

Antichrist & The Final 7 Years

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This book is a combination of two of my books: “The Final 7 Years & Beyond” and “The Antichrist.” These two books complement and supplement each other so well I felt it was a good idea to put them together (back-to-back) in one volume. I think after reading them you will agree.

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WARNING TO THE READER

When will Jesus Christ be returning? I DON'T know and neither does anyone else!

In this book I give dates for several events that are prophesied to occur in the *future* (events that will occur within seven years of Christ's return). I do NOT know the exact dates for these events and neither does anyone else. I just made up these particular dates (as well as some of the names of the individuals involved) to help the reader better understand these end-time events, and to help these events come alive! The events described could occur a few years sooner than the dates given in this book or they could occur several years later. Only God knows for sure when these prophesied events (including the return of Jesus) will take place.

But *much more important* than knowing the exact date of Christ's return is the answer to this question: Will YOU and I be *ready*? Let's do our best to see that WE are!

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20).

United States Of Europe

IN THE YEARS JUST AHEAD, several nations of Europe will unite to form a powerful confederation. They will unite economically, politically, and MILITARILY! Today's European Union (EU) almost surely is that prophesied end-time Empire in its embryo stage—a first step in the *federation* of Europe. But unlike today's union, this final alliance will NOT consist of twenty-seven nations—for the Bible clearly shows that this final configuration will be a coalition of just TEN leaders (governing TEN nations or regions). These TEN rulers will then give up their power and authority to just one man....

The Antichrist

In Revelation 13:1 a BEAST is described as having *seven heads*. But what are these seven heads? “The seven heads of the beast... represent seven kings [or kingdoms]. Five kings have already fallen, *the sixth now reigns* [the Roman Empire—since this was written around 95 A.D.], and the seventh is yet to come, but his reign will be brief” (Rev. 17:9–10 NLT).

So the seven heads of this BEAST depict seven kings or kingdoms. The sixth head portrays the Roman Empire,

while the first five heads represent empires that preceded the Roman Empire (the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, and the Greco-Macedonian Empires).

But what about the seventh head—the one that is “yet to come”—what does it depict? This seventh head represents the LEADER of a revived end-time Roman Empire—that is—it represents the ANTICHRIST! And “all who dwell on the earth will worship him...” (Rev. 13:8).

Ten Rulers of the “Holy” Roman Empire

This BEAST of Revelation 13 is also described as having *ten* horns. But what are these ten horns? “The ten horns [of the *end-time* BEAST] which you saw are TEN kings who have received no kingdom as *yet*, but they receive authority for one hour [a brief period of time; just a few years] as kings *with* the [end-time] BEAST. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the BEAST [i.e. the Antichrist!]” (Revelation 17:12-13).

So the ten horns of the END-TIME BEAST represent *ten political leaders who will eventually turn over all of their power and authority to the Antichrist*. These ten leaders will rule over ten European nations (or regions). This then will be a FINAL REVIVAL OF THE “HOLY” ROMAN EMPIRE!

The Beast & the 7-Year Treaty

At first the BEAST (i.e. the Antichrist) will appear wonderful. He will promote peace and the world will prosper at his hands (Revelation 18). He will even broker a 7-YEAR DEAL with Israel (and others) that will apparently allow the Jews to once again *sacrifice animals* at their Temple (Daniel 9:24-27). This treaty (almost surely) will also result in bringing PEACE to the Middle East.

But the BEAST will be extremely sly, cunning, treacherous, and deceitful (Daniel 8:23-25). He will dupe many with his flattery (Daniel 11:32). And he shall be empowered by *Satan!* (Revelation 13:2-4.) He shall also have a great miracle-working spiritual partner—"the FALSE PROPHET"—working with him side-by-side (Revelation 13:11-15, 16:13). Both the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET shall be greatly influenced by DEMONS—if not even completely *possessed* by demons or even the DEVIL himself! (Revelation 18:2, 16:13-14, 13:4.)

The Great Betrayal

But in the middle of the 7-year agreement that the Anti-christ makes with Israel he will double-cross the Jews. He will suddenly dispatch his army to put an end to the animal sacrifices. He will then proceed to *annihilate* the Jews. And those who are not savagely butchered will be shipped off as *slaves!* The HOLOCAUST will have returned! (Daniel 9:24-27; Luke 21:20-24.)

It should all go something like this...

The Final Seven Years

IT IS 2020, and the UNITED STATES OF EUROPE (a political alliance of TEN European nations) is the most powerful nation on earth. Recently, the rulers of these ten nations/regions turned over all of their power and authority to just one man—ROMAN Augustus. Europe's new leader has been given *absolute power* to rule as he sees fit. He is an incredibly brilliant man—an absolute genius! He has virtually single-handedly restored the world's economies after its collapse and meltdown just a few years ago.

As a result of Roman's innovative solutions to Europe's (and the world's) financial woes, Europe is now the economic king of the world! But Europe is not the only one to benefit from his ingenuity, as just about every nation on earth is now prospering and is no longer in financial ruin (Revelation 18:3).

The entire world is mesmerized by Roman's brilliance, charm, and charisma. Some have even begun to think of him as some sort of demigod (Daniel 11:36-37).

Seven-Year Pact

It is now September 2020. Caesar Roman Augustus,

Europe's miracle-working leader, has just brokered a deal with Israel and the nations of the Middle East. It's a SEVEN-YEAR TREATY that finally brings peace to the war-weary region. All nations are ecstatic. It's almost too good to be true. But it is true!

Roman is revered and idolized. Some are beginning to wonder if he is the long-awaited Messiah of Judaism, or the Mahdi of Islam, or even the Christ of Christianity. Many ask, "Could *he* possibly be the Savior of the world that we have long been waiting for?"

Animal Sacrifices Restored

An integral part of the seven-year treaty that Roman orchestrates allows the Jews in Israel to reinstitute *animal sacrifices* at their newly built Temple—something that hasn't been done since 70 AD! (Daniel 9:27.)

Amazing Miracles

Not too long afterwards, the Emperor stuns the world by doing all kinds of "miracles, signs and wonders!" (2 Thessalonians 2:9; NIV.) But he's not the only one! Roman's closest partner and chief ally—Pope Sixtus VI, the recently appointed bishop of Rome, is also doing astonishing miracles! "He performs great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven!" (Revelation 13:13; NIV.)

Pope Sixtus then has a statue made of the great Emperor. And to everyone's amazement the statue is able to talk! (Revelation 13:15.)

Mysterious Event

It is Monday, February 5, 2024. Something dramatic occurs on this day (Daniel 12:12). But what exactly that

event is—is not clear at this time. Perhaps it has something to do with God’s true Church escaping from persecution (Revelation 12:14-16). I will be discussing this particular event in more detail later.

Animal Sacrifices Stopped

It is Thursday, March 21, 2024. Animal sacrifices have been going on in Jerusalem for 3½ years now. But suddenly, Caesar Roman Augustus orders his army to march into Jerusalem and stop the sacrifices! (Daniel 12:11.)

Abomination of Desolation Set Up

At the same time that the sacrifices are halted, the statue of Roman (that the pope had commissioned) is then set up in the Temple—for everyone to admire and worship! (Daniel 12:11.) And to everyone’s astonishment “the statue commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die” (Revelation 13:15; NLT)!

New World Order

Meanwhile, the Emperor’s new world order, which involves an innovative worldwide trading system—is going exceedingly well. And just about every merchant in the world is quickly becoming rich! (Revelation 18:3.)

