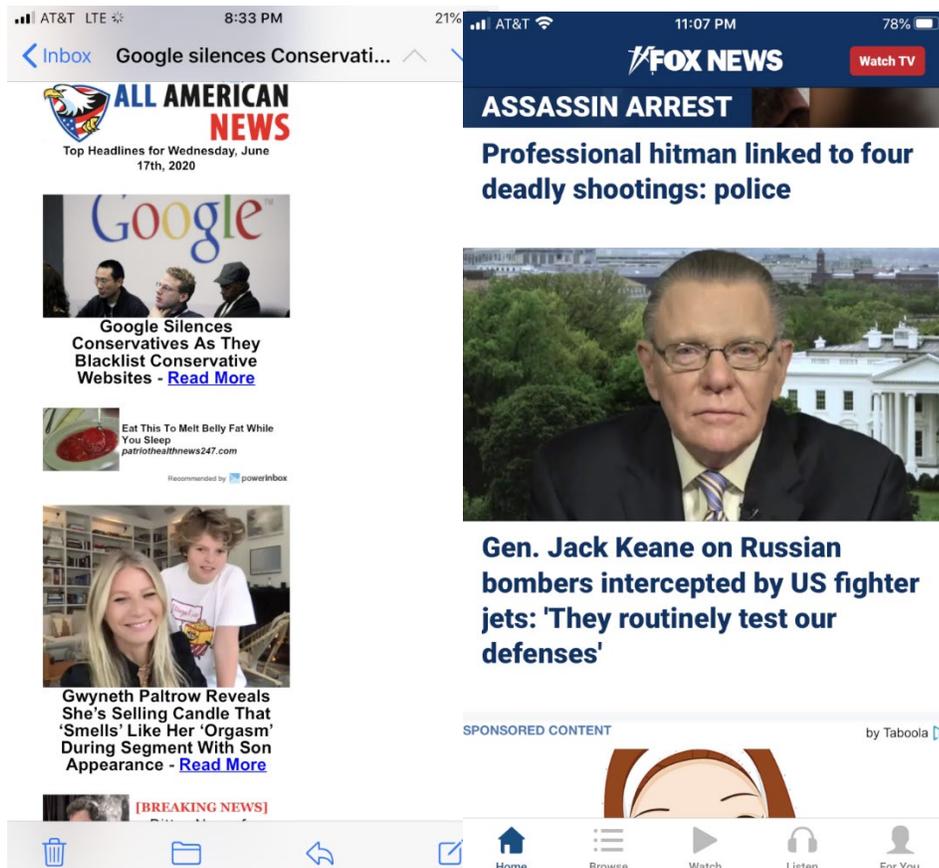
June 22, 2020

Brethren, next week Charisma will provide a pop-up on their website of new material I have written to address some incorrect teachings from some great men of God, Dr. Dave Reagan, Joel Richardson, and Chris White – men I greatly admire but disagree with on some key prophetic issues. I hope you will check out Charisma next week.

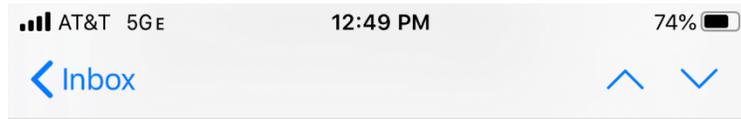
I want the Body of Christ to see how their views on certain prophecies minimize the impact upon the Body regarding the need for preparation and that prophecy is unfolding before our eyes, yet the Body is largely unaware.

The embedded news feeds shown here demonstrate much of what I've been saying for the last 11 years about the major nations in the end times and the demise of the United States (US), the first beast of Daniel 7. In the news extracts, you'll see mentions of the Russians, Turks, Chinese, and Koreans, which comprise the second and third beasts of Daniel 7.

The Chinese, North Koreans, and Russians are working overtime to destroy US, and **we**, the people of the US, are working overtime to destroy US. We have met the enemy, and he is US.



Check out Gwyneth Paltrow’s parenting skills; and the blind, Christian woman banned from a park for telling people about Jesus; or the Democrat congressman saying religious liberty is an excuse for discrimination (translation: against LGBTQ folks); and the Supreme Court ruling that will ultimately open the doors to the unrepentant, activist, LGBTQ folks being forced upon churches. Then there is the open lawlessness and rebellion across the land that is celebrated by the mainstream media outlets.



## June 17 | “Sorry, We’re Not Hiring White Men Right Now”

June 17, 2020

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### Liberal Version of Logic

News anchor Elex Michaelson of Los Angeles’s FOX affiliate tweeted Monday that he had been told by an executive at ABC News that he could not become a network correspondent because ABC was not hiring white men for the job.

Michaelson now works as a news anchor for FOX 11 KTTV, and hosts his own weekly statewide program, *The Issue Is*. He has led coverage of the Black Lives Matter



For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. 1 Samuel 15:23

Then we see that some people believe the solution to solving discrimination, racism, and sexism against particular people groups is to practice discrimination, racism, and sexism against another people group. And how will that other people group eventually respond?



