The Blessed Hope!

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #122

If you got the impression from Blessed Hope #121 that things are ripe for a stranger to suddenly arrive on the scene to save the world, you would be right on! That I did not include more was merely a factor of too much evidence to draw from. There is so much more that I could have shared but it was important to address what I believe is the most important evidence that life is going to change for those left behind. I made no mention of events in the Israeli sector, which are always significant when it comes to any talk of the Ezekiel 38/39 war. For example, last Wednesday evening's missile attack temporarily disabled the Aleppo international airport but also caused damage to the one in Damascus, the Syrian government said on Thursday. The attack, which Syria blamed on Israel, is the first known instance of targeting both civilian airports on the same day.

Israeli F-16s launched a total of 16 projectiles from outside Syrian airspace, said Major General Oleg Egorov, deputy chief of the Russian peacemaking mission in Damascus. Syrian air defenses shot down three of the incoming missiles, but the others struck the facilities in Aleppo and Damascus, he added.

According to the Syrian transportation ministry, the Aleppo runway was damaged but repairs are ongoing and the airport is expected to reopen for traffic by noon local time on Friday. As for the Damascus airport, the damage inflicted "did not affect" operations, the ministry said.

"Syria retains its full rights to hold the Israeli occupation authorities accountable and bear all legal, moral, political and financial responsibilities for deliberately targeting the international airports of Damascus and Aleppo and for endangering civilian facilities and lives," the Syrian Foreign Ministry said in a letter to the UN secretary-general and the Security Council, according to the state news agency SANA.

Back in June, a series of Israeli strikes took the Damascus airport out of service for several weeks, with traffic being rerouted to Aleppo – which had only reopened in February 2020, after being damaged in the decade-long civil war. Wednesday's strike is the first known instance of Israel attacking both of Syria's active international airports.

The international airport in Latakia is adjacent to the Khmeimim airbase used by the Russian expeditionary force, and has so far not been a target of Israeli attacks. But with the volatile nature of the ongoing struggle you should never say never.

Israel has repeatedly targeted Syria with missiles, usually fired from Lebanese airspace or the occupied Golan Heights, wary of air defense systems provided by Russia to Damascus. On the rare occasions Jerusalem has acknowledged the attacks, the Israeli government said it was exercising preemptive self-defense against Iran. Tehran has offered military aid to Damascus in recent years against both Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS) terrorists and other radical militants.

The London-based *Iran International* claimed that Wednesday's strike was aimed at preventing an Iranian cargo plane from landing, first in Aleppo and then in Damascus. The plane reportedly belongs to an airline the U.S. has designated as affiliated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and placed under sanctions.

We can debate all you want about whether we will see the nuking of Damascus, or that the Ezekiel War occurs at the beginning of the Tribulation period of Daniel's "Seventy Week" prophecy or shortly there after. Debate on Isaiah 17:1-2 and Ezekiel 38/39 is more an academic point at this moment in time. They are going to happen exactly as Scripture declares. I have read the writings and viewed the videos by dozens of prophecy teachers since June 7, 1967. I have a couple file cabinets containing much of what has been published in the past 55 years. They all believe they are right, and we would expect that to be a given since no one wants to be wrong, especially if you are selling books and videos. Yet, I have not met a single prophecy teacher that has been 100% accurate.

"Exorbitant Rise In Energy Prices" Forces Europe's Top Steelmaker To Close Plants By Tyler Durden | Zero Hedge | September 3, 2022

Even though European power and natural gas prices have subsided this week, Germany, the largest economy in the bloc, still faces historically high energy costs that have forced cuts in industrial output.

The latest example is the world's largest steelmaker, ArcelorMittal, which released a statement Friday about shutting down two plants and idling one.

Europe's top steelmaker said two plants in Germany (one in Bremen and the other in Hamburg) would be partially closed at the end of September. A plant in Asturias, Spain, will also be idled.

ArcelorMittal blamed the coming smelter shutdowns on "the exorbitant rise in energy prices," which is devastatingly impacting the company's "competitiveness of steel production." The decision to reduce metal output was also based on "weak market"

demand and a negative economic outlook" as energy hyperinflation risks sending Europe into a deep recession.

"As an energy-intensive industry, we are extremely affected. With gas and electricity prices increasing tenfold within just a few months, we are no longer competitive in a market that is 25% supplied by imports," explained Reiner Blaschek, CEO of ArcelorMittal Germany.

Blaschek asked lawmakers to address the historic energy crisis and get prices "under control immediately." Elevated prices this summer have resulted in a series of smelter closures from other metal-producing companies because high energy costs made production uneconomical.

In Germany, one of every six industrial companies feels forced to reduce production due to high energy prices, a survey by the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, DIHK, showed at the end of July. Nearly a quarter of the companies forced to reduce production had already done so by end-July, and another one-quarter are in the process of scaling back production due to sky-high energy prices, according to the survey of 3,500 companies from all sectors and regions in Germany.

The energy-intensive industries and firms are particularly hit, as 32 percent of the companies plan to or have already started to reduce production and even halt entire production lines, the DIHK survey showed. — <u>OilPrice.com's Tsvetana Paraskova</u>

Runaway energy costs were halted this week as German year-ahead electricity futures plunged by half since Monday's peak above 1,000 euros a megawatt-hour as the EU considers market interventions. EU NatGas prices closed down about 33% from the highs reached on Aug. 25.

However, here's where things get very dicey. After European markets closed, around the lunch hour in New York, news broke that Russian energy giant Gazprom won't resume critical NatGas supplies to Europe via Nord Stream 1 tomorrow after an oil leak was detected. There's no timeframe when Natural Gas supply will resume to the energy-stricken continent.

Europe's energy crisis could materially worsen, which means higher Natural Gas and power prices that will only curb more industrial output. Germany could fall into recession this winter, bringing the rest of the bloc down with it.

Eight out of every ten manufacturing plants in the UK will close for the same reason the world's largest steelmaker, ArcelorMittal, is closing, due to high energy costs.

Edward Dowd is a hedge fund "guru" and former equity portfolio manager for the largest asset manager in the world, BlackRock. Over the past two years, Dowd has courageously come forward to awaken people to the collateral damage of the COVID pandemic. Suffice it to say Ed is a extremely sharp guy at figuring out scams!

A global financial collapse is a mathematical certainty. Dowd predicts the collapse will begin in earnest within the next six to 24 months. In my view, 24 months is very optimistic. I say that because China's problem with Evergrande Real Estate amounts to 1/3rd of China's GDP. COVID provided cover for central banks and governments, allowing them to temporarily hide the reality that the financial system is crashing. COVID also allowed for the erection of a control system to shield governments and central banks from the fallout from collapsing food, energy and finance systems. It allowed them to restrict travel and introduce digital IDs and central bank digital currencies by linking them together with vaccine passports.

Insurance companies report a 40% increase in excess mortality among working-age adults during the fourth quarter of 2021. Millennials aged 25 to 44 had an 84% increase in excess mortality in that same timeframe. Since the rollout of the COVID jabs, the number of Americans who claim to be disabled has risen by at least 10%, possibly more.

Dowd became interested in finance right out of college. He got a job with HSBC Holdings, the largest bank in Europe, as an institutional, fixed income salesperson, selling bonds.

"That was a five-year education in what really happens in the capital markets," he says, "and everything you learn in the textbooks is garbage ... I learned about Wall Street, how it worked and how it was incentivized."

"Back when I was a bond salesman from 1990 to '95, there were a bunch of scandals. Wall Street is basically a boom and bust operation. There's usually a boom created by the Federal Reserve that puts money into the system. They don't control where their money goes and Wall Street takes advantage of that. And usually it ends in fraud.

The scandal in the early '90s was the fraud with the mortgage-backed securities. There was a big Wall Street firm that went under because they had some trades in the drawer. Computer systems weren't as robust, so some traders were hiding losses and that firm went belly up.

Interestingly enough, BlackRock at the time helped fix that problem. They had computer systems [the Aladdin system] that helped analyze the mortgage-backed securities ... it's just risk management software basically.

