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 #74

When Rosh HaShanah came and went this past last week, I began to think about what several others have said about the fact that the Jewish Torah Calendar and the Jewish State did not observe Rosh HaShanah according to the Biblical Calendar in setting the official date on Monday evening the 6th of September and the 7th of September as the Jewish New Year and the New Moon. The lunar cycle for the new moon actually did not show enough light until the 9th. It was waxing 3-degrees on Wednesday and 8-degrees on Thursday. At 3-degrees it was near impossible visibility to the naked eye. Under Biblical guidelines, technically, Rosh HaShanah would not have been confirmed by the required two witnesses until the September 8th. The two-day period was considered as one long-day in Biblical times. At times the moon might not be visible the first day due to cloud cover or rain obscuring visibility, and so confirmation would take place almost automatically as the moon waxes to the obvious. Today with binoculars or a telescope we might be able to confirm a first day new moon.

God's Appointed Times

- 1. Shabbat
- 2. Passover
- 3. Unleavened Bread
- 4. The Day of Firstfruits

- . Shavuot
- 6. Rosh Hashana
- 7. Yom Kippur
- 8. Sukkot

Speak to Bnei-Yisrael, and tell them: These are the appointed moadim of Adonai, which you are to proclaim to be holy convocations—My moadim.

The issue of the new moon on Rosh HaShanah was a huge deal in the life of the Israelites as the Torah laid out the agricultural calendar to formalize God's rules. We can see how God's Covenant number "7" is so deeply embedded in the 66-books of the Bible. Prologue = Pattern = Prophecy. I have written a 2-volume eBook on this recurring theme and how God distributed throughout the Scriptures with the theme from Genesis to Revelation. In the approximately 1,200+ pages of my 2-volume eBook there are thousands of examples of the number "7", multiples of "7", or theme variations of "7" that can be found in the KJV Bible.

In this aspect of God's application of what I refer to as the "Heptadic Design Feature", I should point out something previously alluded to that this is a multi-level array feature with each level being more complex or even obscured to locate than the previous levels:

- 1. The cardinal number "7" "Seven" found in the basic English text of the KJV Bible.
- 2. The ordinal number "**seventh**" "**7th**" "**Seven**" found in the basic English text of the KJV Bible.
- The concept, idea, or thematic pattern of "seven" and multiples of "seven", either in specific lists of items, events, people, and places. These can be "Sevenfold", "Sevens", or Mixed Numbers "7-1/2".
- 4. The invisible occurrences of "multiples of seven" throughout the Bible.
- 5. The Greek and Hebrew occurrences of "**seven**" beneath the English text of the KJV Bible.
- 6. The occurrences of derivative words that are similar in meaning but come from a common Greek or Hebrew word yet will total "**seven**" or "**multiples of seven**" in all their totals of the English forms used.
- 7. "Sevens" that transcend the Old and New Testament with symmetry. These are words that in either Testament may not total "seven" but when counted together they will equal "seven" or a multiple of "seven".
- 8. The occurrences of "sevens" in word-phrases, i.e., "Thus saith the Lord".
- 9. The intersecting of "**sevens**" as a cross-dimensional theme.

The Mystery of the Rapture taught by the Apostle Paul follows true to this theme of "**Seven**" In the New Testament. Rapture fans will find it as affirming good news that our favorite word is one of those words that is found 14X (7×2) times in the King James Bible:

The Greek word for *"Rapture"* is $\dot{\alpha}\rho\pi\dot{\alpha}\zeta\omega$ (*"harpazo"*). It means to, *"Carry off"*, *"take"* by force (or) *"snatch away"*, *"catch up"*, *"catch away"*, *"seize"*. The word is found in the King James Bible 14X (**7** X 2) times. The 14 occurrences read as follows from the King James Bible and their English form words are translated in bold face type:

- ...the kingdom ... and the violent **<u>take</u>** it by force. –(Matthew 11:12)
- ...and <u>carry off</u> his property, -(Matthew 12:29)
- ...<u>catcheth away</u> that which was sown in his heart. –(Matthew 13:19)
- ...that they would come and take him by force, -(John 6:15)

...the wolf **catcheth** them, and scattereth the sheep. –(John 10:12)

...neither shall any man **pluck** them out of my hand. –(John 10:28)

- ... is able to **pluck** them out of my Father's hand. –(John 10:29)
- ...the Spirit of the Lord **caught away** Philip, -(Acts 8:39)
- ...and to take him by force from among them, -(Acts 23:10)
- ...such a one caught up to the third heaven. -(2nd Corinthians 12:2)
- ... How that he was <u>caught up</u> into paradise, $-(2^{nd}$ Corinthians 12:4)
- ...shall be **caught up** together with them -(1st Thessalonians 4:17)
- ...others save with fear, **pulling** them **out** of the fire; -(Jude 1:23)
- ...child was **caught up** unto God, and to His throne. –(Revelation 12:5)

