

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 #65

If I told you the Rapture is only weeks away, would you believe me? The first several pages might frighten you; however, as true as they are, there are several reasons for Hope. I remind you that as the world around us grows darker and ominous, this is the time where we must trust the Lord Jesus Christ. Quoting the late G. Gordon Liddy, “*What does not kill me makes me stronger.*” The next six or eight pages reveal only a small portion of the unpleasant news, but I have a treat in store for those of you who can stick with reading this long “Diamond & Nugget.” I do believe we are Departing this evil world right about the first week of September. Belief and proof is married in this Blessed Hope. I’m putting 57 years education, experience, and training on it!

The world is imploding in domino fashion. Venezuela, Cuba, South Africa, France, UK and Lebanon are in various stages of societal collapse. The most recent has been South Africa in the past weeks. This crisis has been entirely engineered by globalists, and it’s all part of the chaos that they want to see erupt all over the world. Largely due to loss of jobs, food scarcity and lockdown tyranny, the impoverished South African citizens are rising up to lash out in anger. As is often the case, they are irrationally over-reacting, now burning down the very infrastructure that might provide them with food, electricity and fuel for years to come. Mike Adams paints an ominous picture of the world in devolution and chaos. The globalists are playing the race card in a big way to incite hatred and violence between the races, and not just black and white.

(Natural News) A nefarious plan is under way to place America under a military dictatorship, halt the mid-term elections and unleash armed soldiers to go door-to-door, confiscating guns and forcing vaccines on the American people to achieve Holocaust-level mass extermination.

That plan follows a specific series of events that all orbit around the concept of “planned chaos.” The steps to achieve this chaos are already well under way.

The more chaos the anti-American Marxists can unleash, the more they can assert power and control over the nation to achieve their ultimate goal: The mass

extermination of hundreds of millions of Americans and the complete takedown of the United States of America as a sovereign nation.

How the anti-American globalists hope their plan will unfold

High-level officials in the Pentagon (General Milley, General Austin, etc.) are all-in with this plan, as are the Biden regime officials who answer to the CCP. The corporate media is pushing all the required narratives (race hatred, anti-white bigotry, Covid hysteria, etc.) in order to create the necessary mental state that can be triggered into an eruption like what we're seeing right now in South Africa.

In today's 'Situation Update', below, I walk through the steps of this plan and how they plan to achieve all this within the next 18 months.

Some of the highlights of this plan:

- Pushing mandatory vaccines for workers at critical infrastructure installations in order to achieve a mass die-off, resulting in failed power plants, water plants, food production, transportation, first responders and other elements that keep society functioning.
- Why, according to doctors who are spreading the alarm, we may already be looking at 92 million dead Americans in the next few years, stemming from vaccine-induced vascular and neurological damage (micro blood clots, heart failure, etc.).
- How vaccines perpetuate the pandemic by making people *more* vulnerable to infections from Covid variants (such as Delta). [New research shows that natural immunity halts the pandemic](#), but vaccines keep it going.
- Once critical infrastructure is taken down, **America's cities fall into anarchy**, with widespread looting, murder, rape and total chaos. The police will be powerless to stop it. Democrats defunded the police as part of the plan to roll this out.
- Many cities will become "death traps" without food, water, fuel or electrical power. Very quickly, a mass exodus of violent looters will stream out of the cities, ransacking suburbs and rural areas in search of food and shelter. As we see in South Africa, these violent looters can only be stopped through the application of coordinated civilian firepower.
- Rural communities will need to rely on **civilian security forces** working hand-in-hand with local law enforcement (Sheriff's offices, typically) to engage and halt the violent looting mobs, most of which will consist of individuals who have been brain damaged by micro blood clots caused by Covid vaccines. The **zombie apocalypse** is about to become reality.
- As this chaos is intentionally unleashed, the illegitimate Biden regime will illegally deploy U.S. troops against the American people while suspending the U.S. Constitution by decree, then confiscating firearms from any civilians they can manage to threaten. This will of course result in fierce resistance across the USA, and probably a civil war inside the military itself.

- Upon the urging of the CCP, Biden will call for UN “humanitarian missions” to allow communist Chinese PLA troops to physically invade and occupy the United States, claiming to be distributing food. In reality, this is the **invasion of America** that Obama has long planned and will be carried out by proxy, through Biden who is both a puppet of Obama and of China. (Communist Chinese forces will enter the U.S. by land, through both the Southern and Northern borders.)
- As these efforts ramp up, states and entire regions will push for **secession from the failed federal government**, and this will set off extreme conflict between the anti-American Biden criminals in D.C. vs. the pro-America states like Texas, Florida, Arizona and others.

People who wish to survive all this must plan for the following reality to occur. Those who fail to plan may find themselves dead:

- Extended power grid failures, perhaps lasting up to a year in certain areas. Note that cryptocurrencies will be useless in this scenario, so have additional backup plans in place for physical assets (such as silver).
- The total collapse of food deliveries to local grocery stores. Emergency food supplies must be able to sustain you for a year or more.
- The complete wipeout of ammunition supplies, firearms and gun parts. You will have to survive on what you already have.
- The unleashing of the U.S. military against the American people in an act of total betrayal and treason against the United States of America.
- The timed, engineered collapse of the fiat currency debt bomb, which will instantly halt all food stamps and financial transactions, plunging America into Third World status almost overnight. Those left holding useless cash will see their savings completely wiped out. The dollar’s demise will be timed to achieve the maximum chaos effect.
- The attempted total takedown of the internet, with exceptions being granted to certain controlled websites that are deemed “essential” such as Facebook, Google, Twitter and other platforms controlled by globalists and the CCP. With the power grid down in many areas, internet access will be pointless for most people.
- The shutdown of all financial transactions and banking operations, for some amount of time, to worsen the collapse. This means there will be no functioning method to purchase food, fuel, parts, services, etc. Locally, the economy will revert to barter and precious metals.
- The rise of demonic entities taking physical form as Satan’s war against humanity shifts into his “end game” configuration. Skinwalkers, demons, demonic possession and other similar phenomena will become commonplace. This is ultimately a supernatural war.

Will the globalists succeed in all this?

If their current course is not stopped, then YES, all this will come true. If they can be stopped soon, much of this can be averted, but there currently seems to be near-zero

willingness by anyone in a position of power to sound the alarm and halt this genocidal war on humanity that has already been unleashed.

This is not a drill. Prepare for the worst chapter of human history to unfold over the next 18 months or so unless the Biden / Fauci fascists can be stopped.

This is all by design. And the situation is rapidly imploding into a failed state or a civil war, depending on whom you ask. Most Americans are oblivious to what is taking place around the world let alone what is transpiring in our own Nation. Inflation is driving the price increases we are all experiencing. Inflation appears to be running at an annual rate of almost 18%. Globally there is a shortage of 20-ft. and 40-ft. shipping containers, and ocean shipping rates have doubled, and in many cases tripled their normal rates for ocean transportation. The spot rate for a 40-ft. container from Shanghai to Los Angeles increased to a record \$9,733, up 1% from the previous week and 236% higher than a year ago. The Shanghai-to-Rotterdam rate rose to \$12,954. Keep that in mind when Walmart's low prices are no more!

In less than 4 months we went from energy independence to one of energy dependence upon other nations for oil. The actions by the Biden crime family are designed to finalize the bankruptcy of the U.S. Among the major issues the U.S. faces, none is as critical as water. Agricultural forecasts for this year are dismal at best due to the manufactured drought and heat wave. Wheat and corn harvests for much of the mid-west are discouraging. Hence, what you buy at the grocery store will cost much more. Recall that the Bible saying that a loaf of bread would cost a day's pay! ***“And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;”*** –(Revelation 6:6). ***“Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”*** –(Luke 21:26).

Historically speaking, nations collapse when they are unable to control their inflation, which devalues a nation's currency. Although the U.S. is the world reserve currency, commonly known as the “Petro-Dollar”, China wages a war on the U.S. financial stronghold. China is pushing hard to de-throne the Federal Reserve Note and replace it with its own Yuan, likely to be gold-backed when it forces the IMF to replace the Dollar.

It was President Richard Nixon who removed the U.S. from the “gold standard” in August, 1971 backing the U.S. dollar. I remember the day vividly. Within a week of Nixon's decision Inflation spiked 10% and for the decade that followed the U.S. was in the throes of the greatest inflation since the Great Depression. As a nation, we are looking at a stock-market collapse, a real estate collapse, along with the more important collapse of the currency. This is a further sign the American Empire is about to collapse. As a history student, I have seen the handwriting on the wall since the days of President Nixon. Every administration since Nixon has used the credit card to do whatever it desired in the world. Those who own the Federal Reserve System have been more than willing to underwrite the spending of whatever political party controlled

Washington. Joe Biden and the Democrats have agreed to a budget of \$3-trillion dollars for fiscal year 2022, which begins in a couple months on October 1st, 2021.

Governments steal from the public in two ways: taxes and through inflation. The first is overt and visible, while the second is covert and less visible in that you get less for your dollars. The federal minimum wage today is \$7.25 an hour, but many states set new minimums in the past two years. It can be as high \$13.50 in the state of Massachusetts or \$13 an hour in California. When I got my first job working for Walker's Market in 1950 the minimum wage was .35 cents an hour.

If you think I am out to lunch, here is what Olive Trees Ministries posted a few days ago:

[Even the secular, unbelieving world is stunned at all that is happening in our collapsing world. Most have no explanation for it. Some offer weak explanations that to the tuned-in and spiritually astute are laughable.

Even once-sound pulpits remain silent and perplexed. Political commentators suggest that if we just elect their candidate, all will be rosy again someday soon. Their faith is in their political party.

We Will Own Nothing and be Happy?

Leftists promise that if we fix climate change and spread the wealth around, we will achieve peace on earth. Outfits like the World Economic Forum suggest some day, if we follow their formula, we will own nothing and be happy! How can society be happy under Godless Communism?

Here are my conclusions as to why we're where we are in history. I am sure the list is much longer than this but here goes:

Our times are perilous because God is trying to wake up and warn a sinful world. People don't listen when life is smooth-sailing.

The Bible is fulfilling itself. It predicts perilous times (II Timothy 3); a Laodicea end-time church; a Romans 1 society at the end, characterized by depravity. Evil and violence will escalate. The "birth pangs" will become intense and will be hard to watch and read about. We get worn out seeing floods, fires, droughts, and hurricanes. But the Bible says these things must happen.

God is warning because He always warns before He judges and the world is facing judgment. It is being judged now but far worse is coming during the Tribulation. This is just a warm-up. There are terrible consequences when we don't do things God's way. Society will fail. The church will head into apostasy. But prideful mankind always thinks their way is best and wreckage results.

God is specifically sending a message to His church. He is trying to shake us up, so that we will wake up and ultimately look up.

America and the world are now caught up in end-time strong delusion. That has serious consequences. Delusion does not permit people to think rationally and to act reasonably. It does not allow people to vote sensibly. The consequences are staggering.

Many think that politics will be the savior, or a particular political party. They just want to "make America great again" but minus God's oversight. God is letting us know that only "one nation under God" will ever function properly and no nation can be great and Godless.

America showed God the door fifty years ago. That has consequences. His blessing and protection may have left when we opened that door!

God is allowing some pre-Tribulation birth pains on the entire world. But what we see happening today is minor compared to what is coming. The Church will be absent during that Tribulation time, so in the meantime, may we have a greater burden to save people from the wrath to come. The consequences for a world that rejects Jesus Christ are unthinkable.

America and other Western powers have to fade as world influencers so that global government can rise up and rule the world. As these nations diminish, keep in mind that this is orchestrated by God for his end-time purposes.

Lastly, I think there is chaos on earth because Satan knows his time is short and he has ramped up his activity. He is getting new recruits for his kingdom. This is all the more reason we must be salt and light in these final days.

What Did You Expect the End-Times to Look Like?

That's a short list summarizing a few options as to why the world is in a mess! What did you expect the end-times to look like?

With God marginalized and mocked, society cannot work properly. It will collapse under the weight of everything in the world that is fractured. Only Christ's return at the Rapture and then His Second Coming at the end of the Tribulation to establish a near-perfect Kingdom will fix it!

The closing days of the Church Age are a challenge for all mankind. For the Godless, these days cannot make sense. For those who know the Bible, it has the road map ahead all spelled out for us!

Your Assignment

Don't let more time to become wasted. Seize the moment. Jesus is coming and most of the world is in a dark place! And they have not a clue how to turn the light on unless you tell them.] Originally published at Olive Tree Ministries - reposted with permission.

There is a ray of sunshine breaking in all of this horrible financial mess, and that is the "Blessed Hope" will deliver us from the wrath to come. Revelation 3:10 affirms we will be rescued: ***"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."*** The Bible predicts problems will overwhelm the leaders of the world and a gridlock pattern would bring things to an impossible state and that humanity will cry for a man to fix world event. Mike Adams words confirm my thoughts as to what I already know. Our own country has waged a silent war upon the public for over seventy years by poisoning the air, the water, and the food we consume! Covid lockdown #2 is coming in weeks, using the Delta variant as the excuse! It will be without the Stimulus checks!

The promise that vaccines would give you freedom was just a calculated lie. Now, even those who are vaccinated are being subjected to new lockdowns and mask mandates, all over the world. Because the real goal of all this is to crush humanity, keep people in a state of pandemic fear, and justify endless injections with spike protein bioweapons.

There are key realizations you need to grasp about what's happening in South Africa, as it is a foretaste of what is to happen in the U.S.:

1. This engineered chaos is coming to America and other Western nations soon, for many of the same reasons.
2. The destruction of infrastructure will lead to long-term destitution, famine, collapse and war.
3. The police are overrun and out of ammunition. They are largely helpless against the looting masses.
4. Only civilian security forces (i.e. militias) are providing effective safety and security for residential communities.
5. Food is extremely scarce. Mass famine has already begun. Those who did not prep in advance may die.
6. Gun control means you DIE, because only those with firearms are able to defend themselves and stop the looting mobs.

Globalists are deliberately plunging the world into chaos, civil unrest and collapse. They orchestrate events through the currency. These are known as the Basel I, II, and III accords that first began in 2007. Basel III is set to be implemented in 2022 ahead.

Capital requirements are also a part of Basel III. Banks are required to hold 4.5% of risk-weighted assets in the form of their own equity. This rule is an effort to make banks have skin in the game when it comes to making decisions to reduce the agency problem. More capital rules include 6% of risk-weighted assets being of Tier 1 quality (gold, silver). Risk-weighted assets are the most vulnerable during a downturn, so these rules will protect the banks. Two weeks ago Wells-Fargo bank terminated all financing based upon home-equity collateral. It gave its customers sixty days call notice. Under demand-note financing, a bank holds the right to call in all loans to be paid back by the set date. If you can't pay back what you borrowed by the set date, your property is foreclosed on. Oh how well I know this from personal experience!

This whole situation really began in 2016 when the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau revealed that Wells-Fargo had been opening millions of deposit and credit card accounts on behalf of its customers without their authorization. Needless to say, regulators were not happy. Wells-Fargo was subject to numerous lawsuits and eventually agreed to pay a \$3-billion fine as well. The Federal Reserve also prohibited the bank from exceeding \$1.95-trillion in assets until it could fix its regulatory infrastructure and internal controls that led to the phony-accounts scandal. Wells-Fargo has an imposed Cap of \$2-trillion dollars. What you are seeing is a major sign of an impending market collapse and the beginning of a global depression in the next two or three months.