So, I learned the engines of Wall Street, but I wanted to get into the stock business. I went back to business school at Indiana University, graduated in '97 and went to Wall Street to Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, where I was an electric utility analyst down the hall from the internet folks who were doing all the IPOs [initial public offerings].

Basically, fraud on the IPOs was at every investment house, and it wasn't hard fraud, it was soft fraud. They just were not doing the due diligence that the institutions used to

do. Before they would IPO a company, they would make sure that the company had things like revenues, and in the late '90s that went by the wayside.

So, a lot of firms without revenues and just ideas were IPO'd ... Eventually the Fed [Federal Reserve] did what they do. They tightened interest rates, the bubble popped and a whole host of corporate fraud was exposed: WorldCom, Enron, Lucent Technologies, Nortel Networks."

After that bust, the Federal Reserve went back to printing money and, in 2008, the real estate bubble burst, resulting in a massive recession. I describe the forces at work — then, and now — in "Who's Behind the Economic Collapse?" At the time of that economic collapse, Dowd was working for State Street Investment Research, which was later bought up by BlackRock.

To many, BlackRock appears to play an important role in the globalist cabal's effort to usher in The Great Reset. Dowd, having signed a non-disparagement agreement, is not free to discuss his views on BlackRock, but he can talk about similar players, such as Blackstone and Vanguard, the latter of which is a similarly sized institution.

"I don't believe they control these corporations [the companies they own shares in], but they have undo influence, which Charlie Munger of Berkshire Hathaway has written about," Dowd says.

"Basically, because of the growth of passive ETFs [exchange-traded funds] the voting of those shares goes to the senior executives of the firm. And so, there is some influence at Vanguard over some of the board votes."

Back in the day ... most of the money inequities were managed by fundamental portfolio managers. I used to vote for the board but because we were so busy, we had like 80 companies in our portfolio, there was a firm called Institutional Shareholder Services, ISS, which would help us figure out the votes.

It was a software system that would analyze all the proposals and then tell us how to vote accordingly. And, if we wanted to withhold a vote or change a vote, we would. So, there seems to be a concentration of power in the votes. The vote used to be more spread out over many, many different people.

So, they don't control [the companies they own]. Vanguard and BlackRock are agents. They manage other people's money. But they do vote on some of the shareholder board proposals. So, they don't get on the phone and call Bourla at Pfizer and say, 'Do what we say.' It's more soft influence.

But I do believe, as concentration of market share, Vanguard and BlackRock are the biggest passive investment asset management firms. Charlie Munger had a point that it's too much decision making in too few hands.

Again, "I don't think they run the companies. But where there's a concentration of power, there's definitely things that can go awry and aren't exactly above board, but I have no proof of that. Its' just when power's concentrated bad things usually happen."

Kicking the Financial Doomsday Can Down the Road

Lately, I've written many articles discussing the coming financial collapse. Worldly signs all point in that direction, and according to Dowd, it's a mathematical certainty.

The Federal Reserve system, which is a debt-based monetary system, was created in 1913, the same year the IRS and tax system were created. The system of creating money through debt is inherently fraudulent. In the early days, banks would lend the debt and the debt would find its way into different areas of growth, which would then get overheated. Fraud occurred because money was too easy, but it was mostly free market fraud.

In the late '90s, corporate fraud took over and we had a 50% stock market correction. The Federal Reserve responded by turning on the money spigot: They lowered interest rates and the money found its way into the real estate market, which turned into an unsustainable bubble.

Real estate was being hypothecated through collateral debt obligations and mortgage-backed security. Wall Street levered up 20-to-1, 30-to-1 on their balance sheets to make money and thought the party would go on forever. But inevitably, the Fed started to raise interest rates and the whole thing collapsed.

According to Dowd, the problem with this bank fraud was that it was systemic in nature. The central banks had to step in and buy this fraudulent debt. So, this fraud still remains, today, on the Federal Reserve's balance sheet, and on the balance sheets on countless other banks. In other words, the fraud didn't go away. It was just baked in and hidden.

Financial Collapse Is a Mathematical Certainty

"Then, governments, because the economy collapsed globally, started spending like drunken sailors," Dowd says. "The last 12 years have been a ballooning of what I call the central bank-government bubble, the sovereign debt bond bubble."

Who's going to save that bubble? Who's going to be the buyer of all that debt when this bubble finally blows up? Answer: No one. Many who are aware of the situation are just surprised the system has lasted this long.

It looked like it was ready to burst in 2019, and then, conveniently, COVID showed up, which granted emergency powers to all central banks. Governments went on another spending spree, printing money, and this allowed them to kick the proverbial can down the road for another two years.

"Here we are in 2022 and it's unraveling again," Dowd says. "And the reason why COVID was important is because the Federal Reserve was able to plug the hole in what was beginning to become a liquidity debt crisis."

They printed 65% more money. The money stock went up 65% year over year in 2020, and that was able to paper it over. Then, when the economy was shut down, it was an external shock, not in the internal shock, so when they reopened with all the money in the system, we had a recovery for a year and a half. Stock markets went crazy, credit markets went crazy, and we went back up again.

But here we are two years later, [with] inflation caused by the bad policies of the Biden administration, the EU, the money growth ... also, COVID broke a lot of supply chains ... Basically, we hadn't had inflation in goods and services for the last 12 years. We had inflation in assets, stocks and bonds.

What's going on now is the real economy is feeling the effects of the inflation, the bad policies. We're starting to see the U.S. dollar go up, and the dollar is a reserve currency of the world. Over the last 22 years, there's been a tremendous growth in what's called dollar denominated debt ... We have about \$15 trillion in dollar denominated debt.

So, when you see the dollar going up, that's indicative of a debt crisis because money's becoming tight. There are fewer dollars out there. People are scrambling for dollars. And the reason why I think we're imminently going to collapse is we've never seen a commodity inflation cycle with the dollar going up at the same time ...

You can make the case that it's intentional because the policies are so bad that they're shutting down energy production. Before the Ukraine War, Biden's first executive order on Day 1 of his administration was to shut down the Keystone pipeline. So, here we are. I think we're at the end. Ed Dowd is correct and the world faces a global depression!

COVID provided cover for the central banks and the governments, but it also allowed for a control system. If everything's going to collapse, wouldn't it be nice to have a control system where travel is restricted, you can blame it on a virus, you create vaccine passports, which then get linked to digital IDs, and then central bank digital currency. So, I think COVID was a convenient excuse. We have more than enough evidence to confirm Edward Dowd's beliefs. Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum even admitted to the convenience of the COVID crisis.

As we roll through time, many are starting to think this was a plan. I don't have all the evidence, but the fact that we're not stopping what's going on suggests to me that it's a conspiracy of interests, and they don't want to stop the rollout of these vaccines. Would it surprise you to know that Richard Rothschild holds a patent on Covid as does Bill Gates that go back to the period from 2013 through 2017? The House of Rothschild and Microsoft's former CEO Bill Gates have been riding the waves of Covid reaping hugh profits as well as decimating the world population by millions and millions over the next few years.

And Edward Dowd said, "the longer this goes on, the more convinced I become that COVID may have been a plan. I used to say it was a convenient excuse, but the longer this goes on, the more ridiculous this becomes. So, I think there was ill intent."

A Question of When

Dowd believes the initial financial collapse will occur within the next six to 18 months, or at most 24 months. If stock markets become seriously unhinged and we start getting declines of more than 40% in the indices, the Federal Reserve may start buying stocks outright, which will result in a neo-feudalism system that will only magnify already existing discrepancies between the have and the have not's. The reason for that, Dowd explains, is because:

"There's no market mechanism to punish anybody for making bad decisions. Their bad decisions are bailed out by the central banks. The moral hazard is so high that if you just are a C-suite executive at a major Fortune 500 company, you're going to become phenomenally wealthy and not have to really be good. You're going to be one of the lords and the workers and everybody else are going to be struggling to make ends meet.

That's what's been going on for the last 12 years. The economy for the most part has been an economy of the big and those close to the printing machine ... If you're trying to actually create a small business, if you're a worker at one of these corporations and you don't get a lot of stock options, you're not getting ahead."

