

Editors note:

The message this month is an explanation of the “Timeline” graphic found in the centerfold of this issue. The Timeline graphic is made up of several lines with different color codes. Each color represents a different event or prophetic fulfillment that is a key to understanding the events that are taking place in the world around us in this day. Each of these is necessary to the understanding of the whole. The overall purpose of the Timeline graphic is to offer proof that we are living in the last few years of the last generation before the return of Jesus Christ.

WARNING: *Do not try to adapt this scenario to anything you may have learned from traditional eschatology. If you do, it will only confuse you. If God will give you understanding of this “Timeline graphic” and the message it brings, end-time prophecy will come alive to you with great simplicity.*

Notice: *The dates used in this graphic show mathematical perfection. The writer believes he has used the correct dates, but due to the fact that Bible scholars cannot agree on some of these dates, the writer claims this graphic to be correct to plus or minus two years.*

The Timeline

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Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:9-10

Just a little over six thousand years have passed since Adam's transgression and the entrance of sin into the world. This marked the beginning of time and the countdown to the day when "time shall be no more." We know by the prophecies of the Bible that just a little over a thousand years remain before the "end of time," which will be marked by the "passing away" of the present heavens and earth (Revelation 21:1), and the establishment of a "new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." Peter described that day as follows:

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

II Peter 3:10-13

We are living in the last generation before the second coming of Jesus Christ. God, who "declares the end from the beginning," has given us three positive ways to know that we are that generation. In fact, I believe there are others that we have not yet discovered, but I will give three in this message. It is due to the fact that we are the generation of the Lord's return that we can assuredly know with reasonable accuracy the time remaining before the great white throne judgment and the end of Adam's race. With the beginning of the "new heavens and new earth," sin, Satan, and fallen man will be no more. Time has ended, eternity resumes, and the eternal purpose of God is realized.

The first "timeline" we will look at is the "black" line on the graphic, and represents Adam's race. It is just a little over seven thousand years long, beginning with Adam's transgression and ending with the "new heavens and the new earth." All the other lines on the "Timeline Graphic" reveal the purposes of God toward the redemption of man and the end of time. Six thousand years of Adam's timeline has passed at present. During this time there has been two "new beginnings," approximately every two thousand years, with a third "beginning" imminent with the second coming of Jesus. The world has been judged twice in the past, and is being judged by God in this present generation. The first judgment was of the world before the flood. Peter spoke of that judgment to those "scoffers" who laugh at the prospect of the second coming of Jesus Christ. He said it this way:

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

II Peter 3:3-6

The judgment of that world ended with its destruction by the waters of a flood. Peter went on to say that this present world is “*reserved unto fire*” (II Peter 3:7). The flood came upon the earth in the year 1656 after Adam’s transgression. Many would think that Noah was the first “*new beginning*,” but he was, in fact, with his sons, the last remnant of the world before the flood. Noah lived for another three hundred and fifty years after the flood and did not die until 2006 years after Adam’s transgression. A very few years before Noah’s death, around the year 2000 BC, a child was born who was to be called the “*father of many nations*.” This child was named Abram, who later became Abraham. As the first man Adam was the “*father of all living*,” so Abraham was to be the “*father of many nations*.” He was the first man to whom God revealed Himself after the flood, and later committed Himself to. Abraham is the father of the two nations most in world news of today. He is the father of both the “*Jew*,” through Isaac, and the “*Arab*,” through Ishmael. In Romans 4:11 he is called the “*father of all them that believe*.” In Galatians 3:29, we are told that all who belong to Christ are “*Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise*.” According to the scriptures, Abraham’s second son, Isaac was the “*child of promise*.” Israel was chosen in Abraham through Isaac. In Galatians 3:16 we are told that Abraham’s “*seed*” of promise is “*Christ*” and all those who are one with Him. With the circumcision of Abraham when he was ninety-nine years old, the world entered into a time period of 1933½ years during which God would deal with the world through His chosen people, Israel. This period is represented on the graphic by the “*dark blue*” line, the “*Times of the Jew*.”

