

The Anti-Christ and the Rapture (#1)

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Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

--1 Cor 15:55 NIV

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If the reader does not have the time to read through the very thorough Biblical arguments for the Anti-Christ and the Rapture, he can read the summary at the end of each section.

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The Rapture

Definitions Concerning the Rapture

Without taking a specific stand at the moment, let me point out that there are various Christian views on the definition of terms surrounding the Rapture. Take a glance at the following terms before beginning the discussion.

Premillennialism: The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will usher in his 1000-year reign on Earth. Adherents include Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, most Reformers, Anabaptists, Huguenots, Cotton Mather, English Evangelicals, Seventh Day Adventists, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, John Nelson Darby, Charles Spurgeon, C. I. Scofield, Charles Ryrie, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Hal Lindsey, Tim LaHaye, Jerry Falwell.

Postmillennialism: The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will occur either after the 1000-year golden age of the Church has expired or after the world has been won to Christ and Satan has been gradually defeated after an indefinable period of time beginning at Pentecost. Adherents include Presbyterians, B. B. Warfield, H. Meyer, Loraine Boettner, R. J. Rushdoony, Charles Spurgeon on occasion, and Christian Reconstructionists.

Amillennialism (now **millennialism**): There will be no 1000-year reign by Jesus Christ. The millennium referred to in Rev 20 is spiritual and actually began at Pentecost and will continue until the Second Coming when Jesus Christ will Judge and rule forever. Adherents include Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Lutheran Reformed, and Anglicans.

Praeterism (Replacement Theology): All End Time events have already taken place in the first century AD when Christianity replaced Israel at the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD. Elements of Praeterism invade Amillennialism and Postmillennialism. Some Praeterists envision two Second Comings one in 70 AD and another at the end of the age. Adherents include the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, and Hugo Grotius.

Tribulation (The Day of the Lord): This is the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy. It lasts for 7 years. Its purpose is to make an end to wickedness (Is 13:9), bring about a worldwide revival (Rev 7:1-17), and to break the will of the Jews (Dan 12:7).

Rapture: To Dispensationalists citing 1 Thes 4:15-17, this event signifies Jesus Christ returning in the clouds for the church. It precedes and is distinct from the Second Coming. Adherents include Evangelicals. To Amillennialists who cite Mt 24:29-31 the Rapture is conflated with the Second Coming to be a single event. Some even see the Second Coming as figurative. Adherents include Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and Calvinist Baptists.

Pretribulation: The Rapture will occur prior to the Tribulation but does not necessarily begin the Tribulation. Adherents include Tim LaHaye, J. Vernon McGee, Chuck Smith, Chuck Missler, Jack Van Impe, C. Ryrie, Arnold Fruchtenbaum.

Midtribulation: The Rapture will occur in the middle of the Tribulation due to an interpretation of Daniel 7:25. This is a minority view.

Posttribulation: The Rapture will occur at the end of the Tribulation due to an interpretation of Mt 24:29-31, 1 Thes 4:15-17, and Jn 17:15-16. Adherents include Tertullian, Origen, Methodius, Pat Robertson, Walter Martin, John Piper, and Robert Gundry.

Dispensationalism: It is that system of theology which views the world as a household run by God. In this household world, God is dispensing or administering its affairs according to his own will and in various stages of revelation in the process of time. These various stages mark off the distinguishably different economies in the outworking of his total purpose, and these economies are the 7 dispensations. (Ref C.C. Ryrie)

Covenant Theology: As opposed to Dispensationalism, it is a system of theology based upon the two covenants of works and of grace as governing categories for the understanding of the entire Bible. (Ref C. C. Ryrie)

As you can see from the above definitions regarding millennialism, the definitions for Amillennialists, Postmillennialists, and Paeterists are fuzzy. Only the literal definition for the Premillennialists is unified. Regarding the Rapture itself, the Amillennialists conflate two Biblical events and cannot find a unified theory.

church: This includes the saints from Pentecost to the Rapture.

Church: This is the visible hierarchical structure of an organization dealing in religion such as the Lutheran Church or the Roman Catholic Church.

Timing of the Rapture for Mid and Posttribulationists

Regarding the timing of the Rapture, Midtribulationists cite Daniel 7:25.

*He will speak out against the Most High and wear down **the saints of the Highest One**, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. Dan 7:25 NASU*

The argument is that since saints are spoken of in the above verse at Midtribulation, then the Rapture must occur at that point after having been three and one half years “in his hand”. Remember that one of the reasons for the Tribulation is to bring about a world-wide revival. In that light, saints will be born and persecuted all during the seven-year period. They, however, are not part of the church, which began with Pentecost and will end with the Rapture. These Tribulation saints will be resurrected in the 75-day period following the Tribulation.

Posttribulationists cite Matthew 24:29-31 as proof of the timing.

*"But immediately **after the tribulation** of those days **THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL** from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory. 31 "And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET**, and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds**, from one end of the sky to the other. Matthew 24:29-31 NASU.*

In Verse 31 we are not talking about the Rapture because it occurs before the Tribulation, but what is described here is the gathering together of his elect after the Second Coming. This means that the Jews will be regathered from around the world and put into their

homeland *Eretz Yisrael*. If one believes that the Jews are forever dead and that Christians have replaced Israel, then you would not have this exegesis.

Posttribulationists also cite John 17:15-16 as proof of the timing.

15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. 16 " They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 " Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. John 17:15-18 NASU.

The interpretation here is that the church is not raptured, but is kept “from the Evil One” during the Tribulation. These were Jesus’ last words in the Upper Room Discourse. The meaning is that Christ does not preach withdrawal as a Christian; but as part of the Great Commission (Verse 18), we are to be in the world, but not a part of it. To say that this applies to the Rapture is grasping at straws.

Posttribulationists also cite 1 Thes 4:15-17 as proof of the timing.

*15 For this we say to you **by the word of the Lord**, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 1 Thes 4:15-17 NASU.*

The argument made here by Posttribulationists is that “the word of the Lord” used in the above verse is the same as that in Matthew 24:29-31 cited above, which I have already pointed out alludes to the Second Coming. For Postmillennialists these two events are often conflated, but to Dispensationalists they are two separate events. Since most Postmillennialists are represented by hierarchical churches, it gratifying to them that the visible Church actually ushers in the Golden Age so that the Second Coming then becomes possible. Otherwise, there remains the disturbing thought that the Church is not effectively fulfilling the Great Commission.

Timing of the Rapture for Pretribulationists

The Book of Revelation, which was given by Jesus Christ to an angel to John on the island of Patmos before Roman Emperor Domitian’s death in 96 AD describes the events of the Great Tribulation in detail. John calls this seven-year period of turmoil The Wrath of God five times, The Hour of Trial, The Great Day of the Wrath of God, The Wrath, The Great Tribulation twice, and finally The Hour of Judgment. The minor prophet Zephaniah who spoke to King Josiah circa 630 BC also referred to this period as the Day of Wrath. But nowhere in the Day of Wrath within the Book of Revelation (Rev 6-18) is there a mention of the church. This would be an amazing thing if the church were in existence, but it is not. This is admittedly an argument from silence, but a powerful one after one examines the content of the Book of Revelation. While there is a mention of

saints during this period, as mentioned above, that was one of the three purposes for the Tribulation. The Rapture is related only to the church saints and does not include the Old Testament saints up to John the Baptist nor the Tribulation saints. Just as Old Testament saints do not prove the existence of the church, neither do the Tribulation saints prove the existence of the church. The church is mentioned in the Pretribulational events on Earth Chapters 1-3. In Chapters 4 and 5, which has a venue in Heaven there is the mention of 24 elders in white robes which may be 12 from the raptured church and 12 from the resurrected church. This is another proof that the Rapture precedes the Great Tribulation. But during the Tribulational period of Chapters 6-18 there is no mention of the church. Following the Tribulation, the Posttribulational events of Chapters 19-22 once again mention the church.

Paul speaking to the church of Thessalonica in 51 AD said this:

*9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, **who rescues us from the wrath to come.*** 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 NASU.