Why Dowd Started Speaking Out About the COVID Jab

Dowd, who lives in Maui, first got involved in the anti-jab fight when the mandates were rolled out. In Maui, you had to have a vaccine passport just to enter a restaurant or gym.

"I was suspicious of the jab from the get-go," he says, "because I knew two things: Operation Warp-anything sounds like a disaster. Seriously. And No. 2, it was experimental, and I knew that most vaccines took seven to 10 years of safety data to be vetted before they were put into people's arms."

"So, I just thought everybody would be like me — rational — and not take it. Then, when I saw the propaganda machine, the social pressure, I knew something else was afoot, that something was going on, and that's when I got super involved. I started going to rallies on Maui. I started meeting like-minded people and that's how I got hooked up with Dr. [Robert] Malone here on Maui."

"Now I'm part of the crew that's trying to expose this crime. When I met [Malone] in October of 2021, I told him I had a suspicion there were lots of bad things going on with the vaccines ... I said I would be monitoring the insurance companies and the funeral home companies, and if my thesis was correct, they'd show up in those results — and sure enough, they did."

The choice to focus on nongovernment databases was prescient, as the CDC in recent months has started compromising mortality statistics. They're supposedly upgrading servers and reloading all-cause mortality data, and now tens of thousands of death reports are missing.

All-Cause Mortality Is a Crucial Endpoint for Any Drug

"I was using the fraud word pretty liberally in the fall of 2021 in regards to Pfizer," Dowd says, and as soon as he saw that the FDA wanted to hide Pfizer's data for 75 years, he was utterly convinced. "That's prima fascia evidence of cover up," he says. Now, as those documents are starting to pour out, at a pace of 55,000 pages per month, we're coming to realize what the FDA and Pfizer were so eager to hide."

"The all-cause mortality endpoint, this is something we need to talk about. Normally, if you're a single product biotech company and you do a clinical trial that fails the all-cause mortality endpoint, the drug does not get approved [by the FDA]."

"At the end of the day, if the risk is higher than the benefit, this thing doesn't get approved. The all-cause mortality endpoint for the Pfizer vaccine, when they touted its effectiveness, they conveniently hid that data point from everybody. It came out in the FOIA request in the fall and, again, the trial was only 28 days."

"This is also just unprecedented. So, in 28 days, there was something like 23 deaths in the vaccine group and 17 in the placebo group, which gives all-cause mortality excess of 23%. It should not have been approved on that alone. That's fraud in my humble opinion."

As noted by Dowd, one of the most remarkable counterarguments to come out of a fraud litigation case against Pfizer in recent months is Pfizer's attorneys claiming that even if there is fraud, Pfizer cannot be prosecuted because the government knew about it. "Why is this not the biggest headline in the mainstream media?" Dowd asks. "Only those of us in the echo chamber that are on top of this issue seem to know this."

In the real world, the all-cause excess mortality demonstrated in Pfizer's trial is turning out to be on the money. The U.K., for example, has seen excess mortality rise between 10% and 20% since the shots rolled out. In other areas, and/or in certain age categories, excess mortality is far greater, yet the FDA and CDC are just going along with it, doing absolutely nothing to warn anyone of the risks.

Shocking Increases in Excess Mortality

As noted by Edward Dowd, insurance companies were reporting a 40% increase in excess mortality among working-age adults during the fall of 2021. A 10% all-cause mortality rise is a once in a 200-year catastrophe, so 40% is just off the charts.

Before the CDC started manipulating its death statistics, that too showed all-cause mortality was up by about 40%, Dowd says. The smoking gun in the CDC data was found when excess mortality was broken down by age group. Millennials, those

between the ages of 25 and 44, had a whopping 84% increase in excess mortality during the fall of 2021.

"They try to explain it away by saying, well, lockdowns cause deaths of despair, suicides, drugs and alcohol, and people missing their cancer screenings. Well, in a three-month timeframe, we went from 40% to 50% excess mortality in the summer, to 84% excess mortality into the fall for the millennial age group, which represented about 61,000 people between March of '21 and February of '22."

"Sixty-one thousand excessive deaths represents a Vietnam War in one year for that age group. That's what occurred. And look, these are ages 25 to 44. You shouldn't be dying at that age unless it's accidental or self-induced via suicide or drug abuse. And you can't tell me that everyone decided, in a three-month timeframe, to commit suicide and overdose on drugs. Makes no sense."

There was also a huge shift in deaths during 2021 from the old to the young, with younger people now dying at an alarming rate.

"At this point, we have evidence of the crime," Dowd says. "What I'm shocked at is the fact that the mainstream media are still blacking this out. The good news is there seems to be word of mouth, and more and more people, because the vaccine doesn't work, aren't getting boosters."

Massive Increase in Disabilities

According to Dowd, insurance companies are also reporting increases in disability payments for the first quarter of 2022, and both insurance companies and funeral homes are also seeing a continued rise in excess mortality.

"In the second quarter, insurance companies are playing games right now where they're releasing reserves, they're increasing pricing, so, it doesn't look as bad, but it's still not good."

The funeral home companies are still seeing growth above what they thought they'd be seeing. They thought they'd be returning to trend line and they're still getting year over year growth. You got to remember their year over year growth is versus 2021.

So, they shouldn't be growing. And these are same store sales, not via acquisitions. So, these are same store sale comparables year over year. And both funeral home companies that I looked at for Q2 grew same store sales between 2% and 3%, which is comparable to Q2 of 2021. It should be collapsing 20%, 30%, and it's not.

Let's talk about the disability data. This is super important. I think we're going to find — as tragic as the worst adverse event, death, is — there are some things worse than death; life-altering disabilities that make your life unlivable, and those who live with you have to take care of you.

And the impacts to society are way worse than a sudden death ... My partner, who was an ex-Wall Street insurance analyst, discovered a Federal database, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the good news about them is they don't have any skin in this game.

They do a household survey every month. Every month we get the employment numbers that comes from them, and they do a bunch of different questions, some of which are in regards to disability, which essentially come down to 'Are you disabled and/or is anybody in your household disabled of working age?'

For the five years prior to 2021, that number was between 29 million and 30 million. It's now 33 million and growing significantly since 2021. And it really started to take off in May, June of 2021. I had some Ph.D. physicists who've done some statistical analyses, and they're saying that it's almost a four-standard deviation above the norm, and the slope of it, the rate of change, is alarming.

We've increased the disabled by 10%. Now, this has nothing to do with disability claims. This is self-identification. This is not tied to a doctor's note or getting on disability. This is just someone saying, voluntarily, that they're disabled ...

So, the number of disabled could be way, way more. We're just scratching the surface here. But the signal is the change, the rate of change, the standard deviation above the norm, which is four. Three standard deviations is crazy. Four is like, 'WOW!' So, this is what's going on. If you ask yourself, why is there a labor shortage? I think this explains a lot.

And you multiply this globally, and they talk about supply chains and inability to hire people — this is definitely going on. I also think a large part of the inflation we're seeing is due to people not able to work.

Silver Linings

If there's a silver lining to this mess, it's that parents are waking up to the dangers of not just the COVID jab but also the childhood vaccination schedule as a whole. As of early August 2022, only 3% of children under age 5 had received the COVID jab. Many are also taking a second look at other vaccines, including adult vaccines.

This is long overdue, as none of the vaccines on the childhood vaccination schedule has ever been compared to true placebo to confirm safety and effectiveness, and no studies have been done to confirm that giving multiple vaccines simultaneously is actually safe.

"I think as this scandal collapses and unfolds, it's going to remake a lot of our institutions," Dowd says, "and I think that's a good thing. I think people like yourself and others who've been out in the wilderness are going to be vindicated. I'll never take another vaccine again, or a flu shot. I'm done. I'm out."

Are You Prepared?