Almost exactly two thousand years after the birth of Abraham was the birth of Jesus Christ (represented by the “*gold*” line), who is called “*the beginning of the creation of God*” in Revelation 3:14. At the end of the three and a half year ministry of Jesus the world was judged once more (John 12:31). It was found guilty and sentenced to death, but in the mercy and amazing justice of God, Jesus, the Son of God took the death-sentence and curse of God upon Himself on the cross. Now was the “*birth*” of the church (represented by the “*yellow*” line), a “*new creation in Christ Jesus*,” and a “*new beginning*.” Three and a half years after Calvary, marked the end of the “*times of the Jew*,” and the beginning of the “*times of the Gentile*,” represented by the “*light blue*” line. In Luke 21:24, foretelling the destruction of Jerusalem that was to come in 70 AD, Jesus said, “***...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.***” This prophecy is represented by the “*gray*” line. In June 1967, Israel captured Jerusalem once more, marking the end of the “*times of the Gentiles*,” and the beginning of this, the last generation (represented by the “*deep navy blue*” line) before the second coming of Jesus Christ. This date, **June 1967**, is the most significant date since Calvary. Only God could have known and planned this, but the “*times of the gentile*” lasted exactly 1933½ years, giving equal time to both Jew and Gentile.

Two thousand years have passed since the birth of Jesus, and once again God is judging the world. David prophesies this “*judgment*” in the second chapter of Psalms:

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psalms 2:1-12

This “*judgment*” will end with the second coming of Christ. He will be “*revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power*” (II Thessalonians 1:7-9). It will be declared from the heavens, “*The kingdoms of this*

world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ: and He shall reign for ever and ever” (Revelation 11:15). It will be fulfilled which was spoken by David in Psalms 2:6, “*Yet I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*” Jesus Christ will rule the nations, through Zion, His church, for a thousand years. This is the new beginning that is at hand. Adam’s race will continue even through the millennial reign of Christ. At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be loosed for a season. He will gather his people from the four quarters of the earth to do war against the saints of God (Revelation 20:7-9). Fire will fall from heaven upon them to devour them. The devil that deceived them will be cast into the lake of fire. The Great White Throne Judgment will be set, and all who are not found written in the “*book of life*” will be cast into the lake of fire. This will be the end of Adam’s fallen race, and the end of the “*Timeline.*”

Seventy Weeks Prophecy *(The orange and red line)*

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:24-27

These four verses of scripture are perhaps the most amazing prophecy of any in the Bible. The times recorded in them are mathematically perfect, and the proper understanding of the prophecy is the key to understanding all prophecy. A wrong interpretation of this prophecy has blinded millions, not only in this generation, but for the past century. All those who have missed this prophecy have continually looked for things to come to pass that will never happen. Their frustration is understandable, because this one prophecy is the foundation upon which all others must be built. Prayerfully seek God to understand these four verses, and your understanding of the end-time will come into clear focus.

The “*timeline*” of this prophecy begins with a “*commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem,*” that was given by King Artaxerxes of Persia in the year 457 BC (Ezra 7:11-26). Beginning at that date, the angel told Daniel, “***Seventy weeks*** (weeks of years: 490 years) ***are determined upon thy people*** (the Jew) ***and upon thy holy city*** (Jerusalem)...” This “*timeline*” ends in the year 33 AD, which will mark, not only the end of the prophecy, but also the end of the “*times of the Jew,*” and the beginning of the “*times of the Gentiles.*” From the beginning of the prophecy (457 BC), “***...unto the Messiah the Prince*** (Jesus the Messiah) ***shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks*** (483 years).” The end of the 483-year period brings us to the year 26 AD, the very year Jesus was baptized, probably in October of the year. At this point, 69 weeks of the prophecy are past, and only the seventieth week remains. This “*seventieth week*” begins with the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. In exactly 3½ years, in April 30 AD, Jesus was crucified, causing the “*sacrifice and oblation to cease.*” In the first verse of this prophecy (Daniel 9:24), there was a promise to “***...finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.***” All these things were accomplished in behalf of the believer in the death, resurrection and the ascension of Jesus Christ to the throne of Heaven. These things took place in the exact middle of the seventieth week. To deny this fact is to deny the power of the cross and blood of Jesus. It is to “*count the blood of the covenant...to be an unholy thing*” and to “*do despite to the spirit of grace*” (Hebrews 10:29). If Jesus’ death on the cross did not make “*reconciliation*

for iniquity,” it will never be made. If it did not make an “*end of sins*” for the believer, we will never be free. If His resurrection did not bring in “*everlasting righteousness*” in the kingdom of God, it will never come.

