

GOD's 7000 YEAR-AGENDA

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3983 BCE – 2017 CE



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4 Blood Moons and 2 Solar Eclipses at GOD's Holy Days

15/04/2014

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The Author started to study the Scriptures in-depth to find out whether the probability exists that the period of the Great Tribulation could overlap with the dates listed in the table below.

Tribulation	
3 ½ years:	September 2011 - March 2015 contractions before the Tribulation
1/2 year:	March 2015 - September 2015 Tribulation
1 year:	September 2015 - September 2016 Great Tribulation
1 year:	September 2016 - September 2017 Great Tribulation
	September 2017 - September 2018 Year of YAHWEH <i>(Beginning of the Millennial Kingdom reign 2017 or 2018?)</i>

The following pages contain the essence of the examination the Author started to prove or disprove the dates above and the overall possibility of the ‘Great Tribulation’ described in the Bible to occur in contemporary time. The final check-up brought only a “slight” time difference to light. The reason for the time gap is that there can be an up to ‘3 ½ year time difference’ between the beginning of the Tribulation for GOD’s children and the beginning of the Tribulation for the children of the “world”.

Apostle Peter gave keen insight into this subject, reassuring that “judgment begins at the house of GOD”. Because HIS children shall be trialed and scrutinized first, their Tribulation period will end earlier.

Consequently, depending on group affiliation the individual “Tribulation” experience for each human being will commence earlier or later. Please note: YAHWEH, that is, the ETERNAL ONE¹ (YHVH) has set an expiration date. Everyone can choose to “switch sides” until then.

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Chapter 1: THE 7000 (6000 + 1000) YEAR AGENDA OF GOD ALMIGHTY YHVH [\[Top\]](#)

The 7000 Year Plan of YHVH is not a new age concept.

You come across this teaching, which is derived from the Bible, already in the Books of Irenaeus² (Bishop of the early Church, 130 CE – 202 CE³).

GOD – who controls all things – reveals in the Scriptures that at ‘the time appointed,’ the “End Time World Order” will be destroyed and Jesus Christ (Heb.: Yahshua Messiah) will take over and establish His Millennial Kingdom.

Revelation 11:15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our GOD, and of his Messiah; and he shall reign forever and ever.*

But when will this happen? Are there any clues in the Holy Bible, which might lead to the year and maybe even to the season of His return (1.Thess 5:1, 4)? The answer is YES!

To be able to uncover GOD’S “hidden” message, we have to start recognizing that the Bible contains accurate data. The Holy Bible is not a fairy-tale book, as some in the world try to make us believe!

As a matter of fact, when you bring together the evidence contained in the “Old” Testament and the “New” Testament, you are able to count the years from the creation of Adam (3983 BCE⁴) to the Millennium of Jesus Christ (2017 CE).

This English e-book is a shortened version including new discernments. It contains the essence and may give you a good understanding of GOD’S plan for mankind. The unabridged original German e-book can be downloaded without charge e.g. at http://issuu.com/eli.yah/docs/gottes_7000_jahres-agenda_2015.

Chapter 2: GOD'S TIMETABLE – FROM ADAM TO THE MILLENNIUM OF JESUS CHRIST

Table 1

GOD'S TIMETABLE FROM ADAM TO THE MILLENNIUM OF JESUS CHRIST (3983 BCE - 2017 CE)				
Source	Father	Age when he fathered his son	Biblical Calendar Year (BK) ⁵	Before Common Era (BCE) ⁶
Creation of Adam	GOD		0	3983
Genesis 5:3	Adam	130	130	3853
Genesis 5:6	Seth	105	235	3748
Genesis 5:9	Enosh	90	325	3658
Genesis 5:12	Cainan	70	395	3588
Genesis 5:15	Mahalaleel	65	460	3523
Genesis 5:18	Jared	162	622	3361
Genesis 5:21	Enoch	65	687	3296
Genesis 5:25	Methuselah	187	874	3109
Genesis 5:28	Lamech	182	1056	2927
Source	Calculation	Years between the birth of Noah and the end of the Flood	BK	BCE
Genesis 8:13 Year of the Flood	Noah ⁷	601	1657	2326
Source	Father	Years from the Flood until Shem fathered Arpachshad		
Genesis 11:10	Shem	2		
Source	Father	Age when he fathered his son		
Genesis 11:12	Arpachshad	35		
Genesis 11:14	Salah	30		
Genesis 11:16	Eber	34		
Genesis 11:18	Peleg	30		

Genesis 11:20	Reu	32		
Genesis 11:22	Serug	30		
Genesis 11:24	Nahor	29		
Source	Father of Abraham	Age of Terah when he died		
Genesis 11:32	Terah ⁸	205		
Source	Calculation	Years passed between the flood and the death of Terah	BK	BCE
Genesis 11:10-32, 12:1-4; Acts 7:4. After the death of Terah Abram departs from Haran at the age of 75 years.	$2 + 35 + 30 + 34 + 30 + 32 + 30 + 29 + 205 = 427$	427	2084	1899
Source	Age of Abraham, when he left Haran.			
Genesis 12:4	75			
Source	Calculation	Years between Abraham left Haran, and the everlasting Covenant		
Genesis 12:4, 17:1-10	$99 - 75 = 24$	24		
Source	Calculation	Age of Abraham when God granted him the everlasting covenant	BK	BCE
Genesis 17:1-10	$2084 \text{ BK} + 24 = 2108 \text{ BK}$	99	2108	1875
Source		Years between the covenant and the Exodus		
Galatians 3:16-17		430		
Source	Calculation	Year of the Exodus (Israel's Exodus from Egypt).	BK	BCE
Year of the Exodus. Genesis 17:1-10. Galatians 3:16-17.	$2108 \text{ BK} + 430 = 2538 \text{ BK}$	2538 BK	2538	1445⁹

Source	Calculation	Years between the Exodus and the construction of Solomon's Temple		
1.Kings 6:1		480		
Source	Calculation	Year of the Construction of Solomon's Temple	BK	BCE
Construction of Solomon's Temple. 1.Kings 6:1	2538 BK + 480 = 3018 BK	3018 BK	3018	965¹⁰
Source	Calculation	Years between Solomon's coronation, and the construction of the Temple.		
1.Kings 6:1		-4		
Source	Calculation	Solomon was crowned as King of Israel (BK)	BK	BCE
1.Kings 6:1	3018 BK - 4 = 3014 BK	3014	3014	969
Source		Solomon reigned 40 years as King of Israel.		
1.Kings 11:42		40		
Source	Calculation	Year of Solomon's death. (Coronation of Rehoboam) (BK)	BK	BCE
1.Kings 11:42	3014 BK + 40 = 3054 BK	3054	3054	929
Source	20 Kings of Judah	Years as King	BK	BCE
1.Kings 14:21	1. Rehoboam		3054	929
1.Kings 14:21	Rehoboam	17		
1.Kings 15:1-2	2. Abijam		3071	912
1.Kings 15:1-2	Abijam	3		
1.Kings 15:9-10	3. ASA		3074	909
1.Kings 15:9-10	ASA	41		
1.Kings 22:41-42	4. Jehoshaphat		3115	868
1.Kings 22:41-42	Jehoshaphat	25		
2.Kings 8:16-17	5. Jehoram		3140	843

2.Kings 8:16-17	Jehoram	8		
2.Kings 8:25-26	6. Ahaziah		3148	835
2.Kings 8:25-26	Ahaziah	1		
2.Kings 11:1-3	7. Athaliah		3149	834
2.Kings 11:1-3	Athaliah	6		
2.Kings 12:1-2	8. Jehoash		3155	828
2.Kings 12:1-2	Jehoash	40		
2.Kings 14:1-2	9. Amaziah		3195	788
2.Kings 14:1-2	Amaziah	29		
2.Kings 15:1-2	10. Azariah = Uzziah		3224	759
2.Kings 15:1-2	Azariah = Uzziah	52		
2.Kings 15:32-33	11. Jotham		3276	707
2.Kings 15:32-33	Jotham	16		
2.Kings 16:1-2	12. Ahaz		3292	691
2.Kings 16:1-2	Ahaz	16		
2.Kings 18:1-2	13. Hezekiah		3308	675.
2.Kings 18:1-2	Hezekiah	29		
2.Kings 17:1, 6 ;	End of the Israel, the Northern Kingdom (composed of 10 Tribes)	Fist invasion 720 BCE; total annihilation 670 BCE (see Table 2)	3313	670
2.Kings 21:1-2	14. Manasseh		3337	646
2.Kings 21:1-2	Manasseh	55		
2.Kings 21:18-19	15. Amon		3392	591
2.Kings 21:18-19	Amon	2		
2.Kings 22:1	16. Joshia		3394	589
2.Kings 22:1	Joshia	31		
2.Kings 23:31	17. Jehoahaz		3425	558
2.Kings 23:31	Jehoahaz	0.25		
2.Kings 23:36	18. Jehoiakim		3425,25	557.75
2.Kings 23:36	Jehoiakim	11		
2.Kings 24:8	19. Jehoiachin		3436,25	546.75

2.Kings 24:8	Jehoiachin	0.25		
2.Kings 25:1-3	20. Zedekiah		3436,5	546.5
2.Kings 25:1-3	Zedekiah	11		
2.Kings 25:1-30	The End of Judah, the Southern Kingdom (composed of 2 Tribes)		3447,5	535.5
Source	Calculation	Difference	BK*	CE (Common Era)
	3447,5 BK + 2552,5 = 6000 BK	2552,5		
Timetable last updated: 29/07/2015	Millennium of Yahshua Messiah – Our Savior’s thousand year reign on earth (YAHshua means YAH’s salvation)	*BK refers to the Biblical Calendar year correlating to the continuous year since the creation of Adam	6000	2017

When you add the numbers from the Bible (see table above) 1657 + 427 + 24 + 430 + 480 + 965 BCE you will obtain the calendar year 3983 BCE as the year of Adam's creation.

Add to the calendar year 3983 BCE the current calendar year 2015 CE and you will discover, that 5998 years have already elapsed since the creation of Adam.

Consequently, in 2017 CE 6000 years will have passed since the Creation and the 1000 year reign of Yahshua Ha Mashiach will be initiated.

Chapter 3: YAHWEH, GOD OF ALL CREATION [\[Top\]](#)

GOD'S Word confirms in Jeremiah 32:27 and Numbers 16:22 that HE is the GOD (Heb.: ELOHIM pl.) of all flesh. HE makes the rules. Thus, disobedient "workforce" or "rebellious, immature children" are not able to change HIS status. They can expect judgment in due time.

GOD'S plan of deliverance encompasses the whole world.

Since the beginning of time, YAHWEH is working persistently with all of mankind, individually and collectively. We are all part of HIS creation and if we respect HIM and obey HIM as our "Master", we can become HIS "chosen people". GOD is not a respecter of persons, but in every nation who ever fears HIM and practices righteousness is accepted by HIM (c.f. Acts 10:34-35; Deut 10:17; 2Chr 19:7). HE grants to all repentance to life (Acts 11:18).

Isaiah 19: 25 [Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance](#) (c.f. Isa 19:23-25, 44:28, 45:1-25; Jer 27:6).

Even though, YHVH is the CREATOR of the heavens, the earth and the sea, and everything that is in it, HE has given every earthling the power to decide whether he merely wants to be part of HIS creation story, or if he wants to get to know HIM intimately, and by so doing become a treasured family member of HIS. Everyone can choose to become HIS child and honor HIM as his FATHER.

The Bible *is* given to all mankind by inspiration of GOD. Studying the Holy Scriptures will make you wise unto salvation, and applying it will give you abundant life and peace beyond understanding.

2 Timothy 3: 15-17 [And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.](#)

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

YHVH's biblical principles and values dominate every aspect of HIS children's public and private life.

Both the "Old" (OT) and the "Renewed" (NT) Testament never loses sight of the great fact of universality and GOD's purposes for the entire world. There is only one Way of Salvation – through GOD's redemptive plan. The great truth of revealed relationship with HIM is that one is chosen for the purpose of being the instrument and channel of GOD's mercy and grace to 'the nations' of the whole earth. The Spirit of GOD dwelling in the heart is able to counteract the strongest force of the evil nature. The grace of GOD is more than sufficient to meet every need. Do you believe that?

Chapter 4: The Chosen People – GOD'S Israel [\[Top\]](#)

Who and where are YHVH's people?

In the book of beginnings (Genesis) we learn that Adam was the first man whom GOD created. He was formed out of the dust of red earth (and hence his name Adam). **Adam**¹¹ is the generic word for **man, mankind or earthling**¹².

Eve¹³ was built from the flank of man and means literally **the mother of all living** (Gen 3:20) humans, male and female. The science of archaeogenetics confirms the existence of the mitochondrial Eve, that is, every man and woman alive today can trace their ancestry back to a single woman. Her counterpart is the Y-Chromosome Adam.

Look around, you are surrounded by "relatives by mitochondria"!

Because Adam and Eve are the "well" of all human beings, they procreated them in their likeness, i.e. with their carnal minds (c.f. Rom 5:14; 1Cor 15:45, 22, 47, 49; Gen 5:3).

YHVH has chosen to direct mankind's attention to specific persons and nations in the Bible, documenting their lives and the events surrounding them, to train and teach the “spiritually immature” reader in becoming more Christ-minded and discerning between good and evil (c.f. 1Cor 10:1-6; Heb 4:11; 2Tim 3:16). **Ultimately**, the mature will bear the image of the righteous Messiah YAHSHUA and will live in THEIR kingdom (1Cor 15:49; Rom 9:8; Rev 20:6, 1:5-6).

In the Bible we learn that GOD brings HIS fiery indignation on nations or individuals when their *“time is full”, that is when they have filled the measure of their sins and guilt*. As instrument of HIS righteous judgment HE uses often other nations. The judgment on the subdued nation implies simultaneously a warning to the conqueror to keep YHVH's commandments (Mica 6:8) or receive the same fate (Deut 9:4-6; Judges 2:23, 3:3) when their GOD ordained “time is full”, i.e. when they have filled the measure of their sins.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are collectively known as the Patriarchs. They continued the nomadic traditions of their ancestors (Gen 12:46; Heb). The Patriarchs and Moses are the 4 major figures of the Torah (first 5 books of the Bible). Each of the four men “discovered” ELOHIM for himself, and each time anew.

The territory defined in the Bible as the area between the Nile and the Euphrates is known to the Hebrews as the “promised land” (Gen 15:18, Ex 33:1). This promise will be fulfilled in the temporary millennial era of Messiah.

The history of Abraham made a wide and deep impression on the ancient world, and references to it are interwoven in the chief religious traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. **Abraham** is called “the friend of GOD” (James 2:23), “faithful Abraham” (Gal. 3:9), “**the spiritual father of all**” who are of his faith (Rom. 4:16), because he obeyed YHVH's voice, and kept HIS charge, HIS commandments, HIS statutes, and HIS laws (Gen 26:5).

Abraham, the **Hebrew** fathered Ishmael and the son of promise Isaac. Abraham's concubine gave birth to additional 6 sons.

Isaac is the father of Esau and Jacob.

Jacob was **renamed** by GOD to **Israel**. Israel fathered a daughter and **12 sons** (1Chronicles 1:34, 2:1-2). It was in memory of Jacob, that his descendants – the Hebrews – took the name “children of Israel”. The sons of Jacob

became the founders of the **tribes of Israel**, including Ephraim and Manasseh, **two** of Joseph's sons which were **adopted** by their grandfather Jacob. Thus Ephraim and Manasseh, half-Egyptians, were assimilated into the family of the Hebrews. **Their descendants are called the children of Israel or the house of Israel.**

In 1Chronicles 1:27-54; 2:1-2 we see that **Abraham is not only a physical ancestor of ancient Israel, but** also the physical ancestor **of many other nations** (gentiles) that practice male circumcision in the flesh (Gen 17:25; Jer 9:25-26).

Abraham and his descendents are termed by secular writers as the ancestors of the **Semites**. The term "Semitic" is derived from the name Shem one of the three sons of Noah (Gen. 10:21-30), or more precisely from the Greek rendering of the name, Sēm – consequently, both Jews and Muslims are Semites¹⁴.

Note: Until the 18th century the languages Hebrew, Arabic and Aramaic were commonly known as the "*Oriental languages*"¹⁵ because of their affinity. In the 19th century the adverse terminology "*Semitic languages*" became the conventional name, comprising languages spoken by the peoples of the North-Arabians, the South-Arabians, the Abyssinians (ancient and modern Ethiopic), the ancient Akkadians (Babylonians and Assyrians), the various Aramaic tribes, the Hebrews and their kindred (the Moabites, which are the descendants of Lot's son Moab and Edomites, which are the descendants of Esau), the Canaanites (descendants of Ham's son Canaan) and their kindred (the Phoenicians and their colonies). The *latter classification* was criticized because it does not factor in the fact that Canaan is listed in the genealogy of Noah's son Ham and not Shem (Sēm). Remember Shem received the blessing and Ham's grandson Canaan was cursed. While Hebrew and Canaanite are virtually the "same" language, the Babylonian language as a branch and close relative is a type of "dialect".

In modern times, the term "*Syro-Arabian languages*" has been proposed.

History snapshot: After Salomon's death in 929 BCE (see Table 1) the Davidic Kingdom (consisting of the 12 Israelite tribes and their respective territories) was divided into **Judah, the southern kingdom** (consisting of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin) and **Israel, the northern kingdom** (consisting of 10 tribes). The northern kingdom

was also called Ephraim or Samaria with its capital Samaria; its inhabitants were called *Israelites*. The inhabitants of Judah, the southern kingdom were called *Judeans*, i.e. *Jews*.

720 BCE (see Table 2) **the northern kingdom was conquered by the Assyrians**. Then in 670 BCE the Israelites were carried away to Assyria (2Kings 17:23). They intermingled with heathen nations and lost their identity. The king of Assyria brought men from five foreign nations with their heathen cults and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel and thus was formed the Samaritan nation (2 Kings 17:24-29).

Judah, the southern kingdom held its ground against the empire of Assyria and stayed politically independent until it fell under Babylonian domination.

535.5 BCE (see Table 4) **Judah**, the southern kingdom with its capital Jerusalem was **destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon**. The inhabitants were brought as captives to Babylon were some of them intermarried into other nations. The children they begat lost their heritage (Nehemiah 13:23-24; Ezra 10:10-11, 18-44).

After the Babylonian Exile the city of Jerusalem, which is in Judah became the rallying-point of a number of dispersed of at least (Neh 10:29) *three tribes (Judah, Benjamin and Levi – Ezra 1:5)* and the inhabitants conferred to themselves as Judean, i.e. Jews. One of their neighbor's, referred to as the *people of the land* were the *Samaritans* (Ezra 4:2, 10) who still lived in some of the territories of Israel in Jesus' times.

According to scholars the religion of Judaisms¹⁶ (pl.) is not monolithic but highly variegated and evolved around the first century C.E.

NAMES IN THE BIBLE HAVE MEANING

Names in the Bible carry messages. They show the character, the history, the destiny or the particular nature of the name holder. A man's "destiny" can change, when he amends his ways. When GOD moulds the inward man, HE sometimes exhibits this outwardly through a change of name.

In commemoration of GOD Almighty's promises, the patriarch's name was changed from Abram to Abraham (Gen. 17:4, 5); Sarai's name was changed to Sarah (Gen 17:15).

Gen 17: 4-5 *As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.*
5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

The meaning of Abraham is, as we can see in the Scripture above 'Father of many Nations'.

The meaning of Sarah's name is 'princess of the multitude'.

In Gen 14:13 we learn that Abraham was called a Hebrew from his allies. Hebrew is a name also applied to the children of Israel in Scripture by one who is a foreigner (Gen. 39:14, 17; 41:12, etc.), or by the Israelites when they speak of themselves to foreigners (40:15; Ex. 1:19), or to make a contrast between Hebrews and foreigners (Acts 6:1; Phil. 3:5; Gen. 43:32; Ex. 1:3, 7, 15; Deut. 15:12).