With regard to what you can do to prepare for the inevitable financial crash, Dowd says:

"People ask me for investment advice. I'm loathe to give it, but I will say this: If financial assets are going to collapse, don't worry about inflation. It's probably a good idea to have some of your portfolio ... in cash, to take advantage of the blood in the streets scenario that's coming. So that, when everyone's selling, you're doing what JP Morgan of old did — you're buying. That's not a bad idea."

Aside from protecting your financial assets, you'd be wise to prepare for other related scenarios as well, such as food, water and energy shortages. Shore up supplies and figure out how to live in an "off grid" scenario, in case daily conveniences suddenly vanish.

Also prepare yourself mentally, emotionally and spiritually for what could be stressful and challenging times as the globalist cabal continues to push The Great Reset forward, which will require more "emergencies."

"We got the midterms coming up. The people in power are deathly afraid because crimes have been committed, so I suspect shenanigans," Dowd says. "They're trying to get monkeypox going. That doesn't seem to be capturing the imagination of the people. They may try, I suspect, good old-fashioned war. War usually takes care of a lot of problems."

The thing we need to worry about is China. China has a demographic problem. They're in a demographic decline that started in 2020 ... In the '80s and '90s, everyone said Japan was going to overtake the U.S. Well, Japan had a demographic bust.

They collapsed and they've lost two decades. China is just hitting that now. Larry Fink's a good businessman, but he is going into China at exactly the wrong time. China is done in my humble opinion. It's a contrarian viewpoint, but it's backed by data ...

They're over-indebted and they're literally imploding as we speak. A lot of these COVID lockdowns you see in the last couple months are nothing more than covering up bank runs. One of their biggest fears ... is their own population.

"As long as they kept people fed and getting jobs, they didn't have to worry. If there's an economic collapse, what traditionally most countries do is they create an outside demon that unites everybody. If I'm China, and I'm running the show and I'm an evil person, I would start something with Taiwan just to get everybody focused outside of the internal issues in China."

Author F.William Engdahl just posted a piece yesterday Europe's Energy Armageddon from Berlin and Brussels, Not Moscow!

On August 22, the exchange-traded market price for natural gas in the German THE (Trading Hub Europe) gas hub was trading more than 1,000% higher than a year ago. Most citizens are told by the Scholz regime that the reason is Putin and Russia's war in Ukraine. The truth is quite otherwise. EU politicians and major financial interests are using Russia to cover what is a Made in Germany and Brussels energy crisis. The consequences are not accidental.

It is not because politicians like Scholz or German Green Economy Minister Robert Habeck, nor EU Commission Green Energy Vice President Frans Timmermans are stupid or clueless. Corrupt and dishonest, maybe yes. They know exactly what they are doing. They are reading a script. It is all part of the EU plan to deindustrialize one of the most energy-efficient industrial concentrations on the planet. This is the UN Green Agenda 2030 otherwise known as Klaus Schwab's Great Reset.

EU Gas Market Deregulated

What the EU Commission and government ministers in Germany and across the EU are carefully hiding is the transformation they have created in how the natural gas price is determined today. For almost two decades the EU Commission, backed by the mega banks such as JP MorganChase or large speculative hedge funds, began to lay the basis for what is today a complete deregulation of the market for natural gas. It was promoted as the "liberalization" of the European Union's natural gas market. What it now allows is for unregulated, real-time, free market trading to fix prices rather than long-term contracts.

Beginning around 2010, the EU began to push a radical change in rules for pricing natural gas. Prior to that point, most gas prices were set in fixed, long-term contracts for pipeline delivery. The largest supplier, Russia's Gazprom, provided gas to the EU, most especially to Germany, in long-term contracts pegged to the price of oil. Until the last several years, almost no gas was imported by LNG ships. With a change in U.S. laws to allow export of LNG from the huge shale gas production in 2016, U.S. gas producers began a major expansion of LNG export terminal construction. The terminals take an average of 3 to 5 years to build. At the same time Poland, Holland and other EU countries began to build LNG import terminals to receive the LNG from abroad.

Emerging from World War II as the world's leading oil supplier, the Anglo-American oil giants, then called the Seven Sisters, created a global oil price monopoly. As Henry Kissinger noted during the oil shocks of the 1970s, "Control the oil and you control entire nations." Since the 1980s, Wall Street banks, led by Goldman Sachs, created a new market in "paper oil," or futures and derivative trading of future oil barrels. It created a huge casino of speculative profits that was controlled by a handful of giant banks in New York and the City of London.

Those same powerful financial interests have been working for years to create a similar globalized "paper gas" market in futures they could control. The EU Commission and their Green Deal agenda to "decarbonize" the economy by 2050, eliminating oil, gas and coal fuels, provided the ideal trap that has led to the explosive spike in EU gas

prices since 2021. To create that "single" market control, the EU was lobbied by the globalist interests to impose draconian and de facto illegal rule changes on Gazprom to force the Russian owner of various gas distribution pipeline networks in the EU to open them to competitor gas.

The big banks and energy interests that control EU policy in Brussels had created a new, independent price system parallel to the long-term, stable prices of Russian pipeline gas which they did not control.

By 2019, the series of bureaucratic energy directives of the Brussels EU Commission allowed fully deregulated gas market trading to de facto set the prices for natural gas in the EU, despite the fact that Russia was still by far the largest gas import source. A series of virtual trading "hubs" had been established to trade gas futures contracts in several EU countries. By 2020 the Dutch TTF (Title Transfer Facility) was the dominant trading center for EU gas, the so-called EU gas benchmark. Notably, TTF is a virtual platform of trades in futures gas contracts between in trades between banks and other financial investors, "Over-The-Counter." That means it is de facto unregulated, outside any regulated exchange. This is critical to understand the game being run in the EU today.

In 2021, only 20% of all natural gas imports to the EU were LNG gas, whose prices were largely determined by futures trades in the TTF hub, the EU de facto gas benchmark, owned by the Dutch Government, the same government destroying its farms for a fraudulent nitrogen pollution claim. The largest import share of European gas came from Russia's Gazprom supplying more than 40% of EU imports in 2021. That gas was via long term pipeline contracts whose price was vastly lower than today's TTF speculation price. In 2021 EU states paid an estimated penalty cost of around \$30 billion more for natural gas in 2021 than if they had stuck with Gazprom oil-indexation pricing. The banks loved it. U.S. industry and consumers not. Only by destroying the Russian gas market in the EU could financial interests and the Green Deal advocates create their LNG market control.

Closing EU Pipeline Gas

With full EU backing for the new gas wholesale market, Brussels, Germany and NATO began systematically to close stable, long-term pipeline gas to the EU.

After she broke diplomatic ties with Morocco in August, 2021 over disputed territories, Algeria announced the Maghreb-Europe (MGE) gas pipeline, which was launched in 1996, would cease operation on October 31, 2021, when the relevant agreement expired.

In September 2021 Gazprom completed its multibillion dollar undersea Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia across the Baltic Sea to northern Germany. It would double the capacity of Nord Stream 1 to 110 billion cubic meters annually, allowing Gazprom to be independent of interference with gas deliveries via its Soyuz pipeline going through Ukraine. The EU Commission, backed by the Biden Administration, blocked opening of

the pipeline with bureaucratic sabotage, and finally German Chancellor Scholz imposed sanction on the pipeline on February 22 over Russian recognition of Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic. With the growing gas crisis since, the German government has refused to open Nord Stream 2 despite the fact it is finished.

Then on May 12, 2022, although Gazprom deliveries to the Soyuz gas pipeline through Ukraine were uninterrupted for almost three months of conflict, despite Russia's military operations in Ukraine, the NATO-controlled Zelenskyy regime in Kiev closed a major Russian pipeline through Lugansk that was binging Russian gas both to his Ukraine as well as EU states, declaring it would remain closed until Kiev gets full control of its pipeline system that runs through the two Donbass republics. That section of the Ukraine Soyuz line cut one-third of gas via Soyuz to the EU. It certainly did not help the EU economy at a time Kiev was begging for more weapons from those same NATO countries. Soyuz opened in 1980 under the Soviet Union, bringing gas from the Orenburg gas field.

