

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 #27



The nearness of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture has long been linked with the return of the Nation of Israel on May 14/15, 1948. Even the prophet Isaiah notes the rebirth of Israel: ***6“A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies. 7Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. 8Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. 9Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.” - (Isaiah 66:6-9)***

Here the prophet underscores the remarkable nature of what he is saying with four rhetorical questions, all of which expect negative answers. Has anyone ever experienced (heard, seen) anything like this anywhere else? Of course not! Such a thing is contrary to human nature. This is obviously a work of God. He alone can alter the terms on which human life functions. If birth is to be without pain or effort, if sin is to lose its power to blight and bind, those results will not come in the ordinary course of events. Only the Creator, who stands outside the system of creation, the one who is narrating the story, has the power to alter that course of events in a fundamental way.

Only in the second bi-colon, with its second set of rhetorical questions, does the subject of this dramatic turn of events begin to be identified. But even still, we are left to conjecture. It is a land, a nation, that is to be born, and it is to be born all at once, in a single moment. Who could be the mother of such a child? The answer appears finally in the last bi-colon of the series, and the suspense is ended. Zion is the mother who gives birth to an entire people in one day. Yes, there has been grief, terrible grief, forecast for Zion, but that is not the end of the story. Destruction is not God's ultimate goal, but life

and fullness are. It may be necessary to go through terrible loss to reach that goal, but God's people dare not forget that hope is what God's work is always about.

Does the prophet have in mind here a single historical event? Probably not, but rather, "the concluding stages of God's work [are] fused in the dim prophetic light." John Calvin says it this way: everything from the return from exile to the final establishment of Christ's kingdom is in view. This imagery certainly applies to a number of events in redemption history. For instance, it describes the release from captivity, which suddenly became a reality with Cyrus's conquest of Babylon. It also describes the rise of the Hasmonean kingdom, with Mattathias Maccabeus's dramatic refusal to desecrate the Torah -(1st Maccabees 2:15-27). It describes the birth of the church at Pentecost, and it describes the outburst of the Reformation. Nor is the end yet arrived. The day will come when Jesus Christ, Isaiah's Servant/Messiah, will break through the skies, and in a single moment Zion will give birth to a brand-new people, a people forever set free from the curse of sin.

Of course, the remarkable thing will be the "birth of a nation" as Israel takes center stage on the international scene -(Isaiah 66: 7-9). The return of the Jews to their land will be as swift as the birth of a baby. Israel's "travail" will be "the Day of the Lord" or "the time of Jacob's trouble" -(Jeremiah 30:7), when God will purify His people and prepare them for the coming of their messiah. Political Israel was born on May 14, 1948, but "the new Israel" will be "born in a day" when they believe on Jesus Christ. Jerusalem will experience joy, peace, and satisfaction -(Isaiah 66:10-14). Like a nursing baby, she will find health and peace in the arms of the Lord. The hymn "Peace like a River" reminds us of Isaiah's words to Ahaz -(35:5-8) and God's promises in 41:18 and 48:18.



1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain (may be sung after final stanza only):
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. Refrain

Late in 1873 Horatio G. Spafford (b. North Troy, NY, 1828; d. Jerusalem, 1888) and his family were scheduled to travel from the United States to Europe. Delayed by pressing business, Spafford sent his wife and daughters ahead on the French liner *Ville du Havre*. The ship collided with the English ship *Lochearn* on November 22 and sank in just twelve minutes. Spafford's wife was saved, but his daughters perished. After arriving in Wales, Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, "*Saved alone.*" Spafford then left by boat to meet her. Near the tragic scene on the high seas he wrote this text. Upon hearing the news, evangelist Dwight L. Moody, a friend of the Spaffords, traveled to England to comfort them. He reported that Spafford said about the tragic event, "*It is well; the will of God be done.*" Philip P. Bliss, another family friend, wrote the tune for Spafford's text.

The text conveys a sense of trust and ultimate peace with God's plan for our lives. Even in the face of "sorrows" and Satan's temptations, the Christian believes "*it is well with my soul*" (stanzas 1-2). That experience of trust and peace derives from knowing with certainty that Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for "*my sin, not in part, but the whole*" (st. 3). The final stanza affirms that it will also be "*well with my soul*" on the great day of Jesus Christ's return. This hymn has brought comfort to many Christians.

In 1856, several years before writing this text, Spafford had moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he established a law practice and became a professor of medical jurisprudence at Lind University (now the Chicago Medical College). Active in the YMCA and as a Sunday school teacher, he served as director and trustee for the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest in Chicago. Spafford became acquainted with Dr. Piazza Smith, a Scottish astronomer, and through him became interested in biblical archeology. Heavy losses in the Chicago fire of 1871, the death of his four daughters in 1873, and the death of his son in 1880 caused Spafford to be accused of some secret

sin by uncharitable church members. In 1881 he, his wife, and some friends moved to Jerusalem and founded an American colony there; the family's story was told by another daughter, Bertha Spafford Vester, in *Our Jerusalem*.

You will need to pardon my reminiscing moments here, I took an elective course in seminary called, "Music for the Pastor", and an amazingly helpful class. It became my habit as a pastor to coordinate and choose my hymns to link with my Scripture reading and sermon. My professor was Dr. Albin Whitworth who headed the music department at Asbury Theological Seminary. I miss the days when Albin set his fingers to the chapel pipe organ and 1,300 students and faculty stood and sang "*And Can It Be*"



I have a collection of books on church hymns, and would feature a hymn and its author in an insert in my Sunday worship bulletin, along with other inspirational reading, wit and humor as part of my pastoral ministry that ministered throughout the week.