Mark of the Beast: 666 & Roman

It is Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. Pope Sixtus is about to go on the Catholic International Television Station VIVIVI—where the whole world is eagerly awaiting his message. He then stuns the world in the middle of his live broadcast by declaring: “Our most holy Leader, Caesar Roman Augustus *is* the long-anticipated Messiah (of the Jews), he *is* the Mahdi (of the Muslims), and he *is* the Christ (of the Christians)! That is—he’s the long-awaited

SAVIOR of *all* religions, creeds, and faiths. He is the King of kings! And he is God!” Then he exclaims, “Bow down and worship him!”

The pope then goes on to proclaim: “Everyone is now required to MARK their body—either on their right hand or forehead—with the NAME of our beloved Leader. Or if you like, you can have tattooed on your body ‘666’ instead!” Then he adds: “And any *heretic* who refuses to comply with this directive will no longer be able to buy or sell!” (Revelation 13:16-18.)

But there is one “small” catch to this new regulation. When someone receives the mark of “Roman” or “666” on their body, they are in essence pledging their allegiance to the Emperor and all that he stands for. That is, they are worshiping Roman and his (spiritual) father—Satan (the god of this world)! And they are also worshiping the high priest of Satan’s church—Pope Sixtus VI! (2 Corinthians 4:4; John 8:44; Revelation 17.)

Just like the *false* trinity doctrine, everyone now has three gods to worship: the god of this world—Satan; the son of Satan (or the son of “god”)—Roman; and the high priest of Satan (or the high priest of “god”)—Sixtus!

Severe Penalty For All Who Worship The Beast & His Image, Or Accept His Mark

But what does the *real* GOD of the universe have to say about these arrogant *counterfeits*? “Then a third angel followed them, shouting, ‘Anyone who worships the BEAST and his STATUE or who *accepts* his MARK on the forehead or the hand must drink the wine of God’s wrath. It is poured out undiluted into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be TORMENTED with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. The smoke of

their torment rises forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the BEAST and his STATUE and have *accepted* the MARK of his NAME!’ ” (Revelation 14:9-11; NLT.)

The Deadly Wound

It is Good Friday, March 29, 2024. Caesar Roman Augustus is sitting in the Temple of God in Jerusalem, proclaiming that he is God! (2 Thessalonians 2:4.) Suddenly a shot rings out, and before anyone can react, Roman is lying on the ground in a pool of blood! He is rushed to the hospital but it’s too late. He is dead on arrival!

The whole world is in shock! How could this happen! Who is responsible? What can be done?

Stranger Than Fiction

It is Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024—just minutes before sunrise. Less than two days have passed since the assassination of Roman Augustus. The entire world is in mourning. His dead body has been placed in an open coffin. Thousands have paid their last respects.

Then as the sun begins to rise over the horizon, something shocking occurs! Roman Augustus comes back to life! Everyone is stunned! It is quickly announced over every radio and television station across the globe. Upon hearing the staggering news, millions take to the streets, chanting: “The Emperor is alive! He is God! The Emperor is alive! He is God!” (Revelation 13:3, 13:14, 17:8; Acts 19:28 & 34; especially NLT.)

The resurrection of Roman is utterly mind-boggling! The world is in awe! No one can believe it! But how has it happened? Many exclaim, “He *must be* God!”

“The *fatal* wound has been healed! All the world marvels at this miracle and follows the BEAST in awe. They worship the DRAGON [*Satan!*] for giving the BEAST such power, and they worship the BEAST. ‘Is there anyone as great as the BEAST?’ they exclaim. ‘Who is able to fight against him?’ ” (Revelation 13:3-4; NLT; see also Revelation 17:8.)

“And he [the BEAST—the ANTICHRIST—ROMAN] was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints [i.e. true followers of God] and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have NOT been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb” (Revelation 13:5-8).

Protection

Though much of the world is duped, those who are wholeheartedly obeying the *real* God are NOT deceived. These are the *true* Christians of the world who passionately keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:12). As a result, God allows them to *escape* to a place of safety, a place where they are protected from the Devil and his cohorts. But as they flee, Satan sends an army (“flood”) after them—but to no avail—for the earth opens up and swallows them alive! (Revelation 3:10, 12:14-16; Matthew 24:20-21.)

About 12,000 true Christians (though perhaps as many as 144,000) are “counted worthy to escape” (Luke 21:36; Revelation 7:3-8).

Persecution

However, many Christians do NOT escape. Because they are NOT zealously following God they have to suffer in the Great Tribulation. The Devil then pursues and persecutes them through the hands of the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET! (Matthew 24:21; Revelation 3:14-22, 12:17, 6:9-11, 7:9-14, 13:7, 13:10; Daniel 7:25.)

King of the South & King of the North

Around this same time, the king of the south (a confederacy of several nations located in Africa and the Middle East and led by EGYPT) attacks the king of the north (the European Union). But EUROPE (*led by Germany*) strikes back with a devastating blow. Many countries fall—including Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia! Judah (modern-day “Israel”) is also attacked and conquered! Their wealth is plundered (Daniel 11:40-43). Jerusalem is destroyed. Homes and business are ransacked. Women are raped. Jews are rounded up and annihilated. And those who survive the onslaught are shipped off to foreign nations as *slaves* (Luke 21:20-24; Daniel 9:26-27; Zechariah 14:2).

However the BEAST doesn’t stop there! He then goes on a blitzkrieg campaign conquering many other nations as well—including US!

“Israel” AND Judah Suffer Terribly

“This is the message the LORD gave concerning *Israel* AND *Judah*: ‘This is what the LORD says: I have heard the people crying; there is only fear and trembling. Now let Me ask you a question: Do men give birth to babies? Then why do they stand there, ashen-faced, hands pressed against their sides like women about to give birth? In all history THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SUCH A TIME OF TERROR. It will be *a time of trouble for my people Israel*’ ” (Jeremiah 30:4-7;

NLT).

As the prophet Jeremiah makes clear, it is a time of horrible suffering for “Israel.” This includes **BOTH** *Judah* (the small nation in the Middle East that calls itself “Israel” today—i.e. the Jews) **AS WELL AS** the modern descendants of *Israel*—the USA, England, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada! It also includes the *other* modern descendants of Israel such as Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Denmark, Iceland, etc.

Germany Leads the Attack

But, who would dare to attack America? GERMANY! Germany *leads* a military invasion (with its European allies)—obliterating America and England! Other descendants of ancient Israel are also conquered!

“ASSYRIAN, the rod of My anger, in whose hand is the club of My wrath! (Isaiah 10:5; NIV.) Or as the GNT renders this verse: The Lord said, “ASSYRIA! I use *Assyria* [modern-day *Germany*!] like a club to punish those with whom I am angry.” And God is plenty angry with US!

Appalling Sins of America & England

God uses the modern-day descendants of Assyria (Germany!) to punish America and England for our countless and atrocious sins! We condone and arrogantly boast of our “tolerance” and “acceptance” of such appalling evils as homosexuality, abortion, evolution, etc. We brashly assume we can do whatever we like without any fear of retribution from God! We defiantly think we can decide for ourselves what is right and what is wrong—and what is good and what is evil—the whole time thumbing our noses at God!

We don't seem to realize that *only* our CREATOR has the WISDOM, LOVE, and the AUTHORITY to determine what is right and what is wrong. He allows us to *choose* between *doing* good or evil, but He has NOT given us the authority to determine what constitutes good and evil. Only He has that prerogative.

For example, take homosexuality. Many people today think that homosexuality is perfectly fine—that it's just an alternative life style. And yet the One who *created sex* clearly condemns it as a disgusting, vile perversion (Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1:24-28; Jude 1:7; 2 Peter 2:6; Revelation 21:8). But we don't want to listen to our Creator, to the One who created sex. We think that we know better than Him—that we can figure it out on our own. We arrogantly assume that if we think homosexuality is okay—than it *must* be okay—that our Creator must be wrong—that He doesn't know what He is talking about!

