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 #95

Thank God for His Love for Tax Collectors and Sinners!

You might want to save this Blessed Hope as you may want to come back to it again and again! Save it now before you forget. Passover is just two months away.

Luke chapter 15 presents to the reader a paradox. With this chapter a new situation is presented. Jesus had been emphasizing His ministry to the poor and outcast members of society -(4:18ff.; 14:21; cf. 19:10). Hillary Clinton would call these the deplorables. He now puts into practice what He had been saying by fellowshipping with the tax collectors and sinners, the outcasts of Jewish society. Verse 2 implies that He even shared meals with them, a powerful symbol of acceptance in the ancient world.

These verses point out the cultural bigotry that was in operation at this point in Jesus day. The Pharisees and the Scribes were the "insiders" of the society. They were perceived by the people as religiously upright and politically patriotic. The tax collectors and sinners, on the other hand, were the "deplorables." The designation "sinners" implied at the very least a disregard for the Law of Moses and the traditions of the Jewish elders. It could also be a general reference to those with low sexual morals (perhaps involved with prostitution) and a tendency towards drunkenness and carousing -(cf. 7:34). The publicans (tax collectors) were doubly despised, for they were seen as collaborators with the hated Roman overlords. This group, then, was perceived as the religiously fallen and the politically traitorous.

Jesus thus presented a paradox: the Righteous One involved with the unrighteous. It was this seeming contradiction which caused the Pharisees and scribes to murmur (complain) about Him.

In Luke's account -(Luke 15:1-7) Jesus told the parable to help the Pharisees understand that God loves each and every sinner. The Pharisees did not understand why Jesus was spending so much time with the sinners. They thought they were more important than the "sinners" and that He should spend time with them. In the parable Jesus showed that He did not spend all of his time with faithful Jews (the 99 sheep) because He wanted to go out searching for those lost in sin (the one sheep). Jesus responded to this criticism by relating His point through three parables. All three dealt with things that are lost and then found: a lamb, a coin, and a son. Jesus' teaching style

in this case was to pile up these parables about being lost to get to His main point: the attitude of the righteous elder brother toward his newly restored younger brother in the final parable.

Jesus' first example made use of one of the finest Biblical images, that of a shepherd. The use of a shepherd parable to illustrate His point had two particularly valuable aspects for Jesus and His listeners. First, it was a well-known and well-understood example to the residents of a pastoral land like ancient Palestine. Second, the relationship of a shepherd to his sheep ranks among the best illustrations of the love of God for mankind.

Jesus presented the parable in the form of a rhetorical question. He asked which of His listeners would not look for a lost sheep, even though 99 sheep remained. The crowd was quickly propelled into the thinking of the anxious shepherd. He had come to a sudden realization that one of his sheep was missing. This did not imply that the shepherd was taking inventory and had come up one short. The loving shepherd of that time knew his flock intimately, often having names for every sheep. The awareness that one of his precious charges was missing would send him on an instant mission of retracing the day's meanderings or scouring the surrounding countryside in search of the sheep that had strayed. Jesus knew that the silent answer to His question was that each one of His audience would leave the flock and search until the wayward lamb was found.

The shepherd's search was rewarded, the lost sheep was found. In Jesus' story the shepherd did not drive the lamb back to the flock, he did not drag it back with a noose around its neck, nor did he throw it in a bag with a good scolding. Rather, he lovingly placed the dear animal upon his shoulders, draping its legs around his neck with its soft head nuzzling his ear. His attitude was not one of reproach over the carelessness which resulted in separation, but of rejoicing over the reunion and restoration of a lost one. His joy was so great that it must be shared, so the shepherd called together his friends and neighbours, inviting them to rejoice with him.

A story is told that Francis of Assisi once saw a mountain shepherd in the Alps risk his life to save a lost sheep. Francis was so overwhelmed with what he saw that he cried aloud: "O God, if such was the diligence of this shepherd in seeking for an insignificant animal, which probably would have been frozen on the glacier, how is it that I am so indifferent in seeking my sheep?" The diligence and love of Jesus' as shepherd must surely have pricked the callous hearts of the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees, if they possessed any sensitivity whatsoever.

Jesus now offered an application of the parable. The lost sheep was identified with a sinner, thus representing in the current situation the sinners and tax collectors with whom Jesus was fellowshipping. The 99 obedient sheep were intended to refer to the supposedly righteous scribes and Pharisees. Does this mean that Jesus was placing a stamp of approval on pharisaic piety? Not at all, for the deeper message is that every man is to see himself in the lost sheep, that every person needs a Saviour. The irony of

the parable is that while Jesus used it to illustrate and justify His attitude toward the sinners and tax collectors, that attitude of love also extended to the scribes and Pharisees, although their self-righteousness prevented them from seeing or appreciating it.

The question arises as to the identity of the shepherd in the story. The most common answer is that He is Jesus himself, acting out the love of God in His pursuit of sinners. Jesus is often pictured and spoken of as the "Good Shepherd." In early Christian paintings found in catacombs He is usually pictured with sheep at His feet and a lamb on His shoulders. Yet, while there is little question that Jesus is the shepherd, the heart of the parable deals with the attitude of God that the shepherd portrays: fervent seeking of the lost and great joy when restoration is affected. It is an attitude that we are to hold also, a passion for souls and a spirit of rejoicing when we see lives changed by the gospel. We are all to be like the restless, searching shepherd, whose labours resulted in heavenly rejoicing over the sheep that was found.

Canadian author Henry Makow points out that many of the psychological aspects of the COVID SCAM were created and perfected by the CCP to coerce compliance to communism in China.

The cabal's goal is to indoctrinate people into the communist system and eliminate opposition to tyranny.

The mind was targeted as the main battlefield for WWIII because it is the most efficient way to wage war and because the final battle is for a person's "soul".

Information and propaganda are much cheaper and easier than bullets and bombs. The victims pay for their own imprisonment and willingly destroy themselves with poor choices of deadly injections and medical treatments. Infrastructure remains intact and bodies can be dissolved with lye and literally poured down the drain.

The goal is to impose the death cult cabal's worldwide monopoly on everything, especially your thoughts, creating a world government.

Beginning with fear, controlled news propaganda to destroy critical thinking, house arrest lockdowns and forced testing (for flu, colds and whatever they say you have), the operation moved to compelled vaccination with a medical experiment and imprisonment of any opposition in places like Australia – the end goal is the imposition of The Great Reset.

Our captors are using mind control, a more "modern" approach than a traditional kinetic war. Forced vaccination leads to forced organ harvesting and the end of all private property. People are now realizing that under this ultimate form of slavery, even your own body will not belong to you! Canadian truckers have begun the resistance, the outcome of which is not certain.

How is it possible to get people to willingly accept this bleak future? Using deception and hiding the truth, making them fearful and demoralized to the point of capitulation, the cattle are driven into the abattoir. No amount of reasoning can change their minds, even though they still actually have a choice to alter their path. Plato's "Illusion of Choice" plays out in today's reality. Many people really do believe they don't have a choice. Of course, everyone still has a choice, even though it might not always be appealing. But the Bible tells us what to expect as the screws are turned tighter. It's a war on people's minds.

The spell is strong and very difficult to break in those most susceptible to the brainwashing, as Yuri Bezemov pointed out many years ago. Once subjects accept the brainwashing, they refuse to see the truth, even when it objectively exists right in front of them, which explains the irrationality of the vaxxtard.

Many people have awakened. Truckers around the world have been inspired by Canadian truckers to defy Cuba's late Fidel Castro's "love" child Justin Trudeau. His government is showing signs of instability as the world's elite are beginning to get scared. The days ahead are fraught with land mines and social chaos.

Deception psyops are Standard Operating Procedures of the CCP and the Cabal. The CCP and those aligned with the CCP oppose eternal Truth, all religion and morality – these are replaced with a social credit enforcement mechanism and monopoly communism.

Many groups were persecuted using brainwashing in China since 1949, including Falun Gong, who had been persecuted since 1999 (faluninfo.net). The brainwashing techniques are used on imprisoned practitioners to attempt to transform their minds and make them quit practising Falun Gong. These techniques have also been used on Christians, Uyghurs and the general population in China.

People are now choosing their futures. The choice is to support the CCP and align themselves with evil or oppose the Cabal's CCP's brainwashing operation and support the good people of the future.

Biderman's Chart of Coercion, also called "Biderman's Principles", is a table developed by sociologist Albert Biderman in 1957 to illustrate the methods of Chinese and Korean torture on American prisoners of war from the Korean War. The chart lists eight chronological general methods of torture that will psychologically break an individual. Compare with Covid Protocols. Knowing this could help to develop your method of pushback and overcoming the pressure being applied.

Isolation (1956 Chart of Coercion)

- -Deprives Individual of social support of his ability to resist
- -Makes individual dependent upon the captor
- -Individual develops intense concern with self

Isolation (Covid-19)

- -Social distancing
- -Isolation from loved ones, massive job loss
- -Solitary confinement semi-isolation
- -Quarantines, containment camps

Monopolization of Perception (1956 Chart of Coercion)

- -Fixes all attention upon immediate predicament
- -Frustrates all action not consistent with compliance
- -Eliminates stimuli competing with those controlled by the captor

Monopolization of Perception (Covid-19)

- -Restrict Movement
- -Create monotony, boredom
- -Prevent gathering, meetings, concerts, sports
- -Dominate all media 24/7, censor information

Induced Debility (1956 Chart of Coercion)

-weakens mental and physical ability to resist -people become worn out by tension and fear

Induced Debility (Covid-19)

- -Forced to stay at home, all media is negative
- -Not permitted to exercise or socialize

Threats (1956 Chart of Coercion)

- -Cultivates anxiety and despair
- -Gives demands and consequences for non-compliance

Threats (Covid-19)

- -Threaten to close business, levy fines
- -Predict extension of quarantines, forced vaccinations
- -Create containment camps

Occasional Indulgence (1956 Chart of Coercion)

- -Provides motivation for compliance
- -Hinders adjustment to deprivation

- -Creates hope for change, reduces resistance
- -This keeps people unsure of what is happening

Occasional Indulgence (Covid-19)

- -Allow reopening of some stores, services
- -Let restaurants open but only at a certain capacity
- -Increase more people allowed to gather
- -Follow concessions with tougher rules

Demonstrate Omnipotence (1956 Chart of Coercion)

- -Demonstrates futility of resistance
- -Shows who is in charge
- -Provides positive motivation for compliance

Demonstrate Omnipotence (Covid-19)

- -Shut down entire economies across the world
- -Create money out of nowhere
- -Develop total surveillance with Nano chips and 5G

Degradation (1956 Chart of Coercion)

- -Makes resistance seem worse than compliance
- -Creates feelings of helplessness
- -Creates fear of freedom, dependence upon captors

Degradation (Covid-19)

- -Shame people who refuse masks, don't distance
- -Make people stand on circles and between lines
- -Make people stand outside and wait in queues
- -Sanitation stations in every shop

Enforcing trivial demands (1956 Chart of Coercion)

- -Develops habit of compliance
- -Demands made are illogical and contradictory
- -Rules on compliance may change
- -Reinforces who is in control

Enforcing trivial demands (Covid-19

- -Family members must stand apart
- -Masks in home and even when having sex

- -Random limits on people allowed being together
- -Sanitizers to be used over and over in a day

The Biden administration just dropped the "bomb" some said would never happen. It has caved into the Iranian demands to drop sanctions on Iran's plans to advance its nuclear program. It's now one step closer to the Ezekiel 38/39 War. Joe Biden or his Obamabiden handlers are destroying the Republic. Folks Bible prophecy is occurring faster than my hands can write and type. The Rapture will be in a "twinkling of an eye!" -(1st Corinthians 15:52). The hour is late!

Recent hyper-inflationary trends from the Fed are expressions of its use of its ONLY weapon against what is killing the global Petrodollar based financial system, that is, deflation. The Fed is desperately trying to inflate its currency against the global deflationary trends of the collapse of the Chinese (CCP) bonds that was sparked by Evergrande. China has stiffed all Evergrande bond investors that are not Chinese citizens. The business media as well as the SEC Security & Exchange Commission have been totally silent on this at a time it should have dominated the mainstream media. Defaulting bankruptcy on \$300+ billion dollars is huge news regardless of what countries of ownership. The Evergrande bonds are worthless to everyone outside of China.