Next came the Jamal Russian gas pipeline through Belarus and through Poland to Germany. In December 2021, two months before the Ukraine conflict, the Polish government closed the Polish part of the pipeline, cutting Gazprom gas delivery at low prices to Germany as well as Poland. Instead, Polish gas companies bought Russian gas in the storage of German gas companies, via the Polish-German section of the Jamal pipeline at a higher price in a reverse flow. The German gas companies got their Russian gas via long-term contract for a very low contract price and resold to Poland at a huge profit. This insanity was deliberately downplayed by the Green Economics Minister Habeck and Chancellor Scholz and the German media, even though it forced German gas prices even higher and worsened the German gas crisis. The Polish government refused to renew its gas contract with Russia, and instead buys gas on the free market for vastly higher prices. As a result, no more Russian gas to Germany via Jamal is flowing.

Finally, gas delivery via Nord Stream 1 undersea pipeline has been interrupted because of needed repair of a Siemens-made gas turbine. The turbine was sent to a special facility of Siemens in Canada where the anti-Russian Trudeau regime held it for months before finally releasing it on request of German government. Yet they deliberately refused to grant the delivery to its Russian owner, but instead to Siemens Germany, where it sits, as the German and Canadian governments refuse to grant a legally binding sanctions exemption for the transfer to Russia. By this means, Gazprom gas through Nord Stream 1 is also dramatically reduced to 20% of normal.

In January, 2020 Gazprom began sending gas from its TurkStream pipeline through Turkey and onto Bulgaria and Hungary. In March 2022 Bulgaria unilaterally, with NATO backing, cut its gas supplies from TurkStream. Hungary's Viktor Orban, by contrast, secured continuation with Russia of TurkStream gas. As a result, today Hungary has no energy crisis and imports Russian pipeline gas at contract very low fixed prices.

By systematically sanctioning or closing gas deliveries from long-term, low cost pipelines to the EU, gas speculators via the Dutch TTP have been able to use every hiccup or energy shock in the world, whether a record drought in China or the conflict in Ukraine, to export restrictions in the USA, to bid the EU wholesale gas prices through all bounds. As of mid-August the futures price at TTP was 1,000% higher than a year ago and rising daily.

German Highest Price Madness

The deliberate energy and electricity price sabotage gets even more absurd. On August 28, German Finance Minister Christian Lindner, the sole cabinet member from the Liberal Party (FDP), revealed that under the opaque terms of the complex EU Electricity Market Reform measures, the producers of electricity from solar or wind automatically receive the same price for their "renewable" electricity they sell to the power companies for the grid as the highest cost, i.e. natural gas!

To all the green people with green cars..

This is an electric charging station, powered by a diesel motor.



This is a picture of a Electric car charging station that are popping up everywhere. Here's an interesting fact.... That 350kw generator uses 12 gallons of diesel fuel per hour, and it takes 3 hours to fully charge a car to get 200 miles. That's 36 GALLONS for 200 MILES!!! 5.6 mpg.

Proof you can't fix stupid...



Lindner called for an "urgent" change to the German energy law to decouple different markets. The fanatical Green Economics Minister Robert Habeck immediately replied that, "We are working hard to find a new market model," but cautioning that the government must be mindful not to intervene too much: "We need functioning markets and, at the same time, we need to set the right rules so that positions in the market are not abused."

Habeck in fact is doing all possible to build the Green Agenda and eliminate gas and oil and nuclear, the only reliable energy sources at present. He refuses to consider re-

opening three nuclear plants closed a year ago or to reconsider closing the remaining three in December. While declaring in a Bloomberg interview that, "I will not approach this question ideologically," in the next breath he declared, "Nuclear power is not the solution, it is the problem." Habeck as well as the EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen have repeatedly declared more investment in unreliable wind and solar is the answer to a gas price crisis that their policies have deliberately created.

In every respect the suicidal energy crisis ongoing in Europe has been "Made in Germany," not in Russia. What we are seeing aross the U.S. and the EU is a world in economic chaos. It is becoming evident that the EU is ready for a leader to arise to the surface and unify the former Roman Empire of the past!

More than 70,000 Czechs are protesting in Prague, the capital, demanding the ruling coalition take a neutral stance on the Ukraine war to ensure energy supplies from Russia aren't cut off ahead of winter. Protesters are outraged at the European Union for sanctions against Russia that have sparked soaring electricity bills and triggered a cost-of-living crisis.

"The aim of our demonstration is to demand change, mainly in solving the issue of energy prices, especially electricity and gas, which will destroy our economy this autumn," event organizer Jiri Havel told local news iDNES and quoted by Reuters.

The protest, held at Wenceslas Square in the heart of the capital, comes one day after the Czech government survived a no-confidence vote over opposition claims of inaction to protect citizens against energy hyperinflation.

Emerging political instability shows how Europe's energy crisis fuels discontent among households. We noted a new study Friday that warned civil unrest could flare up in parts of Europe over the next six months because of the deteriorating macro backdrop of high inflation.

The Czechs are tired of Western sanctions on Russia that have sparked a devastating energy crisis. They want Czech interest first over the EU's and demand cheap Russian gas and neutrality. Western sanctions are backfiring, and some Europeans are awakening to how their governments sacrificed their livelihoods for NATO's proxy fight against Russia in Ukraine. What's happening in Prague could spread like wildfire throughout the EU. And yet what is happening all over Europe today is but a sample of God' involvement in the Middle East.

The last four segments of my Blessed Hope series was largely void of any mention of Israeli news. That was intentional because even though Israel and the Jews are the focus of the Scriptures, it offers proof of how the rest of the world is intrinsicly linked to Israel regardless of choice. Israel is the major topic of Bible prophecy, mentioned more than 2,900 times, nearly twice as many times as her Messiah. Without Israel there would be no Messiah and no salvation for anyone, Jew or Gentile. The first mention of His coming is in God's rebuke of the guilty parties involved in man's fall in Eden: the

serpent (an identity that Satan retains from Genesis to Revelation) and Adam and Eve. The Bible account is not myth but history. In many places around the world, archaeologists continue to find ancient representations of three figures appearing together: a woman, a serpent, and a tree.

God foretells a long conflict between the serpent and the Messiah and the latter's ultimate triumph that would occur in a way Satan could never have imagined. God's declaration to the three guilty parties is simple and to the point. To the serpent He said, "I will put enmity between thee [serpent] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed [the Messiah]; it [the woman's seed] shall bruise thy head [a death blow], and thou shalt bruise his heel" -(Genesis 3:15).

The fact that God does not say "thy seed and Adam's" must indicate that no man would be involved. From that moment, Satan was eagerly awaiting this virgin birth in order to kill the babe. Watching closely as events unfold, Satan learns that the Messiah will be of the seed of Abraham. Ishmael is Abraham's firstborn, but by Hagar, Sarah's maid - (Genesis 16). Finally, Abraham is given a second son by his wife. He is Isaac, "the son of promise." It seems a miraculous birth because for 90 years Sarah had been barren though not a virgin. Satan watches and waits.

Both Ishmael and Isaac were born "in the land of Canaan" among Canaanites who had lived there for centuries -(Genesis 11:31; 12:5-6; 13:7, etc.). There was no such place as "Palestine" nor any people called "Palestinians." No Arabs would live in so-called Palestine until the savage Islamic conquest of the world began in the seventh century, and they would not claim descent from "the original Palestinians" until the 1950s. Anyone making such a claim via descent from Ishmael is deluded by tradition. Ishmael's father (Abraham) was a Chaldean -(Genesis 11:31; 15:7) and his mother (Hagar) was an Egyptian (16:1).

Virtually every U.S. president has continued to apply pressure upon Israel to deal justly with the "Palestinians." He asks these misnamed people to cease their violence against Israel. They all had to have know that this is like pleading with a hurricane for mercy. Since long before the days of Arafat and his partner, Mahmoud Abbas, the PLO Charter's call for Israel's annihilation has been the sworn purpose of every Islamic government in obedience to Muhammad and has been reiterated hundreds of times throughout the Muslim world.