We aren't much different than Adam and Eve. They rejected what their Creator had told them and decided to determine on their own what they felt was right and wrong, and what was good and evil. Therefore they took of the forbidden fruit—defiantly disobeying their Creator—the whole time listening to Satan and doing what he told them to do. From that moment on, the human race was headed down the wrong track—racing down the path leading to misery, suffering, anguish, frustration, pain, and ultimately death.

And we are no different today. Satan is our god, just as he was for Adam and Eve. And until we realize this and wholeheartedly and thoroughly repent of our wrong thoughts, words, and actions, and repent of following Satan (the one who hates and despises us and only wants to see us suffer and die), and then start obeying and loving the One

who created us, the One who loves us, the One who only wants what is best for us—then and only then will we truly have the things we want: peace, happiness, prosperity, love—and ultimately eternal life.

Millions of “Israelites” Perish

Therefore, God chastises us for all of our awful sins—our lies, deceptions, dishonesty, insincerity, selfishness, greed, lust, adulteries, sexual perversions, pornography, vanity, arrogance, haughtiness, drunkenness, drugs, astrology, racism, hatred, cruelty, violence, rapes, robberies, murders, etc.

We are also corrected for our idolatry, and the worship of Satan and his demons in our pagan religious observances, rituals, and traditions (Xmas, Easter, etc.)!

As a result, a *third* of our people die from DISEASE and FAMINE! Another third of our people are SLAUGHTERED by the sword! And the final third are sent away into SLAVERY (with many of these also perishing)! (Ezekiel 5:12; Luke 21:24.) Hundreds of *millions* of our people wiped out!

Great Tribulation

“For then there will be GREAT TRIBULATION. For the trouble at that time will be *far more terrible than any there has ever been*, from the beginning of the world to this very day. Nor will there ever be anything like it again. But God has already reduced the number of days; had He not done so, NOBODY WOULD SURVIVE. For the sake of His chosen people, however, God will reduce the days” (Matthew 24:21; NKJV; Matthew 24:21-22; GNT; see also Daniel 12:1).

As Matthew points out, things will eventually get so

bad that if God doesn't quickly intervene (by returning Jesus Christ) to put an end to the carnage, no human being would survive! Every man, woman and child on planet Earth would ultimately be exterminated in the bloodbath (including you and me)!

Two Witnesses Prophecy 1,260 Days

During this time there are two servants of God (called the two witnesses and the two prophets in the book of Revelation) whom God raises up to warn and prophesy to the earth's inhabitants, and to punish mankind for their wicked sins (Revelation 11:3-6). They begin their mission about four weeks after the sacrifices are halted and the statue of the BEAST is set up in the temple located in Jerusalem (Daniel 12:11; Revelation 11:3).

These two servants of God are *hated* by the world. Why? Because they tell earth's inhabitants that their ways are evil. And the world *despises* those who testify against it. That's why Christ was hated. Jesus said, "The world... HATES Me, because I keep telling it how WICKED its ways are." And Jesus also stated, "You will be hated by all for My name's sake" (John 7:7–CJB; Mark 13:13–NKJV).

God's two prophets are then given tremendous power! "And I will give POWER to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1,260 days.... And if anyone wants to harm them, *fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies*. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

"These have POWER to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have POWER over waters to turn them to blood, and to *strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire*" (Revelation 11:3-6).

End-Time Elijah

Also during the end-time, a servant of God appears who comes in the power and spirit of the Old Testament prophet ELIJAH—just as John the Baptist did before Christ’s first coming. And just as John prepared the way before Jesus’ first appearance on this earth, this *end-time Elijah* prepares the way before Jesus’ second coming. This prophet of God also “restores all things.”

“And His disciples asked Him, saying, ‘Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Indeed, *Elijah is coming first and will restore all things*’ ” (Matthew 17:10-11; NKJV). (See also: Malachi 3:1-3, 4:5-6; Isaiah 40:3-5; Mark 9:11-12; Luke 1:11-17; 1 Kings 18:36-37.)

Is this end-time Elijah then one of the two witnesses? Almost surely!

Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

In the sixth chapter of Revelation four horsemen are described. These four horses and their dreadful riders are often referred to as “the four horsemen of the apocalypse.” One horse is white (representing religious deception), another horse is red (portraying war), the third horse is black (depicting famine), and the last horse is pale green (symbolizing disease). These four riders NOW have the opportunity to ravage the earth. And once they finish their ride *one fourth of humanity lies dead*—that’s roughly two BILLION lives snuffed out! (Revelation 6:8.)

A Great Multitude Martyred

During this time a “GREAT MULTITUDE that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language” *repents* and turns to God. But unfortunately they must die

as martyrs for the Word of God (Revelation 6:9-11, 7:9-17).

But in the end God will comfort them and they will be rewarded with eternal life for their faithfulness! At that time “they shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb [Jesus] who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters [eternal life]. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:16-17; NKJV).

Heavenly Signs

Then “there was a *great earthquake*. The SUN became as dark as BLACK cloth, and the MOON became as red as BLOOD. Then the STARS of the sky FELL to the earth like green figs falling from trees shaken by mighty winds. And the sky was rolled up like a scroll and taken away. And all of the mountains and all of the islands disappeared. Then the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy people, the people with great power, and every slave and every free person—all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One who sits on the throne and from *the wrath of the Lamb*. For the great day of THEIR wrath has come, and who will be able to survive?’ ” (Revelation 6:12-17; NLT.)

These *heavenly signs* announce the end of Satan’s persecution upon mankind and the beginning of *God’s wrath* on an unrepentant and rebellious world! This period of time is referred to in the Bible as the “Day of the Lord.”

Day of Trumpets = Day of the Lord

It is Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Today is the “DAY OF TRUMPETS,” the fourth *annual holy day* in God’s master plan. This holy day depicts the DAY OF THE LORD, the day when God intervenes in human affairs to punish mankind for its appalling sins.

ALL of God’s holy days have *important meaning and detail God’s plan of salvation for mankind*. There are three annual celebrations that take place each year *prior to* this fourth holy day (the Day of Trumpets). They are: Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread, and Pentecost. Let’s quickly review their meaning.

Passover & Days of Unleavened Bread

The *first* annual observance every year is PASSOVER (or Lord’s Supper). This day is a *memorial of the death of Jesus*, the Lamb of God, who was sacrificed for the SINS of mankind.

Immediately following Passover are the DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD. This celebration picture’s the *removal of sin* from one’s life (as leaven depicts sin during the seven days of unleavened bread).

Pentecost

Next in God’s master plan is PENTECOST. On this day in 32 AD, Christ first gave His Holy Spirit to His followers. Therefore, this day represents the *receiving of God’s Holy Spirit* so that a Christian can understand God’s truth and be empowered to obey that truth. This day also represents those called in this age (prior to Christ’s return) as a kind of *firstfruits* to God (James 1:18; Revelation 14:4; Romans 8:23; Leviticus 23:17, 20).

So how does someone *receive* God's Holy Spirit? A person receives God's Holy Spirit when they accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, truly repent of their sins, and then are properly baptized. At this point their past sins are forgiven (Acts 2:38). And if they endure until the end of their life, overcoming sin and being led by God's Spirit, they will be resurrected at the return of Jesus, at which time they will be given a wonderful, glorious, eternal body, and be part of God's very own Family as a *literal* son or daughter of GOD! (Matthew 24:13; Revelation 21:7; Acts 8:14; 1 Corinthians 15:12-58.)

