Pre-Tribulation Rapture Precedes the Ezekiel 38/39 War

This year, the Feast of Trumpets falls on September 30 to October 1, 2019. Note that Jewish Holidays begin at sundown on the evening of the previous day. I am writing this Sunday evening, September 22nd. I have leg issues and am supposed to elevate my legs and rest a couple times a day. I usually try to do this around the noon hour and later around five. As I was dozing I was impressed with a dream what I am about to share in this post.

This year, the Feast of Trumpets falls on September 30 to October 1, 2019. Note that Jewish Holidays begin at sundown on the evening of the previous day. I have written extensively on this Feast Day referred to in Leviticus 23. You can go to my web page <u>www.pastorbobreid.com/</u> and the category "End Times". Scroll down to the title *"Harpazo"*. This is a 70-page chapter that was part of my eBook *'The Season of the Rapture'*. It discusses the themes and related typology of the "Bride" motif, the Seven Feast Days of the Lord; all of which focus on the End of Days.

Most important in that chapter is the twelve "idioms" that associate the Rapture with the Lord Jesus Christ. For thirty-five years I have held the view that Rosh Hashanah would be the event we refer to as the Rapture of the "Bride Church". I have listened to and studied all the various beliefs that people offered regarding the particular day that Jesus said, **"No man knows the day or the hour,"** which is itself an "idiom" that referred to the new moon of the seventh month. To call them the Feasts of the Jews is a misnomer, as Leviticus calls them the "Feasts of the Lord." We know that Jesus fulfilled the Spring Feasts, the first four that begin with Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, and finish with Pentecost. The Fall Feasts begin with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and end with Sukkot. "Idioms" are metaphorical expressions that use figurative language to express a deeper message or lesson.

The twelve idioms associating the Lord Christ Jesus are listed on page 57 of page titled *"Harpazo"* and it is discussed in much greater detail. This 70-page chapter is by far the most comprehensive treatise on the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. As many of the articles on the web page indicate, I have been anticipating this day for several years, at least more closely since 2015. I have also been a student of history since 1958.

I am going to do everything to keep this as short as I can, and still cover all the essentials of what I anticipate next week. If you have been following the Middle East as long as I have you will recognize the dangers unfolding several months ago and in the news as recent as this past week. The proverbial storm clouds appear near. Israel held its second election this year with no definite winner. Benjamin Gantz leads with 32 seats/votes and Benjamin Netanyahu is a close second with 31 votes/seats. In the Israeli Knesset, there are 120 seats and to occupy the Prime Minister position, one has to have 62 votes for a majority. Failure to achieve that required number means that the leaders[s], must form a coalition government with other political parties. Some Israeli experts are now suggesting that a third election may become necessary. The candidates have 28 days from the election date to form up with a workable coalition. Benjamin Gantz prefers to have a secular government, or without many of the different religious groups. Benjamin Netanyahu would like to do the same, even though he claims to be a Levite, a descendant of Kohen, Cohen, Coln, etc. On Monday, September 23rd, they were to meet with President Reuven Rivlin to discuss unity efforts to form a new government.

The two elections have diminished the influence of Netanyahu, and further increase his chances of being indicted on corruption charges should he be unable to achieve a hat-trick to save his political bacon [pun intended].

Furthermore, the instability from two undecided elections becomes an enticement of Israel's adversaries. Israel in the eyes of its neighbors, especially Iran is most likely quick to exploit or react to any sign of weakness on the part of Israel. In recent months, the IDF have been preparing for a fight on Israel's three borders. Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestinians are turning up the heat on Israel from all sides these days.

On Thursday, September 19th, 2019, President Trump placed additional sanctions on Iran in the way of freezing them from access to the SWIFT system, currency and credit activity with the IMF and World Bank. SWIFT stands for the "<u>Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications</u>." It is a messaging network that financial institutions use to securely transmit information and instructions through a standardized system of codes. To be locked out of SWIFT means a country is excluded from the world financial payment system. But even more than that, it can be seen as a "Declaration of War!"