Consider the following combinations of "sevens" and the association with the holy, Sabbath Dav:

- 1. The 7th day of the week is the Holy Sabbath of God, God of Israel -(Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17)
- The 7th year is a Sabbatical Year -(Leviticus 25:4ff)
 The 7th year times 7, is the beginning of the Year of Jubilee -(Leviticus 25:8ff)
- 4. The Sabbath that is the 1st day of The Feast of Matza (Feast of Unleavened Bread). This is the 15^{th} day of the 1^{st} Hebrew month. -(Leviticus 23:6-7)
- 5. The Sabbath that is the 7th day of the Feast of Matza (which is the 21st day of the 1st Month). -(Leviticus 23:8)
- 6. The Sabbath of Shavuot (Pentecost) is the 7th week, plus one day, after the Feast of Passover. -(Leviticus 23:15)
- 7. The Sabbath that is the 1st day of the 7th Month: Yom Teruah (The Feast of Unspeakable Joy)
- 8. The Sabbath that is the 10th day of the 7th Month: Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement)
- 9. The Sabbath that is the 15th day of the **7th Month**: The 1st day of Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles)
- 10. The Sabbath that is the 22nd day of the **7th Month**: The 8th Day' of Sukkot

These yearly Sabbaths can fall on any day of the week. They are not confined to 'Saturday'. God's use of the number "seven" revolves around the theme of Sabbath holiness and the first day of the "seventh" month is holy because it's the beginning of the "seventh" month. It's the only 'first day' (or New Moon: new month), of any month that is holy in the Bible.

Statistically speaking, by far the most intriguing application of "7" was in Category 8, which deals with "word phrases". I have listed some of them in **Appendix E** just below:

Category 8: This is one of the most interesting examples as to how God has distributed the "Heptadic Design Feature" through the use of phrases. The phrase "Thus Saith the Lord" occurs in the King James Bible 2,856X (7 x 408) times. I could not close out chapter 23 without making a reference to this phrase expressed as "multiples" of "seven". Likewise, the phrase "<u>It shall come to pass</u>" occurs 987X (7 x 141) times. In **Category 4** I noted the phrase "<u>threescore and ten</u>" occurs 126X (7 x 18). Another phrase "<u>My beloved Son</u>" occurs 35X (7 x 5). This phrase should not surprise the reader: "<u>Jesus is Lord</u>" occurs 98X (7 x 14) times. The importance of faith in the Bible is noted in the phrase: "<u>Without faith</u>" occurs 21X (7 x 3) times. Another phrase is the "<u>kingdom of heaven</u>" which occurs 154X (7 x 22) times in the King James Bible. Chapter 6 contains many examples of phrases that occur in multiples of "**seven**".

Category 9: Another astonishing example of a phrase containing God's incredible "Heptadic Design Feature" is: "<u>Thou hast given me</u>". It is found exactly 119X (7 x 17) times in 22 verses of the King James Bible. In the Gospel of John, this identical phrase appears **7X** times in chapter **17**!

You cannot make this up, but neither can you refute its existence. God has selfauthenticated or validated His Authorship of the King James Bible, or more specifically the manuscripts from which it was translated into English!

God has designed a mathematical full-proof method by which to differentiate the "True" Bible from all the counterfeits in the hands of hundreds of millions of Bible owners.

Furthermore, God the Master Mathematician of the Universe has given us the **"Key"** that unlocks the Identity of the Bible, God's "Heptadic Design Feature."

The number "**seven**" is related to becoming complete and ready to serve God, and multiples of "**seven**" are related to **increasing levels of completeness** and even perfection or sanctification. Notice how the following **777**-type verses shout out this perfection through the association of especially appropriate verse text. Norm Patriquin cites these in his book *'The Bible's Redemption Pattern and Numeric Map'*:

□ Verse 777 -(Genesis 28:3): "May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you…"

□ Verse 7,777 -(1st Samuel 21:4): "The priest answered ...There is no ordinary bread on hand, but there is consecrated bread."

□ Verse 17,777 -(Isaiah 6:7): "He touched my mouth (with it) and said. 'Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven'."

God's "Heptadic Design Feature" refutes any intervention or involvement by humans. Using a '*Strong's Concordance*' of Hebrew and Greek words, I did an exhaustive analysis of all Biblical words. For example, the Hebrew Old Testament contains **8,674** Hebrew [entries] words. The Greek New Testament contains **5,624** Greek [entries] words. It took almost a month to complete the study working ten hours a day.

The King James Bible contains **1,080+** Hebrew [entries] words, and (just over **13%**) contain the "Heptadic Design Feature" of "**seven**" or multiples of "**seven**". The King

James Bible contains **507+** Greek [entries] words, and (just over **9%**) contain the "Heptadic Design Feature" of "**seven**" or multiples of "**seven**".