As geo-political events continue to fall apart in the Ukraine, I began to think about the shortness of time for those of God's creation who will consequentially suffer. The U.S. has deployed a total of 10 guided-missile destroyers and 1 guided-missile cruiser to Europe in its build up for a 'hot' war with Russia. The USS Harry Truman nuclear carrier strike group is the command ship of the growing naval presence in the Mediterranean Sea. It gets more ominous by the day. It looks as if this is a sort of last call to those with ears to hear and eyes to see. Maybe this is a good time to get the attention of some of those folks you know but are not familiar with God's plan created for them as well as the already saved! Many people are already at the end of their rope and perhaps you know a few of them that you might want to share the words of this Blessed Hope with them about God's life-saver plan! With what is happening in the world now it may seem an appropriate time to review the Doctrine of the Rapture. First off it is not a theory! In this Blessed Hope, I will cover its entirety and hope I have anticipated any questions you might have. If in doubt please feel free to contact me at my Email address: EvanTeachr@aol.com

I have shown that you can trust the Bible as the Word of God, the content is found in a 2 CD eBook. Five years ago, I published a book entitled: "The Inspired Word of God: Mathematically Proven True". It was the culmination of a study that began in 1963/64, when I was a computer programmer on the team that computerized the King James Bible; it was the very first time an individual could search the KJV Bible electronically by computer in the fall of 1965. I am the sole surviving member of the team that was tasked with this work at the University of Pittsburgh in 1963.

God encoded the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts used to translate the KJV Bible with "self-authenticating" features proving it came not from men, although God used

men to write it and guided them supernaturally. We live in a world of skeptics and doubters, as strange as it sounds few clergy today do not believe the Bible to be the True Word of God. The important question is do you believe the Bible is the True Word of God? They treat the Bible as an allegorical work, a collection of stories that simply teach moral lessons. It is all that and much more. 28% of the Bible is prophecy, or history told in advance. Jesus questioned whether He would find such faith when He returned. His prophecy is being fulfilled in spades when you look at our world today.

There are three great mathematical properties encoded in the Bible: these are known as **Pi, Phi**, and **Euler**. As an example, **Pi = 3.14159265**. The mathematical property of **Pi** is encoded in the Hebrew text of Genesis 1:1, not to 9 places, but to 17 places. Why is that significant? When the Bible was written on parchment and animal skins, humans could only work out **Pi to 3 decimal places!** Computers did not come along until the 1940s.

Only the Creator of the Universe Himself could have encoded such mathematical properties into the Biblical text that were in use since the time of Pythagoras and perhaps even much earlier. It was not until 1850 A.D. before we knew Pi to just 200 places. Today, we now know π to 22-trillion places. Six years ago, It took a computer 105 days to arrive at π to 22,459,157,718,361 places, in November of 2016.

Maybe mathematics was never your thing and this does not impress you or strike your fancy. How about the "Heptadic" Design Feature, a term I coined when I was writing my eBook. The Hebrew word for the number "7" is "Heptad" and it is found throughout the Bible thousands of times, That is not by accident either, but by intentional design of the Creator. The number "7", and multiples of "7", such as 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, etc. also reveal the "Fingerprints of God!" Here is a single example, the word "prophecy" is found 21 times (a multiple of 3 x 7) in the KJV Bible. But the word "prophecy" is also found "7" times in the book of Revelation alone. I cracked the code to the book of Revelation almost thirty years ago. Another example is the word "remnant" It is found in 91 verses (a multiple of 13 x 7). This is but a small sample of God's thumbprint!

Yes, the word "LORD" occurs in our King James Bible as a multiple of "seven" - 6,510X or (7 X 930 = 6,510) times!

Now you would think all of this information would be something that folks would love to know about, and confirming their Bible is proven true mathematically, wouldn't you think? Mathematics is the only "pure" science, meaning it can be tested and replicated over and over again.

The KJV Bible is the True Word of God! All other translations are counterfeits and do not yield the "Heptadic" Design Feature or the named Mathematical properties of *Pi*,

Phi, or **Euler**. I explained why all modern translations are counterfeits in my eBook, it has to do with copyrights and profits in Bible sales of all translations published since 1950 going forward.

The people who tell you the word "**Rapture**" is not in the Bible they are simply ignorant [lack knowledge of the KJV Bible], that's not true. It does appear in the Latin Bibles that were widely used for nearly 2,000 years. *Rapturo* is the Latin translation for "*caught up*" in 1st Thessalonians 4:17. The Greek is *harpázo*, which means "*to snatch away*" and is translated "*pluck them out*" -(John 10:28, 29). It is used in Acts 8:39 of the Spirit of God snatching away Philip after the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch and in 2nd Corinthians 12:2, 4, of Paul being caught up to the third heaven.

I am going to begin with an exegesis or critical explanation of the three primary or most important passages that describe the Rapture: 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1st Corinthians 15:51-58; and John 14:1-3.

1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul was answering the Thessalonian believers' question about those who had died in Christ -(1st Thessalonians 4:13). They had been taught to expect the Lord's imminent return and were looking for that -(1st Thessalonians 1:9-10). But some of the brethren had died, and the church didn't know what was going on with them. Where are they? We all can relate to their concerns. What will happen to them when Christ comes? Will the living saints be caught up with Christ, while the dead saints will have to wait for a later resurrection? We must understand that most of the New Testament was not yet written. Many think that 1st Thessalonians was Paul's first epistle was written in 51 A.D. The epistle of James might have existed, but it has no teaching about the Rapture. Christ spoke of His coming for His own in John 14:1-3, but the Gospel of John was not yet written when Paul wrote his epistle to Thessalonica.

Consider some important lessons from this important key passage:

The Rapture is a doctrine for the church, and this is the key to understanding it.

The only way to understand the Rapture properly is to understand the clear distinction between Israel and the church, which is plainly taught in Scripture if prophecy is interpreted literally. We call this "Rightly Dividing the Word of God." –(2nd Timothy 2:15). Not everything in the Bible is written specifically to folks today. If it was written since the Cross, most of it is for our learning and edification. This includes Paul's epistles or letters from Romans to Philemon.

The doctrine of the Rapture was written to a church for the churches. It is a "**mystery**" revealed to the churches -(1st Corinthians 15:51-52). It is not about Israel. It was not revealed to Israel and has nothing to do with Israel and her program with God and her covenants. God will deal with Israel after the Rapture in Daniel's 70th Week of "seven"

years that remain to complete the discipline of the Jews for failing to let the land heal according to God's original instructions. That's Biblical farming per God's instruction!

The Rapture is when Christ will collect His bride -(Ephesians 5:27) and bring her to the mansions He has prepared for her -(John 14:1-3) and she will see Him in His glory -(John 17:24). The church has nothing to do with the day of the Lord, which is a day pertaining to the unsaved world and to Israel (*"the day of Jacob's trouble,"* Jeremiah 30:7). The church has nothing to do with Daniel's 70 Week prophecy, which pertains to *"thy people"* -(Daniel's people, Israel) and *"thy holy city"* (Jerusalem) -(Daniel 9:24). The churches are not seen on earth in Revelation after chapter three. The events of Revelation 5-18 pertain to the world and to Israel after the church has been taken out. The church of God is a separate entity with her own program with God ("the Jews ... the Gentiles ... the church of God." 1st Corinthians 10:32).

2. The Rapture is taught in the context of exhortations to holy living -(1st Thessalonians 4:1-12).

Bible prophecy is not for mere intellectual pursuit or the satisfaction of carnal curiosity; it is intended to change how God's people live in this present time. We see the same thing in 1st Corinthians 15:50-58. After describing the Rapture, Paul says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

3. Paul wanted the believers to be educated about prophetic events -("But I would not you to be ignorant, brethren," 1st Thessalonians 4:13).

Prophetic truth permeates the New Testament. It is the major theme of Paul's epistles to the Thessalonians -(1st Thessalonians 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-11, 23; 2nd Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2:1-12; 3:5). It is a major theme of the gospels -(Matthew 16:27-28; 24:1-51; 25:1-46; 26:64; Mark 13:1-37; 14:62; Luke 21:5-38; John 14:1-3).

It is a major theme of all of the New Testament epistles -(Acts 1:11; 3:19-20; Romans 11:26; 13:12; 1st Corinthians 1:7-8; 4:5; 11:26; 15:51-58; Philippians 1:6, 10; 2:16; 3:20-21; 4:5; Colossians 3:4; 1 Ti. 6:14; 4:1, 8; Titus. 2:13; James. 5:7-9; Hebrews. 9:28; 10:37; 1st Peter 1:7; 4:7; 5:4; 2nd Peter 1:19; 3:10-131 John. 2:28; 3:2; Jude 1:14-15, 21). It is obvious that it is God's will that every believing individual, home, and church be well educated in the events of Christ's Second Coming.

4. The Rapture is the believer's "hope" -(1st Thessalonians 4:13). This is what we are waiting for. We are looking for Christ, not the Antichrist. This is the believer's "blessed hope" -(Titus 2:13). It is our greatest source of encouragement, something that we all need in these closing days of world history.

Note that believers do not sorrow "as others which have no hope." Those without Jesus Christ have no hope. Ephesians 2:12 says those "without Christ" have no hope and are without God in the world. Any hope they might have is vain hope that is based

on fables rather than God's Word. Klause Schwab has plans to microchip you and transform you into a cyborg, half human, half artificial language. In contrast, the saved have true hope based on Christ's atonement and God's promises. We see that believers do sorrow, but not like the world. The believers at Jerusalem "made great lamentation" when Stephen was martyred -(Acts 8:2). Paul had sorrow when Epaphroditus was sick nigh unto death -(Philippians. 2:25-27). On a personal basis, death is a blessing for the believer. Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" -(Philippians 1:21).

5. The Rapture was taught to Paul "by the word of the Lord" -(1st Thessalonians 4:14). John Nelson Darby merely codified the doctrine while recuperating from an accident while riding a horse leading to breaking his leg.

It was divine revelation, and there is no other means by which man can know the future with certainty. "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them." –(Isaiah 42:9). The Bible has multiple passages where God makes the point to prove He is the Author of the Bible!

The Rapture is a mystery that was first revealed to Paul. The Rapture was not described in Old Testament prophecy -(1st Corinthians 15:51-52), yet the second coming of Christ is described in much greater detail -(e.g., Psalms 50:3-6; 96:13; 97:1-4; 98:9; 102:13-14; Isaiah 26:21; 28:21-22; 30:27-30; 35:4; 40:10-11; 42:13-17; 59:16-20; 62:11; 63:1-6; 66:15-16; Jeremiah 25:30-33; Daniel 7:9-14; Joel 3:16; Micah 1:3-4; Zechariah 2:10-13; 8:3; 14:3-7; Malachi 3:1-5; 4:1-2).

Bible prophecy is irrefutable evidence of the divine inspiration of Scripture. It is like history told in advance of it happening. Christ's coming was preceded by prophecies of His birthplace -(Micah 5:2), virgin birth -(Isaiah 7:14), healings -(Isaiah 35:4-6), betrayal by a friend for 30 pieces of silver -(Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12-13), the injustice of his trial -(Isaiah 53:8), crucifixion -(Psalm 22:14-16), no bones broken -(Psalm 22:17), burial with the rich -(Isaiah 53:9), resurrection -(Psalm 16:10), and ascension -(Psalm 110:1). The mathematical odds of these revelations about Jesus of Nazareth is in the billions.

6. The Rapture is based on Christ's death and resurrection -("For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him," 1st Thessalonians 4:14).

The reason a sinner can go to heaven when he dies and be with Christ and rise to immortality is because Christ died and paid the full atonement for our sins, and His resurrection is the evidence that the payment was accepted. Paid In Full!

7. The Rapture is for every individual who is in Christ ("them also which sleep in Jesus ... we which are alive and remain," 1st Thessalonians 4:14, 15). Compare 1st Corinthians 15:23, "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." There is no "partial" or "split" Rapture taught in Scripture for the Church during the dispensation of the age of Grace.

8. The Rapture is an event in which the dead in Christ will be raised and the living saints will be changed and glorified -(1st Thessalonians 4:14-17). ("them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" -(1st Thessalonians. 4:14). - We see that the dead in Christ are not sleeping in the grave as some falsely teach. Their spirits are with Christ in heaven and they will come with Him and be joined to their resurrection bodies. Death is called "sleep" -(1st Thessalonians 4:13, 14) because it appears to be sleep from an earthly perspective. The term "cemetery" is from the Greek koimeterion, which means "sleeping place." (The word for sleep in 1st Thessalonians 4:14 is koimáo, "to lie outstretched, to lie down.") Death is the departure of the spirit from the body - (James 2:26). The New Testament teaches that death is a journey either to heaven or hell, depending on whether the individual is saved or lost -(Luke 16:22-23; 2nd Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 1st Thessalonians 5:10; 2nd Timothy 4:6; 2nd Peter 1:14). In Revelation 6:9 we see "the souls of them that were slain for the word of God." They are not sleeping in the grave; they are alive and well in heaven!