There will be a new temple [I am not referring to the 3rd temple being talked about today] -(Isaiah 66:1-6; Ezekiel 40-48), but the ceremonies of worship can never take the place of a humble heart. God does not live in buildings; He dwells with those who submit to Him. Stephen quoted Isaiah 66:1-2 in his defense before the Jews -(Acts

7:48-50), and Paul referred to these words in his address to the Athenian philosophers - (Acts 17:24).

In Isaiah's day, were God's people trembling at His Word? No, they were not. Instead, they were going through the motions of worship without having a heart for God. The people were not sacrificing the animals; they were murdering them! Because their hearts were far from God -(Isaiah 29:13), their offerings were as unclean things to the Lord. It is the heart of the worshiper that determines the value of the offering.

God's hand will bring blessing to His servants but "indignation toward His enemies" - (Isaiah 66:14), and Isaiah describes that "indignation" in verses 66:15-18. The Day of the Lord will be a storm of judgment with fire and whirlwinds, and with the sword of God, **"And those slain by the Lord shall be many."**

Who will be slain? Those who have disobeyed God's Law in their eating and their worshiping -(Isaiah 66:17-18). Instead of worshiping the true and living God, they turned to pagan idols and pagan practices. It is not enough to be "religious"; we must serve Him according to what He says in His Word -(Isaiah 8:20).

The book of Isaiah closes with a description of messengers going to the ends of the earth to announce what God has done for Israel -(66:19). The result will be a flow of people to Jerusalem -(see Isaiah 50:3-14 and 66:12) to bring offerings to the Lord. In the past, Gentile nations came to Jerusalem to attack and destroy, but in the Kingdom Age, they will come to worship and glorify God.

The book ends on a seemingly negative note describing worshipers looking at the desecrated and decayed corpses of the rebels (vs. 24). The Valley of Hinnom (Hebrew, **ge hinnom** = *Gehenna* in the Greek) is a picture of judgment -(Isaiah 30:33). Jesus used it to picture hell -(Mark 9:43-48). The people who come to Jerusalem to worship will also go outside the city to this "garbage dump" and be reminded that God is a consuming fire -(Jeremiah 7:32).

Throughout his book, Isaiah has presented us with alternatives: Trust the Lord and live, or rebel against the Lord and die. He has explained the grace and mercy of God and offered His forgiveness. He has also explained the holiness and wrath of God and warned of His judgment. He has promised glory for those who will believe and judgment for those who scoff. He has explained the foolishness of trusting man's wisdom and the world's resources.

The prophet calls the professing people of God back to spiritual reality. He warns against hypocrisy and empty worship. He pleads for faith, obedience, a heart that delights in God, and a life that glorifies God.

"There is no peace,' saith the Lord, 'unto the wicked'" -(Isaiah 48:22; 57:21); for in order to have peace, you must have righteousness -(Isaiah 32:17). The only way to have righteousness is through faith in Jesus Christ -(Romans 3:19-31).

Isaiah's message has been, **"Be comforted by the Lord!"** -(See Isaiah 12:1; 40:1-2; 49:13; 51:3, 19; 52:9; 54:11; 57:18; 61:2; 66:13.) But God cannot comfort rebels! If we are sinning against God and comfortable about it, something is radically wrong. That false comfort will lead to false confidence, and that will lead to the chastening hand of God **"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found"** -(Isaiah 55:6).

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" -(Isaiah 1:18). **"O Lord, I will praise you; though you were angry with me, your anger is turned away, and you comfort me"** -(Isaiah 12:1).

In Chapter 2 of **"The Inspired Word of God: Mathematically Proven True!"**, I noted some important points about Isaiah as being a microcosm, a "Miniature Bible" of the entire Bible.

ISAIAH 66

- Repeats the cycle pattern of the **twenty-second** letter of the Hebrew alphabet – **"Tav"**
- It has the numerical value of **400**
- Its primary spiritual meaning represents **Truth and Perfection**
- ISAIAH 66** pairs with **REVELATION** in basic theme or meaning

Isaiah prophesied roughly between 740-690 BC. Less than a century-and-a-half later after Isaiah lived, a priest by the name of Esdras came along with a message not unlike that of Isaiah before Esdras,

Esdras was an important scribe and priest for the Jewish people during the time that they returned from exile. Esdras is the Greco-Latin version of the Hebrew name Ezra, and it is also a book of the Apocrypha which is found in some versions of Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bibles. The scribe Ezra has a book in the Bible named after him. He appears in the Old Testament during the time Nehemiah was allowed to return to his homeland to restore the Temple of Solomon and to repair the city that is where he appears on the Bible Timeline. Esdras was in captivity before he returned to Jerusalem. King Cyrus of Persia gave different Jewish leaders the right to return to Jerusalem to start the rebuilding process.

Esdras was important to this process because he was used to reminding the people of Israel about their relationship and destiny with God. The people were reminded by Esdras on a daily basis about how important it is for them to worship God and to live a life full of holiness since they were allowed to return from captivity. He gave the Israelites important information about the important expectations that God had for them once they returned home. Many Jews had forgotten about Moses's laws or they didn't regard them as important anymore. Esdras helped to change this condition because he was a scholar of the Laws of Moses. Even though he was in captivity, he was still able to learn about the important laws that Moses had left for the people.

There are two books titled Esdras within the Apocrypha and the Septuagint. Once again these books can be found in some Catholic or Orthodox versions of the Bible. Some Catholic versions of the Bible contain Esdras 3 and 4. There are two books of Esdras. 1st Esdras tells of Jewish exiles after leaving Persia under Cyrus and how they restored the temple, feasted in honor of their return. How they confronted their enemies who wanted to stop them from rebuilding and how they put away foreign wives and idolatry.

