The Blessed Hope!

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

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The Ezekiel 38/39 War of Gog and Magog is about to accelerate on the Biblical timeline or begin with a few events that have just occurred in the past couple days in Iran. The media is virtually silent about what has taken place over the last three days of January, 2023. There were multiple reports of drone attacks that occurred Saturday and Sunday, and possibly as early Friday night.

Incidentally these attacks came within hours after a UN report that Iran had more than enough nuclear weapons-grade enriched Uranium to produce several nuclear warheads. Just the reporting such would have been enough for the Israeli high command to react.

DUBAI/WASHINGTON (Reuters) -Israel appears to have been behind an overnight drone attack on a military factory in Iran, a U.S. official said on Sunday. Iran claimed to have intercepted drones that struck a military industry target near the central city of Isfahan, and said there were no casualties or serious damage. The extent of damage could not be independently ascertained. Iranian state media released footage showing a flash in the sky and emergency vehicles at the scene.

A spokesperson for the Israeli military declined to comment. Arch-foe Israel has long said it is willing to strike Iranian targets if diplomacy fails to curb Tehran's nuclear or missile programs, but it has a policy of withholding comment on specific incidents. Israel carried out a drone strike targeting a defense compound in Iran, as the U.S. and Israel look for new ways to contain Tehran's nuclear and military ambitions, according to U.S. officials and people familiar with the operation.

Israel was responsible for the bombing of an Iranian military facility Sunday, 'The Wall Street Journal' said in a report published on Sunday afternoon, citing U.S. officials.

According to Iranian state media, an explosion took place at a munitions factory in the city of Isfahan early Sunday morning, which it dismissed as an "unsuccessful" drone attack.

"One of (the drones) was hit by the ... air defense and the other two were caught in defense traps and blew up. Fortunately, this unsuccessful attack did not cause any loss

of life and caused minor damage to the workshop's roof," the ministry said in a statement carried by the state-affiliated IRNA news outlet.



"(The attack) has not affected our installations and mission...and such blind measures will not have an impact on the continuation of the country's progress," the ministry stated.

Saudi news site Al Arabiya al Hadath attributed the drone attack to the U.S., and said Israel was not involved. The Saudi report could be deliberate attack on the U.S. since they have this past year become cozy with the Russian government. The Saudi's have not been happy that the U.S. stiffed them in the sheik's purse what is owed them because of the 1972 "Petrodollar" agreement. That is a long story but it explains any Saudi bad press about the U.S. involvement in regime change.

Later, however, 'The Wall Street Journal' cited U.S. officials and other unnamed sources as saying that Israel carried out the attack, which used three small quadcopters.

The newspaper noted that the strike was the first to be carried out by Israel since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returned to power last month, and comes amid increased talks between Jerusalem and Washington on ways to counter Tehran.

The IDF would not confirm the report.

The article cited intelligence analyst, Ronen Solomon, as saying that the site was not a munitions factory, but likely a laboratory for Iran's ballistic missile program, and is located next to a facility belonging to the Iran Space Research Center, which is under U.S. sanctions.

However, Israel's Channel 12 said the target was an Iranian drone factory which manufactures the HESA Shahed 136 suicide drone.

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If you just read that story, you would be tempted to believe that this attack was a complete nothing-burger. Of course this is what the Iranians often do when they are attacked. They act tough and deny that any serious damage has been done. However, the Jerusalem Post reported that the strike on Isfahan was actually "a tremendous success"...

Despite Iranian claims, the drone attack on Iran at Isfahan was a tremendous success, according to a mix of Western intelligence sources and foreign sources, The Jerusalem Post initially reported on Sunday morning.

According to the 'Jerusalem Post', the facility that was hit is involved in "developing advanced weapons", and "four large explosions" were recorded...

There were four large explosions at the military industry factory, documented on social media, against a facility developing advanced weapons. The damage goes far beyond the "minor roof damage" that the Islamic Republic claimed earlier Sunday and has falsely claimed in past incidents.

And British news sources says that a "huge fire" erupted at the facility after it was attacked... A huge fire has erupted at an Iranian military industry factory following a suspected drone strike – as mystery surrounds who was responsible for the attack. A loud explosion struck the factory close to Iran's central city of Isfahan overnight amid rising global tensions.

Footage close to the scene shows huge flames engulfing the facility and plumes of black smoke rising from the area, while emergency vehicles and fire trucks could be seen outside the complex.

In addition, it is also being reported that a "massive fire" erupted at an oil refinery "in northwestern Iran" around the same time... A massive fire broke out at an oil refinery in northwestern Iran on Saturday, the semi-official Fars News Agency reported.

The refinery is near the city of Tabriz in East Azerbaijan Province.