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has offered to provide help but whether it will be enough is doubtful. President Trump's sanction is an equivalent to a declaration of war, and any hopes of internal unrest in Iran that will force the Mullah's to back down and capitulate to sanctions remain dubious at best. Iran is an ideologue Muslim Theocracy and committed to Israel's annihilation. There is no negotiation, and only time remains as the unknown in their religious war.

Two weeks earlier, three U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit bombers arrived at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire, England; and three additional B-2 Spirit bombers from Whiteman AFB in Missouri were reported to have arrived at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. Their call sign for the sleek bat plane design B-2's arriving in Fairford, England was "death". Alternative media reporter Chris Green reported today that Trump is planning an aerial campaign war effort for the fall. U.S. Air Force B-52H bombers have been based in Qatar for some months.

I don't usually share my dreams, as they are almost always nonsensical, but in fifty years I have had at least a dozen dreams that were spiritual in nature, and I usually had them around 4 am. Earlier this year I did an exegesis article on *"Ezekiel 38/39 – One War but from Two Perspectives!"*

For at least thirty years there has been no consensus among Bible prophecy teachers as to when the Ezekiel 38/39 invasion of Israel by Russia and Iran occurs; i.e., before the Rapture, during the Rapture, or following the Rapture. In my dream it was impressed upon me that the Ezekiel 38/39 war takes place <u>after</u> the Rapture. As to why this dream makes sense I will explain shortly. Years ago, Chuck Missler had a chart in his monthly publication *'Personal Update'* or one of his Bible Studies on the Ezekiel scenario. I have a copy in my files in the basement but I can't do steps anymore. I remember the details of the chart and the drawing detailed a 45-day gap preceding the Ezekiel war, it notated the Rapture potentially occurring 45-days prior.

Why does this begin to make sense at this point in time, with the heightened tensions in the Straits of Hormuz, the uncertainty of the Israeli elections, the Saudi Arabian oil facilities being hit with cruise missiles, the ratcheting up of sanctions on Iran by President Trump? Even if Bible prophecy is not your thing, a war in the Middle East will impact you, if only at the gas pump! It contains many potential detrimental aspects to life as we know it.

It is a general fact that Americans are largely dis-connected with Christians around the world, many who are suffering immensely far worse than we can imagine. China alone has a Christian population of 360-million, more than the entire U.S. population of 326-million. Even Pope Francis sold-out the Chinese Catholics, by permitting the Chinese government to select their highest ranking Cardinals to fill vacancies.

Citing Revelation 3:10, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of <u>temptation</u>, which shall come upon <u>all the</u> world, to try them that dwell upon the earth," I am reminded that we are not the only Bible-believing Christians in the world. This verse in simple terms is a passage of "<u>deliverance before judgment</u>". There are as many as 25-million Christians in Iran today. If a 150-million U.S. Christians are "caught up" or Raptured, they will not be alone, but rather will be accompanied by as many as 750-million Christians from 190+ nations around the globe, perhaps millions more. As the 70-page chapter on the "Harpazo" shows, the Rapture precedes the Seven Year Tribulation, also known as Daniel's 70th Week. Iran's population is well connected to the outside world through satellite television and they receive Christian programming despite the Muslim crackdown on Christian dissidents and evangelistic outreach. There are many American Christian pastors working in Iran on behalf of their denominational affiliation.

The underlined word "temptation" above is the Greek word **"peirasmos"**. Interestingly, this word occurs 21X (**7** X 3) times in the King James Bible in **7** distinct forms, a double effect of God's use of **"7"** in validating 'Divine Authorship of the Bible'. Its primary meaning is *an experiment, attempt, trial, proving faithfulness to the Lord*. Even the word **"Harpazo"** from

which we get our word 'Rapture' occurs 14X (**7** X 2) in the New Testament. You can read all about that in Appendix E of Volume 1, of my eBook *"The Inspired Word of God Mathematically Proven True!"* or page 528 of the chapter titled *"Harpazo"*.