Let's remember, Abraham **passed over** the sea of the Euphrates (that makes fruitful¹⁷) from Ur (fire), Chaldea (as demons) which is Babylon (confusion) to Haran (mountainous country) where he conversed with El Shaddai (GOD of Mountain tops or GOD Almighty). Then he passed over the Jordan (the river of judgment) into a new life. He and his household came among the Canaanites (merchant) as a man from **beyond** the Euphrates (Gen. 14:13) where he was termed Hebrew (one who passed over or sojourner).

The derivation of the term Hebrew is disputed even though the meaning is at large similar.

The name Hebrew is derived, according to some, from Eber (Gen. 10:24; 11:14), the ancestor of Abraham. The Hebrews are “sons of Eber” (10:21). The word Eber¹⁸ means **beyond** or **one that passes**.

Others trace the name from Hebron¹⁹ (Gen 13:18) of a Hebrew root-word signifying “**to pass over**,” and hence regard it as meaning “**the man who passed over**”.

A third derivation of the word has been suggested, viz., that it is from the Hebrew word *'abhar*, “**to pass over**,” whence *'ebher*, in the sense of a “sojourner” or “passer through” as distinct from a “settler” in the land, and thus applies to the condition of Abraham (Heb. 11:13).

Note: The heroes of faith all confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. They plainly declared that they seek a better, that is a “heavenly” country; wherefore GOD is not ashamed to be called their GOD; for HE has prepared for them a city (New Jerusalem, the city of peace, c.f. Heb 11:13-16; Rev 21).

YHVH brings HIS people out from the house of bondage, to bring them into the house of HIS own Son, whose spiritual house we are, being build up a holy nation (Heb 3:6; 1Pet 2:5).

ELOHIM translates HIS people out from death into life, from darkness into HIS kingdom of light.

Abram left his father’s house, crossed over from the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldeans, that is Babylon (Gen 11:28), to become Abraham a child of GOD and the father of many nations, to establish the land of the Hebrews (Gen 40:15).

Are you given a new name, a new identity, even a new nationality?

The obedient and faithful follower of Jesus Christ is the spiritual offspring of Abraham, a child of the promise, grafted into the vine of Israel and part of the New Jerusalem; according to Eph 3:14-15 the whole family is called by HIS name or named by HIM; their citizenship is in heaven (Phil 3:20).

Rom 9:6-8 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For *they are not all Israel, which are of Israel*: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they all children*: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. *That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God*: but the **children of the promise are counted for the seed.**

Jacob²⁰ means ‘**One who follows on another’s heels**’, ‘**supplanter**’ or ‘**cheater**’ (Gen. 25:26; 27:36; Hos. 12:2-8). His dealing with Esau his brother showed much mean selfishness and cunning (Gen. 25:29-34). Jacob contended with Esau, the firstborn, not only for his father’s love and attention but also for financial resources. Jacob wanted to bring about by his own power and might what GOD had promised him. The tension was about seemingly limited resources, namely who was going to be the patriarch and inherit the blessings.

Israel is the name conferred on Jacob as a memorial after spending the night in communion with GOD in a great prayer-struggle, because “**as a prince he wrestled with GOD and with man, had power with GOD and prevailed.**” The place where this occurred he called Peniel, “for”, said he, “I have seen GOD face to face, and my life is preserved” (Gen 32:25-31; 35:10; Jer 20:7).

Jacob’s journey tells the account of a man’s spiritual evolution. Jacob had to *wrestle with himself* to stay present and keep persevering in face of Esau and what was arising. He was besieged by doubt and fear. By *wrestling with GOD until he was certain of GOD’s divine favor on his life*, he made a major step in his spiritual development and was able to create a legacy of his own with GOD. **With putting trust in GOD’s covenantal promises and blessings Jacob was able to move from fear to trust, from doubt to faith, from despair to hope, from narrowness to expansive freedom and possibilities to emerge as Israel.** He *passed over* the river Jabbok (Heb.: wrestling) in faith to *experience grace* in the sight of GOD and of his brother Esau and to learn that **YHVH fulfils HIS promises in due time.**

Israel is also the common name given to Jacob’s descendants. The whole people of the “thirteen” tribes (incl. the tribe of Levi – who received as temporary priesthood no inheritance in the land and the 2 sons of Joseph – Manasseh and Ephraim – who were adopted by their grandfather) are called “Israelites,” the “children of Israel”

(Josh. 3:17; 7:25; Judg. 8:27; Jer. 3:21), and the “house of Israel” (Ex. 16:31; 40:38). After the split of the united kingdom the northern kingdom took the name Israel.

Note: the term Israel is sometimes used emphatically for the true Israel (Ps. 73:1; Isa. 45:17; 49:3; John 1:47; Rom. 9:6; 11:26).

Jeshurun is a poetical name for the people of Israel, used in token of affection, meaning “the dear upright people” (Deut. 32:15; 33:5, 26; Isa. 44:2).

Judah is one tribe of Israel. **According to Gen 29:35 the meaning of Judah is ‘Praise YAH’.**

Gen 29:35 [And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.](#)

Originally a descendant of Judah, later an inhabitant of Judah (southern kingdom), was termed a Judean, i.e. Jew. Consequently, a Jew is considered to be someone who praises YAH.

According to the Hebraic word explanation, everyone will be called by GOD HIS dear upright

- **Hebrew**, who follows GOD and so passes over from death into life
- **Judean**, i.e. Jew, who praises YAH
- **Israelite** who wrestles with his evil inclination and with the help of GOD overcomes his flesh.

Everyone, who fulfils these conditions, has the hope of the blessing and the promises which are allocated to the groups mentioned in the Bible.

YAHWEH’S people are enabled to praise YAH with a circumcised heart. HIS laws are written in their hearts and minds; they know HIM intimately. Therefore they are a new creation, the Israel of GOD.

The biblical definition of who GOD’S Israel or a Judean, i.e. Jew is, differs widely from various secular interpretations available on the marketplace.

Below you will find core Bible passages that will assist you to understand GOD’S mind in this matter of relative importance.

Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Galatians 6:15-16 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availed anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

YAHWEH'S People, the "house of Israel" or the "chosen ones" are drawn out of all the Nations. (By the way, Moses means 'drawn out' according to Ex 2:10).

Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him".

Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God (not only to the Israelite Nation but) also to the Gentiles (Non-Israelite Nations) granted repentance unto life.

Amos 9:9-10 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, "The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us".

John 10:16 And other sheep (Non-Israelite Nations) I (Yahshua) have, which are not of this fold (Nation of Israel): them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold (Abraham's spiritual offspring), and one shepherd (Yahshua Messiah).

Zechariah 2:11 And many nations shall be joined (Heb.: levi) to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

Zechariah 8:22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD (YHVH) of hosts (*armies*) in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

Revelation 7:9-10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude**, which no man could number, **of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne**, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, **saying, Salvation to our God (YHVH)** which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb (*Yahshua Messiah*).

Ephesians 2

11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles (*Non-Israelites*) in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants (pl.) of promise (singular), having no hope, and without God (*relationship*) in the world:

1 Corinthians 12:13 For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body** (*spiritual house of GOD*), **whether we be Jews** (*from the tribe of Israel*) **or Gentiles** (*from a Non-Israelite nation*), **whether we be bond or free**; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

YAH's salvation is open to all 'earthlings' - OT and NT examples

- **Account of Abram**, the son of Terach the Babylonian. Terach was a sorcerer. Abraham is among the progenitors of Messiah Yahshua (Matt 1:2). In the book of Matthew, Yahshua is called the son of Abraham (Matt 1:1).
- **Ephraim and Manasseh, half-Egyptians**, were adopted by their grandfather Jacob (i.e. Israel) and so incorporated into the family of the Hebrews. They are two of the founders of the nation of Israel.
- **Account of Caleb the son of a Kenizzite and his household.**
Caleb means "dog" (compare Matt 15:26-28).

None of the men who came out of Egypt were allowed to enter the land which YHVH swore to Abraham, save Caleb and Joshua (Num 32:11-13). Caleb had a different spirit (Num 14:24) and followed YHVH wholeheartedly (Deut 10:15-18; Num 32:11-13). Caleb's father was a Kenizzite (Gen 15:19), a type of **Canaanite**, which is not a tribe of Israel; therefore, they were strangers and sojourners among the children of Israel. They were part of the mixed multitude that went up with the children of Israel, out of Egypt (Ex 12:37-18). *Caleb was circumcised* in Egypt to take part in the first Passover before the Exodus (Ex 12:47-49; Joshua 4:2-7). One law (Ex 12:49; Num 15:15-16, 29; Lev 24:22) is to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourns among the Israelites. **Caleb was born Kenizzite, but at Passover he became as a native person, an ezech** (Ex 12:47-49), and he was given an inheritance among the Israelites (Ezek 47:21-23; Joshua 14:6-9, 13-15; Rev 21:10-12).

YHVH made Caleb a ruler over the tribe of Judah (Nb 13:2, 6) and gave unto Caleb *Hebron* for an inheritance (Joshua 14:13) where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had journeyed (Gen 35:27).

- After the Babylonian Captivity six hundred and twelve **Nethinim** returned (Ezra 2:58; 8:20) to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel (Ezra 2:53; Neh. 7:55). Clearly the descendants of these hereditary temple servants (Josh. 9:27) became merged in the body of the Israel people.

Nethinim is a word which signifies given or dedicated persons. They were originally a remnant of the **Gibeonites** (from the land of Canaan), who were given to the Levite priests to be their servants and bondmen, and were employed as hewers of wood and drawers of water (1 Kings 9:20-22; 1 Chron. 9:2).

- **Ruth the Moabite** was originally not of the tribe of Israel, like **Tamar the Canaanite** (Gen. 38:29; Matt. 1:3) and **Rahab the Canaanite** (Matt. 1:5). Regardless of their parentage, they were honored to become the ancestress of King David, and so the “root” of King David’s “seed”, Yahshua Messiah (Ruth 4:18-22).

The Gentile women Tamar, Rahab and Ruth, joined the Israelites as strangers from other nations, and were on account of their faith incorporated into the tribe of Judah as ‘a native person’ or ‘home-born in the land, of one’s own country or nation’ (Heb.: ezech²¹). Their names are found in the genealogy of our Messiah Yahshua in the gospels.

Rahab the Canaanite, a former harlot was the mother of Boaz (Ruth 4:21; 1 Chr. 2:11; Matt. 1:5). The Moabite widow Ruth married Boaz and became the mother of Obez (Book of Ruth). Obez fathered Jesse and was so

the grandfather of King David (Matt 1:6). These women are among the maternal progenitors of our Adonai Messiah Yahshua (Matt. 1:5).

The life of these women are rich in examples of faith, patience, industry, unselfishness, brave love, unshaken trustfulness and kindness, nor less so in indications of the care which GOD takes of those who put their trust in HIM.

- **Saul born in Tarsus** (Cilicia), **an Israelite by race, from the tribe of Benjamin, living in Judah** became **Paul the Judean** (i.e. Jew) after a self-revelation of ELOHIM. By submitting himself to the true will of GOD the Father, Paul became a true Jew, a true citizen of the commonwealth of Israel that is above, circumcised in the heart by the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:4, 11; 13:9; 21:39; 22:3; Rom 11:1).
- **Cornelius** was a devout, YHVH fearing and righteousness practicing **Roman** Centurion (Acts 10:9-48, 11:1-18), who was *uncircumcised* in the flesh. YHVH granted **Cornelius** and his household repentance unto life.
- Account of the **Ethiopian Eunuch** who came to Jerusalem to worship YHVH (Acts 8:27-39; Isa 56:3-5).
- **Jews, proselytes and strangers, devout men, out of every nation under heaven** (Acts 2:5, 8-11, 37-41) were accepted by GOD and multitudes of believers both men and women were **added to the Lord** (Acts 5:14).

Since the beginning of time YHVH is in the process of creating for HIMSELF *an own people, a holy nation born from above* (Rev 1:6; 1Pet 2:9-10) *in HIS image* (Col 3:10) and *likeness* (1Cor 15:49), a *family HE can name* (Heb.: Shem) after HIMSELF, a *spiritual house-hold* that will cling to HIS WORD, having the *Anointing in them* (Col 3:11). HE is not interested in an exclusive, genetically identifiable group of people on earth. But we know that HE does make a *difference* between HIS people Israel and the people of the oppressor (Ex 11:7, 19:5; John 5:29). Thus, the biblical title Hebrew, Israelite or Jew comprises not one singular race, but a *mixed multitude of people* under one shepherd. As we see, it is all about *attaching* (Heb.: levi) *oneself to YHVH and HIS covenants, and loving* (i.e. obeying) HIM. In the anointed Savior Yahshua only a *new creation* or a new man *avails anything* (Gal 6:15; Eph 2:15-16, 4:24), which after ELOHIM is created in *righteousness and true holiness*.

Allegorically speaking, all who join the just bridegroom Yahshua as faithful bride are being grafted into the olive tree, i.e. YHVH's family and partake with them in the root and fatness of the tree of life (Rom 11:17).

YAH's salvation, i.e. Yahshua who was slain from the foundation of the world, confirms this universal principle in Matt 12:50 **“For whosoever (everyone, i.e. all) shall do the will of My (Yahshua) FATHER which is in heaven, the same is My (family member) brother, and sister, and mother.”**

Childlike subjection to the will of Yahshua's FATHER in heaven is the indissoluble **bond of union** between HIM and all its members; and whosoever enters this holy (i.e. set apart) circle becomes His brother, and sister, and mother!

Ephesians 4:2-6 **With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is**

- one body,
- and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- one Lord,
- one faith,
- one baptism,
- one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Those who have joined (Heb.: levi – attached, united) themselves to the commonwealth of the “heavenly” Israel and done the will of the FATHER to the end will bring their glory into the New Jerusalem through one of the 12 gates which are named after the 12 sons of Israel (Rev 21:10-13; Ezek 48).

Ultimately, we see the members of HIS family transcending and surviving this defiled earth.

Note: The oath or affirmation of a new citizen is a serious undertaking. He agrees to obey the laws and regulations of the country, play his part as an honest citizen and maintain the peace and good order of its society.

Isa 56:3 a) Neither let the son of the stranger that hath joined (*Heb.: levi*) himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from HIS people.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join (*Heb.: levi*) themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love **the name** (*Heb.: ha shem*) of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

8 **The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel (*Heb 13:11-14*) saith, “Yet will I gather *others* to him, beside those that are gathered unto him”.**

Heb 13:11-14 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him (*Jesus*) **without the camp**, bearing his reproach. For **here** have we **no continuing city**, but we seek one to come (*Rev 21: New Jerusalem which descends from above, a better, i.e. heavenly country on a renewed earth*).

YHVH is in a nation-building process by adopting “children” who say ‘YES’ to HIM. HE is building HIS spiritual house, that is, a community of “acting” believers, which transcends national, ethnic and economic differences. HIS children are called to a peaceful and quiet life without complaining and fretting, prayerfully submitting to HIM. HIS children strive in the cause of their FATHER and they struggle to overcome their own carnal desires and their own evil inclination.

Since they know that they do not wrestle against mere man, spiritual warfare is directed against the oppressor Satan, the mastermind behind all the struggles and persecutions of the saints. And because “vengeance and divine judgments are HIS”, offenses (even perhaps demonic inspired) by mere men are responded with insight and

patience, with the knowledge of human nature and forgiveness. Confrontations with spiritual powers call for spiritual defense and offense.

Chapter 5: 6000 year Autonomy of Mankind [\[Top\]](#)

YHVH speaks in Gen 6:3 of **resolution** concerning **carnal men**, after HIS Spirit had been long striving with them in vain. HE appeals to men to amend their wicked ways through preachers of righteousness, prophets and the gift of the Holy Spirit. None are punished by the justice of GOD, but those **who hate to be reformed by the grace of GOD**. Unrepentant man is flesh, i.e. carnal and depraved.

When mankind's sins – as a great heap – **reach** so far as to come into close contact with **heaven** (Rev 18:5; Jer 51:9) the executioner of **GOD's wrath** will descend to earth and destroy those who are **ripened for destruction** (Rev 14:17-20).

As ancient Judah's "time was full" in the timeframe of $70 \times 7 = 490$ years – as prophesied by Moses – grounded on neglecting GOD's concept of the sabbatical year (Lev 26:34, 25:1-7; Jer 25:9-12; 2.Chronicles 21), mankind's "time will be up" in $120 \times 50 = 6,000$ years – as the word was spoken by GOD – grounded on **ignoring the divine institution of the fiftieth year, i.e. Jubilee** (Gen 6:3, Lev 25:10, 8-17).

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, "My **Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also** (*in going astray*) **is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years** (*times*)".

The Hebrew word for "years" can also mean "times".

Here it does not refer to a year of one's life, but to 120 Jubilees or $120 \times 50 = 6000$ years granted to mankind.

Note: **The average life span** of a human being is mentioned for instance in Psalm 90:10.

Psalm 90:10 **The days of our years are 70 years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be 80 years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.**

According to GOD's instruction every 50th year is a year of Jubilee, revival, rest and liberty; hence the trumpet of the Jubilee is to be sounded on the Day of Atonements. This beneficial principle to man and land was brought again into remembrance by Moses. Lev 25:10 **And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all**

the **land** unto **all the inhabitants** thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall **return** every man unto his **possession**, and ye shall **return** every man unto his **family**.

Nevertheless mankind never observed this divine instruction. Therefore, in the Bible Calendar year 6000, mankind will have missed 120 Jubilees.

6000 BK: $50 = 120$ times or $120 \text{ times} \times 50 = 6000$ years

As we have seen in Table 1, the year 0 in the Bible Calendar contains the first 12 months after the creation of Adam. The year 0 complies with the year 3983 BCE.

3983 BCE – 6000 years = 2017 CE

With this understanding, we come to the conclusion that the time of mankind's self-government will come to an end in 2017 CE and the regency of YAHSHUA MESSIAH will be inaugurated.

This is sustained, moreover, in a general understanding that the **creation account** is not only a mere description of the things formerly created, but **also a prophecy of what is to come. The first 6 days of creation week are not complete without the 7th day of Sabbath rest.** GOD will by divine pattern bring to conclusion (John 5:17) the apostate works of mankind (Heb.: adam) and will give man rest (as at home) and refresh him in an peaceful abode; for in as many days as this world was made, in so many thousand years will it be concluded. And for this reason the Scripture says: “**Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made**” (Gen 2:1-2). **For with YHVH 1 day is as 1000 years** (2.Pet 3:8, Ps 90:4) and in 6 days created things were completed. It is evident, therefore, that they will come to an end at the 6000 year.

The personified Antichrist, allegorized in the OT by the giant Goliath (Heb.: revolution) from the city of Gath (wine-press), from the land of Canaan **will manifest himself in the sixth period** and will make war against the true Christ, the Son of David, the good Shepherd from the tribe of Judah. In addition, the number of the beast-like man (eighth head-king of the sea beast. C.f. Rev 13:1,18; 18:11; 17:10) is, six times a hundred, six times ten, and six units, which pictures a summing up of whole of apostasy against GOD which has taken place during six thousand

years of autonomy granted to man. In this “natural” man, the “first Adam” is concentrated the whole rebellion of six thousand years, and unrighteousness, and wickedness, and false prophecy, and deception.

The *temporary kingdom of thousand years*, i.e. the millennial Sabbath will begin with the return of Yahshua Messiah to destroy the wicked for the righteous.

Revelation 11:18 **And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst **destroy them which destroy the earth.****

The reign of the kingdom of GOD will commence at the beginning of the seventh millennia, during C.E. 2017. **This will depict the millennial Sabbath rest, as signified by the Sabbath of creation week.**

After the Millennium the New Jerusalem will be the *eternal* abode on the new earth re-created in its *eternal* state under the *eternal* reign of GOD the FATHER and HIS LAMB.

Chapter 6: OCCUPATION OF ISRAEL [\[Top\]](#)

For a period of 73 years the **monarchic kingdom of Israel** consisting of the **12 tribes** and their respective territories retained its **unity as a nation state** while it was ruled by **king David, from the *tribe of Judah*** (2 Sam 5:4-5), followed by his son Solomon.

On the death of Solomon, his son Rehoboam ascended the throne; but his conduct was such that **10 of the tribes revolted, and formed an independent monarchy.**

The kingdom split into two rival kingdoms – a ***northern kingdom*** composed of 10 tribes, which ***kept the name Israel*** with its capital being first Shechem and afterwards Samaria – and a **southern kingdom** composed of 2 tribes, which **took the name Judah** (after the largest of the two tribes).

