

End of the Age Possibilities...

Events to consider. Where are we in the timeline?

The book of Revelation focuses on a seven-year period located at the end of this current age. This will be just before the millennial reign of Christ. Throughout the Bible, there are many references referring to this period. In Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, Jesus points to a coming day which includes the destruction of Jerusalem as well as the horrific "Tribulation Days". All this will occur before He returns to set up His Kingdom. Some believe that these chapters in the gospels and in the book of Revelation have come and gone during the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 AD. Sadly, they ignore the fact that many of the events that Jesus, John, and Paul predicted would occur, did not happen during the destruction of Jerusalem. So, it appears that we are looking forward to coming events and some possible dates to ponder.

This is a brief overview of some of the main events that will take place mostly during the first part of the seven-year tribulation period. Even though ONLY God knows His timetable of the coming events, there are some dates that MAY play a significant role in these upcoming days.

Jesus mentioned that there would be wars, earthquakes in many places, famines, and exotic diseases that would be a prelude to the tribulation days. He called these times the beginning of sorrows or birth pangs. There is a point during every successful pregnancy when official labor begins. Before this time, mothers can go about their regular tasks for the most part, of shopping, work, recreation, and entertainment. All this changes when OFFICAL labor begins. Even as the mother starts to focus on the birthing process and all the pushing and pain that may come, the primary focus is the birth of a new child. All the pain and pushing that will occur during the tribulation days will culminate in the birthing of Christ's coming kingdom. It is this truth that will keep faithful believers from falling away during the difficult days ahead.

Financial Woes

It is most likely that an economic meltdown will proceed the actual seven-year tribulation period. It could be much like the worldwide depression that preceded WW II. According to the Jewish law, during every seventh year, there was to be a release of debt and servants. This is called the Shmita. It was the one-year period that the land was to be left fallow for a Sabbath rest. If the nation was serving the Lord faithfully, the debts would be released, providing great abundance for the people. If the nation was ignoring God's laws, there would be a release of their credit which would wipe out their surplus leaving the nation in a desperate situation. During two of the Shmita years of release in this current century, there have been several traumatic events in American and in other worldwide economies. In the Fall of 2001, during the year of release, just after the Twin Towers were attacked, there was a major melt down in the stock market and again, seven years later, in the Fall of 2008, the market went into a free fall.

The next year of release (Shmita) begins on Tuesday Sept. 7, 2021. If America continues to follow the track it is currently on, it is possible that sometime during the next Shmita we could experience the most intense year of release that we have ever seen, including the Great Depression. It will be interesting to see what occurs during this next Shmita, which lasts until September 26, 2022. If a financial meltdown does begin during this coming year of release, then it is possible that this will be the beginning of the final season which will lead us into the Tribulation Days. After this, the next big event on the worldwide calendar is the Battle of Gog and Magog.

What Starts the Seven Year Clock?

It is very possible that battle of Gog and Magog, mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39 will initiate WW III or the beginning of the tribulation days. The Lord gave many clues throughout the Bible to give His people an idea of when this terrible time would occur. Some clues to consider are as follows. The first four seals that Jesus opens in Revelation chapter six, point to a battle that will impact one fourth part of the world. The nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39, make up just over 25 percent of the world's land mass, when you include America.

Another rarely pondered clue is the seven years of burning of the combustible military implements that will take place AFTER this very short war. There is no other reference in Biblical history, where there is a time frame mentioned, concerning the expending of the spoils of battle, EXCEPT in this one place.

This war has not yet occurred historically. So, it is still before us. There is the mention of a seven-year period that will follow this battle. This Biblical fact makes it unique to other battles. Because of this, it is logical to consider, that the first Gog and Magog battle mentioned in Ezek. 38-39, could very well be the beginning of the tribulation days since a literal seven-year period follows it. Some choose to combine the Ezekiel Gog and Magog battle with the Revelation 20 Gog and Magog battle, but this is not possible. The main reason is that the end result of the Rev. 20 Gog and Magog war leads directly to the Great White Throne Judgment and the Ezekiel 38-39 battle has a seven year period that follows it. It is obvious that these two battles, with the same name, will occur at different times. Since the book is called Revelation, it promotes the idea that God wants to reveal to us specific things that will be happening as we near the end of the age. God does not want His people to be unaware of these times. The closer we get, the clearer the signs will become for those who are LOOKING.

One MAIN event to look for, and this is extremely critical, is the fulfillment of the interesting verse found in Ezekiel 38:11. "And you shall say, "I will go up to a land of UNWALLED villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling WITHOUT WALLS, and having neither BARS nor GATES." Walls, bars, and gates represented protection in Biblical times. Without them, the people were vulnerable to attacks and being overthrown. Is it possible that before WW III or the Ezekiel 38-39 battle takes place, that Israel will LAY DOWN THEIR NUCLEAR CAPACITIES FOR PEACE?. The only way that this could occur is, if America PROMISED to defend this

tiny nation surrounded by folks, who do not want them to exist. This is what will eventually create the need for a pre-emptive attack on America that will neutralize this once great nation, which is not mentioned in ANY end time Biblical prophecy. By doing this, America will NOT be able to defend Israel from invading forces. This is a very critical piece of the Last Days puzzle. WATCH FOR IT.