There is God's present wrath against sin as found in Romans 1:18 and the wrath to come during the Tribulation as was mentioned above. In fact, John refers to this period five times as The Wrath of God and again as The Great Day of the Wrath of God, and finally simply as The Wrath. This means that the above verse is a statement that the church will not be here during The Wrath of the Great Tribulation. The wrath to come cannot be referring to the fires of Hell or the Lake of Fire since believers already are saved from the fires of Hell and Jesus never used the word wrath in that context. The wrath that Jesus is coming to rescue us from can only be the wrath of the Great Tribulation.

Immediately after speaking about the Rapture in 1 Thes 4:18, Paul begins talking about the Great Tribulation or the Day of the Lord in 1 Thes 5:1 and concludes in 1 Thes 5:9 saying: ***God has not destined us for wrath, but for attaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...*** So once again we see that the church will not go through the Wrath because Paul places the Rapture chronologically before the Tribulation.

In Revelation Chapters 2 and 3, Jesus wrote seven letters to churches of his day that were to be characteristic of the entire church age. Today we are represented by the Church of Laodicia, the seventh church, which represents the Church of Apostasy from 1933 to the Rapture. To the sixth church, however, the Church of Philadelphia, which represented the missionary movement from 1648 to 1933 AD he had no condemnation and said the following: ***Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*** Rev 3:10 NASU.

Notice in the above verse that the faithful church showing brotherly love will not be kept safe during the hour of testing, but "from the hour of testing" meaning that the church will not be here. It will be removed beforehand in the Rapture. During the Tribulation or

Day of Wrath, many saints will confess Jesus Christ, and many will lose their heads, but the church saints will not be there.

Jesus' half-brother, James the Just, in 45 AD said that the coming of the Lord, or Rapture, was near and that we should be patient until he comes.

*7 Therefore **be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord.** The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, **for the coming of the Lord is near.** 9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, **the Judge is standing right at the door.** James 5:7-9 NASU.*

The above verses do not say that the Rapture is imminent. That was nearly 2000 years ago. But he is saying that it is "near" using God's understanding of time and that we are to be patient. In Verse 9, Jesus is standing at the door for judgment in the sense of Romans 2, not for the Rapture. There will be no judgment at the Rapture, but rather after the Millennium.

In summary, the church will not see the Tribulation or the Wrath of God because of 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 5:9, and Revelation 3:10. The Rapture precedes the Tribulation because of the sequential time line in 1 Thessalonians 4:18 to 5:19. We are to be patient about the arrival of the Rapture according to James 5:7. The Rapture never was imminent by New Testamental standards and there is no Biblical precondition for it to occur although there are events that must precede it.

It can also be said that there is no Biblical verse saying that the Rapture starts the Tribulation, but rather the following verse from the Old Testament does list the cause:

*And **he** (Anti-Christ) **will make a firm covenant with the many for one week**, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, (wrath) is poured out on the one who makes desolate. Daniel 9:27 NASU.*

So, the Great Tribulation or the Day of Wrath is initiated by a 7-year covenant made by the Anti-Christ.

Should Christians Pray for the Rapture to Commence?

I have heard many people pray that the Lord tarry not and come quickly in imitation of Rev 22:20 (*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus—NASU.*) Notice that the Lord said quickly and not soon. It will not be soon in a human sense because it has taken nearly 2000 years to date. But still, The Lord will come only on a specific hour, day, and year. Only he knows that time and it cannot be changed and that is why it cannot happen at any time as some say. It will happen at one specific time in history and cannot be prayed to happen at any other. God will not be late, and he will not be early. Be patient! The early Christian fathers had the

sense that God had allocated 7000 years for the history of Redemption. Borrowing from the story of Creation in Genesis, The Epistle of Barnabas circa 120 AD reasoned that since God took six days to create, he would accordingly destroy the world in 6000 years by putting an end to the Lawless One (Anti-Christ)—Ref Barnabas 15:1-9. We are fast approaching that time.

Seven Feasts Relative to the Rapture and Second Coming

Most Christians are not aware that the timeline for seven important Biblical events is prefigured in the seven Jewish feasts of Leviticus 23. They are summarized below in a chart. For a detailed explanation, see Fruchtenbaum Manuscript #62.

<p>Passover: Fulfilled by the death of Jesus Christ (14th of Nisan) <i>Pesach</i> Lv 23:4; Ex 12:4 Four Cups: Blessing (Thanksgiving), Plagues, Redemption, Praise</p> <p><u>Unleavened Bread</u> : Fulfilled by Jesus' shedding His unblemished blood (15th) <i>Hag Hamatzot</i> Lv 23 Dt 16</p> <p>First Fruits: Fulfilled by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (17th) <i>Reshit Ketzivchem</i> Lv 23</p> <p><u>Weeks</u>: Pentecost. Birth of the Church. Jesus Ascension. (6th) <i>Shabuot</i> Lv 23:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pause between feasts is to labor in the summertime for the Harvest.</p> <p>Trumpets: Shouting of Joy. Day of Remembrance. Day of Judgment. (1st Tishri) Lv:23 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>. Regathering of Israel Is 27:13. Rapture.</p> <p>Day of Atonement: Fulfilled by Great Tribulation and Israel confessing (10th) <i>Yom Kippur</i> its national sin: Is 52:13—53:12; Hos 5:15 ff; Ze 13:8-9 Lv 23:26</p> <p><u>Feast of Tabernacles</u>: Fulfilled by the establishment of the Messianic (15th) <i>Sukkot</i> Kingdom. Attendance will be obligatory for Jews and Gentiles through their representatives. Feast of Booths. Lv 23:33</p>

Notice in the above chart that there are seven feasts. Three are underlined. Those represent the feasts of compulsory attendance at the Temple in Jerusalem. The first four feasts are separated from the last three feasts by a long break for labor in the fields during the summer. Following the work in the fields, the people would return for the three harvest feasts. The first three feasts take place within three days and the fourth in seven weeks. Jesus Christ fulfilled the first four feasts on the very day of their scheduled lunar celebration. He is now absent while the church labors in the fields and will return for the harvest of souls on the Feast of Rosh Hashanah also called the Feast of Trumpets on the first of Tishri. This will be the Rapture of the Church prior to the Day of Wrath. At the end of the Day of Wrath, the Jews spoken of in Romans 11:26 (*and thus all Israel will be saved*) will confess their national sin on Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement which is the 10th of Tishri. Then the Lord will return in the clouds for the Second Coming on the Feast of Tabernacles which will occur on the 15th of Tishri.

Regarding the Feast of Trumpets on which the Rapture will take place, we do not know the year, but it will occur on the first of Tishri and after the 100th trumpet blast has been sounded on the shofar. Why? Because that is the Jewish custom for that feast. Historically the rabbi blows a heralding and concluding blast called a Tekiah. In between are three Shevarim and 9 Truah blasts. That brings the set total to 1+3+9+1=14. This is

repeated seven times or $7 \times 14 = 98$. In conclusion all are awaiting the long sounding Tekiah Gedolah blast. This too is preceded by a Tekiah blast. So the final count will be $7 \times 14 + 1 + 1 = 100$. The Rapture will commence at the Tekiah Gedolah. This is referred to in the New Testament as the last trump or last trumpet.

*51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.* 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NASU.

The last trump spoken of by Paul has nothing to do with the Last and Seventh Trumpet Judgment (Rev 11:15-19) which takes place during the Tribulation because the Book of Revelation had not been written yet. It refers to the very long Tekiah Gedolah trumpet blast. Maybe an angel will sound the blast, but all will hear it. Since the Jewish day begins in the evening after three second magnitude stars have been seen, it will probably be in the evening. Two things are possible here: 1) It could be that the Rapture occurs at the same instant throughout the world, and it is evening only in Jerusalem, or 2) the Rapture occurs only in the evening and everywhere in the world so that it will be like a rolling wave sweeping meridianally around the Earth with the shofar blasts going before it.