What we are all watching here — in South Africa, Cuba, France, Beirut and other places — is globalist-created chaos that they hope will end in total collapse and worldwide depopulation. And this is only the beginning. No country will be unscathed in the provoking of racial and ethnic unrest and violence. The Vatican and the globalists encouraged Europe to open their doors by flooding the European countries with burgeoning Muslim families with many children, African states went seeking a better life in Europe, the U.S., and Canada. The goal is to overload the social welfare safety net until it collapses from within. The invasion of the U.S. from Central and South America is the product of a pair of radical academics by the names of Cloward and Piven.

The extensive and detailed plan was the direct product of these two Columbia University sociologists Richard Andrew Cloward and Frances Fox Piven known as the “Cloward-Piven Strategy”. The Cloward-Piven strategy explains how you could hasten the fall of capitalism by overloading the entitlement system which would push society into economic crisis and collapse. That would unleash chaos and violence in the streets, opening a door to radical Leftist political change.

The Cloward-Piven 8 point plan to implement Socialism:

- 1) Healthcare— Control healthcare and you control the people
- 2) Poverty – Increase the Poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.

3) Debt – Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.

4) Gun Control– Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state.

5) Welfare – Take control of every aspect of their lives (Food, Housing, and Income)

6) Education – Take control of what people read and listen to – take control of what children learn in school.

7) Religion – Remove the belief in the God from the Government and schools

8) Class Warfare – Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to take (Tax) the wealthy with the support of the poor.

Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, Catholic Charities, Pope Francis, the American Catholic Conference of Bishops, and the Jesuits are ALL active advocates of the Cloward-Piven plan to replace capitalism with socialism.

With door-to-door vaccine strike force teams now demanding everyone consent to medical tyranny, the depopulation agenda via bioweapons is in full force. This already means, according to prominent, outspoken doctors, that as many as 92 million Americans may perish from the vaccine over the next few years. (That's because the CDC says 184 million Americans have already been injected with at least one dose, and doctors are saying the "majority" of those people will eventually die from the vaccine.)

It raises the obvious question: How will America's infrastructure continue to function if 92 million people are killed by the vaccine? Remember, it was health workers, firemen, police, and essential services that got the Vaxx first.

And then there's the planned economic collapse, the provoked race war, engineered food scarcity and mass starvation, etc. Antifa/BLM has destroyed many major cities in their critical race theory and the failure of law enforcement to stop the chaos and failure to prosecute criminals. Major retail stores have shut down their stores in San Francisco and Portland.

If America emerges from all this by 2025 with fewer than 50 million people dead, it will be nothing short of a miracle.

And much the same scenario is playing out in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and all across Europe as well. Canada has gone a full communistic state.

The globalist war on humanity is in full swing. Have no illusions about where we are now in the tipping point of history. As I said before there is a ray of sunshine in the big picture here for Christians. We are at the end of God's 6,000 year plan of man's dominion. The globalists are using the hoaxed virus as a means of pushing their eugenics and the murder of several billion people. This is what really was and is behind the massive efforts to vaxx the global public. As proof of this you can read some excerpts from Klaus Schwab's book below:

"1.4.2. Global Governance" from WEF's book 'COVID-19: THE GREAT RESET', (June, 2020) by Klaus Schwab is a confession of WEF's business plan to establish a global top-down totalitarian communist government. The Covid scam is presented as proof Americans need to renounce their national independence and surrender their democratic freedom. The book is 110-pages but quite revealing. A few excerpts below confirm the World Economic Forum is all about Global Governance. All we need now is for the Antichrist, Prince Charles of Wales to sign a treaty with the many.

<http://reparti.free.fr/schwab2020.pdf>

+ *"The more nationalism and isolationism pervade the global polity, the greater the chance that global governance loses its relevance and becomes ineffective. Sadly, we are now at this critical juncture. Put bluntly, we live in a world in which nobody is really in charge."*

+ COVID-19 has reminded us that the biggest problems we face are global in nature. Whether its pandemics, climate change, terrorism or international trade, all are global issues that we can only address, and whose risks can only be mitigated, in a collective fashion. ... In a nutshell, global governance is at the nexus of all these other issues. Therefore, the concern is that, without appropriate global governance, we will become paralyzed in our attempts to address and respond to global challenges, particularly when there is such a strong dissonance between short-term, domestic imperatives and long- term, global challenges.

+ COVID-19 tells just such a story of failed global governance. From the very beginning, a vacuum in global governance, exacerbated by the strained relations between the U.S. and China, undermined international efforts to respond to the pandemic.... In a functioning global governance framework, nations should have come together to fight a global and coordinated "war" against the pandemic. Instead the "my country first" response prevailed and severely impaired attempts to contain the expansion of the first wave of the pandemic.... WHO is infinitely preferable to a non-existent one, an argument that Bill Gates compellingly and succinctly made in a tweet: *"Their work is slowing the spread of COVID-19 and if that work is stopped no other organization can replace them. The world needs @WHO now more than ever."*

+ This failure is not the WHO's fault. The UN agency is merely the symptom, not the cause, of global governance failure. The WHO's deferential posture towards donor countries reflects its complete dependence on states agreeing to cooperate with it. The

UN organization has no power to compel information sharing or enforce pandemic preparedness. Like other similar UN agencies, for example on human rights or climate change, the WHO is saddled with limited and dwindling resources: in 2018, it had an annual budget of \$4.2 billion, miniscule in comparison to any health budget around the world. In addition, it is at the perpetual mercy of member states and has effectively no tools at its disposal to directly monitor outbreaks, coordinate pandemic planning or ensure effective preparedness implementation at the country level, let alone allocate resources to those countries most in need.

+ This dysfunctionality is symptomatic of a broken global governance system, and the jury is out as to whether existing global governance configurations like the UN and the WHO can be repurposed to address today's global risks. For the time being, the bottom line is this: in the face of such a vacuum in global governance, only nation states are cohesive enough to be capable of taking collective decisions, but this model doesn't work in the case of world risks that require concerted global decisions.

+ The world will be a very dangerous place if we do not fix multilateral institutions. Global coordination will be even more necessary in the aftermath of the epidemiological crisis, for it is inconceivable that the global economy could "restart" without sustained international cooperation. Without it, we'll be heading towards *"a poorer, meaner and smaller world"*.

This provides us another ray of sunshine in the larger scope of the forthcoming Rapture. I began reading the *'Great Reset'* after doing a quick scan of the contents; and, what I discuss at the beginning of this segment are factors in the collapse of the U.S. and its roll in Last Days events. I noted in other recent articles I have written on about the Covid hoax that the overall strategy was full proof, creating disharmony, distrust, and social chaos to social fabric of the Nation. As I have cited in the previous eight pages, things might not seem to be as bad as I note where you live, but they will get much worse despite our hope things will get better. With all that I noted, there is real hope ahead for those calling Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour!

Chuck Swindoll writes in one of the few books in the last 100 years to specifically address the subject of Biblical "Hope":

"(Hope) is something as important to us as water is to a fish, as vital as electricity is to a light bulb, as essential as air is to a jumbo jet. Hope is basic to life... Without that needed spark of hope, we are doomed to a dark, grim existence. How often the word "hopeless" appears in suicide notes. And even if it isn't actually written, we can read it between the lines. Take away our hope, and our world is reduced to something between depression and despair... hope is more than wishful thinking.

Hope is a vital necessity of life--a gift that God wants to give to you. And in a world that regularly writes dreams off as foolish and drains the hope from the heart with dark pessimism" (Biblical hope) "is a voice crying in the wilderness... a word of enthusiasm

for life in the midst of any difficult situation you are in... If you want to smile through your tears, if you want to rejoice through times of suffering, just keep reminding yourself that what you're going through isn't the end of the story... it's simply the rough journey that leads to the right destination... Solid, stable, sure hope. Hope to press on. Hope to endure. Hope to stay focused. Hope to see new dreams fulfilled" Charles R. Swindoll in his book "Hope Again: When Life Hurts and Dreams Fade."

The world says...

I hope... this or that will happen... this type of "hope" is why the lottery system is thriving in many states! As the value of the payouts increases, the sale of lottery tickets increases almost exponentially.

Hope identified as cultural hope is merely an optimistic desire that something will be fulfilled. This hope is not a guaranteed hope because it is subject to changeable people and circumstances.

And so often when we use the word "hope" in casual conversation, it has a wavering, uncertain sound. -(cf. Luke 23:8, Acts 24:26 - neither Herod's nor Felix's hope materialized). Most people live in hope that things will improve for them and that they will finally be satisfied. One of the frightening observations of our day is that there are so many, particularly the young, who have no hope. Suicides are on the increase fourfold annually, and a recent poll said the majority of teens in our day have no hope for the future. And so we see so many of our young living recklessly hoping to find satisfaction in the present moment. 93,000 in the U.S. died of "overdoses" in 2020!

Our society is characterized by a pervading sense of hopelessness. Unfortunately the Church is not immune to this hopeless feeling. Many who claim to be born again believers in Jesus Christ are searching for fulfillment in life. The truth of Scripture is that we were not made for the present, and the present was never intended to satisfy us. The Apostle Paul was very clear about this. **"If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied"**. -(1st Corinthians 15:19).

For centuries, anchors have been a symbol of hope. This emblem was especially significant to the early persecuted church. Many etchings of anchors were discovered in the catacombs of Rome, where Christians held their meetings in hiding. Threatened with death because of their faith, these committed Christians used the anchor as a disguised cross and as a marker to guide the way to their secret meetings. Located beneath the ancient city, 600 miles of these tomb-like burial chambers served as a place of refuge during perilous times of persecution. Thus, the anchor—found even on some tombstones today—has become the symbol of guaranteed hope for the eternal security of true Christians.

According to the parable of the fig tree at Matthew 24:32-35 about Israel that became a nation on May 14 1948 Jesus told us that this generation shall not pass, until all these

things are fulfilled (defined as completed). And Psalm 90:10 tells us that a generation is between 70 and 80 years saying the days of our years are threescore years and ten (70), and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years (80), yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away (caught up in the Rapture).

OK, now if you add 80 years onto May 14 1948 you get May 14 2028. In other words, many people are interpreting this parable to mean that the second coming of Jesus will be in 2028. Now if you subtract a 7 year tribulation that I believe the saints will not go through you get the date of the rapture to be between May 14, 2021 and September 2021. Again these theories are very interesting. Note that when you look at Psalm 90:10 and if you subtract 10 from 90 you get 80 which I believe is the correct number for a generation getting us to May 14 2028 for the possible Second Coming of Jesus.

At the end of Blessed Hope #64, I noted and linked the video by C.J. Lovik, which also puts the Rapture in target of late summer and early fall of 2021. If you did not watch C.J. Lovik's excellent video, do watch it. It was entitled "The Key to Daniel's 70th Week Revealed." The Daniel 70 Week prophecy is a Numerical Prophecy. Its strength lies in the number pattern of **2,520** and how it is divided exactly by four number/time patterns: **3 X 7 X 10 X 12 = 2,520** days. **2,520** also can be divided by those four numbers equally as well and as C.J. Lovik points out it reveals a Divine Time Pattern Prophecy. This video is one of the greatest points for our having hope in the Rapture!

Look at this sign by the numbers of a possible 2021 Rapture and possible 2028 Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Notice that **Luke 21:28** speaks about the Rapture and the Second Coming of Jesus and this verse even has the number **21** (2021) and **28** (2028). Simply amazing; The blessed Scripture reads "***And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.***" Wake up everybody; we see all the signs that tell us that Jesus is soon to come; pestilences, coronavirus, "***Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.***" -(Luke 21:26).

Quit looking at things on this earth. Get your eyes off the virus and the audit of the 2020 election; Colossians 3:1 tells us "***If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.***" Start witnessing and telling everybody that Jesus is soon to return because we don't have much time left before the saints are caught up and out of this evil world.

Remember if anyone who hears and rejects the good news of the gospel message before the Rapture is still on this earth during the 7 year tribulation they will be damned and go to the lake of fire. Only those who did not hear the gospel message before the rapture can hope to get saved during the 7 year tribulation. 2nd Thessalonians 2:11-12 warns us "***And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth,***

but had pleasure in unrighteousness". This strong delusion is everywhere, including many within the Church as well.

Revelation 22:20-21 gives us another sign about a possible 2021 Rapture as well. While I was in my second viewing of C.J. Lovik's video I was looking at various passages throughout the Bible when this coincidence caught my attention.

Notice that the last two verses of the KJV bible give us the year 2021. Take heed to the message in these Blessed Scripture verses and get ready for the soon return of our Lord Jesus. How encouraging that Jesus is telling us in these Blessed Scriptures ***"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."***

There are more signs by numbers of a 2021 Rapture, and a 2028 Second Coming Of Jesus. Psalm 121 speaks of a 2021 Rapture. Psalm 128 speaks of a 2028 Second Coming of Jesus.

I find it simply amazing that Psalm 121 is talking about a possible 2021 Rapture and Psalm 128 is talking about a possible Second Coming of Jesus in 2028. Psalm 121 speaks about the Rapture telling saints to look up to the clouds and hills for the soon return of our Lord Jesus in 2021. It says, ***"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."*** And notice that Psalm 121:7 tells us that saints will be caught up before the tribulation because ***"God has not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."*** Psalm 121:7 promises ***"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul."***

The late J.R. Church wrote a book *'Hidden Prophecies in the Psalms'* in which we find clusters of prophecies to events occurring in the 20th Century. In fact, there are **92** specific prophetic references in the Psalms to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice the following Scriptures that prove that saved saints will not experience the wrath of the 7 year Tribulation but will be caught up from the earth before the Tribulation starts. 1st Thessalonians 1:10 promises ***"And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."*** Romans 5:9 promises ***"Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."*** And John 3:36 tells us ***"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."***

Next take a look at Psalm 128 that is talking about the time of Jacob's trouble which is about Israel and the second coming of Jesus in 2028 after the 7 year Tribulation. Psalm 128 speaks about when Jesus returns on a white horse with His saints to rule and reign as the King of Jerusalem for 1000 years. Psalm 128:5 tells us ***"The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion (in Israel). and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days***

of thy life.” These may be just theories; but my suggestion says be ready at all times for the return of Jesus; I don't know the exact time of Jesus' return but all the ear marks of its soon occurring are before us. Even so come quickly Lord Jesus. The most favorable day is the Feast of Trumpets, or known as **Rosh HaShanah**.

The Old Testament prophet Hosea spoke about a Possible 2028 Second Coming of Jesus and a 1000 Year Millennial Kingdom.

Hosea spoke about a possible 2028 Second Coming of Jesus to establish His 1000 year millennial kingdom. Hosea 6:2 tells us **“After two days will He revive us; in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.”** Note that God considers a day to be a thousand years. According to 2nd Peter 3:8 **“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”**

Take note that C.J. Lovik's video states Jesus was crucified in 28 A.D. Hosea says after two days or 2000 years plus 28 at 2028 the Second Coming of Jesus will occur and **“After 2 days or 2000 years Jesus will revive us.”** And then in the third day during the next 1000 year millennial kingdom Jesus will raise us up. Finally, note that if these predictions are correct the first year of the millennial kingdom will be 2029. And notice what John 20:29 says about the first year of the millennial kingdom in 2029. The Scripture says **“Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

Chuck Missler in one of his videos commented to the effect that the idea of the Rapture can be considered the most preposterous belief in Biblical Christianity. It reminds me of the famous quote by Dr. Richard Feynman, speaking of quantum physics:

“I think it is safe to say that no one understands quantum mechanics... in fact, it is often stated of all the theories proposed in this century, the silliest is quantum theory. Some say that the only thing that quantum theory has going for it, in fact, is that it is unquestionably correct.” In recent months, I have been reading Anthony Patch's work on Quantum Computing and I must confess, it is greater than I can possibly fathom. About all that I could grasp from it is how 5G and 6G technologies are the link which ties it all together.