Just like various people groups are doing now, with violent protests, anarchy, lawlessness, and forced diversity inclusion thought policing. Human nature never changes, and there is no correlation between physical appearance and behavior: we're all inherently depraved.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?  
- Jeremiah 17:9



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## Georgia cop points gun at black teens before neighbors gather telling him not to shoot



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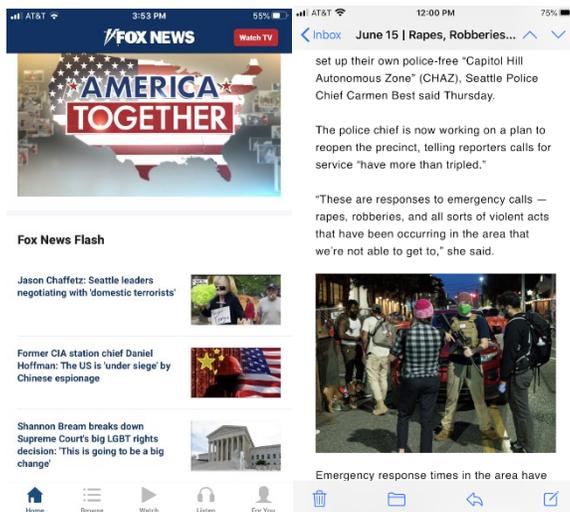


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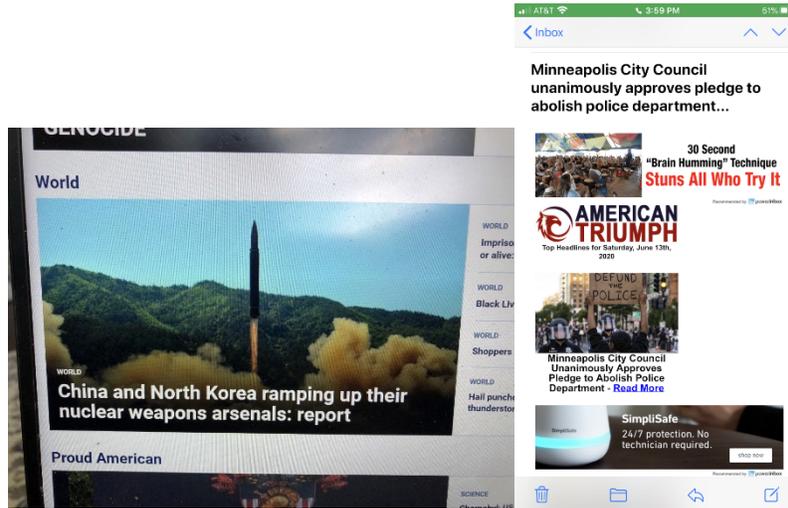
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So, what are you doing about it?



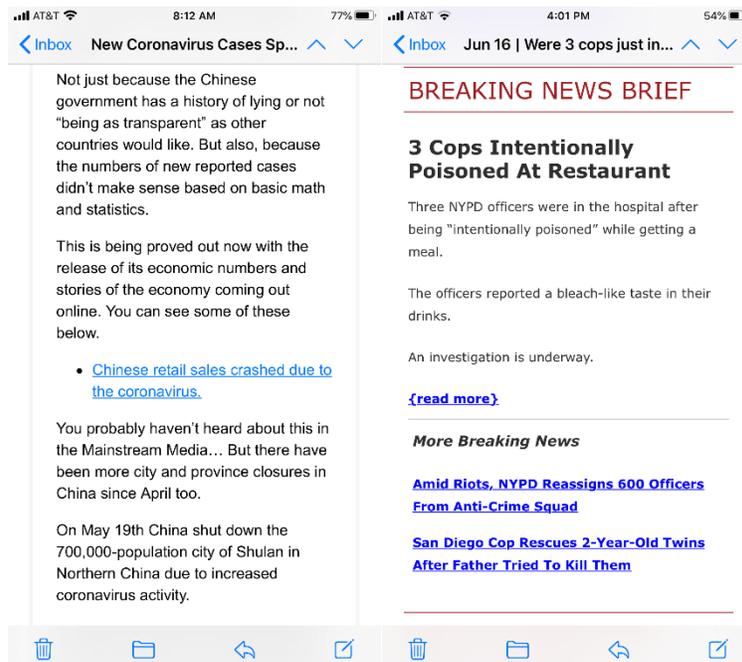
One of the biggest frustrations I have had over the last 11 years since I concluded that modern nations are the nations of Daniel 7, and that we have little time left to prepare for

the coming judgments, is the deer-in-the-headlights looks I get when I provide Christians the details.