2nd Esdras goes into detail about how the different steps that the Jews had to take in order to purify the Jews from their marriage of non-Jews. An archangel named Uriel is sent to the Jews to answer important questions about the fate of men and tells a story about a man who breaths fire on a crowd of evil men. 2nd Esdras also explains how the Lord was against Israel, the end of the age, seven visions of judgments and retributions, prophecies of wars and calamities and rule of Messiah for 400 years.

Even though Esdras 1st and Esdras 2nd have been accepted as sacred texts, many biblical scholars do not think that these two books are inspired. The information contained in these books contradicts sound biblical doctrine. The writings also appear to have been authored from a later period after these events happened. Esdras 1 and 2 were not regarded as standard Hebrew texts. These books were obtained after the rabbinical council in Jamina pieced together the Old Testament in 90 A.D. Since Esdras 1 and 2 were found at a date after the Old Testament was formed they were not considered inspired texts by Jews and the Protestant branch of Christianity. However, there were some Protestant church leaders, such as Martin Luther, who placed Esdras 1 and 2 in their versions of the Bible. There is a passage in 2nd Esdras that alludes to the Messiah, the Tribulation, and the Rapture.

In seminary, I had a course on the Apocryphal writings, certainly not one of my enjoyable courses. The professor who taught the course posited the view that the lion referenced is the Messiah. My interest picked up when the older professor touched on a prophetic reference in 2nd Esdras.

³⁶Then I heard a voice, which said unto me, Look before thee, and consider the thing that thou seest. ³⁷And I beheld, and lo, as it were a roaring lion chased out of the wood: and I saw that he sent out a man's voice unto the eagle, and said, ³⁸Hear thou, I will talk with thee, and the Highest shall say unto thee, ³⁹Art not thou it that remainest of the four beasts, whom I made to reign in my world, that the end of their times might come through them? ⁴⁰And the fourth came, and overcame all the beasts that were past, and had power over the world with great fearfulness, and over the whole compass of the earth with much wicked oppression; and so long time dwelt he upon the earth with deceit. ⁴¹For the earth hast thou not judged with truth. ⁴²For thou hast afflicted the meek, thou hast hurt the peaceable, thou hast loved liars, and destroyed the dwellings of them that brought forth fruit, and hast cast down the walls of such as did thee no harm. ⁴³Therefore is thy wrongful dealing come up unto the Highest, and thy pride unto the Mighty. ⁴⁴The Highest also hath looked upon the proud times, and, behold, they are ended, and his abominations are fulfilled. ⁴⁵And therefore appear no

more, thou eagle, nor thy horrible wings, nor thy wicked feathers nor thy malicious heads, nor thy hurtful claws, nor all thy vain body: ⁴⁶That all the earth may be refreshed, and may return, being delivered from thy violence, and that she may hope for the judgment and mercy of him that made her. ^{12:1}And it came to pass, whiles the lion spake these words unto the eagle, I saw, ²And, behold, the head that remained and the four wings appeared no more, and the two went unto it and set themselves up to reign, and their kingdom was small, and full of uproar. ³And I saw, and, behold, they appeared no more, and the whole body of the eagle was burnt so that the earth was in great fear: then awaked I out of the trouble and trance of my mind, and from great fear, and said unto my spirit, -(Esdra 11:36-12:3).

The professor teaching the class taught that the roaring lion in vs. 37 was speaking of the Messiah. In this passage from Esdra, the imagery speaks of the Tribulation period. He suggested that the Rapture is within the passage of 11:46. During the judgment, the people are joyful and protected until the day of judgment is over. This alludes to the Rapture of the church followed by the Second Coming. The Rapture is referred to as the day of “deliverance”. In other articles that I have written, I have noted that this theme of “Deliverance before Judgment” is found over 300X times in the Bible. Typology is immensely helpful in a proper understanding of the mind of God.

A few days ago, The Israel–United Arab Emirates peace agreement or the Abraham Accord was agreed to by Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on August 13, 2020. We do not know a great deal about the particulars at this point, and it may be for real or it just might be a flash in the pan. Nonetheless, we are getting closer and closer to the real thing. Without knowing the particulars, I am withholding my assessment for the time being. US President Donald Trump presented his Israel and Palestinian peace plan on Tuesday January 28, 2020. It isn’t a deal yet but it’s a compelling sign that we are living in the last days before Jesus returns for His Church and before a terrible time of trouble comes on earth. Daniel 9:27 describes a seven year security treaty that the Antichrist will make regarding Israel. This peace treaty also involves international powers. Donald Trump is not the Antichrist. The overwhelming evidence still supports my contention that Prince Charles of Wales is the Masonic-designated false messiah.

Recently, there has been a piling on by those on the sidelines who favor Erdogan as the Islamic Antichrist since Turkish President Erdogan has already fulfilled several Bible prophecies that some have suggested identify him as the Antichrist. Keep in mind that the negatives for an Islamic Antichrist are far greater than the positives offered by those who would have us believe President Erdogan to be Mr. “666”. Is he an Anti-Christ? Yes, but not “The Antichrist!”

Turkish President Erdogan condemned the deal saying that Jerusalem is a red line for Islam. Erdogan inferred that Jerusalem should be under Ottoman control. Erdogan even threatened to attack Mecca for Saudi approval of the plan. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas says that he will cut ties with Israel and the United States over the proposed deal. Abbas says that it justifies another war against Israel and has given the

Palestinian people permission to do whatever they want against Israel. Mahmoud Abbas and Erdogan are now left out in the cold here as Israel cuts deals with various Arab states. It appears that the creators of this treaty deal were using the “divide and conquer” approach in breaking the Arab/Muslim bond. Peace or future problem?