Day of Trumpets *Pictures* Day of the Lord

As noted above, the fourth annual observance every year is the DAY OF TRUMPETS. This day represents the *future* time period when God intervenes in the affairs of mankind (called the DAY OF THE LORD). Each year this annual holy day is kept in anticipation of that future time when God intervenes in world affairs. But that future time has NOW arrived—for *today* BEGINS the Day of the Lord!

This “Day” of the Lord actually lasts ONE YEAR—“for it is the *day* of the Lord's vengeance; the *year* of recompense for the cause of Zion” (Isaiah 34:8). And it is portrayed by SEVEN TRUMPETS—hence its name—the Day of *Trumpets*.

“The great *day of the Lord* is near.... That day is a *day [or year] of wrath*, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation.... A day of TRUMPET and alarm against the fortified cities... I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have SINNED against the Lord. Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse” (Zephaniah 1:14-17).

144,000 Protected

But first, before God exacts His punishment upon a defiant, arrogant, and rebellious humanity, He first MARKS those on earth who have repented of their sins and are keeping His commandments. These are those who “sigh and cry over all the abominations” that occur on this planet (Ezekiel 9:4-6). And even though thousands may be killed all around them, no harm shall befall them! (Psalm 91:7, 10.)

Altogether 144,000 people are *marked* or SEALED by God so that they can be PROTECTED from His punishment. These individuals who are protected and spared from the *Day of the Lord* are “servants of God”—converted, faithful, genuine Christians who have NOT worshiped the BEAST, his image, or received his mark (Revelation 7:1-4, 9:3-4, 14:1-5).

Immediately after the 144,000 are sealed, the Day of the Lord begins!

Day of the Lord = Seven Trumpets

“When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the SEVEN ANGELS who stand before God, and they were given *seven trumpets*” (Revelation 8:1-2; NLT).

“Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets prepared to blow their mighty blasts” (Revelation 8:6; NLT).

First Trumpet

All green grass is burned up and one third of all trees incinerated (Revelation 8:7).

Second Trumpet

One third of the sea turns to blood, one third of the fish die, and one third of the ships destroyed (Revelation 8:8-9).

Third Trumpet

One third of the rivers and springs become poisonous (Revelation 8:10-11).

Fourth Trumpet

One third of the sun, moon, and stars become very dark—so dark that a third of the day and night is without light (Revelation 8:12).

Fifth Trumpet

Smoke, like the smoke of a great furnace, comes upon the earth, resulting in the sun and the air becoming darkened. And out of the smoke locusts come upon the earth. These locusts have power as scorpions and they harm those people who do NOT have the seal of God on their forehead (Rev. 9:1-4).

All humanity is then tormented—except for the 144,000 who are supernaturally protected. These locusts do NOT kill mankind but only inflict great suffering (like the pain of a scorpion) for *five months*. The agony will be so bad that men will long to die! (Revelation 9:5-6.)

“And the shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle... and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle”—perhaps modern-day war planes and helicopters (Revelation 9:7-10).

Sixth Trumpet

Now (with the sixth trumpet) we return to the “Holy” Roman Empire.

After destroying many nations, the European BEAST power is frightened, for news from the *east* and the *north* alarm’s him (Daniel 11:44). Yes, terrifying news! For an *enormous army* from NORTHERN & EASTERN ASIA (Russia, China, India, Japan, etc.) is gathering together—preparing to attack! Upon hearing the news the BEAST becomes furious! And he goes “out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many” (Daniel 11:44; NIV).

TWO HUNDRED MILLION SOLDIERS then go to war! As a result of this battle *one third* of mankind is killed—roughly 2 billion people slaughtered! (Revelation 9:13-18.)

“But the rest of mankind, who were not killed... did NOT repent of their works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk, and they did NOT repent of their murders or their sorceries [margin: drugs] or their sexual immorality or their thefts” (Revelation 9:20-21).

Six trumpets have now been blown. One remains. But before it sounds, let’s check up on...

The Two Witnesses

The two witnesses have been proclaiming the word of God to the world for about $3\frac{1}{2}$ years now, and they have just finished their testimony. But suddenly, the BEAST attacks them, overcomes them, and kills them! (Revelation 11:7.)

“Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations see their dead bodies for 3½ *days*, but do not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth rejoice over them, *make merry, and send gifts to one another*, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth” (Revelation 11:9-10).

But after lying dead for 3½ days God brings the two witnesses BACK TO LIFE! Then *great fear* enters those watching!

The two witnesses then stand on their feet and ascend to heaven in a cloud. Afterwards, there is a tremendous earthquake—resulting in the death of seven thousand people (Revelation 11:11-13).

Seventh Trumpet

It is now Saturday, October 2, 2027. Many people have been killed since the first trumpet sounded one year ago. Once again it is the Day of Trumpets (God’s fourth annual holy day). And *the seventh and final trumpet is about to be blown!*

TODAY is the day that ALL of God’s people throughout the ages have *long waited for*, including: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel), Joseph, Moses, David, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Job, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; as well as the rest of God’s people from the Old Testament; also John the Baptist, Mary (Jesus’ mother), Mary Magdalena, Martha, Peter, John, Paul, James, Stephen, Philip, Barnabas, Jude, Matthew, Mark, Luke, Timothy, Titus, Polycarp, Polycrates, and all true Christians (including those alive today). All of these have *deeply yearned for this day!* For this last and final trumpet pictures THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE SAINTS!!

The Return of Jesus Christ! & The Resurrection of the Saints!

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall... all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the last trumpet*. For the trumpet will sound, and the DEAD WILL BE RAISED INCORRUPTIBLE, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on IMMORTALITY” (1 Corinthians 15:51-53; NKJV).

“For the *LORD Himself will descend* from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the [last] TRUMPET of God. And *the dead in Christ will rise first*. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air....” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; NKJV).

“Then the *seventh* angel [with the seventh trumpet] sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST, and *He shall reign forever and ever!*’” (Revelation 11:15; NKJV).

“And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus, for proclaiming the word of God. And I saw the souls of those who had not worshiped the BEAST or his STATUE, nor accepted his MARK on their forehead or their hands. *They came to life again, and they reigned with Christ*” (Revelation 20:4; NLT).

After meeting Christ in the air, God’s sons and daughters then descend with Jesus upon the Mount of Olives (a mountain ridge just east of Jerusalem)—Zechariah 14:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

Near Annihilation

As Jesus and the resurrected saints descend upon the Mount of Olives, the European and Asian powers are engaged in a monstrous battle. As they fight for world supremacy, the world lies on the *brink* of utter destruction—the complete and total obliteration of the human race!

If the enormous power of the world's armies were actually unleashed, Satan's goal of erasing all life from this planet would become reality! But Christ steps in to put an end to the barrage of destruction that is occurring on earth—just before mankind is exterminated and blown into total oblivion! (Matthew 24:22.)

But are we thankful to God and do we receive Christ with open arms of appreciation, and REPENT of our foolish behavior? On the contrary! We do just the opposite! The military forces of the world stop fighting each other and instead *join in unison to war against Jesus Christ!* (Rev. 19:11-19.)

Final Seven Plagues

At this time Jesus unleashes His final seven plagues upon a corrupt and evil world.

First Plague

Foul and loathsome SORES come upon all those who have the MARK of the BEAST and those who worship his IMAGE (Revelation 16:2).

Second Plague

The SEA turns to BLOOD and all sea creatures die (Revelation 16:3).

Third Plague

Rivers, streams, and springs turn to blood (Revelation 16:4). Why would God do this? “You are righteous O Lord... because you have judged these things. For they have shed the BLOOD of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due” (Revelation 16:5-6).