"The firefighting is still going on and the size and intensity of the fire made it difficult to extinguish," Fars reported.

But these were apparently not the only targets that were struck on Saturday. There were reports of explosions from multiple locations, and some are claiming that Israel has decided to launch a "special military operation" against the Iranians.

Unfortunately, Israeli officials don't want to talk, the Iranians are trying to deny that much damage has been done, and the mainstream media in the U.S. is mostly ignoring this story. By the silence and denial of Iranian sources there is more to this story than a routine drone attack.

In fact, some reports are even claiming that a headquarters of the Revolutionary Guard has been targeted.

There have been several reports warning that IDF officials believe that a full-blown war between Israel and Iran "will happen before summer"... It has been my opinion that we are on the threshold of the Ezekiel 38/39 War of Gog and Magog.

And that assurance is key, said Middle East expert Catherine Perez-Shakdam, as Israel seeks to build a coalition ahead of anticipated conflict.

"We know time is running out in terms of Iran's nuclear program," said Ms. Perez-Shakdam, of the Henry Jackson Society think tank.

"Israel is preparing for war. Senior IDF officials believe it will happen before summer."

This certainly appears to be **Another Imminent Sign of Jesus' Soon Appearing.**

The senile diaper soiling ice cream eating pedo criminal puppet was told to announce the end of the "pandemic emergency" on May 11th as VAIDS rages on in America, and excess deaths, cancers, heart attacks and SADS go parabolic.

While that makes perfect sense, we can expect additional plans to step up the global genocide in the meantime.

Of course, that is more than three whole months away which can only mean that the Biden administration has a very omniscient crystal ball that they are using, and that this three+ year "emergency" is still in full effect. But this prognostication device at the White House has forecast that on the very day of May 11th, 2023 all things "pandemic" shall return to normal in the good of USSA.

Rest assured that the illegitimate Federal government waging a full spectrum soft war against 'We the People' out of the foreign nation of Washington, D.C. has many other murderous tricks up its proverbial sleeves.

Expect more psy-ops shortly. Satan has more tricks than a Vegas card shark!

The lunatics infesting the empire of lies are on a path toward killing us all.

In desperation over the thrashing of Nazi-infested Ukraine by superior Russian firepower and tactics, Politico reported the following on Saturday:

"Pentagon officials support approval of F-16 warplanes to Ukrainian Nazis — while ignoring the reality of Russia's ability to target and destroy them in flight." While the White House says that is not in the offering, they flipped in a heartbeat with their decision to donate 31 Abrams tanks and other weapons.

Weapons of every shape and kind sent to Kiev by US/NATO regimes so far failed to halt Russia's battering of its troops to a near-state of collapse. Nor will F-16 warplanes change the dynamic on the ground.

While no final decision was made by the Biden regime on supplying them, according to Politico, things are heading in this direction.

It reflects increasing desperation in the empire of lies to halt Russia's unstoppable slaying of the made-in-the-USA Ukraine monster — what will also be a major defeat for the Biden regime, congressional Russophobes and their MSM echo chamber.

War on Russia by hegemon USA and its NATO vassals is heading toward becoming full-blown with nukes. And this reality check by Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, Sergey Ryabkov, saying:

Hegemon USA is using Ukraine as a platform for "testing...its military-industrial products, where various weapons systems and methods of their use, including modern, very long-range ones" against Russia.

Getting other NATO regimes to supply as much as possible, the empire of lies and forever wars on invented enemies expects US merchants of death to get multi-billion contracts for purchases of US weapons and munitions to replenish their depleted stockpiles.

What's going on "will end badly" for their ruling regimes.

Supplying Ukrainian Nazis with arms of most every shape and kind for perpetual war makes it "pointless to talk with the Ukronazis (and) their puppeteers," Ryabkov stressed. Everything sent to Kiev — as well as Western troops involved in waging war on Russia — are "legitimate targets" for Moscow to target and destroy.

At the same time, Ryabkov slammed fake news "Russophobic horror stories" proliferated by U.S./NATO regimes and their MSM co-conspirators, adding:

"We don't need anything from the (morally bankrupt) West."

Yet in pursuit of their megalomaniacal aims, they've "consistently crawled up to the Russian borders, (while) zombifying our neighboring countries" by their humanity-destroying agenda.

Whenever Russia engaged in diplomacy with the empire of lies before, its good faith outreach was betrayed. It's clear proof that seeking normalized relations with US/Western regimes is a colossal waste of time.

The die was cast long ago for war on Russia by U.S.-dominated NATO. Now it's ongoing, launched preemptively by the empire of lies and its NATO vassals — including against Iran.

Foiled micro drone attacks on an Iranian military facility had hegemon USA and apartheid Israeli dirty hands all over them with more of the same likely to follow.