"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven" -(1st Thessalonians 4:16)

- Christ Himself will come. Presently Christ sits at the right hand of God in heaven making intercession for His people -(Romans 8:34). He will leave there and come to fetch His bride. This will be the fulfilment of Christ's promise in John 14:3, "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." God used the motif of the bride as a means to relate His plan for believers and that relationship is based upon mutual love for each other.

"with a shout" -(1st Thessalonians 4:16)

- This is the Greek *kéleusma*, "to order, command (military command); Christ will come as Conqueror" (Robertson's Word Pictures). "The shout denotes His supreme authority. The Greek word is kélusma, which means literally 'a shout of command,' used in classical Greek for the hero's shout to his followers in battle, the commanding voice to gather together. ... The shout may be the single word 'Come!' ... Before Lazarus' tomb He spoke with a loud voice, 'Come forth.' ... 'Come' is the royal word of grace, and grace will do its supreme work when He comes for His own"

"with the voice of the archangel" (1st Thessalonians 4:16)

- The angels are organized by rank, and an archangel is a high angel. The archangel is identified as Michael. He contended with the devil over Moses' body -(Jude 1:9). In Daniel 10:13 he is said to be "one of the chief princes," so it appears that he is one of a plurality of archangels. In Daniel 12:1, Michael is called "the great prince that standeth for the children of thy people," referring to Daniel's people, Israel, and he will assist Israel in the Tribulation. He is named in Revelation 12:7 as leading the angels in war against Satan.

"and the trump of God" -(1st Thessalonians 4:16)

- 1st Corinthians 15:52 also mention the trump at the Rapture. "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."

- The trumpet that will sound at the Rapture of the church-age saints is not the same as the last trumpet that will sound in Revelation -(Revelation 11:15-18). That trumpet pertains to the world. The "last trump" in Revelation releases the last seven judgments -(Revelation 15:1).
- The trumpet of the Rapture is not the trumpet that will sound at the fulfilment of Israel's Feast of Trumpets -(Numbers 29:1), which is a prophecy of Christ's return. See Isaiah 27:13; Matthew 24:31.
- The church is not a part of these other programs. Her "trump" is a different one. "and the dead in Christ shall rise first" -(1st Thessalonians 4:16)
- The "dead in Christ" refer to church saints, not Old Testament saints, who are never said to be "in Christ." The Old Testament saints will probably be raised after the Tribulation -(Revelation 20:4-6; Daniel 12:1-3).

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" -(1st Thessalonians 4:17).

- The saints that are alive will be instantly changed as described in 1st Corinthians 15:51-53, "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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."
- "Caught up" is *harpázo*, "to snatch away." It is translated "pluck them out" -(John 10:28, 29). It is used in Acts 8:39 of the Spirit of God snatching away Philip after the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch and in 2nd Corinthians 12:2, 4 of Paul being caught up to heaven.
- To meet Christ "in the air" is a great miracle. It reminds us that the resurrection body is not subject to the law of gravity or dependent on oxygen as the natural body is. Christ ascended in His resurrection body up through space to heaven -(Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9).

"and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

- This will be a fulfilment of Christ's wonderful promise. "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 14:3). In this present world, the saints are not with the Lord physically, but they want to be with him. Paul desired to be "absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" -(2nd Corinthians 5:8) and to "depart, and to be with Christ" -(Philippians 1:23).

9. The Rapture is <u>not</u> the second coming of Christ which is described in many other passages. In one of my earlier Blessed Hope segments, I listed 32 specific passages of contrast that differentiates the two events, the Rapture and the Second Coming.

As we have seen, the Rapture is a mystery that was not described in Old Testament prophecy -(1st Corinthians 15:51-52), yet the second coming of Christ is described in abundant detail in those prophecies.

In the Rapture there is no gathering together of the elect by the angels as in the second coming in glory -(Matthew 24:30-31). The elect in Matthew 24 are the saved of Israel and those who believe the gospel of the kingdom among the nations who are alive at Christ's return -(Matthew 24:14). "The elect in Matthew 24 are not the church, but Israel. Dispersed Israel will be regathered and angels will be used in this work".

In the Rapture the saints meet the Lord in the air, but in the Second Coming they accompany Him on white horses -(Revelation 19:11-14).

10. The Rapture is the believer's *"comfort"* -(1st Thessalonians 4:18).

The fact that the Rapture is a comfort confirms that it will precede the terrible day of the Lord. There would be no comfort in knowing that I must go through the events described in Revelation 6-18. These chapters contain 21 judgments upon an unbelieving world. The believer has unspeakably wonderful hope and comfort in Christ. Trust me, you do not want to be left behind to endure what is in store for unbelievers. His entire worldview is different from the unbeliever's. He knows that his sins are forgiven, that he is blessed with all spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ, that he is reconciled and justified, that he has eternal life, that his life is hidden in Jesus Christ, that he is already seated in Jesus Christ in heavenly places, that he is a joint-heir with Jesus Christ and part of the very bride of Jesus Christ, and that when he dies he will be with Jesus Christ and will return with Jesus Christ for the bodily resurrection. This should be a reminder that we can have comfort in what may seem to be or appear to many as if we are in the Tribulation, which is nearer than ever before.

11. The Rapture occurs before the day of the Lord -(1st Thessalonians 5:1-11).

Immediately after describing the Rapture, Paul describes the day of the Lord and says the New Testament believer will not be overtaken by it. Again, we see that the Rapture is Pre-Tribulational, before Daniel's seventieth week commences.

The "day of the Lord" is the time when God will judge the world for its sin and idolatry. In that "day," God will be exalted and rebellious men will be humbled. It is described in Isaiah 2, 13, 34; Jeremiah 46; Ezekiel 13, 30; Joel 1, 2, 3; Amos 5; Obadiah 1; Zephaniah 1; Zechariah 14; and Malachi. 4. See also Isaiah 2: 10-12, 17-21.

The day of the Lord is described in great detail in Revelation 6-19.

Note the change in pronouns in 1st Thessalonians 5. In verse 3 the pronoun "they" is used, because the day of the Lord will come upon the unsaved world. But in verses 4-5 the pronoun "ye" is used, referring to believers. That day will not overtake us.

The believer is to be watching for the Lord's return -(1st Thessalonians 5:6). We do not know when it will happen. It is imminent.

Believers are not appointed to go through the time of God's wrath -(1st Thessalonians 5:9). Compare 1st Thessalonians 1:10, which says the Lord has delivered New Testament believers from the wrath to come. Church-age saints have been subject to the wrath of men and devils throughout the age, but we are not appointed to go through the wrath of God that will be poured out upon this wicked world. Compare Isaiah 2:9-21.

The place of protection during the days of apostasy before the Rapture is the Bible-believing church. Remember not all churches are Bible-believing churches. Satan has infiltrated many once Bible-believing churches with Yoga, LGBTQ, abortion, universalism, consensus ecumenism, and inclusivity, etc. Satan worms his way into a church through wedge-issues breaking Bible doctrine and replacing it with pleasantries and admirable philosophies.

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men" -(1st Thessalonians 5:12-14).

In the context of his warning about the coming day of the Lord, Paul mentions the church and its leaders. This is very instructive. Each believer needs to be a faithful member of a Scriptural church that is led by godly men who are sound in the New Testament faith. The leaders and the church members work together to accomplish God's will on earth in preaching the gospel to every nation while they wait for the Lord's return.

The way to have peace in the churches is for the leaders to teach the Bible faithfully and for the members to show respect to the leaders and to follow them. Church leaders should be honoured and obeyed as long as they are following the Bible.

Those who are unruly in the churches should be rebuked, because they hurt the Lord's work.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

The Rapture is a "mystery."

- A New Testament mystery is something "which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest" -(Romans 16:25-26). The mystery in 1st

Corinthians 15 is the revelation of the Rapture itself and particularly the instant glorification of living saints at the Rapture.

- The Rapture is the two-fold event of the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the transformation of the living *("the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed,"* 1st Corinthians 15:52). This is the Rapture described in 1st Thessalonians 4:16-17.
- The Rapture will happen "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." "Moment" is the Greek word atomos, from whence the word "atom" is derived. The Rapture will occur instantaneously. There will be no warning. There will be no opportunity to make further preparation. It is an event that must be prepared for beforehand by salvation and service (for reward).
- The Rapture will happen "at the last trump." This is the trump of 1st Thessalonians. 4:16. The trumpet that will sound at the Rapture of the church-age saints is not the same as the trumpets that will sound in Revelation as judgments on this world or the trumpets that sound in reference to Israel. The church is not a part of these other programs. The church's last trump is when she shall finally be congregated together to the Lord. "There is no basis for post-tribulationists equating this trumpet with the seventh trumpet in Revelation 11:15-19. The trumpets in Revelation pertain to judgments during the Tribulation, whereas the trumpet in 1st Corinthians 15:52 is related to the church" (Bible Knowledge Commentary).
- "We shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." "Incorruptible" means that the resurrection body will be incapable of sickness and disease. "Immortal" means incapable of dying. "Shall be raised" and "shall be changed" are future passive. God will do it.

The Rapture is sure -(1st Corinthians 15:49-52).

- The Rapture is as sure as the Word of God. "Shall" is repeated five times in this passage: "we <u>shall</u> also bear the image of the heavenly ... we <u>shall</u> all be changed ... the trumpet <u>shall</u> sound ... the dead <u>shall</u> be raised ... we <u>shall</u> be changed."

The Rapture is cause of praise to God. "Death is swallowed up in victory" -(1st Corinthians 15:54-57).

- This amazing passage on the resurrection concludes with a passionate note of praise to God.
- In 1st Corinthians 15:54, Paul cites Isaiah 25:8, "He will swallow up death in victory." Isaiah 25:1-12 is a prophecy of the destruction of the present Gentile kingdoms and the establishment of Christ's kingdom. Isaiah speaks of death swallowed up in the future tense, while Paul speaks of it in the aorist indicative tense, which is action that is past. Unfortunately, so many critics of Pre-Millennialism are simply inept when it comes to use of Koine Greek grammar when they fail to use and understand

that English requires some basic grammatical knowledge. Without a full grounding of English as our native language, grammar mistakes are amplified when learning to use the Koine Greek grammar. In order for me to learn Greek, I found it necessary to brush up on my correct English grammar skills. This is a perfect time to have at hand an Interlinear Bible, such as the J.P. Green Interlinear Bible.

- In 1st Corinthians 15:55, Paul makes a reference to Hosea 13:14, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." Here, God promises to ransom Israel from the power of the grave, and He will do it by Himself becoming death's plagues. God Himself paid the full penalty for sin required by the law.
- Paul triumphantly addresses death and the grave. He personifies them as if they are animate and pronounces victory over them. Death and the grave have held sway over mankind for 6,000 long years. "... by one man's offense death reigned" -(Romans 5:17). One by one, the descendants of Adam have lived their short lives and been carried away by death in the myriad of its terrible forms. We live our lives with the certainty of death waiting in the wings. In this revelation of the resurrection, Paul sees the end of death, and he is exultant. I have surpassed my allotted time of Psalms 90:10 and so I always say I am living on borrowed time, awaiting to fly away!
- "The sting of death is sin." Death is the wages of sin -(Romans 6:23). Christ took the sting of death upon Himself in our place. "The strength of sin is the law." This is explained in Romans 4:15, "where no law is, there is no transgression," and Romans 5:13, "sin is not imputed when there is no law," and 1st John 3:4, "sin is the transgression of the law." The law of God brings guilt -(Romans 3:19) and curse -(Galatians 3:10). "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" -(Galatians 3:13).
- He gives thanks to "God." It is God alone who has wrought salvation for fallen sinners. All is of God. He planned it and carried it out. Man has done nothing and can do nothing. It is 100% God's grace.
- The victory is "through our Lord Jesus Christ." The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world -(1st John. 4:14). He is Lord; He is Jesus the Saviour; He is Christ the Anointed of God, the fulfilment of Bible prophecy; He is ours. He is the Lord Jesus Christ for all who receive the gospel.
- The revelation of victory over death shows the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the glory of the Bible that reveals it. Non-Christian religions do not offer any such victory. Human philosophy does not understand death and has no victory over it. Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychiatry, wrote, "And finally there is the painful riddle of death, for which no remedy at all has yet been found, nor probably ever will be" -(The Bible Exposition Commentary). Pagan religions do not offer victory over death; they offer only an uncertain and vague "hope" through works and rituals. Only through the

Bible can we understand the cause of death and where man goes after death and how to have certain victory over death through faith in Jesus Christ. Their knowing these truths however does not keep them from loathing and hating Christians.