The situation regarding the doctrine of the Rapture is painfully similar. The mysterious event known as the Rapture is most clearly presented in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, in which he encourages the grieving Christians that, at the **“great snatch,”** they will be reunited with those who have died in Christ before them.

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which

are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. ¹⁷Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” –(1st Thessalonians 4:13-18).

In verse 17, the English phrase "**caught up**" translates the Greek word **Harpazo**, which means "to seize upon with force" or "to snatch up."

There are those who claim that the word "rapture" isn't in their Bible. That's because they aren't using the Latin translation:

...deinde nos qui vivimus qui relinquimur simul rapiemur cum illis in nubibus obviam Domino in aera et sic semper cum Domino erimus.. -1st Thessalonians 4:17 (Latin Vulgate). In a previous Blessed Hope, I provided all the Biblical references that confirm its existence in the New Testament.

The Latin equivalent of the Greek **Harpazo** is the Latin verb **rapio**, "to take away by force." In the Latin Vulgate, one of the oldest Bibles in existence, the appropriate tense of **rapio** appears in verse 17. (**Raptus** is the past participle of **rapio**, and our English words "rapt" and "rapture" stem from this past participle.)

At the Rapture, living believers will be "**caught up**" in the air, translated into the clouds, in a moment in time, to join the Lord in the air. This will be the fulfillment of the promise which our Lord confirmed at the Last Supper:

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” –(John 14:1-3).

As a young Methodist college student-pastor I would always open a funeral service with that passage and would close at the grave site with it as well. Initially, I did not recognize it as a Rapture passage. It was at least a decade later that I came to that realization. I have officiated 150 funerals during my ministry. The lay leader of my three country churches in college was the funeral director in Rogersville, PA. He would often call me when a family was not a member of a church or had a pastor so I got lots of experience. I knew many pastors who did not like doing funerals but I saw them differently during my years as a resident pastor.

This thrilling promise wasn't given to everyone, only to His believers. (Judas had already left by then.)

This appears to parallel the promise of the bridegroom in the pattern of the ancient Jewish wedding, where, after the *ketubah*, the engagement, but before the *huppah*, the formal ceremony, the groom departed to prepare a new home for his bride, usually an addition to his father's house. The bride was kept in a state of expectancy pending his return-often in the middle of the night, as a surprise. (The *huppah*, the wedding ceremony, was followed with a seven-day celebration, etc.)

The anticipation of a bodily resurrection after life on this earth pervades the entire Bible. In the oldest book of the Bible, Job declares:

“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.” –(Job 19:25-27)

Yet, when our Lord comes to gather His church, there will be a generation alive at that time. In his discussion of the Resurrection in his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul again deals with this astonishing event:

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²In 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. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” -1st Corinthians 15:51-55).

From quantum physics considerations, I suspect that this transformation, ***“in the twinkling of an eye,”*** will occur digitally in a nano-second. Jack Van Impe used to say how fast that was in time. Something like what it takes to blink!

Clearly, the Bible teaches us to expect Him at any moment. This is called the Doctrine of Imminency: it is next on the program and may take place very soon.

(The word "imminent" should not be confused with "immanent," which, in theological contexts, means that God is not only transcendent, or far above us, but that He is always with us and active on our behalf. Nor should it be confused with "eminent," which is a title of honor reserved for persons of outstanding distinction.)

Imminency expresses hope and a warm spirit of expectancy, which should result in a victorious and purified life. Believers are taught to expect the Savior from heaven at any moment.

Paul seemed to include himself among those who looked for Christ's return. Timothy was admonished to **"keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."** Jewish converts were reminded that **"yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."** -(Hebrews 10:37)

Some have concluded that the expectation of some were so strong they had stopped work and had to be exhorted to return to their jobs, -(2nd Thessalonians 3:10-12) and have patience. -(James 5:8). Patience becomes difficult in a world where speed or just-in-time rules. Have you ever been a drive-thru lane at a fast food restaurant and not heard an impatient driver's car horn?

There are many that hold to the view that emerged in the Medieval church (Catholic and Protestant) that the "Second Coming" of Christ and the "Rapture" are somehow the same. Yet there seems to be a significant number of indications that these are distinct and separate. In an earlier Blessed Hope article, I shared 32 specific differences that these are clearly two separate events.

In contrast to the imminent gathering of His church, there are numerous passages that deal with precedent events which must transpire prior to the "Second Coming" to establish His kingdom on the earth.

There are, of course, many differing views, especially regarding matters of eschatology - the study of "last things." This diversity derives from several factors: the disciplines associated with hermeneutics - the theory of interpretation - as well as the need to integrate an understanding of the entirety of God's revealed plan of redemption: **"the whole counsel of God."** -(Acts 20:27).

The need to relate the various elements of end-time events, such as the Great Tribulation, the events surrounding the Seventieth Week of Daniel, the Millennium, and other related issues, requires precise definitions and diligent study.

These are not "peripheral" issues (as they may have seemed in the past). We believe we are being plunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than it does about any other period of human history-including the time that Jesus walked the shore of the Sea of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea! It is the most exciting time to be alive! But if we are to be diligent stewards, we need to carefully revise our priorities to match His! When you know that 28% of the Bible is prophetic, it becomes quite obvious that God wanted us to know and seek out answers to His hints and clues throughout the Scriptures.

Another important aspect of the Rapture picture is illustrated through Scripture in the Wedding Motif. The Wedding Motif is a perfect example with a dozen signs that are indicative of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Because of the beauty of this theme, I will come back to the Wedding Motif near the end of this "Diamond & Nugget.

All through the Gospels, Jesus relied on the ancient Jewish wedding pattern for many of His parables, (Matthew 22:1-14 and Matthew 25:1-13) climaxing in His promise in the Upper Room in John 14. Many of us miss the full import of these allusions if we aren't familiar with the model of ancient Jewish wedding practices.

It is this distinctive nature of the Church that is often overlooked by students of prophecy: it is more a matter of ecclesiology than eschatology.

One thing that seems to highlight this distinctiveness is the strange remark Jesus made regarding John the Baptist:

“Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” –(Matthew 11:11)

What does that mean? Jesus goes on to explain, ***“For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.”*** –(Matthew 11:13). It is John the Baptist that closes the Old Testament, not Malachi. –(Luke 16:16). A profound distinction appears to be drawn between the saints of the Old Testament and those of the New Testament. Few people recognize this important point. Only when you acknowledge the Cross as the diving point between the Old and New can you fully understand the dilemma that exists.

One of the challenges in fully appreciating Paul's epistles is the need to understand the staggering and distinctive advantages afforded the Church, in contrast to those of the Old Testament saints. –(Ephesians 3:3ff.) And it is this role as the Bride of the Bridegroom that is emphasized in the parables and in the Book of Revelation. – (Matthew 22:1-4; 25:1-13; and Revelation 18.23; 19:7-9; 21:2, 9; 22:17).

The Bridegroom has departed, and His return to gather His Bride is imminent. – (Matthew 24:16, 20). He has gone to prepare a place for you and me. (He has been at it for almost 2,000 years!)

This very doctrine of "imminence" is taught throughout the New Testament and is a cornerstone of the "Pre-Tribulation" doctrine that there is no event which is a prerequisite condition for His gathering of His Bride. C. J. Lovik's video on Daniel's 70 Week Prophecy drives home this point. Most denominations today are blinded by this reality. In my own situation, it was the studying of Hebrew scholar and Messianic believer Arnold Fruchtenbaum that I was able to reconcile many issues through his massive 1994 book *'ISRAELOLOGY: The Missing Link In Systematic Theology'*.

There are those who believe the Church will go through the Great Tribulation. In exploring this issue, it is essential to distinguish between persecution, which clearly has been the lot of the Church for 19 centuries, and "the Great Tribulation" of eschatological significance. The persecution - and tribulation - of the Church was clearly promised to us:

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”
–(John 16:33).

The church has had to deal with persecution and tribulation during the past centuries wherever it was located in the world.

The source of this tribulation is the world and, of course, Satan. However, "the Great Tribulation" of eschatological significance is quite another matter.

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” –(Matthew 24:21).

The context here is clearly Israel as Jesus is quoting from the Old Testament:

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” –(Daniel 12:1)

Note that ***“thy people will be delivered”***: the focus of the "Great Tribulation" is Israel. That is why it is called ***“the time of Jacob's Trouble”***:

“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.” –(Jeremiah 30:7).

Jesus (in the Old Testament) explains:

“I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly.” The word is ***shachar***, to seek, seek earnestly, look early or diligently for. –(Hosea 5:15).

To ***“return,”*** He must have left His place! The offence referred to is singular and specific: their rejection of Him. In ***“their affliction”*** they will ultimately repent and He will respond.

The Great Tribulation also involves more than the wrath of the world or the wrath of Satan: it involves the indignation and wrath of God. –(Revelation 6:16, 17; 11:18; 14:10, 19; 15:1, 17;16:1, 19; 19:15) In contrast, the Church has been promised a different destiny:

“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,” –(1st Thessalonians 5:9).

And, ***“Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”*** –(Romans 5:9).

And, specifically as I have regularly noted the last prophecy to believers in Jesus Christ as Lord found in Revelation 3:10.

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour [time] of temptation [trial], which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” –(Revelation 3:10).

Peter also emphasizes,

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:” –(2nd Peter 2:9)

Here, Peter is using the judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah "as an example," –(2nd Peter 2:6) as Jesus also did –(Luke 17:28-37) and in which the prior removal of Lot was a precondition before the angels could do their work. –(Genesis 19:22).

A complete study of this issue involves careful and diligent study of both the Church (ecclesiology) as well as the eschatology (end time aspects) of the Great Tribulation, which, of course, far exceeds the focus of this brief reference, other than to emphasize that God planned for this point in time. It requires precise definitions of the terms used, and great care to understand how each of the elements of the revealed truth relate to each other.

As I have noted elsewhere, the Church never dealt with all the rest of the issues Martin Luther included in his 95 theses that led to the Reformation. As such, the Reformers such as Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and several others were so overwhelmed by their need to survive, they never were able to reform the Church as we might think and so we see it as being a “still-born” Reformation. With the creation of the Jesuits and their Counter-Reformation, it is somewhat surprising today that a movement adhering to Bible interpretation has analyzed Scripture by rightfully dividing the Word of God has manage to delineate between Eschatology and Ecclesiology.

But the fundamental doctrine of imminence has to be forfeited with any view that requires the Great Tribulation - or any other precedent event - to occur prior to the Rapture.

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” –(Luke 21:36)

Are you going to escape these things that shall come to pass? If so, and how? Or are you relying on the notion that the Lord is "delaying His coming?" –(Matthew 24:48-51). This could be a very dangerous presumption. Do your homework. It is important.

The First of Tishrei on the Hebrew calendar, which begins the Jewish New Year, is the celebration of **Rosh HaShanah** ("The Head of the Year") and also the Feast of Trumpets. This day begins Israel's civil year and is celebrated for two days (the second day was added by the rabbis around 500 B.C.).

Everything in the Torah (or the Pentateuch, the first Five Books of Moses) has a prophetic as well as historical significance and merits our careful attention. Jesus indicated this in Matthew 5:17: ***"Think not that I am come to destroy the Torah, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."***

Paul emphasized this in Romans 15:4: ***"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning . . ."***

"The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed."

The Torah details seven feasts which take place during the Hebrew calendar year: - (Leviticus 23; Numbers 28, 29; Deuteronomy 16)

God's Feasts Leviticus 23			
Feast	Date	Meaning	Status
1. Passover	March/April	Redemption/Sacrifice/Death of Messiah	Fulfilled
2. Unleavened Bread	March/April	Santification/Burial of Messiah/No decay	Fulfilled
3. Firstfruits	March/April	Represents the Savior as first of the harvest	Fulfilled
4. Pentecost	May/June	Pentecost/Holy Spirit sent by YHWH	Fulfilled
5. Rosh HaShanah	September/October	New Year Messiah returns to Israel ("Rapture")	Future
6. Yom Kippur	September/October	Day of Atonement/Messiah saves Israel	Future
7. Tabernacles	September/October	Wedding Feast/Golden Age/Messiah starts Millennium	Future

Three feasts are in the spring, in the month of Nisan: Passover; the Feast of Unleavened Bread; and the Feast of First Fruits. Fifty days later there is a fourth feast, Shavout, or the Feast of Weeks, also known as Pentecost.

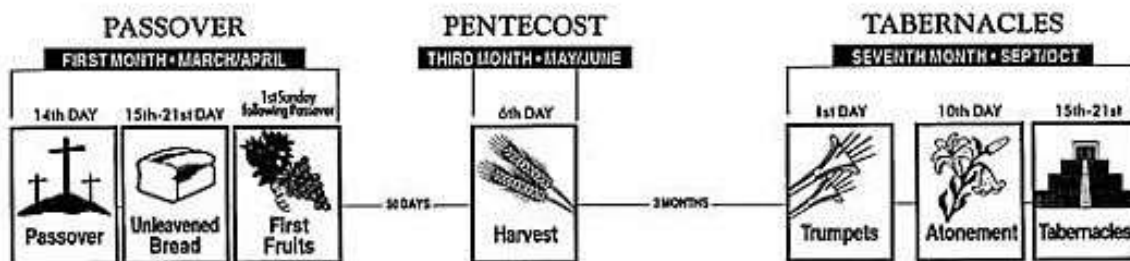
There are three remaining feasts in the fall, in the month of Tishrei: the Feast of Trumpets; Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement); and the Feast of Tabernacles. [There are two reckonings of the Hebrew year: the civil year starts in the fall on the First of Tishri; the religious calendar starts in the spring in the month of Nisan.-(Exodus 12:2).

While each of these feasts has a historical commemorative role, each also has a prophetic role. This role is highlighted in Colossians 2:16-17:

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come.”

This **September 6th, 2021 is Rosh HaShanah**, also known as Yom Teruah, or the Feast of Trumpets. -(Leviticus 23:23-25). Observed on the First and Second of Tishrei, the celebration actually begins 29 days earlier: a series of over 90 trumpet blasts accrue for a final blowing of blasts on the climax of the celebration, the ***Teki'ah Gedolah***, the Great Blowing.

The Christian Meaning Of The Jewish Feasts



FEAST	CHRISTIAN EVENT	KEY CONCEPT
Passover	Crucifixion of Jesus	Justification
Unleavened Bread	Burial of Jesus	Sanctification
First Fruits	Resurrection of Jesus	Glorification
Harvest	Descent of Holy Spirit	Power
Interval of 3 Months	Current Age of the Church	Church Kingdom
Trumpets	Gathering of the Church (?)	Rapture
Day of Atonement	Second Coming of Jesus (?)	Jewish Remnant
Tabernacles	Inauguration of the Millennium	Earthly Kingdom

In the rabbinical literature, there are many details that are quite provocative. Among the most significant is the use of the shofar, the ram's horn, instead of the usual silver

Temple trumpets. (If you visit the Temple Institute in Jerusalem, you can see the silver trumpets that have been fashioned for use in the coming Temple.)