Fourth Plague

The sun scorches man with INTENSE HEAT. But *man still refuses to repent!* Instead he blasphemes the name of God (Revelation 16:8-9).

Fifth Plague

The BEAST’S kingdom becomes full of DARKNESS, and humanity suffers FIERCE PAIN, *yet they still refuse to repent* of their wicked deeds! (Revelation 16:10-11.)

Sixth Plague

The Euphrates River dries up to allow the armies of the world to gather together for *the battle of that great day of God Almighty* (Revelation 16:12-14). “And they [demons] gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, ARMAGEDDON” (Revelation 16:16).

Seventh Plague

A mammoth earthquake occurs, cities fall, islands and mountains vanish, and huge HAILSTONES (weighing about 100 pounds each) fall to the earth! (Revelation 16:18-21.)

Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty

Demons then gather the armies of the world together at ARMAGEDDON, as they prepare to attack Jesus Christ!

(Revelation 16:14, 16.)

“Armageddon” literally means Mount Megiddo, a place about fifty miles north of Jerusalem. But no battle will be fought there. It will just be the place to get organized, to muster the troops together. From this staging area then they march south towards Jerusalem to *confront* the Son of God!

The troops of the world’s armies then stop in the valley of JEHOSHAPHAT (Joel 3:9-14). This deep valley or ravine borders Jerusalem on the east, between the city and the Mount of Olives. Today it is more commonly known as the KIDRON VALLEY.

Jehoshaphat means “judgment of the Eternal.” God will judge the rebellious and unrepentant nations of the world there for their disobedience and wicked ways!

The world’s armies then attack! But to NO AVAIL—for they are instantly liquidated—and the birds of the earth then feast on their corpses! (Revelation 19:17-21.)

“Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths”! (Zechariah 14:12; NKJV.)

Their shed blood then stretches for two hundred miles and is about five feet deep! (Revelation 14:20.)

Beast & False Prophet Punished

Jesus then captures ROMAN AUGUSTUS (i.e. the *Beast*—the *Antichrist*) and POPE SIXTUS VI (i.e. the *false prophet*) and throws them both into the lake of fire! (Revelation 19:20.)

Satan Bound for 1,000 Years

It is Monday, October 11, 2027. Today is the DAY OF ATONEMENT, the *fifth annual holy day* of the year. This holy day PICTURES the Devil being put away, where he can no longer influence and deceive mankind (Leviticus 16:10).

The meaning of this day is about to be fulfilled!

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the DRAGON, that SERPENT of old, who is the DEVIL and SATAN, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while” (Revelation 20:1-3; NKJV).

The Wedding Feast

It is Tuesday, October 12, 2027. The marriage of Christ with His bride—the true saints of God—is about to begin!

“Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a huge crowd, or the roar of mighty ocean waves, or the crash of loud thunder: ‘Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice and honor Him. For the time has come for *the wedding feast of the Lamb*, and His bride has prepared herself. She is permitted to wear the finest white linen.’ (Fine linen represents the good deeds done by the people of God.) And the angel said, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’ And he added, ‘These are true words that come from God’ ” (Revelation 19:6-9; NLT).

The wedding feast then continues in heaven for four

days.

Millennial Reign of Christ Begins

It is now Saturday, October 16, 2027. Jesus and the immortal children of God (the bride of Christ) have just returned to Earth. Today marks the *sixth annual holy day* of the year, the FEAST OF TABERNACLES. For the next EIGHT DAYS Jesus and the resurrected saints will celebrate this joyous festival (as well as the *Last Great Day—the seventh and final holy day*) with the inhabitants of the earth.

But what is the meaning of the *Feast of Tabernacles*? It pictures (just like the seventh-day Sabbath day) the seventh millennium, the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ—which has just begun!

But what does the *Last Great Day* (the seventh & final holy day) depict? It represents the Great White Throne Judgment, an event that takes place AFTER the millennial reign of Christ. (More on this holy day later.)

For now, let's quickly recap the extraordinary events that have occurred during these last few weeks.

Remarkable Events of the Last 3 Weeks

Jesus returned to earth on the *Day of Trumpets*—the 1ST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH of the Biblical calendar—and the saints were resurrected back to life. The last seven plagues of Christ also began on the 1st day of this month and ended nine days later. Jesus defeated the armies of the world during this time, and the beast and false prophet were thrown into the lake of fire.

Then on the 10TH DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH—on the *Day of Atonement*—Satan the Devil was cast into the bot-

tomless pit (where he will remain for 1,000 years).

Then from the 11th day until the 15th day, the wedding feast of Jesus (with His bride) took place in heaven.

Next, Christ and the saints returned to earth on the 15th day of the seventh month. Then for the next eight days THEY celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day with the inhabitants of the earth.

The millennial reign of Jesus Christ has officially begun!

The Millennium & Beyond

FOR THE NEXT 1,000 years Jesus Christ will reign on *earth* as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16, 20:4). And ruling with Him on earth as kings and priests during this 1,000-year period will be the saints of God (Revelation 1:6, 5:10, 20:4-6).

The true saints of God who are resurrected at the return of Jesus are no longer mortal, flesh and blood human beings. Instead they are immortal, incorruptible spirit beings—born into God’s very own Family—as His *literal* sons and daughters! (1 Corinthians 15:50-54; Daniel 7:22; John 3:5-6; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Romans 8:16-19, 21:7; John 1:12-13.)

God’s immortal and glorified children then help Jesus in ruling over all those mortal, flesh and blood human beings who have survived the terrible events of the last few years (Revelation 2:26-27, 3:21).

And during the millennial reign of Christ, Satan will no longer be around to deceive and influence mankind (Revelation 20:1-3). Also, all of the modern-day descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel who have survived their captivity

(as slaves in foreign countries) will be led back to the Promised Land! (Jeremiah 23:3-8, 50:4-5; Ezekiel 20:34-43, 36:24-28.)

With Satan removed and with Jesus ruling all nations in righteousness, the world quickly bursts into a haven of joy, peace, and prosperity! (Isa. 11:1-5.) The nations then turn their military weapons into farming equipment, for they will no longer have any use for such destructive instruments (Isa. 2:4). God even changes the behavior of wild beasts from fierce meat-eaters to gentle eaters of straw (Isa. 11:6-9).

It's a magnificent utopia—for God's laws and way of life are taught, administered, and upheld! (Isa. 2:2-3, 30:21.) All nations are now celebrating the true Sabbath day as well as God's annual holy days (Zech. 14:16-19). This is all made possible because *God has given mankind a new Spirit—His Holy Spirit—that enables men and women everywhere to finally obey God, and to live in peace and harmony with their fellowman!*

New Heart & New Spirit

“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness [see Gal. 5:19-22] and from all your idols. I will give you a NEW HEART and put a NEW SPIRIT within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. *I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them*” (Ezek. 36:25-27).

“Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; HE WILL TEACH US HIS WAYS, AND WE SHALL WALK IN HIS PATHS.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and

the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; *they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore*" (Isaiah 2:2-4).

Ferocious Animals Tamed

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb. The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the fatling together; and *a little child shall lead them*. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea*. And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse [Jesus Christ], who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:6-10).

Everyone & Everything Healed

"The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing... Then the eyes of the *blind* shall be opened, and the ears of the *deaf* shall be unstopped. Then the *lame* shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the *dumb* sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.... And the ransomed of the Lord [the twelve tribes of Israel] shall return, and come to Zion

with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness. And sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:1-10).

Prosperity for All

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine. And all the hills shall flow with it. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them,” says the Lord your God” (Amos 9:13-15).

“But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.... ‘In that day,’ says the Lord, ‘I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; so THE LORD WILL REIGN OVER THEM IN MOUNT ZION FROM NOW ON, EVEN FOREVER’ ” (Micah 4:4).