The Rapture explains how that flesh and blood will inherit the kingdom of God and how that corruption will inherit incorruption -(1st Corinthians 15:50).

- The Corinthians thought they were already in the kingdom -(1st Corinthians 4:5-8). "Because the underlying problem causing the denial of the resurrection was a view of the present earthly body as already fit to enter the kingdom. Paul expressed his thought two ways (15:50). 'Flesh and blood' could not inherit the kingdom. Did anyone think it could? Yes, the Corinthians did, as 4:5-8 indicated. Their problems with resurrection seem to indicate an 'I'm already in the kingdom' attitude".

The Rapture is a source of great encouragement and motivation to godly Christian service. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" -(1st Corinthians 15:58).

- The Rapture is a very important doctrine. Bible prophecy is not given merely to enlighten the intellect and satisfy our interest in the future; it is given to sanctify. The doctrine of the Rapture is to motivate God's people to stay awake spiritually and to stay busy in the work of preaching the gospel to lost souls before it is too late. The doctrine of the Rapture is repeated throughout the New Testament, and it must be taught and emphasized in every church. If your church does not do that, then why are you there?
- Paul addresses the "beloved brethren." One must be saved to have these promises, to have the hope of this future, and to live this life.
- "Be ye." This is present imperative active. It is a command, and it is a command to be doing this in a continuous, repeated action.
- "steadfast, unmovable." "Steadfast" is the Greek hedraios, "from hedra, seat, chair." It is translated "settled" -(Colossians 1:23). The believer is to remain perfectly settled in his faith in Christ, like sitting down in a chair and refusing to move. He is steadfast in God's Word and God's truth and God's will and God's promises. Steadfast describes the believer's commitment to Christ and His will. I am committed; I am settled. "Unmovable" describes the believer's determined resistance to every force that would move him out of God's will: the seductions of the world, the attacks of the devil, the lies of false teachers, persecution, suffering, discouragement, fear. The words "steadfast, unmovable" mean nearly the same thing and are repeated by way of emphasis. A great many saints have been steadfast, unmovable. We think of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Hannah, Samuel, Ruth, David, Elijah, Peter, John, Paul, Timothy, Aquila and Priscilla. They put their faith in God and were never moved away. On the other hand, many were not steadfast. Lot was moved by his covetousness -(Genesis

- 13:10-11). Esau was moved by a bowl of soup -(Genesis 25:34). Demas was moved by his love for this present world -(2nd Timothy 4:10).
- "always abounding in the work of the Lord." The Christian life is not just standing in the faith and not being moved; it is being busy in God's work. There is a great work for God in this present world, and every child of God has his part. There is a good, and acceptable and perfect will of God -(Romans 12:1-2). There are the works "which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" -(Ephesians 2:10). There is praying work and worship work and church work and soul winning work and home making work and fathering work and mothering work and parenting work and works of holiness and works of separation and works of compassion and works of edifying the brethren and many other works that are spelled out in the New Testament Scriptures. There is ambassador work in preaching the gospel -(2nd Corinthians 5:20). There is work building up the church -(Ephesians 4:16). There are spiritual gifts and ministries to be exercised -(Romans 12:3-8). There is priestly work -(1st Peter 2:5). Note the words "always abounding." Every saint is to be always engaged in the work of the Lord, not part time, not once in a while. Every saint is to be abounding in the work of the Lord. This is the opposite of lazy, lukewarm, half-hearted, and half-committed. This is sold out Christianity. This is true discipleship. Christ did not take the sting of death and purchase salvation so that the redeemed could continue to live their lives for themselves. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" -(Titus 2:14).
- "forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." This is a great encouragement, and it has encouraged multitudes of saints as they have walked through this fallen world. God's work is the only work in this world that is guaranteed successful. Labour in Christ is not in vain because it is blessed by God in this present life and it has eternal reward. It is sanctified in Christ and therefore acceptable to God. No matter what happens or how things "look," just keep believing God's Word, just keep serving Him; remain steadfast, don't be moved.

John 14:1-3

"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). I have opened 153 funeral services with this passage and somehow overlooked it as a Rapture passage! It was the late Grant Jeffrey who introduced the concept or theme of the Hebrew wedding practices being symbolic for the Rapture of Christ's bride, that being the church!

Heaven is called "my Father's house." It is where God's throne resides. It is called "paradise" -(Luke 23:43; 2nd Corinthians 12:4; Revelation 2:7). This is the Greek paradeisos, which was borrowed from the Persians and referred to delightful royal parks. "Socrates said that the king of Persia took particular care, wherever he was, to

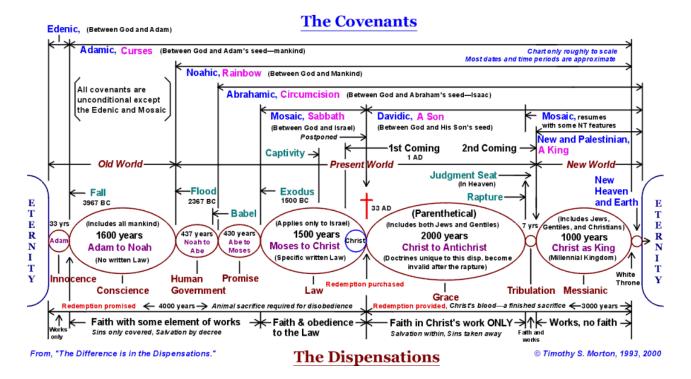
have gardens or enclosures full of every beautiful and good thing the earth could produce".

At His ascension, Jesus went to prepare a place for His bride. By Jewish custom, after the engagement, the bridegroom built an apartment onto his father's house, then he returned at the wedding to fetch her. The departure and return of the bridegroom is described in Christ's Parable of the Ten Virgins -(Matthew 25:1-6).

"Mansion" is the Greek **mone**, a dwelling. It is translated "**abode**" in John 14:23. The English "mansion" is from the Latin "**mansiones**." The word **mone** itself does not mean a splendid dwelling, but the context demands it.

Christ promised to return and "receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." This will occur at the Rapture, when Christ will resurrect the dead saints and transform the living ones. "For 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: Then 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" -(1st Thessalonians 4:16-17). John 14 tells us that the Rapture occurs before the Tribulation, because at Christ's coming after the Tribulation, He will ride with the armies of heaven, defeat the antichrist armies, descends to the Mt. of Olives, and begins to establish His earthly kingdom -(Zechariah 14:3-4; Revelation 19:11-21). This event obviously is not about catching away His bride to the Father's house. Church-age believers are a heavenly people with a heavenly hope -(Ephesians 1; Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:1-3). Some dispensationalists teach that the churchage saints will live in heaven during the millennium. Others believe they will live both in heaven and on earth. The Lord Jesus promised church-age overcomers that they will rule the nations -(Revelation 2:26-27), and He promised the apostles, who are the foundation builders of the church -(Ephesians 2:20), that they will sit on thrones and reign with Him over Israel -(Matthew 19:28). That is earthly language. In the resurrection, the physical limitations of this present life will be removed, as we see Jesus ascending to heaven, appearing and disappearing, etc., so to live in heaven and on earth will no longer be impossibility.

Below is one of the best charts that help explain why not all of the Bible is written to Christians. As it contains 66 individual books, it contains different genres of literary works, such as law, history, wisdom & poetry, prophecy, gospels, letters, etc. They were written and recorded over a period of about 2,500 years but spanning God's plan for man over 7,000 years. All of the Bible is for our edification and learning, but as to doctrine for believers, Paul's letters from Romans to Philemon are addressed to the church. "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). When we follow this principle, matters of conflict and confusion cease to be issues of disagreement or division. It is much like having the combination to unlock the bank yault or a school locker.



The above color-coded Dispensational Chart is the beautiful work of Timothy S. Morton, author of his little book, *'The Differences is in the Dispensation.'* I highly recommend his book, so much so, that I have purchased copies for all my grandchildren.

Author and Bible prophecy teacher, T.W. Tramm has compiled a huge list of Biblical Facts that converge on the beginning of the Hebrew month Nisan, Rosh Chodesh Nisan 2022 / נִיסָן חוֹדֶשׁ רֹאשׁ 5782. Next, below I am including the Hebrew historical and chronological events that make this month so important to all God's people. On the Hebrew calendar, Nisan is the most eventful month for the people of God. The first three of the Spring Feasts occur in this particular month. It has huge potential of being the month of the Christian Rapture (thematically speaking) equivalent to "Passover", or the "Deliverance" event akin to the Israelites first Passover and the crossing of the Red Sea on dry ground!

Rosh Chodesh Nisan for Hebrew Year 5782 begins at sundown on **Friday, 1 April 2022** and ends at nightfall on Saturday, 2 April 2022.

The start of the month of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. נְיָסוֹ (transliterated Nisan or Nissan) is the 1st month of the Hebrew year, and the Biblical agricultural calendar, and it has 30 days, and corresponds to March or April on the Gregorian calendar. מוֹדָשׁ רֹאשׁ, transliterated **Rosh Chodesh** or **Rosh Hodesh**, is a minor holiday that occurs at the beginning of every month in the Hebrew calendar. It is marked by the birth of a new moon. The Jewish calendar is a combination of lunar/solar cycles.

The fact is that God does things in precise patterns based upon His Biblical calendar is confirmed and validated by timing of events that occur on specific days of the Hebrew

months over centuries and millennia. The date that is most often noted is the *9th of Av*. On the *9th of Av*, there are more than a dozen events that have an ominous history and so Jews mourn on this specific date which usually occurs in our month of August. To understand the importance of this statement relates to the point that such events do not fall on the same calendar day, year after year. In our world, the 4th of July always falls on July 4th. On God's Biblical calendar, any of the below events may vary as much as a full calendar month. Note below how the date of Passover floats or moves for this year and the following four years.

2022: The nights of April 15 and 16 2023: The nights of April 5 and 6 2024: The nights of April 22 and 23 2025: The nights of April 12 and 13 2026: The nights of April 1 and 2

Note: The Jewish calendar date begins at sundown of the night beforehand. Thus all holiday observances begin at sundown on the secular dates listed, with the following day being the first full day of the holiday. (Thus, the first Passover **seder** is held on the evening of the first date listed.) Jewish calendar dates conclude at nightfall.

The eight-day Jewish holiday of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan, April 15 - 23, 2022. Passover (**Pesach**) commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. **Pesach** is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus.

In Hebrew it is known as **Pesach** (which means "to pass over"), because God passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve.

The Passover Story in a Nutshell

As told in the Bible, after many decades of slavery to the Egyptian pharaohs, during which time the Israelites were subjected to backbreaking labour and unbearable horrors, God saw the people's distress and sent Moses to Pharaoh with a message: "Send forth My people, so that they may serve Me." But despite numerous warnings, Pharaoh refused to heed God's command. God then sent upon Egypt ten devastating plagues, afflicting them and destroying everything from their livestock to their crops.

At the stroke of midnight of 15 Nissan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), God visited the last of the ten plagues on the Egyptians, killing all their firstborn. While doing so, God spared the children of Israel, "passing over" their homes—hence the name of the holiday. Pharaoh's resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, in fact, that the bread they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise. Six hundred thousand adult males, plus

many more women and children, left Egypt on that day and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth as God's chosen people.

In ancient times the Passover observance included the sacrifice of the *paschal* lamb, which was roasted and eaten at the *Seder* on the first night of the holiday. This was the case until the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in the 1st century.

Passover is divided into two parts:

The first two days and last two days (the latter commemorating the splitting of the Red Sea) are full-fledged holidays. Holiday candles are lit at night, and *kiddush* and sumptuous holiday meals are enjoyed on both nights and days. Jews don't go to work, drive, write, or switch on or off electric devices. They are permitted to cook and to carry outdoors.

Passover is celebrating the greatest series of miracles ever experienced in history; it is a time to reach above nature to the miraculous.

As you look at the month Nisan below you will see clusters of events that occur on specific days. The two most important dates in the history of the Judeo-Christian world is "Passover" on Nisan 14/15; and three days later Nisan 17/18 is the "Resurrection".

The major dates of importance in the Hebrew month of Nisan are:

MONTH FEAST and EVENTS

Nisan (Aviv) Always has 30 days. Mazal is Toleh (ram). Tribe is Reuben.