The shofar is associated with the **Akedah**, Abraham's offering of Isaac on Mount Moriah, as detailed in Genesis 22. Rabbinical tradition associates the left horn of the ram as the "first trump" and the right horn as the "last trump".

A distinguishing feature of the celebration is the last, climactic blast, the **Teki'at** Shofar. This is not the usual series of short bursts, signaling alarm or bad news. Rather, it is a long blast, signaling victory or good news. It is this last blast that is referred to as the last trump.

In Paul's Resurrection Chapter, 1st Corinthians 15, he describes that strange event which has now become known as "The Rapture" of the Church:

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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.”

What did he mean by, "the last trump"? Some have tried to link this phrase to the Seventh Trumpet Judgment in Revelation, but there is no basis for it. The Seventh Trumpet Judgment is not the final trumpet: for a thousand years (at least) there will be subsequent trumpets in services performed in the Millennial Temple.

So, just what is this "last trump"? Since Paul was of a Pharisaic background, it has been suggested that he was alluding to the climactic trumpet of the Feast of Trumpets and that, perhaps, this feast is prophetic of the call of God's people (which he also refers to in Romans 11:2-5). Possibly but there are other possibilities as well.

Following the Feast of Trumpets are the **Yomim Noraim**, the seven "Days of Affliction" in anticipation of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on the 10th of Tishri. Five days later, the 15th of Tishrei begins the Succoth, or the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths).

Since Paul highlights that the mystery of the Church was his privilege to reveal in the New Testament, -(Ephesians 3:3:3-6) it is fashionable to assume that it would be futile to expect any references to the Rapture of the Church in the Old Testament. Presumptuous as that might be; However, here are some provocative passages for your personal consideration:

“Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the

inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.” -(Isaiah 26:19-21).

“Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’S anger.”-(Zephaniah 2:3).

“For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.” -(Psalm 27:5).

The most provocative are the consistent patterns - or "types," metaphors, and similes - in the Old Testament: Prologue is Pattern to Prophecy!

It is interesting to notice the patterns that seem to be suggested in the Biblical text. One of the greatest judgments on the Planet Earth was, of course, the flood during the days of Noah. It is obvious that there were three groups of people facing that judgment:

- 1) Those that perished in the Flood;
- 2) Those who were preserved through the Flood, by means of the ark; and
- 3) Those who were removed prior to the Flood, namely, Enoch.¹¹ (It can be argued that he was only one person, but so is the Church! 1st Corinthians 12:12,27; Ephesians 33:6, et al. It was G. H. Pember who first suggested that Revelation 12:5 might be a reference to the Church.)

Enoch is, for many reasons, one of the most intriguing characters in the Old Testament. There are also several provocative Jewish traditions regarding Enoch. He is regarded as having been born on the day the Jews observe ***Hag Shavout***, the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost. What is also interesting is that, by tradition, he is also believed to have been "translated" (or "raptured") on his birthday. Since the Church was "born" on this day, -(Acts 2:1ff.) many have wondered if we, too, will be "raptured" on its birthday! Every year around Pentecost believers get excited for this reason.

(As some pre-tribbers love to point out, Enoch wasn't "mid-flood" or "post-flood," he was "pre-flood.")

We all have enjoyed the famous confrontation between Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel's three friends in the fiery furnace in Daniel 3. Many prophecy students view Nebuchadnezzar and the forced worship of his image as a "type" of the Antichrist, and the three Jewish young men as a foreshadowing of the 144,000 miraculously preserved through the "furnace" of the tribulation. That leaves a provocative question: Where was Daniel himself? Who might he represent as a type?

Some prophecy students see the use of a threshing floor as an idiom alluding to the tribulation. -(Jeremiah 51:33; Isaiah 41:15, 16; Micah 4:12).

The marvelous romance of Ruth, who becomes the Gentile bride of Boaz, her Kinsman-Redeemer, is seen as an anticipatory type of the Church and her Redeemer. In the critical threshing floor scene in chapter 3, where is Ruth? At the feet of her Redeemer.

In Genesis 22, Abraham left the donkey and the two young men at the foot of the hill as he and Isaac went up to the top of Mount Moriah for the famous offering of his son. After the episode concludes with the substitution of the ram, it lists those that then returned to Beersheba:

“So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.” -(Genesis 22:19).

Where's Isaac? Obviously, Isaac also returned with Abraham and the two young men. But we are fascinated that the Holy Spirit appears to have edited the person of Isaac out of the record from the time he was offered until he is united with his bride two chapters later, -(Genesis 24:62).

We believe this was deliberate to have the narrative fully conform to the type. It is rather hard to dismiss the importance of “Typology” in the grand landscape of Scripture. There are just too many, as if God was providing us a “key” to understanding His style. As I have been hinting there is so much more in Scripture than the written narrative. Yet the Church dismissed the importance of “Typology” as the school of Higher Criticism came from Europe at the end of the 19th Century. Julius Wellhausen was influential in how the Torah was put together. Higher Criticism came to dominate the theological world and how the Church would understand the Bible. With the school of Higher Criticism, the Church was mortally wounded ever since.

One, of course, should not build doctrine from “types,” metaphors, or similitudes. But we believe they can be instructive and illuminating, and that the Creator put them there for specific amplification of the Gospel message.

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” -(Romans 15:4).

“I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.” -(Hosea 12:10).

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” -(2nd Timothy 2:15).

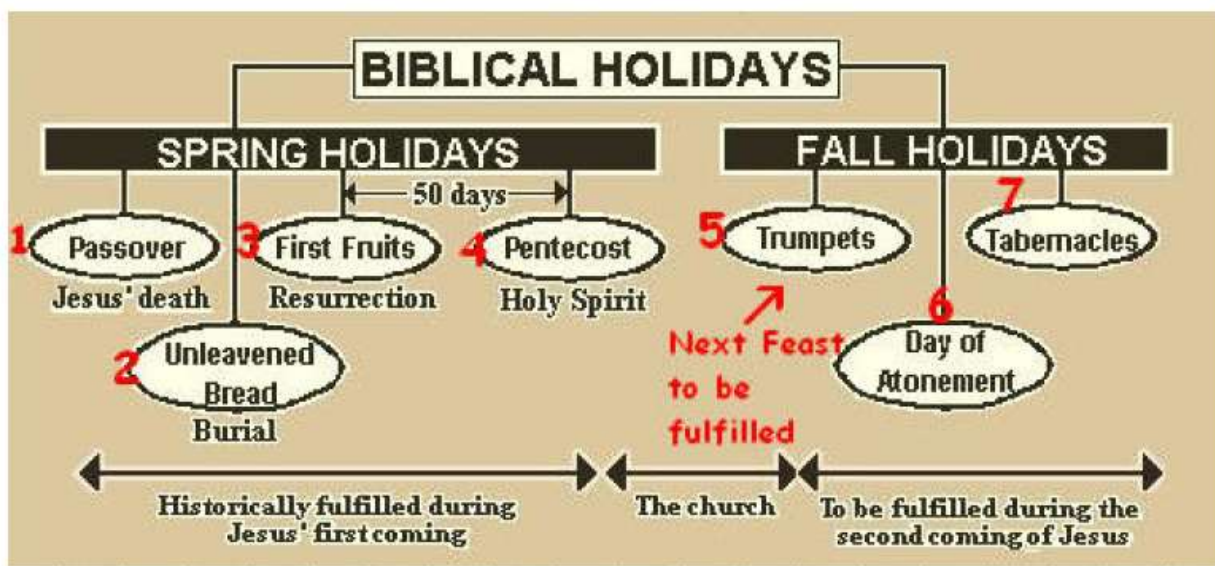
At this point I want to suggest to you the greatest reason I have held to the Rapture occurring on ***Rosh HaShanah*** for more than four decades is rooted in the twelve Hebrew “idioms” or “idiomatic expressions”. Every one of them is associated with the Messiah. As we go through their meaning or interpretations it becomes self-evident that

each one is an integral element of the Lord of the Universe, and cannot be associated with any other entity. They support the concept of what was stated before on page 21: **The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed.** You cannot study or understand the Bible correctly without understanding this principle. I have several video series on the Feasts of the Lord addressing the Seven Feasts of the Lord in Leviticus 23.

A special season known as **Teshuvah**, which in Hebrew means "to return or repent," begins on the first day of the month of Elul and continues 40 days, ending with Yom Kippur. Thirty days into **Teshuvah**, on Tishrei 1, comes **Rosh HaShanah**. This begins a final ten-day period beginning on **Rosh HaShanah** and ending on **Yom Kippur**. These are known as the High Holy Days and as the Awesome Days (**Yamim Nora'im**, the days of awe). The Sabbath that falls within this ten-day period is called **Shabbat Shuvah**, the Sabbath of Return. Five days after Yom Kippur is Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles. Teshuvah begins on Elul 1 and concludes on Tishrei 10, Yom Kippur. Each morning during the 30 days of the month of Elul, the trumpet (**shofar**) or ram's horn is blown to warn the people to repent and return to God.

Teshuvah (repentance) speaks to all people. Those who believe in the Messiah are called to examine their lives and see where they have departed from God. It is a call to examine the Scriptures and the evidence that the Messiah was who He said He was.

God has always had a heart to warn people before He proclaims judgment. God warned the people before the flood, and He warned Nineveh before it was ruined. He does not want anyone to receive the wrath of His judgment (Ezekiel (**Yechezkel**) 18:21-23,30-32; Zephaniah 2:1-3; 33:1-7; 2nd Peter 3:9).



The whole month of Elul is a 30-day process of preparation through personal examination and repentance for the coming fall High Holy Days. The shofar is blown

after every morning service. Psalm 27, which begins with "***The Lord is my light and my salvation,***" is also recited at the end of the morning and evening liturgy. The message from Elul 1 to ***Rosh HaShanah*** is clear: Repent before Rosh HaShanah. Don't wait until after Rosh HaShanah, or you will find yourself in the Days of Awe. Rosh HaShanah is next on the time line of the Feasts of God to be fulfilled by the Lord Himself!

There are twelve "idioms" or phrases that help us identify the days in the season of ***Teshuvah*** (repentance). Just as unfamiliar foreigners may be confused when they hear Americans call Thanksgiving Day, "Turkey Day" or "Pilgrims' Day," non-Jewish believers in Yeshua can be equally confused by the different terms for the major feasts of the Lord.

ROSH HASHANAH: NAMES, THEMES AND IDIOMS

- 1) ***Teshuvah*** (repentance)
- 2) ***Rosh HaShanah*** (Head of the Year, Birthday of the World)
- 3) ***Yom Teruah*** (the Day of the Awakening Blast (Feast of Trumpets))
- 4) ***Yom HaDin*** (the Day of Judgment)
- 5) ***HaMelech*** (the Coronation of the Messiah)
- 6) ***Yom HaZikaron*** (the Day of Remembrance or memorial)
- 7) ***The time of Jacob's*** (Ya'akov) ***trouble*** (the birth pangs of the Messiah, Chevlei shel Mashiach)
- 8) ***The opening of the gates***
- 9) ***Kiddushin/Nesu'in*** (the wedding ceremony)
- 10) ***The resurrection of the dead*** (rapture, natzal)
- 11) ***The last trump*** (shofar)
- 12) ***Yom Hakeseh*** (the hidden day)

ROSH HASHANAH: THE HEAD OF THE YEAR

(Birthday of the World)

Rosh HaShanah marks the Jewish New Year and is a part of the season of repentance. ***Rosh*** in Hebrew means "chief or head" and ***Shanah*** means "year." Rosh HaShanah is the head of the year on the civil calendar, and is also known as the birthday of the world since the world was created on this day.

Jewish tradition believes that Adam was created on this day (Mishnah, San Hedrin 38b). How did they decide that this was the day of the year the world was created? Because the first words of the Book of Genesis (***Bereishit***), "***in the beginning,***" when changed around in Hebrew, it reads, ***Aleph b'Tishrei***, or "***on the first of Tishrei.***" Therefore, ***Rosh HaShanah*** is known as the birthday of the world, for tradition tells us that the world was created then.

Note: There are four new years in the Jewish calendar. **Nisan 1** is the New Year's day of kings (the date for determining how many years a king has ruled) and for months (Nisan is the first month). **Elul 1** is the new year for the tithing of animals. **Shevat 15 (Tu Bishvat)** is the new year for the trees, and **Tishrei 1** is the new year of years. It also marks the anniversary of the creation of the world.

TIME OF OBSERVANCE

Rosh HaShanah is observed for two days. It comes on the first and second days of the Hebrew month of Tishrei (usually in September or October), which is the first month of the Biblical civil calendar. The month of Tishrei is the seventh month in the Biblical religious calendar. This may seem strange that Rosh HaShanah, the New Year, is on the first and second day of Tishrei, the seventh month on the Biblical religious calendar. The reason that Rosh HaShanah is the seventh month in the Biblical religious calendar is that God made the month of Nisan the first month of the year in remembrance of Israel's divine liberation from Egypt -(Exodus (**Shemot**) 12:2; 13:4). However, according to tradition, the world was created on Tishrei, or more exactly, Adam and Eve were created on the first day of Tishrei and it is from Tishrei that the annual cycle began. Hence, Rosh HaShanah is celebrated at this time. Understanding this concept is very important and you are not likely to learn that in most Christian churches.

WHY IS ROSH HASHANAH TWO DAYS LONG?

Unlike other festivals that are celebrated in the Diaspora (the dispersion, referring to Jews who live outside of the Holy Land of Israel) Rosh HaShanah is celebrated for two days because of uncertainty about observing the festivals on the correct calendar day. Rosh HaShanah is the only holiday celebrated for two days in Israel. As with all other festivals, the uncertainty was involved in a calendar that depended on when the new moon was promulgated, designating the beginning of each new month by the rabbinical court in Jerusalem (**Yerushalayim**) in ancient times. The problem of Rosh HaShanah is heightened by the fact that it falls on **Rosh Chodesh**, the new moon itself. Therefore, even in Jerusalem (**Yerushalayim**), it would have been difficult to let everyone know in time that the New Year had begun. To solve this problem, a two-day Rosh HaShanah was practiced even in Israel. Creating a two-day Rosh HaShanah was also intended to strengthen observance of each day; in the rabbinic view, the two days are regarded as a **yoma arikhta**, one long day.

YOM TERUAH: THE DAY OF THE AWAKENING BLAST

In Psalm (**Tehillim**) 98:6 it is written, "**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout joyfully before the King, the Lord**" (NASB). The blessing we receive from God when we understand the meaning of Rosh HaShanah and the blowing of the trumpet (shofar) is found in Psalm (**Tehillim**) 89:15, as it is written, "**How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound (blast of the shofar)...**" (NASB).

Rosh HaShanah is referred to in the Torah as **Yom Teruah**, the Day of the Sounding of the Shofar (or the Day of the Awakening Blast). On Yom Teruah, the Day of the Sounding of the Shofar, it is imperative for every person to hear (**shema**) the shofar. The mitzvah (or Biblical commandment –(John (**Yochanan**) 14:15), of the shofar is to hear (**shema**) the shofar being blown, not actually blow it yourself, hence the blessing, "to hear the sound of the shofar."

