

End-Time Prophecies: Testing the Prophets

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services! Here we are the Sabbath before the Feast of Trumpets. Everyone is all anxious and wondering what is going to happen on the 15th of September, because there are quite a few people saying, ‘Since this ends the Shemitah that there is going to be a great economic collapse.’ One problem: *they are one year off!*

Looking at what happened with all of the financing and everything leading up to today, could it be that they did all of their damage before the so-called Shemitah ends? For the very purpose of making these prognosticators look foolish? After it’s over, after Atonement—as I mentioned before, the Jews say sell on Rosh Hashanah/Trumpets, and buy on Yom Kippur—that is the day after in each case.

I’ve got 40-years of chart, I’m going to have it all updated with what happens, the stock market, beginning on Tuesday morning, running until Atonement, have that included in on the chart. Every year for 40 years there’s a downturn and an upturn. Every year! The only year there was a dramatic one was in 2008.

We will also see that all the markets are now controlled by the central banks. The main controller is the Fed and the European bank and London. So, we will see what happens. What if there is not a great crash? I wonder how they will explain it.

Now here in an article on Mark Biltz—I read his book *The Blood Moons*—who is a close associate with Jonathan Cahn.

IS 7-YEAR BIBLICAL 'TRIBULATION'

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[Mark] Biltz, author of “Blood Moons: Decoding the Imminent Heavenly Signs,” is not predicting that the Tribulation will start with the beginning of a new seven-year cycle at sundown on Sunday, Sept. 13. But if it doesn’t start...

He’s saying it will start, but gives himself a hedge, just in case he’s wrong.

...then he says it likely won’t for at least another seven years.

Let’s look at some of these things. Trying to figure out when Jesus will return and when the end of the world will be has been on the minds of those who follow the Bible, whether they’re Christian or not, for centuries. And why have they been wrong?

We lived through that in our Church experience, for those who have been in the Church for a long time. Why? *Because we’re so good, we want to help God bring it about! No!*

We don’t understand how great and awesome that these things are going to be, nor do we really have a clue as to what it’s going to be like to be a spirit being and a son of God the Father. We don’t have a clue! We do have some descriptions, which are kind of like a blip of information. Everything we do has to be based on faith that:

- we believe God
- we believe Jesus Christ
- we love Them and obey Them

and don’t get carried away with our own things to force it along early.

Acts 1:6: “So then, when they were assembled together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You restore the kingdom to Israel at this time?’”

Does the ultimate Kingdom of God go to Israel only? *No!* Israel is involved, true, but what were they looking for? *They were looking for Him now that He was raised from the dead*, to use them and gather forces together and set up the Kingdom beginning in Jerusalem for Israel. It was beyond their wildest dreams and expectations. For us, we look at that, and we know what Rev. 21 & 22 tells us about being a spirit being and New Jerusalem, and so forth; which is only in itself a greater hint. We kind of snicker a little bit here at this.

But what did Jesus tell them that they would do? What did He promise them because they followed Him? *That they would sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel!* So, they wanted to know the unasked question, is, ‘Lord, when will we get our thrones?’

Didn’t we have one evangelist run around the Church and tell everyone how God is going to set up the kingdom and who is going to be in this department, who is going to be in that depart, who is going to run this, and who is going to run that? *Yes, we did!* Was he wrong? *Yes!* Furthermore, far as I know, he’s waiting the resurrection in the grave.

Verse 7: “And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know *the times or the seasons...* [we need to know the times and seasons; we’ll see this later] ...which the Father has placed in His own authority. But you yourselves shall receive power...” (vs 7-8)—‘you go to Jerusalem, wait for it.’

He didn't even tell them what would happen, that they would receive power. I imagine for ten days they kept asking themselves, 'What power are we going to receive?' *Of course, that was on Pentecost!* Then you read Acts 2—BLAST!—here comes the Holy Spirit. They're doing one of the most unthinkable things in the world. They are speaking what their thoughts are in their heads, but they are speaking many languages at the same time. That was a great miracle!