Interestingly, some say that the number of the Turkish President's name using English Gematria equals **666**:

$$666 \left(\frac{r \ e \ e \ p \ _ \ e \ r \ d \ o \ g \ a \ n}{108 \ 30 \ 18 \ 30 \ 96 \ 0 \ 30 \ 108 \ 24 \ 90 \ 42 \ 6 \ 84} \right)$$

Some suggest that this is not just a coincidence, as there are no other current world leaders that have their given names equal **666**.

Not true! The problem with the above is that they left out the middle name of Recep "Tayyip" Erdogan. That said I would say that Prince Charles of Wales yields "**666**" in English, Greek and Hebrew Gematria. This is not for Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Rev 13:16-18 And he causeth all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is

Six hundred threescore and six.

Use the Gamatria and Add it up

Onomastics is the study of Names.

Charles Means "man"

In English or Greek or Hebrew = 666

English = 227 + 237 + 66 + 136

Prince Charles of Wales

Hebrew = 140 + 380 + 40 + 106

Nasich Charles Me Wales

"Prince Charles of Wales in actual Hebrew is pronounced 'Nasich Charles Mem Wales'. The Hebrew pronunciation itself equals "**666**" in Gematria. Is it coincidence that Prince Charles official title 'Prince Charles of Wales' equates to "**666**" in its English form and corresponding Hebrew and Greek forms. And then even when translated from English into Hebrew and then compared to Gematria it still equals "**666**". The statistical odds are astronomical making this absolutely impossible and a complete modern miracle."

In '*The Antichrist and a Cup of Tea*', Tim Cohen provides Biblical evidence to demonstrate that all of the prophecies pertaining to the coming Antichrist — that can be fulfilled before he assumes control over a global government during the Great Tribulation - are already fulfilled in a living prince of Roman lineage; this is true of no one else, not even Recep Tayyip Erdogan. This prince, for example, has the lineage: he claims descent simultaneously from Israel's King David, Islam's false prophet

Mohammed, and, by a false occult lineage, Jesus Christ Himself! This prince has the imagery: his personal heraldic achievement or coat of arms has the symbolism of the first beast of Revelation 13, representing the Antichrist, and of Daniel 7, (i.e., the little horn having eyes like those of a man - a unicorn with human eyes). This prince's coat of arms also bears *the* red dragon described in Revelation 12 and 13, specifically representing Satan, and he was seen globally as he faced this dragon in 1969 to be coronated as "**Prince of the Red Dragon**" (i.e., Satan).

This prince has the name calculation: his title, by which he is globally known, calculates to "666" in English, Greek, and Hebrew and English on the original Biblical numbering system - the very system used in the underlying Greek text of Revelation 13:18 to specify six-hundred and sixty-six. This prince has involvement in the Mideast peace process. In fact, the current Road Map, as well as the Oslo process from which it derives, and the Madrid Peace talks from which the Oslo process itself derived, are directly traceable to the London Agreement of 1987, which in turn is traceable to... **THIS PRINCE**. Also, this prince has the global authority.... That's right - he is not the ignored wimp that the masses have been misled to believe; rather, he is mankind's number one globalist, and has been for decades. Indeed, this prince is over the entire New World Order power structure - through the world's most prominent and oldest order of chivalry: the **Order of the Garter**. This order is *very much* more than merely a revival of King Arthur's legendary round table. And to top it all off, this prince has the imagery of what is to be the future abomination that causes desolation! What is that?

In March 2002, while trekking through Brazilian rain forests, this prince was presented with a miniature version of a statue depicting himself as an angelic figure with large wings standing atop a mass of human bodies looking up to him (this prince) as savior! In fact, the inscription on the statue's base reads "Saviour of the World"!! And it has this prince's face...with wings! So what did this prince say when Brazilian officials asked his permission to create a ten cubits high (12 or 15 feet) version of this statue, and to place it in a square named after him in their capital city? Instead of calling it blasphemy to identify him as "Saviour of the World", this prince remarked, "*I am touched and deeply amazed,*" and then, with the small ego he has, this prince gladly gave permission to create the larger version! Now, bear in mind that the arrival of this statue was years after the 1998 publication of the first edition of '*The Antichrist and a Cup of Tea*', and there is no other man or woman who is being called "Saviour of the World" other than this prince whom Tim Cohen decades ago identified as the foretold Antichrist - according to a true understanding of the prophetic scriptures. Coincidence? No. Just consider this: What would happen if even the miniature version of this princely idol, which has already been received by this prince and photographed by global media, were one day placed in a newly constructed holy place in Jerusalem? And what about the ten cubits high version? Would not all of evangelical Christianity suddenly scratch its collective head and wonder, "*Gee, could this prince be the Antichrist?*" In part six of my series, "***The Satanic Talmud and the Synagogue of Satan – Part 6***", I have provided abundant evidence to back up the idea that Prince Charles of Wales is "The Antichrist!"

Just before the people of Israel entered into the land that God prepared for them God had a Fatherly talk with Moses. God told Moses to tell the people how they ought to behave while they are in the land. God started by giving the people of Israel the Ten Commandments -(Exodus 20:1). Thou shalt not serve idols, remember to keep the Sabbath, thou shalt not kill, and so on. One of the last things that God told the people is that they should not make agreements with the inhabitants of the land. The people of Israel should not make allowances for their gods. They should not make treaties with their enemies, i.e., Arabs and Muslims; and that they should live in the land with them. God said that making a treaty with their enemies would be a trap that they would be caught in. God repeated this warning for added emphasis -(Exodus 34:12)!

In Exodus 23:32-33, God warned the Israelites: ³³***"Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. ³³They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee."***

Today Israel is feverishly working to make a treaty with the Palestinian Authority that the Palestinian people should have a place for their god and that they should live in the land with the Israelis. The peace accord aims to create a sovereign Palestinian nation inside of the land of Israel.