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. *The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.*’ Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes?’ Says the Lord of hosts. Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. *They shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and*

righteousness’ ” (Zechariah 8:4-8).

Satan Released From Prison

It is now 3027, and the wonderful 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ has just ended. The world is joyful, prosperous, and at peace. But things are about to change! For Satan has just been released from his prison!

Upon being released from the Abyss, Satan immediately goes to work, deceiving millions! He then gathers an army together and they march together towards Jerusalem, eventually surrounding God’s beloved city. But fire comes down from heaven and devours them! Then the devil is cast into the lake of fire where he will remain for all eternity, never to harm or delude anyone, ever again! (Revelation 20:7-10.)

How sad it is, that even after the tremendously joyful, peaceful, and wonderful 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ, that some would still rebel against Him.

Great White Throne Judgment

After this final rebellion is crushed we come to the “great white throne judgment” (Revelation 20:11-15). This time period is represented by the *seventh and final annual holy day*—“the Last Great Day.”

This is the time period when *everyone who has ever lived (since the creation of Adam and Eve) is now resurrected back to life*—EXCEPT FOR THE VERY FEW true servants of God who were resurrected 1,000 years previously (Revelation 20:4-6).

As a result, this *second resurrection* will include the vast, overwhelming majority of humans who have ever

lived. Most of these men and women will now get their very first REAL opportunity for salvation—of being born into the very family of God and receiving eternal life.

Family & Friends Reunited

This will be a *very exciting time*—for we now get the chance to be reunited with our former friends and loved ones! For our friends, parents, grandparents, great grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. are now resurrected back to life! And just think of all the people we will see and have the opportunity to meet and get to know. Such people as: Elvis Presley, Abraham Lincoln, Babe Ruth, Booker T. Washington, Jack Johnson, Martin Luther King Jr., Mary Elizabeth Bowser, Harriet Tubman, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Isadora Duncan, Cleopatra, Annie Oakley, Marie Antoinette, Anne Frank, Helen Keller, Thomas Edison, Anwar Sadat, Benjamin Franklin, Napoleon Bonaparte, Genghis Khan, Leonardo da Vinci, William Shakespeare, Ludwig van Beethoven, Alexander the Great, Charlemagne, Julius Caesar, Attila the Hun, Jessie James, Bonnie and Clyde, Esau, Ishmael, Samson, Delilah, plus millions more!

Most of those resurrected in this *second resurrection* will apparently live for one hundred years, to see if they are willing to accept the sacrifice of Jesus for their sins, and to prove it by living a life of obedience to God (Isaiah 65:20; Ezekiel 37; Matthew 11:20-24, 12:41-42; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15).

[But those who committed an “unpardonable sin” during their first life will NOT live for a hundred years, but will instead be condemned and thrown into the lake of fire—where they will die instantly—this is called the *SECOND death* (Hebrews 10:26-29; Matthew 3:28-29; Hebrews 6:4-6; Revelation 20:14-15)].

Eternal Life for the Obedient

Then after living a hundred years, all will be “judged according to their WORKS, by the things which were written in the books [of the Bible]”—Revelation 20:12. All of those who repented and overcame the pulls of the flesh (with the help of God’s Holy Spirit) will now be born as God’s *literal* sons and daughters, and shall live for all eternity (Revelation 21:7). These are those who *keep* the commandments of God, and their name is written in the Book of Life (Revelation 14:12, 22:14).

Second Death for the Wicked

“But anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15). This includes all unrepentant sinners, those who refuse to look to God and turn from their evil ways. This is the SECOND DEATH. These individuals will cease to live ever again (Revelation 21:8, 21:27, 22:15).

New Heaven & New Earth

At this time there will be no more human beings. For all humans who have ever lived will have become immortal, glorious spirit beings—the *literal* children of God! [Except for those unrepentant individuals who had refused to live according to God’s way of life—the way of give (the way of kindness, goodness, cooperation, mercy and compassion)—but instead had chosen to live according to Satan’s way of get (the way of greed, lust, hatred and selfishness). These people were put to *death* in the lake of fire—the *second death* (Revelation 20:14-15.)]

Kingdom of God

But everyone else (hopefully the vast, overwhelming majority!) will now be members of God’s Family and will

live forever. At this time God will create a *new heaven and a new earth* (Revelation 21:1). Then God Himself (that is—God the Father!) will for the very first time come down from heaven and dwell with us!! ***The Kingdom of God will have begun!***

“Behold, the tabernacle [home] of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear away from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:3-4).

“He who overcomes shall inherit ALL things [the *entire* UNIVERSE!], and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:7).

Those born into God’s Family will now share the WHOLE UNIVERSE with God the Father and Jesus Christ—for all eternity!

Now we come to...

THE BEGINNING...

The Antichrist

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“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard...the Antichrist is coming...” (1 John 2:18).

“...the man of sin...the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped...” (2 Thess. 2:3–4).

“...He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God” (2 Thess. 2:4 NLT).

“Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.... And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have NOT been written in the Book of Life...” (Rev. 13:6–8).

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The Beast From the SEA

“**T**HEN I STOOD on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the *sea*, having SEVEN HEADS and TEN HORNS, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.... And the dragon [Satan the devil] gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies...” (Rev. 13:1–5).

“Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. And it was granted to him to make war with the saints [true Christians] and to overcome [conquer] them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have NOT been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:6-8).

Seven Heads

The beast that comes up out of the *sea* has SEVEN HEADS. But what are these seven heads? “The seven heads of the beast... represent seven kings [or kingdoms]. Five kings [or kingdoms] have already fallen, *the sixth now reigns* [the Roman Empire—remember this was written around 95 A.D.], and the seventh is yet to come, but his reign will be brief” (Rev. 17:9–10 NLT).

So the seven heads of this beast depict seven kings or kingdoms. The sixth head portrays the Roman Empire, while the first five heads represent empires that preceded the Roman Empire (please read my booklet “Revelation Comes Alive” for more details).

But what about the seventh head—the one that is “yet to come”—what does it depict? This seventh head represents the LEADER of a revived end-time Roman Empire—that is—it represents the ANTICHRIST! For “all who dwell on the earth will worship him...” (Rev. 13:8).

Ten Horns

The beast of Revelation 13 also has TEN HORNS. But what are these ten horns? “The ten horns which you saw are *ten kings* who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour [just a very brief period of time] as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb [Jesus Christ], and the Lamb will overcome them [at His return], for He is Lord of lords and King of kings...” (Rev. 17:12–14).

So the ten horns represent *ten political leaders who will eventually turn over their power and authority to the Antichrist*. These ten leaders will rule over ten European na-

tions (or groups of nations). This will in essence be a resurrection of the Roman Empire—a United States of Europe—composed of ten European nations (or regions) that are ruled over by ten leaders. Today’s European Union will almost surely evolve into such a configuration in the very near future.

The Beast From the LAND

“**T**HEN I SAW *another* beast coming up out of the *earth*, and he had two horns like a LAMB and spoke like a DRAGON. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he DECEIVES those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image [statue] to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed” (Rev. 13:11–15).

So what is this *other* beast that comes up out of the EARTH? This *second* beast represents a FALSE *religious* leader who appears like a LAMB—that is—he will appear as a true representative of Jesus Christ, but instead he will represent Satan the devil (as he will speak like a DRAGON)!