The use of the term "entries" simply means that a particular Greek or Hebrew word (occurring "seven" times or multiples of "seven"), and containing "seven" or multiples of "seven", may be from a single word or as many as a dozen different words, and sometimes more than a dozen English word forms used for a specific "entry". If you have a 'Strong's Concordance' you will note each Biblical word is translated into English at least once, and often it will list various English words translated from the same root Biblical word. In the case where multiple words of "seven" these are cognates, derivatives, similes', and are translated as such by context, and using the grammatical rules of gender, case, voice, mood, and tense.

For those lacking Greek or Hebrew language training, this can be quite confusing, and even conflicting to the norm of thinking in translation of the Biblical languages. I don't want to add to the confusion of the reader here, but the rules of grammar dictate how a specific Greek or Hebrew word appears in its English occurrence or use in the Bible. These include such things as: Gender, Case, Voice, Tense, Mood, and the context of its use.

When factoring in their corresponding cognates, derivatives, similes', etc., the **1080**+ Hebrew and **507**+ Greek "entries", increase the totals significantly for both the Greek and the Hebrew. Studies suggest both of these quantities above will increase significantly; the list following examples of both Greek and Hebrew words illustrate the point. I have completed the larger task of extrapolating the numbers for multiple "entries" at this point, the next step in this study of God's "Heptadic" Design Feature. The examples below will enable you to visualize what I am referring to here.

'Strong's' Hebrew [**#8179**] is translated **"gate"** in *'Vine's Words*'. It is the Hebrew Word: שרֹע

- Transliteration: *sha* '*ar.*

The Hebrew word occurs a total of 371X (**7** x 53) times. The resulting English word forms are used for this "entry" include the following:

English Words or forms used in KJV:

- □ gate 364X (also a multiple of **7**)
- □ city 3X
- 🗆 door 2X
- □ port 1X
- □ porters 1X
- [Total Count: 371X] (also divisible by 7).

In this example, the Hebrew "entry" word has a primary interpretation of "**gate**" but also includes four English secondary form translations, based upon the rules of grammar and context, noted above.

An example from the Greek New Testament

'Strong's' Greek **[#1909]** is translated "Chamberlain, Follow, Follow after, Inasmuch as, Long" in 'Vine's Words'. It is a "root" preposition: a primary preposition properly meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.), as a relation of distribution [with the genitive], i.e. over, upon, etc.; of rest (with the dative) at, on, etc.; of direction (with the accusative) towards, upon, etc.: - about (the times), above, after, against, among, as long as (touching), at, beside, × have charge of, (be-, [where-]) fore, in (a place, as much as, the time of, -to), (because) of, (up-) on (behalf of), over, (by, for) the space of, through (-out), (un-) to (-ward), with. In compounds, it retains essentially the same import, at, upon, etc. (literal or figurative).

The Greek word occurs a total of 896X (**7** x 128) times. The subsequent English word forms are also used for this "entry" include the following:

English Words or forms used in KJV:

on 196X (also a multiple of 7)
in 120X
upon 159X
unto 41X
to 41X *miscellaneous translations* 339X
[Total Count: 896X] (also divisible by 7)

The specific factor of interest here, relative to the Greek or Hebrew ["entries"], is how many of those ["entries"] occurring contain the "Heptadic Design Feature" of "**seven**" or multiples of "**seven**". As can be seen in these two examples, the actual count of Greek or Hebrew ["entries"] increases significantly since the combined Greek and Hebrew **1,587** ["entries"] are all multiples of a minimum of "**seven**" occurrences.

At a minimum, the **1,587** ["entries"] will yield **11,109** words bearing or containing the "Heptadic Design Feature since each one occurs at least "**seven**" times in the King James Bible. Keep in mind, each of these **1,587** ["entries"] occurs at least "**seven**" times. From my working data, I have found higher "multiples", such as 14X, 21X, 28X, 35X, 42X, 49X, 56X, 63X, 70X, 77X, 84X, 91X, 98X, etc., will yield, conservatively, a projected total of approximately 150,000 words. The majority of these **1,587** ["entries"] fall into the range noted (multiples of "**seven**" between 14X and 98X); however, there are many more, some that occur as high as: 896X, 2,870X, 420X, 847X, 840X, 518X, 1,435X, and1,568X times.

The largest number count found for any single (Greek or Hebrew) word, in English, is by far the most interesting entry, and it happens to be '*Strong's* Hebrew' word #3068 for "LORD". It is found 6,510X (7 x 930) times! Yes, the word **"LORD"** occurs in our King James Bible as a multiple of "seven" - **6,510X** (**7** X 930) times!

Why does that not surprise us? Or does it?

What Time Is It?



What I am about to share in this Blessed Hope should re-ignite your hope perchance you are a bit down after Rosh HaShanah did not bring us our "Blessed Hope". Mark Biltz of El Shaddi Ministries posted back in May a video on "What Time Is It?" The link below will give you an excellent overview of synchronized Bible time and historical markers. Mark Biltz is an energized Shepherd believer and does a great job explaining how God defines "time". Mark has used the Bible to synchronize Biblical Events with historical and Biblical dates throughout 6,000 years of chronological time.