To believe that the seventieth week of this prophecy was “*suspended,*” or “*prolonged*” until after the “*rapture*” of the church has been a tragic mistake. It is less than two hundred years that such interpretation has been accepted. Study Daniel 9:27 in the commentaries of Matthew Henry, Adam Clark, Barnes notes, and the Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Reference. Each of these agrees that Jesus Christ is the subject of the twenty seventh verse. Yet, just as the adversary has sought to blind the people to so much truth through many different translations of the Bible, every modern translation of the Bible of the last century has given a wrong translation of Daniel 9:27. As far as I know, only the Authorized King James Version is faithful to the text as follows: “***And he*** (Jesus Christ) ***shall confirm the covenant*** (“I will...give thee for a covenant of the people...” Isaiah 42:6) ***with many for one week*** (seven years): ***and in the midst of the week*** (the end of His 3½ year ministry) ***he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease*** (through the sacrifice of His own body for sin), ***and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate*** (“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate...” Matthew 23:38), ***even until the consummation, and that determined*** (Isaiah 10:22-23) ***shall be poured upon the desolate*** (“ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” Matthew 23:39).”

It is necessary that this prophecy of the seventy weeks not be broken up or prolonged. The only correct timeline for this prophecy is just as it is given. The duration of the prophecy from start to finish is “*seventy weeks.*” We know that the ancient Jewish calendar had both “*weeks of days*” and “*weeks of years.*” The “*Sabbath*” was both the “*seventh day*” and the “*seventh year.*” Furthermore, the end of seven “*weeks of years*” was marked by the “*year of Jubilee.*” This seventy weeks prophecy then, has the duration of seventy “*weeks of years,*” ten “*jubilees*” or, 490 true solar years of 365¼ days each. Beginning with the decree of King Artaxerxes in 457 BC, it must end in the year 33 AD. Remember the wonderful promises that were given in Daniel 9:24 (...end of sins, reconciliation for iniquity, everlasting righteousness etc)? God must fulfill them before the end of the seventy weeks, or, before the year 33 AD. The Messiah must appear at the end of sixty-nine weeks (483 years). That would be the year 26 AD, the same year that Jesus was baptized and began His ministry. The time span between 26 AD and 33 AD is seven years, or one “*week of years.*” This is the “*Seventieth Week of Daniel.*” It was in the exact middle of the seventieth week that Jesus was crucified, a sacrificial offering for the sins of the world. God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to the throne of Heaven. All those wonderful promises of Daniel 9:24 were fulfilled in His death, resurrection and exaltation (Acts 13:32-33).

Equal Time ***(Dark blue and light blue line)***

But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God.

Romans 2:10-11

An amazing proof that God is no “*respector of persons*” is found in what I call “*Equal Time*” to the Jew and to the Gentile. The dividing point between these times is found just 3 ½ years after Calvary, the end of the Seventieth Week, in October of 33 AD. Find the vertical red line on the graphic that divides the “*Times of the Jew*” and the “*Times of the Gentile.*” That vertical red line represents the month of October in 33 AD. The “*times of the Jew*” began with the circumcision of Abraham when he was ninety-nine years old, about 1900 BC. Circumcision was given to Abraham as the “*token*” of his covenant with God (Genesis 17:11). The “*covenant of promise*” was confirmed and the “*times of the Jew*” began even before the child of promise was born. Within one year’s time, Isaac was born. God “*chose*” the Jew in Abraham through Isaac (Genesis 21:12). If you figure the time from Abraham’s circumcision to the end of the seventieth week prophecy, it is about 1933½ years. The dark blue line on the graphic represents this period. If you begin at the end of the seventy weeks prophecy and add another 1933½ years, it brings us several months into the year AD 1967. At

this point God has dealt with the Gentiles for exactly the same length of time (equal time) that He dealt with the Jews. This period is called "*The Times of the Gentiles*" and is represented on the graphic by the light blue line. The significance of the year 1967 is found in another prophecy given by Jesus.