Israel has already made allowances for the Palestinians to share their land. About one third of the nation of Israel is occupied and controlled by the Palestinian Authority. The current peace treaty or security agreement will add further territories to Palestinian control and worse it will give all or portions of the old city of east Jerusalem over to the Palestinian Authority. Today the temple mount in East Jerusalem is under the authority of the Islamic Waqf. The Islamic Waqf is a Muslim organization that acquires property to use for charitable causes; all in the name of serving Allah. The Islamic Waqf has severely restricted the Israeli use of the temple mount.



An often overlooked passage of Scripture is that of Daniel 6:27, **“He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.”** The overarching reason for these “Diamonds and Nuggets” is to comfort and confirm God’s unbroken promises where God snatches victory out of what seemed to be certain the jaws of defeat for the elect.



Israel Map: The shaded gray areas show the Palestinian occupied areas. In the south the Negev is a harsh desert and mountainous region. The Negev accounts for almost half of the land mass of the nation of Israel. It has a population of only 200,000.

The land of Israel today does not include the entire portion of land that God gave to Abraham. God gave Israel all of the land from the Nile River to the Euphrates River.



“In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:” -(Genesis 15:18).

At the same time that God told Moses not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land; God also restricted the geographic area that the Jewish people should first inhabit. The modern day borders of Israel represent that geographic area.

“By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. ³¹And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.” -(Exodus 23:30-31)

Israel is no ordinary nation. Likewise the Israeli-Palestinian peace process is no ordinary peace treaty. As you would imagine there are arbiters on both the Israeli and Palestinian sides. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas have the final say in negotiations. Netanyahu has expressed his support for the creation of a Palestinian state but has voiced concerns about insuring

the safety of the Jewish people. Netanyahu has appointed veteran lawyer Isaac Molho as his chief negotiator. Another key figure in the negotiations is Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni. Ms. Livni has been a harsh critic of Netanyahu. She is a staunch proponent for creating a Palestinian state in Israel. The exceptional part of these negotiations is that they include international security provisions. In other words Israel will have to agree to rely on U.S., UN, and perhaps other international military forces to ensure peace in the dual state.

Zechariah 11:16 tells us that God will raise up a rotten ruler in Israel who will not look out for the best interest of his people. He is called the idol shepherd. Many Jews see that individual as Bibi Netanyahu. I think that he will be instrumental in allowing Israel to fall into this trap. Indeed Ezekiel 34:2-8 identifies Israel as having many idol shepherds. Perhaps some of these negotiators are among Israel's idol shepherds or perhaps we are still looking for Israel's Idol Shepherd to appear since some of Israel's leaders still demonstrate concern for their nation.

Israel's major issue is water, primarily the lack of it. The gray area on the map on page 13 is Israel's salad/fruit bowl region and the Golan Heights where Lake Tiberias is located becomes Israel's chief source of water. Control of the Jordan River Valley is strategic in order to absorb those relocating to Israel. Cut Israel's lifeline of water and future growth grinds to a standstill.

At any rate peace and security for Israel is the cry of the day. The problem is that the Bible says that when the rulers of Israel say "peace and security" that is when they are all in big trouble.

The United Arab Emirates will derive many benefits from closer relationships with the Middle East's most stable and advanced county. These include economic and technological partnerships, military and intelligence sharing, mutual tourism and better relationships with the US and much of the rest of the world. □The deal also demonstrates how quickly changes occur in this volatile part of the globe. It was only a few decades ago when Israel's strongest allies were Iran and Turkey, and its most intractable enemies were Egypt, Jordan and the Gulf states. Now the reverse is true. The only constant constructive element in the region is a democratic Israel, with its close ties to the United States.

The other constant - but a destructive one - has been the Palestinian leadership. They constantly say no to everything that involves anything close to normalization with Israel. This stance goes back to the 1930s when they rejected the Peel Commission recommendation that would have given them a state in the vast majority of the British Mandate. But because it would also have given the Jews a tiny, non-contiguous state, the Palestinians said no. They wanted nothing to do with a Jewish state more than they wanted there to be a Palestinian state. This naysaying... continues today with their refusal even to negotiate over the Trump peace plan. The Palestinians will always be a thorn in Israel's backside, until their true Messiah returns!

The agreement by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to normalize relations with Israel bodes well for the future of Israel and the dangerous region in which it lives. It was not the first such agreement - there were peace treaties with Egypt (1979) and Jordan (1994) - but it will probably not be the last. It is likely, though not certain, that other Gulf nations may follow. Even the president of Lebanon, Michel Aoun, has "hinted at the possibility of peace talks with Israel." In any event, he has not precluded eventually joining other Arab countries in normalizing relations with Israel.

Although the Palestinian leadership opposed the deal - it always opposes everything - it too may benefit from it. The UAE will press for a two-state solution and its voice will be more influential both in the United States and in Israel. A two-state solution that assures Israel's security would require a demilitarized Palestine with an Israeli military presence in the Jordan Valley and territorial swaps that keep the current settlement blocks as part of Israel. This would allow for a contiguous, viable Palestinian state that could thrive if it maintained peace with Israel. The Palestinians could secure such a state if they agree to negotiate with Israel over the current Trump plan that is now on the table.

The deal makes clear that the Palestinian leadership no longer has a veto on the actions and attitudes of its Arab neighbors who will do what it is in their own best interest. It has also become clear that strengthening ties with the militarily, technologically and economically powerful Israel is the best protection against the dangers posed by an Iran that for decades has been seeking to have its own deliverable nuclear weapons capability.