Teruah means "an awakening blast." A theme associated with Rosh HaShanah is the theme "to awake." Teruah is also translated as "shout." The Book of Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**), chapter 12, puts the shouting in the context of the thousand-year reign of Messiah, the **Athid Lavo**. The Messianic era and shout is mentioned in Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 42:11; 44:23; Jeremiah (**Yermiyahu**) 31:7; and Zephaniah 3:14. The first coming of Yeshua is associated with a shout in Zechariah 9:9. The ultimate shout is the rapture (**natzal**) in First Thessalonians 4:16-17.

Although our focus is on the word "**Harpazo**" as the Greek word for "Rapture" or to be "caught up" in the New Testament, I need not overlook the equivalent Hebrew word for "Rapture" is "**Natsal**". In the Old Testament the word is found **213X** times. In the Old Testament, the KJV translates Strong's H5337 in the following manner: deliver (179x), recover (5x), rid (3x), escape (2x), rescue (2x), spoil (2x), at all (2x), take out (2x), miscellaneous (16x). While we may not necessarily see or make the transition in its use, 1st Samuel 10:18 makes a reference to God delivering the Israelites out of the hands of Pharaoh and the Egyptian army. "**And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:**" –(1st Samuel 10:18). The Exodus event is definitively a clear "Typology" picture of the Rapture which is just ahead for the Christian believer. I can say that because it had to be a miraculous event, as the land bridge below the surface of the Red Sea is approximately 260 meters (853 feet) below the surface. The Exodus account states they crossed on "dry" ground. You do not hear the church talking about this story largely because the institutional church largely discounts the Biblical miracles as being believable. With what I shared in Blessed Hope #64, and with this information, the Church has a problem, a big problem!

Remember a person reading Daniel 7:10 two thousand years ago would immediately understand that it is talking about Rosh HaShanah. "**A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**" -(Daniel 7:10).

Whether it is by the blast of a shofar or the force of a supernatural shout, God's goal is to awaken us! For this reason it is written, "**... Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you**" -(Ephesians 5:14 NASB). The Book of Ephesians has many references to Rosh HaShanah and the High Holy Days. For example, in Ephesians 4:30, being sealed unto the day of redemption refers to Yom Kippur, the Day

of Atonement. God gave this festival to teach us that we will be judged on Rosh HaShanah and will be sealed unto the closing of the gates (*neilah*) on Yom Kippur.

Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 26:19 speaks of the resurrection. The word awake is associated with the resurrection, as it is written, **"Your dead will live; their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits"** -(Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 26:19 NASB).

The theme of awakening from sleep is used throughout the Bible. It is found in John (*Yochanan*) 11:11; Romans 13:11; Daniel 12:1-2; and Psalm (*Tehillim*) 78:65. In Isaiah 51:9 it is written, **"Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago..."** (NASB). The arm of the Lord is used as a term for the Messiah in Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 53:1. The word arm is the Hebrew word *zeroah*. During Passover (*Pesach*), a shank bone, known as the *zeroah*, is put on the plate. So, "awake" is a term or idiom for Rosh HaShanah. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 51:9 quoted earlier, the awakening is associated with the coming of the Messiah. The shofar is the physical instrument that God instructed us to use to hear (*shema*) the sound of the shofar teaching us to awake from spiritual slumber -(1st Corinthians 15:46).

In the days of old, the shofar was used on very solemn occasions. We first find the shofar mentioned in connection with the revelation on Mount Sinai, when the voice of the shofar was exceedingly strong and all the people who were in the camp trembled - (Exodus (*Shemot*) 19:16b). Thus, the shofar we hear on Rosh HaShanah ought to remind us of our acceptance of the Torah (Bible) and our obligations to it. The shofar also used to be sounded when war was waged upon a dangerous enemy. Thus, the shofar we hear on Rosh HaShanah ought to also serve as a battle cry to wage war against our inner enemy -- our evil inclinations and passions as well as the devil, *HaSatan*, himself. The shofar was also sounded on the Jubilee Year, heralding freedom from slavery -(Leviticus (*Vayikra*) 25:9-10).

Spiritually (*halacha*), this refers to freedom from the slavery of sin, the desires of this world, and serving the devil -(Romans 6:12-13; James 4:4). Another reason for sounding the shofar is that Rosh HaShanah is the celebration of the birth of creation God began to rule over the world on this day. When a king begins to reign, he is heralded with trumpets. That is why Psalm 47 precedes the blowing of the shofar; it is a call to the nations: **"..... Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth..."** -(Psalm (*Tehillim*) 47:6-7 NASB). It also precedes because of the reference to the shofar in the previous verse -(Psalm 47:5), as it is written **"God has ascended with a shout, the Lord, with the sound of a trumpet"**. (NASB).

In Jewish tradition, many reasons have been offered for the sounding of the shofar: The ram's horn is identified with the ram that became the substitute sacrifice for Isaac (*Yitzchak*) in Genesis (*Bereishit*) 22:1-19. The giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai was accompanied by the sounding of the shofar -(Exodus (*Shemot*) 19:19). The

proclamation of the Jubilee was heralded by the blast of the shofar -(Leviticus (**Vayikra**) 25:9-11); and the commencement of the Messianic age is to be announced by the sound of the great shofar -(Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 27:13). The book Gates of Repentance cites Maimonide's call to awaken from spiritual slumber:

“Awake, you sleepers, from your sleep! Rouse yourselves, you slumberers, out of your slumber! Examine your deeds, and turn to God in repentance. Remember your Creator, you who are caught up in the daily round, losing sight of eternal truth; you are wasting your years in vain pursuits that neither profit nor save. Look closely at yourselves; improve your ways and your deeds. Abandon your evil ways, your unworthy schemes, every one of you!” -(**Yad Hichot** Teshuva 3.4).

When the rabbis saw the phrase, "**Awake, O Israel,**" they would identify those verses with something concerning Rosh HaShanah. The blowing of the shofar took place at the temple (**Beit HaMikdash**) on Rosh HaShanah -(Nehemiah 8:1-3).

The shofar was also blown at the Temple to begin the Sabbath each week. There are two types of trumpets used in the Bible:

The silver trumpet, and the shofar, or ram's horn. On the Sabbath, there was within the temple (**Beit HaMikdash**) a sign on the wall that said, "*To the house of the blowing of the trumpet [shofar].*" Each Sabbath (**Shabbat**), two men with silver trumpets and a man with a shofar made three trumpet blasts twice during the day. On Rosh HaShanah, it is different. The shofar is the primary trumpet. On Rosh HaShanah, a shofar delivers the first blast, a silver trumpet the second, and then a shofar the third. The silver trumpets and the gathering at the temple are specified in the Book of Numbers (**Bamidbar**) chapter 10.

According to Leviticus (**Vayikra**) 23:24 and Numbers (**Bamidbar**) 29:1, Rosh HaShanah is the day of the blowing of the trumpets. According to the Mishnah (Rosh HaShanah 16a; Rosh HaShanah 3:3), the trumpet used for this purpose is the ram's horn, not trumpets made of metal as in Numbers (**Bamidbar**) Chapter 10.

THE USE OF THE SHOFAR IN THE BIBLE

The shofar or ram's horn, has always held a prominent role in the history of God's people in the Bible:

- 1) The Torah was given to Israel with the sound of the shofar -(Exodus (**Shemot**) 19:19).
- 2) Israel conquered in the battle of Jericho with the blast of the shofar -(Joshua 6:20).
- 3) Israel will be advised of the advent of the Messiah with the sound of the shofar - (Zechariah 9:14,16).
- 4) The shofar will be blown at the time of the ingathering of the exiles of Israel to their place (Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 27:13).

- 5) The shofar was blown to signal the assembly of the Israelites during war -(Judges (Shoftim) 3:27; 2nd Samuel 20:1).
- 6) The watchman who stood upon Jerusalem's walls blew the shofar -(Ezekiel (**Yechezkel**) 33:3-6).
- 7) The shofar was blown at the start of the Jubilee year -(Leviticus (**Vayikra**) 25:9).
- 8) The shofar is a reminder that G-d is sovereign -(Psalm (**Tehillim**) 47:5).
- 9) The ram's horn, the shofar, is a reminder of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac and God's provision of a ram as a substitute -(Genesis (**Bereishit**) 22:13).
- 10) The shofar was blown to announce the beginning of festivals -(Numbers (**Bamidbar**) 10:10). The shofar was blown to celebrate the new moon on Rosh HaShanah -(Psalm 81:1-3).
- 11) The blowing of the shofar is a signal for the call to repentance -(Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 58:1).
- 12) The blowing of the shofar ushers in the day of the Lord -(Joel 2:1).
- 13) The blowing of the shofar is sounded at the rapture of the believers and the resurrection of the dead -(1st Thessalonians 4:16).
- 14) John was taken up to Heaven in the Book of Revelation by the sound of the shofar - (Revelation 4:1).
- 15) Seven shofarim are sounded when God judges the earth during the tribulation - (Revelation 8-9).
- 16) The shofar was used for the coronation of kings (1st Kings (**Melachim**) 1:34,39).

YOM HADIN: THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

Another name for Rosh HaShanah is **Yom HaDin**, the Day of Judgment. It was seen that on this day, God would sit in court and all men would pass before Him to be judged. Three great books will be opened as each man is weighed in the balance and placed into one of three categories (Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 6b). It has been taught that the school of Shammai says that there will be three classes on the final Day of Judgment, one of the wholly righteous, one of the wholly wicked, and one of the intermediates. The wholly righteous are at once inscribed and sealed for life in the world to come; the wholly wicked are at once inscribed and sealed for perdition -(Talmud, Rosh HaShanah 16b-17a).

The righteous will be protected during the Tribulation period. The wicked will face the wrath of God during the Tribulation period (**Yamim Nora'im**), known in Hebrew as the **Chevlai shel Mashiach**, and will never repent. The average person has until Yom Kippur till his fate is sealed forever. In other words, the average person will have until the end of the seven-year Tribulation to repent and turn to God. The average person on Rosh HaShanah is judged by God and is neither written in the book of life or the book of the wicked. His fate is yet to be decided. The average person and the wicked have to go through the **"Awesome Days,"** the Tribulation, until they reach Yom Kippur (the end of the Tribulation when their fate is sealed forever). Once you are written in the book of the

wicked, you can never get out of it -(Revelation 17:8). These are people who never, ever, will accept the Messiah Yeshua, Jesus Christ.

There are 12 months in the year and there are 12 tribes in Israel. Every month of the Jewish year has its representative tribe. The month of Tishrei is the month of the tribe of Dan. This is of symbolic significance, for when Dan was born to Bilhah, Rachel's maid, Rachel said, "**God hath judged me [dannani], and hath also heard my voice...**" - (Genesis (**Bereishit**) 30:6). Dan and din (as in **Yom HaDin**, Day of Judgment) are both derived from the same root, symbolizing that Tishrei is the time of Divine judgment and forgiveness. Similarly, every month of the Jewish calendar has its sign of the Zodiac (in Hebrew, **Mazal** or **Mazzaroth**). The sign of the Zodiac for Tishrei is the Scales. This is symbolic of the Day of Judgment.

HAMELECH: THE CORONATION OF THE KING

The recognition of God as King is vividly pictured in the Jewish view of Adam's understanding of his Divine Creator being King over all the Universe. It was late on the sixth day since God began the Creation of the world, when Adam opened his eyes and saw the beautiful world around him, and he knew at once that God created the world, and him too. Adam's first words were:

"The Lord is King forever and ever!" and the echo of his voice rang throughout the world. **"Now the whole world will know that I am King,"** God said, and He was very pleased. This is the first Rosh HaShanah! The first New Year. It was the birthday of Man, and the Coronation Day of the King of Kings!

MESSIANIC UNDERSTANDING

A theme and term associated with Rosh HaShanah in Hebrew is **HaMelech** (the King). It was mentioned earlier that the shofar blown on Rosh HaShanah is known as the last trump, which **Rav Sha'ul** (the apostle Paul) mentioned in First Thessalonians 4:16-17. At this time, the believers in the Messiah who are righteous (**tzaddikim**) according to **Yom HaDin** (the Day of Judgment) will be taken to Heaven in the rapture (**natzal**) along with the righteous who had died before this time. On Rosh HaShanah, the coronation of the Messiah Jesus/Yeshua as King will happen in Heaven -(Revelation 5). Yeshua, Jesus Christ who had come to Earth during His first coming to play the role of the suffering Messiah, Messiah ben Joseph (**Yosef**), will be crowned as King over all the earth in preparation for His coming back to earth to reign as King Messiah (**Messiah ben David**) during the Messianic age, the Millennium, or in Hebrew eschatology, the **Athid Lavo** -(Revelation 19:16; 20:4). Daniel 7:9-14 speaks of this in the **Tanach**.

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit...the judgment was set, and the books were opened. (This is Rosh HaShanah, **Yom HaDin**, the Day of Judgment. The books are the book of the righteous, the book of the wicked, and the book of remembrance) ... **"I saw... one like the Son of man (this is understood to be**

the Messiah Yeshua" -(Matthew 24:30; 26:64)) **coming with the clouds of heaven (the clouds are the believers in the Messiah** -(Hebrews 12:1; Revelation 1:7)) ...**And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed**" - (Daniel 7:9-10,13-14).

John (**Yochanan**) saw this same thing in the Book of Revelation.

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven (the gates of Heaven are opened on Rosh HaShanah, according to Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 26:2 and Psalm (**Tehillim**) 118:19-20]: **and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet** (Rosh HaShanah is known as the last trump) **talking with me** (Rosh HaShanah is known as Yom Teruah, the Day of the Awakening Blast or loud shout -(1st Thessalonians 4:16-17))..**And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne** (this is **HaMelech**, the coronation of the Messiah; the coronation ceremony is described in Revelation 5) -(Revelation 4:1-2).

The description given here in Revelation matches the account in Daniel 7:9-14.

THE ENTHRONEMENT CEREMONY OF A KING

There are four parts to the enthronement of a Jewish king.

1) The giving of the decree. Associated with this is a declaration. This can be seen in Psalm (**Tehillim**) 2:6-7, as it is written, **"Yet have I set my king upon My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree...."** Next, a rod/scepter is given, which is an emblem of a king. Scriptures that refer to the scepter include Genesis (**Bereishit**) 49:17; Numbers (**Bamidbar**) 24:17; Esther 4:11; 5:2; 8:4; Psalm 45:6; and Hebrews 1:8. Scriptures that refer to a rod are in Psalm (**Tehillim**) 2:9; Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 11:1,4; and Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:16. The scepter is an emblem of a king or royal office and a rod refers to the king ruling and reigning righteously in all matters -(Isaiah 11:1,4-5). Yeshua is the King Messiah -(Isaiah 11:1,4-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Zechariah 9:9; Luke 1:32-33; John (**Yochanan**) 1:47-49).

2) The ceremony of the taking of the throne (Revelation 5). The king sits on the throne and is anointed as king. The word Christ in English comes from the Greek word **Christos** and in Hebrew is **Mashiach**, meaning "the anointed one." Jesus/Yeshua came as a prophet during His first coming -(Deuteronomy (**Devarim**) 18:15), was resurrected as the priest (John (**Yochanan**) 20:9,17), and is coming back to earth again as King. Kings in Israel were anointed -(2nd Samuel 5:3-4; 1st Kings (**Melachim**) 1:39-40, 45-46; 2nd Kings 9:1-6).

3) The acclamation. During the acclamation, all the people shout, **"Long live the king!"** -(1st Kings (**Melachim**) 1:28-31). Next, all the people clap -(Psalm (**Tehillim**) 47:1-2). Psalm 47 is a Coronation psalm. Psalm 47:5 is the shout and trumpet of Rosh HaShanah. Verse 6 is the shouting and praising of the king. Verse 8 is the ceremony of

the throne. In verse 9, the believers in the Messiah Jesus/Yeshua are gathered in His presence.