Last week, CIA director William Burns was in Israel to discuss preemptive U.S./Jewish state aggression against Iran — what'll risk full-blown Middle East war against a nation able to respond with toughness and effectiveness against nations attacking its territory. The current Israeli regime is the most extremist and recklessly dangerous in Jewish state history. Yet the Biden regime fully supports what demands condemnation.

Over the weekend and earlier, thousands of Israelis protested publicly against the Netanyahu regime in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

A placard displayed by one protester read: "(The fake) Biden (and) Bibi (are) lying to you." An estimated 40,000 took to the streets of Tel Aviv, another 12,000 in Haifa. In New York City's Washington Square Park, anti-Netanyahu regime protesters turned out. One displayed a sign, reading: "Fascism (in Israel) is not OK."

Another sign read:

"From the (Jordan) river to the (Mediterranean) sea, all people must be free."

And this reality check:

Netanyahu is the first ever Israeli prime minister to be indicted for criminality while in office.

Yet he falsely denies indisputable evidence of bribery, fraud and breach of trust — what should have already gotten him imprisoned long-term.

Hegemon USA and apartheid Israel are rogue states, ones exceeding the pure evil of other despotic regimes.

In cahoots with each other, they risk full-blown war in the Middle East at a time when

U.S.-dominated NATO regimes are attacking Russia aggressively. Launched by the empire of lies and its NATO vassals, WW III is underway.

Judith Bergman a senior fellow and writer for the Gatestone Institute wrote a scathing article a day or so ago on the Biden's lack of any policy regarding Iran's growing ties with Russia.

"Iran is now selling surface-to-surface missiles to Russia for use in its war on Ukraine -- on the cusp of a reported "major Ukrainian offensive" -- in addition to the drones it has already been delivering, two senior Iranian officials and two Iranian diplomats told Reuters."

"In exchange, Russia is offering Iran an unprecedented level of military and technical support that is transforming their relationship into a full-fledged defense partnership.... This is a full-scale defense partnership that is harmful... to the international community."

— John Kirby, White House National Security Spokesperson, December 9, 2022.

When asked how Iran's sale of drones and missiles impacts the Biden administration's stance on the Iran nuclear deal... John Kirby deflected the question.

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dictators? That America exists.

According to anonymous U.S. and allied officials quoted by the 'Washington Post', Iran has secretly agreed to send "what some officials described as the first Iranian-made surface-to-surface missiles intended for use against Ukrainian cities and troop positions."

Russia is reportedly buying Iranian-made missiles capable of hitting targets at distances of 300 and 700 kilometers, respectively.

"The Russians had asked for more drones and those Iranian ballistic missiles with improved accuracy, particularly the Fateh and Zolfaghar missiles family," one of the Iranian diplomats told Reuters.

The news of the missile deal came after it became publicly known in August that Russia had been buying Iranian drones, including the Mohajer-6 and the Shahed-series drones. The first batch, according to the 'Washington Post', was picked up by Russian cargo flights in late August, with Iranians reported to be training Russian soldiers in using them for Russia's war on Ukraine.

The Shahed-136s kamikaze drones, are designed to explode upon impact with their targets. According to the 'Washington Post', they are capable of delivering explosive payloads at distances of up to 1,500 miles.

John Kirby, White House National Security Council spokesperson, confirmed in December, that Iranian military support for Russia has become indispensable to Russia's war effort in Ukraine and directly enabling it to kill Ukrainians; that Iran is considering selling ballistic missiles to the country and that the two regimes are developing a military partnership that is mutually beneficial. Kirby said in a December 9 briefing:

"Iran is providing Russia with drones for use on the battlefield in Ukraine... In exchange, Russia is offering Iran an unprecedented level of military and technical support that is transforming their relationship into a full-fledged defense partnership.... This partnership poses a threat, not just to Ukraine, but to Iran's neighbors in the region..."

"Iran has become Russia's top military backer. Since August, Iran has transferred several hundred drones, UAVs, to Russia. Russia has been using these UAVs to attack Ukraine's critical infrastructure, and as I said earlier, to kill innocent Ukrainian people..."

"We expect Iranian support for the Russian military to only grow in coming months. We even believe that Iran is considering the sale of hundreds of ballistic missiles from Iran to Russia... We've also seen reports that Moscow and Tehran are considering the establishment of a joint production line for lethal drones in Russia. We urge Iran to reverse course, not to take the steps..."

"Russia is seeking to collaborate with Iran on areas like weapons development and

training. As part of this collaboration, we are concerned that Russia intends to provide Iran with advanced military components. Moscow may be providing Tehran with equipment such as helicopters and air defense systems. As of this spring, Iranian pilots have reportedly been training in Russia to learn how to fly the Su-35. This indicates that Iran may begin receiving aircraft within the next year. These fighter planes would significantly strengthen Iran's air force relative to its regional neighbors."