Since it's not for us to know the times or the seasons, by the time Paul wrote this, and this was his first epistle that he wrote in 52_{A.D.}, they had enough understanding with the Holy Days, Sabbath and the prophecies of the Old Testament, and so forth. In 1-Thess. 4 they're talking about the return of Christ and the resurrection. What he says here shows that the people of God are to have some understanding, but not complete understanding.

1-Thessalonians 5:1: "Now then, concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, there is no need that I write to you; for you yourselves understand perfectly that the Day of *the* Lord will come exactly as a thief *comes* by night. For when they say, '**Peace and security**'..." (vs 1-3). We have anything but that right now. When I do the sermon on the collider in Cern, I think we can understand that that day will come.

"...then sudden destruction will come upon them, as travail *comes* upon a woman who is with child; and they shall by no means escape" (v 3).

We are to have some understanding. Let me suggest to everyone here, get the book *The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah* (cbc.org).

Dan. 9—here is a great framework that also locks into the Holy Days, the calendar of God, etc., which is the 70-weeks prophecy. Unless you have the **correct** Calculated Hebrew Calendar, and the **correct** 7-year cycles and Jubilee, you're going to miss the fulfillment of this. That's why you need the book *The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah*.

God sent Gabriel to tell Daniel some of the things that were going to happen (Dan. 9:21). This is a framework, and we're going to see quite a bit in here that doesn't tell us how or when exactly. It tells us the timeframe, but on the scale of years, months and days where does that timeframe fit?

Daniel 9:22: "And he *made* me to understand, and talked with me, and said, 'O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight and understanding. At the beginning of your supplications the word went forth, and I have come to declare it, for you are greatly beloved; therefore, consider the word, and understand the vision: Seventy weeks are decreed upon your people and

upon your Holy city to finish the transgression and **to make an end of sin, 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**'" (vs 22-24). There are a lot of things there. It's on the people and the Holy City. It has to do with *physical* Jerusalem, but some of the things related here have to do with *New Jerusalem*. Are not the names of the twelve tribes of Israel on each of the gates of New Jerusalem? *Yes, indeed!* Isn't it on the foundation of the twelve apostles? *Yes, indeed!* So, it can have a dual fulfillment here.

- "...to make an end of sin..." When does sin end? *Lake of Fire and the removal of Satan and the demons to utter darkness, blackness!*
- "...to make reconciliation for iniquity..." That started with the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Start!*
- "...to bring in everlasting righteousness..." Of course, that hasn't happened, yet.
- "...to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy."

Jesus was anointed with the Spirit of God when He was baptized. Will He not be anointed as King of the earth by God the Father? *Yes, indeed!* So, there are different fulfillments that are layered within this.

He starts coming down to the Messiah and Prince, v 25: "Know, therefore, and understand *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, to Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks.... [that's 69] ...It shall be built again with streets and the wall, even in troublous times. And after sixty-two weeks..." (vs 25-26). You can read that in Ezra and Nehemiah.

Speaking of what I gave about the stenographers of Jesus—*News and Jesus' Stenographers*—what did Ezra have to have happen in order to get the permission to finish building the temple and the city? *They had to send to Babylon for the decree of Cyrus and it was written down!* So, all of these things where they show these ancient empires and things like this, they were very sophisticated.

Verse 26: "And after sixty-two weeks..." You have seven weeks first and Jerusalem was completed and finished with the wall in 49 years.

"...Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself..." (v 26). Not during, but *after*. Each one of these weeks, each day represent a year, so these are 7-year segments. Even they understand it here

with this that I read. There are 7-year segments, but you have to have the right calendar.

In the book, *The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah*, you will see that Jesus came after 62 weeks, and it was a Jubilee year. So you have the 7th year, or the 49th year, then the next year is the 1st year of the next 7-year cycle, but it's the 50th year. Of course, the ministry of Jesus Christ was symbolized by a Jubilee: release from sin, release from Satan the devil. He preached the message of forgiveness of sin and everything like that.

After 62 weeks, on the Day of Atonement when He began the temptation; He was not cut off for another three and a half years, after 62 weeks.