1st

New Moon. Numbers 10:8-10

Creation of the world. Triennial cycle and Rosh Hashanah 1:1

Beginning of the year. **Exodus 12:2**, Mishna: Seder Moed: Tractate Hashanah: 1:1

The latter rains begin falling in this month. Taanit 5a

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 91. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 24. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The consecration of Aaron and his sons. **Day 1** *Exodus 40:1-16*, *Leviticus 8:31-36*, *Rashi*

The tabernacle - Tent of meeting is permanently set up (Sunday 2449 BCE). *Ex.40:2, Numbers Rabbah 13, Zohar - Shemot*

The first time that fire fell from heaven happened when the altar was set up by Moses. Shabbat 87b

Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron were killed for offering strange fire. **Leviticus 10:1-2,** Taanit 1

Israelites camp at Kadesh (sanctuary) in 2484 AM. This is camp 32. Study on Numbers 33, Seder Olam 9

The altar dedication offering on the first day was Nahshon son of Aminadab of the tribe of Judah. *Numbers* 7:12

The appointed time for the family of Arah (tribe of Judah) to bring firewood for the Temple. *Nehemiah 10:34*, Taanit 26a

The Lord talks to Moses, in the tent of meeting, about Pesach. *Numbers 9:1-4* The mitzvah of the Red Heifer was given to the Jewish people.

Miriam's death in the fortieth year. Seder Olam

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. Kiddushin 38a

The Children of Israel mourn for Moses for 30 days - day 24. Deuteronomy 34:8

7 Year famine end for King Jehoram. 2 Kings 8:1, Joel 1:4, Taanit 5a

Hezekiah began consecrating the temple, day 1. *II Chronicles* 29:17

Achashverosh's party of 180 days, begins. *Esther 1:4*, *HaMeor SheBiMegila (Yeshua Gedolah)*.

Cyrus was crowned "King of Babylonia and King of all lands".

Plot of Bigthan and Teresh to assassinate Xerxes is discovered by Mordecai. *Apocrypha; Book of Esther*.

God gives Egypt to Babylon for wages. Ezekiel 29:17

Ezra begins journey from Babylon. Ezra 7:9

Ezra finishes dealing with foreign wives, in 456 BCE. Ezra 10:17

The pur was cast for the Esther's people. Esther 3:7

Nehemiah is sad before Artaxerxes. Nehemiah 2:1

Nehemiah leaves for Jerusalem. Nehemiah 2:1-9

The sanctuary of Ezekiel's temple is purified. *Ezekiel 45:18*

2nd

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 92. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 25. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The consecration of Aaron and his sons. Day 2 Exodus 40:1-16, Leviticus 8:31-36

Moses performed the first "Parah Adumah", the red heifer purification. Seder Olam

On the second day Nathaniel son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar, brought his altar dedication offering. *Numbers 7:18*

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a** The Children of Israel mourn for Moses for 30 days - day 25. **Deuteronomy 34:8** Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 2. **Il Chronicles 29:17**

3rd

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 93. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 26. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The consecration of Aaron and his sons. Day 3 Exodus 40:1-16, Leviticus 8:31-36

The ashes of the red cow first used for Aaron and his sons. Rashi to Numbers 7:1.

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. Kiddushin 38a

The Children of Israel mourn for Moses for 30 days - day 26. Deuteronomy 34:8

Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 3. Il Chronicles 29:17

On the third day, Eliab son of Helon, the leader of the people of Zebulun, brought his altar dedication offering. *Numbers 7:24*

4th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 94. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 27. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The consecration of Aaron and his sons. Day 4 Exodus 40:1-16, Leviticus 8:31-36

The fourth day Elizur son of Shedeur, the leader of the people of Reuben, brought his altar dedication offering. *Numbers 7:30*

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a** The Children of Israel mourn for Moses for 30 days - day 27. **Deuteronomy 34:8** Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 4. **Il Chronicles 29:17**

5th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 95. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 28. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The consecration of Aaron and his sons. **Day 5** *Exodus 40:1-16*, *Leviticus 8:31-36*Joshua sent scouts to survey Jericho and the surrounding territory. *Joshua 2:1*, *Rashi*The fifth day Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, the leader of the people of Simeon, brought his altar dedication offering.

Numbers 7:36

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a** The Children of Israel mourn for Moses for 30 days - day 28. **Deuteronomy 34:8** Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 5. **Il Chronicles 29:17**

6th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 96. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 29. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The consecration of Aaron and his sons. **Day 6** *Exodus 40:1-16*, *Leviticus 8:31-36*On the sixth day Eliasaph son of Deuel, the leader of the people of Gad, brought his altar dedication offering. *Numbers 7:42*

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a** The Children of Israel mourn for Moses for 30 days - day 29. **Deuteronomy 34:8** Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 6. **Il Chronicles 29:17**

7th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 97. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 30. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Aaron and his sons complete their ordination. **Day 7** *Exodus 40, Leviticus 8:30-36*The seventh day Elishama son of Ammihud, the leader of the people of Ephraim, brought his altar dedication offering.

Numbers 7:48

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a**The Children of Israel mourn for Moses for 30 days - day 30. **Deuteronomy 34:8**Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 7. **Il Chronicles 29:17**A sacrifice for the seventh day of the first month, entirely unknown from the Torah. (Cf. Ezekiel 18: 4, 20 with Exodus 20:5,

24:7; Ezekiel 44:31 with Leviticus 22:8; Ezekiel 44:22 with Leviticus 21:14; also, Ezekiel 45:20. which mentions a

sacrifice for the seventh day of the first month, entirely unknown from the Torah. V. Rashi to the above verses of Ezekiel,

and Menachoth 45a, and Kiddushin 78a.) *Ezekiel 40:23* April 9, 2003 Saddam Hussein is deposed.

8th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 98. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 31. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The eighth day Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, the leader of the people of Manasseh, brought his altar dedication offering.

Numbers 7:54

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a**Joshua orders the officers to get their supplies ready to cross the Jordan. **Day 1**. **Joshua 1:11. Joshua 4:19-22**

Joshua secretly sends two spies to Jericho. **Day 1** in hiding in the hills of Jericho. **Joshua** 2:1-23

The feast of King Achashverosh, which lasted for 180 days, came to an end. *Esther 1:4*; *Manot Halevi*

Hezekiah reaches the portico of the Lord while consecrating the Temple, day 8. *II Chronicles* 29:17

9th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 99. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 32. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The ninth day Abidan son of Gideoni, the leader of the people of Benjamin, brought his altar dedication offering.

Numbers 7:60

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a**Joshua orders the officers to get their supplies ready to cross the Jordan. **Day 2**. **Joshua**1:11, **Joshua** 4:19-22

Joshua secretly sends two spies to Jericho. **Day 2** in hiding in the hills of Jericho. **Joshua** 2:1-23

Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 9. *Il Chronicles* 29:17 Ezra assemble Jews at the Ahava canal prior to departing Babylon for Israel. **Day** 1 *Ezra* 8:15

Yeshua enters Bethany, six days before Pesach. John 12:1

10th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 100. *Genesis 7:24*Abraham circumcises himself, Ishmael, and his entire household. *Genesis 17:22 - 18:2 Mid.Y.16.80*,

(Pirke D'Rabbi Eleazar 28, Yalkut Chadash 121a - Nisan 13)

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 33. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The Pesach lamb (in Egypt only), without blemish, is chosen. *Exodus 12:3, Targum Pseudo Jonathan 12:3*

The tenth day Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, the leader of the people of Dan, brought his altar dedication offering.

Numbers 7:66

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a**Joshua's secret spies return from Jericho. **Day 3** in hiding in the hills of Jericho. **Joshua**2:1-23

Israelites cross the Jordan River and enter the promised land, camping at Gilgal. *Joshua 4:19-22*, **Pesiqta Rabbah**, **Ch. 15**

Miriam dies on the Sabbath before Pesach. Seder Olam 10

The mobile well, which supplied water to the Exodus Jews, dries up. Seder Olam 10 Israelites cross the Jordan and erect 12 monuments at Gilgal. **Joshua 4:20**

Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 10. Il Chronicles 29:17

We read about the sun's healing power on Shabbat HaGadol. Malachi 4:2

Hezekiah is healed on Shabbat HaGadol. Il Kings 20:4-11 + Chazal

Ezekiel gets temple measurements. Ezekiel 40, 41, 42, 43

Ezra assemble Jews at the Ahava canal prior to departing Babylon for Israel. **Day 2** *Ezra* 8:15

Tradition puts Yehoshua's composing of the second paragraph of Bircat haMazon.

Yeshua feeds the multitude. John 6:4-15

Yeshua enters Jerusalem, on the foal of a donkey, as Messiah King, on Shabbat. **John** 12:12-15. **Zechariah** 9:9

Yeshua heals the blind and lame. Matthew 21:14

11th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 101. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 34. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The eleventh day Pagiel son of Ocran, the leader of the people of Asher, brought his altar dedication offering. *Numbers 7:72*

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a**Wilderness Israelites are circumcised by Joshua. Zevachim 119a, **Joshua 5:3**; Seder
Olam 11

Ezra assemble Jews at the Ahava canal prior to departing Babylon for Israel. **Day 3** *Ezra* 8:15

Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 11. *II Chronicles* 29:17 Yeshua curses the fig tree. *Mark* 11:12-14

Yeshua is presented as Messiah Priest, on the first day of the week. *Mark 11:12-19, Isaiah 56:7*

12th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 102. Genesis 7:24

Abraham and Isaac set out to offer Isaac (Akeida). *Genesis 22:1-18* (see the Zohar on Genesis 28:11)

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 35. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The twelfth day Ahira son of Enan, the leader of the people of Naphtali, brought his altar dedication offering. *Numbers 7:78*

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a**Ezra sets out for Jerusalem from the Ahava canal, with gold, silver, and a lot of people, in 457 BCE. **Ezra 8:31**

King Hezekiah fell critically ill. According to Seder Olam, King Hezekiah was taken ill three days before the defeat of King

Sennacherib - day 1. 2 Kings 20:1, Seder Olam 23

Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 12. *II Chronicles* 29:17 Cursed fig tree is withered. *Mark* 11:20-25

Yeshua talks about the end times. Matthew 24, Mark 13, Matthew 26:2

Yeshua tells the parable of the 10 virgins and their oil. *Matthew 25:1-13*, *Matthew 26:2*

Yeshua says that whoever feeds, clothes, or visits the least, visited Him. Matthew 25:24 -

26:2

Yeshua tells the parable of the talents. *Matthew 25:14-29*

Yeshua is presented as Messiah Prophet, on the second day of the week. *Mark* 11:20 - 14:2

13th

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 103. *Genesis 7:24*All leaven must be put away by this evening. *Exodus 12:15* - Gateway to Judaism HaShem and the angels visit Abraham, three days after his circumcision - 2048. *Genesis*

18:1ff Baya Metzia 86b

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 36. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a** Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 13. *Il Chronicles 29:17*

King Hezekiah fell critically ill. According to Seder Olam, King Hezekiah was taken ill three days before the defeat of King

Sennacherib - day 2. 2 Kings 20:1, Seder Olam 23

Haman buys the order for the destruction of the Jews. *Esther 3:7-12*

Esther has Mordecai and the Jews fast for three days before seeing the king. *Esther 4:16* Satan enters Judas Iscariot. *Luke 22:3*

Yeshua sends two disciples, from Bethany, to Jerusalem to prepare for Pesach. *Mark* 14:1-16

Yahrzeit of R. Yosef Karo

Yahrzeit of R. Moshe Alshich

A-bomb framework with Iran signed. (April 1, 2015)

14th

Fast-day of the first-born. Soferim 21

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 104. Genesis 7:24

Cain and Able offer their sacrifices. *Genesis 4:3-5*, *PdRE*, *section 21*, *Yonatan b. Uziel* Og comes to Abram and relates the capture of Lot. **Targum Pseudo Yonatan to Bereshit**

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Isaac blesses Jacob and Esau. *Genesis 27. Targum Pseudo Yonatan on Genesis 27.* The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. **Kiddushin 38a**

On high they praise HaShem and the treasures of dew are opened. *Targum Pseudo Yonatan on Genesis 27.*

Mordecai and the Jews fast for the second day. Esther 4:16

Preparation day. John 19:14, 31

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 37. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 14. *Il Chronicles* 29:17 Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem. *Targum*, *Ruth* 1:22

King Hezekiah fell critically ill. According to Seder Olam, King Hezekiah was taken ill three days before the defeat of King Sennacherib - day 3. **2** *Kings 20:1*, Seder Olam 23