Unknown to most people are the facts concerning Biblical History and Secular History, where we find that many events occurred with amazing accuracy on Biblical calendar dates as well. Click on the link title below and be astonished by what Mark has revealed. If you are like me, you will watch it more than once, as it will answers relative to where we find ourselves in relation to the near future. Mark has most likely provided us the importance that we need to understand we have to be on God's Calendar to

know where we are in time. I first came in contact with Mark Biltz and his DVD series on the "Feasts of the Lord" noted in Leviticus 23. I have several DVD video series on the "Feasts of the Lord" by various scholars and Mark is my favorite. In the video link below Mark Biltz helps us focus on where we are in the time frame of the Biblical Calendar.

When will the TRIBULATION begin? Where are we on the BIBLICAL Calender? (What Time is it?)

God's "Appointed Times" are most important since God created the Sun, Moon, and Stars as signs important in understanding what time it is! Most church-attending Christians are never taught the importance of the first five books of the Old Testament and are ignorant of its importance in knowing the "Day of the Lord!"

In modern day Judaism, the date "9th of Av" evokes fear and mourning, as a reminder of what happened on this date over several thousand years. This date helps us grasp the point that God was very active in the Nation of Israel. Few people understand why God chose the Israelites to "make Himself known to the Gentile world." <u>This is the real reason for which God chose the Jews as a Nation</u>. The Jews are God's Chosen people; however, over time they dropped the ball of their "Calling!" <u>The point I want to stress here is that God is very active in the world we are part of and He has a great future for you and I in the coming "Millennium" just ahead</u>. Revelation 20:2,3,4,5,6, and 7 states after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, we will live with Jesus Christ for 1,000 years. So whatever you think about the Jews, keep in mind that God is dealing with them His way. The larger problem is that The Synagogue of Satan has infiltrated the Nation of Israel hundreds of year before you and I came along in time.

I am including below a list of significant events that have occurred on the 9th of Av. Since the Hebrew calendar is a Lunar calendar, the 9th of Av will occur every year, but on a different date in our Solar Gregorian calendar. This is a stumbling block for most Christians, and that is why I believe when you view Mark's video presentation by Mark Biltz's **"What Time Is It?"**, you will soon realize "God is not asleep at the switch" as so many seem to think. The list below identifies events that occurred on the 9th of Av, accompanied with the appropriate Scripture reference, and supportive Jewish references.

9th Tish B'Ab

Fast of Av. Zechariah 7:1-3

<u>Jacob</u> is confronted by <u>Esau</u>, on his return to Canaan. *Genesis 33:1ff*. Rashal Bereshit Vayish quoted in <u>Seder</u> HaDorot.

Moses goes up on <u>Sinai</u>, a second <u>time</u>, to plead for mercy after the golden calf - day 20. <u>*Exodus*</u> 32:30-35, Taanit 28b.

Moses' spies return from Israel, <u>ten</u> with a <u>wicked</u> report, <u>two</u> with a good report. <u>Numbers</u> 13:25 Taanit 29a

It was decreed that Israel should not enter the promised land. Taanit 29a, <u>Numbers</u> 13:25

Wilderness <u>generation</u> died on this day when they reached 60 years of age. **Taanit 30b**, <u>Midrash</u> Rabba <u>Numbers</u> **16:23**

Jeremiah was born. <u>Midrash</u> Yalkut Yirmiyahu 36

<u>Jerusalem</u> and the Solomon's <u>temple</u> are burned and looted by <u>Babylon</u>. *II Kings* **25:8-24**, *Taanit 29a* - 3338 AM

A year after the <u>Temple</u> was burned, Micah 3:12 was fulfilled.

This is the day spoken of in Lamentations 7:2.

This is the `fast day', of the <u>fifth</u> month, spoken of in Zechariah 8:19.

The Rabbis say that Herod's <u>temple</u> was also destroyed on this date in 70 C.E. *Taanit 29a* - 3828 AM

Emperor Hadrian established a heathen <u>temple</u> on the <u>Temple</u> mount. Taanit 29a Ezekiel/God tells elders to put away idols. *Ezekiel 20*

132 AD (135AD?) - Betar, the last fortress to hold out against the Romans during the Bar Kochba revolt fell.

1095 AD – <u>First</u> Crusade declared by Pope Urban II. 10,000 <u>Jews</u> killed in <u>first</u> month of the Crusade.

1290 AD – Expulsion of <u>Jews</u> from England by King Edward I, accompanied by pogroms and confiscation of books + property.

1492 AD - Expulsion of <u>Jews</u> from Spain by King Ferdinand. Also, Columbus (a <u>Jew</u> in hiding) sailed from Spain.

1555 AD - Ghetto established in Rome. Pope Paul IV moves all the <u>Jews</u> into a foul-smelling area near the Tiber River.