Times of the Gentiles Fulfilled *(The gray line)*

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Luke 21:24

Jesus was foretelling of the destruction of Jerusalem that was accomplished in 70 AD. After its destruction by the Romans He said that Jerusalem would be "...trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." In June 1967 the Jews captured Jerusalem, marking the end of the times of the Gentiles. Jesus went on to give several "signs" that would come to pass after Jerusalem went back to the Jews. In Luke 21:31-32 He said this: "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.**" According to the words of Jesus, the last generation that would live on earth before His second coming began in June 1967. Notice on the graphic that the "*times of the Gentiles*" ended at exactly the year and month that gave "*equal time*" to both Jew and Gentile, **June 1967.**

The Abomination of Desolation *(The green line)*

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

Daniel 12:11-12

This is a very unusual prophecy in that it seems to have had several fulfillments in the past, and will probably have another in the future just previous to the second return of Jesus. It seems to establish a principle that has been in operation for all time; the principle being this: any time an abomination is set up, desolation will follow. The principle is at work in the eighth chapter of Ezekiel when God took the prophet in visions to the temple in Jerusalem. There he was shown an "*image of jealousy*" at the inner gate of the altar of God. Hear the word of God to Ezekiel: "*Son of man, seest thou what they do? Even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? But turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.*" God's presence had long since forsaken the temple because of the abominations that Israel had brought into the temple. In the next chapter of Ezekiel, God put a mark on the righteous people that wept because of the abominations. Then He sent destroyers to kill and destroy, beginning at the sanctuary with the elders of Israel. Only those marked (sealed) by God were spared. This vision was fulfilled when Babylon destroyed the city and the temple, leaving it desolate for seventy years. This principle has been repeated numerous times. An individual life: when sin comes in, God's presence departs. Or, a church: when worldliness comes in God's Spirit will always depart. Nothing can be so desolate as when the Spirit of God has forsaken it.

The principle is at work in Daniel 9:27, "...for the overspreading of abominations, he shall made it desolate..." This is fulfilled in Matthew 23:37-38 as Jesus weeps over Jerusalem: "*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee (abominations that make desolate), how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*" Israel has been left "*desolate*" of God's presence and blessing

from the day they rejected their Messiah until the day they shall say, "*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord*" (Matthew 23:39).

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Several Bible scholars see a fulfillment of the "*abomination that maketh desolate*" prophecy in the 3½ years that Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the temple in about 170 BC. Another "*fulfillment*" is seen in the 3½ years the Romans besieged Jerusalem before its destruction in 70 AD. Most certainly another fulfillment will be in the last 3½ years before the return of Christ during which time "*all nations*" will be gathered against Jerusalem. There is, however, another most amazing fulfillment I will tell you about. I believe that, while it may not be the ultimate fulfillment, it is a sign and third proof that we are the generation that will see the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth.

I was in Israel in 1982. On our last day in Jerusalem we visited the site of the Old Testament temple. Today an Islamic shrine, the Dome of the Rock, sits on the exact spot where the Temple once stood. Inside the Dome is the rock of sacrifice where it is believed that Abraham offered Isaac (the Muslims believe it was Ishmael) to God. The altar of sacrifice was once on this rock, and there is evidence even today of the blood sacrifices that were offered on that rock for hundreds of years. As I stood outside the Dome, in one sense admiring the great beauty of its golden dome, I was suddenly made aware of what a great "*abomination*" it must be to have this shrine sitting on the exact spot of the Old Testament Temple of God. I remembered the prophecy in the twelfth chapter of Daniel of the 1290 days from the placing of the abomination until the end, wondering if the time period could possibly be years instead of days as is often the case in prophecy. I asked our guide when the Dome was built and he gave me the year 690 AD. I added 1290 to 690 and arrived at 1980, just two years before that day. For some time I wondered at the significance if any, and later decided there was none. It wasn't until about six weeks ago at this writing that I remembered this incident. I knew by the scriptures that Daniel was inquiring about how long it would be until the "*end.*" I wondered if the end spoken of could be the last generation that began in June of 1967. I knew that the years did not add up from 690 AD, so I began to look for another date. I subtracted 1290 years from 1967 and arrived at the year 677 AD. Research revealed nothing of significance about that date, so I was at somewhat of a dead end. Earlier in the scripture, in Daniel 12:7, Daniel had been told that it would be "*...time, times, and an half...*" to the end. I knew the most logical interpretation of this is 3½ years. Other places in the scripture, the same time frame is spoken of as both 42 months and 1260 days. The time frame of this prophecy, however, is 1290 days. I began a study of the Jewish calendar. There I discovered something I had never heard of before. I had always heard that the Jewish calendar month is only 30 days, and a Jewish year only 360 days. I had always been skeptical of this, because if this were the case, the seasons would rotate a full cycle every 73 years, and I did not believe this was the case. I knew that the Jewish New Year is always calculated from the time of the Passover feast. Sometimes the Passover, just as our Easter, is in March, and sometimes it is in April. I also knew that the date of the Passover is set by the signs of the moon in relation to the spring equinox. Then I made the discovery. Not all years on the Jewish calendar have the same number of days. In fact, not all years have the same number of months. Because of the fact that the Jewish calendar is adjusted every year by the spring equinox, every several years there is a year with thirteen months. This means that while most years may have approximately 360 days (never exactly) some will have approximately 390 days (also never exactly). This happens so frequently that every 3½ year period that has 1260 days will be followed by another 3½ year period with 1290 days. Adding 1260 days to 1290 days brings us to five days short of exactly seven years. Both 1260 days and 1290 days represent 3½ years, or "*...time, times, and an half...*" All this information was on my mind as I continued my search for the understanding of this prophecy.

