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Greeting to all . . . And Happy New Year

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit and that we prosper in God’s word this coming year. The pandemic will not last – Remember, God is in Control. We are His children and will get us through the situation.

This month’s topic will be “Events of the Final Seven Years - A Timeline”. This of course deals with the Seven-Year Tribulation period prior to the Millennium. As I was going through my Bible Library in selecting a topic for January, I was very undecided which topic to select. I’m assuming some of you know something about the subject but at one time, I did not know when events mention in Book of Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, Matthew, Revelation and so on were going to happen.

I read books, articles and Timelines from various writers each having their own opinion to their prophetic timeline. I must say, most were identical in some respect and others were far off. I saved some articles which help me understand events and the time in which they are going to happen. This month topic is one of those articles that I saved and I would like to pass it on to you.

At this time, I would like to say this article DOES NOT include everything the scripture says about the events that will happen at that time. It’s easy reading and straight forward. I included the website where the article was taken and I added comments of my own noted with an \*and RED text to include **BOLD** Text to indicate emphasis. As always, feedback is always welcome. With that said, God Bless and let’s get started.

Your Brother in Christ, Tony Gonzalez

**1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

**Events of the Final Seven Years - A Timeline**

https://www.endtime.com/articles-endtime-magazine/events-final-seven-years/

The Bible foretells a final **seven-year period** that will immediately **precede the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus to the earth**. It also describes the specific event that will **mark the beginning of this Final Seven Years**. That’s the reason we call this prophesied event “the prophecy with a date on it.” All we have to do is watch for the initial event that marks the beginning of the timeline to then know that only seven years remain until the culmination.

It is of utmost importance that each of us understands this final seven-year timeline of events, for our generation will undoubtedly live during the fulfillment of these prophecies. In order to understand what lies ahead, we must remove those imaginary blindfolds by learning what the Bible prophesies about the events that will take place along the final seven-year timeline.

**Middle East Peace Treaty Marks “The Beginning”**

**Daniel 9:27** prophesies that the Antichrist will confirm a covenant with many for a final seven-year period. \* “This Covenant “Begins the Seven Year Period”

* **27** And he shall make a strong **covenant** with many **for one week**,[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+9&version=ESV#fen-ESV-22016g)] and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

This accord will be a confirmation of **God’s covenant with Abraham** that Israel would always have a homeland in the Promised Land **–** \* “God has never promise any Real Estate to anyone but to Israel”

**Genesis 15:18**.

* On that day, the **Lord made a covenant** with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I givethis land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

The fulfillment of this prophecy will be the signing of *a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.* The prophesied agreement must do three things:

**1)** Establish a Palestinian state in Judea (the West Bank).

**2)** Allow the Jewish settlers presently living in Judea to remain in their homes, living as a Jewish minority in the new Palestinian state.

**3)** Place the Temple Mount under an internationally supervised sharing arrangement allowing both Jews and Muslims to worship there.

\* “I am not 100% in the above agreement. As of this BSL, I could not verify agreement”

When you see the prophesied peace agreement, know assuredly that the Final Seven Years to the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ have begun!

**The Sixth Trumpet War**

At this juncture, it must be noted that a war is coming that will emanate from the Middle East region and result in the killing of one-third of the world’s population. This war is called the Sixth Trumpet War because it will occur at the sounding of the Sixth Trumpet as described in **Revelation 9:13-18**. This war will take place just before, or shortly after, the peace agreement is signed.

* **13** Then the **sixth angel blew his trumpet**, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God,
* **14** saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”
* **15** So the **four angels**, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, **were released to kill a third of mankind.**
* **16** The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number.
* **17** And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+9&version=ESV#fen-ESV-30842c)] and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths.
* **18** By these three plagues **a third of mankind was killed**, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths.

The Bible does tell us that it must take place, at the latest, before the final three and one-half years begins. It could conceivably happen at any time now.