Old Testament Allegory on the Rapture

Genesis 24 is more than an interesting story of Abraham sending his unnamed helper to secure a bride for his son, Isaac. It is also an allegory on the church and the Rapture. The cast is as follows:

Abraham: God the Father, Yahweh
Isaac: God the Son, Jesus Christ
Helper: God the Holy Ghost, no name
Rebekah: Bride of Christ, the church
Sarah: Wife of Yahweh, the Jews
Rapture: coming of the camels across the desert in the evening

At the end of the story, Isaac, who was not seen since the sacrifice on Mt. Moriah (Ge 22:2) and did not look for his bride, but rather she was led to him by the Holy Spirit, leaves *Beer-lahia-roi* (a well of the living one who sees me) and greets his bride for the first time. What was the time of day for the allegorical Rapture?

*And Isaac went out to meditate in the field **toward evening**; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, camels were coming.* Genesis 24:63 NASU.

This brings up a question of the diurnal timing of the Rapture. Will it occur *toward evening* everywhere in the world, in which case it will be like a rolling wave sweeping meridianally around the Earth with the shofar blasts going before it? On the other hand, it could be the timing only in Jerusalem, in which case some may be raptured as much as

12 hours earlier clockwise or 12 hours later yet in actuality all being raptured together simultaneously.

Early Historical Writing on the Second Coming

I have not been able to find very early writings on the Rapture, but the Second Coming is described in the Didache or Writings of the Twelve Apostles circa 70 AD, which if that date is true was before John wrote Revelation and the Gospel according to John. I cite this work often because of the early literature it is one of the few not leavened with tales of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. At the very close of the book in Chapter 16, one finds the following that corroborates the Dispensationalist viewpoint:

1 Watch over your life; your lamps must not go out, nor your loins be ungirded; on the contrary, be ready. You do not know the hour in which Our Lord is coming. 2 Assemble in great numbers, intent upon what concerns your souls. Surely, of no use will your lifelong faith be to you if you are not perfected at the end of time. 3 For in the last days the false prophets and corrupters will come in swarms; the sheep will turn into wolves, and love will turn into hate. 4 When lawlessness is on the increase, men will hate and persecute and betray one another; and then the Deceiver of this world will appear, claiming to be the Son of God, and give striking exhibitions of power; the Earth will be given over into his hands, and he will perpetrate outrages such as have never taken place since the world began. 5 Then humankind will undergo the fiery test, and many will lose their faith and perish; but those who stand firm in their faith will be saved by none other than the Accursed. 6 And then the proofs of the truth will appear; the first proof, an opening in the heavens; the next proof, the sounding of the trumpet; and the third, the resurrection of the dead—7 not of all indeed, but in accordance with the saying: The Lord will come and all the saints with Him. 8 Finally, the world will behold the Lord riding the clouds in the sky.

So, summarize Chapter 16 of the Didache, after the defeat of the Deceiver (Anti-Christ) at the end of the Tribulation by the Accursed (Jesus Christ) the heavens will open, a trumpet will sound, the First Resurrection of the saints of the Tribulation will occur, and the Second Coming of the Lord will appear with his church saints from the Rapture and those resurrected from the Rapture riding the clouds in the sky. Then the Messianic or 1000-year reign will commence.

Housing Prepared for the Raptured

During the hour-long Upper Room Discourse immediately following the Last Supper, an event covered only by John, Jesus said:

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3 NASU.

In the above pericope, Jesus speaks about preparing a house for individual members of the church in Heaven. This will be a temporary place to be used until the Second Coming. This is another reason why the Rapture and the Second Coming are neither the same event nor two events very close in time because the church will be temporarily housed in these “dwelling places” until the Second Coming. There would be no purpose to these dwelling places if there were no Rapture or if everything happened during the Second Coming. Once the Millennial Reign on Earth begins there will be no need for a temporary or permanent stay in Heaven. Our stay in those *dwelling places* will be at least seven years covering the duration of the Tribulation and the short period prior to the commencement of the signing of the covenant.

With the appearance of the Anti-Christ, the Biblical Jewish wedding, which began 2000 years ago with the death of the Groom as the price the Father had to pay,ⁱ enters the final phase. The betrothed will now be put to the test. During the entire betrothal period, the groom is not allowed to speak publicly with his bride but may do so in secret or through an intermediary. In a similar fashion, Jesus accomplishes this with an intermediary, the Holy Spirit, or by himself in secret. The groom is also frequently asked the date of the marriage, to which he would give the standard reply: “No man knows the day or the hour, only my father.”ⁱⁱ This betrothal period would normally last from one to two years, long enough to prove that the bride was not with child and that she had prepared for the marriage. So too will be the testing period for the church under the Anti-Christ. In preparation for the fetching of his Bride at her house for the Rapture, Jesus said at the Upper Room Discourse on the eve of his death: *I go to prepare a place for you.*ⁱⁱⁱ This he did in his Father’s house in Heaven. There each member of his church has a chamber or *chador* awaiting him. The groom will then fetch his bride. This Jesus Christ will do at the Last Trump on the Feast of Rosh Hashanah. The church will be purified. With glorified and immortal bodies there will be a brief ceremony in Heaven with two witnesses and some guests. The church will live there for at least the seven years of the Tribulation. After this, the Jewish groom would then take the bride to his own house. This will be fulfilled by the Second Coming when the Messiah takes his Bride to Earth (*And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen,^{iv} white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*)^v on the Feast of Tabernacles to celebrate the marriage feast per Revelation 19:6-8. This will officially inaugurate the Kingdom. Since it is the responsibility of the groom to provide for his wife for ever, following the Millennium, Jesus Christ will move his church to the New Jerusalem in the eternal order as seen in Revelation 21:2ff and 21:10ff.

Are We Allowed to Know the Date of the Rapture?

Are we allowed to know the date of the Rapture? The question is better phrased, “How much warning will we have for the Rapture?” During the Great Tribulation, those with

wisdom will have seven years forewarning, but what about the Rapture? Indications for the timing of the Rapture are given later in this document, but the theological issue is better discussed in *Om Saleem: Prophecy in 1933* (Manuscript # 3) available on this website.

Will Only the Living be Raptured?

After preaching in the Roman city of Philippi (site of the first Christian church building), Paul, Silas, and Timothy moved on to Thessalonica circa 50 AD during their second missionary journey (Acts 17:1-14). Because Paul's preaching depleted the ranks of the synagogue, he was forced to leave that city early. He stayed in Thessalonica for about a month and said the following to the largely Gentile church that did not have an experienced pastor and needed eschatological instruction:

*13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about **those who are asleep**, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first**. 17 **Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.** 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NASU.*

In the NT, when the term “fallen asleep” is used to describe death, it only refers to believers as when Stephen fell asleep in Acts 7:20 and the Christians in 1 Cor 15:18. This term says nothing theologically about soul sleep or the loss of consciousness in the afterlife and refers only to the dead in Christ. The program is then outlined as follows:

- 1) The Lord will descend from Heaven with a shout
- 2) With the voice of the archangel Gabriel
- 3) With the trumpet of God—the 100th blast or the Tekiah Gedolah
- 4) The dead in Christ will be resurrected and then be caught up in the clouds
- 5) Those alive will then be caught up (translated or raptured) in the clouds with them
- 6) We (the church) will always be with the Lord from thereafter

So, Paul described something new here, viz., that members of the church that were dead (dead in Christ) will be resurrected and raptured just before the living church saints. The dead in Christ include those saints who died from Pentecost to the time of the Rapture. The OT saints from Adam to John the Baptist are not church saints and will be resurrected at a later time after the Millennium. Unexplained, however, is what happens to the bodies of the resurrected and translated at the time of the Rapture.

What Happens to the Bodies of the Raptured?

Paul continuing onward during his second missionary journey left Thessalonica journeying inland to Berea and then sailing south to Athens and westward to Corinth which was a port city on the isthmus between the Aegean and Adriatic Seas. Paul stayed 18 months with Aquila and Priscilla and added the following thoughts concerning the raptured church saints:

*50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but **we will all be changed**, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. 55 " O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 NASU.*

In Verse 50 above Paul says that a change must come to our bodies because the perishable does not inherit the imperishable of Heaven. In Verse 51 he says that not all sleep meaning that some of the church saints do not need to be resurrected because they are alive. Even so, all must be changed or transformed. In Verse 52 he says that this transformation will take place rapidly or "in the twinkling of an eye". The time for light to enter the cornea bounce off the retina and exit the cornea is about 610 nanoseconds. The 100th blast of the trumpet (Tekiah Gedolah) will sound and then the dead in Christ will be resurrected with glorified bodies (*raised imperishable*) and those alive will be given glorified bodies (transformed). Both groups will then be translated, i.e., moved to Heaven without dying. So, in summary, the dead in Christ are resurrected and transformed at the same time (For proof see 1 Cor 15:42b: *It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body.*) and then translated to Christ in the clouds. The living are transformed and then translated to Christ in the clouds. Conceivably the transformation and translation could be done at the same time within 610 nanoseconds, but it is more probable that since the resurrected will be on Earth for a while with their glorified bodies as was Jesus Christ, those translated will follow the same order.