Yeshua has a Pesach seder. John 13:1

Paschal lambs are killed at twilight. Exodus 12:1-6

Pilate releases Barabbas. *Matthew* 27:15-21

Yeshua was crucified. John 19:42

Curtain of the temple rent. Matthew 27:51

Holy dead are raised to life. *Matthew* 27:52-53

Darkness came over all the land from the sixth until the ninth hour. Matthew 27:34-45

15th

Pesach / Hag ha-Matza. A Sabbath of Sabbaths (Leviticus 23:6-7) (15 - 21) Exodus 12:17-20

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 105. Genesis 7:24

Abram leaves Haran Exodus 12:40-41, Genesis 12:1-10

Abram leaves Egypt with great wealth after being oppressed by the Egyptians. Meam Loez to Bereshit 13:2

Abraham learns of Lot's captivity and defeats the 4 kings. "Legends of the Bible", Ginzberg God afflicts Pharoah, orders Abram and Sarai to leave Egypt, with gifts. *Genesis 12:15-20*, Yalkut Shimoni

God afflicts Abimelech in a dream, regarding Sarah. *Genesis 20*, *The Haggada* Covenant betwixt the parts, with Abraham 430 years before the Exodus. **Genesis 15:18**, *Seder Olam 5*, *Pirke d'Rabbi Eliezer*

Abraham is visited by angels and told that Isaac will be born next year in 2047. Rashi on *Genesis 18:10*, *Seder Olam 5*, *Alshich*

Lot entertains two angels *Genesis 19:1, 18:14, Midrash Rabbah - Genesis L:12* Isaac was born after a 7-month pregnancy, in a leap year - 2048. *Exodus 12:40-41*, *Genesis 18, 19, Rosh Hashanah 10b*

Rebekah was born at the same time that Isaac, who was then 26 or 39 years old, was bound on the altar. Seder Olam Rabbah 1

Abraham binds Isaac (Akeida). This is the tenth trial. *Genesis 22:1-18* (see the Zohar on Genesis 28:11) *Rashi on Gen. 18*

Isaac was sacrificed. Seder Olam

Isaac blesses Jacob. *Genesis 27:4*; *Yonatan b. Uziel; PdRE 2*, Rashi on Genesis 27:9 God tells Laban to leave Jacob alone, in a dream. *Genesis 31:24*, *The Haggada*

Jacob wrestles with an angel. Genesis 32:24, The Haggada

God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 19

Death of Job. Jer. Sotah 5:8

Jacob and sixty-nine descendants enter Egypt. Exodus 12:40-42 - 2238 AM

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 38. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Moses saw the burning bush in 2447 – Day 1 of 7. **Exodus 3:2**, Bachya, Bo, Midrash Rabbah - Leviticus XI:6

Israelites in Egypt celebrate the first Pesach (2448 BCE). *Exodus 12:6-11* Egyptian officials beg Moses and the Israelites to leave (Yom Chamishi). *Exodus 11:8*

Egyptians bury their firstborn. Exodus 33:3-4

Israelites leave Rameses and journey towards Succoth, day one. The Exodus begins! *Exodus 12:48-51* - 2448 AM

All males to appear before the Lord in Jerusalem. *Deuteronomy 16:16* Israelites celebrate Pesach in the Sinai desert. *Numbers 9:1-5*

The Children of Israel used the manna which was in their vessels. Kiddushin 38a

Joshua and the Israelites celebrate Pesach at Gilgal. Joshua 5:10

Joshua and the Israelites besiege Jericho and march around the city – day 1. **Joshua 6:1ff** Gideon is visited by an angel regarding the salvation of Israel. **Judges 6**

Gideon destroys Midian with the omer's barley cake. *Judges 7*, *Midrash Yalkut 62*, *The Haggada*

HaShem swept away the army of the prince of Charoshes (Sisera) with the stars of night. **Judges 4 and 5**, The Haggada

Levites still consecrating the temple in Hezekiah's day, day 15. *Il Chronicles* 29:17 God heals the people. *Il Chronicles* 30:1-20

Exiles celebrated with joy because Assyrian King to help with temple. *Ezra 6:22* Josiah celebrates Pesach in the midst of removing idolatry. *Il Kings 23:19-25*

Hezekiah recovers from his fatal illness and goes up to the LORD on the third day. Rashi to Isaiah 38:1ff

The Assyrian army of Sennacherib, which threatened Jerusalem was destroyed. **2 Kings 19:35**, *Targum Rav Yosef*

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream about a statue of four metals. *Daniel 2 and 3*, *The Haggada*The hand writing on the wall delivers a message of judgement to Belshazzar. *Daniel 5*, *The Haggada*

Daniel is thrown into the lion's den in 3389. Daniel 6, The Haggada

Israelites who returned from Babylonian exile, celebrated Pesach. Ezra 6:19-22

King Achashverosh has his sleep disturbed. Esther 6:1

Vashti is executed by King Achashverosh. *Esther 1:21*; *Derash le-Purim*

Mordecai is honored by Haman and king Achashverosh. *Esther 5:1 - 6:10*

Mordecai and the Jews fast for the third and last day. Esther 4:16

Esther invites the king to feast. Esther 5:1-4, Seder Olam 29

To be celebrated during the millennium. *Ezekiel 45:21-24*

John the Baptist is born. Luke 1:24

Joseph and Mary celebrate Pesach in Jerusalem with 12 year old Yeshua. Luke 2:39-41

Yeshua performs miracles and is believed. John 2:23

Yeshua's first day in the grave. Matthew 27:62

Chief priests and Pharisees get Pilate to make the tomb of Yeshua secure. *Matthew* 27:62-66

Peter is arrested. Acts 12:3

The day of vengeance when the winepress is trodden. Isaiah 63, The Haggada

The exile ends with unique day, without daytime or nighttime. **Zechariah 16:6, Micah 7:15** and **Psalm 139:12**, The Haggada

Double misfortune will You bring in an instant upon Utsis (Edom) on Passover. *Isaiah 47*, *The Haggada*

Pesach will be celebrated in Ezekiel's future. Ezekiel 45:21-22

Torah section is Exodus 12:21-51; Numbers 28:19-25. Haftorah is Joshua 5:2 - 6:1.

16th

Hag ha-Matza - Second day. A partial Sabbath (Mishna: Seder Moed: Tractate Moed Katan). *Exodus 12:17-20*

The Omer or the day after Pesach - bread of the FIRSTFRUITS (Pharisees) **Leviticus** 23:15

The Omer is offered. Leviticus 23:14, Rambam, Temidin U'Musafin 7:2-17

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 106. Genesis 7:24

Sodom is destroyed while Lot and his daughters are delivered. *Genesis 19:1, 18:14, Midrash Rabbah - Genesis L:12*

Birth of Levi in the year 2195am. Midrash Tadshe, Midrash Yalkut 1

Yahrzeit of Levi ben Yaakov Abinu. Prince of the Tribe.

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 39. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Moses saw the burning bush in 2447 – Day 2 of 7. **Exodus 3:2**, Bachya, Bo, Midrash Rabbah - Leviticus XI:6

Israelites leave Ramses and journey to Succoth. *Exodus 12:48-51* Our heritage, Eliyahu Kitov

The supply of manna was exhausted in 2488. Kiddushin 38a

The Omer was offered for the first time by Jews in Israel. *Joshua 5:11*, Rosh Hashanah 13a

Israelites eat produce of the promised land (2488 BCE). Joshua 5:11

Bread from heaven (Manna) stopped. Joshua 5:12

Joshua and the Israelites march around Jericho - day 2. Joshua 6:1ff

An angel ordered Gideon to attack the Midianites. Judges 6:19, Rashi

King Saul's seven sons were killed. Midrash Rabbah, Naso, ch.8

David and his men eat consecrated bread. Luke 6:1-5 and 1 Samuel 21:1-6? [5]

Hezekiah finishes consecrating the Temple, day 16. II Chronicles 29:17

Esther, Haman, and the king feast. King kills Haman. *Esther 5:5-5*

Haman was hanged in 3404. Esther 7:10, Seder Olam 29

Mordecai becomes chief minister in place of Haman. Esther 8:2

Cyrus, King of Persia, captured Babylon in 539 BCE.

Yeshua's disciples pick grain on the day (partial Sabbath) after Pesach. Luke 6:1,

Matthew 12:1 - 13:30 2

Yeshua tells the parable of the wheat and the tares. *Matthew* 13:24-30

Yeshua heals the man with the withered hand. Matthew 12:9-16

Yeshua gives sight and hearing to a demon possessed man. *Matthew 12:22-23*

Yeshua tells the parable of the wheat and the tares. *Matthew 13:24-30*

Two Miriams prepared spices and perfumes to embalm Yeshua. Luke 23:56

Yeshua's second day in the tomb. John 19:30-36

Torah section is *Leviticus* 22:26 - 23:44; *Numbers* 28:19-25. **Haftorah** is 2 *Kings* 23:1-9; 21-25.

17th

Hag ha-Matza - Third day. Exodus 12:17-20

The Omer, day 2.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 107. Genesis 7:24

Abraham returns to his family in Beer Sheva. Genesis 22:19

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 40. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Moses saw the burning bush in 2447 – Day 3 of 7. **Exodus 3:2**, Bachya, Bo, Midrash Rabbah - Leviticus XI:6

Israelites leave Succoth and arrive at Etham. *Exodus 12:48-51* Our heritage, Eliyahu Kitov Moses collects Joseph's bones. *Exodus 13:19*

Joshua and the Israelites march around Jericho – day 3. Joshua 6:1ff

Haman's plans came to naught. *Esther 3:12, 4:16, 5:1, 7:2-9*

Resurrection Sabbath. Yeshua rose from the dead, at the end of the third day. It is a

Sabbath. Matthew 12:48

Yeshua heals the man with a withered hand on the Sabbath after Pesach. *Luke 6:6-11* Peter is arrested and imprisoned by Herod. *Acts 12:3*

Torah section is *Exodus 13:1-16; Numbers 28:19-25*. There is no Haftorah.

18th

Hag ha-Matza - Fourth day. Exodus 12:17-20

The Omer. day 3.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 108. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 41. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Pharaoh was informed that the Hebrew slaves had escaped. Exodus 14:5, Rashi

Moses saw the burning bush in 2447 – Day 4 of 7. *Exodus 3:2*, *Bachya, Bo, Midrash*

Rabbah - Leviticus XI:6

Israelites rest on Shabbat in Etham. *Exodus 13:20, Our heritage, Eliyahu Kitov* Joshua and the Israelites march around Jericho – day 4. *Joshua 6:1ff*

Yeshua, at 12 years old, stays in Jerusalem, teaching, when His parents find Him. *Luke* 2:41-51

God removes Yeshua's grave covering stone. Mark 16:2-4

Two Miriams come to Yeshua's tomb to embalm Him. John 20:1-9

Yeshua tells the women not to touch Him. John 20:17

Yeshua opens the scriptures on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:13

Yeshua shows Himself to ten apostles in the upper room, the evening of the first day of the week. *John 20:19*

Torah section is Exodus 22:24 - 23:19; Numbers 28:19-25. There is no Haftorah.

19th

Hag ha-Matza - Fifth day. Exodus 12:17-20

The Omer, day 4.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 109. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 42. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Moses saw the burning bush in 2447 – Day 5 of 7. **Exodus 3:2**, Bachya, Bo, Midrash Rabbah - Leviticus XI:6

Pharaoh set out in pursuit of the Israelites. *Exodus 14:5*, *Rashi*

Israelites turn back towards Pi Hahiroth on Yom Rishon. *Exodus 13:20, Our heritage, Eliyahu Kitov*

Joshua and the Israelites march around Jericho - day 5. Joshua 6:1ff

Yeshua appears to the ten apostles. John 20:19, Luke 24:21-36

Torah section is Exodus 33:12 - 34:26; Numbers 28:19-25. There is no Haftorah.

20th

Hag ha-Matza - Sixth day. Exodus 12:17-20

The Omer, day 5.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 110. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 43. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Moses saw the burning bush in 2447 – Day 6 of 7. **Exodus 3:2**, Bachya, Bo, Midrash Rabbah - Leviticus XI:6

Pharoah chases the Israelites to Pi Hahiroth. *Exodus* 13:20, *Our heritage*, *Eliyahu Kitov*

Pharaoh and his army caught up with the Israelites. **Exodus 14:5**, Rashi

Joshua and the Israelites march around Jericho – day 6. Joshua 6:1ff

Yeshua needs the sprinkling for touching the dead. *Numbers* 19:11-13

Torah section is *Numbers 9:1-14; 28:19-25*. There is no Haftorah.