Remember, it is God Himself orchestrating the events of the prophet Ezekiel, and 54 times in the book of Ezekiel, we are told that God is doing this for His Namesake, not the Jews. It is the central message of Ezekiel. Clearly, God has been angry with the Jews for over 2,600 years, for failing to observe the agricultural Sabbath in leaving the land fallow every seventh year so that nature could heal the land from the wear and tear of planting/harvesting. Even today, here in Kentucky, many farmers still practice Biblical farming, leaving a field fallow in order that its fertility is restored. The practice of Biblical farming has been proven around the world to be more productive but greed has won out with farmers and big-Agriculture.

The question arises, why is Russia so interested in Israel. Ezekiel tells us that God put the hook in the jaws of Gog and Magog.

"And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:" -(Ezekiel 38:3-4).

Russia is not interested in Israel so much as it is about what Israel has. It sits on a 200year supply of oil and gas. This year the "Leviathan" oil rig was moved by barge from the Gulf of Mexico to the coast of Israel. Israel has an immense oil and gas field beneath its coast line. The Leviathan oil rig is the world's largest offshore drilling platform. The upper deck portions arrived weeks ago for assembly and have joined other oil platforms in extracting the oil reserves beneath.

The Israeli IDF captured the Golan Heights in the 1973 Yom Kippur War and four years ago, Genie Energy drilling in the Golan Heights hit a pool of oil 250-meters thick, believed to be the world's largest pool of oil anywhere in the world. Now you know why Putin covets the State of Israel. But that's only for starters.

Russia's economy is 70% based upon energy sales. Putin's goal was to have a monopoly of the oil and gas market to the European Union. It has been blocked in its ability to achieve that because the United States has blocked the completion of the \$5-billion pipeline deal that Putin signed with Syria eight or nine years ago. The civil war in Syria was in part fought to overthrow President Assad of Syria and to stop the pipeline construction. This deal was to give Russia a link from Iran, through Iraq, and Syria to the Mediterranean Sea, where it would be transported in an underwater pipeline to southern Europe.

Israel is building a pipeline from Israel to the island of Cyprus and then onto southern Italy to compete with Putin of Russia. In order for Russia to have a monopoly of oil and gas sales to Europe, it must prevent the Israeli pipeline from coming on line. Russia is not against competition but it can't compete with Israel. <u>Note this significant factor</u>: Russia does not make a profit until the price of oil goes above \$62 a barrel. Drilling, extraction, production, and transshipment costs in Russia are among the world's highest. These same costs for Israel are around \$25 a barrel. Even an eighth grade math student can see the advantages of Israeli oil coming to market.

If you are looking to fill your tank, you are watching for the cheapest price on the highway, and people will not hesitate risking a "running out of gas" event to get the best price at the pump! If you were the tiny country of Belgium, who would you buy from, the Russians at \$75 a barrel or from the Israelis selling it for say \$40 a barrel? The answer is obvious. Now you know why tiny Israel is the object of Vladimir's affection!

This part of the world is fast approaching the end of a several decades-long struggle, a thirty-year's war, that has cost the lives of a few million people and roughly \$6-trillion dollars of the U.S. national treasury. Why do I say a thirty-year's war? We must first go back to 1971 to understand or begin to see how all our lives have been changed. More precisely, it was August 15, 1971. I know like I still know my Army serial number, I lived it in ways that now is not the time to explain.

President Richard Nixon took the country off the gold standard on August 15, 1971. Dr. Henry Kissinger had negotiated a deal with the world's oil consuming states to buy their oil from Saudi Arabia in U.S. Dollars. The U.S. Federal Reserve Notes we use for buying and selling had become the world's reserve currency, meaning every country had to have lots of U.S. dollars to pay for their oil and gas needs from the Middle East. The deal was cut and the Saudi's would then re-invest those dollars into U.S. assets, stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, etc.; and, the U.S. would be committed to guarantee the security of Saudi Arabia forever. Note that word 'forever' as it is now coming back to haunt the government presently. Since 1971, inflation has eaten away at those dollars, and if you had saved them, chances are today they are worth a lot less than when you had earned them.