Verse 26: "...And the people of the prince who shall come... [it switches; this is *not* Jesus] ...shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...." Jesus didn't destroy the city. When He comes back, He's going to rebuild it. This is the *beast-power*. You have the first fulfillment when the Romans came, 70_{A.D.} Isn't it interesting, 70-weeks, and in 70_{A.D.} the temple was destroyed? We have 7-70th week.

In between the completing of the temple and Jerusalem in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, then we have a space of time coming down to 409_{B.C.}, which is when the message went out from Malachi that the Lord was going to come to the temple and He would send a messenger to go before him (Mal. 3). That year began the count of the 62 weeks.

Verse 27: "And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week..." So there is the 70th week: 7 weeks, 62 weeks = 69, plus one is 70. The 70th week is deferred clear to the end-time (1-Thess. 5), 'When they say peace and security...' there's going to be a covenant made.

When that covenant is made with the beast-power, I believe that's when the temple is going to be built. This week, being 70 years, is divided into two parts.

1. first three and a half are peace
2. next three and a half are war/tribulation

"...And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease..." (v 27). We have this explained in Matthew and in Mark, and we will see how this will come about. There has to be an abomination of desolation, that's what it says here:

"...and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation..." (v 27).

Jonathan Cahn says the Tribulation may begin on the 15th of September, but he doesn't know what has to happen to bring that about. If you understand seven-year cycles, there's much more to

it than that. Jesus tells us specifically that the Tribulation *cannot* begin until this event in Matt. 24 and Mark 13 takes place. This did not happen with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70_{A.D.} There was no 'abomination of desolation' that occurred at that time. Dan. 9 says there must be a *desolation* called 'the abomination of desolation.'

Matthew 24:11: "And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many." Going to be a lot of people say, 'The end is here! The end is here! The end is here!'

Verse 12: "And because lawlessness shall be multiplied..." Overwhelming! We're getting where we're seeing it reaching the multiplication stage.

"...the love of many shall grow cold" (v 12)—because you can't trust anybody. You don't know who they are. Your neighbor may be fine, wonderful and nice and then one day he comes out and he's a terrorist. Like happened on the train recently over in Europe.

Verse 13: "But the one who endures to the end, that one shall be saved. And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall **be proclaimed** in all the world..." (vs 13-14). At the time of the apostles and things *all the world* was the Roman Empire, but Jesus did not mean just the Roman Empire. He meant *all* the world. "...be proclaimed..."—Mark says *published*. We're living in that time when it's done.

"...for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come. Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet... [Dan 9 & 12] ...standing in the Holy place..." (vs 14-15). The only place that is Holy is the Holy of Holies in the temple. Since that didn't happen in 70_{A.D.} and the temple was destroyed. Over the course of years after that every stone was removed, not one stone left upon another.

So, if you believe what the Gospel says, you look at the Mosque of Omar and you look at the Wailing Wall where they have these big stones one on top of another, you talk about a deception colossal. If there's to be no stone left upon another where the temple was standing, what are these stones on top of one another? *That's Roman property: Fort Antonia*. As we saw in this little preview of the Cern, at the Mosque of Omar there are the eight points of satanism.

Here's a parenthetical statement. "... (the one who reads, let him understand)" (v 15). You probably don't have a red-letter Bible, but this should not be in red letters, because Jesus did not say "...the one who reads, let him understand" because He was speaking. This was added by the Apostle John in finalizing and canonizing the New Testament.

Why would he insert this statement here? The temple had already been destroyed and between 98-100_{A.D.} it was obvious it wasn't going to be rebuilt any time soon. At least not before he died, because he was probably approaching 100-years-old at that time.

What vision did he have in Rev. 11? *A vision of the temple at the end-time!* With this vision that God gave him, he clarified the statement that Jesus gave about *the abomination of desolation*. This becomes important, because we will see that ***the Tribulation cannot begin until that happens***. But before that happens, we have the two witnesses.

Revelation 11:1: "Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, 'Arise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. But leave out the court that is within the temple *area*, and do not measure it because it has been given *up* to the Gentiles; and they shall trample upon the Holy city for forty-two months.... [the time of *the beast* when evil is unleashed] ...And I will give *power* to My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth'" (vs 1-3).

The truth of the difference between the 42 months and the 1260 days is that they begin and end at different times: 42 months is for evil; 1260 days is for the two witnesses.