1914 AD – WW1 begins. 75% of all <u>Jews</u> lived in war zones.

1941 AD – A decree went forth expelling all <u>Jews</u> from Hungarian Ruthenia.

1989 AD – Iraq walks out of talks with Kuwait and the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq took place.

1990 AD – Gulf war starts Desert Storm that was started on <u>Tisha B'Ab</u> ended on the Feast of <u>Purim</u>.

1994 AD – Deadly bombing of the <u>Jewish</u> community center in Argentina, killing 86 and wounding 300.

The Israeli withdrawal from 25 settlements in the Gaza Strip and northern Samaria began on August 14, 2005.

Classical <u>Jewish</u> sources maintain that the <u>Jewish</u> <u>Messiah</u> will be born on <u>Tisha</u> <u>B'Ab</u>.

Torah section is *Deuteronomy 4:25-40*. Haftorah is *Jeremiah 8:13 - 9:23*. Morning

Torah section is *Ex.* 23:11-14; 34:1-10. **Haftorah** is *Isaiah* 55:6 - 56:8; *Micah* 7:18-20; *Hosea* 14:2-10. afternoon.

It was in early Spring 1963 when I first learned that Israel's first two Temples: the Temple of Solomon and Herod's Temple were destroyed on the 9th of Av. My wife and I were married the year before and our Sunday School class teacher was the German

teacher at Elizabeth-Forward High School in southwestern PA. I can still remember that Sunday morning and I was awed by what I had heard that Sunday morning. You should be aware of the fact there is no word "coincidence" in the Jewish language!

It was only a couple months later that I learned that the University of Pittsburgh Computing Center had been selected and granted the funds to "computerize" the King James Bible. The Rockefeller Foundation awarded a \$1.5-million to the American Institute of Research and the University of Pittsburgh, originally recorded on half-inch reels of magnetic tape. That was 58 years ago but it seems much less to me today. I later went on to change my college majors from Civil Engineering and transferred to a Christian college and complete my college and seminary education to trained as a Methodist pastor.

Solomon's Temple was destroyed in 587 BC by the Babylonians. After the return from 70 years captivity in Babylon another temple was built by Ezra and later greatly expanded on by Herod the Great. This temple was destroyed in 70 AD by Titus of the Roman Empire. 657 years expired between the first and second temples destruction, to the very day on the 9th of Av!

According to Josephus, a Roman soldier took a torch and threw it against the beautiful tapestries that Herod had made for the Temple and that hung along its walls. When they caught fire the Romans attempted to put it out, but there was not sufficient water. Somehow the fire was so intense that even the stone took hold and the building collapsed. The Talmud says that it burned not only on the late afternoon of the ninth of Av, but the entire day of the tenth. It was just a raging conflagration.

They were unable to put out the fire and the entire Temple burned – along with thousands of Jews, according to Josephus. Many of the distraught defenders jumped into the flames, feeling that if the Temple was going up in flames then the Jewish people were going up in flames. In general, desperation and despair was so rampant that thousands and thousands of Jews committed suicide. This type of suicidal behavior is rare among the Jewish people, and indeed was performed mostly by the Zealots, not adherents of the Pharisees, who followed Rabbi Yochanon ben Zakkai's lead and were not willing to associate the national death of the Jewish people with the end of the Jewish people.

We will see that this will happen at Masada too. The last defenders — generally from the Sicarii, Zealots and Nationalists — kill themselves rather than fall into Roman captivity. The Pharisees were willing to undergo the Roman yoke because they felt they would be able to see to it that the Jewish people would survive.

The only piece of the entire Temple compound left today is the fragment of the Western Wall, which was the wall to the Outer Courtyard to the Temple Mount itself.

With the destruction of the Temple the Romans continued a war of extermination against the Jews. They moved south and conquered the fortress of Herodian. There was one other Jewish fortress in Trans-Jordan, which the Romans destroyed. The final place controlled by Jews was the fortress of Masada, which was commanded by Elazar ben Yair, one of the leaders of the Sacarii.

Titus had captured the other two Sacarii leaders and paraded them in chains during the triumph through the streets of Rome before executing one of them, Shimon bar Giora, and sentencing the other, Yochanan Gush Chalav, to spend the rest of his life in hard labor. He died a few years later in the Roman dungeons. Elazar ben Yair had escaped Jerusalem and, together with about a thousand people, found refuge in Masada.

There he was surrounded by Roman forces and a three-year siege ensued. The Romans built a great ramp up the sheer face of the cliff, remnants of which can be seen today. They used 30,000 Jewish slaves to build that ramp, thus putting the defenders in the awful dilemma of firing upon their own people to prevent completion of the ramp.

They held out until 73 AD when the ramp was almost complete and it was obvious that the Romans would assault the walls and win. Elazar ben Yair, in the famous story, again recorded in Josephus, called a meeting and declared that they were not going to allow themselves to become slaves to Rome. Instead they would commit suicide.