As the ritual count down of the shofar blasts begins, it will be a time of soul searching for those who are not sure of their salvation. For others, their anticipation will be palpable, and their expectations unbridled knowing that the crown is nigh. But for the majority it will be a time of indifference or amusement.

Only the Savior can give us our glorified bodies.

*20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 **who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity***

with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. Philippians 3:20-21 NASU.

When do we become immortal? Our souls are already immortal, i.e., will last forever. Our bodies, however, do not become immortal until the transformation when we receive our glorified bodies either at the Rapture or at the First Resurrection after the Tribulation during the 75-day interval. For the damned which will need their bodies for the eternal Lake of Fire, they will see the Second Resurrection after the Millennium.

In summary the First Resurrection will take place in the following sequence:

- 1) Jesus Christ as the First Fruits on the Feast of First Fruits [17th Nisan] (1 Cor 15:23)
- 2) Resurrection of the church saints dead in Christ at the Rapture (1 Thes 4:16)
- 3) Resurrection of the OT saints after the Tribulation in the 75-day interval (Is 26:19 and Daniel 12:2)
- 4) Resurrection of the Tribulation saints also in the 75-day interval (Rev 20:4)

Pre-Tribulation Events

The Bible speaks of two major events that must precede the Day of the Lord (Great Tribulation) and two events that must precede the Rapture. Since the Rapture precedes the Tribulation, these four events will be covered here. They are the apostasy, the emergence of the Anti-Christ, Darkness over the Earth, and the Return of Elijah. The Third or Tribulation Temple will then be erected with construction possibly beginning before the beginning of the Tribulation.

The Apostasy and the Man of Lawlessness

Paul gave these instructions in his second letter to the Thessalonians in 51 AD:

*Now we request you, brethren, with regard to **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him**, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, **for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.* 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 NASU.

This means that prior to the Rapture, the apostasy will be in full swing, and the Anti-Christ will be “revealed”. The secular word that the campaign staff of the Anti-Christ prefers is that he will “emerge” on D-Day or the Day of Declaration on international TV. Here he is called “the man of lawlessness”, but there are many other titles for the Anti-Christ that we will learn later. This man of lawlessness will not initially call himself the “Anti-Christ”, but will prefer the neutral Hindu term “Maitreya” (My tray’ uh).

In Revelation 3:14-22, the church of Sardis is thought to represent the Church of Apostasy from 1933 to the Rapture. This apostasy is not yet organized as one would expect to find in a One World Church, but heresies are increasingly being accepted by Christian congregants in the name of tolerance.

The apostasy of this age was first mentioned by Jesus Christ immediately after he was rejected by the Jewish leaders who claimed after he performed his second messianic miracle (#7 and #12 of 35) that he was working these miracles in the name of Beelzebul. This became the unforgivable national (not personal) sin of the Jewish nation. This is the Denunciation or rejection of the Messiah. That very afternoon, Jesus established the beginning of the Mystery of the Kingdom of God (Mk 4:11). This kingdom stretches from the Denunciation to the Second Coming and sandwiches the church which stretches from Pentecost to the Rapture. That very afternoon, instead of going home and mourning over his official rejection, Jesus took the offensive and began speaking in parables for the first time. He spoke ten parables (Parabolic Decalogue) that afternoon, the most important, in his own words, being that of the Sower (Mt 13:1-23). But there is another very important parable Jesus spoke that afternoon. It is the only parable contained within a single verse:

*He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like **leaven**, which a woman took and hid in **three pecks of flour** until it was all leavened." Mt13:33 NASU.*

This parable is a look forward to the Apostate Church. The three pecks of leavened flour represent the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Protestant Churches. Today, they are all apostate. Let's look at that.

In 2003, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith said in *Ecclesia Europa* that Europe had abandoned its faith, i.e., had become apostate. Four years later as Pope Benedict XVI he even went further when he addressed the plenary assembly of the European parliament on the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. On 24 March 2007, the pope said that Europe had fallen into a "remarkable form of apostasy"—an apostasy where it doubts itself even before God. This is significant because as will be shown later the Anti-Christ is the Beast with seven heads (Rev 17:9) having inherited the sixth head from the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Empire throughout its history acquired seven heads culminating in the man of lawlessness.

The Roman Catholic Church itself is in apostasy, but does not have the slightest inkling. Theologically the Church teaches that salvation can come from the Church with its sacraments, Mary and the saints, and Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches only Jesus Christ. The sacrifice of the Mass is an abomination. Few Catholics know this, but Moses was restrained from entering the Holy Land and died before his time not because he killed a guard at the age of 40, but because at the age of 118 he offered the first Mass, an unbloody sacrifice commemorating the death of Jesus Christ by striking the rock (the Messiah) the second time with his rod as an unbloody sacrifice at Meribah-Kadesh. Catholics use the same Biblical words as Christians, but with different meanings. The

word “church” is almost always used in the plural in the Bible, but the singular form “Church” is rife in Catholicism. “Grace” is singular in the Bible, but plural when given to and dispersed by Mary the Mediatrix. And most amazingly, the word “leaven” used above has a negative connotation in God’s Word such as

Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Cor 5:8 NASU.

But Pope Benedict XVI in addressing the plenary assembly of the European parliament mentioned above said the following: *These values, which constitute the soul of the Continent, must remain in the Europe of the third millennium as a “ferment” of civilization. In fact, if these were to be diminished, how could the “old” Continent continue to carry out the function of being “leaven” for the entire world?* So, the pope wants to be the leaven of the world. He just may succeed with the help of the False Prophet.

In England the Archbishop of Canterbury suggested the introduction of Sharia Law into British law and hinted that the disestablishment of the Church of England may be in the offing. In England only 6% of the people attend Christian services weekly and apostasy is so entrenched that while 72% label themselves as Christian only about 45% actually believe in God and what of that 45% knows the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and what he demands of them? In twenty years, it is predicted that Muslims and possibly Hindus will each outnumber Christians in London. The only churches adding to its parishioners are the Pentecostals and Evangelicals.

In the United States, there are other drastic trends. While in Annapolis, Maryland, I saw a church being converted into a modern loft and apartment complex. The annual convention of the Christian Booksellers Association which formerly drew 7000 attendees now draws only 700. Gender neutrality began in liberal Christian seminaries in the seventies where God could not be called “he” or referred to as “God himself” but “Godself”. This Feminism infiltrated the Bible with the NRSV becoming gender neutral in 1990. But gender neutrality did not go far enough so the CEV in 1995 introduced gender-neutral thought so that Eve became a “partner” and not a “helper” and women would “put their husbands first” rather than “submit” to them. Then dynamic equivalence came to the forefront and Col 3:18-19 with “wives be subject to your husbands” became “You who are in committed relationships, be submissive to each other. This is your duty in Christ Jesus. Partners joined by God... Partners? There is even talk that all new Bible versions like the scheduled 2011 NIV be required to incorporate gender-neutral language and dynamic equivalence. The next step would make it a crime to retain an uncorrected version in hard or electronic copy.

A General Social Survey made in-person by the National Opinion Center at the U. of Chicago in 2008 found that 3.1% of all women over 18 that attended services at least monthly have either had an affair or been coerced into sex by a minister, priest, rabbi, or religious leader. Sixty-seven percent of the men were married at the time.

Catholic seminarians in the US have declined in number from 39,638 in 1966 to 4826 in 1999. Today (2009) one source places that number at 3400. Some seminaries still refuse to confront the elephant in the sacristy and the Pink Palace (St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore) is still nationally known for condoning homosexuality. Liberal seminaries for both Protestants and Catholics dabble in multiracialism (racism) and political correctness where gender-neutral language is taught and where the politically correct say holiday instead of Christmas.