This false religious leader will do great signs (Satan empowered miracles) in order to deceive mankind. Not only will he make fire come down from heaven (like the prophet Elijah did in the Old Testament), but after having a statue made of the first beast (the Antichrist) he will actually cause the statue to speak! And anyone who does not worship the statue of the first beast will be put to death! The Living Bible goes so far as to say that it is the statue itself that actually commands those who do not worship it to be put to death! “Then the STATUE ordered that anyone refusing to worship it must die!” (Rev. 13:15). WOW!

So who exactly is this *second* beast—this end-time false religious leader who will deceive the whole world and cause its inhabitants to worship the first beast? This *false prophet* (as he is often referred to in the book of Revelation—see Rev. 19:20) will be none other than the spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church—that is—the POPE! This end-time pontiff—together with the first beast—will bring about a renewed “Holy Roman Empire” (of course there will be nothing holy about it!). They will eventually even go to war against the returning Jesus Christ (see Rev. 19:19–20)! But before this occurs they will wreak havoc on an unsuspecting world!

Deadly Wound Healed

EARLIER, WHEN I WAS discussing the first beast, did you notice that it was severely wounded and yet it miraculously recovered?

“I saw one of its heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast” (Rev. 13:3).

Not only will the first beast (the political leader of a ten-nation European combine) be wounded, but he will be wounded so badly that the inhabitants of the earth will be absolutely amazed at his recovery. There is even some indication that not only will he be severely wounded—but that he will actually be killed—and then brought back to life! (Rev. 13:3, 14, 17:8). And that is precisely how the Living Bible renders these particular verses: “He was fatally wounded and then came back to life!” (Rev. 13:14). And “he was alive but isn’t now... and the people of the earth... will be dumbfounded at his reappearance after being dead!” (Rev. 17:8).

When the ruler of the revived Holy Roman Empire (the Antichrist) miraculously recovers, the world will marvel

and worship him (Rev. 13:3). Of course he will get his power from Satan. “So they worshipped the DRAGON who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the BEAST, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’” (Rev. 13:4).

So the whole world will not only worship the Antichrist, but they will worship the DEVIL as well! (For it is Satan that is behind this evil political leader and his corrupt government, just as it is Satan that is behind the pope and his false religious system!).

There is also a good chance that the Antichrist will not only be killed and then raised back to life, but that he will be killed on a Friday (perhaps even “Good Friday”) and resurrected back to life on a Sunday (and perhaps even “Easter Sunday”)! (For more details on this, please read my booklet: “When Was Jesus Crucified?”).

Seven-Year Agreement

THE BIBLE does not state exactly how many years the coming Antichrist will reign, but it does mention in Daniel 9:27 that he will make an agreement with many for seven days (that is—*seven years*—using the day-for-a-year principle that is so common in Bible prophecy).

Daniel 9:27: “Then he [the Antichrist] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week [seven days = seven years]. But in the middle of the week [after about 3.5 years—or exactly 1290 days before Christ’s return—see Dan. 12:11] he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering....”

This Scripture in Daniel is indicating that in the end-time (just seven years before Christ’s return) the Antichrist will make a seven-year pact with Israel and others which will allow the Jews to once again perform animal sacrifices at their temple in Jerusalem. But then in the middle of this agreement (after about 3.5 years) he will double-cross the Jews and destroy them and put an end to the sacrifices with a “flood” (great army)—verse 26. Luke 21:20–24 confirms this destruction: “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.... For these

are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.... And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

After putting an end to the animal sacrifices the Antichrist will then set up “the abomination of desolation” at the temple in Jerusalem. “And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress [the temple]; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation” (Dan. 11:31). At this occurrence there will only be 1290 days left until the return of Jesus Christ (Dan. 12:11)!

But what exactly is this “abomination of desolation”? It is the statue of the Antichrist that I mentioned previously—the one that the end-time pope (the second beast of Rev. 13) will make! The one that will speak! The one that will kill all who will not worship it! “He [the end-time pontiff] deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image [statue] in honor of the [first] beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived” (Rev. 13:14 NIV). The abomination of desolation (the statue of the Antichrist) will then be placed at the temple in Jerusalem, thus defiling the temple.

Somewhere around the same time that the animal sacrifices are stopped and the abomination of desolation is set up in Jerusalem the Antichrist will be mortally wounded—but then he will be supernaturally healed. But when he recovers—look out! For he will go out to annihilate everyone in his path! (Dan. 9:27 and Rev. 13:5–10). This will be the start of the Great Tribulation! A time so terrible—that if Christ did not return to put an end to it—all humanity

would be erased from the face of the earth! (Matt. 24:21–22).

The Antichrist will be extremely sly, treacherous, and cunning (Dan. 8:23–25). He will deceive many with his flattery (Dan. 11:32). And as a result of his “cunning deceptions and sinister schemes” he shall prosper and thrive (Dan. 8:23–25). He will accomplish all this not only with craftiness but with awesome power. “His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power [but by the power of Satan the devil!]...” (Dan. 8:24).

In union with the end-time pontiff, the Antichrist will bring enormous wealth and prosperity to much of the world (Rev. 18:11–19). But in his utter arrogance he will speak incredible blasphemies against the great God of heaven! (Rev. 13:5–6). And not to be outdone, the pope will also speak great pompous words against the great Creator of the universe! (Dan. 7:25). And together, they shall persecute God’s people! (Dan. 7:21, 25, 8:24; Rev. 13:7, 18:24).

Not only will the Antichrist destroy many people and nations (Dan. 11:36–44), but he will make slaves of his captives—probably even trading in human parts and organs! (Rev. 13:10, 18:13).

Mark of the Beast

“THE BEAST FORCED all men, small and great, rich and poor, slave and free, to have a mark placed on their right hands and on their foreheads. No one could buy or sell unless he had this mark, that is, the beast’s name or the number that stands for the name” (Rev. 13:16–17 TEV).

As the above Scripture clearly shows, *the mark of the beast is simply either the name of the beast or the number of his name* placed on one’s body. And as many translations also show, this mark will be a LITERAL, PHYSICAL MARK. From the Living Bible: “He required everyone... to be *tattooed* with a certain mark....” And from Today’s English Version: He “forced all men... to have a mark *placed* on their right hands and on their foreheads....” And from the Jerusalem Bible: “He compelled everyone... to be *branded* on the right hand or on the forehead....” And on and on it goes. So this mark will definitely be a LITERAL, PHYSICAL MARK that one will have to have on either their right hand or on their forehead in order to buy and sell (and perhaps conduct all other types of business).

At this point I need to make one other thing perfectly clear concerning this mark. The mark of the beast will also—UNQUESTIONABLY—be an outward sign of one’s *allegiance* to and worship of Satan and his earthly representatives. It’s showing a total rejection of the true God and His laws and commandments. Anyone who *accepts* this mark will be pledging their loyalty to the devil! Therefore, unlike what some conspiracy theorists may be teaching, it won’t be some secretive thing, which one might unwittingly receive because they were caught off guard. It will be nothing of the kind! On the contrary, in order to even receive the mark, one will apparently have to KNOWINGLY VOW THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE BEAST (and everything that he stands for)—and reject God! (Rev. 14:6–11).

But the Bible strongly warns us *not* to receive the mark of the beast! “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name”! (Rev. 14:9–11).

The Number of the Beast—666

“**H**ERE IS WISDOM. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is 666”! (Rev. 13:18 KJV). Now, what in the world can this Scripture possibly mean? And what is meant by, “count the number of a man”? And how does it all add up to 666?