"This is a full-scale defense partnership that is harmful, as I said to Ukraine, to Iran's neighbors, and quite frankly to the international community."

"Russia's use of Iranian military equipment against Ukraine not only strengthens Russia in Ukraine, but it gives Iran what the Ukrainian Defense Ministry called "test runs' of its drones, to update their systems for future use against the US and its allies, such as Israel."

Kirby spoke on October 20 about the US response to Iran's drone sales to Russia:

"We have imposed new sanctions, including on an air transportation service provider for its involvement in the shipment of Iranian UAVs to Russia... We've also sanctioned... companies and even one individual that was involved in the research, development, production, and procurement of Iranian UAVs and components... including specifically the Shahed family of drones that we know are being used... in Ukraine."

When asked how Iran's sale of drones and missiles impacts the Biden administration's stance on the Iran nuclear deal, also known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Kirby deflected the question:

"Our focus right now, quite frankly... is not on the JCPOA. We are way far apart with the Iranians in terms of a return to the deal, so we're just simply not focused on that right now. They had demands that were well in excess of what the JCPOA was supposed to cover. And again, so we're just — we are not focused on the diplomacy at this point."

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"Iranian security forces have killed at least 500 people since the protests there began in mid-September, including 69 children, according to the U.S.-based Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA). According to HRANA, Iranian authorities have recently arrested more than 18,400 people in connection with the protests. In addition, at least 100 protesters are currently at risk of facing "execution, death penalty charges or sentences," according to the Oslo-based Iran Human Rights NGO. "This is a minimum as most families are under pressure to stay quiet, the real number is believed to be much

higher."

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"When I think back to 2009, 2010, you guys will recall there was a big debate inside the White House about whether I should publicly affirm what was going on with the Green Movement, because a lot of the activists were being accused of being tools of the West and there was some thought that we were somehow gonna be undermining their street cred in Iran if I supported what they were doing. And in retrospect, I think that was a mistake."

"Every time we see a flash, a glimmer of hope, of people longing for freedom, I think we have to point it out. We have to shine a spotlight on it. We have to express some solidarity about it."

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Iran is now planning to station warships in the Panama Canal – which China is aggressively trying to control. The U.S. has not even had an ambassador in Panama since 2018. It is as if Biden knows little about the significance of the Panama Canal. It was Jimmy Carter that gave up U.S. control of the Panama Canal.

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There are a number of ways the Biden administration can "take steps," suggest Eric Adelman Counselor at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments and senior adviser at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, and Ray Takeyh, senior fellow for Middle East Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations:

"First, the United States should formally declare that it will end negotiations with Iran on a putative return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action... The United States should

also make clear that it will not negotiate with an Iranian government that is repressing the Iranian people and destabilizing its neighbors. Such declarations would rob the regime of its ability to generate hope among the population that sanctions might be lifted under its rule."

"Publicly closing the door on negotiations would also free up the Biden administration to fully enforce sanctions already on the books. The United States should target Iranian officials guilty of the most egregious human rights violations, bolstering hope among Iran's people for government accountability. This should be accompanied by full-throated and ongoing U.S. government statements supporting the protesters and drawing attention to the worst instances of repression."

Adelman and Takeyh also argue that the U.S. should increase protesters' ability to communicate by "sending Starlink terminals," which would enable Iran's anti-regime protest movement to "get around the regime's censorship and blocks on social media. Apparently, thanks to Elon Musk, Iran now has "around 100."

"Other software apps, such as Ushahidi, have been used to monitor elections in sub-Saharan Africa by allowing voters to share images of polling places. Such applications could be repurposed to allow Iranians to share images of acts of protest in different parts of the country, enabling coordination among different groups of protesters and, by forcing the government to overstretch its security forces, making it harder for the regime to quash dissent. The United States should also use popular social media channels, such as Telegram, to provide dissidents with accurate information about what is going on throughout the country, including protests, human rights abuses, and executions. The expansion and creative use of such channels of communication could help new protest leaders emerge and drown out regime propaganda."

"In addition, the United States should ramp up broadcasting by the Voice of America's Persian Service and Radio Farda and fund private television broadcasting by Iranian expats, which could provide additional fuel for the fire raging in the streets of Iranian cities. Currently, the United States is projected to spend less than \$30 million in the 2023 fiscal year on broadcasting in Iran."

Humanity's fate hangs in the balance. As many threads converge the picture is all too crystal clear. All of that said, I am pondering something of the nature as the Rapture on a major day when a world sporting event takes place.