The name of **Ephraim** is used as an alternate literary designation for the northern kingdom of Israel (PS 78:9-11, 67; Isa 7:2).

Jeroboam from the tribe of Ephraim was the first king of the 10 tribes, over whom he reigned twenty two years (1Kg 12: 1-20).

King Jeroboam's reign was one of constant war against his brothers, that is, with the kingdom of Judah. This policy was followed by the succeeding kings of Israel (1Kg 12:30; 16:26).

Jeroboam became distinguished as **the man “who made Israel to sin** (1Kg 12:30).”

He erected at Dan (judgment) and Bethel (house of God), the two extremities of his kingdom, “golden calves,” which he set up as symbols of the gods who brought their ancestors out of Egypt (1Kg 12:28; compare Ex 32:4). In addition, he instituted a new, non-Levitical priesthood (1Kg 12:31; 13:33; 2Chr 11:13) which led the inhabitants further into the immoralities of heathenism and image-worship (1Kg 25-33), which hastened the destruction of the nation.

In 720 BCE Israel, the northern kingdom fell under Assyrian domination and put under tribute.

In 670 BCE the Assyrians returned with their armies, and invaded Israel and **annexed its territory**. The Israelites were **carried away captive by the king of Assyria**, after an independent existence from the southern kingdom of two hundred and fifty-nine years and were incorporated into surrounding pagan nations. They lost their culture and identity in the dispersion. Scholars refer to them as the 10 lost tribes of Israel.

Thus 50 years after the first invasion of Assyria the northern kingdom ceased to exist.

After the deportation of the original inhabitants the Assyrians transplanted the place with five foreign nations brought from the east and their cults, and thus was formed the Samaritan nation (2 Kg 17:24-29). These settlers served their own carved images, and out of superstition they learned the false rituals introduced by Jeroboam of “the god of the land,” yet neglected YHVH's original commandments (2Kg 17:27- 41).

Table 2 [\[Top\]](#)

OCCUPATION OF ISRAEL, the NORTHERN KINGDOM (composed of 10 TRIBES)			
Source	Comment	Biblical Calendar Year (BK) ²²	Before Common Era (BCE) ²³
2.Kings 15:1-2	Azariah = Uzziah was king of Judah.	3224	759
2.Kings 15:17	In the 39-th year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem was King in Israel. 3224 BK + 39 = 3263 BK		
2.Kings 15:18	Israel fell under the domination of Assyria.	3263	720²⁴
2.Kings 16:1-2	Ahaz's coronation as king of Judah.	3292	691
2.Kings 17:1	In the 12-th year of Ahaz, Hoshea was king of Israel. 3292 BK + 12 = 3304 BK		
2.Kings 17:1	Hoshea became king of Israel.	3304	679
2.Kings 17:6	In the 9-th year of Hoshea, Assyria invaded Israel, annexed its territory. 3304 BK + 9 = 3313 BK		
2.Kings 17:6	The 10 tribes of Israel were carried away as captives to Assyria and disappeared (the 10 "lost" tribes).	3313	670

In Table 2, we can see that **Israel, the northern kingdom, composed of the ten tribes, was invaded by the Assyrians for the first time in 720 BCE** and thus were compelled to do Assyria homage. Assyria imposed on Israel a heavy yearly tribute, but allowed Israel to maintain its identity for a while (2Kg 15:19). Assyria put an end to the kingdom of Israel in 670 BCE by emptying the land of its people after a siege and replacing the local cult.

End of Assyria

Around one century later the Babylonians and Medes successfully asserted their independence against Assyria, and Assyria fell according to the prophecies of Isaiah (10:5-19), Nahum (3:19), and Zephaniah (3:13), and the many separate kingdoms of which it was composed ceased to recognize the “great king” of Assyria (2 Kings 18:19; Isa. 36:4). Ezekiel (Chapter 31) attests how completely Assyria was overthrown. It ceases to be a nation.

Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon

Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian came up against Judah, the southern kingdom consisting of the 2 tribes, Judah and Benjamin **in 554.75 BCE** (*see Table 4*) and conquered the kingdom. The final rage against the capital of which was Jerusalem, occurred in 535.5 BCE. Nebuchadnezzar’s army overthrew the city, plundered the temple, and carried the people into captivity to Babylon. According to divine ordinance the land rested and enjoyed its Sabbaths for 70 years. It is highly unusual that the conquerors did not colonize the land, but did let it lie desolate.

Note: Israel, the northern kingdom composed of the 10 tribes ceased to exist, more than 134 years before Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the kingdom of Judah in 535.5 BCE.

Nebuchadnezzar’s great Babylonian empire dominated Judah for 70 years (554.75 – 484.75 BCE).

At the close of the period of the captivity, some of the Judeans returned to their own land, under the edict of the Media-Persian Empire of Cyrus (Ezra 1:1-4). The Judeans, i.e. Jews rebuilt the city of Jerusalem and the temple,

restored the nation and took the name Israel. But they obtained never again true independence and were always dominated by the contemporary superpower.

For a while after the restoration the children of Israel were ruled by Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah, and afterwards by the high-priests, assisted by the Sanhedrin (70 elders).

Chapter 7: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, the wicked affluent Harlot-City and her relationship to the Beasts [\[Top\]](#)

1. The Creation, evolution and future of symbolic Babylon

The literal city of Babel and the land of Nimrod were the founder and organizer of *tyranny* and *idolatry after the flood*. It has been described as the *first organization* of the scheme of godlessness and irreligion after the deluge.

Nimrod subjected Lower Mesopotamia, or Shinar, and Upper Mesopotamia, or Accad, and combined it into one; thus founded the empire of Chaldea, making the city of Babel, also called Babylon the capital of the United Kingdom. His kingdom gradually grew in size and magnificence, and in process of time he expanded to Assyria. Nineveh became the new capital of the growing **Assyrian-Babylonian Empire**.

Nimrod is further associated as the mastermind of the building of an altar on a highplace, i.e. the **Tower of Babel** with a false god's temple on top (around 2100-1900 BCE). It would seem as though Nimrod represented a revival of the antediluvian *spirit of independence and rebellion* with its disregard of the one true GOD YHVH and HIS authority. They were filled with a *godless ambition*. "[Let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad.](#)" In view of the fact that the Hebrew word for "name" is "shem" the statement "**to make a shem**" almost sounds like mockery. It carries a certain connotation of "suppressed" *scorn against the family of Shem*, which had been assured of the Divine presence and blessing (Gen 9:26); and the fear lest they should be scattered abroad is fairly chargeable with *distrust in GOD*.

Babylon henceforward stands for everything that is godless, and for the great opponent of the people of GOD. It was Babylon in one form or another that caused most of the trouble to the nation of Israel. In the Old Testament Babylon is a **godless city and empire**, in the New Testament it is also **symbolic for a godless system**. The memorial of their **confusion** remained in the city that they had built, and Babel or Babylon from this time forward occupies a prominent part, in the record contained in the Scriptures until in the end it finds its complete and final overthrow in the Apocalypse.

The city Babylon and its *empire* under king Nebuchadnezzar's dynasty (555-485 BCE):

- were taken by the Media-Persians under Cyrus;
- the Media-Persians were subdued by the Macedonians under Alexander the Great and
- the Macedonians by the Romans;
- so that Rome succeeded to the power of old Babylon.

It was the Roman empire's method to adopt the worship of the false deities she had conquered; so that by her own act she became the heiress and successor of all the Babylonian idolatry, and of all that was introduced into it by the immediate successors of Babylon, and consequently of all the idolatry of the earth.

In the Bible, the **ancient cities of Babylon and Nineveh** with their **huge population's unrelenting demands for economic growth and security** represent the **epitome of wickedness and rebellion against YHVH** (Gen. 11:1-9; Jer. 50-51; Jonah 1:2).

Thus by the righteous judgments of ELOHIM these ancient cities were again and again visited by hostile armies, till their inhabitants were all driven from their homes and the cities became a complete desolation.

The ruin of all who support idolatry, infidelity, immorality, perversion, tyranny and superstition, is needful for the revival of true godliness; and the threatening prophecies of Scripture yield comfort to the righteous in this view. The great seat of anti-YHVH feeling, tyranny, idolatry, and superstition, the persecutor of true saints, is as certainly doomed to destruction as ancient Babylon.

2. Ancient Babylon foreshadows the End Time Babylon [\[Top\]](#)

Babylon is one of the dread images of the Bible, stretching from Old Testament history to the apocalyptic vision of Revelation.

Ancient Babylon rose as it were *out of* the waters as if she got thence her inhabitants, being peopled so closely down to the waters²⁵. Thus some called her "the bride of the sea".

Babylon's king is pictured by prophet Isaiah **as the god who seeks to** ascend the mountain of GOD and **make himself equal to YAHWEH** (Is 14:12-14; Jer 51:53; Dan 3-5). The pride of men's hearts sets YHVH against them, and ripens them apace for ruin. Babylon's pride must be her ruin; she has been proud against the Holy One of Israel (Jer 50-51).

The prophet Jeremiah described the Babylon as the *mightiest of cities lying at the Euphrates, having great walls*. Babylon was abundant in treasures, yet neither her waters nor her wealth, nor her fortified places have secured her. Destruction came to her as a thief in the night.

Furthermore, Jeremiah terms the *world empire of Babylon* to be the *hammer* of the whole earth, so called because of its ponderous destructive power, bringing down crushing judgment on other nations (e.g. Jer 21:2–10; 25:8–11). However, neither her empire's *military power*, nor her *strength*, nor her *economic growth* has secured her from YHVH's justice. Might, influence, prosperity, pomp, and splendor, feed the pride and lusts of the human heart, but are no security against the divine vengeance. Destruction came to her as a thief in the night.

In addition, the *Babylon* is depicted as apostate Israel's captor and the location of her "exile" (Ps 137:1, 8).

Earthly Babylon was a commercial city trading in earthy merchandise; the *spiritual Babylon's merchandise* is the souls of men.

Even though ELOHIM uses Babylon as HIS instrument for divine discipline, her *kings*, her *empire*, her *cities* and her *inhabitants* are not immune against HIS judgment for their impiety, idolatry, arrogance and pride (Gen 11:1-9; Jer 50:31; Ps 137; Isa 13:9). Other forces are mustered and empowered by GOD to bring to pass what HE threatens – the destruction of Babylon.

Babylon the city was the mart of the nations, even the entire world. The merchants who trafficked for Babylon’s sinful pleasures and profits, these mourn but are not willing to share her plagues. The spirit of antichrist is a worldly spirit, and that sorrow is a mere worldly sorrow; they do not lament for the anger of GOD, but for the loss of outward comforts. *“For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death”* (2 Cor 7:10).

The prophet Zechariah foretells *“There will be no more Canaanite* (merchant; trader; purple; or that humbles and subdues) *in the house of YHVH”* (Zech 14:21). The sorcerers will have their part in the lake of fire (Rev 18:23, 21:8).

Jeremiah prophesies that the ruin of Babylon (Jer 50:1-3, 8-16, 21-32, 35-46) will bring the redemption of GOD's people (Jer 50:4-7, 17-20, 33, 34). Then will vast multitudes mourn for sin, and seek GOD. Then will the lost sheep of the house of Israel be brought back to the fold of the good Shepherd, and stray no more.

They shall seek after YHVH as their GOD, and have no more to do with idols. They shall think of returning to their own “heavenly” country. This represents the return of purified souls to GOD.

As a result, the exact fulfillment of these ancient prophecies encourages us to have faith in all the promises and prophecies of the Holy Scriptures concerning the latter days.

For Reflection:

The Book of Revelation presents us with two great cities and two groups of peoples, set in direct opposite to each other: The “New” *Babylon which stands for the City of Satan, the community of sinners, the assembly of Satan, the harlot of the Beast who is arrayed in purple and scarlet color (blood-guilt, acts of wickedness)*, and the New *Jerusalem which stands for the City of GOD, the community of saints, the church of GOD, the faithful wife of the Lamb who is granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white (acts of righteousness, Rev 19:8)*.

The term Babylon signifies according to the Bible “confusion”; because in this city the common language of the people was confounded. New Jerusalem signifies “The restored City of Peace” under a heavenly government.

Babylon is the Greek form of Babel and the Semitic form of Babilu, meaning “The Gate of God”. In the Assyrian tablets it means “The city of the dispersion of the tribes.”

Ancient Jerusalem, ‘the city of peace’ could have chosen to be the true fulfillment of the ‘Gate of GOD’. The place of GOD’s gracious revelation of HIMSELF and of HIS covenant should be a true “Gate of Heaven” and a true Bethel (“House of GOD”) as Jacob, renamed Israel, the grandson of Abraham understood when he saw GOD’s staircase to heaven, which foretold of Messiah Yahshua (Gen. 28:10-22; John 1:51).

But the ancient kingdom of Judah with its capital city of Jerusalem was unfaithful and did not walk worthy of the calling with which it had been called. Like the original Babylon, ancient Jerusalem turned its back on the true GOD and sought independent glory and dominion and thus became a “Babylon” herself (Rev 17-18; 1 Pet 5:13); like the original Babylon, it was apostate; and thus the “Gate of GOD” became “Confusion” and “the City of the Dispersion of the Tribes” instead (Gen. 11:9). **GOD’s glory and thus HIS protection for ancient Jerusalem left the earth** before HIS divine judgment was executed on the inhabitants of Jerusalem and her puppet king. The temple and the city were burned to the ground by the Babylonians. The departure of the glory of GOD from the first temple in Jerusalem was witnessed by Ezekiel (Ezek 10:18, 11:23; Acts 1:9-12; Matt 24:3).

When the seventh and last trumpet sounds, the temple of GOD in heaven will be opened and the Ark of the Covenant which is YHHV’s throne of grace will be brought to the view of all (Rev 11:19). YHVH reveals in a vision

to Ezekiel that HIS glory, **HIS presence will return to HIS people on earth**, and his favor towards them in **Yahshua Messiah** the propitiation (Ezek 43:2; Rev 21:3, 22).

3. Devine Order versus Satanic Order

Since the foundation of the world Satan tries to deceive mankind to believe that bad is good and sour is sweet. Although he is a mere created being with restrained powers, he impersonates to be GOD and mimics HIS governmental structure.

In Table 3 we unmask the parody of the ***Father of lies*** who stands in antithesis to the ***FATHER OF all TRUTH***. The ***Son of Belial*** is the contradistinction to the ***Son of GOD***.

With the ***Babel of earth*** we set in contrast the ***Jerusalem that is above***. To the ***city of man*** we oppose the ***city of GOD***. ***True unity*** is always primarily the result of an organism, and only secondarily of an ***organization***. It is based upon GOD and upon spiritual life in HIM.

Together the dragon, the sea or abyss beast and the false prophet form a blasphemous “Anti-Trinity”, **the mystery of iniquity** (2.Thess 2:7-12), the counterfeit of **the mystery of godliness** (1.Tim 3:16).

YHVH’s character is manifested in Messiah, witnessed to by the Holy Spirit and the prophets.

In Satan’s sham the dragon acts the part of “GOD the Father”, assigning his authority to his representative the sea or abyss beast, as the FATHER YHVH assigns HIS authority to HIS Son Yahshua Messiah. They are accordingly jointly worshipped (Col 2:2).

While the false prophet speaks not of himself but tells all men to worship the abyss beast and verifies his testimony to the beast by “*miracles and signs*”, YHVH’s prophets speak by the movement of the Holy Spirit, and attest to Messiah's divine mission.

Ultimately, the abyss beast together with the land beast are destroyed with the brightness of Yahshua Messiah’s coming and are thrown alive into the lake of fire; as is also the dragon after the Millennium (Rev 20:10).

Table 3 [\[Top\]](#)

DIVINE ORDER of YHVH	Genuine	SATANIC ORDER –Satanic power structure or network	Counterfeit - Deception - Parody
<p>Father of all Truth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The GOD (pl. ELOHIM). - The Eternal One. - Life giver. - Love. - Spirit and Light. 	<p>YHVH ELOHIM, GOD of all flesh. Creator and Owner of everything. Lawgiver. Father of the saints. King of the universe. Forgiver of trespasses. Omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent.</p>	<p>Father of all lies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The False god, idol. - Created Being. - Murderer and Thief. - BEAST: Dragon, Serpent of Old, Leviathan 	<p>Created being with limited powers. Counterfeiter and illicit possessor. Lawbreaker. Father of sinners. Lucifer, Satan, Devil, judged prince of the world and air, ruler of darkness, accuser of the brethren and tempter, persecutor of the saints.</p>
<p>Son of GOD (in the image of GOD the Father).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A GOD. - Seed of woman. - Son of spiritual Man. - Offspring of faithful Abraham and David. - Root of Jesse. - Man from heavens - YHVH delegates HIS authority to the anointed One. - Messiah and Savior of the World. 	<p>God. Great Prince, king of kings and Lord of Lords, Firstborn Son, ascends and descends from heaven. Savior. Judge. Friend. Husband. High Priest. Apostle. Prophet. Messiah. Brother. Good Shepherd. Teacher. Physician. Counselor. King of righteousness and holiness. Builder and owner of the spiritual house of GOD. Mystery of Christ and the church. As faithful Son He comes in the Name of His Father YHVH and does HIS will.</p>	<p>Son of Belial (in the image of the Dragon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A false god, idol. - Seed of the serpent. - Son of carnal, wild beast - Offspring of apostate, disobedient, natural man. Man of sin. - Beast, from the sea or bottomless pit (hell or abyss). - Satan delegates his authority to the imperial world powers. - Personified Antichrist (instead of or against Messiah) and oppressor. 	<p>One beast that is composed of 7 (or 8) heads and 10 horns. Empowered and supported by Satan, the beast is Messiah’s negative image and competes with him for allegiance and worship. Corrupt kingdoms, emperors and kings want to be like god, but ascend from the pit which is the seat of idolatry, persecution, cruelty and tyranny; issues and products of hell. As brood of vipers they do their father’s will. Satan is the power behind the imperial thrones of the world that persecute GOD’s people.</p>
<p>GOD’s agent, mouthpiece and messenger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavenly holy angels (the Son is the commander of the armies of angels). - Holy Spirit inspired true prophets (human beings). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavenly angels can appear in the form of man. - Holy Angels and prophets are GOD’S host of armies, messengers of HIS Word, ministers of light, servants, watchmen, persecutor, mediator and guardians of God's people (Dan 12:1). 	<p>Satan’s and abyss beast’s agent, mouthpiece and messenger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fallen angels, demons and evil spirits. - Demonic inspired false prophets (human beings) and Beast, from the earth. - Deceivers, antichrists and sorcerers who steer people from the ways of GOD to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evil spirits can possess people and animals. Saints wrestle against satanic powers and principalities, spiritual wickedness and ministers of darkness. - False apostles, deceitful workers, transform themselves into the apostles of Christ and in ministers of righteousness; for Satan himself disguises himself as an angel of light (2Cor 11:13-15). The false prophet

		worship the Monsters.	speaks like a dragon.
<p>Assembly, i.e. Church of GOD (image of the heavenly Son, spiritual house and body of Messiah).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children of YHVH (Father) and “New” Jerusalem (mother of all saints) who bear GOD’s name and his seal. - Holy City and kingdom of priests to YHVH. - Virgin bride and faithful wife of the Messiah Lamb. - GOD worshiper in Spirit and in Truth. 	<p>The saints join, worship and serve the Creator, the glory of the incorruptible GOD (Rom 1:23, 25), and keep HIS commandments; thus having the mind of Christ (Rom 12:2, 1Cor 2:16). They put on the new man (1Cor 15:44-50), which after GOD is created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph 4:23-24). They are being built up a spiritual house, a royal priesthood of kings, a holy nation, YHVH’s own special people (1 Pet 2:9, 5).</p>	<p>Assembly of Satan (image of the beast, house and body of Antichrist).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children of Satan and “Mystery Babylon” the great (mother of harlots) who bear the Beast’s mark, name or number. - Harlot bride and unfaithful wife which fornicates with the composite beast from the sea. - “Babylon’s” daughter cities have the spirit of Sodom (corrupt rulers and judges) and the spirit of Egypt (tyranny of GOD’s people) (Rev 11:8) and those living in her are like Gomorrah. - Image worshiper. 	<p>Sinners ally, worship and serve the creature or an image made like corruptible “beings or things”; thus GOD gave them over to a debased mind (Rom 1:28-32). They do the deeds and lusts of their father the devil (John 8:44) and being built up a devilish city their patriotic enthusiasm, is expressed in terms of religious veneration. They are arrogant, lovers of pleasures and trust in uncertain riches (1Tim 6:17). Their authorities commit adultery, and walk in falsehood: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none does return from his wickedness (Jer 23:14). They declare their sin and do not hide it; and fallen away crucify Yahshua again and put Him to open shame (Heb 6:6, 10:29).</p>
<p>In the final vision the kings of the earth bring into the holy city all the glory of the nations (Rev 21:12-14).</p>	<p>The tabernacle of GOD is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and GOD himself shall be with them, <i>and be</i> their GOD. And GOD shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Rev 21:3-4). And the servants of God will reign forever and ever (Rev 22:5).</p>	<p>In the final vision the kings bring into the wicked city all the retribution of the nations, pillage her wealth and resources and burn her with fire (Rev 17:12, 16, 18).</p>	<p>After the battle at Armageddon the beasts (Antichrists and false prophets) will be cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone (Rev 19:20). The Devil will join them after the Millennium were they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Rev 20:10). The unrepentant sinner will have his part in the lake after the great white throne judgment (Rev 21:8, 27; 22:15).</p>

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4. End Time Babylon

The poetical prophecy in the book of Revelation Chapter 17 is descriptive of:

MYSTERY
BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH

The Mystery of “the woman” is revealed in Revelation Chapters 17-18.