In the aftermath of the Sixth Trumpet War, in which 2.3 billion human beings will have died, the cry for a global organization that can prevent war will be deafening. The International Community will adopt a world-governing entity to eliminate the possibility of a global war ever taking place again. The nations of the world will surrender their sovereignty to the \*new world government so that it can eliminate war completely.

\*Commonly called New World Order

This world government will be the culmination of years of planning that have already been in progress. For several years, it had been generally believed that there were two major causes for war on earth–conflicts between nations and conflicts between religions. The solution was simple in the minds of the global leaders:

(1) Do away with the nation-states and force everyone on earth to pledge allegiance to one single, ultimate political authority–a world government.

(2) Abolish the doctrinal differences between all religious organizations and coerce church leaders to sign declarations of unity with a single, all-inclusive religious authority–a world religion.

The Bible predicts that these two entities will be governed by a duo of the most deceitful, demonic humans that have ever lived. To begin with, a leader will arise from Europe **–**

**Daniel 7:8**

* **8**  I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

that will have aided in the negotiations for the prophesied peace agreement. He will be a great orator and administrator, but with an ulterior motive in mind–a wolf in sheep’s clothing, if you will. He will eventually seize the reigns of influence and be the most powerful politician in Europe. From this powerbase, he will maneuver himself into control of the emerging world government.

At the beginning of his administration, this ascending world leader will be viewed, by many, as the next great peacemaker. But to those who know their Bibles, he will shortly be recognized as the Antichrist!

Simultaneous with the emergence of the prophesied world government will be the birth of a global religious system. Interfaithism, as it is already being called, will be a union of Catholicism and Protestantism under the leadership of the pope. This religious union will be founded on the belief that Jews, Muslims and Christians all worship the same God while calling him by different names. Interfaithism will attempt to embrace all the religions of the world. Scripture is clear that this religious union will be led by the \*pope. Whoever is pope, at the time of the Antichrist, will fill the prophesied role of the False Prophet. Even Roman Catholics believe there is an evil pope coming.

\* Many bible theologians believe the Pope will be the leader of the “One World Religion”. I can’t seem to find scripture saying so but could be implied. Below I included an article written by Gerard O”Connell, Feb. 4, 2019 on Pope Francis view point in religion. I recommend you visit the website and read the reminder of the article.

“There is no alternative: We either build the future together or there will not be a future,” [Pope Francis](https://www.americamagazine.org/pope-francis) said frankly in an important keynote address to participants at the high-level inter-religious meeting in Abu Dhabi on Feb. 4.

“Religions, in particular, cannot renounce the urgent task of building bridges between peoples and cultures,” he told the 700 representatives of Islam, Christianity, Judaism and other religions at an open-air gathering at the memorial to the founding father of the United Arab Emirates.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/02/04/pope-francis-worlds-religious-leaders-we-build-future-together-or-there-will-be-no>

Additional reading of interest is ”One-World Church Expected This Year”. It did not happen because the article was written in March 1997. As you can see, interest has been going on for some time.

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=166

By the mid-way point of the final seven years, the world government, led by the Antichrist and the world religion **(Revelation 13:11-14 and Chapters 17 through 18)**, headed by the False Prophet, will have control over the majority of the world’s population.

**First Three and One-Half Years**

When the final seven years begins, **Revelation 11:1-2** states that the Temple Mount in Jerusalem will be placed under a sharing arrangement between \*Jews and Muslims.

\* **Revelation 11:2** says . . . *“for it is given over to the nations”*. Writer of article implies the nations refers to the Jews and Muslims.

The Jewish people will be allowed to build their Third Temple **(2 Thessalonians 2:4 and Revelation 11:1-2)** on the Temple Mount. When the temple is completed, animal sacrifices will be will be resumed **(Daniel 9:27)**, just as was done in Old Testament times.