Yes, I was thinking Super Bowl Sunday. Let me preface by saying that in past Super Bowls, the half-time events have really been Masonic occult extravaganza shows to mock Christianity. This may sound like the old movie "Sum of All Fears" but not quite the same plot of that movie.

Israel's enemies surround them, "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh." –(Luke 21:20). Read Luke

21:20-28 and it defines a picture of what is just ahead given the latest Israeli pre-emptive attacks on Iran. If you don't think Jesus was talking about the Rapture here you have not studied your Bible enough to draw the necessary conclusions from the "Diamonds and Nuggets" scattered among the 1,189 chapter. President Putin has called out Israel four or five times in the past couple months about its interfering in the Ukraine "Special Operation".

Something hit me Sunday morning while my wife was wrapping my lower legs. I was thinking how God might pull off the event that the entire world would be captive to the largest TV audience of the Super Bowl. The Super Bowl is annually the highest-rated television event in the U.S. The 2021 game drew 96.4 million viewers. They study details of the impact the accompanying advertisements have on viewership of the game and set forth the advertising rates for the corporate world. Last year's numbers were down from the 2020 audience of 100.45 million. Over the past decade the viewing audience has been on an average of 108 million. It's no secret and I am aware of the many reasons given for decline of TV viewing, not at all endearing to the NFL.

My point is that there is no other sporting event that draws that many viewers. Can you imagine for a moment here that this might be a potential day for God to "pluck" out Christian viewers, players, from the venue that will have nearly 100 million glued to their large screen TVs. An estimated 70% of Americans will have the Super Bowl game on at least for the first quarter. Sunday, February 12th, kickoff is scheduled for 6:30pm EST at State Farm Arena in Phoenix (Glendale), AZ. Someone told me the venue seats 63,400 fans.

I haven't been a football fan since the days of Terry Bradshaw back in Pittsburgh, and skeptic as I am, I still believe the game is rigged and not easily persuaded otherwise. I will not be watching this Super Bowl either. The American Gaming Association is projecting \$7.61 billion to be wagered on Super Bowl LVII in the U.S., when adding illegal wagers made through offshore sportsbooks, bets paced with a local bookie, or in a pool or squares contest. I do not know how they come to that figure but \$7.61 billion is a huge chunk of green to assume the game is not rigged,

In my Sunday morning spark of imagination, I was thinking how this would be such a powerful way to send a message to an unbelieving world by removing the faithful in full view of the largest sports media event of the year. I would think that there are Christians among players of both teams. To see players on the field suddenly disappear, and hundreds if not thousands of fans suddenly disappear from view, would create such a shock reaction of the viewing audience around the world would certainly qualify be the event of a lifetime. Remember it was the Apostle Paul who told the Corinthian believers: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." -(1st Corinthians 15:52) Not so fast Pastor Bob you are going to challenge me about the trump timing. I'm merely speculation here, but trumpets have been part of the Super Bowl event in past years, so it is possible for trumpets in Super Bowl LVII.

The thing most people are not thinking about is that under God's Biblical Calendar we are still in the year 5822, which runs to March 23, 2023. Pastor Sandy Armstrong of "Soldiers for Christ" Church in California said he expects to be Raptured out of here by that date if not sooner. Pastor Sandy Armstrong follows the correct Biblical Calendar. This unfortunately is not the case for most Bible teachers. The last day of the Hebrew year 5822 is in the month of Adar on March 23, 2023. Adar is the 12th month of the Biblical Calendar, which means under the religious calendar of God, we are still in the Hebrew year 5822. There are as of today (January 31st), 51 days left until March 23, 2023 on God's Biblical Calendar. This differs from the Hebrew secular calendar where the month of Tishri begins the new year in September/October. The month of Nisan begins the religious year with the observance of Passover.

The material below is a lesson in how to understand the correct Biblical Calendar. It should clear up any confusion or misunderstanding of the two: 1. God's Biblical Calendar and 2. Jewish Secular Calendar.

How Many Days In A Biblical Year?

When we calculate a year today we are told that it is 365 days, which is how many the Julian calendar has.

To find a Biblical year within the Scriptures we also need to read the Book of Enoch and the Book of Jubilees.

Book Of Enoch 72:32

32 On that day the night decreases and amounts to nine parts, and the day to nine parts, and the night is equal to the day and the year is exactly as to its days three hundred and sixty-four.

The Day The Biblical Year Begins

The book of Enoch tells us that the year begins when we find equal parts day and equal parts night.

Equal parts day and equal parts night is the day of the Equinox...

The Spring Equinox is a time each year when both day and night have equal amounts of time. This takes place on one day each year to start the Spring time, and according to the Most High's time the year.

This is the day that the Most High created to begin the year. This is the first day of the Hebrew month...

It is the month of Nisan, the first "Appointed Time" Passover takes place.