The previous paragraph will explain so much for you that you have not been told or understand. Saddam Hussein of Iraq decided he wanted paid in gold for his oil. Then another Arab by the name of Muammar Gaddafi of Libya decided that was a really good idea. Had this caught on with other dictators of oil states would have destroyed the dollar in the process. However, the corrupt politicians who run this government chose to take us to war and spend \$6-trillion dollars to teach the Arab/Muslim world a lesson. You may not want to believe it but the U.S. is a third part of Mystery, Babylon the Great, along with the Vatican and the State of Israel.

Now that we have this history lesson behind us, now we see why the world is headed for a global economic crash the likes of which have never been experience. The second fact that should raise your concern, is that the House of Rothschild has a Rothschild-controlled Central Bank, i.e., U.S. Federal Reserve, and others like it in 189 countries of the world. Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria are still independent of the Rothschild's ownership and control. It is President Donald J. Trump's task to see that these four countries are regime-changed and a Rothschild Central Bank placed in control over those countries. President Trump has no choice, he must deliver. What does that mean exactly? WAR. That is as simple as I can say it! But seriously, it is the Ezekiel 38/39 war. The Rothschild's own Donald J. Trump, six ways to Sunday! He does not want war and that is obvious, and yet he will give us one whether we like it or not. President Trump knows who butters his bread and so he and his family have become the leverage for the House of Rothschild to get their Rothschild central bank in those four countries. However, the Iranian Muslim Theocracy are not playing ball in the big leagues, they are going to take anyone down that gets in their way.

President Trump does not broadcast his real goals and objectives. He likes to keep everyone guessing, and then he has been prone to do a change-up in his actions with the plan. Since Donald Trump was elected he has become the villain scapegoat because he took the United States out of the Iranian P5+1 nuclear treaty, which was never a ratified treaty signed by the U.S. Senate, it was simply affirmed by former President Obama, who was working as a Muslim for Muslims. Nonetheless, as the current sitting president who does the bidding of Jacob Rothschild and the House of Rothschild, he becomes the scapegoat for all that goes wrong, and there will be plenty of that shortly. President Trump is the chump that gets to be as the sitting president of record, and the one, who under, will be tagged as the scapegoat of America's sins!

Iran has lied about its nuclear program from day one! Where, you may ask, are the strong advocates of the nuclear deal after the new evidence revealed that Iran has long been violating the nuclear deal and pursuing its nuclear ambitions? They are silent.

The international community would truly do itself a great service to recognize that the nuclear deal was nothing more than a pro-mullah agreement which provided Iran's ruling clerics with billions of dollars to pursue their anti-American, anti-Semitic, anti-Iranian people and pro-terror activities, while simultaneously providing cover for Iran to pursue its nuclear ambitions.

We are at the point where the financial credit markets are in collapse. September 11, 2019 is the date to remember, but it will take months for that to become real and obvious to the public. We are at a point virtually where we were a decade ago.

- On Sept. 8, 2008, the U.S. Treasury seized control of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and pledged a \$200 billion cash injection to help the companies cope with mortgage default losses.
- About a week later the government bailed out American International Group Inc., or AIG, with \$85 billion.
- The Fed refused to save Lehman Brothers and the company was forced to file for bankruptcy. Some of the largest financial institutions were on the verge of collapse as the mortgage market melted down. As the crisis hit the global market, the credit freeze spread.

- The Treasury and the Federal Reserve began working on a \$700 billion bailout plan.
- President George W. Bush signed the bailout plan into law Oct. 3 and the U.S. became the collateral for that debt.
- Weeks later, on Oct. 29, the Fed cut the key interest rate to 1%.

This pattern is playing out exactly like what happened in 2008! The problem this time is \$700 billion will not come close to what is needed to keep the financial markets alive. All the derivatives (bank side bets) suggest a bailout this time around would require \$700 Trillion in a global bail out. Only this time the public will refuse to give this debt to their children and grand-children. Congress will not sign a bill that cost their jobs!

How do I know what is about to happen. I had a triple major in college, pre-ministry, history and business. On September 11th, 2019, the Federal Reserve did something that few people outside the banking world understand. They flooded the Repo Exchange with money. It was an ominous sign of what lies just ahead.