Revelation 17

18 *And the woman (secular: autonomic commercial city of man, that strives for world power; mart and hub of all unscrupulous men of the entire world; influx of people and spiritual: assembly of apostate, world-loving covenant people of GOD, i.e. church) which thou sawest is that great city (Babylon means confusion), which reigneth over the kings (10 horns of the sea beast, i.e. convulsed nations) of the earth (all habitable world).*

15 *And he saith unto me, “The waters (Babylon’s mixed multitude of citizens) which thou sawest, where the whore (Babylon) sitteth (is enthroned), are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (daughter cities, colonies, i.e. dependencies).*

3 *So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman (harlot, i.e. Babylon) sit upon a scarlet (wicked, blood-guiltiness, deep-dyed sin or royalty, badge of empire) colored (sea) beast (world power, that is distinct from Babylon), full of names of blasphemy (YHVH-opposed), having seven heads (7 successive forms of governments) and ten horns (10 kings, kingdoms or nations).*

The harlot rests on the world power and rules it by the claim of supremacy²⁶. As GOD sits enthroned in HIS heavenly citadel exempt from all injury, so she thinks she sits secure in her impregnable stronghold amidst the stormiest elements, able to control them at will, and make them sub-serve her interests. Destruction will come to her like a thief in the night.

The Church in Babylon: The whole church while faithful (Old and New Testament) is meant by "the woman" (Rev 12:1) or the bride of the Lamb. The whole of the faithless, world-conforming church of both the Old and New Testament is meant by "the daughter of a harlot". Hence Babylon is symbolically the *chief* representative of the apostasy. Babylon's capital and wealthy daughter cities are the dwelling places of the world-loving apostate Church. The harlot is every assembly that has not Messiah's mind and spirit. False churches divided into very many sects are truly Babylon, that is, confusion. They give birth to "abominations", which is also the scriptural term for an idol, or any creature worshipped with the homage due to the CREATOR. Instead of drinking her LORD's "cup" of suffering, she has "a cup full of abominations and filthinesses." Her inhabitants live in Babylon as if this world, not heaven is the reality.

The Dragon having failed by violence (see persecuted church in Smyrna Rev 2:8-11), tries successfully to seduce the church in Babylon by the allurements of the world. She was overcome by this temptation (as the churches in Thyatira, Pergamum and Laodicea, Rev 2:12-29, 3:14-20); hence she is seen *sitting on the scarlet-colored beast*, no longer the wife, but the harlot; no longer Jerusalem that is above, but spiritually Sodom that is in the pit (Re 11:8). Clearly, she left her first love (like the loveless church in Ephesus, Rev 2:1-7) and is contented to have her portion in this immoral wilderness. Certainly, she looks alive, but she is spiritually dead (like the church in Sardis, Rev 3:1-6).

The term 'harlot' describes the false church's essential character. She retains her human shape as the *woman*, does not become a *beast*: she has the form of godliness, but denies its power. Her rightful Master and husband, YHVH-Messiah, and the joys and goods of HIS house, are no longer her all in all, but she runs after the visible and vain things of the world, in its manifold forms. The fullest form of her fornication is, where the church **wishes to be itself a worldly power**, uses politics and diplomacy, uses unholy means for holy ends, spreads her dominion by

sword or money, fascinates men by sensual ritualism, becomes 'mistress of ceremonies' to the dignitaries of the world, flatters kings and profitable people, and like ancient Israel, ***seeks the help of one world power against the danger threatening from another.***

The book of Revelation colorfully narrates (1) Babylon's sin; (2) its doom; (3) the instruments executing it; (4) the effects produced on other nations by her downfall.

1. Babylon's sin

Some of the reasons for the harlot's downfall:

- a) The *worldly greatness* of her *merchants (Canaanites)*, which was due to dishonest traffic in earthly and spiritual things (Rev 18:11-16, 24).
- b) Her *sorceries*, or magic tricks, in which the false prophet (*Rev 13:11-17*) that ministers to the beast in its last form shall exceed her; specially mentioned among those doomed to the lake of fire (Re 21:8; 22:15).
- c) Her *persecution* of (Old Testament) "prophets" and (New Testament) "holy ones," i.e. saints (Rev 18:24).
- d) Her being a *false prophetess* and seducing her followers to *idol-worship*.

Large marts of commerce are often compared to harlots seeking many lovers, that is, they court merchants (literally "Canaanites") of all nations, and admit any one for the sake of gain (Na 3:4; Rev 18:3).

The picture of her garment and adornment expresses that she prospers and attracts commercial intercourse of nations to her, and the figure of the cup conveys that she is a joyous, self-indulging city, and her metropolis has an industrious population. The love of worldly wealth and covetousness is spiritual idolatry.

The maxims most current in the trading world are directly opposed to the laws of YHVH. But HE will show HIMSELF against the money-loving, selfish traders, whose hearts, like Pharaoh's are hardened by the love of riches. Men have little cause to glory in things which stir up the envy and greed of others; and in getting, keeping, and spending. With these men provoke GOD's wrath; hence HE turns joyous cities into ruinous heaps.

The account of the trade of Babylon indicates that GOD's eye is upon men when employed in commerce, when in markets and fairs, buying and selling. In all our dealings we should keep a conscience void of offence. But when riches increase, men are apt to set their hearts upon them, and forget GOD, who gives power to get wealth. All areas of one's life, including trade and merchandise, must follow in the love and fear of GOD. YHVH declares unto Babylon, her king her inhabitants and her dependencies their abominations: that they have committed adultery, that blood is in their hands and that they have committed adultery with their idols, and have also sacrificed their sons and daughters, that is, the whole land and people of Babylon, whom they bare unto HIM to demons. They have led astray the people of GOD, oppressed them, devoured them and destroyed GOD's heritage. They have fallen prey to her violence. YHVH will take vengeance for HIS people. Moreover this they have done unto YHVH: they have defiled HIS temple (e.g. human bodies), and have profaned HIS Sabbaths.

Even in Babylon YHVH might have a people, i.e. faithful individuals, but they are in great danger; their only safety is in coming out of her at once – as Lot out of Sodom before her destruction. While the union of Messiah, the Lamb and the faithful church, the bride is a great mystery, so is the union of the sea beast and the harlot a parody of Satan.

Remember Yahshua had a few things against the compromising congregation in Pergamum – being Satan's throne, and the corrupt church in Thyatira, particularly with regard to that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce HIS servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols, to know the depth of Satan.

Let us avoid the obscurity of iniquity, and study diligently the great revelation of godliness, that we may learn humility and gratitude from the example of Yahshua Messiah. The more we seek to resemble him, the less we shall be liable to be deceived by false prophets and antichrists.

In the judgments denounced against prosperous Babylon, and the mercies promised to the overcomer, even though smitten, we learn to choose to suffer affliction with the people of GOD, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season and go into perdition.

Clearly, from the Scriptures we see that YAHWEH is warning HIS covenant elect to flee *spiritually* “the land of Nimrod” and *physically* Babylon’s mighty cities before HIS judgment of destruction comes on them for all of the sins that they have brought on the world throughout the ages and that have piled up through time (Rev 18:20, 23).

1 Timothy 6

5 Perverse disputing of men whose **mind has been corrupted and deprived of the truth**, who think that **worshiping of Elohim is for worldly gain. Keep away from such people.**

6 But our gain is greater contentment, for it is the worship of Elohim.

7 For we have brought nothing into the world, and it is plain that neither can we carry anything out.

8 But having food and garments, let us be satisfied with these.

9 But those purposing to be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and many foolish and hurtful lusts, which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For the **love of money is a root of all evils**, by means of which some having lusted after it were seduced from the faith, and they themselves pierced through by many pains.

11 But you, O man of GOD, **flee these things** and **pursue righteousness**, holiness, faith, love, patience, and meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

The Mother of Harlots in the book of Revelation **is named from her place of residence – Babylon the originator and instigator of all idolatry and tyranny** (Rev 17). The mystery in the name is that she resides in a great city resembling the old Babylon.

Thus, the “*mystery*” is that it is not referring to the original entity but **another entity with similar characteristics and attributes.**

Ancient Babylon is, moreover, represented by council “democracy”; and empowered by the sea beast she uses her commercial system of trading as a system of oppression to create physical wealth to achieve world dominion, as also it was in ancient Tyre (Ezek 27, 28).

In the New Testament, Babylon became the epitome of wickedness (Rev 17:5) and a symbolic name for Rom, Jerusalem and end time Babylon.

The Harlot City is named from her infamous way and practice; she is arrayed in wickedness, corrupt luxury and commerce. She breeds prostitutes and trains them to idolatry, and all sorts of lewdness and wickedness. Thus **she is the parent and nurse of all false religion.** She ravages GOD's people. Her diet is composed of their blood (Rev 17:6).

Babylon and Jerusalem are the two opposite poles of the spiritual world:

- *Jerusalem that is from above*, which the saints look for; the city of GOD and peace, the mother of all saints (Gal 5:26; Ps 82:6), the place of true worship; where GOD and the spirit of righteousness dwells (Rev 21:2; Isa 2:2-4; Gal 4:26).
- *Babylon that is from the earth*, where we temporary live in; the city of men and confusion, the mother of all sinners and place of idol worship, where the spirit of antichrist dwells.
- **New Jerusalem** is portrayed as the **true bride of Christ** (Rev 19:6–9; 21:1–27), the Lamb's wife, carried on eagles' wings (Ex 18:4, Rev 12:14) as **opposed to**
- **Mystery Babylon**, the harlot of the sea beast, calling herself the queen of heaven, wanting to be a god, reigning over the kings of the earth (Rev 17:18) and sitting on a beast from the sea.

The eagle symbolizes the speed and power of both GOD's protection and deliverance of HIS people and GOD's destruction of their enemies. ITS wings also relate to the renewing strength GOD gives to HIS followers (Isaiah 40:3).

Thus, the “harlot's” (Babylon's) closeness with the “sea beast” (assembly of great nations) is integral to her character and destiny.

The imagery refers not only to:

- a *worldly spirit*, and

- her trusting to alliances with the heathen for safety, rather than to GOD,
- but also to the *breach of the covenant with GOD* by the people's *idolatries*.

(Remember in the book of Jonah the great city of Nineveh (Assyria) covenanted with GOD. Covenant-breaking Nineveh was punished and destroyed around one century later. Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon) covenanted with GOD and was called MY servant, Cyrus covenanted with GOD and was called MY shepherd.)

Summary: The whore of Babylon has religious, economic, military and political connotations – adultery with the sea beast being the focus of an ungodly *system*. Their intimacy is illustrative of her being near in corruption of morals and image worship. She is seduced by the pomp, power and strength of the scarlet colored sea beast; hence it was she who solicited the assembly of nations. This implies the open shamelessness of her apostasy. Due to her GOD-forgetting lust which is the root of all evil, her mind is alienated from GOD.

(2) Babylon's doom and (3) the instruments executing it

The **sea beast** (7 heads and 10 horns) for a time receives a **deadly wound** (Rev 13:3), but will return worse than ever (Rev 17:11-14). The **healing of its wound** answers to its **ascending out of the bottomless pit**. The beast, or Anti-YHVH, that is, GOD-opposed world power, returns worse than ever, with satanic powers from hell (Re 11:7), not merely from **the sea of convulsed nations** (Rev 13:1).

Babylon is doomed in righteous retribution to be judged by the **beast ascending from the abyss**, in the form of having 8 heads and 10 horns (Re 17:16). The heads and the horns stand for kings. **The confederation of these kings** shall be the weapons of vengeance on her. The sea (host of invaders) will come up first over Babylon (secular: one of the major world marts) and then on her daughter cities (spiritually: the apostate church in Babylon); they will be covered with the multitudes of his waves. The bottomless pit, that is, the underworld will come up over them and they will be covered with death.

GOD's righteous judgment will be executed on the “sea harlot”, i.e. Babylon through her former “clients”, who are now allied to or subject to a “new head of state”, i.e. the revived sea beast in the form of an abyss beast.

Illicit love, sooner or later, ends in open hatred. GOD, in righteous retribution, will turn her objects of trust, into the instruments of her punishment. It was her sin to have sought after such clients with whom she can have plied her corrupt trade (Rev 17:2), and it was to be her punishment that these ex-lovers should become her destroyers (Rev 17:16-17). No one comes to her aid, because her case is incurable, and she must be left to her fate (Rev 2:22). But her residents are warned to flee from Babylon, lest they should be involved in the punishment of her "iniquity."

Revelation 17

18 *And the woman which thou sawest is that great city (Babylon), which reigneth over the kings (convulsed assembly of nations) of the earth.*

15 *And he saith unto me, "The waters (Babylon has numerous citizens) which thou sawest, where the whore (Babylon) sitteth (is enthroned), are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (daughter cities, colonies, i.e. dependencies).*

3 *So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman (harlot, i.e. Babylon) sit upon a scarlet (wicked) colored (sea) beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads (rulers, governments) and ten horns (kings, kingdoms or nations).*

2 *With whom (harlot) the kings of the earth have committed fornication (ply her corrupt trade), and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine (intoxicated with greed and covetousness, idolatry and spiritual adultery) of her fornication (the consequence of which will be wrath to themselves).*

12 *And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the (8th head of the abyss) beast.*

11 *And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the **eighth**, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

13 *These (10 horns or kings) have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the (8th head of the abyss) beast (i.e. joined forces of world powers, confederacy of nations).*

16 *And the ten horns (10 kings) which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore (Babylon), and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire (GOD's punishment).*

17 *For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled (total destruction at Armageddon). (Compare Ezek 28:2-7, 18; Isa 23-24; Ezek 16 and 23.)*

The Babylonian cities and the surrounding villages, dependent on Babylon in the open country, shall share the fate of the mother city. To save their life the inhabitants must flee and escape from the land of Babylon and return to their home countries for the time of YHVH's vengeance has come (Jer 50-51).

Her colonies, having been harshly treated by Babylon, will now repay her. They had been kept in hard bondage by the parent city but now "the bond of restraint" is removed, since Babylon is no more.

GOD's instruments of HIS wrath, the weapons of HIS indignation shall judge Babylon and her inhabitants after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood (Rev 18:24), i.e. execute the death penalty. Babylon shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of her sister Samaria (Ezek 23:4). Because Babylon has forgotten GOD, and cast HIM behind her back, therefore she has to bear also her wantonness and her fornications. HE will do these *things* unto her, because she has gone whoring after the heathen, *and* because she is polluted with their idols. GOD brings judgment on the people of Babylon and their false gods (e.g. Mammon, that is, filthy lucre, money and riches) and carved images (e.g. emblem, flag). They were proud against YHVH. Her land has been filled with the penal consequences for her sins – devastation.

Babylon made a name (Heb.: shem) **for herself!** She became famous, that is, as notorious by her punishment as she had been by her sins in order to be quoted as a warning to others. Even the heathen nations perceive that her awful fall must be GOD's judgment for her crying sins. The accumulation of phrases in the book of Revelation is to express the final and utter extinction of Babylon.

Spiritual Lesson: This should make the hearer abhor idolatry and repent, and not desire to keep company with false brethren and receive of their plagues. The most mighty and magnificent kings, kingdoms, states and cities, sooner or later, come down. Those who make creatures their confidence, and rest their hopes upon them, will fall with them.

After breaking her covenant with GOD, it is impossible to renew, fallen away Babylon, to repentance, since she crucified again for herself the Son of GOD and put Him to an open shame (compare Heb 6:4-8).

When judgment is about to fall, covenant breaking Babylon is rejected for bearing thorns and biers and cannot be converted like Nineveh, but needs to be burned.

Remember the wickedness of Babylon is very great; she has forsaken the true GOD, and set up idols, and has drawn all sorts of men into spiritual adultery, and by her wealth and luxury keeps them in her interest. Fair warning is given to all that expect mercy from GOD that they should 'come out of Babylon'.

The church has to pass through an ordeal of persecution from the abyss beast, which purifies and prepares her for the transfiguration glory at Messiah's coming (Rev 20:4; Luke 21:28).

Note: The cause of this destruction is the fiery indignation of the LORD. Babylon shall be wholly desolated; for she has sinned against the LORD. **Sin makes men a mark for the arrows of GOD's judgments.** The mercy promised to the Israel of GOD, shall not only accompany, but arise from the destruction of Babylon. Israel has *a place in the wilderness-world* (Re 12:6, 14) but not a home; a sojourner here, looking for the city to come.

Babylon, the whore, is destroyed before the abyss beast wars against the Lamb, and then the beast himself is destroyed. Ultimately, all enemies (i.e. sea or abyss beast, land beast, militaries) of GOD will be gathered to and destroyed at the 'battle of that great day of GOD Almighty' at the place called Armageddon (the OT scene of the overthrow of the Canaanite kings by YHVH's miraculous interposition under the judges Deborah and Barak). The gathering of the world kings with the beast against the Lamb is the signal for Yahshua Messiah's coming. Therefore watch for His coming and pray to be clothed in the garments of justification and sanctification, so as to be accepted by HIM.

(4) The effects produced on other nations by Babylon's downfall

Babylon was one of the chief steam engines of the world economy (Rev 18:9-18). Hence there will be great fear and anxiety throughout the inhabitants of the world at the fall of Babylon's far-reaching metropolis, demanding security and ongoing economic wealth. Being also a parent city the dismay and confusion at her fall is felt in the

widely scattered dependencies with which she was so closely connected by the ties of religion, as well as commercial intercourse.

The merchants (Canaanites) or traffickers lament because no one buys their merchandise anymore. These are the “great” (i.e. unscrupulous) men of the earth, which have made themselves rich through the abundance of Babylon’s luxury and powerful by trading on the sea, for by their sorceries were all nations deceived (Rev 18:3, 11-19, 23). Sorcerers will have their part in the lake of fire (Rev 21:8; 22:15).

Spiritual lessons: See how high, how great Babylon had been. See how low Babylon is made. The fall of others should awaken us out of security. Every discovery of the fulfillment of a Scripture prophecy is a divine miracle to confirm our faith. All that is worldly is vanity and vexation. Those who now have the most established prosperity, will soon be out of sight and forgotten. Therefore seek first HIS kingdom and righteousness, and everything else will be added. In contrast to Babylon consigned to the “pit” of death YHVH’s people shall ultimately be set on “high” when they overcome and endure to the end. At the fall of Babylon the mourning kings and merchants (Canaanites) are set in contrast to the joyous saints (Israelites) shouting “Alleluia! Praise YAH!” for GOD has avenged them on her (Rev 19:1-8, 20).