Book Of Jubilees 6:32

32 And command thou the children of Israel that they observe the years according to this reckoning-three hundred and sixty-four days, and (these) will constitute a complete year, and they will not disturb its time from its days and from its feasts; for everything will fall out in them according to their testimony, and they will not leave out any day nor disturb any feasts.

The Book of Jubilees tells us that there are **364 days in a year**. This is contrary to conventional understanding, which tells us that there are 365 1/4 days in a year.

The 1/4 was added to account for a leap year every 4 years, to keep the seasons in order.

To find the first day of the year we must first find the day of the Spring Equinox. Then start the beginning of the year on the 4th day (Wednesday) which is the first day of the Most High's year. Although the week cycle will always start on a Sunday which is the first day of the week.

The Modern Julian And Gregorian Calendars

The Julian Calendar was created by Julius Caesar's in 46 B.C. This calendar was implemented on the 1st of January 45 B.C. in the Roman provinces.

Interestingly, this is at the time that the Romans began to rule over Israel, confirmed in the Prophecies of Daniel. The Roman kingdom is foretold as the second to last kingdom to rule the earth.

You can read about the prophesied kingdoms here: <u>The Four Beast's Of Daniel And Revelation? Definitive Guide</u>

This lets us know that Israel did not use the Julian or Gregorian calendars, until after they were conquered.

The Julian calendar was used in most of Europe and American settlements up until 1582 A.D.

The Julian Calendar was replaced by the Gregorian calendar of Pope Gregory the VIII.

Ironically the change for the Julian Calendar came because it is out of sequence with the Equinox.

The difference between the Julian (365.25 days) and Gregorian (365.2425 days) calendars is 0.002%.

The Gregorian calendar differs from the Julian only in that no century year is a leap year unless it is exactly divisible by 400 (e.g., 1600, 2000). BRITANNICA ENCYCLOPEDIA The Scriptures tell us that the Spring Vernal Equinox begins and ends a Biblical year. So, doesn't it make sense to follow what the Most High told Israel, seeing as He created the world?

Who Changed Times And Laws?

I've spoken about the Julian and Gregorian calendars and I think this is the perfect Segway into a question you might have:

Who changed times and laws?

When we read the book of Daniel, he prophecies about the last Kingdoms, one of which is the Roman Kingdom.

Now we know the changing of the times, days, months and years, is the reason why the feasts (appointed times) are out of sequence according to the Scriptures.

Daniel 7:25

25 "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

The Scripture above highlights a time when the children of Israel would be in captivity, as well as true believers. During this time (which is also today) that second to last Kingdom i.e., the Roman empire would blaspheme the Most High's commands and laws.

This would happen to such an extent the changing of laws would take place...

We know that since the Council of Nicea of 325 AD, there's been a lot of changes against the laws of the Most High.

Changes such as:

- Sunday worship instead of Sabbath worship which is on the 7th day Saturday.
- Christmas celebration, (which should be the Hanukkah celebration) which is unbiblical.
- The Easter celebration (which should be the Passover and unleavened bread celebration) which is also unbiblical.

So we see the wording here is "think to change times and laws", because the times and laws remain the same. It's our job as responsible believers to keep the times and laws that the Most High commanded us to.

Conclusion

Unfortunately the Biblical calendar is always overlooked today. There's an assumption that the Romans got their calendar calculations from their own wisdom, but they didn't.

When we study the Scriptures there is strong reason to believe the Romans took their

understanding from the Hebrews. They then modelled their calculation of the months and years to suit Roman needs.

Biblical Calendar vs. Modern Calendar

The difference that we find is that the Romans decided to start the year during the winter time.

This makes sense for Pagans because Romans were known to worship during the winter solstice on the 25th of December.

This is contrary to what the Scriptures tell us. We are told in the Book Of Enoch that the Year begins during the Equinox in the spring. This is the time when we find equal parts day and equal parts night on a single day. Most or nearly all of the Bible Prophecy teachers have concluded last summer that 5783 begins a new Shemitah Cycle, begins a new Jubilee, and starts the clock for Daniel's 70th Week beginning the Tribulation. Their common mistake is that they thought 5783 began this past Rosh HaShanah, which began on September 25th, 2022. In previous Blessed Hope articles I called these three events coinciding precisely as the Prophecy Trifecta!

As Pastor Sandy Armstrong correctly notes, there are those who will tell you that God's calendar for 2022 is not over until March 23, 2023. We have 51 days left for which God can Rapture His faithful. In Pastor Sandy Armstrong's message on January 29th he stated that he expects we will be Raptured out of this world anytime between now and March 23rd.

When the Rapture occurs, every single American who is a born-again believer in Jesus Christ will suddenly disappear. This will cause enormous disorientation and disruption for all the unbelievers who are left behind as their lives suddenly change and they are forced to handle the aftermath and adapt to the new and rapidly shifting conditions.