1st Thessalonians was written to the church at Thessalonica. So it was written to Christians both Jew and gentile. While it certainly concerns the Jews, it was not addressed directly to the nation of Israel. It is a prophecy to the last generation:

***1"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,"* -(1st Thessalonians 5:1-9)**

The verses above say that Israel will be surprised when the day of God's judgment comes. They will expect peace but will receive persecution. In fact during the same time that God judges Israel He will also judge the entire world. So the unbelieving world will also be caught unaware of the coming disaster.

Isaiah 28:22 states: ***“Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.”***

1st Thessalonians 5 goes on to say that believers in Jesus Christ will not be surprised but that they will see the disaster coming. Verse 9 states that Christians will not suffer God’s judgment but that they will be (delivered) saved from it. This brings up the concept of the Rapture of the Church. The Rapture of Christians could happen before Israel signs their peace treaty and the ink is dry. I am cautiously guarded about the recent treaty agreed with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, But there is more to consider.

The Antichrist is a political ruler who will become the head of a coming world empire. I think that he will engage in the use of force; even invading Israel, and that at some point he will make a peace agreement with Israel. In Daniel 9:27 below, the Antichrist will make a peace treaty with ‘the many’ for seven years. This marks the beginning of a seven year Tribulation period of Israel. The “many” may refer to the Israeli Knesset representing the majority of citizens of Israel or it may refer to many nations. In either case, the agreement obviously concerns Israel. At some point Israel has resumed offering daily temple worship and animal sacrifice. That means that at some point they have built a third temple. After three-and-a-half years the Antichrist causes the sacrifices to stop. The Antichrist defiles the temple to become unclean until the suffering of the nation of Israel ends. This last three-and-a-half year period is magnified as Jerusalem’s “Great Tribulation” -(Matthew 24:21).

Daniel 9:27 states: ***“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.”***

Most of you know why this so important? Israel is working on a peace treaty with the Palestinians which also involves several world powers. Plus the Antichrist will one day make a treaty with Israel. Are they the same treaty? Possibly, but not necessarily and it likely will be a customized umbrella overarching plan that may yet prove to be the original Oslo Accords. Few of you would know much of a roll about how Prince Charles played in the Oslo Accords. Prince Charles as the Highest Authority (Order of the Garter) in the Masonic Lodge exercised his power of Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin who were both 33rd degree Masons to arrange a meeting in Oslo. That meeting defined the terms of and confirmed the agreement between Israel and Palestine that later was signed on the Whitehouse lawn known as the Oslo Accords. All Masonic lodges around the world report to the UK-based Order of the Garter.

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Norway's capital city, where the secret negotiations took place. But why Oslo, and why Norway? Prince Charles using his power as head of the Order of the Garter operated from behind the scenes, as his style functions. Prince Charles continues to lobby Freemasons of the highest degrees in his effort to bring global government to the forefront, even now with Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum. I expect Prince Charles to be the "Mystery" figure that will sign the treaty with the "many" of Daniel 9:27!

You cannot even begin to understand Bible End Times prophecy without the inclusion of the Masonic Order and its role in the world! It is Lucifer's "Elite" secret society that orchestrates world events and crises. The Freemason's handbook or bible is titled '*Morals and Dogma*', and all Lodge brothers who rise to the 19th degree of Masonry, and higher quickly discover that the god of Freemasonry is "Lucifer"! In their plan to take over the world, they are pulling the strings of World War III even as I write. 9/11 was the proverbial 'match' that set the fires to begin World War III. Historically, both World Wars I and II were set into motion by Freemasons. You don't have to believe that now and time is too short to go into all of the history of it in this "Diamond & Nugget".

The next global lockdown later this year will be permanent, and they will attempt to vaccinate everyone using door-to-door vaccine compliance programs administered at gunpoint. If you refuse, you will likely be taken to a "quarantine camp", similar to how New Zealand is closing off society, which is really just a death camp. If you take the vaccine, you are signing your own death warrant.

Meanwhile, famine is being engineered as a weapon of control, and the powers that be are working to keep people locked down until they can fully achieve their mass starvation goal, which will drive tens of millions of Americans into food banks and FEMA camps where vaccines will be mandated. (Want some food? Here, take this vaccine shot first.) That's how they're going to pull off their depopulation agenda: Starve people into vaccine compliance, using food as leverage for their weapon of control, followed by vaccines as the weapon of death. Do not expect our government to respect your health concerns, be they religious, physical, health, philosophical, political, or otherwise! Our government is not our friend, and it never ever was.

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Back in 1979, Yasser Arafat asked Norway to provide a secret back channel to the Israelis. But Israel was not yet willing to engage in talks directly with Arafat and the PLO.

Israel was also facing worldwide condemnation for its crackdown on Palestinian demonstrators. There was growing pressure from the international community to start peace talks with the Palestinians. Israel decided it was time for negotiations with the

PLO in Norway. For the purposes of plausible deniability, all discussions were conducted discreetly through FAFO, a Norwegian labor movement-linked think tank.

During these secret negotiations in 1993, Israel capitalized on Yasser Arafat's weakness in the wake of the Gulf War. The PLO had supported Iraq, angering other Arab and Western countries, thus Saddam Hussein's defeat in 1991 left the PLO weakened. Arafat entered the negotiations with Israel with few options and even less clout.

A decade later, the Palestinian Intifada broke out. Massive protests caught both Israel and the PLO by surprise. In 1988, the second year of the Intifada, Arafat announced the PLO's acceptance of UN Resolutions 242 and 338, which granted Israel a window to "secure and recognize boundaries", and allowed it to continue its occupation in strategic parts of the West Bank.