4) Each of the subjects coming to visit the king after he has taken the throne. In this, they will acknowledge their allegiance to him and receive their commissioning from him as to what their job will be in the kingdom -(Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 66:22-23; Zechariah 14:16-17; Matthew (**Mattityahu**) 2:2).

YOM HAZIKKARON: THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Rosh HaShanah is known as **Yom HaZikkaron**, the Day of Remembrance. Leviticus (**Vayikra**) 23:24 calls the day "a memorial" (**zikkaron**). Remembrance is a major theme in the Bible. We can see by examining the following Scriptures that God remembers us and that we are to remember God in all of our ways.

There are two elements of remembrance:

a) God remembers us -(Genesis (**Bereishit**) 8:1; 9:1, 5-16; 19:29; 30:22; Exodus (**Shemot**) 2:24-25; 3:1; 6:2,5; 32:1-3,7,11,13-14; Leviticus (**Vayikra**) 26:14,31-33, 38-45; Numbers (**Bamidbar**) 10:1-2,9; Psalm (**Tehillim**) 105:7-8, 42-43; 112:6). In fact, God has a book of remembrance -(Exodus (**Shemot**) 32:32-33; Malachi 3:16-18; Revelation 3:5; 20:11-15; 21:1,27).

b) We must remember God -(Exodus (**Shemot**) 13:3; 20:8; Deuteronomy (**Devarim**) 7:17-19; 8:18; 16:3; Numbers (**Bamidbar**) 15:37-41).

In Daniel 7:9-10 it is written: ***"I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened"*** -(Daniel 7:9-10 NASB). Since the court was seated and the books were opened, it is understood to be Rosh HaShanah.

The books are the book of the righteous, the book of the wicked, and the book of remembrance. The third book that will be opened is the book of remembrance (**zikkaron**). This is why the common greeting during Rosh HaShanah is, ***"May you be inscribed in the Book of Life."*** Spiritual Application (**Halacha**). In Romans 14:10 it is written, ***"But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God (Christ)"*** (NASB). In Second Corinthians 5:10 it is written, ***"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad"*** (NASB). This is also discussed in First Corinthians 3:9-15. The works of the believers in Messiah will be judged by God, but not their salvation. This is a judgment of the

believers in Jesus/Yeshua only. All people in this judgment are the believers in Jesus/Yeshua only. All people in this judgment will be saved. This is not a judgment of your salvation, but a judgment of your rewards based upon your works. On this day, God will open the Book of Life and hold a trial (Talmud, Rosh HaShanah 16b). This is known as the Bema judgment.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble: (The Birthpangs of the Messiah)

The English phrase, "*birthpangs of the Messiah*", or the Hebrew ***Chevlai shel Mashiach***, is a major theme of the Bible. It is commonly known as the seven-year Tribulation period. In Matthew (***Mattityahu***) 24, Yeshua describes the signs of the end. ***"And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age (Olam Hazei)?"*** -(Matthew 24:3 NASB) ***"Yeshua said that these days are the beginning of sorrows"*** -(Matthew (***Mattityahu***) 24:8. The Greek word translated as sorrows here is ***odin***. This word means "birthpangs." The birthpangs of the Messiah are also spoken of in Jeremiah - (***Yermiyahu***) 30:4-7, as it is written:

"Now these are the words which the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah, 'For thus says the Lord, 'I have heard a sound of terror, of dread, and there is no peace. Ask now, and see, if a male can give birth (travail with child?). Why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth (odin)? And why have all faces turned pale? Alas! for that day is great, there is none like it; and it is the time of Jacob's distress (trouble), but he will be saved from it'" -(Jeremiah (***Yermiyahu***) 30:4-7 NASB).

The birthpangs are also mentioned in First Thessalonians 5:1-3:

"Now as to the times and the epochs (seasons), brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night While they are saying, 'Peace and safety!'" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs (odin) upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" -(1st Thessalonians 5:1-3 NASB).

It can also be seen in Revelation 12:1-2, as it is written:

"And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars (this is Israel - (Genesis (Bereishit***) 37:9); and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor (odin) and in pain to give birth."*** -(Revelation 12:1-2 NASB).

The Scriptures reveal two synonyms:

1. The birthpangs = the time of Jacob's (***Ya'akov's***) trouble.
2. The time of Jacob's (***Ya'akov's***) trouble = the seven-year tribulation.

This period of time will be Israel's most trying time ever. This period of time is known as the Tribulation. Jacob (**Ya'akov**) is Israel. **"There shall be great tribulation in Israel such as never was since there was a nation"** -(Daniel 12:1). It will also be a time when God will ultimately judge sin and all the nations on the earth. Through it, the nation of Israel will be physically saved from total destruction by God, and will, as a nation, accept **Yeshua** as the Messiah **"...But he shall be saved out of it"** (Jeremiah (**Yermiyahu**) 30:7). In Hosea (**Hoshea**) 5:15 it is written, **"I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek My face: in their affliction [the Chevlay shel Mashiach /tribulation] they will seek Me early."**

Israel will face genuine crisis during the time of Jacob's (**Ya'akov's**) trouble. The prophet Zechariah prophesied that two of every three inhabitants of Israel will perish during this time, with a remnant of only one third of the population being saved - (Zechariah 13:8-9). In Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 13:6-8 it is written:

"Wail, for the day of the Lord is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will fall limp, and every man's heart will melt (see Luke 21:26). And they will be terrified, pains and anguish will take hold of them, they will writhe like a woman in labor; they will look at one another in astonishment, their faces aflame" -(Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 13:6-8 NASB).

Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 13:10 corresponds to Matthew (**Mattityahu**) 24:29; Mark 13:24; and Revelation 6:12. Other passages that speak of the birthpangs include Genesis (**Bereishit**) 3:16; 35:16-20; 38:27-28; Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 26:16-21; 54:1; 66:7-9; Jeremiah 4:31; 6:24; 13:21; 22:23; Micah -(**Michah**) 4:9-10; and John -(**Yochanan**) 16:21-22.

There are several stages to Israel's birthing the Messiah.

1. Isaiah 66:7 is a birth *before* travail. **"Before she (Israel) travailed (received the Messiah (Mashiach)), she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child"** -(Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 66:7). Isaiah 66:7 is a birth *before* travail. This happened during the first coming of **Yeshua**, the Messiah. The birthpangs that Israel experienced during **Yeshua's** first coming came after Jesus/**Yeshua's** death with the destruction of the temple and the dispersion of the Jewish people out of Israel by the Romans in 70 AD.
2. Isaiah 66:8 is a birth *after* travail. Isaiah 66:8 says, **"...as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."** This will happen before **Yeshua** returns to earth to set foot on the Mount of Olives -(Zechariah 14:4) as Israel experiences the hardest time she has ever experienced since she was a nation - (Daniel 12:1) in the period of time known as the birthpangs of the Messiah, the **Yamim Nora'im**, or the tribulation. The tribulation and the birthpangs of the Messiah are one and the same thing. What we are seeing in these days is the woman (**Israel**) becoming larger and larger, coming closer and closer to the time when she is about to give birth.

The Opening of the Gates

The gates of Heaven are opened on **Rosh HaShanah** so the righteous nation may enter (Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 26:2; Psalm (**Tehillim**) 118:19-20). Because the gates of Heaven are understood to be open on **Rosh HaShanah**, this is further evidence that the rapture (**natzal**) of the believers in the Messiah Jesus/Yeshua will take place on **Rosh HaShanah**.

Rosh HaShanah: The Wedding of the Messiah

The Bible is a marriage covenant. Both the **Tanach** (Old Testament) and the **Brit Hadashah** (New Testament) describe how God through the **Mashiach** (Messiah), the Bridegroom, is in the process of marrying His bride, the believers in Him who will ultimately live and dwell with Him forever. I briefly discussed the Wedding Motif previously. Here we will identify the various points in more detail.

God ordained and established marriage and its divine sanctity in the **Torah**, the very first book of the Bible, Genesis (**Bereishit**), when He brought Adam and Eve together to become one flesh -(Genesis 2:21-24). In doing so, we have a vivid foreshadowing of the Messiah being married to those who would believe upon Him. Let's examine this closer.

Adam is a "type" of the Messiah **Yeshua**. Adam was made after the likeness of **Yeshua** -(Romans 5:14). **Yeshua** (Jesus) was made in the likeness of Adam -(Philippians 2:8). In fact, **Yeshua** is called the last Adam -(1st Corinthians 15:45-47). In Genesis 2:21, God had a deep sleep fall upon Adam. Sleep is synonymous with death -(Daniel 12:2; John (**Yochanan**) 11:11-14; 1st Corinthians 15:51-54; Ephesians 5:14). The deep sleep that God caused to fall upon Adam is a picture of the crucifixion and death of **Yeshua**, as **Messiah ben Joseph**. God brought a deep sleep upon Adam so He could take a rib from the side of his flesh. This required the shedding of blood. This is a picture of **Yeshua** who was pierced in the side of His flesh, shedding His own blood when He hung on the tree/Cross -(John (**Yochanan**) 19:34).

From the rib of Adam, God made Eve. Likewise, by the death of **Yeshua** and faith (**emunah**) in Him, God established the assembly of believers known in Hebrew as the **kehilat**. The believers in the Messiah, His bride, become wedded to Him by faith (**emunah**). This marriage can be seen in the **Tanach** (Old Testament) as well as in Jeremiah 23:5-6, as it is written, this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jeremiah (**Yermiyahu**) 23:6). In Jeremiah 33:15-16, it is written, "**...this is the name wherewith she shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**" -(Jeremiah (**Yermiyahu**) 33:16). So from these passages in Jeremiah, we can see that a wedding is taking place. Therefore, by accepting, trusting, and believing in the Messiah, the bride of Messiah, His followers, become one with Him. These people would include both Jew and non-Jews who have lived since Adam and would include Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, and Solomon as well as the prophets.

God gave the wedding customs, service, and ceremonies to the Jewish people - (Romans 3:2; 9:4) to teach us about the Messiah **Yeshua** -(Colossians 2:16-17). With this in mind, let's examine the biblical wedding ceremony that God gave to the Jewish people. The ancient Jewish wedding ceremony God gave to the Jewish people to teach us about the wedding of the Messiah consisted of 12 steps.

1. The selection of the bride.

The bride was usually chosen by the father of the bridegroom. The father would send his trusted servant, known as the agent of the father, to search out the bride. An excellent example of this can be seen in Genesis 24. In this chapter, Abraham (a type of God the Father) wishes to secure a bride for Isaac (a type of Messiah) and sends his servant Eliezer (a type of the Holy Spirit (**Ruach HaKodesh**)) to do this task -(Genesis (**Bereishit**) 24:2-4; 15:2). It is the role of the Holy Spirit (**Ruach HaKodesh**) to convict the world of sin and lead them to God -(John (**Yochanan**) 16:7-8). Just as the bride was usually chosen by the father of the bridegroom, so the believers in the Messiah are chosen by God -(John (**Yochanan**) 15:16). The bridegroom chose the bride and lavished his love upon her and she returned his love. This can be seen in Ephesians 5:25, as it is written, **"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself of it."** In Genesis (**Bereishit**) 24, Rebekah (**Rivkah**) consented to marry Isaac (**Yitzchak**) even before she ever met him. Today, the believers in the Messiah **Yeshua** consent to become the bride of Messiah even though we have never seen Him. First Peter (**Kefa**) 1:8 speaks of this, as it is written, **"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."**

2. A bride price was established.

A price would have to be paid for the bride. The agreed upon price was called a **mohar** in Hebrew. **Yeshua**, being our bridegroom, paid a very high price for His bride, the body of believers. The price He paid was His life. **Yeshua** considered the price He had to pay for His bride before His death as He went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray in Matthew (**Mattityahu**) 26:39, as it is written, **"And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt."** **Yeshua** was, in essence, saying, "Father, You have chosen this bride and I have agreed to the terms, but do you realize the price that is being asked for her?" Our **mohar**, our bride price, was His life. First Peter (**Kefa**) 1:18-19 says, **"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."** In First Corinthians 6:20 it is written, **"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."**

3. The bride and groom are betrothed to each other.

This is the first stage of marriage known as **kiddushin**. I have spoken at length of betrothal concerning **Shavuot**. Remember, betrothal is the first of two steps in the

marriage process. Betrothal in Hebrew is known as **erusin** or **kiddushin**. Betrothal legally binds the bride and the groom together in a marriage contract, except they do not physically live together. Historically, God betrothed Himself to Israel at Mount Sinai - (Jeremiah 2:2; Hosea 2:19-20). Whenever you accept the Messiah into your heart and life, you become betrothed to Him while living on the earth.

4. A written document is drawn up, known as a *ketubah*. This betrothal contract is called, in Hebrew, a *shitre erusin*.

The **ketubah** is the marriage contract that states the bride price, the promises of the groom, and the rights of the bride. The word **ketubah** means "*that which is written.*" The groom promised to work for her, to honor, support, and maintain her in truth, to provide food, clothing, and necessities, and to live together with her as husband and wife. The **ketubah** was the unalienable right of the bride. The **ketubah** must be executed and signed prior to the wedding ceremony. The Bible is the believer's **ketubah**. All the promises that God provided for the believers in the Messiah are legally ours, as it is written in Second Corinthians 1:20, "**For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen....**"

5. The bride must give her consent.

God betrothed Himself to Israel at Mount Sinai as stated in Jeremiah 2:2. Israel consented to the marriage proposal from God and said, "**I do,**" as it is written in Exodus (**Shemot**) 24:3. Likewise, the personal application (**halacha**) to those who desire the Messiah to come into their hearts and lives is to accept His invitation to do so by faith (**emunah**), as it is written in Romans 10:8-10:

*What, then, does it say? The Word is near you in your mouth and in your heart: that is the word about trust (**emunah**) which we proclaim, namely, that if you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be delivered. For with the heart one goes on trusting and thus continues toward righteousness, while with the mouth one keeps on making public acknowledgments and thus continues toward deliverance - (Romans 10:8-10 Jewish New Testament Version).*

So, even today, to become the bride of Messiah you must still say "**I do**" to Him.

6. Gifts were given to the bride and a cup called the cup of the covenant was shared between the bride and the groom.

The rite of betrothal (**erusin**) is completed when the groom gives something of value to the bride and she accepts it. The gift most often given today is the ring. When the groom places the ring on the bride's finger, the rite of betrothal is completed. This completed rite is known in Hebrew as **kiddushin**, which means "sanctification."

The gifts to the bride are symbols of love, commitment, and loyalty. The gift God gives to those who accept the Messiah is the Holy Spirit (**Ruach HaKodesh**) (John (**Yochanan**) 14:26; 15:26-27; Acts 2:38; 2nd Corinthians 1:21-22). When **Yeshua**

ascended to Heaven, He gave gifts to men -(Ephesians 4:7-8). These gifts included righteousness -(Romans 5:17-18), eternal life -(Romans 6:23), grace -(Romans 5:12,14-15), faith -(Ephesians 2:8-9), and other spiritual gifts -(1st Corinthians 12:1,4). These included wisdom, knowledge, healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, the discerning of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues -(1st Corinthians 12:8-11), as well as the gifts of helps and administration -(1st Corinthians 12:28).