And that is what they did. When the Romans finally entered the fortress in the morning they found only corpses.

In the popular mind, the stand at Masada is very heroic. It sounds dramatic and certainly included a great deal of heroism. Nevertheless, the traditional Jewish viewpoint is that they were wrong. It was a useless, futile act that was destructive rather than strengthening. It is only in our time that Masada became popular, inspiring an extreme bravado that can be more counter-productive than productive.

Out of 10,000 Jews that were brought to Rome almost all were sold into slavery, as Josephus writes. However, there were still wealthy Jews in the Roman Empire and they were eager to redeem their brethren from slavery ("redeeming captives" is a very important commandment in Jewish law). Others collected money for the purpose. Jews were able to work out underground railroads for escaping slaves.

The net effect was that in a short amount of time there were a vast number of Jews who found themselves living all across the Roman Empire. They were called "freed men," which meant that there were originally slaves but had since obtained their freedom. Many of them became citizens of the Roman Empire, indeed citizens of Rome itself. Rome became a city with a very large and strong Jewish population.

The influence in the Jews is poignantly seen in the rise of anti-Semitism in the Roman Empire and among the speeches of the Roman Senate. All of that happened because Rome brought so many Jews as slaves into its empire.

Ultimately, the influence of Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai won out over that of Titus. He passed many rules of public policy and instituted many "remembrances to the Temple." Some were prohibitions – for instance, the prohibition against having musical instruments in the synagogue. The Temple had a full orchestra. Forbidding music in the synagogue serves as a remembrance to the Temple.

At the same time, there were remembrances to imitate exactly what was in the Temple. For example, it is forbidden to have a seven-branched candelabra lit in the synagogue, because the one in the Temple had seven branches. Of course, the center bima (stage area where the Torah scroll rests when it is read from) in the synagogue is a remembrance of the altar, which was in the center of the courtyard.

From the very midst of the despair and destruction, Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai instituted all these remembrances, thereby keeping the Temple alive in the Jewish people. His decrees became part and parcel of Jewish life – and have remained so for over 1900 years. As such he was able to institute in the heart and soul of the Jewish people a belief in the Temple and the hope that it will be rebuilt again, along with the belief that the Jewish nation will rise again.

Daymond Duck posted an article this week entitled "The Plan" and it speaks "Loud & Clear" to us today. Sadly, much of the church is in a fog concerning this plan that leads the world into the New World Order and the time period associated with Daniel's "Seventy Weeks" or the "Seven year Tribulation". That said follow along with Daymond Duck's commentary which brings us to the proverbial fork in the road. The Rapture of the believing church is closer than anyone can realize.

On Aug. 31, 2021, LifeSiteNews posted the text of a speech delivered by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano three days earlier. The speech was titled "Vigano: considerations on the Great Reset and the New World Order." This writer believes Vigano's speech is the greatest speech he has read about the current situation. It is too long for this article, so here are some of Vigano's "considerations" (his words and mine) as this writer understands them, also a link to the full text.

https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/vigano-considerations-on-the-great-reset-and-thenew-world-order/

- This world is facing great deception based on lies that have been planned to the smallest detail.
- The Great Reset is part of a planned global dictatorship that the globalist elite have been putting together since the 1950s.

- Some of the details of the plan to enslave and subjugate the world have been published in books and newspapers, commented on, and considered by carefully selected international groups and individuals for decades.
- The issues that are in the news today (the surrender of national sovereignty, open borders, using a pandemic to acquire global control of citizens, a global currency, a global population reduction, etc.) are part of a plan. It is one plan, it is coming from a single source, and it has one goal (or the same goal) for the entire world.
- A small minority of people are doing incalculable harm to the vast majority, and it takes a criminal mind to try to deliberately defraud the whole world.
- This small minority of people has rejected the Lordship of God and the best interests of most of the world's citizens because they want to serve the very rich and powerful financiers, bankers, multinational corporations, pharmaceutical companies, etc.
- The media has prostituted itself to this small minority of people by treating their deception as truth and suppressing those that seek to expose this global enslavement of people.
- It is important to understand that this small minority of people is only doing what they have been saying they would do for decades: create a false crisis; impose population control to deal with it; destroy small and medium businesses with lockdowns so the multinational corporations can get the business; control education and dumb down the citizens with school lockdowns and distance learning; control public health and give business to big pharma; declare a state of emergency to get around the laws; mandate vaccinations to make citizens traceable; and classify those that disagree as non-persons so their human rights (freedom of speech, religion, etc.) can be denied.
- This small minority of people has corrupted two groups that need to be held accountable because the two groups are equally guilty: (1) some of the civil authority (called the Deep State; government heads, cabinet members, elected officials, virologists, doctors, members of the military that won't oppose violation of the Constitution, some judges and unions), and (2) some of the ecclesiastical authority (called the Deep Church; Pope Francis and several Bishops that cater to him).
- It must be understood that this is a spiritual war that has been going on since the fall of Adam and Eve, and it is approaching its conclusion.
- The fact that the conclusion of this spiritual war is near explains why the deception and corruption have intensified, why the Deep State and Deep Church

are so desperate to remove Jesus from government and religion, why the Deep State and Deep Church are so desperate to rewrite history and cancel the Christian culture.