Those who are saying that Recep Erdogan is the Antichrist are simply wrong! Erdogan is a Freemason, a member of Turkey's secret society 'Dömneh', claims Serbian-Yugoslavian researcher Dejan Lučić. A video has recently started to make rounds on social media which claims that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is a Freemason and a member of Turkey's oldest secret society "Dömneh", which practices the medieval occult practice of Kabbalah, and has controlled Turkey for five centuries.

The video shows a TV interview, where the interviewer asks the Serbian-Yugoslavian current affairs researcher Dejan Lučić about the history of Freemasons in Turkey and the possible connections between Erdogan and the secret society.

Lučić claimed that Turkey is ruled by a secret society called as "Dömneh", which has an elite group of Jews who converted to Islam in 1666, and they have been ruling Turkey since then. Furthermore, Lučić claimed that, Zevi along with his 50,000 followers, who were Sephardi Jews, converted to Islam and within the five years of time, they infiltrated Turkish ruling system to take full control. My educated guess is that Erdogan is a "closet" Zionist! He is not even Turkish, he is Armenian. He was born on the northwestern limits of Istanbul, Turkey.

When asked about current President Erdogan, Lučić replied, *"Mr. Erdogan, who says that he feels at home in Sarajevo and that Sarajevo and Priština are Turkish and so on, is a member of the secret society Dömneh just like his former Minister of Foreign Affairs – Abdullah Gül"*.

To add credibility to his claim, Lučić challenged, *"All of you Bosniacs can easily check this, contact your countrymen in Turkey, ask them via phone, Skype or Viber if the that what this Dejan Lučić claims is true, that Erdogan is actually a Jew"*.

Lučić was born in Belgrade-Serbia, and graduated from the University of Belgrade in Political Science. He was the founder of a political party called as "Srpski pokret obnove" in the 1990s.

He explained that, a handsome and charismatic Jew called as Sabatini Zevi, traveled to Turkey, boasting about forming a “Jewish State”. Zevi was supported by Sufis, Kabbalists and everyone who admired him. He had 50,000 followers, and most of them lived in Thessaloniki. Freemasonry is, from Albert Pike’s own words, rooted in Kaballah. Kabbalism is a system of Jewish mysticism and magic and is the foundational element in modern witchcraft. Virtually all of the great witches and sorcerers of this century were Kabbalists.

When the Ottoman Sultan heard about this, he got Zevi arrested for talking about a Jewish state on the Turkish territory. Sultan wanted to cut-off Zevi’s head, but he negotiated with Sultan that the punishment will enrage the Jews in London, Paris, Berlin and Moscow, which will overthrow Sultan. However, he promised Sultan that he could convert to Islam and say “Allahu Akbar” and bow down.



Note carefully the hand signs (folded thumbs) above of Erdogan and that taken from a Freemason manual of signs and symbols of illuminated Freemasonry. Freemasonry is divided into two groups, the larger one for social reasons and the other but much smaller [30th degree and higher] for political, religious, and esoteric reasons.

Sabatini Zevi was part of a global plan to pit Islam against Christianity several centuries ago. I have written a number of articles on Freemasonry’s infiltration into the power structure of the nations of the world. Freemasonry Grandmaster of the Scottish Rite of the 33rd Degree Freemasonry, Albert Pike’s grand (so-called vision) plan for three world wars to bring the world into submission [through a series of three world wars] of the Illuminated New World Order.

The final 3rd World War is well underway. Ask yourself, who is it that released all the Muslim refugees into Greece, and into Europe beginning around 2014? It was Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan, acting in concert with Freemasonic leaders to undermine European culture and Christianity, and thus flood Europe and elsewhere with Muslim refugees. Erdogan works closely with his Masonic brother, Pope Francis to encourage the destruction of Europe, to invade Europe with millions of Muslim refugees.

Germany, France, and Sweden are drowning in a sea of Muslim flesh all the while oblivious to what is happening to Europe's culture and Christian faith. All of this seems so surreal and very discouraging; however, it is precisely what we would expect leading up to the Daniel's 70th Week. All of this we have been witness to for roughly the past twenty years or, if we want to go back to 1948, seventy years or so, is exactly what offers us our reason for hope!



I found this photo op of money-grubbing prosperity gospel preacher Paula White with her hands over the hands of the Secretary of Treasury Steven Mnuchin to be humorous. In holding a press-sheet of U.S. one dollar bills, it is unlikely that either of them carries this denomination around with them. They at the bare minimum are more likely to be carrying the "Benjamins" as pocket money!

The Blessed Hope event cannot be blessed enough and not soon enough for most of you. When it comes to prophecies fulfilled, the years 1948 and 1967 dominate the pages of history. You might be surprised to know that Isaiah 66:8 over-shadowed more

Fear Is a Viral Monster but we are called to not be afraid.

Donald J. Boudreaux recently said, *"If a large enough number of us can be convinced that an unseen, vile monster lurks in everyone else, the resulting widespread fear empowers government officials to do what government officials do best - and what they've..... In possession of dictatorial power unknown just a few months ago, government officials – a group undeserving of much trust even in the best of times – will not shy away from wielding their newly discovered powers. The results will be ugly."*

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" -(2nd Timothy 1:7) The Apostle Paul also said, ***"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."*** -(Romans 8:15).

If you think things are bad now, let me remind you of what the unbeliever has to face over the next seven years. We are getting a foretaste of things to come but in greater number. Whatever we have been through in our life time pales in comparison with what lies just over the near horizon. The Seals' judgments just don't simply suddenly begin with the Antichrist signing a treaty with "the many"; they precede like someone turning on the water spigot of your sink or shower; from a trickle to full flow levels of what are listed in the chart below. Once the church is Raptured out, and the Holy Spirit is withdrawn, the deluge will swell to that of a flood-level event category.