\*The offering of animal sacrifices in the temple will quickly escalate into a world crisis. The animal rights activists will demand that the Antichrist stop this slaughter of animals. This dispute, over the animal sacrifices, will quickly lead to an event the Bible calls the Abomination of Desolation. \*Writers opinion

**Abomination of Desolation at the Midway Point**

Once we reach the middle of this final seven-year period, prophetic fulfillments will rapidly increase with many events happening almost simultaneously

The first of these events will be the stopping of the sacrifices at the Abomination of Desolation. **Daniel 11:31** foretells this event, “And arms shall stand on his part, and they (the Antichrist and his partners) shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.”

It appears that stopping the sacrifices and the Abomination of Desolation will occur at the same time. Apparently, the Antichrist will explain that the sacrifices are no longer needed because he is the Messiah and God. **2 Thessalonians 2:4** states that he will sit in the temple of God while claiming to be God. In this passage, the Apostle Paul described this event as the “revealing” of the man of sin (the Antichrist).

\*It should also be mentioned that whoever is pope, at the time of the Abomination of Desolation, will assume his role as the False Prophet. He will be the leader of the world religious system and will perform miracles before the people of the world **(Revelation 13:13-14)**. Through these miracles, he will influence the world to pledge its allegiance to the Antichrist.

\* Note: The writer is assuming the Pope will be the False Prophet. Again, I can’t seem to find scripture saying so but could be implied. The false prophet of the end times is described in [Revelation 13:11-15](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2013.11-15). He is also referred to as the “second beast” ([Revelation 16:13](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2016.13), [19:20](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2019.20), [20:10](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2020.10)). Together with the Antichrist and Satan, who empowers both of them, the false prophet is the third party in the unholy trinity.

**The Great Tribulation Begins**

(Second Three One-Half years’ period)

Simultaneous with the Abomination of Desolation, there will be a war in Heaven **(Daniel 12:1 and Revelation 12:7-10)**. Michael and his angels defeat Satan and his angels, confining them to the earth. **Revelation 12:12** says, “…Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” This is the beginning of the three and one-half years of tribulation when Satan will persecute Israel and the true church of Jesus Christ. This is the same tribulation period that Jesus spoke of in **Matthew 24:15-21**. Once the Abomination of Desolation occurs, Jesus warned the Jews living in Judea (the West Bank) to flee into the mountains, “…For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

In the midst of all this chaos, God will send his two witnesses **(Revelation 11:3)** to begin their ministries, which will last the next twelve hundred and sixty days (three and one-half years).

**Last Three and One-Half Years**

During the last half of the final seven years, many events will occur, setting the stage for the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

\*It is at this time that the Antichrist and the False Prophet will fully implement the economic system, known as the Mark of the Beast **(Revelation 13:16-18)**. Economic control will be used to force the citizens of the world to comply with the dictates of the one-world government and the one-world religion. The plan will be to give everyone on earth his own unique identification number that will be necessary to function in society. If any individual does not submit, obey and pledge allegiance to the Antichrist and his supreme authority, that person’s number will be invalidated. He will not be permitted to hold a job or to participate in the global economy.

\*Note: Beside not been able to buy, sell or wordship, they would be slain. **Revelation 13:15 . . . *“****so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain”.*

All the while, God’s two witnesses **(Revelation 11:3-12)** will be prophesying, performing miracles and smiting the earth with plagues. However, at the end of their ministries, the Antichrist and his world governing system will kill them. Their bodies will lie in the streets of Jerusalem for three and one-half days, while the international media broadcasts the entire incident to the world. After the three and one-half days are finished, the Lord will raise them from the dead and call them up to Heaven, while the whole world watches in amazement.

**The End of the Final Seven Years**

At the end of this seven-year period, two of the most recognizable prophecies in the Bible will take place – the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Quite similar to Charles Dickens’ statement in his book, *A Tale of Two Cities*, this will be the best of times for some and the worst of times for others.

Surrounding these two prophecies will be quite a number of significant events, all leading to the culmination of this age and the beginning of the one-thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on earth.