On Sept 18, 2019 Reuters News reported - As if the U.S. Federal Reserve did not already have enough on its plate heading into its meeting on interest rates this week, chaos deep inside the plumbing of the U.S. financial system has thrown policymakers an unexpected curveball.

Cash available to banks for their short-term funding needs all but dried up earlier this week, and interest rates in U.S. money markets shot up to as high as 10% for some overnight loans, more than four times the Fed's rate.

That forced the Fed to make an emergency injection of more than \$125 billion over the past two days, its first major market intervention since the financial crisis more than a decade ago, to prevent borrowing costs from spiraling even higher. While the effort restored a measure of order to the short-term bank funding market, it was not enough to stop the Fed's benchmark lending rate from rising on Tuesday above its targeted range of 2.00% to 2.25%.

The exact cause of the squeeze is a matter of some debate, but most market participants agree that two coincidental events on Monday were at least partly to blame. First, corporations had to withdraw funds from money market accounts to pay for quarterly tax bills, and on the same day the banks and investors who bought the \$78 billion of U.S. Treasury notes and bonds sold by Uncle Sam last week had to settle up.

On top of that, the reserves that banks park with the Fed and are often made available to other banks on an overnight basis are at their lowest since 2011 thanks to the central bank's culling of its vast portfolio of bonds over the past few years.

Added together, these factors are testing the limits of the \$2.2 trillion repurchase agreement - or repo - market, a gray but essential component of the U.S. financial system.

Whatever the cause, the episode has added fuel to the argument that the Fed needs to take steps to avoid more disruptions in the repo market down the road.

WHY IS THE REPO MARKET IMPORTANT?

The repo market underpins much of the U.S. financial system, helping to ensure banks have the liquidity to meet their daily operational needs and maintain sufficient reserves.

In a repo trade, Wall Street firms and banks offer U.S. Treasuries and other high-quality securities as collateral to raise cash, often overnight, to finance their trading and lending activities. The next day, borrowers repay their loans plus what is typically a nominal rate of interest and get their bonds back. In other words, they repurchase, or repo, the bonds.

The system typically hums along with the interest rate charged on repo deals hovering close to the Fed's benchmark overnight rate, which it cut on Wednesday to 1.75% to 2.00%, from 2.00% to 2.25%.

But when investors get fearful of lending, as seen during the global credit crisis, or when there are just not enough reserves or cash in the system to lend out, it sends the repo rate soaring above the Fed Funds rate.

Trading in stocks and bonds can become difficult. It can also pinch lending to businesses and consumers and, if the disruption is prolonged, it can become a drag on a U.S. economy that relies heavily on the flow of credit.

WHAT HAS CAUSED THE DROP IN BANK RESERVES?

Coming out of the financial crisis, after the Fed cut interest rates to near zero and bought more than \$3.5 trillion of bonds, banks built up massive reserves held at the Fed.

But that level of bank reserves, which peaked at nearly \$2.8 trillion, began falling when the Fed started raising interest rates in late 2015. They fell even faster when the Fed started to cut the size of its bond portfolio about two years later.

The Fed stopped raising interest rates last year and cut them in July and again on Wednesday. It has also now ceased allowing bonds to roll off its balance sheet.

The question vexing policymakers now is whether those actions are enough to stop the downward drift in reserves, which are a main source of liquidity in funding markets like repo.

Bank reserves at the Fed last stood at \$1.47 trillion, the lowest level since 2011 and nearly 50% below their peak from five years ago.

WHAT CAN THE FED DO TO CALM THE REPO MARKET?

1. RUN SPOT REPO OPERATIONS

Through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Fed can conduct occasional spot repo operations at times of funding stress, allowing banks and dealers to swap their Treasuries and other high-quality securities for cash at a minimal interest rate. It did this on Tuesday and Wednesday.

2. LOWER THE INTEREST IT PAYS ON EXCESS RESERVES

By making it less profitable for banks, especially foreign ones, to leave their reserves at the Fed, it may encourage banks to lend to each other in money markets.