21rst

Hag ha-Matza - Seventh day. Exodus 12:17-20

The Omer, day 6.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 111. Genesis 7:24

The Lord wipes out the world with water in Noah's day. Noah and his family preserved. *Genesis 6:6-7* - TC, AC

Jacob left Laban's home to return to Israel. Genesis 31:17, Book of Jubilees 29:5.

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 44. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Pharaoh's decree against Israelite male infants was canceled. Sotah 12b

Moses is set adrift in an ark on the Nile river, 81 years before The Exodus. Sotah 12b

Moses saw the burning bush in 2447 – Day 7 of 7. **Exodus 3:2**, Bachya, Bo, Midrash Rabbah - Leviticus XI:6

Moses departed from Midian to redeem Israel from Egypt. Eliyahu Kitov – "Our Heritage"

Moses tells the Israelites to see the salvation of HaShem. *Exodus 14:13, Sotah 12b*

Israelites cross the Reed Sea. Exodus 14:26-29, Sotah 12b

God removes wheels from Egyptian chariots. *Exodus* 14:24-25

God destroys Pharaoh's army, chariots, and horses with water. Exodus 14:21-28, TC, AC

Moses and Miriam sing the song of Moses to the Lord. *Exodus 15*

God refines Israel with fire, destroying the outskirts. *Numbers 11:1-3*, TC

Israelites crave meat from God. Numbers 11:4, TC [6]

God forms the Sanhedrin from the spirit of Moses. *Numbers* 11:16-25, TC

Joshua and the Israelites march around Jericho – day 7. Jericho's walls recede. Jericho is destroyed. **Joshua 6:1ff**

Deborah holds court to decide disputes of the Israelites. Judges 4:4-5, TC

Deborah sings a song to the Lord. Judges 5, TC

David sings a song to the Lord. 2 Samuel 22, AC [7]

Peter is freed by an angel. Act 12:3-10

Disciples were gathered together for prayer. Acts 12:3-12

Peter is released from prison by an angel. Peter went to Mary's house (the mother of John Mark) Acts 12:3-12

Herod searches for Peter, cross examines guards, executes guards, and travels from Judea to Caesarea. *Acts* 12:18-19

This is the day God will destroy the wicked and baptize the righteous with fire. *Matthew* 3:11, 2 Peter 3:3-16, TC

Solemn Assembly required on this last day of the Hag ha-Matza. *Deuteronomy 16:8* **Torah** section is *Exodus 13:17 - 15:26; Numbers 28:19-25.* **Haftorah** is 2 *Samuel 22:1-51.*

22nd

The Omer, day 7, week 1.

Isru Chag in Eretz Israel.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 112. Genesis 7:24

Isaac is circumcised. **Genesis 21:4, Exodus 12:40-41**, **Genesis 18, 19,** Rosh Hashanah 10b

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 45. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Israelites start crossing the desert of Etham, without any water. **Day 1** *Exodus 15:22, Numbers 33:8*

Joshua begins his march around Jericho, day 1. Seder Olam 11

Zechariah and Elizabeth circumcise, and name, John the Baptist. Luke 1:57-63

Yeshua, at 12 years old, stays in Jerusalem, teaching while look for Him. Luke 2:41-51

Paul leaves Phillipi after spending 3 months there. Day 1 Acts 20:6

23rd

The Omer, day 8, week 1 plus 1 day.

Isru Chag in the diaspora.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 113. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 46. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Laban learns that Jacob has fled from him. *Genesis 31:22* Book of Jubilees Laban pursues Jacob. Day 1 *Genesis 31:23* Book of Jubilees

Israelites continue crossing the desert of Etham, without any water. Day 2 Exodus 15:22, Numbers 33:8

Joshua is marching around Jericho, day 2. Seder Olam 11

Some say that on this day were hung the seven sons of King Shaul, as demanded by the Givonim. **2 Samuel 21:9**

Yeshua, at 12 years old, stays in Jerusalem, teaching while parents go home. *Luke 2:41-51*

Paul leaves Phillipi and travels five days to Troas. Day 2 Acts 20:6

24th

The Omer, day 9, week 1 plus 2 days.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 114. Genesis 7:24

Laban pursues Jacob. Day 2 Genesis 31:23 Book of Jubilees

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 47. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Israelites finish crossing the desert of Etham, without any water. Day 3 Exodus 15:22, Numbers 33:8

Moses threw a piece of wood in the waters of Marah and they became sweet. **Numbers** 15:22-25

Israelites observe Sabbath at Marah. Honor parents, rest on Shabbat, and Noachide laws are given. *Shabbat 87b*

The Lord made a decree and law for them, there He tested them, at Marah. *Exodus 15:25* Joshua is marching around Jericho, day 3. *Seder Olam 11*

Daniel's prayer is answered. Daniel is shown what will happen to his people, in the future. *Daniel 10:4 - 12:13*

Yeshua, at 12 years old, stays in Jerusalem, teaching, when His parents find Him. *Luke* 2:41-51

Yeshua needs the sprinkling for touching the dead. *Numbers 19:11-13* Paul leaves Phillipi and travels five days to Troas. **Day 3** *Acts 20:6*

25th

The Omer, day 10, week 1 plus 3 days.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 115. Genesis 7:24

Laban pursues Jacob. Day 3 Genesis 31:23 Book of Jubilees

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 48. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Israelites arrive at Elim. They will camp here for 20 days. Shemot 15:27, Ibn Ezra Joshua is marching around Jericho, day 4. *Seder Olam 11*

David called the people to arms after the incident with Uriah. **Soncino Zohar, Bereshit, Section 1, Page 8b**

Yeshua shows Himself to doubting Thomas. Yeshua celebrates Havdalah with the Disciples. *John 20:26-28*

Paul leaves Phillipi and travels five days to Troas. Day 4 Acts 20:6

26th

The Omer, day 11, week 1 plus 4 days.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 116. Genesis 7:24

Laban pursues Jacob. Day 4 Genesis 31:23 Book of Jubilees

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 49. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Joshua is marching around Jericho, day 5. Seder Olam 11

Joshua, disciple of Moses, dies. Taanit 1, Bava Batra 14b Paul leaves Phillipi and arrives today in Troas, it is Sabbath. **Day 5** *Acts 20:6*

27th

The Omer, day 12, week 1 plus 5 days.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 117. Genesis 7:24

Laban pursues Jacob. Day 5 Genesis 31:23 Book of Jubilees

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 50. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Joshua is marching around Jericho, day 6. Seder Olam 11

Ezekiel gets the word that Nebuchadnezzar will get Egypt as pay for his army when fighting Tyre. *Ezekiel 29:17-21*

Paul stays seven days in Troas. Day 1 Acts 20:6

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust remembrance day).

28th

The Omer, day 13, week 1 plus 6 days.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 118. Genesis 7:24

Laban pursues Jacob. Day 6 Genesis 31:23 Book of Jubilees

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 51. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Joshua is marching around Jericho on Shabbat, day 7. Seder Olam 11, Yehoshua 6,

Tanchum Nasa, 28

The fall of Jericho. Seder Olam 11

Paul stays seven days in Troas. Day 2 Acts 20:6

Osama Bin Laden is killed – he is 53 years old.

29th

The Omer, day 14, week 2 plus 0 days.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 119. Genesis 7:24

Laban pursues Jacob. Day 7. Laban catches Jacob. Genesis 31:23 Book of Jubilees

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 52. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Paul stays seven days in Troas. Day 3 Acts 20:6

Yom HaShoah

30th

The Omer, day 15, week 2 plus 1 days.

Water swells on the earth in the days of Noah. Day 120. Genesis 7:24

Yocheved hides Moses after a 6 month and one day pregnancy - day 53. Artscroll Mesorah on Shavuos, page 61.

Paul stays seven days in Troas. Day 4 Acts 20:6

T.W. Trimm, author and Bible prophecy researcher presents below information and data that portends of what could be an incredible event for Bible prophecy students in about sixty days or so. I have seen a number of other Bible prophecy watchers make their own observations that allude to a potential Rapture of the Bride of Christ. As I suggested, it might be well to save this Blessed Hope as a reference to what may be

awaiting us. Certainly, an important or high watch date for the Rapture would be from April 1, 2022 through April 15, 2022.

In the prophecy of Isaiah 61:1-2, God suspended almost 2,000 years on a comma (,). When reading this Scripture in the synagogue, Jesus stopped at that comma. Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord," and He closed the Book, and gave it back to the priest. This prophetic event speaks to God's Master Plan in the Bible. It ties together the unity of the Bible bridging the Old and New Testament. It communicates precise precision of details and finer points often overlooked by folks.

"The day of vengeance of our God" awaits a future fulfilment in "the day when the Son of man is revealed" -(Luke 17:30). revealed the fullness of the Word which introduced Christ's second or (Gk.) 'parousia' Coming as Son of man and Judge (John 5:26-27). It indicted the unbelieving world and "proclaimed the day of vengeance of our God" which will be "the great and dreadful day of the Lord" following the close of the Gentile Dispensation (Malachi 4:5, 6b). "For the heavens and the earth, which are now . . . are reserved for fire in the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" -(2nd Peter 3:7).

Deuteronomy 29:29, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the Words of this Law." God hides in humility and reveals Himself in simplicity: - (Exodus 12:6, Nehemiah 2:1 and Daniel 9:25) foretold the hour, day, week, month and year of the Messiah's crucifixion. Jesus did NOT say no man could know the year, month or week in which His coming was to be completed. The month and day could well be Nisan 14/15, 2022 Good Friday marking the close of the Gentile dispensation. Jubilees tell us the year in which His Coming will be completed. As it turns out even IBM's over-sold super-computer Watson is unlikely to ever untangle the riddle of revealing the secret things of the Lord.

Dr. Barry Awe posted a video last week pointing to the date of April 11th, 2022, which is close enough to the window I defined above from April 1st, 2022 until April 15th. 2022.

A CALENDRICAL CONVERGENCE suggests the biblical year ahead may be eventful.

Here are ten reasons Nisan 1 is a pivotal date in 2022:

1. DANIEL'S SEVEN WEEKS

Nisan 1 this year marks the completion of seven Sabbatical weeks since the 1967 restoration of Jerusalem to the Jews. This is significant because Daniel's Weeks Prophecy says Messiah will appear "seven weeks" after Jerusalem is restored:

"From the going forth of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks" -(Daniel 9:25).

The only modern restoration of Jerusalem occurred in June 1967 when the Jews took possession of the Holy City for the first time in nearly 2,000 years. Counting seven weeks from the start of the first Sabbatical week following Jerusalem's 1967 restoration (Nisan 1973), we arrive at Nisan 2022.

2. THE FIFTIETH YEAR

Because Nisan 1 marks the completion of seven Sabbatical weeks, it also marks the start of a fiftieth year, a potential Jubilee -(Leviticus 25:8–10).

It is interesting to note that, because 2022 is a fiftieth year, this year's Pentecost, or fiftieth day, represents a "fiftieth within a fiftieth," a numeric concurrence denoting harvest and the fullness of time that occurs only twice a century.

3. JERUSALEM'S WALL

Nisan 1 this year marks the completion of "seven" and "sixty-two" Sabbatical weeks since Jerusalem's wall was rebuilt by Islamic ruler Suleiman. This is significant because Daniel's Weeks Prophecy mentions specifically the wall surrounding Jerusalem being rebuilt:

"From the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall" -(Daniel 9:25).

Suleiman ordered the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall in 1536–37 AD. Counting "seven" and "sixty-two" weeks from the start of the first Sabbatical week following the order to rebuild (Nisan 1539 AD), we arrive at Nisan 2022.

4. SOLAR ECLIPSE ANNIVERSARY

Nisan 1 this year marks seven years to the day since a total solar eclipse darkened the northernmost tip of the globe, the point where the longitudinal lines intersecting every nation and landmass converge.

Besides occurring on the biblical New Year, the Nisan eclipse coincided with the spring equinox. For perspective, a total solar eclipse occurs on the spring equinox only one other time during the roughly 750-year period spanning 1662 AD–2406 AD. Such an eclipse at the top of the globe, however, is said to happen only once every 100,000 years, making it unprecedented.

According to the Talmud, solar eclipses are a sign for the Gentile world. That the unprecedented Nisan eclipse occurred seven years ago is significant because God is known for giving a seven-year warning prior to bringing judgment -(Genesis 7; 41; Joshua 6).

5. THE ELEVENTH WEEK

Nisan 1 this year marks the start of the eleventh Sabbatical week (2022–29) since Israel became a nation in 1948. The number eleven denotes chaos, disorder, and judgment in Scripture, themes associated with the Tribulation period.