The Unitarian Universalism Association (UUA) which denies the Trinity does not believe in damnation, atonement, or that the Bible is infallible. But they do believe in gay rights, the right to choose one's sex, and feminism. In fact, they do not call themselves a religion but an association. More mainline churches like the Metropolitan Community Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Episcopal Church, Mennonite Church, Presbyterian Church, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church all are wrestling with homosexual issues right now. Some allow gay pastors and bishops. Some have female pastors. Some have not taken a position on evolution and are losing the minds of their youths by taking creation away from God making him aloof from man.

So called Christian Television has recently run a report on a false revival breaking out in Lakeland, Florida and orchestrated by false prophet Todd Bentley, a man who sells bogus prophetic paraphernalia for seers to use during the Latter Rain. Even so, Todd Bentley was the guest preacher at Ignited Church in Lakeland, Florida for a 5-day healing revival that had organizational links to the Toronto and Pensacola revivals. Reported symptoms during the revival were being "drunk in the spirit", having a burning sensation in the veins, dancing like drunk, eyes rolling to the back or their sockets, women reporting to have been "ravaged from behind", men whistling while holding their heads and saying that the Holy Spirit was splitting them in two, and drunken uncontrollable laughter in the midst of solemn prayer.

Furthermore, political subjects like abortion, pornography, science engineered foods, and the concept of "freedom of passion" are not getting a directed Biblical response from the nation's churches.

In the last century, it was Protestants that began selling books on the Last Days eschatology. Slowly and almost reluctantly, the Catholic Church followed but with a post-Millennial bent. Now we are seeing the third wave in the secular world. Recently the History Channel has been flooding us with ten possible scenarios to extinction, life after man, Nostradamus' prophecies, and converging dates for the end of the Earth. Remarkably while the secular world is becoming obsessed with ghosts, UFOs, and the Anti-Christ the Protestants are becoming soporific with eschatology right at the time when it can do the world the most good. Because of this hype, I have heard from some Christians that they have given up on their pre-Tribulation beliefs and are becoming Post-Trib. One such convert is C. Peter Wagner, formerly an avid believer in pre-Tribulation doctrines is now Post-Millennial saying: Formerly, I thought my task was to go to as many nations of the world as possible and save as many souls as possible and plant as many churches as possible. Now, I take the Great Commission more literally when it

tells us not to make as many individual disciples as we can but to disciple whole social groups—such as entire nations.^{vi}

In America our biggest church problem may be our own wealth. We may be reliving the Quaker experience when our nation was founded. In 1700 the Quakers began to be noticed in Pennsylvania. By 1760 the number of Quakers or Friends had peaked at 30,000. Some churches had 1500 congregants. But by 1800 spiritual life was dead and pastors wondered at the 100-year cycle. What happened? An aged and unnamed Friend wrote what follows. This can be found in *The Story of Religion in America* by Sweet 1950.

Friends were a plain lowly-minded people, and there was much tenderness and contrition in their meetings. That at 20 years from that date, the Society increasing in wealth and in some degree conforming to the fashions of the world, true humility was less apparent, and their meetings in general not so lively and edifying. That at the end of 40 years many of them were grown very rich; and many made a specious appearance in the world, that marks of outward wealth and greatness appeared on some in our meetings of ministers and elders, and as such things became more prevalent, so the powerful over shadowings of the Holy Ghost were less manifest in the Society. That there had been a continual increase of such ways of life even until the present time, and that the weakness that had now overspread the Society and the barrenness manifest among us is a matter of much sorrow.

The man of lawlessness (Anti-Christ to be called Maitreya) and the False Prophet will accelerate the apostasy with invocation meditation replacing prayer, with propaganda that links apparent miracles occurring around the world to their own power, and taunting Christian churches to join his movement by sending aid to Third-World countries through an international distribution center.

Other Pre-Tribulation Events

Another event that comes before the Day of the Lord is darkness.

The sun will be turned into darkness

And the moon into blood

Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. Joel 2:31 NASU

What causes this? A nuclear winter? The return of the dust-bowl days caused by a prolonged drought? A super volcanic event like the 1883 eruption at Krakatoa? Scientists seeding the upper atmosphere in an experiment gone awry in an attempt to reduce incoming sunlight to prevent global warming? We do not know, but the Bible speaks of local darkness in the Land of Goshen in Exodus 10:21-23 and again in Jerusalem at the Crucifixion of our Lord in Mt 27:45.

The great prophet Elijah who exhorted King Ahab circa 860 BC was translated to Heaven after he handed his responsibilities over to Elisha. Elijah is next seen in Scripture standing with Moses beside the transfigured Jesus on Mount Hermon (Mt 17:1-13). This was a preview of Jesus' glory to come. Elijah represented the Prophets, and Moses represented the Law—the two recognized divisions of the Torah at the time. Moses also represented the resurrected saints, and Elijah the translated saints who were not resurrected. Of Elijah, the Lord said in the closing words of the OT circa 450 BC:

5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. 6 "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6 NASU.

Names for the Tribulation

How do we know that the Great Tribulation is referred to in the above two references? The Bible uses many names to refer to the Tribulation. From various versions they are as follows:

Deuteronomy 4:30	Tribulation , Distress, Bitter Days
Deuteronomy 32:35	Day of Israel's Calamity, Day of Calamity, Day of Disaster
Isaiah 26:20	Wrath, Indignation, Anger
Isaiah 28:15	Overflowing Scourge, Overwhelming Scourge,
Isaiah 28:21	His Unusual Task, Jehovah's Strange Work, His Deed
Isaiah 34:8	Day of Vengeance
Jeremiah 30:7	The Time of Jacob's Distress, Time of Jacob's Trouble
Daniel 9:27	One Week, One Seven, One Set of Seven, Seventieth Week of Daniel
Obadiah 1:12-14	Day of Misfortune, Day of Destruction, Day of Distress
Zephaniah 1:15	Day of Wrath, Day of Trouble, Distress Day of Distress, Anguish, Day of Wasteness, Destruction, Devastation, Trouble, Day of Desolation, Ruin Day of Darkness, Day of Gloominess, Day of Clouds, Day of Thick Darkness, Blackness
Zechariah 1:16	Day of the Trumpet, Trumpet Calls Day of Alarm, Battle Cry
Malachi 4:5	Day of the Lord , Day of Jehovah
1 Thessalonians 1:10	The Wrath to Come, Coming Wrath
1 Thessalonians 5:2	Day of the Lord
1 Thessalonians 5:9	Wrath, Anger
Revelation 2:22	Great Tribulation , Bed of Suffering,
Revelation 3:10	Hour of Testing, Hour of Trial, Hour of Temptation,

Revelation 6:16	Great Tribulation and Testing, Great Time of Testing
Revelation 14:7	Wrath of the Lamb
Revelation 15:1	The Hour of His Judgment
	The Wrath of God, God's Wrath, God's Anger

The Third Temple

The Bible speaks of four temples—two are past and two are future. The two past were 1) Solomon's Temple, 2a) Zerubbabel's Temple which was remodeled extensively into 2b) Herod's Temple. Both of these Temples were legitimate because the Shekinah Glory tabernacled within the Holy of Holies of the first temple and Jesus Christ as the subdued Shekinah Glory taught within the Temple of Herod (John 8:20). The Third Temple will not be legitimized. It will house the Abomination of Desolation (Mt 24:15), but Scripture is not clear on how it will be destroyed to make way for the Fourth or Millennial Temple after the Second Coming. Scripture does not mention when the Tribulation Temple will be built. At its first Biblical mention it is already standing in Mid-Tribulation:

*27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, **but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering;** and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." Daniel 9:27 NASU.*

Jesus also mentioned that the Abomination of Desolation would be “standing in the Temple” in Matthew 24:15. We do not know, however, if construction on the Temple begins prior to or after the signing of the covenant.