GOD’s Israel will celebrate with thanksgivings the promise-keeping faithfulness of their covenant GOD. The fall of Babylon, the mother of all false churches, is good news to them, for the most monstrous of all sin is the sin of those who know GOD's word of grace, and observe it not. The worldliness of the church is the most worldly of all worldliness. Hence, Babylon, in Revelation, has not only the church's sins, but also the sins of the heathen.

Earthly Wisdom: When the other nations shall hear that such a powerful neighbor has been destroyed, they know their own end is near if they do not surrender or ally with the revived beast power in the model of the abyss beast. Terror will befall her daughter cities and colonies. The fall of their mother city will be an example of judgment calculated to terrify all of them, and eventually control all mercantile emporiums of the peoples.

Substitution: GOD's judgments inspire fear even in the worldly, but it is of short duration, for kings and men soon attach themselves to the abyss beast in its last and worst shape, as open **Antichrist**, claiming all that the harlot had claimed in blasphemous arrogance and more, and so **making up to them for the loss of the harlot**.

Antichrist will be manifested in his fullest and most intense opposition to GOD and HIS flock. He in the first instance **imposes to be the king of kings bringing unity and prosperity**. He and his allies will persecute those of them who refuse his blasphemous claim of power. Be comforted, its continuance is short, that is for "one hour". Be faithful unto death, and Yahshua will give you the crown of life.

2. The Dragon and his authorized Beasts

The dragon, the beast and the false prophet – "**the mystery of iniquity**" (2.Thess 2:7-12) form a blasphemous "Anti-Trinity", the counterfeit of "**the mystery of godliness**" (1.Tim 3:16).

The book of Revelation colorfully narrates (1) the persecuting power of the Dragon, (2) the rise of the beast from the sea, (3) the ascension of the beast from the abyss or pit, (4) the beast from the land or earth and (5) downfall of the beasts and their brood.

(1) **The persecuting fiery red Dragon**, having 7 heads and 10 horns, and seven diadems on his heads

Satan the serpent of old (Gen 3:1), appears as being the archetype of the beast nature (Rev 12:9). He might be the „prince of this world order“(John 12:31), yet YHVH is the GOD of this earth. Thus, Lucifer's power and success is limited by GOD and his punishment is certain.

The *seven heads* and the *ten horns of the Dragon* are a general description of his universal power in past ages and places of the world. The *colour* of the dragon implies his fiery rage as a *murderer from the beginning*. The devil – no longer able to accuse the elect in heaven – craftily tempts and ferociously persecutes the saints on earth because he knows that he has only a short time left (Rev 12:12).

All power and authority is given unto Yahshua in heaven and on earth (Mt 28:18; Re 12:5). He sits on the right hand of GOD's throne. Satan and his demons dwell in "the pit of the abyss" – *the orifice of the hell*, but in his impious mimicry of GOD's heavenly throne, Satan sets up his earthly throne (Rev 4:2).

The Bible records several cities in which Satan had established his throne in the past: a) Ancient City of Babylon; Isa 14:4-21, b) City of Tyre; Ezek 24:1-19; c) City of Pergamum; Rev 2:13, d) City of Jerusalem; Rev 11:8; 1Pet 5:13, e) City of Rome; Rev 17-18.

The episode in Revelation 12 describes the persecution of Israel, the elect church by the dragon.

Satan, the old serpent, as the instigator, **is revealed as the power behind the imperial thrones of the world** and, through them, persecutes YHVH's people even to death (Rev 2:10; 12: 5, 9, 17; Dan. 7:3-7).

Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome were all stages in Satan's attempt to establish his GOD-opposed, "law-less" and "Christ-less" empire over the entire world (Ps. 74:13-15).

Pride is the instigator with Satan and he uses a world trading and monetary system to finance his earthly empires throughout antiquity accumulating with the **end time Abyss-Beast-System**. It accommodates the largest most sophisticated trading system including stock markets and commodities of its kind.

In all the struggles of GOD's people against "Beasts", through all the attempts by human world empires to destroy the Seed of the Covenant, the Serpent of old had been their adversary.

There are four gradations in the ever deeper downfall of Satan:

- a) He is deprived of his heavenly excellence as cherub (Ezek 28:13-15). Nevertheless in Job 1:6-11; 2:1-6, Satan appears among the sons of ELOHIM, presenting himself before YHVH in heaven, as the accuser of the saints (Zech 3:1, 2; John 3:13).

- b) He *fell from heaven* (Isa 14:12-21, Rev 12:7-10, Luke 10:18). He is judicially cast out of heaven as the accuser of the elect (Ro 8:33, 34). His demonic angels henceforth range through the air and the earth. He is called "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2).
- c) He is bound during the millennial era of Yahshua Messiah's reign on earth (Re 20:1-3).
- d) After having been loosed for a while, he is cast for ever into the lake of fire.

(2) **The persecuting scarlet beast from the *sea*, having 7 heads and 10 horns, and on his horns 10 crowns, whom the Dragon gives his power, his throne and great authority** (Revelation 13:1-3, Daniel 7:7)

The *one* beast composed of several heads and horns expresses the sum-total of the GOD-opposed world power viewed in its universal development, not restricted to one manifestation alone (compare: the 4 beasts of Daniel). Both heads and horns refer to "kings" (Re 17:7, 10, and 12). The 7 *kings*, as peculiarly powerful – the great powers of the world – are distinguished from the 10 *kings*, represented by the horns. The beast's sea abode represents the powers of chaos; hence in the renewed creation there is no more sea (Rev 21:1).

Man becomes "brutish" when he separates himself from GOD. Hence, the world powers seeking their own glory, and not GOD's, are represented as *beasts*; and king Nebuchadnezzar, when in self-deification he forgot that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men," was driven among the beasts.

(3) **The persecuting scarlet beast who ascends from the *abyss or pit*, having 8 heads and 10 horns**

The beast is shown to be the instrument in the hand of a greater power of darkness, Satan. The sea beast is set up by the devil, and is empowered and supported by him (Rev 13:1-2). It is a composite beast, comprising the attributes of both the current world superpower and its original, Satan, descriptive of him in his prosperity, having all the world's wealth and dignity at his disposal.

The “slain” beast parodies the death and resurrection of the Lamb. After the healing of its deadly wound, the beast and the dragon are worshipped jointly by the world. And the entire world follows the “revived” beast (Rev 13:3-4; 17:11-14). The **healing of its wound** answers to its **ascending out of the bottomless pit**. The beast, or GOD-opposed world power, returns worse than ever, with satanic powers from the underworld (Rev 11:7), not merely from *the sea* of convulsed nations (Re 13:1). The beast from the abyss is the seat of idolatry, persecution, cruelty and tyranny; issues and products of hell.

The 8th head is not merely one of the 7 restored, but a new power or person proceeding *out of* the 7, and at the same time embodying all the GOD-opposed features of the previous seven concentrated and consummated. *After* having destroyed Babylon, the last beast shall be revealed as the concentration and incarnation of all the self-deifying GOD-opposed principles which have appeared in various forms and degrees heretofore.

The beast abolishes the existing model of idolatry and introduces his new concept of idolatry, the same in substance, only in a new dress, but which as effectually answers the devil's design.

The world admires its power, policy and success. They pay honor and subjection to the devil and his instruments through the worship of the image of the beast and his mark.

YHVH's people have victory over the beast, over his image, his mark and the number of his name (Rev 15:2) by choosing to drink of the LORD's cup and to be baptized with the baptism HE was baptized with (Matt 20:22-23, Mark 8:31). Therefore the abyss beast will make war against GOD's witnesses after they finished their testimony and permitted by YHVH will overcome and kill them in the great city where also our LORD was crucified (Rev 11:7-14). After 3 ½ days they are transfigured and called up to the sky and the remnant of those who survive the accompanying earthquake in the city give glory to the Elohim of heaven.

The head with the spirit of Antichrist is the summing up and concentration of the entire world evil that pre-ceded. It is the eighth head, but yet one of the seven (Rev 17:11).

The abyss beast in Revelation Chapter 13 is understood to refer also to the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Daniel 9:27). During the last days before Messiah's return, the evil world system will be controlled by the personified Antichrist. A *visible* Antichrist will stand at the head of the world kingdom disguised as a minister of light.

➤ **Out of the chaos and confusion following the fall of Babylon, Antichrist will manifest himself with an intensity of iniquity greater than ever before.**

Beginning with unfaithfulness to YHVH and betrayal, rejecting HIS grace, men shall end in the grossest idolatry, the “incarnation” of all that is self-deifying and YHVH-opposed in the world powers of all ages; having rejected Him that came in the FATHER's name, they shall worship one that comes in the name of a number, that is 666.

While the abyss beast expresses his delegated superpower attacking the church more from without, the earth beast, which is a minister to the abyss beast, corrupts and destroys the church from within using his delegated powers as *the false prophet*.

The assembly of nations, i.e. the new superpower will be the centre of prefigured prosperity and security and the centre of infidelity, “socialism-communism”, and false spiritualism. The unclean spirit out of the mouth of *the dragon* symbolizes the proud infidelity which opposes YHVH and HIS Son. That what comes out of the *beast's* mouth is the spirit of the world, which in the **politics of men, whether law-less democracy or despotism, sets man above GOD.**

That out of the mouth of the *false prophet* is “lying spiritualism” and religious delusion, which shall take the place of the harlot. So these unclean spirits in the darkness of error teach lies amidst the mire of filthy lusts (Rev 16:12-14; 13:5, 14). They talk of *liberty*, but it is not Gospel liberty, but license for lust.

(4) Land or earth beast, which has two horns like a lamb, but *speaks as a dragon.*

The false prophet exercises the power of the abyss beast, and causes the earth to worship him.

The **abyss beast is now the world's "policeman" and executing superpower**, while the **land beast has spiritual domination** (Rev 13:11-15). The source of the abyss beast's power is the dragon, while the land beast's power is the abyss beast. The dragon gives "his spirit" to the land beast, so it speaks as a dragon.

The land beast is a persecuting and assumed power, which acts under the disguise of spirituality, and of charity to the souls of men. It **gives forth those false doctrines and cruel decrees**, which show it to belong to the dragon, and not to the Lamb. It exercises all the power of the abyss beast.

It pursues the same design, to draw men from worshipping the true GOD, and to subject the souls of men to the will and control of men.

The false prophet makes an image to the beast whose deadly wound was healed, and thus gives form and power to his worship. To worship the image of the beast, requires men's obedience to his commands, implying being subject to those things which mark the character and attributes of the image.

The land beast has carried on its designs, by methods whereby men should be deceived to worship the abyss beast, in the new shape, or likeness made for it; by lying wonders, pretended miracles and by severe censures.

The false prophet exercises infernal power and policy and enforces men to worship the image of the beast and so render that honour to beast-creatures, which belongs to GOD alone. Those who receive the mark of the beast demonstrate their devotedness to the beast-system (Rev 13:16-18). It is made a qualification for buying and selling, as well as for places of profit and trust, that they are compelled to use all their interest, power, and endeavour, to forward the dominion of the beast.

The followers of the beast of the underworld receive his mark of ownership on their hand or forehead which signifies their being subordinate to Satan and the submission to his kingdom's laws which are certainly GOD-opposed.

As a countermove they are promised security, prosperity and outward unity. Those who will not worship or receive the mark will be deprived of natural or civil rights.

Note: Those who fear and obey men more than GOD will receive their part in the lake of fire.

The mark is an allusion to an Old Testament symbol that spoke of a man's total obedience to ELOHIM and it stands as a warning that our god – whether it be the true GOD YHVH or the self-deified state – demand complete obedience to his lordship.

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The fiery indignation of GOD on the apostates, those who are in league with the beast in persecuting the saints, is certain. The wicked cannot escape GOD's vengeance.

Victors of the beasts

The purified church, in her glory and unity, is now not manifested, but awaiting the *transfiguration of the saints, that are the sons and daughters of GOD* at Messiah's coming. Unable to destroy the true church on earth as a whole, Satan directs his enmity against the elect *remnant, those who keep GOD's commandments and have the testimony of Yahshua Messiah.*

The beasts will temporarily triumph over the saints, until destroyed in Armageddon (Rev 19:17-21). This is the *patience and faith of the saints* (Rev 13:10), true *wisdom and understanding* (Rev 13:18).

Confidence in GOD's government is of the essence of the patient faith to which ELOHIMS's people are called. We can choose to place our trust not in man, not in the evil machinations of diabolical conspirators, but in ELOHIM, who is ruling the world for HIS glory. HIS judgment will surely come. The patient expectation of this is the perseverance and the faith of the saints. We look forward to the ultimate destruction of Satan and Death through the work of Messiah Yahshua.

YHVH has a chosen remnant, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, recorded in HIS book of life, sealed by HIS Spirit; and though Satan and Antichrist may overcome the physical body, and take away the natural life, they cannot conquer the soul, nor prevail with true believers to forsake their Saviour, and join his enemies. Perseverance in the faith of the gospel and true worship of GOD, in this great hour of trial and temptation, which would deceive all but the elect, is the character of those registered in the book of the Lamb.

On the ground of their faithful testimony, even unto death, they are constituted victors (Rev 12:11). Their testimony evinced their victory over him by virtue of the blood of the Lamb. Hereby they confess themselves worshippers of the slain Lamb and overcome the beasts, Satan's representatives (Re 15:2, compare Re 13:15, 16).

(5) Downfall of the beasts and their brood

Yahshua Messiah shall come *from the East* (Mt 24:27; Ezek 43:2) but not alone, for HIS elect transfigured saints of GOD's Israel shall accompany HIM, who are "*kings* and priests unto GOD" (Rev 1:6). As the ten *kings* accompany the beast, so the saints accompany as *kings* the *King of kings* to the last decisive conflict.

At the battle of that great day of GOD Almighty, the abyss beast and the false prophet are captured and cast alive into the lake of fire. The rest of their brood is killed by the sword which goes out of Yahshua Messiah's mouth and the birds were filled with their flesh (Rev 19:20-21, 15).

Conclusion

The key to understanding end time Babylon and the apocalyptic beast from the abyss is that many have exchanged faith in YAHWEH for trust in the established "systems" of world powers.

At the end everyone will know that YHVH is ELOHIM and it is HE who sets up kings and nations, and takes them down, and in the end all pride and self-sufficiency will be dealt with.

The "bottom line" on the history of the world is that the great GOD of Heaven will triumph in history and will set up HIS kingdom that will endure forever.

Daniel 2:44-45

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom (of GOD), 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 (of the Beast from the Abyss which is in the image of Satan), and it (the Kingdom of GOD) shall stand for ever.

Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone (Yahshua Messiah) was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron (Rome), the brass (Greece), the clay (Clay & Iron = Confederation of Convulsed Nations join One peculiar Power & establish One unified Superpower), the silver (Media-Persia), and the gold (Babylon); the great God hath made known to the king (Nebuchadnezzar) what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

It is the setting up of *Heaven's* sovereignty over the earth visibly. The distinction of worldly and spiritual shall then cease.

Vision and prophecy will be completed in the destruction of the Satanic World Order (Dan 9:24).

Chapter 8: The Times of the Gentile Nations [\[Top\]](#)

GOD has purposed in himself, in the dispensation of the fullness of times, to gather together the whole human family in Messiah, who is the head of every man (Eph 1:10). A number of instances of this divine providence will be “the times of the nations fulfilled,” “the restitution of all things,” “the second coming of Messiah,” “the millennial kingdom,” “the new heavens and earth.”

In Luke 21:24, Yahshua speaks of future events, including the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and His return.

Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles (*heathen nations*) be fulfilled.
25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring

The Hebrew word goy plural goyim means "people" or "nation", but is usually rendered "gentiles", "heathen" or "nation." In the NT the Greek word ethnos is the word corresponding to “goy” in the OT. It is commonly used for a non-Israelites’ people who were not from the stock of Abraham.

Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian Empire ushered in the “Times of the Gentiles”, that is, the era of Gentile world domination, with the overthrow of the southern kingdom of Judah, the destruction of Jerusalem and the first Temple in 535.5 BCE. Thus finalized the exile of GOD’s people from „the land of Canaan “and „the city of peace“(2.Kings 25) – the house where GOD had once placed HIS name.

Again, in 70 AD, just as Messiah had prophesied, the Roman armies destroyed the city of Jerusalem and burnt the second Temple to the ground (Matt 23:37-39; 24:2).

Nebuchadnezzar's image (Dan 2:31-45) **and John's composite sea beast represent successive Gentile kingdoms** that will dominate the world, including GOD's people, for a time, that is until they have filled the measure of their sins. Orders and degrees of men contrary to YHVH's word help to fill the measure of the nation's guilt. But Ezekiel 30:3 points to "a time of doom for the nations" in connection with the Day of YHVH. ELOHIM will ultimately eradicate all the Gentile world powers and rulers, unify and "restore" the *12 Tribes* of Israel (Rev 20:1-6) and establish HIS own kingdom once and for all.

The period, in the purpose of GOD, when the oppression of HIS people shall cease is in "the times of restitution of all things which GOD hath spoken by the prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:20, 21).

Thus, the era of Gentile world domination runs around 2552.5 years. It starts with the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian Empire of Nebuchadnezzar and ends short after the second coming of Messiah to establish HIS reign to rule forever with HIS people on earth. The armies of the Beast are destroyed by Messiah Yahshua, just before HIS millennial reign is initiated (Rev 19:17-19).

Since Nebuchadnezzar's conquest "Jerusalem" is governed, threatened or trampled by the nations, according to GOD'S counsel, and this has continued through the present time.

In the Old Testament, "Jerusalem" came to serve as a synecdoche for the whole nation of Israel. For that reason, GOD's administration of blessings and curses on Jerusalem was perceived as salvation and judgment on the entire nation. The destruction of Jerusalem symbolized the rejection of Israel. The prophets had warned that YHVH would take HIS presence, glory and protection from Jerusalem (Ezek 11:22-25), as a result of Israel's enduring apostasy.

GOD's people will continue to be under secular Gentile authority until the glorious return of the Savior.

The New Jerusalem will be the full realization of the royal destiny of the People of GOD. The New Jerusalem represents the time when the reign of YAHWEH will be fully actualized on earth through the wise government of YAHSHUA.

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OCCUPATION OF JUDAH, THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM (Composed of 2 tribes)			
Source	Comment	Biblical Calendar Year (BK) ²⁷	Before Common Era (BCE) ²⁸
2.Kings 23:36	Jehoiakim began his reign as King of Judah	3425.25	557.75
Daniel 1:1-2	Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem the first time in the third year of Jehoiakim 3425.25 BK + 3 = 3428.25 BK	3428.25	554.75
Daniel 1:1-8; Jeremiah 24:1, 22:22	Deportation of Daniel and the elite to Babylon	3428.25	554.75
2.Kings 25:1-3	Zedekiah's coronation as King of Judah	3436.5	546.5
2.Kings 25:2; Jeremiah 39:2	Jerusalem destroyed in the 11th year of Zedekiah 3436.5 BK + 11 = 3447.5 BK	3447.5	535.5
2.Kings 25:1-10; Jeremiah 52; 39; 21; 34	Judah conquered. Temple in Jerusalem destroyed and population deported. A few poor left to be vinedressers and husbandmen (2 King 25:12).	3447.5	535.5

The departure of GOD's glory from Jerusalem leads up to the "Times of the Gentiles". HE removed HIS protection from HIS people to open the way for Nebuchadnezzar to destroy Jerusalem in 535.5 BCE (*2.Kings 25*). Until Yahshua Messiahs return in 2017 CE, by divine order, "Jerusalem" will have been governed, threatened or trampled by the Gentile nations for 2552.5 years. (2017 CE + 535.5 BCE = 2552.5 years)

Revelation 11:15 *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 forever and ever.*

Zechariah 14:16 *And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

Isaiah 2:2-3 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain (*Synonym for Kingdom*) of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

The times of the Gentiles are almost over and the second coming of our Adonai and Savior is near! Maranatha!

Rise of an Autocrat with the spirit of Antichrist

Nebuchadnezzar was crowned King of Babylon in 554.75 BCE. Two years into his reign he had a dream (Dan 2). Daniel interprets the dream as follows: The image symbolizes four successive world kingdoms. Even though the golden head represents Babylon, Satan is the puppet master of this dreadful image.