Think of how dramatically life in the United States changed after we lost some three thousand Americans on September 11, 2001. First and foremost, the emotional impact was devastating. Then the way we travel changed. The way we conduct foreign policy changed. Our economy changed. Our government institutions changed. So many areas of life changed that it is difficult to adequately categorize them, much less catalog them.

Now try to imagine the U.S. losing a million people in the blink of an eye. Or 5 million people. Or 25 million people. Or more.

If you're riding in a car driven by a believer who suddenly disappears, that car very well could crash. If you're on a plane flown by believers who suddenly disappear, that plane also could crash. Highly valuable and experienced military commanders and business leaders and medical professionals will disappear, perhaps in the middle of critical projects or medical procedures. The impact will be catastrophic.

Consider, too, the emotional devastation for people who suddenly and irretrievably lose a spouse, children, parents, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and other loved ones. There will be no long illnesses during which one can get prepared, no dead bodies to identify, no human way to find closure. Consider the horror that will be experienced by millions of people who long described themselves as Christians but suddenly realize that they were not included in the Rapture, people who realize that they never actually received for themselves the free gift of forgiveness and salvation offered by Jesus Christ. Consider how sickened they will feel when they realize that despite having gone to church and perhaps having occasionally read the Bible and done good works and been "religious" in some way, they never really understood or accepted God's simple plan of salvation.

Joel Rosenberg wrote a book on such conditions following the Rapture a decade ago, which described what it will be like for those left behind. That book comes as close as imaginable to what faces those who miss the Rapture. Consider, too, the terror felt by atheists and agnostics and people of other religions when they see their country and their world imploding and realize that their family members and friends who had been followers of Jesus Christ were right, and thus are gone, but that they themselves were left to face the wrath to come. Can such people fall on their knees the minute after the Rapture and receive Christ's free gift of salvation for themselves? Absolutely, and they should. If they do, the Bible teaches that their sins will be instantly forgiven and their souls saved forever. They can know without the shadow of a doubt that they are going to heaven when they die and will spend eternity with Christ Jesus, not in the lake of fire with no way of escape. But as wonderful and real and true as all that redemption will be, such people who receive Christ as their Savior and Lord after the Rapture will also be struck by the daunting realization that they and their remaining family members and friends and neighbors will have to endure previously unimaginable suffering in a country that will neither be nor seem like anything they have ever known, a country that has neither the strength nor the will to oppose the Antichrist or the persecution that is coming.

Imagine, too, the economic implications of the Rapture. If you think U.S. banks have a foreclosure problem now as millions of Americans cannot afford to pay their mortgages, imagine what will happen when millions of American homeowners suddenly disappear, never to make another mortgage payment again. What will happen when millions of business owners are suddenly no longer around to pay their bills? Or pay their employees? Or continue delivering vital goods and services? What will happen to the federal government when millions of taxpayers are no longer providing Washington much-needed revenues? What will happen to state governments? What will happen when nonprofit agencies and medical clinics and hospitals that care for the poor and needy here in the United States and are run by and funded by believers suddenly stop operating? What will happen when humanitarian relief organizations and adoption agencies and other charitable organizations that are run by and funded by believers in Jesus Christ stand empty? Those who sneer at Christianity and mock the do-gooders and the missionaries will suddenly realize how much of blessing believers actually have been in the U.S. and around the world.

All of this traumatic change in the United States will be compounded by the fact that hundreds of millions of believers around the world—possibly a billion people or more—will have suddenly disappeared at the exact same moment. They will stop returning phone calls and e-mails. They will stop paying their bills and compensating their employees. They will stop being a force for good and hope in the world. They will simply be gone.

The foreign-policy implications for the U.S. must also be considered. With such an immediate, enormous, and unprecedented shock to American society and economy from the loss of millions of people, it is difficult to imagine how the U.S. could remain a superpower. How could we quickly replace all our Christian intelligence and foreign-policy officials who would suddenly be gone? How could we quickly replace all the officers and NCOs throughout the ranks of our military who are born-again believers? With all the resulting chaos and dislocation caused by the Rapture, how could the U.S. move rapidly and effectively to defend a threatened or invaded ally or defend our vital interests around the world? How could we defend our own homeland?

When reading the news and seeing the opposition against a sitting President, Christian charities, and individuals who exercise their God-given rights reach its zenith, one can't help but to think about what things will be like IN DETAIL just moments, days or months after the Rapture.

The events of the Tribulation are described in the book of Revelation, leading many to wonder why God would arrange these judgments in such a manner. Now we know. It is to finish God's discipline of the modern day nation of Israel, fulfill his promises and prophecies, and punish wicked mankind.