Early one morning I awoke with the answer in my heart. I knew exactly what to do, but I couldn't know the result until I checked it out. I immediately went to my office and got my hand calculator. Due to the fact that Daniel had been told the time to the end would be "*...time, times, and an half...*", or 3½ years, I multiplied 3.5 years by 365 days and the answer was 1277.5 days, or prophetically, 1277.5 years. I arrived at this figure by using true solar years instead of the ancient Jewish lunar years. Then I added the 1277.5 years to AD 690, the year the "*abomination*" was set, and the answer shocked me. It was 1967.5, or, June of 1967 AD. I was

overwhelmed. It was too much for coincidence. Here was a third proof that June 1967 marked the beginning of the last generation. If this is the case, then the most amazing revelation was just ahead.

This Generation *(The deep navy blue line)*

...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21:24-27

This present generation is “sandwiched” between the capture of Jerusalem by the Jews and the second coming of Jesus. Notice the signs that Jesus gives during the interim; signs in the sun, moon, stars: upheavals of nature, distress (Greek word: restraint) of nations, as Jesus said, “with perplexity.” Do you remember M.A.D. (Mutual Assured Destruction)? This was the policy that “restrained” the nations during most of this generation, ending with the fall of the Soviet Union. It also brought great perplexity. The super-powers were restrained from war because of the ability to utterly destroy one another with their I.C.B.M. (InterContinental Ballistic Missiles). That threat was removed from the world by the fall of international communism, leaving America as the only remaining super-power. After “Desert Storm” we thought surely the world was a safe place now. We could “beat our swords into plowshares” (Isaiah 2:4) and enjoy our “peace dividend.” What we were willingly ignorant of is that around the world there are those who were “beating their plowshares into swords” (Joel 3:10). One decade passed. The watchman was taken off the wall, and then, “9-11.” Suddenly we discovered an enemy who had no restraint. It was not a “nation,” it was a “kingdom,” whose “king” was straight out of the bottomless pit (Revelation 9:11). Nine-Eleven came as the sound of a “trumpet,” warning the nations of the world. The entire world saw the “smoke out of the pit” as the towers fell. Suddenly there were those who realized that the “fifth trumpet” was sounding, and the “locusts” were swarming (Revelation 9:1-11).

Turn to the centerfold of this publication and look at the graphic titled “This Generation.” Find the red line that says “We are living right here.” Notice that it is between the fifth and the sixth trumpets of Revelation nine. If the fifth trumpet has sounded, the sixth trumpet is the next major prophetic event of this generation. When the sixth trumpet sounds we are about 3½ years from the second coming of Jesus Christ. As I write this message, America is at war to “liberate” Iraq. Just last night our forces destroyed two of the six divisions of Iraq’s “Republican Guard.” I believe it will be only a short time before Saddam Hussein’s regime will fall and there will be “dancing in the streets” of Baghdad. We will have defeated the “nation,” but not the “kingdom.” We must remember that the sounding of the sixth trumpet loosens the “four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates” (Revelation 9:14). Even now we are crossing the Euphrates into Baghdad. I do not expect American defeat in Iraq. I believe our cause is just and we will prevail over an incredibly evil regime. I do know, however, that according to the scriptures, which cannot lie (Titus 1:2), four principalities will be loosened that are prepared “...for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, to slay the third part of men” (Revelation 9:15). Those that are with them will number two hundred million (200,000,000). This will not be uniformed armies, but terrorists, suicide bombers (notice their breastplates of fire and brimstone in Revelation 9:17); radical Islamist from every Muslim nation on earth. Even as most inhabitants of Iraq will rejoice in their newfound freedom, the body temperature of these radicals, who are the “locusts” of prophecy, will heat up until they swarm and cannot restrain themselves nor be restrained.