Shortly before the end of "the times of the Gentiles" a Confederation of Convulsed Nations will unite themselves with the One dominating Power to amalgamate into One unified Superpower. A council of false democrats will elect the last Antichrist who will reign as autocrat like Nebuchadnezzar.

Table 5

CORONATION OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR AS KING OF BABYLON

Source	Comments	Biblical Calendar Year (BK) ²⁹	Before Common Era (BCE) ³⁰
2.Kings 25:1-10	Zedekiah's 11th year as king	3447.5	535.5
2.Kings 25:8	3447.5 BK – 19,25 = 3428.25 BK		
2.Kings 25:8-9; Jeremiah 52:12	Coronation of Nebuchadnezzar	3428.25	554.75
	Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon		554.75

Can we determine the date of the rise of the last Antichrist based on the coronation of Nebuchadnezzar and a specific series of seven?

Attention to the number seven reveals some fascinating dimensions.

Of the figures that carry symbolic meaning in biblical usage, seven is the most significant. It is used to signify completeness or totality.

The seven heads of the one sea beast stand for 7 successive world kingdoms (Rev 13:1). They represent the totality of satanic opposition to ELOHIM and the complete sequence of rulers opposed to ELOHIM's rule. The beast of the abyss which is the adequate expression of Satan the "Monster" (Rev 12:3) is "personified" as Antichrist. He will exhibit many of the features of the "Man of Sin", although the whole imperial system or kingdom will be an incarnation of the spirit of Satan. Thus Antichrist must be regarded as not only a person but also a world kingdom.

They will exalt themselves above all that is called god and they will display themselves as being god (2.Thess 2:4). Wrong religious principles have their counterpart in false ethical ideals and immoral civil acts.

A pattern of seven begins in the book of Genesis and extends to the book of Revelation. YHVH completed his work of creation in the seven-day week (Gen 1:1-2:3; Ex 20:11), and **seven days constitute a complete cycle of time.**

Thus the greatest significance of seven as a recurring image is its association with Sabbath rest and liberty. **Every seventh year is to be a Sabbath year** (Lev 25:4).

Since seven is the number of completeness, a specific series of seven can function as representative of the whole.

In biblical usage each day can stand for a year (Numbers 14:34).

While YHVH's people follow a lunar calendar aligned to the seasons and the agricultural cycle, the Babylonian sun worshipers follow a solar calendar. The long-term medial length of the Gregorian calendar year is ca. 365.2425 days³¹.

365.2425 years x 7 cycles = 2556.7 years

554.7 BCE	Coronation of Nebuchadnezzar as autocratic King of the world empire Babylon
+ 2556.7	<u>years</u>
2001.9 CE	Start of the "Time of Sorrows" with the collapse of the World Trade Centre in Sep. 2001
+ 7	<u>years</u>
2008.9 CE	Misfortune widens for the world system. Rapidly intensifying Finance Crises from 2008 onwards
+ 7	<u>years</u>
2015.9 CE	Delegation of state powers to the Antichrist. Last satanic Autocrat of the world empire

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The word "Antichrist" is used only by the apostle John and occurs in 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 7 referring to false teachers, but the idea which the word conveys appears frequently in Scripture – the spirit of antichrist.

Antichrist means ‘instead of,’ ‘against’ or ‘an opposition to Messiah’, a rival Anointed One. In the NT apostle Paul identifies “Antichrist” in the spiritual sphere with Belial (2Co 6:15). At the same time, in the Old Testament we find "Belial" used as if a *personal* opponent of GOD; thus the dreadfully wicked are called "sons or daughters of Belial" (Jud 19:22; 20:13; 1Sa 1:16).

(1.) The Antichrist has been applied also to the "false Messiahs" spoken of by Yahshua (Matt 24:5, 23, 24).

(2.) To the "man of sin", "lawless one" or "son of perdition" described by Paul (2.Thess 2:3-4, 8-10).

(3.) And to the "beast from the abyss" (Rev. 13:1; 17:1-18).

When beast is used in contradistinction to man (Ps. 36:6), it denotes a brute creature generally. It is also used figuratively of an infuriated multitude (1.Cor. 15:32; Acts 19:29; Ps. 22:12, 16; Eccl 3:18; Isa. 11:6-8), and of wicked men (2.Pet 2:12).

In biblical literature, the world government is primarily intended as Antichrist. However in apostolic writings Antichrist became also endowed with personal attributes. Antichrist might be both a Satan empowered or possessed person, and some great principle or system of falsehood, having various manifestations and forms of working.

The Antichrist defies YHVH’s holiness, sovereignty as Creator and purposes expressed in HIS Law.

He cunningly and progressively removes all boundaries of truth, morality, sound doctrines, sense of right and wrong and definition for sin. He will not shy away from using brute force against perceived enemies or to accomplish his goals.

He will deceive the people of the earth to disregard and actively spurn the values YHVH has established, thus they will be compelled to practice idolatry and worship Satan and his Antichrist (false gods, vanities). YHVH solemnly warns against association with them (Rev 18:4). Because they lack the instructions of YHVH everyone will do what

is right in his own eyes. **Therefore the wicked deeds might be perceived within the values of the sinner as the good and right thing to do.**

In Revelation 13:1 and Daniel 7:7, 8 there is the description of a great heathen empire, represented by a beast with ten horns: its full antagonism to ELOHIM is expressed in being given "a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies" and in being granted to "make war with the saints" (Dan 7:8, 21; Rev 13:5, 7) "who keep the commandments of GOD and the faith of Yahshua" (Rev 14:12).

The Antichrist manifestation of this "abomination of desolation" (false god and idolatrous object of despair and destruction) is yet restrained. When GOD's appointed time shall come, that "man of sin" will be revealed, whom Yahshua Messiah shall "slay with the breath of his mouth" (2.Thess 2:8; Rev 19:15, 21).

The 'Ancient of Days' Himself will destroy 'the Son of Perdition', and his kingdom will be given to the 'Son of Man' Yahshua Messiah (Dan 7:9-14; Rev 17:14). So GOD HIMSELF will avenge the saints on him. Here is the patience of the saints (Rev 14:12), that is, the patient confidence, hope, expectation and faith in GOD's justice, of HIS continual government and certainty of HIS return and coming judgment.

Chapter 9: Jeremiah's prophecy in Chapter 25:8-12 [\[Top\]](#)

Jeremiah's dual prophecy depicts here the downfall of the ancient Babylonian world power and foreshadows the last 70 years of obscured Counsel Government.

Jeremiah 25:8-12

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts (YHVH of armies); Because ye have not heard my words (rebellion, disobedience, corruption, idol worship), Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadnezzar the king (personified Antichrist) of Babylon (economic and military world powers), my servant

(*instrument of GOD's wrath*), and will bring them against this land , and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them (*in 1945 CE*), and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

And this whole land shall be desolation *and* astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years (*1945 CE – 2015/2016 CE*).

And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished (*2015/2016 CE*), **that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity** (*corruption, tyranny*), **and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.**

Chapter 10: Isaiah's Prophecy in Chapter 23:15-17 [\[Top\]](#)

Isaiah's prophecy respecting the city of Tyre illustrates her overthrow and re-establishment. Tyre was the mart of the nations. She stands for uninhibited global commerce and trade based on oppression and colonization. Her inhabitants celebrate human sin as "good".

Isaiah 23:15-17

And it shall come to pass in that day (*1945 CE*), that Tyre* shall be forgotten seventy years (*1945 CE – 2015 CE*), according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as a harlot (*courts merchants of all nations*). Take a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years (*2015/2016 CE*), that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

*Tyre means rock, sharp or strength. Ancient Tyre was one of the principle cities of Phoenicia. One product the region was famed for was red dye. Tyre was an international seaport in contact with every part of the world. Tyre was a rich merchant city that sent their traders into the entire earth. The commerce of the whole world was gathered into the warehouses of Tyre.

Phoenician connections with the children of Israel were close. The masons employed by David and Solomon, at least the chief of them, were Phoenicians (1Kings 5:18; Ezek 27:9). Ahab, king of the northern kingdom Israel married Jezebel, the princess of Tyre.

The wickedness and idolatry of this city are frequently denounced by the prophets, and its final destruction predicted (Isa. 23:1; Jer. 25:22; Ezek. 26; 28:1-19; Amos 1:9, 10; Zech. 9:2-4). Today the land lies in ruins.

The Phoenicians, which were Canaanites (Gen 10:6) spoke a branch of the Semitic language so closely allied to Hebrew that Phoenician and Hebrew, though different dialects, may practically be regarded as the same language.

Chapter 11: Zenith prior to the downfall [\[Top\]](#)

Revelation 13:13-17

And he (the beast of the land as false prophet – counterfeit Elijah) doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast (abyss beast as personified Antichrist or unified economic, military world superpower. Satan gives this beast his power, throne and authority); saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword (*image of the slain beast opposed to the slain Lamb*), and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast (hierarchical ecclesiastical dominion persecuting GOD's people through the beast's monetary system, military and society) that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast (submit) should be killed.

- **And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark** (*differentiation to YHVH's people*) **in their right hand, or in their foreheads** (*set apartness to the beast*):
- **And that no man might buy** (*consumer*) **or sell** (*merchant*), **save he that had the mark** (*proletariat, non-citizens*), **or the name of the beast** (*citizen*), **or the number of his name** (*military, administration*).

These references reveal diplomatic moves by the “cowardly” to seek security through alliance with the great powers. These people attempt to keep themselves together by means of an outward and visible tie.

Such moves are roundly condemned by the prophets as apostasy from YHVH, their true and only Adonai.

True unity must come from within. When outward unity is attempted the result will be, as in this case, separation, dispersion, confusion. Their new protectors will become their captors.

As they submitted to the mark of the beast, so they must bear the mark of the avenging LORD.

When these times of scarceness come, those people of GOD who will suffer and find that their hearts can scarcely bear these momentary afflictions, must remember HIS promises and take warning to flee from the wrath to come; for if these trials are not sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the cleansing of their minds and hands from sin, far worse things will come upon them. Affliction, if it does not melt, hardens the sinner.

Those who fear GOD will unite in prayer and witness to HIS truth, righteousness and holiness; as wicked men of every rank and profession plot together to wear them out. Remember: The outcome of the battle is predetermined (Rev 20-22).

Rev 21: 8 **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

Chapter 12: Prophecy of Daniel 7:7 and Revelation 17:9-13 [\[Top\]](#)

Revelation 17:9-13 depicts the wicked merchant city - “mystery Babylon” – practicing her trade with the 7 “Kings” during the last 70 years of ‘world kingdom’. In the records of Scripture large marts of commerce are often compared to harlots seeking many lovers, that is, they court merchants of all nations, and take in any one for the sake of gain (Na 3:4; Re 18:3). The 8th “Head-King” of the world empire system will receive the power and authority of his 10 “horn-kings”; and by GOD’s ordination, these “lovers” will devastate the “great city” and plunder her wealth.

These will also battle against the Lamb Yahshua Messiah at the great day of El Shaddai at the place called Armageddon (“hill city of declaring a message” or “showing forth of his precious fruit”). And then they will go off into destruction.

Daniel 7:7

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.

Revelation 17:9-14

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads (*kings*) are seven mountains (*governments*), on which the woman (*corrupt international commercial city*) sitteth (*reigns*).

And there are seven kings:

- five are fallen,
- and one is (*6th*),
- *and* the other is not yet come (*7th*);
- and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

And the beast (*8th head of the composite sea beast*) **that was**, and is not, even **he is the eighth**, and is of the seven (*the same organization*), and **goeth into perdition** (*cast alive into the lake of fire like Korah and his company*).

Note: The current Secretary-General³² of the United Nations (UN) is the 8th appointed one. His second term expires January 1, 2017 CE. The UN headquarters are in New York City.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour (*short time*) **with the beast** (*8th head-king of the beast*).

These (*10 horn-kings*) **have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast** (*8th head-king of the beast*).

The time appointed for the punishment of wicked men may seem to come slowly, but it will come surely.

Battle of that great day of God Almighty at the place called Armageddon - 2017/2018 CE

These (*composite abyss beast (Antichrist), false prophet and their armies*) **shall make war with the Lamb** (*Yahshua Messiah*), **and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful** (*"HIS firstfruits"*).

Chapter 13: GOD'S judgment on "that day" pictured in Isaiah Chapters 13 to 24 [\[Top\]](#)

Isaiah chapters 13-24 vibrantly narrate "the Last Times" of Babylon, Damascus, and of the World in General.

The phrase "that day" characterizes a time when GOD will judge HIS enemies; with judgment directed against both the enemies of GODS's holy people, "the nations" and "Israel" herself, or at least the enemies of GOD in her midst. The function of the references to the "day of vengeance" is thus, both to warn the ungodly and to assure the faithful of the certainty and nearness of their deliverance.

Before „the Day of YAHWEH” Isaiah 13:10 portrays a very specific total solar eclipse which points towards judgment to the “heathen” nations.

Isaiah 13:10 [For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth \(eclipse after sunrise\), and the moon shall not cause her light to shine \(new moon\).](#)

The darkened sun (described in Isaiah 13:10) **resembles** the March, 20 2015 **total solar eclipse**.

YHVH’s biblical New Year on March, 20 2015 occurred on an exceedingly rare solar eclipse and **included** a black new „super“**moon**. The eclipse³³ occurred early in the morning, shortly after sunrise. It was the first sun rise after 6 months of darkness at the [“farthest North”](#). The maximum of the darkness took place east of Island before the track of totality reached Spitsbergen. 69 km before the North Pole, the shadow of the moon left the earth. The full eclipse was most visible from the Arctic Oceans and the North Atlantic, Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, northern Norway and **England** etc.

The prophet Isaiah foretells that YHVH will overturn governments, till the coming of HIM whose right it is. He also pronounces troubles of states and kingdoms which shall make way for establishing Yahshua Messiah's kingdom throughout the earth.

Isaiah Chapter 14 describes the fall of the “King of Babylon” in the last times, who has the spirit of antichrist.

Isaiah 14:12-15 [How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer \(Satan possessed King of Babylon\), son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!](#)

[For thou \(Antichrist\) 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 \(farthest\) north:](#)
- [I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;](#)
- [I will be like the most High.](#)

[Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.](#)

Isaiah 14:4-6 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! The golden city ceased! The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the scepter of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* no one hindereth.

Isaiah 17 describes GOD’S judgment on Damascus (Syria) in the “End of Times”

Isaiah 17:1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus (*Syria*) is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

Isaiah 24 describes GOD’S judgment on the whole earth and ends with:

Isaiah 24: 21-22a And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, (...)

Isaiah 24:23 Then the **moon shall be confounded** (*blood-red moon*), and the **sun ashamed** (*blood-red sun*), when the LORD (*YAHWEH*) of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

That all might know it was HIS decree against a wicked and rebellious people.

Chapter 14: GOD'S HOLY DAYS, the Set Times of YHVH [\[Top\]](#)

YAHWEH has given HIS SET TIMES to all mankind to observe.

Set time means appointed time, Heb. '*moed*'. Psalm 104:19 tells us that YAHWEH appointed the moon for '*moedim*', 'fixed times or festivals'. The same thing in Genesis 1:14, where the sun and moon are for "seasons," '*moedim*', 'appointed times'. YAHWEH built feast observance into creation itself; its origin dates from the beginning.

GOD's appointed times follow a lunar calendar aligned and synchronized with the four seasons and the agricultural cycle. Therefore every once and a while there is added a leap year.

The Feasts, that is, the Set Times are, moreover, interconnected with historical events.

Around 3900 BCE we see Cain and Abel, the firstborns of Adam and Eve, celebrating the *Feast of Firstfruits* (Gen 4:3-6; Deut 26:1-11). They lived more than 1800 years before the time of the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. *Note: Abraham was born 1974 BCE.* Moses re-instructed the Israelites in YHVH's Holy Days in 1445 BCE (Lev 23-25), because HIS commandments had fallen into oblivion during their time of slavery in Egypt.

There are many evidences in the Bible account that YHVH's instructions were kept long before the Torah was given to Moses. E.g. in the book of *Leviticus*, we read about rules for the sacrificial system. However, the origin of this system was already in place in the time of Cain and Abel, who made the first - in the Bible recorded - offerings. Abel offered lamb sacrifices in worship to Elohim. Because meat eating and animal sacrifice are interconnected in the Bible, we can assume that his household was permitted to eat clean meat (Gen 3:21).

In Gen 14:20 we see the "*tighting*" principle (*The Tenth*) in place before the Levites were born (Abraham "tightes" to Melchizedek, c.f. Heb 7, Nb 18:21 and Jacob also knew about the Tenth, c.f. Gen 28:1-22); in Gen 14:18 we see that the *blessing with bread and wine* is celebrated in the order of Melchizedek (cf. Matt 26:26-28 Yahshua's last Passover Meal); the *law of animals*' was in place before Noah's time (Gen 7:2; 8:20; 9:3) and the *prohibition to eat blood* (9:4); Noah followed YHVH's Biblical Calendar (Gen 8:13) etc.

All the data point to the conclusion that the law of the: firstborn, firstfruits, animals, sacrifices, feasts, tenth etc. and the biblical calendar existed and was practiced from Adam's ancestors, ages before the 'law of Moses' was given.

YHVH's Appointed Times are evident from the beginning of creation and they go through to the end of the age, even on into the Millennial Kingdom.

Isaiah 66 speaks of the Millennial Kingdom. We learn that when Yahshua sets up His kingdom regency on this earth that everyone will come to keep YAHWEH'S appointed times (Isa 66:23). Zechariah 14:16-18 tells us that the whole world is commanded to obey. The rebellious remnant of the nations who won't go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles will get no rain.

We recall that Yahshua promised to keep the Passover again with His disciples in the Kingdom (Matt 26:29).

A fundamental purpose of YAHWEH'S Feasts is to instruct about GOD'S Master Plan. We see this happening in the Millennial Kingdom in Ezek. 44:23-24.

Set Times, animal sacrifices and meat eating are interconnected in the Bible. The destruction of the Temple in 70 AD by the Romans made it impossible for Hebrews to offer sacrifices at the Temple, rendering the relationship of meat-eating to sacrifices problematic. Apparently there was considerable debate about this among the Hebrews. After the destruction of the Temple, apparently many Hebrews gave up meat-eating altogether, and in fact, meat consumption nearly died out at the time. In the Kingdom (Ezek 45:17) we see a new temple and the "Prince" prepares the sacrifices at the appointed seasons.

YHVH's children's reasonable service is to present their bodies a living *sacrifice* unto Elohim (Rom 12:1-2). HIS children do offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving by Yahshua, doing good and sharing (Heb 13:14-18). We sacrifice of ourselves when we attend the holy meetings with YHVH at the annual Feasts and the weekly Sabbaths (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset).

The Apostolic Church kept YHVH's weekly Sabbaths and HIS Holy Days. They taught about their meaning (Acts 24:14).

In his first epistle to the Corinthians **Apostle Paul** wrote about the Passover observance and exhorted them to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

"Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened.

For indeed **Messiah, our Passover was sacrificed for us.**

Therefore let us **keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the **unleavened bread of sincerity and truth**"**

(1 Cor. 5:7-8).

"Now if the first-fruit [Yahshua] is holy, so also the lump [body of believers].

And if the root is holy, so also the branches".

(Rom 11:16).

Did you know that when you substitute GOD's Holy Days for secular holidays, you fulfill the biblical definition of idolatry?

The **Catholic Encyclopedia** states, that the English term **Easter** relates to Estre, a **Teutonic goddess** of the rising light of day and spring. The Anglo-Saxon's call it eâster or eâstron; the Germans, Ostern. April was called easter-monadh.

Source: <http://oce.catholic.com/index.php?title=Easter>, accessed 31.03.2015.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th edition, Vol. 8, p. 828, confirms that "there is no indication of the observance of the Easter Festival in the New Testament, or in the writings of the apostolic fathers."

C.f. <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/117239/church-year/67669/Easter>, accessed 31.03.2015.

Ex 23:13-16

And in all *things* that I have said unto you be circumspect:
and make no mention of the name of other gods,
neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread:

(thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib;
for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field:
and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Read also: Mark 7:6-9, Acts 5:29.