When will the two witnesses be raised from the dead after their bodies being in the streets three and a half days in Jerusalem? *The resurrection!* How do you know where the 1260 days start? *By understanding that the resurrection is on Pentecost*, and count back 1260 days. In our series on *Daniel and Revelation* you will see that's sometime just before winter begins. Very interesting, isn't it? Because we'll see that Jesus talks about winter having to do with Jerusalem.

So, this says that there will be a temple. There will be two witnesses, v 3, "And I will give *power* to **My** two witnesses..."

Did you know that there's a minister supposedly of a Church of God who says that he is restoring the true church and that he is the apostle for the 21st century? That he will have authority over the two witnesses? May he repent before God deals with him! God is going to choose the two witnesses and He has authority over them, ***no man!***

Verse 4: "These are the two olives trees, and *the two lampstands*..." Go back to Zech. 3 & 4 and it tells you who the two witnesses will be. One will be the governor of Judea and the other will be the high priest at the coming temple that is to be built.

We saw a little clip on their proposed temple that they're going to build. So, there has to be an 'abomination of desolation' happen at the temple. When you get the *Daniel and Revelation Series*, you will see that that is about Passover time three and a half years before the end. What will the Jews be doing at the temple at that time? *Offering Passover lambs!*

One other thing we can add to this concerning when will it be built. (speculation) I believe that when we read back here when the last seven years begin, and there is the peace treaty, *the beast power* will guarantee to protect the Jews while they build the temple. By the time they get to building the temple, they will understand where it shall be—needs to be—where the old temple used to be, which is not where the Mosque of Omar is. This will satisfy the Muslims and the Jews.

They will build the temple. How long will it take them to build it? They've got three and a half years before 'the abomination of desolation' takes place. I do not know how long it will take to build, but they've got it all planned out. You know that prophecy says it has to be there, because:

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore, when you see the **abomination of desolation**, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy place.' (The one who reads, let him understand.)"

Tie that in with 'the wise shall understand' (Dan. 12). Who are the wise? *The ones who love God and keep His commandments!*

Notice, this is sudden, v 16: "Then let those who are in Judea flee into the mountains." Here things happen real quickly. What about those not in Judea? Rev. 12 shows there will be some taken to a place of safety. There will be two classes of people there at the place of safety:

1. Jews
2. Christians

They are taken there by the angels. How urgent is this? He says in Luke 17, 'remember Lot's wife.' That was urgent to get out of Sodom. Notice how urgent this is.

Verse 17: "'Let the one *who is* on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house... [**You go!**] ...and let the one *who is* on the field not go back to take his garments'" (vs 17-18).

You're not going to have your 'Petra box.' You're not going to have everything ready to go. The only way you could have that is carry around with you wherever you go a suitcase big enough to put stuff in, with wheels on it. Otherwise, you go without.

‘What am I going to do without deodorant?’
You won’t need it out there, everybody’s going to stink!

Verse 19: “But woe to those *women* who are expecting a child, and to those who are nursing infants in those days! And pray that your flight be not in *the* winter, nor on *the* Sabbath; for **then**” (vs 19-21). When does **then** begin?

“When you see the abomination of desolation...standing in the Holy place....” (v 15). That is fully described in 2-Thes. 2.

“...**then** shall there be great tribulation...” (v 21). That is the signal thing to set off the Great Tribulation.

Mark Biltz, question: Do you see a temple being built or built and completed? If the Tribulation begins on the 15th there has to be the functioning temple, the functioning priesthood. There has to be all of that already in place. So, ***opinions of men mean nothing***, though they sound correct.

Verse 21: “For then shall be great tribulation...” That’s going to be the thing that does it. Satan and all the demons are going to be let loose at that time and all hell is going to break out on the earth.

“...such as had not been from *the* beginning of *the* world until this time, nor ever shall be *again*” (v 21). That is quite a statement. Look at all the catastrophes that happen. This has got to compare in devastation somewhat to the Flood, when you go back to the beginning of the world. So, what we need to do in these prophecies is understand the Word of God, the best that we can, and think *big*.