Earthquakes, Blood/Red Moons, and the Feast of Trumpets

During the Tribulation Days, there will be many earthquakes around the globe. Two of these earthquakes will be worldwide and extremely destructive according to Revelation chapters 6 and chapter 16. Some believe that these are two separate descriptions of the same earthquake. In the first earthquake (ch. 6), "the mountains and islands were MOVED out of their place". In the second earthquake (ch. 16), "And EVERY island fled away, and the mountains WERE NOT FOUND". Something being moved out of place is much different than something being totally obliterated. One thing that these two earthquakes have in common is, they will both occur during a Lunar Eclipse or Blood Moon.

With all the advanced technology available today, it is now possible to pinpoint the occurrence of solar and lunar eclipses as well as other activity in the solar system. These two earthquakes will follow the Gog and Magog battle. The first one will be three and a half years after the battle (Revelation 6:12-14) and the last one will be seven years after the Gog and Magog battle (Revelation 16:18-20)

The universe is set up so that it is possible to calculate different astronomical events. Because of this, the exact time of future and past eclipses can be charted. Since there are many lunar eclipses in the future, the first thing to discern is the activities surrounding the lunar eclipses. We know from the teachings of Christ, that at His return several events would be happening about the same time. There will be the massive earthquake mentioned in Revelation 16 that reduces the world's infrastructure to rubble, there will be a blood or red moon, a lunar eclipse, and there will be the sounding of a mighty trumpet.

At this point, I would like to consider the possibility that each of the Old Testament Holy days and Feasts were foreshadows of coming events. We know that the Feast of Passover foreshadowed the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for the sins of mankind. It is also accepted that Pentecost or Feast of Weeks, fore shadowed the coming of the Holy Spirit. Both of these events occurred exactly on the actual date of the feast. If indeed these past events foreshadowed future events, then the next one in line would be the Feast of Trumpets. Is it possible that the Feast of Trumpets is the foreshadowing of the second coming of Christ when He sets up His Kingdom? Several Gospels tell of the blowing of a great trumpet at Christ's return. One problem with this thought is the prophecy declaring that no man will know the day or the hour of Christ's return. This difficulty can be resolved by the realization that the Feast of

Trumpets, is actually a two-day event which celebrates the end of the old year one day and the ushering in of the New Year on the next day. Knowing the exact season but not the exact day can make this possibility probable.

Having established the Feast of Trumpets as a possible return season for Christ, we now need to locate this lunar eclipse near this specific feast. As I have researched the next 20 plus years through 2048 for lunar eclipses near the Feast of Trumpets, I have located only one date that fits this equation, September of 2031. The interesting thing about this date is, it is the only future lunar eclipse that has blood moon or lunar eclipse three and a half years before it, March 2028. This would occur during the first worldwide earthquake mentioned in Revelation 6. Counting backwards from 2031, this would point to a possible mid-tribulation date would fall on March of 2028 as well. That would mean that the seven-year tribulation period could begin with the battle of Gog and Magog somewhere during 2024 and concluding with the return of Christ during the Feast of Trumpets in the fall of 2031. No one can be positive on the date of Christ's return, but I do believe there are clues to consider.

There is another interesting possible event during the next SOLAR eclipse that will cross America April 8, 2024. Usually, a total solar eclipse that crosses America occurs approximately once every 375 years. On August 21, 2017, a solar eclipse spanned America from Salam, Oregon to Charleston, S.C. Only seven years later, on April of 2024, another total solar eclipse will cross America from New Mexico to Maine. Not only is this a rare occurrence, but the place that these two solar eclipse tracks intersect, is about 30 miles from the epicenter where the New Madrid Fault had a powerful shift in the 1800s. Between December of 1811 and February of 1812, this region was hit by three powerful earthquakes that devastated the area, rang the church bells in Boston, Massachusetts and caused the Mississippi River to flow backward for three days. It is estimated that a quake of this magnitude, hitting the same region today, would leave tens of thousands dead and millions homeless. The devastation of this quake would completely divide the nation down the middle by destroying virtually every bridge that crosses the Mississippi River. Will the April 2024 solar eclipse trigger another earthquake like the one back in the 1800s? Time will tell.

Finally, there is a potentially direct connection between Revelation 8 and a coming event. On April 13, 2029. An extremely dangerous asteroid, Apophis, is going pass VERY "close" to the earth. There are many who believe that this asteroid is one of the flaming bodies that will strike the earth mentioned in chapter 8 verses 8 and 10. This will be during the second part of the Tribulation Days when the wrath of God will be poured out upon the planet. This is just something to consider.

What is a Generation?