Summary on the Rapture

- 1) The definitions for Amillennialists (Millennialists), Postmillennialists, and Preterists are fuzzy. Only the literal definition for the Premillennialists is unified. Regarding the Rapture itself, the Amillennialists conflate two Biblical events and cannot find a unified theory.
- 2) Neither the Midtribulationists nor the Posttribulationists present convincing Scripture regarding the timing of the Rapture.
- 3) The Rapture occurs before the Tribulation for the following reasons:
 - a) There is no mention of the church during the Tribulation in Rev 6-18.
 - b) In Rev 4, the church saints are seen in Heaven prior to the Tribulation
 - c) Jesus will save us from the “wrath to come” which is the Day of Wrath or the Tribulation in 1 Thes 1:10.
 - d) Paul's timeline (1 Thes 4:18 to 5:1) going from the Rapture to the Tribulation and concluding remark in 5:9 that *God has not destined us for wrath.*
 - e) Jesus promised the Church of Brotherly Love in Rev 3:10 that *I also will keep you from the hour of testing.*
- 4) We are exhorted to be *patient brethren until the coming of the Lord.* James 5:7.
- 5) The Anti-Christ will initiate the Tribulation by *making a firm covenant with the many for a week.* Daniel 9:27.

- 6) Church father, Barnabas, believed that the Anti-Christ would be destroyed after 6000 years of human activity. Barnabas 15:1-9.
- 7) From the 7 Jewish Feasts in Leviticus 23, we know that the Rapture will occur on the first of Tishri and the Second Coming on the 15th of Tishri. The years we do not know.
- 8) The Rapture will occur after *the last trump* of 1 Cor 15:52, which is the 100th trumpet blast or the Tekiah Gedolah.
- 9) The OT allegory in Genesis 24 indicates that the Rapture will occur in the evening, but does this indicate evening in Jerusalem or does the event follow the sun?
- 10) The *Didache* or *Writings of the Twelve Apostles* confirms the dispensational time line of the Second Coming, which implicitly proves the timing of the Rapture.
- 11) After the Rapture, the church saints will dwell with the Lord in Heaven in *dwelling places he prepared* for them for at least 7 years. The symbolism of the Jewish wedding may be an indication of one year under the Anti-Christ, followed by the Rapture at the bride's house (Heaven) and then the stay at the groom's house (New Jerusalem). John 14:1-3.
- 12) These events will happen according to 1 Thes 4:13-18.
 - a) The Lord will descend with a shout,
 - b) with the voice of the archangel Gabriel,
 - c) with the trumpet of God.
 - d) The dead in Christ will be resurrected.
 - e) The resurrected church saints and those alive will be translated to Jesus Christ in the clouds
 - f) The church will always be with the Lord thereafter. Hallelujah!
- 13) Both the resurrected and living church will be transformed, i.e., receive their glorified bodies. 1 Cor 15:50-57.
- 14) It is Jesus Christ that gives us our glorified bodies. At that moment we become immortal. Philippians 3:20-21.
- 15) Four events will occur before the Tribulation ends:
 - a) the apostasy--2 Thes 2:3.
 - b) the revealing of the Man of Lawlessness--2 Thes 2:3.
 - c) the sun will be turned to darkness--Joel 2:31.
 - d) Elijah the prophet will be sent--Malachi 4:5.
- 16) Depending on your Bible version, the-- Great Tribulation goes by the following more prominent titles: Tribulation, Day of the Lord, Day of Wrath, Hour of Trial
- 17) The Third Temple of Tribulation Temple is shown standing in Mid-Tribulation, but there is no mention of its construction or destruction. Daniel 9:26-27

The Anti-Christ

*The Lord has made everything for its own purpose,
Even the wicked for the day of evil.*

--Proverbs 16:4

There is more talk about the Anti-Christ today perhaps than any other figure except Jesus Christ. Who is he? Is he alive? When will he appear? All these questions will be

answered using 1) the framework of the Bible from a Dispensational viewpoint, 2) Historical texts where they agree, 3) Current secular viewpoints especially that of the Anti-Christ's own campaign staff, and 4) One extra-Biblical prophecy.

Names for the Anti-Christ

God has many names. Satan has many names. The Anti-Christ as his son also has many names. The pharaohs had about four names. The names of the Anti-Christ as found in various Bible versions are as follows:

Genesis 3:15	Seed of Satan, your (Satan's) seed, your offspring
Daniel 7:8	Little Horn, Small Horn, [eleventh horn]
Daniel 8:23	King of Fierce Countenance, Insolent and Skilled in Intrigue, Fierce Features, Stern-Faced King, King of Bold Countenance, Fierce King, Angry King
Daniel 9:26	The Prince that shall come, Ruler who will come, A Ruler, A King
Daniel 9:27	The Desolator,
Daniel 11:36	The Willful King, The King who does as he pleases
2 Thessalonians 2:3	Man of Sin, Man of Lawlessness, Man of Rebellion
2 Thessalonians 2:3	Son of Perdition, Son of Destruction, Son of Hell
2 Thessalonians 2:8	Lawless One, That Wicked, This Wicked One, Man of Lawlessness
1 John 2:22	anti-Christ (All), such people are anti-Christ (NLT)
Revelation 11:7	the beast (All) that comes up out of the Abyss, the tyrant (LB)
Revelation 17:3	scarlet beast (All), scarlet animal (LB)

The names of the Anti-Christ from his campaign staff at Share International Magazine are as follows:

Maitreya (My tray' uh)	Hindus
Messiah	Jews
The Christ	Christians
Krishna	Hare Krishnas
Imam Mahdi	Moslems
Fifth Buddha	Buddhists
Kalki Avatar	New Agers
Ascended Master	Theosophists

This man will not be called the Anti-Christ by his staff because of the negative connotations. In fact, during his initial introductions to the television audience, he will be simply introduced by his birth name as a "thought leader" for the unusually pressing times and as a man with unusual experience in the fields of politics, peace keeping, social engineering, human relations, religion, agriculture, finance, science, and military preparedness. He will epitomize mankind's hope for a new beginning—a reset.

What does Anti-Christ Mean?

There are a number of ideas as to what Anti-Christ means in the year 2009.

- 1) the embodiment of the negative characteristics of a ruler
- 2) the third of Nostradamus' three horrible tyrants
- 3) the one who denies the Father and the Son (John 2:22)
- 4) the Beast that comes up out of the Abyss (Revelation 11:7) ASV

Sense #1) To many Jews, Satan is just a *yitza harah*, i.e., he does not actually exist in spirit or bodily form, but epitomizes or embodies all evil. In a similar manner, an evil ruler will display Anti-Christ qualities. In this manner an evil ruler will be the personification of evil and be labeled in the secular world an Anti-Christ.

Sense #2) So many books and so much time on the History Channel are given to this secular concept that it must be covered. Nostradamus (1503-1566) merges Senses 3 and 4 into Sense 2. Drawing from Sense #3, he maintains in his quatrains that Napoleon (1769-1821) and Hitler (1889-1945) were the first two Anti-Christ. Drawing from Sense #4, he predicts that the third and most notorious will be called either Mabus from Quatrain II-62 or "the black and angry one" from VI-33. General Norman Schwarzkopf (1934-) was once suspected of being the Anti-Christ because his German name meant black head, but now President Obama (1961-) is a leading candidate because he is black. I can assure you that Barack Obama is not the Anti-Christ from Sense 2 or 4, but in the general sense of Sense #3 we must wait and see.

Sense #3) This is a purely Biblical concept. The term *antixristos* (*antichrist*) is only used by John and unfortunately it is used only in a general sense as can be gleaned from the Scripture quoted below:

*Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that **antichrist** is coming, even now many **antichrists** have appeared;* 1 John 2:18 NASU.

*Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the **antichrist**, the one who denies the Father and the Son.* 1 John 2:22 NASU.

*2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the **spirit of the antichrist**, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.* 1 John 4:2-3 NASU.

*For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is **the deceiver and the antichrist**.* 2 John 1:7 NASU.

It is apparent from these four references used by John in 90 AD while he was in Ephesus and prior to his confinement on the island of Patmos that there are many antichrists with the spirit that denies the Messiah as the Son. Since this term is general, it can apply to

anyone with these characteristics. Consequently, it is unfortunate that the term Anti-Christ is the general term used today to describe the Scarlet Beast which is a term specific to a single person. However, I use the term myself only because it is in general usage and is most easily recognized. But I do spell it as a hyphenated word as can be found in many books to accentuate the meaning “in place of the Christ”.