The next Sabbatical cycle (2029–36) is the twelfth. The number twelve signifies God's authority and a perfect governmental foundation in Scripture, pointing to the establishment of Jesus' Millennial Kingdom.

6. THE 354th WEEK

Nisan 1 this year marks the start of the 354th Sabbatical week since Daniel's Weeks Prophecy began to be fulfilled when a group of Jews began the journey home to Jerusalem, from Babylon, on the first day of Nisan in 457 BC -(Ezra 7:9).

The number 354 is significant for a couple of reasons. First, it is the number of days comprising the lunar year. Since the Moon is symbolic of the Church, or Bride of Christ, it could be said that 354 denotes the fullness of time related to the Bride. Second, it is interesting to note that . . .

Strong's #354 in the Hebrew concordance is the word *ayyal*, referring to a stag, or male deer.

Strong's #354 in the Greek concordance is the word *analémpsis*, referring to a "taking up" into heaven.

That the Hebrew and Greek words related to the number 354 refer to a stag and a taking up to heaven is striking because one of the most profound rapture illustrations in the Bible depicts Jesus as a young stag who comes suddenly to gather up His beloved:

"The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes
Leaping upon the mountains,
Skipping upon the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Behold, he stands behind our wall;
He is looking through the windows,
Gazing through the lattice.
My beloved spoke, and said to me:
'Rise up, my love, my fair one,

And come away" - (Song 2:8-10).

While concurrences like the above do not carry the same weight as Scripture, they nonetheless give one pause. In the New Testament the word coincidence is used only once -(Luke 10:31). It is translated from a Greek word, **synkyria**, which is defined as "a confluence that occurs by God's providential arrangement of circumstances."

That is to say, where God is concerned, there are no coincidences.

The following anniversaries are not, as the above, precisely linked to Nisan 1. However, they do occur within days or months of this pivotal date.

7. BETHLEHEM STAR

June 30 this year marks seven years since a once-in-two-millennia appearance of the "Bethlehem-Star," the Jupiter-Venus conjunction that heralded Jesus' first coming.

Could this dazzling and much publicized heavenly alignment have been a seven-year warning pointing to the return of Jesus?

8. BLOOD MOONS

2022 marks seven years since consecutive blood-moon eclipses occurred on the spring and fall harvest festivals, Passover and Tabernacles. Significantly, the Tabernacles eclipse was a "super blood moon," a phenomenon in which the Moon's proximity to Earth causes it to appear particularly large.

According to the Talmud, blood moons are a bad omen for Israel. Could the extra-large blood moon of 2015, visible above Jerusalem, have been the ultimate seven-year warning?

9. LEAFING OF THE FIG-TREE

March 10 this year marks 73 years since the newly planted 'fig tree,' Israel, substantially enlarged its borders by prevailing in the first Arab-Israeli War. That same spring, the fledgling Jewish nation established its first government and was admitted to the UN Organization.

Israel's growth spurt in spring 1949 is noteworthy because Jesus says the generation who sees the still tender fig branch "put forth leaves" will see all the end-times events come to pass -(Matthew 24:32, 34).

A typical human lifespan in Scripture is 70–80 years -(Psalm 90:10). Counting 80 years from 1949, we arrive at 2029. Subtracting seven years, the presumed length of the Tribulation period, we arrive at 2022.

10. THE SETTING UP OF AN ABOMINATION

2022 marks 1,335 years since the Dome of the Rock, an Islamic shrine dedicated to Allah, was built on the Temple Mount in 687–88 AD. This is significant because in Daniel's final vision of the end times, the setting up of an abomination that causes desolation is an important time-marker:

"From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days" -(Daniel 12:11, 12).

In Daniel's prophecies, a day typically represents a year (9:24–27). Counting 1,290 prophetic years from when the daily Temple sacrifice was taken away by Nebuchadnezzar in 586–85 BC, we arrive at 687–88 AD, the year the Dome of the Rock was set up. Counting forward 1,335 years from when the Dome of the Rock was set up, we arrive at 2022.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

To sum up, the first day of Nisan in 2022 marks, precisely . . .

- The end of "seven weeks" from the modern restoration of Jerusalem.
- The start of the 50th year from the modern restoration of Jerusalem.
- The end of "seven" and "sixty-two" weeks from the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall by Suleiman.
- The seven-year anniversary of an unprecedented solar eclipse at the top of the globe.
- The start of the eleventh Sabbatical week since Israel became a nation in 1948.
- The start of the 354th Sabbatical week since Daniel's Weeks Prophecy began to be fulfilled in 457 BC.

Anniversaries not precisely linked to Nisan 1, but which occur within days or months of this date, include:

- The seven-year anniversary of the Bethlehem Star conjunction.
- The seven-year anniversary of consecutive blood moons on God's harvest festivals.
- The 73rd anniversary of the 'leafing of the fig tree' in spring 1949.
- The 1,335th anniversary of the setting up of an abomination on the Temple Mount.

With the above in view, it can be said that the year beginning at Nisan marks a calendrical convergence like no other.

The most compelling anniversaries are those related to Daniel 9:25, a verse purposed to convey the time of Jesus' coming by a reckoning of Sabbatical weeks.

It defies coincidence that Daniel's weeks may be counted separately or together and from different orders to rebuild Jerusalem to point to the same year: 2022. This remarkable concurrence is a result of the two orders to rebuild the Holy City (Suleiman and contemporary) being separated by a span of sixty-two weeks.

What's more, the seven-weeks reckoning suggests the year beginning at Nisan is a Jubilee.

Only God knows what events 2022 might bring. However, it is certainly a year ripe with possibility

NOTES:

- 1. The accuracy of our reckoning of Daniel's weeks and potential Jubilee depends on the correctness of the Sabbatical cycle.
- 2. Current Sabbatical years, according to the accepted Jewish reckoning:

1951-52

1958-59

1965-66

1972-73

1972–73

1986-87

1900-01

1993–94

2000–01 2007–08

2014–15

2021–22

2028-29

3. More on Sabbatical Years:

http://www.pickle-publishing.com/papers/sabbatical-years.htm

http://www.pickle-publishing.com/.../sabbatical-years...

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4. Because Daniel's weeks refer to the fixed Sabbatical cycle, the count must begin at the start of an actual Sabbatical week.

- 5. God established Nisan as the first month of the year when Israel became a nation (Exodus 12), Thus, Sabbatical weeks, which are simply groups of seven years, begin at Nisan. The Nisan-reckoning is evident in Scripture where the Lord instructs Israel to begin counting Sabbatical weeks when they enter the Promised Land (Leviticus. 25:1–4). The Israelites entered the Land in Nisan (Joshua 4:19).
- 6. Evidence that Jubilee years are reckoned from Nisan is the fact that the jubilee trumpet is sounded in the "seventh month," confirming Nisan to be the first month relative to the Jubilee (Leviticus 25:9).
- 7. A crucial difference between the biblical (Nisan-reckoned) calendar and the Jewish (Tishrei-reckoned) version is that the former has the fiftieth year beginning in spring 2022, whereas the latter has the fiftieth year beginning in fall 2022.
- 8. Because Pentecost is a fiftieth day observed after a count of seven weeks, it is sometimes called the "little jubilee" (Leviticus 23:15, 16; 25:8–10).
- 9. According to E. W. Bullinger, "the number fifty is the issue of 7 X 7 (72) and points to deliverance and rest following on as the result of the perfect consummation of time." Wherever the number fifty is found in Scripture it is associated with fullness or completion -(Numbers 4:23; Deuteronomy. 22:29; 2nd Samuel 15:1; 24:24; 1st Kings 1:5).
- 10. The fiftieth (Jubilee) year is also the "eighth" year relative to the Sabbatical week. Eight is the number of new beginnings in Scripture.
- 11. Interesting nine-o'clock concurrence linking Pentecost, the Church, the modern restoration of Jerusalem, and the Jubilee:
- The firstfruits of the wheat harvest are offered up before the Lord in the nine o'clock hour on Pentecost.
- The Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church in the nine o'clock hour on Pentecost.
- The June 7, 1967, recapture of Jerusalem and the Western Wall by Israeli forces occurred in the nine o'clock hour. The soldiers were joined by fifty-year-old Rabbi Shlomo Goren who sounded the shofar and declared the Holy City to be "redeemed" (jubilee themes). A week later, Jerusalem was officially opened to the Israeli public for the first time in nearly 2,000 years—on Pentecost (see notes*).
- In Acts 2, Pentecost (fiftieth day) is said to be "fully come" in the nine o'clock hour, when about 60% of the biblical 24-hour day has elapsed. Similarly, the jubilee (fiftieth year) trumpet is sounded on the tenth day of the seventh month, when about 60% of the biblical year has elapsed.

- *Howard M. Sachar, 'A History of Israel', New York: Knopf, 1996, p. 654; Michael Oren, 'Six Days of War', New York, Presidio, 2002, pp. 244, 245)
- **Article: 'Magic of Shavuot (Pentecost) 1967': https://www.aish.com/jw/j/48965971.html
- 12. Jubilee–Rapture correlations:
- Paul uses jubilee terminology such as "liberty" and "redemption" when describing the resurrection–rapture of the Church -(Romans 8:19–23).
- The Jubilee is when servants are liberated and land is returned to its original owner (Leviticus 25). Correspondingly, the Rapture is when Christians are liberated and the 'title deed' to Planet Earth, symbolized by the sealed scroll in Revelation, goes back to God -(Revelation 5).
- The Jubilee, (fiftieth year) is a type of Pentecost (fiftieth day). Since Pentecost is associated with the 'harvest" of the Church -(Acts 2), the Jubilee may be associated with the harvest–rapture of the Church.
- The Jubilee is when spiritual blindness is lifted -(Luke 4:18). Israel's blindness concerning Messiah—Jesus will be lifted after the full number of Gentiles comes in at the Rapture -(Romans 11:25).
- In Isaiah, the Jubilee is linked to the onset of the Day of the Lord -(Isaiah 63:1-6). The Day of the Lord commences around the time of the Rapture -(1st Thessalonians 4:13–18; 5:1–5).
- Since the Jubilee year is also the first year of a new seven-year cycle, it is a fitting time for the Rapture and start of a new period or era, i.e., the Tribulation or Day of the Lord.
- 13. The counting of Daniel's weeks is initiated by the going forth of a command to rebuild Jerusalem -(Daniel 9:25).

The fountains, or sabils, of Jerusalem's wall were ordered rebuilt by Suleiman in 1536–37 AD. The walls and gates were ordered rebuilt in 1537–38 AD.* The Sabbatical week immediately following these orders begins at 1539 AD. Counting "seven" and "sixty-two" weeks (483 years) from 1539 AD, we arrive at 2022.

- *Construction timeline for Jerusalem's wall in the days of Suleiman: http://www.pages.drexel.edu/.../Ottoman Sabils of...
- 14. Solar and lunar eclipses are signs of the impending Day of the Lord: "The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD" -(Joel 2:31).
- 15. 2015 solar eclipse:

https://www.haaretz.com/.../a-simple-eclipse-of-the-sun... https://www.charismanews.com/.../48718-passover-blood... https://www.universetoday.com/.../a-complete-guide-to.../

- 16. According to the Talmud, the sun was initially created in its vernal equinox position on Nisan 1. For this reason, on the rare occasions Nisan 1 coincides with the equinox, a special blessing known as Birkhat Hachama, or "Blessing of the Sun," is recited: "Blessed are You, LORD, our God, King of the Universe maker of the works of Creation."
- 17. A lunar year consists of twelve orbits of the Moon around the Earth. Since each orbit takes approximately 29.5 days, a lunar year consists of 354 days, 8 hours, 48 minutes, and 34 seconds (354.36707 days).
- 18. Jesus is likened to a young stag three times in Song of Solomon -(2:8–10, 17; 8:14).
- 19. Nisan 2022 also marks the start of the second Sabbatical week since two cows born with number '7s' on their heads made news around the Feast of Trumpets in Sabbatical year 2014-15. In prophecy circles, the two cows with '7s' were considered a modern version of the sign given to pharaoh, a dream-warning about seven fat cows and seven skinny cows, denoting seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine (Gen. 41).

https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/.../calf-with-7-on-its.../ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6axxud4jOc

20. Stretching the fig-tree generation to the maximum, the 81st anniversary of the March 1949 'growth spurt,' the endpoint is March 2030. However, because the Tribulation is likely to end in the fall, corresponding to the biblical festivals, the presumed end date is fall 2029. Subtracting seven years from fall 2029, we arrive at fall 2022 for a potential start time of the final week.

Keep looking up and your ears open for the Trumpet Call! Your redemption draws near!

Blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ,

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