After Iraq is liberated; after the nations of the world have applauded our great “success,” the attention of the entire world will soon turn to Israel. Due to the fact that numerous Muslim national governments have restrained their people and politically supported America in the liberation of Iraq, great pressure will be brought on us to intervene in the affairs of Israel and the Palestinians. The need for another “liberation” will be seen. It

will be pointed out that Israel has also disobeyed United Nations resolutions for many years. A “coalition” of nations will be formed to enforce the resolutions. Israel will be required to surrender lands for the establishment of a Palestinian state. They will be required to abandon the Jewish settlements in occupied territories. All these things Israel will be forced into accepting. Even America will pressure Israel to these ends. It is Jerusalem that God said He would make a “cup of trembling” and a “burdensome stone” to all the people and nations round about (Zechariah 12:2-3). Israel will never surrender Jerusalem to the Palestinians. In the conflict that is coming, the prophet Zechariah says, “...the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” Revelation 11:2 speaks of the “Gentiles” taking the city, saying, “...and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months” (3 ½ years).

America will come under great pressure to lead the coalition to enforce the final resolution against Israel, the abandonment of Jerusalem to the Palestinians. Pray that we do not. I do not believe that we will. If we do not, however, Russia will “reluctantly” do so. Germany and possibly France will join Russia in the coalition. Ezekiel names several nations of the coalition against Israel in Ezekiel 38:1-12. In the first verse: the “land of Magog,” believed by some to be the present day nation of Russia. In the fifth and sixth verses: Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer (believed by some to be Germany), and the house of Togarmah. All these are told to “be prepared” in Ezekiel 38:7: “Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.” Compare this saying to what is said of the armies of the sixth trumpet in Revelation 9:15, “And the four angels were loosed, **which were prepared** for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.” As for the great numbers spoken of in the sixth trumpet, Ezekiel 38:9 describes it this way: “Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.”

We must pray for America and our President, that we will never take part in the “coalition” against Israel. It is better to be an enemy to those nations than to be their friend in the day they fight against Jerusalem. We may suffer much from suicide attacks in the years before the end, but it is better to have their curses than their blessings. God speaks to this issue through the prophet Zechariah, saying, “And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.” America would be no exception.

How Long, O God!

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.
Daniel 12: 12

Seeing that we live in the last generation, and all these horrors are coming upon the earth, we might well ask the same question that Daniel asked in Daniel 12:6, “How long shall it be to the end of these wonders.” It is very possible that the Lord gave the answer we seek if He will only give us the understanding. First, the proper definition of the Hebrew word translated “blessed” in this text is “**How happy.**” “How happy is he that waiteth...” The Hebrew word translated “waiteth” is properly translated, but it is worth pointing out that its primary meaning is “to adhere to.” “How happy is he that adheres to and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.” In the midst of such trouble as is in the world in this generation, there is the promise of great happiness that lies just ahead for the children of God who “adhere” to the Lord until He comes.

Everything that we know for certain of the duration of this generation is that it “...shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.” The extreme outer limits of this generation then, would be the year 2037, the end of a seventy year lifespan. Jesus, however, told us that these days would be shortened “for the elect’s sake” (Matthew 24:22). If we reckon the 1335 prophetic days (1335 years) from the year the “abomination” was set, our Lord’s return would be in the year 2025. If, on the other hand, the purpose of the 1290 prophetic days and the 1335 prophetic

days was to show the difference between the two, this generation would last forty five years and end with the second coming of Jesus Christ in the year 2012 AD, just nine years from now.

Matthew 1:1-17 gives the “*lineage*” of Christ from Abraham to Christ. The seventeenth verse reveals that there are 42 generations from Abraham to Christ. If we use the time from Abraham’s circumcision to the birth of Christ we get 1896 years. Divide 1896 years by 42 generations and the answer is 45.14, almost exactly forty-five years per generation. Is it possible that our Lord is revealing His secrets to His people in this generation? That things that were shut up and sealed unto the end are even now being opened? I do believe this will be the case. I well understand the danger of setting dates for the return of Jesus, and I will refuse to do so. The dates used in this message are offered for your consideration only.

How sure can we be that this generation is the last? I will leave you with the words of Jesus in Luke 21:32-33:

“Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”

And, His warning in verses 34-35:

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.”

We are the generation that will see the return of Jesus to reign on earth. Now is the last possible hour to gather the harvest. Now is the time to pray in the altars of God until He pours out His Spirit on us in great harvest.

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