Early church father Polycarp (69-155) lived in Smyrna and probably spoke with John the Apostle. In Paragraph 7 of his letter to the Philippians, Polycarp wrote “*everyone that preached false doctrine was an antichrist*”.

Peter the Great was similarly called an antichrist. The Reformers also used this term to describe the Pope as an antichrist. In rebuttal, St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621) who was a Jesuit Doctor of the Church claimed that the term “antichrist” was an eschatological term that referred to one evil person in the Last Days and could not be applied to a living pope. This was not a new concept, however. As I showed above, the *Writings of the Twelve Apostles* called the *Didache* referred to the antichrist in the Last Days as the Deceiver—not a deceiver. John also ascribes this quality to the general antichrist in 2 John 1:7 shown above.

Sense #4) This is purely a Biblical concept. This man has flesh and blood. He walks the Earth today and is waiting for the opportune time to emerge. Of the many names he has in Scripture I think that The Beast that comes up out of the Abyss is among the best as are the Man of Lawlessness and the Son of Perdition. This is the man that all are waiting for. It is interesting that John, who uses the word “antichrist”, calls this man the Beast that comes up out of the Abyss. This term describes the first resurrection of the Anti-Christ. In Midtribulation he is killed and is resurrected by Satan as a tremendous miracle. Keep in mind that Sheol or Hades has the Pit (Hell) and the Abyss as its two main divisions. Humans go to the Pit or Hell while the demons are in the Abyss. So why was the Anti-Christ sent to the Abyss? Because in Genesis 3:15 we read *and between your seed and her seed*. We know from the NT that *her seed* will be a miracle by parthenogenesis (Is 7:14) and suspect that Satan’s seed (*your seed*) will also be miraculous. In fact, it was done in the same manner as the Nephilim (Ge 6:4) by impregnation by demons. So, his DNA is genetically different and he alone among men is qualified to enter the Abyss. Details to his impregnation can be found in the Om Saleem Prophecy. Details of his planned emergence on the Day of Declaration (D-Day) reside with his campaign staff on www.TheEmergence.org or www.shareintl.org.

Is the Anti-Christ a Jew?

Many Christians today believe that the Anti-Christ will be a Jew. How else would the Jews follow a Messianic personage that is not a Jew goes the question? It is even hypothesized that Hitler killed the Jews so that there would be no Jewish threat to his leadership during the 1000-year reign of the Third Reich. This is nonsense and the Anti-Christ will not be a Jew as I will prove from Scripture and prophecy.

1) There is no Jewish Type for the Anti-Christ in Scripture, but rather there is one Gentile Type.

A Type is a shadow cast on the pages of the OT history by a truth whose full embodiment or antitype is found in NT revelation. (Ref: Baker's Dictionary of Theology 1960.) Types have the following characteristics: Rooted in OT history, prophetic in nature, part of redemption history, Christocentric, edifying.

For Jesus Christ all Types were Jewish, none were Gentile. (Note that Cyrus in Isaiah 45:1, is anointed like Christ, but is not a true Type.) There is the allegory of Isaac in Genesis 24 where he represents the son in search of his bride. There is Jonah, the sign of resurrection, which was the only sign Jesus was willing to give after his national rejection by the Jews. There was the priesthood of Melchizedek (Shem) to which Jesus belongs.

As far as the Anti-Christ is concerned, the only Type is that of the Syrian ruler Antiochus Epiphanes IV (ruled 175 to 164 BC). He was the most famous Biblical persecutor of the Jews. He desecrated the Temple in 168 BC by offering pig's flesh on the altar and acting as High Priest. Its cleansing is honored on the Feast of Dedication (John 10:22). Historically his persecution is recorded in 1 Maccabees 1:29-61. He is often referred to as the Anti-Christ of the OT.

2) The Anti-Christ will come from the "sea" which always symbolizes the Gentile nations.

John in Revelation 13:1 states: *Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads...* Later John presents this description of the seas or waters:

And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. Revelation 17:15 NASU.

So, the Anti-Christ will hail from the Gentile nations.

3) Since the Anti-Christ will come forth during the Times of the Gentiles, when Gentiles rule, so he too must be a Gentile.

It simply does not make sense that a Jew be ruling during the Times of the Gentiles. The last great ruler of the times of the Gentiles, The King who does as he pleases (Dan 11:36), will be a Gentile.

and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Luke 21:24b NASU

The Times of the Gentiles will extend until the Day of Atonement when all Jews that remain at the end of the Tribulation confess their sin and all Israel will be saved (Romans

11:26) on the tenth of Tishri on the Day of Yom Kippur. Five days after that The Second Coming will take place on the Feast of Tabernacles. The Times of the Gentiles could have been terminated with the coming of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ, but they were rejected. It existed during the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes IV and began at the Fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC. It has been predicted by the minor prophet Hosea in 710 BC who counseled King Jeroboam II of Israel. Although he did not use the term, Hosea predicted that the Times of the Gentiles would be typified by three Hebrew words: *Jezreel* (to scatter), *lo-ruhamah* (no mercy), and *lo-ammi* (you are not my friend). When the period of the Times of the Gentiles is over, God will *Jezreel* (sow Israel's seed), *ruhamah* (show them mercy), and *ammi* (be their friend). Until that day, the Times of the Gentiles will continue.

4) The Anti-Christ will emerge from the Roman Empire. He will be a Roman.

Read the following two verses very carefully:

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." Daniel 9:26-27 NASU

After [r j a] (achar) the 62 weeks, there is a week of weeks for a total of 69 weeks or years. The period of time here is from the first of Nisan (14 March) 445 BC to the ninth of Nisan 27 March 33 AD or $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days which occurred on Palm Sunday. After these 69 weeks the Crucifixion and destruction of the Temple in 70 AD took place. Then there is a bi-millennial gap and the last or seventieth week begins with the seven-year Tribulation.

Verses 26 and 27 above are difficult to fathom unless we bear in mind that Daniel saw the results of the 62nd and 69th weeks as though they had just happened and was looking forward to the 70th week. As such, Verse 26 takes place at the time of the Messiah except for the words "of the prince who is to come". Verse 27 takes place during the Tribulation in the 70th week.

Just looking at Verse 26, we see that "the people" at the time of Christ will destroy the city and sanctuary. We know from history that General Titus Flavius Vespasianus (39-81) destroyed the Temple on the ninth of Av (10 August) in 70 AD and that his people were the Romans. Therefore, the "prince who is to come" must also be a Roman.

Going now to Verse 27, which takes place during the Tribulation, we see that "he" refers to "the prince who is to come" and that he will be the Desolator or Anti-Christ during the Tribulation. Using terminology from Daniel 11:31 and 12:11, he will cause the "abomination of desolation" referred to in this verse.

5) The Anti-Christ will emerge from the last vestige of the Holy Roman Empire, the Roman Catholic Church.

The majority of End-Time revelation is contained in four references: Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Revelation 13, and Revelation 17. If nothing else, the End-Time student should read these four chapters of the Bible.

Daniel 2 describes metaphorically and chronologically the five post-flood world governments: 1) Babylonian 2) Medo-Persian 3) Greek 4) Roman 5) Messianic. Some detail is given to the stages of the Roman Empire.

Daniel 7 alludes to the same five governments, but adds more detail to the Roman Empire and its divisions and mentions for the first time the Little Horn or Anti-Christ.

Revelation 13 focuses on the Roman Empire and the Beast with ten horns and seven heads. More information is given about the Anti-Christ with his death and resurrection, but nothing is said about the ten horns and seven heads.

Revelation 17 explains the ten horns and also the seven heads, which is the point of this discussion.