When you read Revelation, it’s talking about the *whole* earth, the *whole* world, all nations. We have the capacity for that today.

Then He says, v 22: “And if those days were not limited...” What is the limit? *Three and a half years!* The *King James* says cut short. I’ve heard a lot of sermons in the past, ‘You never know when it’s going to be, because it says it’s going to be cut short. God could short the time anytime He wants to.’ He could, but He has other considerations He said that would happen first. That must happen first. It can’t be cut off; it’s limited.

“...there would no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days shall be limited. Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here *is* the Christ,’ or, ‘*He is* there,’ do not believe *it*. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and they shall present great signs and wonders, in order to deceive, if possible, even the elect” (vs 22-24).

Pope Francis is going to come over here to America and the day after the Day of Atonement he’s going to speak in the Congress. His message is going to be ‘very spiritual,’ ‘You’ve got to enact all this global warming legislation, guys.’

Aren’t the Catholics going to be amazed when they find out that ***everything they have ever believed has been based upon a lie*** from top to bottom, right and left, and all around? *Yes!* I don’t see Pope Francis doing any miracles. Who knows, maybe his health is such that it’s all he can do to get up every day. You never know.

Sidebar: Catholics are stuck with a problem if they believe the prophecies about the popes, that there will be 112; Pope Francis is 112. What if he dies? Remember this, whenever there is a *failed prophecy*, it is a new opportunity to bring something new in.

Verse 25: “Behold, I have foretold *it* to you. Therefore, if they say to you, ‘*Come and see!* He is in the wilderness’; do not go forth. ‘*Come and see!* *He is* in the secret chambers’; do not believe *it*” (vs 25-26). Then He shows how He’s going to return, which we will cover on Trumpets.

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Before the Tribulation begins, there has to be a temple built. There has to be *the beast-power* in power and three and a half years before the abomination of desolation there has to be the peace treaty beginning the 70th week.

Then before *the abomination of desolation*, the two witnesses come on the scene. You’ll see that on the chart in the *Daniel and Revelation series*, which probably provokes *the beast-power* to come into the temple of God and

- stop the sacrifices
- sit in the Holy of Holies
- declare that he is God

You get the two witnesses on the scene and it’s a worldwide thing, everybody is going to see it. Of course, this is interrupting the beast’s plan. ‘How dare you two break this peace. I’ll show you!’ You can almost hear it.

Let’s understand that as John and those canonizing the New Testament were putting it together, they knew what Paul had written here. Let’s contrast that with what Mark Biltz says.

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“The Muslims, Hindus, Chinese, Christians...all have created their own calendar system, but God is putting the world on notice that His is the one that

really matters,” Biltz told *Charisma* magazine.

That’s a true statement; only God’s calendar matters. But notice what he says, because if you have the calendar, but you don’t understand the Bible and the prophecies, what good is the calendar going to do for you? *No good!* May give you a little insight.

The religious leaders in Jesus’ day were rebuked for “not understanding the signs of the times,” Biltz said.

Correct!

“God is again using the signs in the heavens to get our attention that we need to get connected to the Shemitah cycle to properly understand prophecy.”

Understanding the Shemitah cycle is not the only key. You must first have the Word of God. If you have the calendar, without the Word of God, you only have half the story. If you have the Word of God, without the calendar, you only have half the story. God is not doing it on the calendar alone. He’s doing it on His Word *and* His calendar. Under whose authority is this? Right where we started: *God the Father’s*.

Biltz believes the prophet Daniel’s “70 weeks” prophecy was based on the Shemitah cycle.

Almost anyone who knows anything about the Bible knows that each week back there is seven years. Then he brings out about Jonathan Cahn and *The Mystery of the Shemitah*. I will save any more comments for that until after Atonement. So we will see what happens.

Speaking of the Shemitah cycle and the worst thing that happened financially in 2008, the market went down nearly 22%. But as soon as Congress enacted the bailout, it came back. So, that’s not the whole story.

As I read 2-Thess. 2, keep in mind it says there in Rev. 12 that Satan is ‘deceiving the whole world.’ It says in 1-John 5:19^[transcriber’s correction] that the world is in the power of the evil one. So this is going to be fantastic, the whole world is going to believe this. One other thing, too, we need to add in, what needs to be: *the mark of the beast*. There are many, many things that have to happen.