YHVH's annual Memorial and Feast Days mentioned in the Old and New Testament

Table 6

		1st Month of the Biblical Calendar Year				7th Month of the Biblical Calendar Year			
	Weekly Sabbath	Passover (Memorial)	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Feast of Wave Sheaf Offering of Firstfruits (barley)*	Pentecost / Feast of Firstfruits Harvest	Feast of Trumpets* (Memorial)	Day of Atonement(s) (The Fast)	Feast of Tabernacles/Feast of Ingathering at the year's end	Last Great Day of the Feast / 8th Day
Commanded in the OT	Lev 23:3; Ex 31:12-17; 20:8-11; 34:21; Deut 5:12-15, Gen 2:2-3	Lev 23:5; Ex 12:14a, 27, 43; Ex 23:18	Lev 23:6-8; Ex 12:14b-20; 13:3-10; 23:14-15; 34:21	Lev 23:9-14, Deut 26:1-10; Gen 4:2-7	Lev 23:15-22; Ex 23:16; Deut 16:9-12	Lev 23:23-25	Lev 23:26-32	Lev 23:33-34; Ex 23:16, 34:22; Deut 16:13-17	Lev 23:36
Observed by Jesus, apostles or NT congregation	Mark 1:21; 6:2; Luke 4:16, 6:6; Acts 13:14; 17:2; Acts 13:42, 44; 18:4	Matt 26:2, 17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 2:41-42; 22:1, 7-20; John 2:13, 23; 6:4; 13:1-30; 1.Cor 11:23-29	Matt 26:17; Mark 14:12. Luke 2:41-42; 22:1, 7. Acts 20:6; 1.Cor 5:6-8	Rom 11:16; 1.Cor 15:20, 23; Jam 1:18; Rev 14:4	Acts 2:1-21; 20:16; 1.Cor 16:8	Matt 24:30-31; 1.Thess 4:16-17; 1.Cor 15:51-51; Rev 11:15	Acts 27:9	John 7:1-2, 8, 10, 14; Acts 18:21; Rev 7:9-10	John Chap. 7-9, 7:37-39

Kept in the Millennium as a memorial and sign	Isaiah 66:23, Ezek 46:1	Ezek 45:21	Ezek 45:21					Zech 14:1-4, 16-19; Ezek 45:25, 46:3, 9, 11	
<p>*Although the Feast of Trumpets is not mentioned by name in the NT, the theme of the day the sounding of trumpets announcing Jesus Christ's return—is mentioned by several NT authors—as noted in the references.</p> <p>** Although the "Day of Firstfruits" is not mentioned by name in the NT, the theme is mentioned.</p>									

Chapter 15: YHVH's annual Memorial and Feast Days 2015 to 2017 CE [\[Top\]](#)

Lev 23:4 *These are the feasts of the LORD (YHVH), even holy meetings, which ye (HIS children) shall proclaim in their seasons.*

Do you keep your appointments with your CREATOR?

Are you going to acknowledge these days commanded by YHVH in the Scriptures?

Table 7

YHVH's Holy Days 2015-2017 CE			
Roman Gregorian Calendar Year, C.E.	2015	2016	2017
Biblical Calendar Year (BK)	5999	6000	6001
Biblical New Year [First month (new moon) of the biblical year]	March 20*	Apr 7	March 28
Weekly Sabbath - 7th day of the week	Friday**	Friday	Friday
Passover (Memorial)	Apr 2	Apr 21	Apr 9
Feast of Unleavened Bread#	Apr 3 - 9	Apr 22 - 28	Apr 10 - 16
Feast of Firstfruits Wave Sheaf Offering	Apr 4	Apr 23	Apr 15
Day of Pentecost	May 23	Jun 11	Jun 03
Day of Trumpets (Memorial) [Seventh month (new moon) of the biblical year]	Sept 13	Oct 02	Sept 20
Day of At-one-ment(s)	Sept 22	Oct 11	Sept 29
Sabbath of the 7 th year (rest for the land)	Sept 22		
Sabbath of the 50 th year (year of Jubilee) [Liberty for person, property release, land rest]		Oct 11†	
Feast of Tabernacles	Sept 27 - Oct 3	Oct 16 - 22	Oct 4 - 10

Last Great Day / 8th Day	Oct 4	Oct 23	Oct 11
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* Holy Days in the table start at sunset of the same Gregorian day and end at sunset the next day.

** The weekly Sabbath starts at Friday sunset and ends at Saturday sunset.

According to the biblical timetable a new day begins at sunset in the evening (Gen 1:5, Joshua 8:29, 2.Chron 18:34). God's day goes "from evening to evening" (Lev 23:32), while the Gregorian day starts at midnight and ends at midnight the next day.

Passover e.g. was observed in 2015 on Thursday, 2 April at sunset according to the Roman Gregorian time table.

Passover e.g. was observed in 5999 on 14 Abib, the sixth day of the week at sunset according to the biblical time table.

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YHVH's Holy Days follow a lunar calendar aligned with the four seasons and the agricultural cycle. Therefore every once and a while there is added a leap year.

† Intensified manifestation of Antichrist (Dan 9:26).

Does Jeremiah present in Chapter 10:1-4 today's Christmas tree or Hanukkah bush as heathen tradition?

Jeremiah 10:1-4 [Hear ye the word which the Lord thus speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the ax. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasting it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.](#)

Chapter 16: Four BLOOD MOONS and Two SOLAR ECLIPSES at GOD'S HOLY DAYS 2014 through to 2015 CE [\[Top\]](#)

Another End-of-the-world Prophecy?

A tetrad of four total lunar eclipses and two solar eclipses will coincide with significant Feast dates of YHVH in 2014 through to 2015.

Many are convinced that this is not a coincidence, but that these eclipse clusters will turn out to be very significant harbingers of things to come.

However, they should not be identified as the *apocalyptic blood moon* described in Scripture passages like Revelation 6:12-17. They are not the cosmic signs of the 6th Seal.

Table 8

Feasts	Unleavened Bread	Tabernacles	Biblical New Year 1 Abib 5999	Unleavened Bread	Trumpets	Tabernacles
Dates	April 15, 2014	October 8, 2014	March 20, 2015	April 4, 2015	September 13, 2015	September 28, 2015
Sun			Total solar eclipse		Partial solar eclipse	
Moon	"Bloodmoon"	"Bloodmoon"	"Black" new Supermoon. 3rd Supermoon 2015	"Bloodmoon"	"Apogee" new moon	"Bloodmoon" and 6th Supermoon of 2015
Other	Mars appeared as a fiery red 'star' next to the moon		Spring Solar Equinox: Time of Beginning and Renewal			Full moon

The term Bloodmoon or Blood-red moon has recently become popular when referring to the total lunar eclipses in the 2014/2015 lunar tetrads. The term “bloodmoon” didn’t come from astronomy and has no technical basis. The catchy term might have originated from laymen, due to the at times distinct rusty reddish-brown color of the totally eclipsed moon.

Lunar eclipses usually do not occur in any specific order. However, from time to time, four total lunar eclipses happen in a row. This is called a lunar tetrad. The total lunar eclipses happen 6 months apart.

The tetrad has special significance because the lunar eclipses coincide with two of YHVH’s important “pilgrimage” festivals. The two April lunar eclipses in 2014 and 2015 occurred during the Feast of Unleavened Bread while the October 2014 and September 2015 eclipses occurred during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Furthermore, the year 2015 has a total of six supermoons according to *Astrologer* Richard Nolle. They are the *new* moons of January, February and **March 20** and the *full* moons of August, **September 28** and October.

Note: A supermoon is a new or full moon closely (within 90%) coinciding with perigee – the moon’s closest point to Earth in its orbit.

The March 20, 2015 supermoon was accompanied by **an exceedingly rare total solar eclipse** bringing its shadow to the **North Pole** for two minutes on the **first day of the spring equinox**, which is the beginning of **YHVH’s Biblical Calendar Year**. Some claim that this coincidence of events has never occurred before in human history.

This total eclipse of the Sun was a **northern hemisphere event**. The band of totality started in the northern Atlantic to the south of Greenland. It moved to the east to pass between Iceland and Scotland with the Faeroe Islands on its southern edge. A swing to the northeast took it across most of the islands of Spitsbergen after which it continued north to move off the surface of the Earth from the Arctic.

The full moon on September 28, 2015 at the Feast of Tabernacles will present the closest **supermoon** of the year; moreover, it will stage a **total lunar eclipse, concluding a series of Blood Moon eclipses** that started with the total lunar eclipse of April 15, 2014.

The two solar eclipses have special significance because the eclipses coincide with **YHVH's New Year** (first day of the first biblical month of the New Year) and **HIS Feast of Trumpets** (first day of the seventh biblical month of GOD's calendar year). Both signal the beginning of a new month on a new moon, where the trumpets should be sounded. It signifies a time of beginnings and renewal. In addition, you call yourself to remembrance with GOD.

The Talmud (a book of tradition and interpretation) **suggests that:**

1. When the MOON is in ECLIPSE, it is a "bad omen for Israel".
2. When the MOON'S FACE IS RED AS BLOOD, it is "a bad omen for Jews and the nation of Israel".
3. A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE indicates judgment to the Gentile nations, "as a sword coming to the world."

Note: All four total lunar eclipses are visible from most of the United States of America. Only the 'Super Blood Moon' on 28 September 2015, shall be visible from the 'State of Israel', in the Middle East!

Brief Summary

- Four "bloodmoons" in 2014 through to 2015 perfectly matching GOD's DAYS.
- **Juxtaposition of the red planet** with the moon during the lunar eclipse in April 15, 2014. Note: Mars is the planet of war in the Greek mythology.
- For 2015 a sequence of rare events are confirmed.
- **Six super moons** are expected for 2015.
- **Total Solar Eclipse**, shortly after sunrise on March 20, 2015 (as described e.g. in Isaiah 13:10), in the midst of 4 bloodmoons.
- Third super moon of the year on March 20, 2015.

- **Spring equinox** on March 20, 2015 in the northern hemisphere at the first day of the Biblical Calendar Year 5999 (BK) after 6 months of darkness in the far north (points to the end of the 6000 year “probation” time) at the (farthest) North (where Antichrist, the World Ruler has his “metaphorical” throne according to Isaiah 14).
- **Partial Solar Eclipse** at the Feast of Trumpets on September 13, 2015. That is, the first day of the 7th month of the biblical calendar year 5999.

Conclusion: The eclipse cluster is certainly an important omen of things to come. These natural celestial phenomena present an occasion for existential questioning of the present world with regard to Messiah’s return. **The ‘Signs in the Sky’ in 2014 and 2015** are *harmless Foreshadows, as a Warning, pointing to the Big, Earth and Heaven shaking Events which will occur at some stage in the “Day of YHVH”*.

The “supernatural” or significance is not so much the unusual occurrence of these natural events, but the timing of these events, the interrelation with HIS DAYS in HIS biblical calendar year 5998 through to 5999. That these „Signs in the Heavens“ came to pass shortly before the Biblical Calendar year 6000 BK underlines the magnitude of these events.

When you understand HIS message, ask HIM to grant you repentance unto salvation.

Biblical “moon that is turned into blood”

The lunar eclipse tetrad must be separated from the final biblical “moon that is turned into blood” that will appear at the end of the age. For a variety of reasons the moon can appear in a reddish color, e.g. exhaustive fires. The transit from warning signs to the final event happens progressively. There are references in the books of the Old Testament prophets, in the Gospels and in the book of Revelation, as well.

Acts 2:17-21 [And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, \(...\) The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord \(YAHWEH\) come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord \(to YAHWEH through YAHSHUSA\) shall be saved. \(Joel 3:1-5\)](#)

Isaiah 13:10 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.

Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Luke 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Ezekiel 32:7-8 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.
All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

Mark 13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Revelation 6:12-13 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;
And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

Joel 3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Luke 21:25-28 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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

Isaiah 24:23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Ezekiel 32: 7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

Lunar eclipse tetrad clusters

**There were only 3 lunar eclipse tetrads matching perfectly with GOD’S HOLY Days in at least 1500 years!
And all three of them took place in the last 66 years.**

Hence a sequence of 4 blood moons hundred percent matching YHVH’S Holy Days are exceedingly rare.

Table 9

BLOOD MOON CYCLES 1949 to 2015 ³⁴		
Passover memorial / Feast of unleavened Bread with Blood Moons (CE)	Feast of Tabernacles with Blood Moons (CE)	Comment
13. April 1949	07. October 1949	Founding of the Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Germany) May 23, 1949 ³⁵ . Founding of NATO April 4, 1949 ³⁶ .
02. April 1950	26. September 1950	
24. April 1967	18. October 1967	NATO moved their headquarters from Paris to Brussels in 1967 ³⁷ . Israel’s 6-Day-War in June 5-10, 1967 ³⁸ . Obtained control over Jerusalem.
13. April 1968	06. October 1968	
15. April 2014	08. October 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed conflict between Russia and the Ukraine; Start March/April 2014³⁹. • Pope in Jerusalem May 2014. • ISIS proclaims Caliphate in June 2014⁴⁰.
04. April 2015	28. September 2015	

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Table 10

GREAT TRIBULATION - 4 BLOOD MOONS - 2 SOLAR ECLIPSES - Meaning of GOD's HOLY DAYS				
Let us watch! Because we know not the day or the hour in which YHVH's Son will come. But the signs, times and season we can discern (Mt 24:32-36; Luke 21:29-31; Mk 13:28-32); hence below you will find approximate dates. (Amos 3:7; Matthew 25:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4; Matthew 24)				
Tribulation and Great Tribulation	Start Date*	End Date*	Name of the annual Holy Days and signs from heaven	Comments (Read Lev 23; Deut 16 and Acts 2:20; Isaiah 13 :10; Joel 2:10; 2:31; 3:15)
2014 CE				
<i>Start Tribulation for YHVH's people</i>	01/04/2014		Biblical New Year 5998 BK 2014 CE 5774 HC ⁴¹	1 Abib or Nissan (Exodus 12:2, 13:3-4; Col 1:12-14). The trumpet is blown up (Ps 81:3) on a new moon, signaling the start of a new biblical month (a family celebration). Symbolizes a new beginning and calls oneself into remembrance with GOD. Preparation time to Passover. (Isaiah 59; 1 Pet 2:9)
	13/04/2014	14/04/2014	Passover (Matt 26:1-2, 26-28; Luke 22: 14-25; 1.Cor 5:7, 11:23-26).	Yahshua Messiah ⁴² as the world's Passover lamb, sacrificed <i>from the foundation of the world</i> . In Him the world has redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, the purification for good works (1.Cor 5:7; Eph 1:7; 1:4; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet 1:18-20, cf. Exodus 12:3-7; John 1:29), the protection from the death of the firstborn. Through "working" faith individuals can be grafted into the commonwealth of true Israel, and become subject to one law, i.e. the covenants of promise. On account of true faith all people (Jews and Gentiles) can become incorporated into the tribe of the Israel <i>from above</i> as 'a native person' or 'home-born in the land, of one's own

			<i>"heavenly" country or nation' (Heb.: ezech⁴³).</i>
14/04/2014	21/04/2014	Feast of unleavened Bread (Exodus 12:15-20; Eph 4:21-32, 5:1-18)	Purchased by the blood of the slain Lamb and therewith liberated from the house of Satan, the oppressor, to become the slave of Christ , to learn and practice righteousness. Bondservants choose to stay with their Master and obey HIS voice out of "reasoned" love. Friends are loyal and faithful because of "emotional" love. (Water Baptism). (1.Cor 5:6-8; Gal 2:17-18, 5:9, 13-26; Lk 12:1; Matt 16:5-12).
		Blood Moon 15.04.2014 Warning I	<i>Warning 1.</i> Come out of the house of bondage and of sin! (1.John 1:1-10, 2:1-6; Heb 10:26).
07/06/2014	08/06/2014	Pentecost (Acts 2:1) also known as Day of Firstfruits (Ex 23:16; Rom 8:23)	Symbol: Devout men to YHVH from all nations of the earth receive the Holy Spirit for obedience to Yahshua Messiah (Acts 2:1-4, 1:4-5). They are GOD's "firstborn" or HIS first, smaller harvest. The first fruits of HIS creatures (Jas 1:18) are transformed by the power of grace (Acts 1:8), and GOD's laws are written in their hearts (Ezek 36:26-27). (Baptism with the Holy Spirit). They live and walk in Christ. (Rom 8:23)
24/09/2014	25/09/2014	Trumpets (Blowing or Shouting)	In the OT the Trumpets were blown as a signaling system: to call the church, to direct the orderly movement of the people (departure of the camp), as an alarm when they went to war (Nb 10:1-10; Lk 21:36; Joel 1:14-15) to call oneself into remembrance with GOD. It reminded the people to trust GOD and call on HIM, especially in times of distress or joy. In Revelation the 7 th seal preludes to the seven trumpets. The 6 soundings proclaim the dreadful time of wars and plagues. (Rev 11:15, 1.Thess 4:16-17, Matt 24:31, 1.Cor 15:51-54).

03/10/2014	04/10/2014	Day of Atonements (Coverings or Fasting)	The Trumpet sound of the Jubilee (Lev 25:9) in the fiftieth year proclaims liberty to all the land and its inhabitants. The 7th and last trumpet sound in Revelation will proclaim HIS Kingdom on earth and the first resurrection of the saints. Ultimately, reconciliation with GOD the Father and restoration. Annually: Everyone who is willing and blesses Yahshua the highpriest - who comes in the name of YHVH - will be gathered under HIS wings (Matt 23:37). OT: Times of humbling and afflicting of one's soul, and praying to GOD to give one a safe journey. Reminder to reject impiety and worldly desires, to live sober, upright and godly lives in the present world and to wait faithfully for YHVH's vengeance (Lev 16; Isaiah 58; Ezra 8:21; Titus 2:12-14; Heb 9:7-14; Jonah 3:5-10).
08/10/2014	16/10/2014	Feast of Tabernacles Ex 11:16, 34:22). <hr/> Last Great Day, the 8th Day (Lev 23:39) is the last day of the fall festivals.	Time of living in temporary booths as a reminder to thank GOD for HIS divine provisions, guidance, leadership and instructions during mankind's journey to GOD. Symbolizes the great harvest of people at the end of this era - an image and shadow of the future temporary Messianic Kingdom in the millennial Sabbath. The eighth day (Lev 23:39) is the last day of the fall festivals and might symbolize the general resurrection of the dead to the "White Throne Judgment" after the millennium, or the eternal Life in the New Jerusalem on the "renewed" earth (Rev 20:12-15, John 5:28-29).
		Blood Moon 08.10.2014 Warning II	<i>Warning 2.</i> If you want to have eternal life and take part at the first resurrection and rule with Messiah in HIS righteous kingdom give HIM thanks in all things, trust HIM and obey HIS voice. (Rev 20:6, 5:5-6; Eph 4:18; Acts 26:18; Mat 4:16; Lk 1:77-80)

2015 CE				
1 Year in Tribulation	20/03/2015		Biblical New Year 5999 BK 2015 CE 5775 HC	Abib means green or grain ears of barley. Train your ears to hear GOD, tune into HIS frequency. HE has sent HIS Son so that the world through HIM might be saved.
			Total Sun Eclipse 20.03.2015 Warning III	<i>Warning 3. If one does not circumcise his ears and does not imitate Yahshua, who does the will of the FATHER, one is condemned already (John 3:17-21). Do not love darkness, because of your evil deeds. Foreshadow of Rev 6:12-17. See also Deuteronomy 11:21-23.</i>
	02/04/2015	03/04/2015	Passover	
	03/04/2015	10/04/2015	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Set yourself apart from sin and consecrate yourself to holiness and righteousness.
			Blood Moon 04.04.2015 Warning IV	Warning 4 The Feast of Firstfruits Wave Sheaf Offering symbolizes Jesus' ascension to the Father after HE was raised from the dead to be accepted as first from the firstfruits and his descent to teach his disciples for forty days.
	23/05/2015	24/05/2015	Day of Pentecost	
	13/09/2015	14/09/2015	Trumpets	The sound of the 6 trumpets in the book of Revelation symbolizes a time of wars and plagues, which point to Yahshua Messiah's return and culminates with the first

				resurrection of the saints at the blow of the 7-th trumpet.
			Partial Sun Eclipse 13.09.2015 Warning V	<i>Warning 5.</i> “Blow the trumpet. Sound an alarm. The day of YHVH is coming. The destruction from the Almighty is at hand, a day of darkness and clouds, a foggy day” (c.f. Joel 2:1-3).
	22/9/2015	23.09/2015	Day of Atonement	The world is brought to its knees in the catastrophic events, culminating in Yahshua’s return. Consider HIS goodness and severity! Remember what is required for salvation, for judgment begins at the "House of GOD", HIS people (1 Pt 4:17-19). Warning to separate from the world and her lusts, to leave the wicked city and her sins and return to YHVH’s holiness.
1 ½ years in Tribulation	27/09/2015	05/10/2015	Feast of Tabernacles and the eighth day	Celebrate GOD’s divine provision, goodness and HIS judgments. Symbolizes the great fall harvest (Joel 3:1-5; Isaiah 24:23; Lk 21:25; Mk 13:24)
			Blood Moon 28.09.2015 Warning VI	<i>Warning 6.</i> The time when many will recognize that something special is going on.
2016 CE				
	07/04/2016		Biblical New Year 6000 BK 2016 CE 5776 HC	False Christ on the way to execute total power over the children of darkness.
2 years in Tribulation	21/04/2016	22/04/2016	Passover	
	See table 6		Feast of unleavened bread	

2.5 years in Tribulation.	02/10/2016	03/10/2016	Trumpets	
Start of the "Great Tribulation"				
	11/10/2016	12/10/2016	Day of Atonement	
	16/10/2016	23/10/2016	Feast of Tabernacles	
	23/10/2016	24/10/2016	The eighth day (Lev 23:39)	
2017 CE				
	28/03/2017		Biblical New Year 6001 BK 2017 CE 5777 HC	Start of the Millennial reign of Yahshua Messiah at some stage in 2017.
3.0 years in Tribulation	09/04/2017	10/04/2017	Passover	
	10/04/2017	17/04/2017	Feast of Unleavened Bread	
	03/06/2017	04/06/2017	Pentecost	
	20/09/2017	21/09/2017	Trumpets	
	29/09/2017	30/09/2017	Day of Atonement	

3.5 years of Tribulation	04/10/2017	12/10/2017	Feast of tabernacles and the 8th day.	
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Matthew 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are fourteen generations*; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are fourteen generations*; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ *are fourteen generations*.