There is one interesting clue that Jesus gave while talking to His disciples about the end of the age and His return. He stated that the same generation that observes the blossoming of the fig tree, will also realize that summer is near, which represents the return of Christ. A Biblical generation could be measured by forty, seventy, or even a

one-hundred-year time frame. For many years, the rebirth of Israel as a nation in May of 1948 has been seen as the budding of the proverbial fig tree. Since Jesus did not return in 1988, forty years after Israel's rebirth, the next possibility to consider, would be seventy years. Again, Jesus did not return in 2018. Jesus did not give a date but only implied that THIS generation, which runs through 2048, would indeed SEE His return.

The date of Christ's return cannot be exactly pin pointed. But one thing is certain, the battle of Gog and Magog, possibly WW III, will change the world as we have known it. Once this very short battle is complete, according to some texts, only one sixth of the invading armies will survive. The description of this battle in Ezekiel 38-39 reveals how God supernaturally intervenes by creating an atmosphere where "friendly fire" wipes out much of the invading forces and one-hundred-pound hail stones will pulverize much of the rest of this once invincible army. Israel will see the hand of God in this mighty deliverance of Biblical proportions. It is possible that at this time, Israel will begin to reconnect with their spiritual heritage because there will be no other natural explanation for their over whelming victory. It is very likely that the Dome of the Rock will be destroyed in this battle which will open the door for the rebuilding of the Third Temple.

Bad News for USA

If America continues to be an ally of Israel, a preemptive attack will most likely be launched prior to or as a part of this prophetic battle. This may include the detonation of a nuclear device in the atmosphere above the US. It could appear as a harmless satellite passing overhead as many do each day, yet with a destructive nuclear payload aimed at neutralizing America's technological infrastructure. If this occurs, it will probably destroy America's electric grid by creating an Electro Magnetic Pulse or EMP. This would plunge America's technology back into the early 1800s with, neither electricity or running water. Government studies on an EMP strike against America are very sobering. Without electricity, for the most part, everything in America would come to a screeching halt. The EMP would destroy the majority of computer chips in every unsecured computer, from planes, trains, trucks, and cars to cell phones. This would leave transportation, distribution, and communication opportunities near zero. Because of this radical change, statistically, it is believed that within the first year, 90% of America's population would be dead. The first Winter, would wipe out most of the Northern population and the first Summer would wipe out most of the Southern population.

It is also possible that, at this time, Russia may launch some nuclear missiles from submarines positioned off the East coast that would take out everything between New York City to Washington D.C.. This would eliminate our economic, governmental, and much of our military leadership. An attack on this scale would be an efficient strategy in bringing America down.

The prophetic can be questionable at times. Yet throughout Biblical history and even in our times, God has spoken through a prophetic voice. Jesus warned of "false prophets" in the last days, so there must be genuine prophets as well. The reason that there are

no counterfeit three-dollar bills is, that there are no LEGAL three-dollar bills. Regardless, everything must be judged by the Word of God. I recently came across an interesting prophetic vision from many years ago. There was an Evangelist, A.A. Allen, who had a vision on July 4, 1954 (Vision of the Destruction of America A.A. Allen). The running time for this particular clip, located on YouTube, is 6minutes and 36 seconds. This vision was about the destruction of America at some future date. There are several interesting things about this vision. At the time the vision occurred in 1954, the military was working on Inter Continental Ballistic Missiles or ICBM, What the evangelist described in his vision publicly, was a top-secret development that no one outside of the military was even aware of. The rockets that he saw coming up out of the ocean was unheard of. This would have been a totally unfamiliar concept that he would have had absolutely no knowledge of. Only the government knew about this Top-Secret project.

Also in the vision, he saw a deadly gas spreading throughout America. The capacity to deliver such payloads of toxic gas from Russia to America accurately had not been fully developed at this time. Yet that is what he described was occurring in this vision. Now for a final thought concerning this vision. The date of this vision, July 4, is significant. It represents the Independence Day celebration for America. What if the planned attack against America was on the very day that we focus on our freedom? Kind of like the Arabic attack on Israel in 1973 during their very Holy Day, Yom Kippur. If we look at the possible generational numbers again, seventy years from the date of this original vision, July 4, 1954, would be July 4, 2024. This date, coincides with the possible WW III or Gog and Magog battle date mentioned earlier. If an earthquake, also mentioned earlier, does indeed occur during the April 8, 2024, Solar eclipse, this would leave America in a vulnerable state.

The Answer Man

During this very chaotic time, the antichrist will emerge and begin to give supernatural leadership and direction, which will bring a resolve to this massive worldwide conflict. The first three and a half years after WW III, the antichrist will bring about global stabilization which includes a seven-year peace treaty between Israel and the Arabic nations. Because of the economic challenges that will result from WW III, a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT will also be created which the antichrist will assist in forming. Everyone without knowledge of the book of Revelation will see him as the savior of the world. After his miraculous recovery from being assassinated (Revelation 13:3), the antichrist, who will be pronounce dead and then revive, will be seen as superhuman. In reality, satan will be in total control of him and will require the world to worship him as god. For more details on the rest of these trying times, please read the little booklet, "Revelation... A Chilling Possibility". www.vcawv.org