The Living Bible renders the last part of the above Scripture as “...*the numerical values of the letters in his name add to 666.*” Many people in the world are familiar with Roman numerals—where the letter “I” stands for 1, “V” stands for 5, “X” for 10, etc. Well, many other languages have similar systems, where they designate a certain number for a particular letter. Each language has its own unique way for how this is done. For instance, in the Greek language, “A” represents the number 1, “E” represents 5, “I” represents 10, etc. So what we need to do is find a man’s name whereby the letters in his name add up to 666. Here is an example: Suppose there was a Latin man with the name of Vix (strange name, huh?). What would his number be? Well, if you add 5 (for the “V”) and 1 (for the “I”) and 10 (for the “X”) you get 16. So Vix couldn’t pos-

sibly be the beast because his name only adds up to 16 (instead of 666). So if Vix is not the beast, who is?

Irenaeus (a late second century writer) credits Polycarp (the disciple and successor of the apostle John) for coming up with the name **“Lateinos.”** Lateinos is a Greek word—and most of the New Testament was originally written in Greek (including the book of Revelation). In the Greek language “L” is 30, “A” is 1, “T” is 300, “E” is 5, “I” is 10, “N” is 50, “O” is 70, and “S” is 200. Add them up and what do you get? **666!**

“Lateinos” signifies “a Latin” or “Latin-man,” but it can also be translated as **“Roman.”** Why? Because “lat” and “rom” are synonymous with one another. For proof of this, look up the words Roman and Latin in any good dictionary and you will see what I mean. For instance in my dictionary (The American Heritage Dictionary—Second College Edition) you will find the following: “Latin”: (1) Of or relating to *Latium*, its people, or its culture. (2) Of or relating to ancient *Rome*, its people, or its culture. Notice that *Latium and Rome are essentially synonymous with each other*. Then if you look up the word “Roman alphabet”—the definition given is—Latin alphabet. Latin Church—Roman Catholic Church. Latinize—Romanize. And on and on it goes. As a result, the English word “ROMAN,” CAN THEREFORE BE TRANSLATED INTO THE GREEK LANGUAGE AS EITHER RHOMAIOS OR LATEINOS, since the two Greek words: Rhomaios and Lateinos mean (for all intents and purposes) the exact same thing (just like the two English words “Roman” and “Latin”).

A Latin, in its strictest sense, refers to an inhabitant of Latium. And a Roman, in its strictest sense, refers to an inhabitant of Rome. So how can these two words be synony-

mous with one another? Because both of these territories are essentially the same.

When Rome was first founded by a man named Romulus in 753 B.C. it was a desolate area of seven hills. It was located in the very small country of Latium, in what is now Western Central Italy. Italy was not a country back then but was instead the name of a region. So Rome was a city, located in the very small country of Latium, which was located in the region of Italy.

Not long after Rome was founded it became a thriving city. Within a relatively short period of time it was stretching out its wings—looking for people to conquer. Those who lived closest to it became its first victims—which happened to be the inhabitants of the surrounding area—Latium. Eventually Latium and its people (Latins in English; Lateinos in Greek) became absorbed by the inhabitants of Rome (Romans in English; Rhomaios in Greek) until the two names became essentially one and the same. Not only that, but the people who settled in Rome intermarried with the inhabitants of Latium practically at the outset of the founding of Rome by Romulus. As the Concise Columbia Encyclopedia states: “Romulus populated Rome with fugitives from other countries and gave them wives abducted from the Sabine tribe [who lived in Latium].... The Sabines warred with Rome, but by the third century B.C. they were completely amalgamated [the two became one]” (article: Romulus; Sabines; 1991 edition). So there you have it. That’s why, even to this day, the two words mean essentially the same exact thing.

So where does that leave us? And what has all of this to do with the Antichrist and the prophesied events that are destined to occur in the very near future? EVERYTHING!

As already stated in this booklet, the Antichrist (or “beast” as he is called in the book of Revelation), working in conjunction with the end-time pope (often called the “false prophet” in the book of Revelation) will lead a revived “Holy Roman Empire” (as the result of ten national or regional leaders turning their power and authority over to him). And his name (whatever it is) will add up to 666. But can anyone think of a better name than ROMAN? Not only can ROMAN be translated into Greek as “Lateinos”—which just happens to add up to 666—but this name is also the name of the Empire that he will lead (a revitalized Holy ROMAN Empire)!

The name “ROMAN” is also the name of the great false church that will back up the Antichrist—the ROMAN Catholic Church! Of course many people consider the Roman Catholic Church a Christian church, but it’s as far removed from *true* Biblical Christianity as the east is from the west! (And the Protestant churches aren’t much better—as they continue to teach many of the false pagan doctrines that they received from their apostate mother).

At its core the Roman Catholic Church is nothing more than a continuation of the ancient pagan “Babylon Mystery Religion”—and is part of what the Bible calls “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (Rev. 17:5). “And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints [*true* Christians] and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus [*true* followers of Christ who give their life for Him]. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement” (Rev. 17:6). Yes, the apostle John was absolutely astonished at what he saw in a vision: A false renegade church, calling itself Christian, and a world supposing it to be Christian, yet massacring *true* Christians by the thousands! And unfortunately she hasn’t gotten her fill of blood yet—as she will go

out in one more vicious rampage to annihilate the true followers of Christ! (Rev. 6:9–11).

Let's now get back to the Antichrist himself. Will his name be "ROMAN"? And if so, who exactly will it be?

Today, there are a few very prominent politicians in Europe with the name "Roman" (most notably Roman Herzog—the onetime president of Germany, and Roman Prodi—the past prime minister of Italy). So perhaps one of these men will indeed become the future leader of a "United States of Europe," and take on the role of "Antichrist." Of course, neither man may be the end-time beast at all. Perhaps both are kind, wonderful human beings (and of course both of these men may be long dead and buried when these things finally come to fruition). But wow—do their names ever fit!

If "Roman" is indeed the name of the future beast, then the name "Roman" will represent three things in one: the *political system* (the Roman Empire), the false *religious system* (the Roman Church), and the name of the end-time *political leader*. But, it seems the LEADER OF THE FALSE CHURCH will be left out. But perhaps he won't. It's conceivable that his name will also add up to 666. Maybe even he will have the name Roman. Or, perhaps his name will in some other way signify 666.

Have you ever noticed that each time a new pope is elected to the office of "bishop of Rome" he is given a new name. The current pope is Benedict XVI. This name of course is not his real name, but was the name he selected when he was first elected pope several years ago.

Possibly the final pope (the "false prophet"), the one who will team up with the coming political beast (the "An-

tichrist”), will take on the name “**Sixtus**.” There have been several popes who have had this name in the past (the last one being in 1585–1590).

So how many popes have there been with the name of “Sixtus”? Would you believe—FIVE! So, if there is ever another one, he would be known as Sixtus VI! This would be especially significant if the suffix “tus,” in the name “Sixtus,” actually meant “six” in the ancient Babylonian language (or some other language). For then, “Sixtus VI,” could be literally translated as Sixsix VI, or 666!

So, as explained throughout this booklet, the name “ROMAN” is stamped all over the rotten political system (Roman Empire) and false religious system (Roman Church) that will soon combine together to bring this world to the brink of total annihilation. And “Roman,” as previously explained, can be translated into the Greek language as “Lateinos,” which just happens to add up to 666 (which is the number of the beast). So who knows, perhaps “Roman” will also be the name of the terrible political leader who will lead this evil system in the very near future.

But one thing is certain, that whoever the Antichrist is, his name will indeed add up to 666!

The Conclusion

“**L**ITTLE CHILDREN, it is the last hour; and as you have heard... the Antichrist is coming...” (1 John 2:18). “The man of sin... the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped...” (2 Thess. 2:3–4). “He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God” (2 Thess. 2:4 NLT).

“Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. And it was granted to him to make war with the saints [*true* Christians] and to overcome [conquer] them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have NOT been written in the Book of Life...” (Rev. 13:6-8).

“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night, who worship the

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