Since this "Diamond & Nugget" has been long enough, I will save for next time what all in the way of prophecies fulfilled since May of 1948, most people have missed. I don't plan to go through all 8,362 prophecies of the entire Bible, just the 50+ that have occurred in my lifetime, which would include most of you as well. I have been a watcher of Dr. Barry Awe's entertaining video's and Robert Breaker's succinct videos. I applaud their style and passion. We have been blessed by these two and many others who have blessed our spirits.

I have never subscribed to the so-called "prepper" position of survival food buckets, and that has been reflected in my grocery shopping. Even if I had the discretionary funds, which I don't, I still have held a Biblical world view and have never had the reason to doubt the Lord's promises of the Bible. I live and walk by faith in the truths of the Lord revealed in the King James Bible, particularly the teachings and ministry of the Apostle Paul.

Everyone has to decide for him or herself, and ask this question. Is God a God of Love or is God merely a Judge just waiting to pronounce sentence on us? The Dispensational interpretation of the Bible is all about how God has dealt with His creation, i.e., like you and I, differently, throughout the course of six millennia. As in a previous Blessed Hope, I noted that the Bible has 14 baptisms and not all can be right for you and I today. That proves the basis of my point, that being God deals differently with us today versus how He dealt with the Jews who came back from Babylonian captivity, or when Jesus conducted His ministry. The majority of the Gospels – Matthew,

Mark, Luke, and John are part of the Old Testament; at least up to the point of the Cross. Everything since the Cross is New Testament. The thirteen letters written by Paul, from Romans to Philemon are written to the Church exclusively. Not all of Scripture is written to us, but all of it is for our learning!

GREAT TRIBULATION

Seven SEALS

1. Antichrist (EU) makes 7-yr treaty with Israel
2. Peace is taken from earth - anarchy
3. Global famine
4. One quarter of world population die
5. Many martyred for Christ
6. Global earthquake
7. **TRUMPET judgments announced**

1st half
1,260 Days
Rev 11:2-3

1. One third of trees & grass burn
2. One third of sea turned to blood
3. Rivers polluted
4. The sun darkened
5. Demons released to torment men
6. A 200 million army slay one third of men
7. **BOWL Judgments announced**

2nd half
42 months
Rev.13:5

7 VIALS = 3RD WOE

1. Global disease
2. Oceans turn to blood
3. Rivers, dams polluted - many die
4. Sun scorches men
5. Euphrates dried & Armageddon
7. Mystery Babylon - Rome burned

**WOE
WOE
WOE**

Jesus said: "Then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world" *Matt.24:21*

CHRIST RETURNS

The Apostle Paul gets a bad rap for the most part, by much of the modern day church yet you cannot show me where Paul told believers to hunker down, hoard food, and stock up with supplies to get you through a couple years of drought or nuclear winter. He never talked about our being able to survive the Tribulation of Daniel's 70th Week.

Critics of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture errantly miss the central message of the Word of God. How so, you may ask? For the first three centuries after the Cross, as well as the greater part of the fourth century, Christian leaders believed in the Millennial Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. They taught a "Literal-Historical-Grammatical" understanding of the Word of God. Most of these people today deny the Second Coming of the Lord, and so therefore, they cannot believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. It does not fit with their view of the Scriptures.

Lucifer had introduced the Alexandrian School of "spiritualizing" the Scriptures and so men like Saint Augustine could justify their own ideas that you could make Scripture say

whatever they wanted to do. The power of the church between 350 and 600 A.D. grew and its leaders abused the kind of power that was not rightfully theirs. The arrogance and egos of those corrupt church leaders led to Rome eventually asserting church authority and proclamations that did not come from the pages of the Bible. As I have pointed out, the church established many false doctrines, such as purgatory. A Pre-Tribulation Rapture does not fit the theology of a church that teaches a person's soul and spirit has to pass through a process of cleansing in the underworld. Furthermore, if you want to reduce that purification process for your loved ones, you will buy [pay for] their early release through a special mass by a priest or bishop.

The Apostle Paul must have seen this corruption coming when he penned Romans 8:28. ***“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”*** Remember, it was Simon Magus, in Acts 8, after seeing the Apostles power at work, attempted to buy that power of the Holy Spirit. This was Simon Magus the sorcerer; his sir name was Peter and who went to Rome, becoming the real Peter whom Rome calls their first pope. In the Latin Vulgate of Acts 8:9, his name is identified as Simon Magus, or Simon the sorcerer.

Most of us are intelligent enough to know that fear is the tool of tyrants. Control of the population through any means necessary is the goal of the global elite. Fear is the perfect tool. When a crisis expands exponentially, it envelops more people with each new decade. The latest trauma-based mind control device is Covid-19. During the tyrannical lockdowns put in place by local and state governments there has been an 86% increase of prescriptions written for psychotropic drugs. Unemployment, isolation, and health concerns have a serious impact on mental health. Suicides have increased, as well as domestic battery. On the surface it is all insanity. The efforts to wrap your heads around it borders on the demonic. You need to recognize none of what the world is going through is nothing short of Lucifer and those serving him.

I have noted that the “typology” or “theme” of deliverance is found over **300X** in our Bible. I can show you in other words with related meanings descriptive of this concept, idea, and they are found in excess of **1,000X**. Let me assure you with this, you can trust in the Promises of God, we are out of here in not too many moons! It is important that you not let Lucifer intimidate you with his favorite tactic planting the seeds of fear! Lucifer is using lots of folks, some who call themselves Christians as unwitting instruments of Lucifer's agenda, like Steve Quayle, Ted & Austin Broer, Chuck Baldwin, and Mike Adams. There are many others who have an errant understanding of the Word of God! These names come to mind because they are well-known Internet web sites that many people follow their postings.

Blessings,

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