World leaders demanding that Israel make "peace" with the Palestinians, the latter's violence is fueled by "the incessant spewing of hatred against Israel in schools, mosques, and the media, especially TV. This poisoning of the mind of the next generation is not just the stock in trade of Hamas and Hezbollah but also of the schools and media controlled by Fatah and reporting directly to Abbas."

In spite of the facts, political and church leaders persist in avoiding any mention of Islam or Muslims when referring to their violence. That is always blamed on "extremists." In fact, Muhammad himself began this trail of death, and his followers have obeyed, as

supported by the Qur'an. The simple truth of history is brushed aside by the UN and almost the entire world, including the church and, sadly, our own presidents.

Being repeatedly condemned by the world for trying to defend itself against suicide bomber attacks that were costing the lives of hundreds of Israelis, including women and children, Israel's only alternative was to build a barrier that would cut off the attackers from entering her homeland. World opinion expressed outrage. The World Court ruled 14-1 that construction must cease immediately and everything be dismantled, with compensation to the Palestinians. The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on July 20, 2004, 150-6, calling on Israel to respect the World Court ruling. Only the United States, Israel, Australia, Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau voted against the resolution. Israel rejected world opinion and, from necessity, has proceeded with construction. It has already almost totally cut off the infiltration of terrorists.

Israel subsequently "gave back" Gaza, which historically belonged to her. She generously left operative the huge greenhouses that had fed Israel and much of Europe with fresh vegetables and could have done the same for the new "owners." Instead, these new owners tore the structures apart, and the mob carried off the materials for their individual use, thereby losing the potential income from exports that Israel had derived as well as the ability to feed themselves.

Going back to history, in 135 A.D., the Romans destroyed 1,000 Jewish villages, killed 500,000 Jews, and enslaved thousands. Furious that they'd been forced to bring in more legions to quell the rebellion, the Romans angrily renamed what had for more than 1,500 years been known as Israel. They called it Provincia Palestina after the Philistines, Israel's ancient enemies. Those living there became known as Palestinians. Who lived there? Jews! So Jews, ironically were the first "Palestinians." This is what they were called (along with many derisive names that have followed them as they've been hunted from country to country). Only in the 1950s did the Arabs begin to call themselves "Palestinians" in order to gain worldwide sympathy for their acts of terrorism even as UN pressure squeezed Israel into an ever-smaller corner in order to facilitate her destruction.

Since 1948, Israel has been arming herself and fighting back. Her vow of "never again" will be fulfilled but not before Jewry worldwide suffers the worst horror of her history. Under attack by all of the world's armies -(Zechariah 12:3; 14:2; Joel 3:2; Ezekiel 38:8,9, etc.), Israel will call upon the Messiah, and He will rescue her. It is all declared plainly by the ancient prophets of Israel in the Old Testament (the Tanakh).

It has taken the Lord many years to open my eyes to these prophecies. It was all there in His Word, but I didn't understand about 1980. How blind I was back in the 1960s and 1970s! As a Methodist pastor, it was considered distasteful to discuss, even preach Bible prophecy. I believe it was David Breese that first captured my attention about God's plan for his children in Israel. Likewise, Dr. Jack Van Impe was instructional on matters of Bible Prophecy as to Israel's role!

Muslims are fighting against the God who calls Himself the "God of Israel" 203 times in the Bible. What an embarrassment it would be if Israel could be destroyed! It could never happen, for that act would destroy "the God of Israel" as well. He will not allow it.

From the so-called 1948 cessation of hostilities until 1967 was 19 years. Even as they professed peace, but inspired by Egypt's dictator, Gamal Abdul Nasser, the 40 million Muslims surrounding Israel had been arming nonstop to achieve her destruction. Nasser had sworn to lead the Arab world to a glorious victory. The humiliating defeat of the Arab armies in "The Six Day War" of 1967 ended Nasser's bombastic boast that he would destroy Israel. He subsequently had a nervous breakdown from which he never recovered.

In May 1948, Israel had declared its independence and was instantly attacked by the combined might of 40 million Arab/Muslims surrounding her. This tiny nation of 600,000, with its hastily assembled, hurriedly trained, and poorly equipped army of 60,000, with weapons smuggled in from Czechoslovakia (France, Britain, America, et al., would sell them nothing) fought for its survival against an enemy that had sworn its utter annihilation. They "crushed 600,000 soldiers of four Arab armies, well trained and heavily armed [with tanks and planes, of which Israel had none], reinforced by units from seven additional Arab countries, not to mention the active help of the British." This quote is part of the lengthy endorsement of Judgment Day! by a retired Israeli general.

Three times God calls Israel the "apple of his eye" and warns: "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" -(Zechariah 2:8; Deuteronomy 32:10; Lamentations 2:18). The statements that some of our political leaders make in favor of Islam are not only alarming for their own sake and the sake of the United States but are a slap in the face of the God of Israel. They need to be warned about what God himself told Abraham regarding the subsequent mistreatment of his descendants: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" -(Genesis 12:3).

In spite of hundreds of very clear declarations by Jewish prophets and the promises that God has given to His people, about 40 percent of today's Israelis claim to be atheists. God wants to bless them and protect them, but how can He, when they continue to reject Him? The following is just a sample of what God has repeatedly said to His people: "I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries...fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.... But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would [have] none of me" -(Psalm 81:11-16).

Israel is both under God's judgment because of its continual rejection of the God of Israel, but at the same time, He has not abandoned her, and woe to those who take God's judgment into their own hands!

In the meantime, the nations of the world continue to become a party to Islam's deception by attempting to force Israel into what can only be a false "peace." What

Islam has in mind is not what the peacemakers naively intend. It's called a hudna, the "peace" that Muhammad made with the Meccans for ten years. Long before then, under a pretense, Muslims attacked and took over that "holy" city, which had so long been the goal of the hajj (long practiced before Muhammad's birth by most Arab tribes). Of course, this ancient custom, along with others, such as the feast of Ramadan, have been taken over by Muslims. Thus, history is perverted to make it seem that these had always been Islamic practices.

Ramadan had for centuries been agreed upon by warring Arab tribes to be 30 days of peace. At just the right time to allow him to attack a passing caravan, Muhammad received a "new revelation" that Muslims could fight during this time. Ramadan has become a time of the deadliest attacks of Shiites against Sunnis (does this demonstrate to the world that "Islam is peace?")

These prophecies are so important for the strengthening of our own faith, but what about those whom we want to bring into the faith of the God of Israel? We need to provide to everyone with whom we speak first of all, proof of God's existence. In a matter of three weeks we should see the fulfillment of Daniel 9:27. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

After the sixty-two sevens (of years), of Daniel 9:26, the Anointed One (the Messiah) would be cut off, executed because of death penalty -(cf. <u>Isaiah 53:8</u>). "After" simply means some time after, and this allows for the three and one-half years of ministry before Jesus was crucified. At that time, there would be "nothing to Him." This can mean He would have no successor, or it could mean that He would be left alone.

The prophecy then jumps ahead to the people of "the prince who shall come" after the Messiah. Since the people of this ruler to come would destroy the city of Jerusalem and the sanctuary (the Temple), the people must be the Romans who destroyed the city and Temple after a long, bitter siege, in 70 AD, when Titus invaded the land. Titus did not want the Temple destroyed, but the Jew's fierce resistance angered the Roman soldiers, so they set it on fire. The fire caused the gold of the temple's roof to melt down between its stones, which resulted in the soldiers prying the stones apart, thus fulfilling Jesus' prophecy -(Matthew 24:2). Jerusalem's end at that time did indeed come like an overflowing flood. This would be followed by more war and more desolations or judgments of God, for they were determined. Compare what Jesus said about the nature of the rest of the present age in Matthew 24:6-14. This is the kind of world we have to go out into and preach the gospel.

The antecedent of the "He" noted in Daniel 9:27, who would confirm a covenant is the future prince who was yet to come. Some commentators suppose that the "prince who was to come" and who makes the covenant "for one seven" is the same as "the Messiah the Prince" in vs. 25. But Jesus was put to death before the seventieth week.