2-Thessalonians 2:1: “Now, we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled—neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by epistle, as if from us, *saying* that the day of Christ is present” (vs 1-2). The new-agers believe that Christ is present.

Verse 3: “Do not let anyone deceive you by any means... [tie that in with all the things that Jesus said, ‘Don’t let anyone deceive you’] ...because *that day will not* come unless the apostasy shall come first, and the man of sin shall be revealed—the son of perdition.”

There was another minister who broke away and he said that *the abomination of desolation* and what was talked about here in 2-Thess. 2 was the minister who took over WCG. ***You can’t make prophecy be fulfilled because you have an idea!***

It’s like Dolores always reminds me: Some thoughts are good thoughts. *Not all thoughts are good thoughts and many of them are just plain stupid!* Of course, I know that’s never happened to any of you. Just because we think it or we get a hunch, that doesn’t make it so.

Notice what kind of individual this is, fully possessed of Satan the devil, v 4: “The one who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God... [even Adolph Hitler didn’t do that] ...or that is an object of worship; so that he comes into the temple of God... [it’s not a tent; it’s not a tabernacle. this is a temple] ...and sits down as God...” Why would he do that? *Because of what the two witnesses have been saying about him!*

Two witnesses come in sometime just before winter starts. The abomination of desolation looks like it will be at about Passover time. They have all that time witnessing against *the beast* and *the false prophet*. They are going to be out of their gourd trying to get rid of them.

That’s why they are protected that if anyone tries to kill the two witnesses, that all they have to do is speak the word and fire comes out of their mouth and kills them. That’s going to provoke the one possessed of Satan the devil to go in and prove he’s God.

“...and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things? And now you understand what is holding *him* back in order for him to be revealed in his own set time.... [a one-time event] ...For the mystery of lawlessness is already working...” (vs 4-7). Yes, and was working then and was working clear back beginning in Babylon with Nimrod and Semiramis and everything with the world’s religions.

“...only *there is One* Who is restraining at the *present* time...” (v 7)—***Christ!*** Who opens the seals in Rev. 6? *It doesn’t happen until He opens the seal!*

“...until it arises out of *the* midst.... [of the system of Satan the devil] ...And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord will consume

with the breath of His mouth, and will destroy with the brightness of His coming)” (vs 7-8).

That fits only *the beast* and *the false prophet* when they are cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19). Doesn't it say that 'out of his mouth goes a two-edged sword'? Christ doesn't need a weapon, all He has to do is speak it and it's done!

Verse 9: “*Even* the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders... [this is going to grasp the whole world] ...and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the Truth, so that they might be saved” (vs 9-10).

Notice that it's the Word of God, not just the signs. You must first have the Word of God in order to understand the signs and times, and things like that. And you must understand the flow of prophecy. That is only understood by putting Scriptures together, building one Scripture upon another Scripture.

The thing that started the *Daniel and Revelation Series* was Rev. 11, because every commentary says that 1260 days and 42 months are the same. I said to myself: since God gave 1260 days to the two witnesses, and 42 months to the powers of evil, why is it exactly the same time period? If there are two different ways of calculating, maybe there are two different ways of understanding it. So, the key became two questions:

1. When do the two witnesses die?
2. When is *the beast* thrown into the Lake of Fire?

Two different times!

So, the way you determine when they start is counting back from when they die. In the case of the two witnesses, it's 1260 days plus three and a half days.

For *the beast*, cast into the Lake of Fire, which then ends the day of Trumpets when Christ and the saints come on the earth. You count back 42 months from there. Here's also another thing concerning 42 months—and it does have to fit in with the Calculated Hebrew Calendar—a month may be a few days short, but it's still counted a month. So the 1260 and 42 are not overlaying identical.

But notice, he does not say you can tell by the Shemitah. You tell by the Word of God and by what happens.

Verse 11: “And for this cause...” This is used four times in Rom. 1, ‘when people sin...for this cause, God abandoned them.’

“...God will send upon them a powerful deception...” (v 11). When you are totally deceived, you think you're right.