In addition, at this time the cup of the covenant was shared and sealed between the bride and the groom with the drinking of wine. In doing so, the couple drinks from a common cup. The cup is first given to the groom to sip, and then is given to the bride. This cup, known as the cup of the covenant, is spoken of in Jeremiah 31:31-33, as it is written:

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people” -(Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) 31:31-33). *Yeshua* spoke of the cup of the New Covenant (***Brit Hadashah***) in Luke 22:20. The communion cup service is the saying ***“I Do!”*** of this Covenant. Some denominations refer to this as a Sacrament.

7. The bride had a *mikvah* (water immersion), which is a ritual of cleansing.
Mikvah is a Hebrew word that means "pool" or "body of water." ***Mikvah*** is a ceremonial act of purification by the immersion in water. It indicates a separation from a former way to a new way. In the case of marriage, it indicates leaving an old life for a new life with your spouse -(Genesis (***Bereishit***) 2:23-24; Ephesians 5:31). Immersing in the ***mikvah*** is considered spiritual rebirth. The reason is that a ***mikvah*** has the power to change a person completely. Concerning the marriage to Israel at Mount Sinai, God said in Ezekiel 16:8-9, as it is written, ***“...I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee... and thou becamest Mine. Then washed I thee with water...”*** The washing, or immersion, here refers to that of Israel before the people received the Torah when God betrothed Himself to Israel at Mount Sinai -(Exodus (***Shemot***) 19:14-15). *Yeshua* spoke to the Pharisee, Nicodemus (***Nakdimon***), that he must be born anew to enter into the Kingdom of God -(John (***Yochanan***) 3:1-7). The believers in the Messiah are to be immersed in the name of ***Yeshua*** -(Acts 19:4). The Holy Spirit (***Ruach HaKodesh***) is the immerser of God (Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; 11:15-16).

8. The bridegroom departed, going back to his father's house to prepare the bridal chamber.

At this point, the bridegroom leaves for his father's house to prepare the bridal chamber for his bride. It was understood to be the man's duty to go away to be with his father, build a house, and prepare for the eventual wedding. Before he goes, though, he will

make a statement to the bride. **"I go to prepare a place for you; if I go, I will return again unto you."** This is the same statement **Yeshua** made in John (**Yochanan**) 14:1-3 before He went to His father's house in Heaven, as it is written:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Fathers' house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself that where I am, there ye may be also" -(John (**Yochanan**) 14:1-3).

9. The bride was consecrated and set apart for a period of time while the bridegroom was away building the house.

Before the bridegroom could go and get the bride, the groom's father had to be satisfied that every preparation had been made by the son. Only then could he give permission to the son to go and get the bride. In other words, while the bridegroom was working on the bridal chamber, it was the father who "okayed" the final bridal chamber. The bridegroom did not know when his father would declare the bridal chamber fit and send him to go get his bride. This is exactly what **Yeshua** was referring to in Mark 13:32-37.

Meanwhile, the bride was to wait eagerly for the return of the bridegroom. In the mind of the bride, the bridegroom could come at any time, even in the middle of the night or at midnight. Therefore, she had to be ready at all times. **Yeshua** referred to this in Mark 13:32-37 and Matthew 25:1-13. While waiting for her bridegroom to come, the bride had to have thought to herself, "Is he really coming back for me? Is he really going to keep his word?" This was the thought that Peter (**Kefa**) answered in Second Peter 3:1-13.

10. The bridegroom would return with a shout, "Behold, the bridegroom comes" and the sound of the ram's horn (*shofar*) would be blown.

The time of the return of the bridegroom was usually at midnight. When the bridegroom did come, he came with a shout -(Matthew 25:6) and with the blowing of a **shofar** (trumpet) -(1st Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 4:1). The marriage between the bride and the groom will take place under the **chupah** or wedding canopy. Since Heaven is a type of **chupah**, we can see that when **Yeshua** gives a shout for His bride, accompanied by the blowing of a **shofar** (trumpet), the marriage between **Yeshua** and His bride will take place in Heaven.

The marriage ceremony will have a sacred procession. For this reason, the bridegroom (**Yeshua**) will be led to the **chupah** first. When the bridegroom approaches the **chupah**, the cantor chants, **"Blessed is He who comes."** "Blessed is He who comes" is an idiomatic expression meaning "welcome." **Yeshua** said that He would not return for His bride until these words were said -(Matthew 23:39). The groom is greeted like a king under the **chupah**. During this time **Yeshua**, the bridegroom, will be crowned King under the **chupah**, which is in Heaven.

11. He would abduct his bride, usually in the middle of the night, to go to the bridal chamber where the marriage would be consummated. This is the full marriage, known in Hebrew as *nesu'in*.

The bride and groom will go to the wedding chamber, or ***chadar*** in Hebrew, where the marriage will be consummated. They will stay in that wedding chamber for seven days, or a week. At the end of the seven days, the bride and groom will come out from the wedding chamber. This can be seen in Joel 2:16.

The word *week* in Hebrew is ***shavuah***. It means a "seven." It can mean seven days or seven years. An example of the Hebrew word for week (***shavuah***) meaning seven years can be found in Daniel 9:24, as it is written, "***Seventy weeks (shavuah, 490 years) are determined upon thy people...***" and in 9:27, "***And he (the false Messiah known as the antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (shavuah, seven years)....***" The week referred to in Daniel 9:27 is known to Bible believers as the tribulation period. The Jewish people understand this time to be the birthpangs of the Messiah known in Hebrew eschatology as the ***Chevlai shel Mashiach***. This is taken from Jeremiah 30:5-7. From this we can see that the believers in the Messiah will be with the Messiah in Heaven for His wedding while the earth will be experiencing the seven-year Tribulation period, or the ***Chevlai shel Mashiach***, in Hebrew.

12. Finally, there would be a marriage supper for all the guests invited by the father of the bride.

The bride and the groom would be in the wedding chamber for seven days. When the bride and the groom initially went into the wedding chamber, the friend of the bridegroom stood outside the door. All the assembled guests of the wedding gathered outside, waiting for the friend of the bride-groom to announce the consummation of the marriage, which was relayed to him by the groom. John (***Yochanan***) the Immerser (Baptist) referred to this in John 3:29. At this signal, great rejoicing broke forth -(John 3:29). The marriage was consummated on the first night -(Genesis (***Bereishit***) 29:23). The bloodstained linen from this night was preserved. It was proof of the bride's virginity -(Deuteronomy (***Devarim***) 22:13-21).

On the wedding day, the bridegroom is seen as a king and the bride as a queen. During the consummation of the marriage, the bridegroom (***Yeshua***) will be crowned King over all the earth and the bride (the believers in ***Yeshua***, the Messiah) will live with Him and rule with Him forever. The crowning of the King and the marriage can be seen in Isaiah 62:3-7. At the end of the week (seven-year tribulation, or birthpangs of the Messiah), the marriage supper will take place. The marriage supper will not take place in Heaven. After the marriage, the bride and Groom will return to earth. The marriage supper will be taking place on earth and only the invited guests of the Father of the Groom (God the Father) will be present at the banquet meal. This can be seen in Revelation 19:7-16 and 20:4. ***Yeshua*** spoke of the marriage supper and the banquet in Luke 12:35-38 and Matthew 8:11. The wedding supper is a theme of the festival of ***Sukkot***. During ***Sukkot***, the people were instructed by God to build a temporary shelter. One of the things God

instructed the people to do is eat there. When they eat, they are to set a plate for seven different people. Among the seven whom a plate is set for are Abraham (**Avraham**), Isaac (**Yitzchak**), and Jacob (**Ya'akov**). This is what **Yeshua** was referring to in Matthew 8:11.

The unbelievers in the Messiah will attend a separate banquet where the fowls of the air will eat their flesh. This can be seen in Revelation 19:17-18.

The home of the bride was Jerusalem and it was the bridegroom who came to the bride to dwell with her. It is from Jerusalem that the believers in the Messiah during the Messianic age, or Millennium, will reign with the Messiah. This can be seen in Revelation 21:1-3; Ezekiel 43:1-2,7; Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-5; and Zechariah 2:10-12.

In concluding this section on the wedding, whenever anyone hears the message of the **basar** (gospel), it is a wedding proposal by God to accept Him and be a part of His bride. God desires that we accept His invitation and give Him our response of "**I do.**" In fact, Revelation 22:20 is a proposal by **Yeshua** Himself to accept Him and be a part of His bride. His message in this verse is "**Come.**" Will you say, "**I do**" to the Messiah's proposal to you?

The Resurrection of the Dead

One of the reasons for blowing the **shofar** is to proclaim the resurrection of the dead. In addition, the thirteenth principle of the Jewish faith is belief in the resurrection of the dead. The resurrection of the dead will take place on **Rosh HaShanah** (Talmud, Rosh HaShanah 16b). In First Corinthians 15:52, the apostle Paul (**Rav Sha'ul**) tells us that the resurrection of the dead will be "**at the last trump.**" Earlier, in First Corinthians 15:14, he wrote that without the Messiah rising from the dead, our faith is in vain.

We cannot go to the Book of Revelation and say that the voice of the seventh angel - (Revelation 11:15) is the last trump. In the first century, the last trump (**shofar**) meant a specific day in the year. In Judaism, there are three trumpets (**shofarim**) that have a name. They are the first trump, the last trump, and the great trump. Each one of these trumpets indicates a specific day in the Jewish year. The first trump is blown on the Feast of **Shavuot** (Pentecost) -(Exodus (**Shemot**) 19:19). It proclaimed that God had betrothed Himself to Israel. The *last trump* is synonymous with **Rosh HaShanah**, according to Theodore Gaster in his book, '*Festivals of the Jewish Year*', in his chapter on **Rosh HaShanah**. Herman Kieval also states the same thing in his book, '*The High Holy Days*' (Volume I, Rosh HaShanah, Chapter 5, Footnote 11), in the chapter on the **shofar**. The *great trumpet* is blown on **Yom Kippur**, which will herald the return of the Messiah **Yeshua** back to earth -(Matthew (**Mattityahu**) 24:31).

The first and last trump relate to the two horns of the ram, which according to Jewish tradition, was caught in the thicket on Mount Moriah when Abraham (**Avraham**) was ready to slay Isaac (**Yitzchak**) and offer him up as a burnt offering (**olah**). This ram

became the substitute for Isaac (**Yitzchak**) even as **Yeshua** became the substitute for us and provided life for us through His death.

In **Pirkei Avot** (the sayings of the fathers), Rabbi Eliezer tells us that the left horn (first trump) was blown on Mount Sinai, and its right horn (the last trump) will be blown to herald the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 18:3 and First Thessalonians 4:13-18 speak of the resurrection of the dead. First Thessalonians chapter 5 continues with the day of the Lord and the birthpangs of the Messiah. The festivals will, beyond a shadow of a doubt, tell you that the resurrection of the dead precede the time of Jacob's trouble (also known as the tribulation). First Thessalonians 4:16-17 says that the dead in Messiah will rise first, and that the catching away of the believers will immediately follow.

The term **Rapture** comes from the Greek word **Harpazo**, which means "to seize, catch away, catch up, pluck, pull, take by force" -(1st Thessalonians 4:17). The Hebrew equivalent is the word **natzal**. Isaiah (**Yeshayahu**) 26:2-3, 19-20 and 57:1-2 all speak clearly of the resurrection of the dead, the taking of the believers, and the hiding of the believers from the indignation (the tribulation). Daniel 12:1-2 also speaks of the resurrection of the dead, the tribulation, and the salvation of Israel through the tribulation. Zephaniah 1:14-18 and 2:2-3 tells about the terrible times during the day of the Lord, the birthpangs of the Messiah, and issues a decree to repent and turn to God before that day to be hid from that time. Psalm (**Tehillim**) 27:5 says the righteous will be hid in the time of trouble. This Psalm is read every day during the 40-day period of **Teshuvah**. Second Thessalonians 2:1 says, "**Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him.**" The phrase, "gathering together" comes from the Greek word **episunagoge**, which means "an assembly." In Numbers (**Bamidbar**) 10:2-3, the trumpet is blown to assemble the people. The blowing of the trumpet and the assembling of the people also appear together in First Thessalonians 4:16-17 and First Corinthians 15:51-53.

Yom HaKeseh: The Hidden Day

In Psalm (**Tehillim**) 27:5 it is written, "**For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.**"

Yet another name for **Rosh HaShanah** is **Yom HaKeseh**, "The Day of the Hiding" or "the Hidden Day." The term **keseh** or **keceh** is derived from the Hebrew root **kacah**, which means to "conceal, cover, or hide." Every day during the month of Elul, a trumpet is blown to warn the people to turn back to God, except for the thirtieth day of Elul, the day preceding **Rosh HaShanah**. On that day the trumpet is not blown, and is therefore silent. This is because much about **Rosh HaShanah** is concealed and shrouded in mystery. The mystical aspect of **Rosh HaShanah** is indicated in Scripture: "**Sound the shofar on the New Moon, in concealment of the day of our festival**" -(Psalm

(*Tehillim*) 81:3). Satan, the accuser, is not to be given notice about the arrival of **Rosh HaShanah**, the Day of Judgment.

Rosh HaShanah is called **Yom HaKeseh**, or the Day of the Hiding, because it was hidden from Satan (**HaSatan**), the adversary. The Bible says that Satan comes to rob and to steal -(John (**Yochanan**) 10:10, and to confuse -(1st Corinthians 14:33). Because it is the Day of Judgment, it is symbolically hidden from Satan (Satan did not know and understand the plan of the cross, First Corinthians 2:7-8). This was hidden from him as well. Believers never said when the day of **Rosh HaShanah** was; they simply said, "**Of that day and hour no one knows, only the Father.**"

One of the reasons most often given to disclaim that the resurrection of the dead and the catching away of the believers is on **Rosh HaShanah** is the statement given by **Yeshua** in Matthew -(**Mattityahu**) 24:36, as it is written, "**But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.**" Because **Rosh HaShanah** was understood to be the hidden day, this statement by **Yeshua** is actually an idiom for **Rosh HaShanah**. Thus it should be given as proof that He was speaking of **Rosh HaShanah** because **Rosh HaShanah** is the only day in the whole year that was referred to as the hidden day or the day that no man knew.

A Spiritual Application (Halacha). **Rosh HaShanah** takes place on the new moon. Colossians 2:16-17 says that the new moon will teach about the Messiah. The Jewish (biblical) month is based upon a lunar cycle. The moon can barely be seen as the cycle begins. But then the moon turns toward the sun and begins to reflect the light of the sun. The sun in the sky is a picture of **Yeshua** -(Malachi (**Malachie**) 4:2), and the moon is a picture of the believers in the Messiah. The sun has its own light, but the moon's light is a reflection of the sun. When we first become believers in **Yeshua**, we can hardly be seen spiritually, and we know very little about God. But then our lives begin to revolve around the Messiah as the moon revolves around the sun. As we begin to turn more and more toward the center of creation, we begin to reflect that light (**Yeshua**) more and more, just as the moon reflects the light from the center of the solar system.