At the very end of the Great Tribulation, the seven vials (plagues) of the Wrath of God will be poured out **(Revelation 16:1-21)**. The first vial is poured out on those who have received the Mark of the Beast during the tribulation period. When the sixth vial is poured out, the Great River Euphrates will be dried up in preparation for the Kings of the East to make their way down toward Israel for the Battle of Armageddon.

Once the Sixth Vial is poured out, **Revelation 16:15** gives a last-minute warning to the inhabitants of the earth, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.”

Then, in verse 16, the prophecy ominously says, “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”

**Armageddon**

\*The international armies of the UN will invade Israel from the north. The battle will be joined at the Plain of Megiddo in northern Israel. Israel will fight valiantly against the world government armies. However, the Israeli Defense Forces will fall back, slowly but surely, before the superior firepower of the world government.

\* Note: The writer writes “The international armies of the UN will invade Israel from the north”. I disagree with the writer staying the “UN” will invade Israel. UN will be Non-Existing at that time. This is a topic for another day in its self.

The conflict will proceed with Israel retreating toward its capital; Jerusalem. After days of exhausting battle, Israel will make her last stand within the walls of Jerusalem. In spite of heroic efforts by the Israeli soldiers, the Jewish people will find themselves facing defeat by the armies of the Antichrist.

It is at this time that the Seventh and Last Trumpet will sound! Jesus Christ will return to gather the elect from the earth **(Matthew 24:29-31)**, have the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and go with His saints to fight on behalf of Israel at the Battle of Armageddon **(Revelation 19)**.

During the Battle of Armageddon, the Seventh Vial will be poured out upon the earth. This will result in great hailstones being rained upon those armies that have come down to fight against Israel at Armageddon.

**Zechariah 14:4** tells us that Jesus will place His feet on the Mount of Olives just outside of Jerusalem when He comes to the earth. When this happens, there will be a huge earthquake that splits the Mount of Olives in two, killing seven thousand people in the City of Jerusalem.

When Jesus touches down on the Mount of Olives, all of Israel will rush out to meet Him. When they bow before their Messiah, they will notice the nail scars in His hands and feet. They will realize He is Jesus and will receive Him as their Lord and their God. **(Zechariah 12:10 and 13:6)**. Scripture tells us that all of Israel will be saved at this time **(Romans 11:25-26)**.

**Judgments**

At the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, He will appear as a loving, merciful savior to those who have obeyed His Word and allowed Him to be the Lord of their lives. But, to those who did not obey His Word and receive Him as Lord, He will return in vengeful flaming fire to execute judgment!

True religion is God’s method of saving the world. False religion is the most effective way of leading people away from the truth. That’s why God devotes two entire chapters of the Book of Revelation, detailing the horrible judgments that God will pour out upon the False Prophet and his false religious system. The same global earthquake that kills 7,000 in Jerusalem will completely destroy the “City of Seven Hills”–Rome **(Revelation 16:19 & 17:9)**. Describing the destruction of Rome in Revelation 18:8, the scripture states, “Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”

It is also at the Battle of Armageddon, when God will tear down the world governing system of the Antichrist. This is the same socialistic, godless entity that will have implemented the Mark of the Beast and caused so many to turn from God towards a humanistic solution to solve the problems of the world. It will be the end of human government on earth, and the ushering in of the Kingdom of God **(Daniel 7:9)**.

Because of their iniquities and deceitfulness, the leader of the world government, the Antichrist, and the head of the global religious system, the False Prophet, will both be cast into the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 19:20** records the event, “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the Mark of the Beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

Finally, Satan is bound for the next one thousand years, **Revelation 20:2**, “And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.”

**Kingdom of God**

At the Battle of Armageddon, the Lord will eliminate all human governments here on earth. He will set up His government, the Kingdom of God, which will reign supreme on earth for the next one thousand years. **Revelation 11:15** states, “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” Furthermore, **Daniel 2:44** states, “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

It will be perfect peace on earth for the next one thousand years. The saints will rule and reign with the Lord in this kingdom, and it will be governed according to Biblical principles.