“...that will cause them to believe *the lie*” (v 11). What is the lie? *That Satan the devil is god in the person of the beast!* Doesn't Rev. 13 say that they all worship *the beast* and they all worship the dragon who gave him his power and his authority? *Yes.* He goes into the temple of God and say, ‘I am God.’

Verse 12: “So that all may be judged who did not believe the Truth... [because the two witnesses will tell them the Truth] ...but who took pleasure in unrighteousness.” We're not to be that way, he says in the following verses here. So this is quite something, when we put it all together.

Let's see one other factor that has to happen before Christ can return. This is the thing that starts the Great Tribulation. Let's look at some of the contemporary news that is taking place as we read this:

Daniel 11:40: “And at the time of the end, the King of the South shall push at him...” Where is the King of the South? *He's not here, yet!* This sounds like some sort of military action. I'm sure someone is going to say, ‘All the immigrants coming from Syria are pushing into Europe.’ What are the Europeans doing? They're arming themselves and ready to go down to the Holy Land. *No!* They're welcoming them with open arms and they're going to be sorry that they did. How all of that plays out we don't know.

“...And the King of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships... [that's coming to battle] ...and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and sweep through. He shall also enter into the glorious land... [he does this before he enters into the temple] ... and many countries shall be overthrown. But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. And he shall stretch out his hand also upon the countries. And the land of Egypt shall not escape. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall alarm him. Then he will go forth with great fury to destroy and to utterly annihilate many” (vs 40-44).

This ties in with Rev. 8. So these are all the things that have to happen before the return of Christ.

Let's again come to the book of Revelation and we will look at this as to what the foundation is of what we need to be doing. Prophecy is always interesting. Everybody's excited to know what it means. But unless you are right with God, and loving God and keeping His commandments,

understanding prophecy doesn't mean a thing. Prophecy is not going to save you. It will give you understanding if you understand it right, but we have to be saved by God.

Here's how we need to look at it here. Here's what we need to focus on. To the Church at Philadelphia. This is the attitude that we need to have, the way we need to operate and everything:

Revelation 3:7: "And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia, write: 'These things says the Holy One, the One Who *is* true; the One Who has the key of David, Who opens and no one shuts, and Who shuts and no one opens.'"

That can apply to the Word of God, with the key of David, the heart of David, the repentance, and so forth. Opening the door is opening a means of preaching and teaching and shutting a door. "...Who shuts and no one opens."

Verse 8: "I know your works..." We all have to have works. This is the important thing. He doesn't say, 'I know how you understand prophecy.' He says, 'I know your works.'

- What is your life?
- What do you do?
- What do you think?

"...Behold, I have set before you an open door, and no one has the power to shut it because you have a little strength..." (v 8)—showing relying on God for everything. God will provide, but we must have faith and we must have obedience. We must have love and we must yield to God in everything.

"...and have kept My Word..." (v 8). That's an important thing—you keep it. What is the key to understanding the Word of God? *Keeping it!* 'A good understanding have all they who keep His commandments.' The opposite of that is this: Those who don't keep His commandments will not understand. We could put a caveat on that. Also in degree to how they are keeping what they know.

"...and have not denied My name..." (v 8). How do you deny the name of Christ? *By not believing it!*

Verse 9: "Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan... [all of the super-elite that run the world] ...who proclaim themselves to be Jews... [we are God's chosen people] ...and are not, but do lie.... [ties in with 2-Thess. 2] ...behold, I will cause them to come and worship before your feet..."

In other words, they're going to worship God in our resurrected presence. Won't that be a change? That will really be a change.

"...and **to know that I have loved you.**" So, whenever things get tough and difficult, and

things, just like I start out the *Love Series*, **When all Else Fails, Remember God Loves You.** Even if the trial is difficult, even if it is really horrible, *you turn to God and trust Him, and He will begin to work things out!* If you say, 'God, why is this happening?' maybe He'll reveal why it's happening, maybe He won't. But you always trust God and that He loves you. Remember, *He loves you so much He died for you!* God the Father, Himself, loves you.