So imagine, pray and warn those who would listen: (on that day) you have heard nonstop sirens and helicopters above. With no idea what is going on, you turn on the television to see confusion, the media's predictable leftist/atheist spin, and no clear answers- but something HAS happened. In the streets, you see abandoned cars, fires and scattered clothing on the ground in many places. What on earth happened?

Que the scene from a Left Behind book, but God bless the authors, that series is just too soft; coming from a 1996 point of view when humanity was oh, just way too polite. We didn't even have cell phones then, and it was a shame to come out as a lesbian!

You shrug it off, since everyone is into the female-led Star Wars epidemic, UFO's, and the latest push of whatever LGBT has to offer. You could care less.

However, you learn facts about war the hard way when threats of an imminent attack are made public. We, as Americans never experienced the ravages of war on our own soil; the events of 911 involved the crashes of airliners into skyscrapers, a field, and a building. But- this is the Tribulation now. Revelation chapter 6 described peace as being

taken from the earth. Some new, cool leader is on the scene working things out; so who was this Trump guy we all hated so much? But war? HERE?

The people left behind will now learn of war with their own eyes, to witness cities being destroyed, and the full ravages of human depravity since restraints have been removed. Grocery stores empty, prices skyrocket, and the economy is devastated. Gone are stocks, cash value and investments. Companies go under, banks and credit unions experience an unprecedented public run on their properties, and what is known as the United States of America has ceased to exist.

Since the Christians are gone, the democrat party and their lobbies happily changed all the laws. Now they are subject to foreign world powers. Why? American children are entitled, spoiled and weak. They are angry and distracted. They care more about what is going on in the bathroom than what just happened over Israel when Russia attacked. Now they are homeless wards of a new world system led by ten men- and the former United States has been merged with Canada and Mexico. This is not going to be fun.

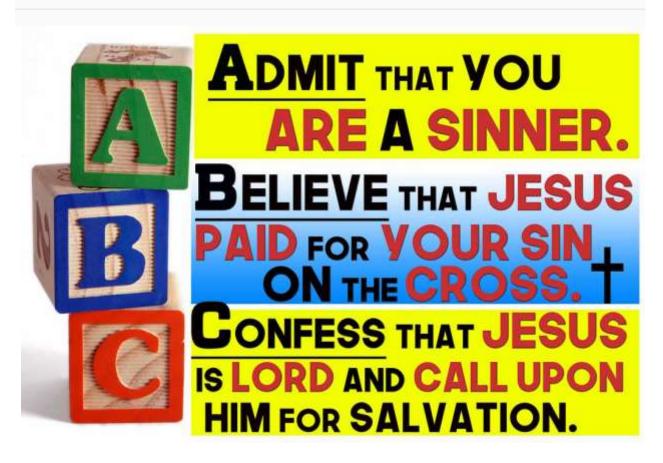
Now they are hungry. Restaurant chains such as McDonalds and Wendy's are gone. Supermarkets are replaced with Soviet-style food rationing stations. Drinking water is expensive and hard to find. Cash is worthless, and replaced by credit mandates from the new Ten Kings government. Hospitals are overcrowded and dirty. Medicines are no longer being manufactured, due to the war. Charities are gone. There are reports of attacks on people from starving domestic and wild animals, and there are disturbing rumors of cannibalism. The only ones hardly affected are the rich, and those at the highest levels of that new government. Food riots have become common.

Law enforcement is now led by foreign entities from China and the Middle East. Routine patrols are common, but they do not protect the people. They keep them in line. Courts are gone; law and order are relative, since the North American Representative IS the law now. Crime and terrorism is out of control, and many die of heart attacks fearing the worst is yet to come. The final resisting militia groups, holding on the American dream have just been crushed by the new world government. Some now wonder why they hated that previous president.

That new religion promises food and shelter for loyalty and information leading to the capture of those saved after the disappearances. Air pollution is a big problem because of fires, war and out of control crime. Large areas in cities began to reek of decomposing human bodies, and those two men over at the new temple in Jerusalem are talking about a world-wide earthquake to take place very soon. Who are they?

Needless to say, you can avoid being a spectator in this scenario, someone who has a 90 percent chance of dying from plague, war, an evil society, or any one of God's judgments. This is the terrifying reality of one's experience just minutes, days or months after the Rapture.

It seems to me that if God wanted to send a message to this evil world, Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th, 2023 would be an ironic choice. What could be a more perfect time to have a captive audience to emphasize the point that God does exist. Jesus Himself once said in Luke 18:8: "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"



The clock is winding down fast and when the call comes to "Come up hither" the door will be closed and those left behind are likely to die for their faith in the final "Seven Weeks of Daniel 9:24-27!"

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