3. CREATE A STANDING REPO FACILITY

Such a permanent financing program will allow eligible participants to exchange their bonds for cash at a set interest rate.

The Fed and its staff have considered such a facility, but they have not determined who qualifies, what would be the level of interest paid and the timing for a possible launch.

4. RAMP UP BUYING OF TREASURIES

The Fed can replenish the level of bank reserves by slightly increasing its holdings of U.S. government debt. This comes with the risk that it may be perceived as a resurrection of quantitative easing rather than a technical adjustment.

WHAT DID THE FED DO?

The central bank lowered interest on excess reserves by 30 basis points, to 1.80%. The rate now sits 20 basis points below the top of the target range, compared to 15 basis points previously.

It also set its offering rate in the repo market at 1.70%, five basis points below the bottom of the new target range for the policy rate.

It's Deja-Vu All Over Again! You may not understand all of this but the outcome is not good, that you can be absolutely assured of. There is an escape option, and that is what I am anticipating next week in the Biblical Plan of God to deliver His faithful. As the trap was set a long time ago, in 1913, which led with the imploding economy since 2008, the world is in the early stage of global collapse. The only hope is *"The Blessed Hope"* of Titus 2:13.

I am not trying to scare people. The world is on the precipice of a global depression. The stock markets will have a correction somewhere between 30 and 50%. It can come as early as next month if you happened to read the warnings of last week by JPMorganChase, Rothschild's major bank in the USA! This is the preceding salvo that will lead to the "Mark" of the Beast, the microchip to replace all cash.

Last Saturday, I watched a hour long video on what China has become in the days since President Nixon and Henry Kissinger opened the U.S. to the Orient to the West. 50% of the population uses their smart phones to buy everything from an ice cream cone to condominiums. You read that right, their smart phones do it all. Do you know what this is below?



Do you know what this image is called? I'll tell you so you can impress your friends and the family. They actually have several names: QR codes (for Quick Response), Mobile Tags, and 2-D Bar Codes (1-D being the bar code the cashier swipes). This is the next stage of the UPC Bar Codes on the road to the New World Order! I did a 11-part series on "666, 5G, and UPC" showing how 666 began and how it fits into the larger scheme of 5G and the Space Net!"

How do QR codes work?

First, you need a smartphone since these QR codes require a camera and web access. You also need an app that can read it. Don't know where to get one? Don't worry, I'll explain.

1. See if you have a QR reader on your phone. You probably don't so you will have to download one from your app store or market onto your phone. For more info on that, click how to download a QR reader app.

2. Once you have your QR reader app installed, click on the QR reader app icon on your phone.

3. Aim the camera so it looks like you're about to take a picture of the code. You will hear a beep when it captures it.

4. The phone decodes the code.

5. It takes you to a website.

It is the cell phone that is transforming the world of commerce today. It will not be long before this comes to the U.S. in a major way. It is replacing cash, currency, debit and credit cards in China. China has become the prototype nation of what is "the cashless society". Do I have a QR app? No, I have a hand me down 3G cell phone.

In winding this up, I had decided a few months ago I was not going to do another article on the Rapture, but since so few are watching for the signs in anticipation, I decided to bring it up since we are only a week away. If the two days come and go and nothing happens, you have not lost anything by reading this, but if it does occur during September 30th and October 1st, you will be ready for God to "catch you up". We have the Millennium ahead of us if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm eagerly awaiting my new body to replace this broken down body of mine.

In all my years of studying the Bible, I cannot recall a single year that offered a greater potential for the Rapture than 2019. We have so many converging issues that are encouraging for Christians in a dark world of sin, immorality, wickedness, and corruption. We are looking at a financial collapse as early as October, 2019 according to Rothschild press releases. Global war could break out with the Ezekiel 38/39 invasion of Israel. Virtually all news is negative, and that is a further sign of God delivering His faithful Bride Church out of the clutches of Satan. God is our only hope! The seventh millennium will be a 1,000 years of rest!

Mark your calendar September 30 – October 1st, 2019

Maranatha, and blessings,

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