Verse 10: "Because you have kept the Word of My patience... [going by the Word of God only] ...I also will keep you from the time of temptation..." What is this time of temptation? I've got a sermon on that—*Temptation to Try the Whole World*—which I believe has to do with receiving *the mark of the beast*. Not necessarily the Tribulation, because the word for tribulation in Greek is different than this one.

"...which *is* about to come upon the whole world to try those who dwell on the earth" (v 10). Rev. 13 says about *the mark of the beast* that 'he causes all, small and great, the rich and poor, the free, the bond to receive a mark in their forehead or on their right hand.' That's going to be a temptation, because you won't be able to buy or sell.

How is God going to keep us from that? I think—if I may be so bold to say—most of us will probably be dead and in the grave, so we are kept from it. That's the best I can do interpret that, but it comes upon the whole earth.

Verse 11: "Behold, I am coming quickly; hold fast that which you have so that no one may take away your crown." How can someone take away your crown? *By you accepting false teachings of men!* That's why we always need to do as the Bereans, check it with the Scriptures; 'rightly divide the Word of God.' Put it together 'precept upon precept; line upon line; here a little, there a little' and put it all together. Don't try and force something to come in and make it work.

Just like those two individuals that I mentioned, they're trying to *force* God to do something He isn't going to do. Just like this man here, I'm sure he's sincere. I'm sure Mark Biltz believes a lot of things that are true. I'm sure Jonathan Cahn believes some things that are true. If he's a descendant of the high priest and doesn't know the Scriptures well enough to know that for the New Testament that the Gentiles are invited in; if he doesn't know that we are Israel today...there are just too many things missing. Even though they say something and it takes place, then you have to find out: Do they really understand the Word of God? and just sit back and wait.

What if the market doesn't crash out of sight on Sept. 15? It may go down and come back. Just to

give you an example. I've been watching the market on Bloomberg for about the last three months, every day. The market's down/market's up; market's down/market's up. But I believe the super-elite punished Russia, China, Brazil, India, and South Africa for having the presumptuousness to think that they could do away with the Western economic bankers. So, they lost \$6-trillion in the Chinese market. Who got that money? Would you be surprised that maybe the super-elite did?

If you want to set up a world bank, you need to have a lot of resources to do it, a lot of cash reserves, even if it's digital. In making the market go down and you make money on it, and making the market go up... I've got a report that shows that they are causing the market to go down and causing it to come up. You don't have a lot of individual investors there in the market anymore. It's the Western central banks that control those stock markets.

They know when they're going to make it go down, so they make money on that. They know when they're going to turn it back up, so what are they doing? Could it be that they're stock piling a lot of cash reserves so that when they ultimately cause everything to fall apart they will have cash reserves unused to start a new world currency? Wouldn't that be convenient? That's my speculation. I don't know if that is so.

But somebody's got the money somewhere, don't they? Where would it go? Since we don't have it, and nobody we know has it. So maybe. I put that out there as a thought. If it doesn't work that way, then that's a wrong thought. All thoughts are not good thoughts. Some of them may be plain stupid; this may be, but time will tell.

I've discussed this with Ron Carey, as well, because we're watching the market go up and down, before the scheduled Shemitah, which is Sept. 15. I have one more question on that and I'll leave this alone: What if the market goes up? We'll know Sept. 15, one o'clock Pacific Time.

This is how we need to go by the Word of God. *Think*, but not try and force something upon God, but looking at the things that need to take place. It could be very plausible that it's not going to happen the way that they said it would happen. What would this do in one-fell swoop for all of those prognosticators? *Make them look like mistaken fools.* I rest my case. ***Don't let anyone take away your crown!***

Verse 12: "The one who overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of My God..." Those are the highest positions. Christ is going to do it; He says He will do it. We can't snuggle up to Christ and say, 'Oh, Jesus, what about me?' *No!* He's going to

choose. He might say, 'Well, I've got a footstool down there, how's that?' *That's fine, Lord!*

"...and he shall not go out anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which will come down out of heaven from My God; and *I will write upon him My new name*" (v 12). That's what we need to do. This is how God wants us to respond to Him. He says,

Verse 13: **"The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."** *So let's not get carried away with prophecies that don't fit what the Bible tells us!*

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