The new covenant that was put into effect by His death and the shedding of His blood was God-given and not limited to one "seven" of years. It will never be broken.

That prince who is to come destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD -(cf. Luke 21:20). His people were the Romans, not the people of the Messiah. The Romans made no covenant with the Jews after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The signs Jesus prophesied were not all fulfilled in the destruction carried out by the armies of Titus. All this shows us that Daniel's seventieth week of years is still to come. This gives us grounds for taking the coming Tribulation to be seven years long. Most premillennialists agree. If Mark Biltz and Joanathan Cahn are correct, the Tribulation of Daniel's week of years will begin before the month ends, i.e., September 28th, 2022.

Some people claim the seventieth seven of years followed immediately after the crucifixion of Christ. But the fact that the Roman destruction of the city and Temple came forty years after the death of Jesus and the fact that the Roman destruction came before the seventieth week of years show that there is a gap between the sixty-ninth and seventieth week. Since God does not look at time the way we do -(2nd Peter 3:8), it is not contrary to the way the Bible reveals things for the gap to extend to the time of the Great Tribulation at the end of this age. The ruler or prince to come fits the little horn already prophesied in Daniel 7:8, 24f. He would be an "antichrist," a counterfeit Christ. Note that "anti" in the Greek primarily means "instead of" or "in place of." Do not count on him to call himself the antichrist. He may say he is Christ or that he is the final manifestation of a long line of prophets, gods and goddesses.

In the middle of the seventieth "seven," or week of years, the ruler to come will break the covenant with the Jews (possibly made with respect to a land dispute; cf. 11:39) by stopping their sacrifices and offerings in what will be a restored temple. This will be a time of trouble and distress -(Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 12:1). On a "wing" of that temple He will set up "an abomination that causes desolation." This does not refer to the pagan altar and the statue of Zeus that Antiochus IV Epiphanes set up in the Temple in December, 167 B.C. Jesus prophesied that this abomination that causes desolation that Daniel saw was still to come -(Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14). Thus the Antichrist will set up that abomination in a Temple yet to be built in Jerusalem -(see 2nd Thessalonians 2:3; Revelation 13:14f). But the Antichrist would not last forever. A decreed end would be poured out upon him. Revelation 19 gives us the details of how that will be accomplished.

I'm of the view that we are still in the dark as to the full meaning of "an abomination that causes desolation.". In Mark Biltz calendar for 2021-2022, it is called "Let the Shemitah Begin! And the Jubilee follow?" Mark Biltz addresses the Shemitah & Daniell's 70 Weeks. Mark included a chart beginning with 1966-1967. Mark states that if the Tribulation does not begin on Rosh HaSanah of 2022 it cannot begin with Rosh HaShanah of 2029. Then 2036, then 2042, etc. Mark Biltz does not believe in "Imminency" as other prophecy teachers like Ron Rhoads and many other Bible Prophecy scholars. Many of us first learned of the Shemitah cycles from Jonathan Cahn. Mark Biltz firmly believes God's Calendar does not include "Imminency!"

Jonathan Cahn speaking at the MJAA conference evening of July 9th, 2022. Having hope for America, Rabbi Jonathan Cahn shares how the overturning of Roe v Wade fits into the Harbingers of prophetic warning to America. God at work in unexpected ways, answering his people's prayers. The not-so-coincidence of the timing of things. 50 years from the beginning of legalized abortion in America, these incredible events occur.

I must admit that I never was a major fan of Jonathan Cahn but I recently pulled from my shelves my copy of his first book on the Shemitah and began to give it a closer second go around. I originally was reading his book at its release largely for what he had to say about the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Anyone interested in the Shemitah Cycles ought to listen to the videos Mark Biltz has posted this year on his web site. Mark believes that we are living in the seventh year of a Shemitah cycle, and that September 26-27 begins a new Shemitah Cycle, and also begins a Jubilee Cycle as well; not to forget Daniel's 70th Week prophecy. Three cycles occur simultaneously 7-year cycle, Jubilee, and Sabbaths. I refer you to this video by Mark Biltz: When will the TRIBULATION begin? Where are we on the BIBLICAL Calender? (What Time is it?)

Mark's video explains how all this fits like meshing gears in a clock, which is an appropriate interpretation of God's Biblical Clock. Rather than to try to interpret Mark Biltz's video, it would be better to watch his video and listen to his explanation on how these events come together. Mark posted this video in May of 2021, so this is not something new for Rapture watchers. In fact, for me it seems I needed a year to grasp the significance, even though I understood what he was telling us in the spring of 2021.

The esential point of this video is that September 26-28, 2022 is the big day we are awaiting. September 26-28 is "one long day" of Rosh HaShanah. Our window of anticipation for the Rapture begins at sundown September 26th through sundown September 28th. In Hebrew and Jewish studies Rosh HaShanah or the Feast of Trumpets is known as "ONE LONG DAY". It is the only Feast or Festivals of the Lord that takes place on a "NEW MOON", all others take place on FULL MOONS.

I have included the computer-generated astronomical moon cycle for September, 2022 on the following page. The importance of the moon cycles is a regular topic in 'The Old Farmer's Almanac'. I'm not about to discuss the position of the moon or its importance when it comes to planting. Being disabled with Lymphedema for almost a decade, I would read 'The Old Farmer's Almanac' at daylight awaiting my wife to get around to taking care of my legs in the morning. The 'OFA' became a part of my reading material to pass the time. During the Covid "lock down" we were babysitting a seven-year old granddaughter, who was being schooled from our kitchen table and a laptop computer. As priorities dictated, it meant my wife would change my leg dressings and bandages between 7am and 10am. I keep lots of reading material at my bedside to help pass my waiting to get up and about.

The Bible has much to say about the Sun, Moon, and the Stars; and as such when studied as a Word Study, there are many interesting facts brought out in Biblical Astronomy. This has nothing to do with what is considered perverted astrology.



Not all Bible scholars consider or believe in Biblical Astronomy but we should not let that trouble us. One of most important passages of the Bible where this is important is that of Revelation 12:1 – "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"

This sign mentioned in Revelation 12:1 is one of the grandest prophecies of the entire Bible. The illustration on the next page shows how the Mazzaroth or Zodiac appeared on September 23, 2017, which was Rosh HaShanah/Feast of Trumpets. Needless to say, prophecy watchers like myself were glued to this date in Bible Astronomy.

Another point that we need to note, is the Bible mentions the "Mazzaroth" only once in the Bible. That is found in Job 38:32 – "Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" The English translation for Mazzaroth is our word "Zodiac". Years ago I did an intense study to identify the origin of this word and every study tracked back to the Babylonians and their corruption of the Biblical writings on the stars and their meanings. In an eBook that I did years ago 'The

Season of the Rapture – Threefold Witness" I devoted an entire segment on the "Gospel In The Stars".

The **Great Sign** in Heaven on The Feast of Trumpets September 23, 2017

"Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and

let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." - George 1:14

(the festivals and feasts, M4150) "A great sign appeared in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth." Revelation 12:1,2 Leo normally has 9 stars; however, on this date, it will have three planets in alignment as well, forming "a crown of twelve stars..." Virgo will be obscured - "clothed by the sun". This arrangement will be during the day, as viewed from Jerusalem, Israel. On 11/20/16, Jupiter (the king planet) enters the constellation Virgo (conception). Jupiter enters retrograde motion, and is within the constellation for 41 On 9/23/17, Jupiter will be passing weeks (normal pregnancy) till 9/9/17. through her legs - "being with child".



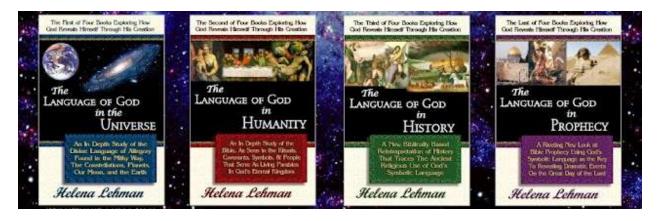
A sign so RARE, it has NEVER happened in recorded history! According to the astrological calculation, the last time this sign appeared in the same line up was 5,932 years ago! The Revelation 12 Sign unfortunately came and went on the Gregorian secular calendar and prophecy watchers have still been wondering the meaning of it all. Many were of the view that the passage was telling us the Rapture would occur on the date of September 23, 2017. In hind sight we can see it was an erroneous conjecture.