- Understand that the Deep State has been infiltrating the true Church for many years with the intent of creating what it believes is essential religious support for the New World Order (godless world government and religion).
- The Trilateral Commission, the World Economic Forum, and Pope Francis have joined hands to establish the New World Order, and it is a well-known plan that has been in the works since the 1950s.
- Pope Francis has been replacing some of the most faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church with people that support depopulation, contraception, and abortion.
- The real purpose of vaccination passports is to get people accustomed to being tracked, and it is part of the spiritual war that Satan is waging against Christ's true Church.
- Humanly speaking, there is no way to win this war because "all the powers of the State, all of the means of information, all the international public and private institutions, all of the economic and financial potentates are complicit in this crime."
- But "hoping to build a world government in which the Divine Kingship of Jesus Christ is outlawed is insane and blasphemous, and no one who has such a plan will ever succeed.... Let us turn to Christ."

Know also that God has a Great Reset called the Rapture of the Church; it will come upon the world like a snare, throw a monkey wrench into this planned godless global dictatorship, and everything on earth will go downhill from there.

Jesus was talking about the Tribulation Period when He said, "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" -(Luke 21:28).

We have excellent reason to believe that we are seeing Tribulation Period events beginning to come to pass.

If this is true (and this writer believes it is), the Christian's redemption is drawing near, and the globalist plan will soon go into full effect.

Here are more signs of His coming:

One, concerning deceit: Satan will empower the Antichrist to deceive people all over the world with signs and lying wonders -(II Thess. 2:9).

In his Bible Prophecy Update on Sept. 5, 2021, J.D. Farag pointed out that globalists are using Covid and mandatory vaccinations to deceive people all over the world right now, this global deception is unlike anything the world has ever experienced, and the unprecedented nature of this global deception is a strong indication that the world is getting close to the Tribulation Period.

Two, also concerning deceit: on Sept. 6, 2021, about 900 pages of documents were released through a Freedom of Information Act (FOI) lawsuit that prove Dr. Anthony Fauci lied to Congress while under oath when he said the agency he heads (the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; NIAID) did not provide money that went to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to fund high-risk research in China.

One report said the documents show that the Coronavirus pandemic is part of a plan. It appears that Fauci is a key player in this treasonous plan, and the release of the Coronavirus may have been deliberate. Fauci should be prosecuted for lying under oath to Congress (and perhaps more, treason, murder, etc.).

Three, concerning natural disasters like birth pains (the teaching that natural disasters will increase in frequency and intensity at the end of the age): on Sept. 1, 2021, officials at the UN World Meteorological Org. released a report that says extreme weather events have increased fivefold over the last 50 years. According to the report, over the last 50 years, the world has averaged one weather-related disaster per day, killing 115 people per day and causing \$202 million dollars in losses per day.

This current increase in the frequency and intensity of natural disasters is just a faint reminder of more horrible disasters during the Tribulation Period.

Four, on Aug. 31, 2021, Hurricane Ida came ashore near New Orleans, LA, with maximum sustained winds at about 150 mph (gusts up to 172 mph).

More than 400,000 people had no water; more than 300,000 people were advised to boil their water; multitudes were without food and fuel; about 22,000 utility poles were damaged; almost 900,000 people were without electricity in the state of Louisiana alone; overall damage was estimated at 70-80 billion dollars; and there were more than 65 deaths nationwide.

Extreme drought and wildfires are also ravaging the U.S. West Coast.

Five, concerning the division of Israel and the Battle of Armageddon (Joel 3:2): on Aug. 27, 2021, Israeli Prime Min. Naftali Bennett met with Pres. Biden at the White House, and it is becoming clearer by the day that the Biden administration wants to divide Israel and Jerusalem.

This is more evidence that we are in the latter years and latter days and that we are seeing Tribulation Period events beginning to come to pass. [Actually, 126 weather and so-called natural disaster events have come to the United States because it has attempted to divide the State of Israel.]

Six, concerning the Battle of Gog and Magog: Iran is now likely less than two months from having enough enriched uranium to produce a nuclear bomb.

Pres. Biden says the U.S. won't allow Iran to produce a nuclear bomb, but he is showing no indication that he has the will to act.

Israel appears to be running out of time, will have to go it alone or depend upon God, and this is a perfect fit with Bible prophecy.

Seven, concerning world government: on Aug. 27, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a lengthy document called the "Digital Documentation of Covid-19 Certificates: Vaccination Status." It suggests specifications and guidance for many things, but one of the most important is the creation of a digital ID for everyone on earth.

A link to what J.D. Farag said about this document is below.