Table 11: See Matt 1:17; Luke 3:23-38

From Abraham (1975.5 BCE) to Jesus Christ (15.5 BCE)		
Calendar years and (difference years)	Description	Source
1975.5 BCE	Birth of Abraham.	
(980 Years)	14 generations (Matt 1:17) from Abraham to David. 1 generation corresponds to 70 years of a human life (Ps 90:10). 14 generations x 70 years/generation = 980 years.	Matthew 1:17
995.5 BCE	David was 37.5 years old and in his 7-th year reign over the entire house of Israel (12 Tribes). <u>David was 30 years old when he became king</u> and he reigned as king for 40 years in total. 7.5 years he was king over Judah in Hebron. Then he reigned for 33 years as king over Israel (12 tribes) in Jerusalem. In total he reigned as king from 1009 BCE until 969 BCE. At the age of 70 years, he gave his kingdom to his son Solomon and died soon afterwards.	1.Chronicles 1-4; 1.Kings 2:11-12; 2.Samuel 5:5; 2.Samuel 5:4-5; 1.Chronicles 10:6, 11:3, 11:4

	As the worldly kingdom of David has been divided into two kingdoms after Solomon's death, the spiritual house of David was also divided into 2 "houses".	In Luke 3:31 we see that Solomon is not listed in the family tree of Jesus (through Mary), but his brother Nathan, the son of David (2.Sam 5:14; 1 Chr 3:5) (Zech 12:13). Exclusion of Solomon (Lk 3:31; Jer 22:30; 1 Chr 3:10-16) probably because of idolatry (1.Kings 11:4-13).
(490 Years)	The 14 generations from David to the Babylonian captivity are divided in 2 "houses" with 7 generations. They exist parallel. $14: 2 = 7$ generations. Between David and the captivity in Babylon are 7 generations x 70 years/generation = 490 years.	Matthew 1:17
505.5 BCE	30 years after the destruction of Judah, the southern kingdom and the 2nd temple in Jerusalem.	2.Chronicles 36:21
(490 Years)	7 generations x 70 years/generation = 490 years have passed since the Babylonian captivity until the birth of Jesus Christ.	Matthew 1:17
15.5 BCE	Jesus was born in Bethlehem (house of bread). Afterwards Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus visited Jerusalem and Nazareth for a brief time, before settling down for up to 2 years in a house in Bethlehem (Judea). When the "wise men" came looking for "the king of the Jews" King Herod commanded to kill all the infants in Bethlehem up to the age of 2-years. After a vision, Joseph fled with Mary and the toddler Jesus to Egypt. They lived in Egypt until the death of King Herod. King Herod reigned from 37 BCE to 4 BCE ⁴⁴ . Thus Joseph lived with his family at least until 4 BCE in Egypt. In 4 BCE Jesus was 11.5 years old. As a young man, aged 12 (3 BCE) Jesus visited the temple in Jerusalem for the first time. Then they settled in Nazareth in the land of Galilee.	Luke 2:4; Matthew 2:1, 11, 13, 7-8, 16; Luke 2:42; Matthew 2:19-23.

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JESUS' life from 15.5 BCE to 33 CE		
Calendar years and (<i>difference years</i>)	Description	Source
15.5 BCE	Jesus was born in Bethlehem (house of bread).	Luke 2:4; Matt 2:1, 11, 13, 16; Luke 2:42; Matt 2:19-23.
(30 Years)	The priesthood can only be assumed at the age of 30 years.	Luke 3:23; Nb 4:3,23,30,47; 1.Chronicles 23:3
14.5 CE	Jesus receives the Holy Spirit at the age of 30. A new era started in 14.5 CE (see Luke 16:16).	Luke 3:21-23; 16:16; 1:36; John8:57; Numbers 4:3,23,30,47
(18.5 Years)	John 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him (Jesus Christ), Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?	John 8:57
33CE	<p>Jesus gives his life for all.</p> <p>The exact year of the crucifixion cannot be calculated based on biblical data. And yet, there are three references from the Bible indicating that Jesus Christ has been crucified around the year 33 CE, in his <i>personal</i> "year of Jubilee".</p> <p>He paid for our sins, after he had lived for $7 \times 7 = 49$ years.</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u></p> <p>Leviticus 25:8-10 thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven Sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty</p>	<p>Luke 3:21-23;</p> <p>Luke 16:16, 1:36;</p> <p>John 8:57;</p> <p>Nb 4:3,23,30,47;</p> <p>Lev 25:8-10;</p> <p>John 8:57;</p> <p>Nb 4:30</p>

throughout *all the* land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

Note 2

John 8:57 then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

Note 3

A ministerial priesthood ends age 50.

Numbers 4:30 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.⁴⁵

Note 4

Irenaeus⁴⁶ records in his second book „Against Heresies“ in 185 BCE that Messiah was 30 years old when He came to be baptized, and then possessing the full age of a „Rabbi“, He came to Jerusalem, so that He might be properly acknowledged by all as a Master. Irenaeus acknowledges that Messiah possessing the old age of ca. 50 still preached and fulfilled the office of a Teacher. He affirms that apostle John conveyed to all the elders and to those who were conversant in Asia with John that information. Besides, Irenaeus states, that some of them, moreover saw not only John the beloved disciple of Jesus, but the other apostles also, and heard the very same account from them, and bear testimony as to the validity of the statement. Even the Gospel testifies to this.

The period included between the thirtieth and the forty-ninth year amounts to *nineteen years*.

Chapter 18: The “Chosen Generation” – Chosen, called out and faithful – [\[Top\]](#)

Isaiah 65:1-7

The “chosen ones”:

- I AM sought of *them that* asked not *for me*;
- I am found of *them that* sought me not:
- I said, behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name.

The disobedient children:

I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people,

- which walketh in a way *that was* not good,
- after their own thoughts;
- A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face;
- that sacrificeth in gardens,
- and burneth incense upon altars of brick;
- Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments,
- which eat swine’s flesh,
- and broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels;

Which say,

- Stand by thyself,
- come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.

These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

Behold, *it is* written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

Revelation 11:18 And the nations were angry, and **thy (YAHWEH'S) wrath is come**, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and **shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth**.

The obedient children

Isaiah 29:22 Therefore thus saith the LORD (YAHWEH), who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

1 Peter 2:5-10

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, and holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, and precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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It is the policy of Satan to try to lead us to evil by those whom we love (e.g. family members - Eve), whom we least suspect of any ill design (e.g. governments – emperor worship), and whom we are desirous to please (e.g. religious institutions - Pharisees), and apt to conform to.

Therefore it is essential for us to be well acquainted with the truths and principles of the Bible to discern both good and evil (Heb 5:14). We can expect to be proved by temptations of evil under the appearance of good, of error in the guise of truth. Only the plain, express testimony of GOD's word to the contrary can rightly oppose such temptations.

Do you sacrifice?

The biblical meaning of sacrifice is to get closer to someone through something which implies the idea of a relationship.

On the other hand, the worldly meaning carries the connotation of the giving up of something which creates a lack or void in the person or his goods.

YHVH's people's reasonable service is to present their bodies a living *sacrifice* unto Elohim. HIS obedient children do offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving through Yahshua Messiah, doing good and sharing.

Romans 12

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Hebrews 13

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate (*share*) forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Note: In the book of *Leviticus*, we read about rules for the sacrificial system. However, the origin of this system seems to have been with Cain and Abel, who made the first in the Bible recorded offerings. Abel offered lamb sacrifices in worship to Elohim. Meat eating and animal sacrifice are interconnected in the Bible.

The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Romans made it impossible for Hebrews to offer sacrifices at the Temple, rendering the relationship of meat-eating to sacrifices problematic. Apparently there was considerable debate about this among the Hebrews. After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, apparently many Hebrews gave up meat-eating altogether, and in fact, meat consumption nearly died out at the time.

How do we keep our bodies holy and acceptable unto GOD? [\[Top\]](#)

Apostle Peter and Paul refer to their physical body as a temporary tent, an earthly house or a *tabernacle* (*2Cor 5:1, 2Pet 1:13*).

The bible teaches that the body is the *temple* of the Holy Spirit, that the temple of GOD is holy and that if any defiles the temple of GOD, him shall GOD destroy (1Cor 3:16-17, 6:15-20). Those who commit spiritual fornication sin against the body of Messiah, the spiritual house of believers.

Consequently “our tent” is put for *worship* by GOD's appointment, as the first worship of GOD in the wilderness was in a *tent* or tabernacle; the temple-worship of Jerusalem was expressly *appointed by YHVH*, who “dwelt” there, “setting up His tabernacle among the people as His”.

Individual believers are portrayed as members of the body of Messiah, purchased by HIS blood to use their members as instruments of righteousness. Those who are joined to Messiah are one spirit and are subject to HIM as their lawful husband.

If one joins himself to a “harlot”, that is, an idol (empowered or inhabited by a demon) or phantom of the dead, he becomes one flesh with her. Hosea says an (evil) spirit of harlotry (idolatry) has led the people astray (Hos 4:12; 5:4) and oppresses them (Hos 4:19).

Bible Study and Practicing Righteousness

2 Tim 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* (C.f. Joshua 1:8)

1 John 3:10 *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

1 John 2:29 *If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

Fleeing Idolatry and pursuing holiness to YHVH

Revelation 2:14 *But I (Yahshua) have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to **eat things sacrificed unto idols**, and to **commit fornication**.*

Revelation 2:20 **Notwithstanding I (Yahshua) have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to **commit fornication**, and to **eat things sacrificed unto idols**.**

Note that our Savior, Yahshua Messiah affirms this commandment twice. This demonstrates how significant this “dietary” law must be for our deliverance. Will you heed?

Acts 15:19b-20 **But that we (Apostolic Church) write unto them (Gentiles who are in an ongoing repentant state, i.e. turning from one’s former wicked ways and returning to GOD – this is a maturation process), that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.**

These guidelines are basic instructions. These **essentials** need to be kept, lest the house of GOD be defiled. According to Yahshua **deeper spiritual inside ought to be gained** in the *weekly Sabbath* Torah readings (Acts 15:21, Matt 23:1-3).

Remember: The first commandment, which was broken by man, and thus caused the fall of humankind, was a “dietary” law of YHVH (Gen 3; 1Tim 2:14).

The Doctrine of Balaam and the Peor incidence

Consider the goodness and severity of GOD. As long as the ancient Israelites were *joined to YHVH* their Elohim, they were protected by HIM. The church of GOD could not be cursed. To take away their protection they had to be *drawn away* from YHVH; according to Rom 8:35-39 nothing external could have separated them from the love of ELOHIM. Balaam understood that the people of GOD had to curse themselves with their actions, and thus they could anticipate YHVH’s fiery indignation and HIS chastisement.

The “women” caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against YHVH, and there was a plague among them (Nb 31:15-16). They ate sacrifices made to *the dead* (Ps 106:28), i.e. *idols*, and *separated themselves* from YHVH; **they became an abomination (i.e. idolatrous object)** like the thing they loved (Hos 9:10, Ps 135:15-18). Everyone who was *joined to Baal of Peor (false god)* through fornication was killed (Nb 25:3, 5).

Death penalty for violating the law of eating things sacrificed to idols which includes the ‘animal law’
Isa 66:17 “They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one **idol** in the midst,
eating:

swine’s flesh, (unclean meat cf. Lev 11:7)

and **the abomination**, (Strong’s *Heb.* No. 8263. sheqets, filth, i.e. (fig. and spec.) an **idolatrous object**:—
abominable (-tion))

and **the jumping rodent**, (unclean meat c.f. Lev 11:29)

shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.” (cf. Isa 65:3-4)

Therefore we can infer both from Yahshua’s repeated commands in Rev 2:14 and Rev 2:20, and the Jerusalem Decree (Acts 15:19-20) – “to abstain from eating meat sacrificed to idols” – that they endorsed the ‘law of animals’.

The Holy Books are not open for individual versions according to our own desires. The Bible explains itself.

*1Pet 1: 14-16 “As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy** In all manner of conduct; **Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**”*

Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7 hold the key of understanding the “mystery” of holiness (set apartness to YHVH).

E.g. Lev Chapter 11 reveals **how to obtain holiness** through the ‘law of animals’ (c.f. especially Lev 11:44-46; 20: 25-26, 7; 19:2; *Ezek 22:26, 44:23*; Isa 65:4). Sincere believers are to be set apart and recognized by their love (1John 5:2-4; 2John 1:6), i.e. obedience to Elohim’s instructions. Following God’s prescribed actions (Deut 4:5-10) is not to be a simple ritual; rather, obedience to His law expresses not only a strong internal faith in Him but also a healthy fear of Him.

Not only did Yahshua obey YHVH's laws perfectly both to the *letter* and *spirit* (Matt 5:17-48), but commanded others to do so also (Matt 22:37-39; 23:1-3).

For reflection

- Only **clean** animals were sacrificed unto YHVH (Gen 8:20). Our body is the temple or tabernacle of the Holy Spirit.
- According to Lev 17 all clean animals were slaughtered by the priest at the entrance to the tent of meeting as *fellowship* or peace offering. An offender was '*guilty of bloodshed*' and was to be '**cut off**' from his people. In Verse 5 and 7 Elohim gives an indication that this was to eliminate any sacrifices to other gods. In Isa 66:3, Zech 9:7 is the plural *siqqusim* (abominations) employed in the sense of *seqasim*, 'non-kosher' food. The plural *siqqusim* 'abominations', refers to unspecified deities other than YHVH and their respective cult statues in Jer 7:30, 16:18; 32:34; Ezek 5: 11; 7:20; 11:21; 20:7, 8, 30; 37:23.

YHVH is referring to deities and their cult objects as *siqqusim*, whose primary meaning is 'disgusting objects'; the expression was meant to repel Israelites, who might otherwise be tempted to eat unclean meat and worship prohibited deities.

- Lev 20:23 "*And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.*"
Lev 20:25 "*You shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not **make your souls abominable** by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.*"
- **Sin is:** missing the mark of GOD's glory (Rom 3:23, Isa 64:6), lawlessness (1John 3:4; Rom 3:20, 4:15, Matt 7:23), unrighteousness (1John 5:17), what is not of faith (Rom 14:23) and knowing to do good and not do it (James 4:17, Luke 12:47; John 9:41, 15:22). The penalty of sin is death. Our *past* sins are forgiven for His Name's sake (1John 2:12, 1:7-10). For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment (cf. Heb 10:26-27).

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Lev 11:11, 13; 20:25 (KJV renders it **abominable**) – Strong's⁴⁷ *Heb.* No. 8262. shaqats; a prim, root; to be filthy, i.e. (intens.) to loathe, pollute:— abhor, make abominable, have in abomination, detest, X utterly.

Lev 11:10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 23, 41, 42, 43; Isa 66:17 – (KJV renders it **abomination**). Strong's *Heb.* No. 8263. sheqets, *from* 8262; filth, i.e. (fig. and spec.) an **idolatrous object**:—abominable (-tion).

Isa 66:3; Hos 9:10; Zech 9:7 – (KJV renders it **abominations**). Strong's *Heb.* No. 8251. shiqquwts; or shiqquwts'; *from* 8262; disgusting, i.e. filthy; **espec. idolatrous or (concr.) an idol**;—abominable filth (idol, -atioo), detestable (thing).

Isa 65:4 (KJV renders it **abominable**) – Strong's *Heb.* No. 6292. pigguwl; from an unused root mean, to stink; prop, fetid, i.e. (fig.) **unclean (ceremonially)**:—abominable (-tion, thing).

Lev 11:24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41 (KJV renders it **unclean**) – Strong's *Heb.* No. 2930., tame', taw-may'; a prim, root; to be foul, espec. in a **cerem. or mor.** sense (contaminated):—defile (self), pollute (self), be (make, make self, pronounce) unclean, x utterly.

Lev 11:4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 38, 47 (KJV renders it **unclean**) – Strong's *Heb.* No. 2931. tame; from 2930; foul in a relig. sense:—defiled, + infamous, polluted (-tion), unclean.

YHVH humbles us and tests us to know what is in our heart, whether we would keep His commandments or not; whether we will keep HIS ways, and walk in them as our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did (Deut 13).

Ex 19:4-6 “*Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.*” (Cf. Rev 1:6; 1Pet 2:9-10)

May YHVH put HIS LAWS in your mind and write them on your heart (Heb 8:10b), may HE be your ELOHIM, and may you be HIS people. Amen.

Note: The free e-book ‘Eating meat sacrificed to idols’ by Yahdiel, which looks at this topic more comprehensively can be [downloaded at issuu.com](http://issuu.com).

Chapter 20: PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Our glorious FATHER in the heavens, praised is YOUR holy name

YOU are king of the universe

The ELOHIM of all creation

YOU have sent forth your salvation into the world, that is, Yahshua Messiah,

Who was slain from the foundation of the world

Therefore I come boldly before YOUR throne of grace and admit my sins and my guilt

I know that you have the power to wash me clean and give me a new heart and a steadfast spirit.

Thank you for granting me the gift of godly sorrow, which produces repentance, and leads to salvation.

Purify my heart and show me YOUR mind, that is, YOUR will and ways, and teach me to discern between good and evil, holy and unholy, clean and unclean

Impart to me YOUR power of grace and develop in me the ripe fruit of the Holy Spirit.

For YOUR name's sake, give me the gift of prophecy to build up and edify the church

Establish your WORD in my life and count me worthy to stand before the Lamb on the day of visitation.

Find me in true righteousness and holiness

Grant me to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the holy ones

I rejoice that my name is written in YOUR book of Life, the Lamb's book of life

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life

For YOURS is the kingdom, the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

And with You Yahshua on my side I will tabernacle in the house of YHVH forever.

Come in to my heart and be my Master and Savior.

Thank you for my deliverance.

Maranatha and Amen

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