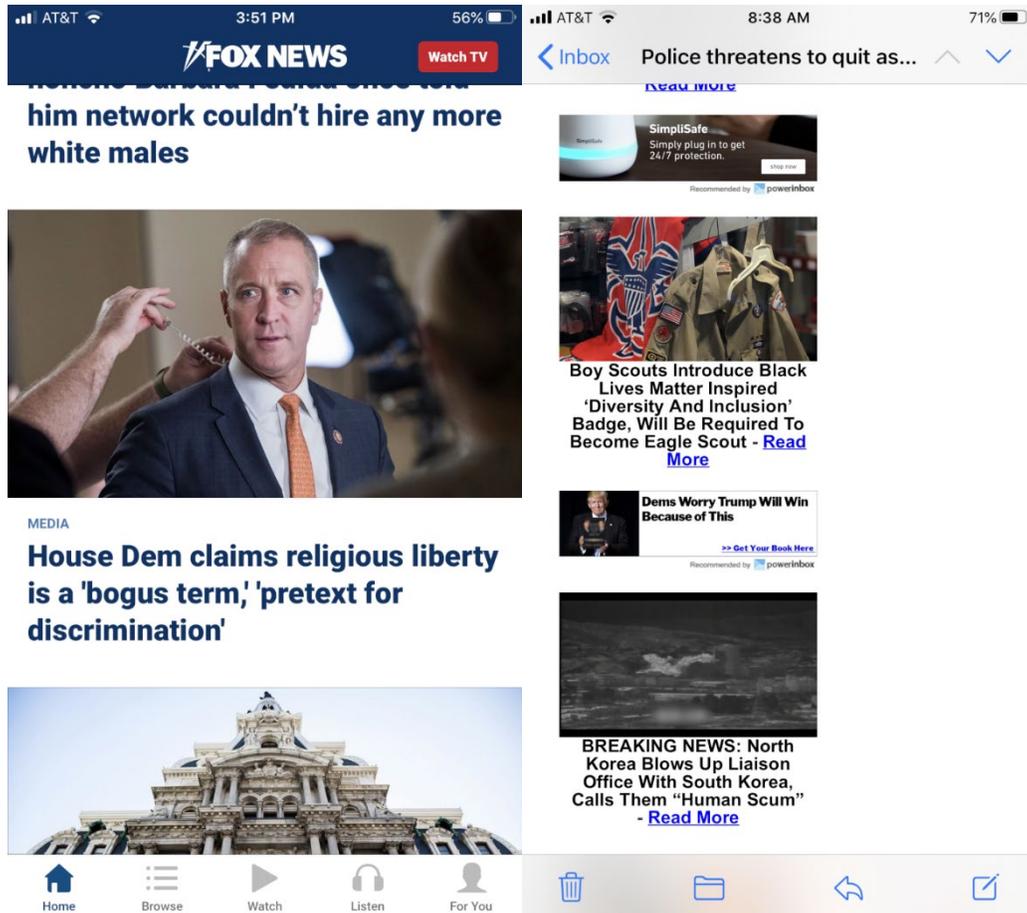
Even when Christians come around to agreeing with me, they don't do anything with it. No sharing it with other Christians to wake them up, no personal preparation of any sort, just business as usual. It makes sense to me now why Jesus warned us so often of this kind of mindset and lack of watchfulness.

He taught multiple parables about the sleepy, unprepared virgins; the thief coming at an unexpected hour; the abusive servant; and the unfaithful steward, and He even asked us, "When the son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8)



To those in the reading audience who are fully on board with me on understanding that God will soon begin to judge this nation and others for our collective wickedness and that we need to prepare for it, I ask you again:

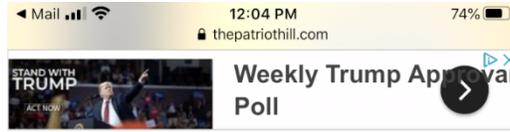
### What are you doing about it?



First and foremost, are you walking upright before the Lord? Then, are you sharing your knowledge with other believers?

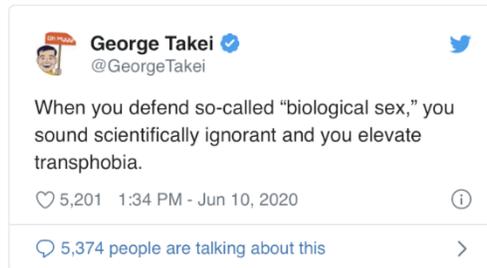
After that, are you gathering together with other believers to share resources and make plans; develop means of communication when the power goes out; store up food, water, and vital medical supplies; prepare for self-defense and for the defense of innocent others; establish escape routes when the cities are burning and roaming gangs are raping, maiming, and pillaging; and so on and so forth?

Do not think that God will exempt us from exposure to these bad things, because He didn't spare Abraham and David when their families and goods were taken by wicked men. Are we more righteous than those two such that God might give us special protections?



from gays and leftists after he tweeted about how defending biological sex is scientifically ignorant and is promoting transphobia. The tweet was in response to the statement made by J.K. Rowling that biological sex cannot be erased to promote transgender ideology. It seems that Takei wants to get some attention by joining in on the controversy.

“When you defend so-called “biological sex,” you sound scientifically ignorant and you elevate transphobia,” Takei said through a tweet.



He did succeed in getting attention as members of the LGBTQ community criticized his

By way of warning using mouthy, relentless, somewhat obnoxious guys like me, we are being given a chance to spare ourselves of some of those bad things through preparation. So, then, **let us go prepare.**

Blessings in Jesus,

Paul