Now, because of what I [Daymond Duck] intend to write next, I ask the readers for understanding (I am in my 80s; I remember when our family didn't have electricity, a telephone, indoor plumbing, etc.; I don't text, tweet, Facebook, have a smartphone, etc.; My understanding of technology is close to zero, and I don't plan to change).

Anyway, this is my technically unqualified understanding of some things that society is encountering right now (based not on opinion but what researchers are saying they are reading in government documents).

- Bill Gates and some like him view the human body as a computer.
- They have a plan to turn everyone on earth into a walking, talking computer that they can control.
- The world's misnamed "vaccine" is like computer software.
- Highly respected prophecy teacher, J.D. Farag, said Moderna calls their product "the software of life" on their website because their vaccine is like computer software that can be empowered by the human body (See link below.).
- Globalists have influenced big pharma to put this computer-like software in a person's body/computer when they vaccinate people (this is the first stage in the process of making a person's body act like a computer).

- This is why some people, not all, are having adverse reactions, getting sick, being magnetized, dying, etc.
- God didn't create the human body to be turned into a computer or a computerlike machine.
- God created the human body to reproduce its own kind.
- But Gates, big pharma, etc., are trying to restructure or recreate the human body.
- Booster shots, future shots for variants, etc., will be like software upgrades to alter, add too, or enhance what the body (computer) is doing (to change or increase the body's computer-like functions).
- A person's body/computer must be connected to other computers to form a network (This is the second stage in the process, and it will be accomplished by connecting a person's body/computer to a computer in the cloud.
- A person's body/computer must have an ID number (password or whatever) so specific information can be uploaded, downloaded, etc., between the person and the cloud (a vaccination will be required in the future to include the person's ID number, password or whatever).
- Soon, paper money and coins will be replaced with a one-world cryptocurrency.
- All buying and selling will be done with this cryptocurrency.
- The amount of cryptocurrency a person has will be stored in their body/computer and the cloud.
- The government will have the ability to credit or deduct cryptocurrency from a person's body/computer through the cloud.
- Businesses (Amazon, etc.) will be connected to the government through the cloud and can have the government credit or deduct cryptocurrency from a person's body/computer when they buy or sell.
- At some point, people's body/computer will be upgraded so they can buy or sell with a scan of their hand or forehead.
- The last step appears to be to mark people with a quantum dot tattoo (developed at MIT and funded by Bill Gates) containing an enzyme called Luciferase (patented by Microsoft under number WO/2020/060606 on March 26, 2020; the number 060606 equals 666; Satan's name is Lucifer).

Why would Satan reveal this plan before he started implementing it?

A Rapture Ready reader and friend of this writer suggested it is because Satan copies God, and the Bible says, "Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

What is so bad about being part human and part computer?

Some think it is bad because Jesus became a man to redeem man, not someone that is part man and part machine.

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus revealed the highlights of things to come during the terminal generation of Israel at the end of the age.

Since the 1950s, Satan's men have been commenting on the plan that Archbishop Vigano spoke about, and it confirms the things to come that Jesus revealed.

When God's Great Reset (the Rapture) takes place, Satan's unrestrained men will accelerate the plan to warp speed, and every jot and tittle of Tribulation Period prophecy will be fulfilled in the next seven years.

Finally, are you Rapture Ready?

If you want to be rapture ready and go to heaven, you must be born again (John 3:3). God loves you, and if you have not done so, sincerely admit that you are a sinner; believe that Jesus is the virgin-born, sinless Son of God who died for the sins of the world, was buried, and raised from the dead; ask Him to forgive your sins, cleanse you, come into your heart and be your Saviour; then tell someone that you have done this.

This Blessed Hope is as much as an encouragement faith-builder as it is a call to those unsure about whether Jesus Christ is the Son of God and are considering His call to be saved. I started doing this series as a source of encouragement during this period of transition to the world of the Antichrist's New World Order. Being a Bible Prophecy student since June 8, 1967, I have long been waiting for the events that are unfolding. I recognized in November of 2019 that we were on the last days leading up to the Great Tribulation of Daniel 9:24-27.

I was and am still praying that God would honor my request to be part of the Rapture event. In all these years Satan has beat on me with his minions in their attempt to dissuade my belief in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. I have labored faithfully and long in keeping the Blessed Hope alive for those holding this understanding of the Word of God. I trust that this series has been a blessing for you as much as it has been for me to share the benefits of my education, experience, and ministry. Based on Psalms 90:10: *"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of*

strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." As an octogenarian, someone in their 80s (80 to 89 years old), I doubted I would ever make it to 95, the age my mother when she went to be with Jesus! The past seven years has kept me active at the computer as I deal with leg issues from Lymphedema. Staying focused on Jesus Christ has kept me from dwelling on my own pain!



I have days where I was expecting to go pre-pre-tribulation wise, if you know what I am saying here.

Every day brings a continued litany of bad news, and for us believers that means Good News.

Blessings and Maranatha!

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