As of today, July 20th, 2021, we have exactly 49 days until September 6th, 2021, the date of **Rosh HaShanah**. I have stated several times in the latest Blessed Hope series that Satan (**HaSatan**) and his minions were instrumental in the grand plan of elimination of Israel's population, and to eliminate the Blood Line of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

If for some strange reason I have not convinced you with the greatest Biblical evidence that **Rosh HaShanah** is the day Jesus Christ will Rapture His Bride, I am out of things I can share with you. The information that I have just covered came from my research back in 2003. At the time I was teaching at a Bible College and decided to focus upon **Rosh HaShanah** and so I launched a year-long exhaustive research study from the best Hebrew and Messianic Jewish sources available. You will not find a more comprehensive source for **Rosh HaShanah** than what I have put together here. It

represents 2,100 hours of work. For almost four decades I have held the view that **Rosh HaShanah** was the most promising date of all seven Feasts of the Lord found in Leviticus 23. Although each of the seven Feast days do contain some evidence to support each of the Feasts as possible Rapture dates, only Rosh HaShanah fit all the parameters of the twelve Idioms and Idiomatic expressions we have gone through in a complete study of the fifth feast in the Leviticus 23 chronology. Over the past 18 months, I have shared the views of others as to their views on a few of the other Feast Days of the Lord, particularly so that of Pentecost or **Shavuot**.

Since the Coronavirus or Covid-19 outbreak began, my interest was piqued in that just perchance we might be on the cusp of what might be Satan's last chance to destroy the blood line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I have been watching the Israeli media specifically for any indication that the virus or the vaxx might play in Israel's Covenant of death. I have pointed out the Spiritual War that has been ongoing between God and Lucifer in the Bible. We know of two dozen examples in the historical context of Scripture where God physically intervened and saved a remnant of the Jewish nation. I dealt with this very theme in the Bible in Blessed Hope #60 posted on 5/11/21 at www.pastorbobreid.com beginning on page 25.

At this point in time, there is abundant evidence that Satan and his earthly minions are behind the crisis that first went publicly in March of 2020. The Liberty Beacon posted an article below that addresses this Israeli issue which indicates that the Jewish people are the primary target of those behind the global attack on the world as a genocidal attack on humanity, but in specific was directed at a sect or branch of Judaism, namely those known as the "Sephardics", a branch that numbers fewer than three million worldwide and is estimated to be 10-15% of all Judaism.

During the Roman Disapora from 70 AD and 135 AD by Emperor Hadrian most of the Biblical Jews fled to the nation of Spain and Portugal; and, subsequently, with the expelling of the Jewish people from Spain, they fled to northwest Africa, and elsewhere around the planet. Few Christian scholars are aware of or discuss this as an issue, but as I have said before, this is a major spiritual war and openly noted in the Bible. It was under the leadership of Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel led the race to vaccinate its people way before the rest of the world. Why and for what reason remains a question of interest.

In the U.S. the CDC VAERS program states that there are nearly 12,000 dead in the U.S. from the Vaxx. Strikingly quiet, you will not find a single corporate media outlet reporting these government statistics, as this has to be the MOST CENSORED information in the United States. Only 1 out of approximately every 20 victims even knows that side effects or death should be reported to a physician, health professional, hospital, who in turn are supposed to notify the CDC. I am suggesting the article by TLB below is a very important piece of the larger puzzle to my Blessed Hope #60 article.

Highly Vaccinated Israel Has a ... 'Nagging Coronavirus Problem'
[July 18, 2021 This article was posted by TLB Staff Analysis,](#)



Story at-a-glance

- With 81 percent of Israel's adult population fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the number of reported SARS-CoV-2 infections down to under 20 cases per day, the Israeli government lifted most COVID-19-related restrictions in the country on June 1, 2021
- Everything seemed to be going Israel's way up until around the third week in June when there were 227 new coronavirus cases, and that 70 percent of new coronavirus cases had been caused by the Delta variant of the virus
- An estimated 40-50 percent of the new coronavirus infections in Israel are in people who have already been vaccinated for COVID-19

Highly Vaccinated Israel Has a Nagging Coronavirus Problem

Analysis by The Vaccine Reaction

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One of the main remaining restrictions was the requirement that people continue to wear masks in indoor public spaces, but even that restriction was dropped by mid-June.^{1,2,3,4} However, by the end of June, suddenly there was an increase in reported COVID-19 cases in the highly vaccinated population.

The Israeli vaccination program has been heralded as being “enormously successful.” During Israel Independence Day celebrations (sundown Apr. 14 through sundown Apr. 15), Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared:

“Israel is the first country in the world to beat Corona. It’s all thanks to our successful national vaccination program.”⁵

In an Independence Day ceremony, there was even a tribute to Pfizer, Inc. for its role in providing the experimental messenger RNA (mRNA) BNT162b2 COVID biologic used in Israel. Pfizer’s CEO, Albert Bourla, gave a short video address to the public. He said: *“Together, we have demonstrated that through mass vaccination we can defeat the COVID-19 pandemic and save lives.”⁶*

“The situation here is quite amazing if you look at what happens around the world it’s proof how vaccines can actually get us back to our normal lives,” said Lior Haiat, spokesperson for Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *“The bottom line is that vaccination is the solution for the COVID. If there’s one message we can send abroad is that this is how we get over this crisis — the health crisis and also the economic crisis.”⁷*

Delta Variant Fuels Spike in Coronavirus Cases and Naming of New Response Team

Everything seemed to be going Israel’s way up until around the third week in June when the Ministry of Health announced that it had registered 227 new coronavirus cases, compared to 13 cases of the virus the previous week, and that 70 percent of those cases had been caused by the Delta variant of the virus.^{8,9}

Due to the sudden spike in reported SARS-CoV-2 cases, on June 25, Ministry of Health officials reinstated the indoor mask mandate in Israel and recommended that people wear masks even at outdoor events.¹⁰

On June 27, the director general of Israel’s Ministry of Health, Chezy Levy, resigned from his post. Later that day, Israel’s new Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett, announced the appointment of Major General (retired) Roni Numa as special czar to manage the coronavirus response at the country’s primary port of entry, Ben Gurion International Airport.^{11,12} In explaining the Numa appointment, Prime Minister Bennett said:

“For a year and a half now, there has been a huge national weak point, and that is Ben-Gurion Airport.

Therefore, in coordination with the transportation minister, the health minister and the interior minister, we decided to appoint a special director to handle transitions and prevent the entry of this virus and future variants and viruses from around the world into Israel.”¹³

Bennett added ...

“Israel does not have a lot of border crossings — in fact, it is kind of an island state. There is no reason why we cannot defend ourselves even if there was no vaccine.”¹⁴

On June 28, Israel’s National Coronavirus Project Coordinator Nachman Ash was appointed as the new director general of the Ministry of Health.¹⁵ Suddenly, almost overnight, there is again a sense of urgency in Israel — a renewed COVID-19 crisis in a country that had recently declared itself the first to be the first in the world to “beat Corona” and had lauded its mandatory mass vaccination program as the reason for the victory.

Israel Tightens Measures to Combat Coronavirus Infections

Israel is gearing up for a new war against an enemy it believed it had vanquished. It has appointed two new generals to implement a battle strategy. One of the strategies is to more strictly manage travelers to and from Israel.

The Ministry of Health continues to advise Israelis not to leave the country unless absolutely necessary and instructed those who leaving the country to declare that they would not visit countries where there is a high risk of coronavirus infection. Anyone who enters Israel who is not vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 will be required to quarantine.

Also, anyone returning to Israel from countries under a travel ban (Argentina, Brazil, India, Mexico, Russia and South Africa) will required to quarantine even if they’ve been fully vaccinated.^{16,17,18}

In addition to the stricter travel regulations, the Ministry of Health will re-emphasize the wearing of masks and getting vaccinated, particularly children. *“Our approach is simple: maximum protection for Israeli citizens, with minimum harm to routine and the economy in Israel; masks instead of restrictions, vaccines instead of lockdowns,”* Prime Minister Bennett said.¹⁹

Israel has a supply of approximately 1.4 million doses of Pfizer/BioNTech’s BNT162b2 biologic, which, apparently, will expire on July 31, 2021. The Ministry of Health will be making an effort to get as many people as possible fully vaccinated before then.²⁰

Of course, the underlying assumption behind the Israeli government’s renewed push to vaccinate is that BNT162b2 will be effective in curbing the rise of the SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant. But that assumption may be flawed, as evidenced by the fact that an estimated 40-50% of the new coronavirus infections in Israel are in people who have already been vaccinated for COVID-19.²¹

That poses a huge dilemma for the Israeli government or any government, for that matter, which has bet the store on these shots.

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It appears that Israeli officials have been reluctant to report the number of Israelis who have died of Covid-19 or the supposed variants. Since the narrative has been falling apart, we are being told that over a hundred health agencies around the world have been asking the U.S. CDC pressing for slide samples of the Covid-19 virus, and their requests are being met with “the CDC does not have any.” No samples suggest there is no virus!

We know so much more at this point, such as the PCR devices were rigged to give false positives; the insertion of HIV fragments into the genome; that the common cold virus was engineered into a bioweapon through “Gain-of-Function” to make the virus more lethal. Also, then the discovery COVID-19 caused by Graphene Oxide: Introduced by several ways into the Body Then we learned last week Covid-19 had a Protein Sequence found in Bee venom.

In an interview with Dr. Joseph Mercola, Dr. Steven Quay — one of the most-cited scientists in the world — discusses his Bayesian analysis, published January 29, 2021, which concludes beyond a doubt that SARS-CoV-2 is laboratory derived. Dr. Steen Quay is an M.D. with a Ph.D. in chemistry. In plain terms, it was a man-made bioweapon.

He did his medical residency at Mass General at Harvard Hospital and his postdoctoral work at MIT with a Noble laureate. He holds 87 patents in 22 fields of medicine, including the gadolinium used with MRI imaging.

During his career, Quay published 360 papers, which have been cited over 10,000 times. His COVID origin paper, however, has already been downloaded 170,000 times. Bayesian analysis, or Bayesian inference, is a statistical tool used to answer questions about unknown parameters by using probability distributions for observable data.

Quay's highly conservatively-skewed analysis shows there's only a 0.2% likelihood that this virus came from nature, and a 99.8% probability that it came from a lab. His 140-page paper can be downloaded from zenodo.org for those who want to dive into the nitty gritty of this statistical analysis. He presented these data to House Representatives during a June 26, 2021, subcommittee on the coronavirus crisis meeting.

Instead of using the observed statistics of the data he gathered, he radically reduced the probability to 1 in 20. When one combines all the statistical anomalies from the 26 different data points he collected, the real likelihood of the virus coming from nature is less than 1 in all the atoms of the universe — 1080 — which is a very, very large number, making it virtually impossible.

SARS-CoV-2 Has a Protein Sequence Found in Bee Venom Toxin

As early as January 2020, Quay knew SARS-CoV-2 could be problematic.

"Nobody was paying any attention because there was no need to at that point," he says. "I saw this virus coming out of China. I looked at the sequence of it and I remember telling my wife, 'I know what this thing is going to do in cells,' because for five years at Stanford, I was studying and was the world expert on the toxin melittin, which is a bee venom toxin, the thing that hurts when you get a bee venom sting."

This melittin, this toxin in bee venom, has the same sequence that SARS-CoV-2 had ...
"I run a public company, so I went to the board a couple weeks later and said, 'Look, I think we can come up with some therapeutics and some ideas around this.' We actually are in clinical trials with some products for therapeutics against SARS-CoV-2."

"Then I started hearing some really crazy public health advisories around masks, social distancing and things, so I ended up writing a little book that was a No. 1 best seller for a few weeks called 'Stay Safe: [A Physician's Guide to Survive Coronavirus,]' on Amazon. That took me through the summer. Then I started going back to something. I was very concerned about what I saw as properties of this virus that had never been seen before."

The full interview is on Dr. Mercola's site for July 18, 2021, titled – 'Lab Leak Theory' Has a 99.8% Probability. This is a full proof analysis that a SARS-CoV-2 was

engineered in China as a bioweapon. **SARS-CoV-2 Has a Protein Sequence Found in Bee Venom Toxin. Dr. Quay proves that Gain-of-Function was engineered into a bioweapon!** We know from Dr. Fauci E-mails, he directed Gain-of-Function with the CCP, and paid with U.S. funds of \$7.4 million. The evidence trail is clear but will we learn for what purpose was this being done? This hints of many questions to be asked.

Odd SARS-CoV-2 Proteins Suppress Your Immune Function

At the end of the interview, Quay delivers yet another bombshell. SARS-CoV-2 makes three primary kinds of proteins. The first are the structural proteins for a virus — the spike, envelope and nucleoplasm proteins. It also makes proteins that take over the cells' manufacturing process, thereby allowing the virus to replicate inside the cell. In addition to those, it also makes two very odd proteins that are excreted into your blood.

"These strange proteins, they're not the virus, they're not in the cell," Quay explains. "When you get an infection, you get a fever, you get sweaty and you get chills, you feel like crap. That's not the virus. That's your own interferon signaling and it helps you fight the virus and probably in prehistory it told your fellow tribe members to isolate you in your own tent. So, it evolved as a social signal for survival of the tribe."

Knowing this information may not help explain the problem why Israeli citizens who had been fully vaccinated, were acquiring the so-called Delta Variant. Absent lab samples of the so-called Covid-19 virus or the new variant inhibits genuine science to answer many questions that could be tracked in an audit trail if we knew more. Until that is discovered, it is mere speculation that all of this is Satan's last hurrah.

The one thing that we can be sure of is that if this is Satan's work to destroy the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as recorded in the Bible, we know that the Lord will most likely intervene on behalf of the Blood Line Promise. God's Promise to the descendants is to preserve a remnant. I conjecture here but my belief is that the Synagogue of Satan is using the Vaxxes to eliminate the Sephardic Jews, descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I am of the position that this will be a factor in God's intervening in the spiking death rate of the Sephardic Jews. The Synagogue of Satan noted in Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 is a direct inference to the Satanic Zionist House of Rothschild who control the world through their Vatican-Jesuit Freemasonry Cabal!

Israel has pursued an incredibly aggressive public vaccination policy on its people in service to Pfizer, as well as creating vaccine passes that divide the population into an 'in' and 'out' group, limiting access to the 'outs'. Oh, the irony. Shockingly, Pfizer was said to have targeted Israel for its vaccine rollout and was likely the only vaccine in use there; the Israeli government even agreed to turn over citizen data to Pfizer. How did Pfizer manage to get so much power? If this is not prophetic it is problematic since none of the Vaxxes have underwent standard protocols for testing.

Out of all this, I am confident that the Rapture can happen at any time ramping up to and including the Feast of Trumpets or **Rosh HaShanah** on September 6-8th!

Trust in the promise of God in Revelation 3:10 and not upon your own understanding. Although I do believe that there are many great minds coming together in this period of turbulence and uncertainty they may well solve the riddle to the World Economic Forum's Great Reset. I am not holding my breath of their success before the Rapture, and as I keep saying, do not expect President Trump to be re-instated as the 46th President of the U.S. God used Donald J. Trump for four years but did not permit him to stay in office, and I reason that it was due to Trump's stance on supporting causes contrary to God's plan of judgment upon the U.S.A. Pushing the sodomite agenda around the world by his special representative Richard Allen Grenell, who served as the United States Ambassador to Germany from 2018 to 2020 and as the Special Presidential Envoy for President Trump's embracing the Sodomite agenda to nations rejecting the unnatural lifestyle!

The Bible makes it clear that God raises up leaders and removes leaders as part of His grand plan. It is my view that in the case of Donald J. Trump, we only need to look at what President Trump did for Israel during his four years to confirm my point. You can see the Hand of God at work in the past four years. We need to be wide awake over the period just ahead leading up to September 6-8 of Rosh HaShanah! Are you ready to go to a Wedding?

Blessings, Keep looking up!

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