The Greek text of Revelation 12:1 is very complex, in that it contains two clauses that suggests two different understandings. The Apostle John's attention has been on the events around the throne. But now comes an interlude where seven personages and four conflicts are introduced. First, in the heaven (which seems to mean in the sky, see verse 4) there appears a vision of a great wonder, actually, a sign pointing to an important truth by looking back in retrospect. The description of this sign is symbolic, but like the other symbols in the Book of Revelation, it represents a reality. What John saw was a woman clothed with the sun, standing on the moon, and having a crown of 12 stars on her head. In Psalm 104:1, 2, God is pictured as clothed with honor and majesty, covering himself with light as with a garment. Also, Christ is the "Sun of righteousness," the light of the world -(Malachi 4:2; John 8:12). But the language here is more reminiscent of Joseph's second dream where the sun was Jacob, the moon, Leah, and the 12 stars were the 12 sons of Jacob (Genesis 37:9). Thus, the woman most probably is Israel, pictured as a royal mother -(cf. Isaiah 54:1; Galatians 4:26), with dominion over lesser things (standing on the moon), with the faithful among her 12 tribes (or their angel representatives) as majestic stars in her crown.

Greco-Roman Zodiac	Hebrew Mazzaroth
Virgo, the Virgin	Bethulah, the Virgin
Leo, the Lion	Ari, the Lion
Cancer, the Crab	Ash, the Butterfly
Gemini, the Twins	Teomim, "Joined Together" (Twins)
Taurus, the Bull	Shor, the Bull
Aries, the Ram	T'Leh, the Lamb
Pisces, the Fish (plural)	Dagim, the Fish (plural)
Aquarius, the Water-Bearer	D'Li, Water Buckets
Capricorn, the Goat	Gedi, the Sea Goat
Sagittarius, the Archer	Keshet, the Archer
Scorpio, the Scorpion	Tail portion: Lesath, the Serpent or "Perverse One"
Libra, the Scales	Mozyanim, the Balance or Scales



Contrary to whatever you may know or believe about the Mazzaroth / Zodiac in the heavens, there is no human explanation for the Gospel in the Stars other than to believe as Scripture states.



Back in the 1990s I was researching seminary libraries the meanings of the "Mazzaroth" and tracing their origin and during a period of about ten years I acquired a series of four books by Helena Lehman dealing with the sacred language of God in the universe. It is mathematical and is focused on the three primary signs of Pi, Phi, and Euler.

The Language of God in the Universe takes a profound new look at Sacred Astronomy, the Gospel in the Stars, and their connection to the Bible. By understanding the allegorical language that God utilizes to communicate to mankind, and applying it to the Zodiac and the Bible, both are convincingly shown to be filled with similar prophetic imagery. Many allegorical ties between the Bible, and the Gospel in the Stars are

revealed, and once mysterious prophetic Scriptures suddenly make sense. The Universe, and the forty-eight constellations of the ancient Zodiac are like Biblical parables on a giant scale. They tell a compelling story that fully agrees with the Bible, and the unfolding of Biblical history. The Magi who found Christ likely knew this, and the book examines their possible use of Sacred Astronomy to locate His whereabouts in Bethlehem in 3 BC. Secondly, the parable-like allegories found in our Solar System, upon the Earth, and in various elements of nature are explored. By seeking the Language of God apparent in every created thing, each layer of Yahweh's creation can reveal startling truths about our Creator, His love of mankind, and His desire to save us from our worst enemies: Satan and our fallen nature.

In my eBook 'The Season of the Rapture: Threefold Witness', I shared how God gave humanity the Gospel Message in three forms that man could not destroy. These are the:

- Gospel in the Stars
- Gospel in Stone
- Gospel in the Written Word

If you are interested in learning more you can access the link below that takes you to the eBook at my archived page http://jesusisthewaythetruththelife.com/node/22 and scroll to the end where you will find it. You should be able to click on the PDF page for Part 1 here: 'The Season of the Rapture' -- Part 1 (PDF) As I noted, Satan has attempted to counterfeit the first - Astronomy by Astrology; In the second, the Gospel in Stone or the Great Pyramid found in Part 2 evidence of its design, construction, and hidden message throughout the Great Pyramid reveals the work of God in mathematics in such a way as to rule out its origin being the work of Egyptian slaves; and man has been unable to confuse the mathematical qualities embedded within the Great Pyramid's massive structure. In the case of the Gospel in the Written Word, Satan has influenced the efforts to revise and corrupt the text from the original message of the text that that best contains the Word of God, i.e., the King James Bible.

The very fact that the Creator of the Universe gave humans the Gospel in three ways, is reflective of a God that does not want anyone to miss out on His message of deliverance and salvation. Anticipating those who would seek to deceive and mislead humanity, God did what no man could possibly do to destroy His work. They might try to counterfeit, copy, change or otherwise to destroy what God did to communicate to you and I; however, Satan could never eliminate the Gospel. He will never supplant himself on the Throne as Isaiah 14:12-14 states. Scripture makes it very clear that the fallen angel would not give up trying to replace God as the center of our lives, but in the end he would fail to replace the Creator of the Universe!

My mention of those things that dominate the world media and strike fear in the hearts of humanity is merely to draw your attention to what really is the Blessed Hope for humanity that God has in our future. We are going to experience a Great Reset and it will be nothing like what Satan has in mind!

Can't you bind the sweet influences of PLEIADES, or loose the bands of ORION? 32. Can't you bring forth **MAZZAROTH** in his season? or can't you guide ARCTURUS with his sons. (Job 38:31-32)

Mazzaroth - Story in the Sky

The Hebrew name for the zodiac is the Mazzaroth. Amazingly, is it possible that the twelve constellations in the Hebrew Zodiac (Mazzaroth) tell a fascinating story of God's plan for mankind's redemption?

- 1. Virgo The virgin holding a branch and an ear of corn; the promised seed of the woman.
- 2. Libra The scales; the price deficient balanced by the price that covers.
- 3. Scorpio The scorpion; the attack of the enemy; the redeemer's conflict.
- 4. Sagittarius The archer; the gracious one; the redeemer's triumph.
- 5. Capricornus The sea goat; the goat of atonement slain for the redeemed.
- 6. Aquarius The water bearer; the living waters of blessing poured forth for the redeemed.
- 7. Pisces The fishes; the multitudes who will follow; the blessings of the redeemed.
- 8. Aries The ram or lamb; wounded and slain, the blessings of the redeemed consummated.
- 9. Taurus The bull; the congregation of the judge; the coming judge of all the earth.
- 10. Gemini The twins; two natures; the reign of the prince of peace.
- 11. Cancer The crab; assembled together; the redeemer's possessions held fast.
- 12. Leo The Lion of the tribe of Judah; the consummated triumph of the redeemer in the end.

Mazzaroth – The Hebrew Zodiac and the Gospel of Salvation

Virgo represents the foretold virgin (Isaiah 7:14) holding a branch (Jeremiah 23:5-6) and an ear of corn, which represents the promised seed of the woman (beginning with Eve in Genesis 3:15). And if I continue my word study through the Bible, I discover Leo, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Redeemer who is triumphant in the end!

http://www.blogos.org/thinkabout/mazzaroth.html



Satan wants us dead! He does not care how it happens! He simply wants to steal, kill, and destroy.

God wants everyone to have life and to have it more abundantly.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." -(John 10:10)

THE ABC'S OF SALVATION



ADMIT

Admit you are a sinner and have made mistakes.

BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus is God's Son, died on the Cross for you, and rose up from the grave on the third day.

CONFESS

Confess Jesus as the Lord of your life. And commit yourself to a life of following Jesus, and serving others.

(Romans 3:23; John 1:12; Romans 10:9)

Amen

Blessings,

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