The Seven Heads and Papal Coins

Perhaps the most overlooked metaphor in Revelation is that of the Seven Heads. Let's read carefully the context in which this occurs:

*1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of **the great harlot who sits on many waters**, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw **a woman sitting on a scarlet beast**, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, 5 and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." 6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly. 7 And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.*

8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come. 9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven

heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, 10 and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. 11 "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction. 12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. 13 "These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. Revelation 17:1-14 NASU

Of the four women spoken of in Revelation (Jezebel, Woman Clothed in the Sun, Great Harlot, Bride of Christ) the Great Harlot who sits on many waters is the most destructive and rarely spoken about in pastoral sermons or women's studies. Who is she? By symbology, since she sits on many waters, she is Gentile. She sits on the Beast, which is the Anti-Christ. Then notice that the woman is clothed in purple and scarlet, and that the Beast also is called the Scarlet Beast. So, the woman is supported by the Scarlet Beast and she herself is adorned in such raiment. Who today glorifies their hierarchy in raiment of purple and scarlet, but the Roman Catholic Church where bishops wear purple and cardinals preen in red or scarlet? She sits on many waters, has much wealth, and in the past has been drunk with the blood of the saints of the coliseum and the Reformation. But I am not the first person to have had this thought or have made this relationship.

In my book, *Mary: Past, Present, and Future*, I write: In 1825 Pope Leo XII issued a medal in which the Church was symbolized by this woman offering a cup of abominations to the world! The medallion is stamped *Sedet super Vniversam* (She sits over the universe. This is incredible! The highest authority in the Roman Catholic Church not only agreed with my explanation given above, but issued a medallion in support of the theological connexion. Let us examine this papal coin and a series of others just like it.



Figure 1 Bronze Papal Medal (Mazio #585) Issued in 1825 to Commemorate the Second Year of Pope Leo XII's Reign

The papal coin was issued by the Vatican, which is the Little Horn that controls the other Ten Horns on which she sits. Notice that the woman with seven rays on her head sits on a globe whose equator is inclined 23 degrees. She steadies the Latin cross in one hand, but in her right and strong hand, she holds the golden chalice used at Mass crowned by a Host in the very same manner in which it is held at Mass. The chalice is filled with wine symbolically turned to the blood of Christ, while the unleavened wafer or Host represents his body during the daily sacrifice of the Mass. This chalice is filled with the blood of the saints from the coliseum to the Reformation, to any zone on the Earth where Catholicism dominates to the extent that it can dominate the press. The Church has been compared to a sheep when outnumbered, a fox when of equal number, and a lion when in the majority.

Notice that on the obverse face, the Pope is called the P. M. or Pontifex Maximus. As I point out in my book on Mary, this title is of supreme importance and was first usurped by Pope Damasus I (p 366-384) in 378 from the 19-year-old Roman Emperor Flavius Gratian (359-383, e 375-383). When Gratian lost 2/3rds of his eastern army to the Huns and Goths in 378, he transferred his title of Supreme High Priest (Pontifex Maximus) to Pope Damasus I to retain his support. The title, Pontifex Maximus, was initiated by the first Roman emperor Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus (e 27-14 BC) to indicate his leadership of the state religion. At the same time, Julius Caesar received the honorific title Augustus meaning majestic or venerable.

So, the titular transfer of power from the Emperor to the Pope occurred in 378. The formal transfer, however, did not begin with the forged document called the “Donation of Constantine, but with the implementation of the Justinian Code in 538. From that document written in 533, we read: “We have exerted ourselves to unite all the priests of the East and subject them to the See of Your Holiness because you are the head of all the holy Churches, for We shall exert Ourselves in every way (as has already been stated), to increase the honor and authority of your See.”^{vii} Justinian the Great (483-565, e 527-565) is revered as a saint in the Greek Orthodox Church.

So, the Roman Catholic Church’s claim to ruling the Holy Roman Empire begins with the claim of papal succession starting with the Shoes of the Fisherman (45-67 AD), leading to the title “Pontifex Maximus” in 378, a formal transfer of power with the Justinian Code in 538, official exercise of the power when Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne as *Imperator Augustus* in 800, and world recognition of its statehood by Mussolini with the Lateran Treaty in 1929. Today the pope wears the tiara which officially symbolizes the head of Heaven, Earth, and Hell—truly a god in the long-standing Roman sense.

On 26 March 1860, in an Apostolic Letter entitled *Cum Catholica Ecclesia*, Pope Pius IX (p 1846-1878) wrote the following: “It is, therefore, by a particular decree of Divine Providence that, at the fall of the Roman Empire and its partition into separate kingdoms, the Roman Pontiff, whom Christ made the head and center of his entire Church, acquired civil power.”^{viii} So Pope Pius IX confirmed the paragraph immediately above this one in which the details of his claim to power are based.

But Pope Leo XII was not satisfied with his initial papal coin and issued another coin in the same year with the same symbology again sitting on a globe signifying “many waters” as shown below:



Figure 2 Papal Coin 2 Zecchini: Pope Leo XII 1825 Populis Expiatis

And again in 1828, Pope Leo XIII issued the following papal coin of the woman standing by the Lamb of God:



Figure 3 Pope Leo XII Supra Firmam Petram Standing by the Lamb of God

Pope Clement XI (p 1700-1721) honored the same theme as follows:



Figure 4 Gold Scudo Minted by Pope Clement XI in 1718: Svper Fvndament Apostol

Pope Pius VIII placed the Woman of Revelation 17 between the Cherubim with Tiara and Keys:



Figure 5 Papal Coin by Pius VIII from 1829 Holding Fides: Lacrimae Patris Laetitia Filiorum

Notice that the Woman is Fides (Faith) or Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith), which means that this woman from Revelation 17 represents the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

The last instance of this symbology on a papal coin was issued by Pope John XXIII (p 1958-1963) in 1959 and is shown below:



Figure 6 Papal Coin Issued by Pope John XXIII P. M. in 1959 Called Fides

It should be painfully clear now that the Woman in Revelation 17 is *Mysterium Fidei* of the Roman Catholic Church.

There is one other symbol for the Dragon:

Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. Revelation 12:3 NASU

The Dragon represents Satan who controls the Anti-Christ who is the seventh head of the Roman Empire and the world leaders who are the Ten Horns. The Roman Catholic Church maintains that it is under the umbrage of the Dragon by nesting itself with the following symbology in a fresco above the doors in the Gallery of Maps in the Vatican:



Figures 7 & 8 Coat of Arms of Pope Gregory XIII Signifying the Dragon of Revelation 12

So, we have shown conclusively that the Roman Catholic Church identifies itself with the Dragon of Revelation 12 and the Woman on the Scarlet Beast of Revelation 17. The Roman Catholic Church is the sixth head. The Anti-Christ will be inculcated within the sixth head and be the seventh head.

In the Last Days, Satan will need a well-organized religion to co-opt for his own use the One World Religion. While Christians and Jews have their Ten Commandments, Satanists, who believe in no rules, have their Nine Satanic Statements. The last statement is that Satan needs a strong Church and has been in support of it all these years. So, if the

Roman Catholic Church were not in existence, he would have to create it! This, of course, does not mean that Roman Catholics are damned, but that their hierarchy has lost the shoes of the Fisherman.

Now let's speak about the Scarlet Beast. He wears the same colors of the woman. Being a prison chaplain, I know the importance of colors to gangs, organizations, and political parties. This woman rides on the back of the Scarlet Beast or Anti-Christ who supports her for reasons given in the Ninth Satanic Statement above. But what is the Scriptural connection?

The meaning of the Seven Heads is seen in Verses 9-10 above. They are seven mountains of which five have fallen, one is, and one is to come. The mountains using Biblical symbology represent thrones of power or kingships or dynasties. These five forms of governments have been postulated by theologian Arnold Fruchtenbaum to be as follows:

- 1) Tarquin Kings 753-510 BC
- 2) Consuls 510-494 BC
- 3) Plebeians or Dictators 494-390 BC
- 4) Republicans 390-59 BC
- 5) Triumvirate 59-27 BC (Ref: *Footsteps of the Messiah*, 1982, p32)

The sixth dynasty which was coalescing in 97 AD during the time of John was the forerunner of the Holy Roman Empire, which continues to this day. The seventh and final dynasty would be that of the Anti-Christ himself which emerges from the sixth dynasty. Although the term "pope" did not exist in the early days of the Church, the magisterium officially lists St. Evaristus as being the fifth pope from 97 to 105 AD.

My own explanation of the Seven Heads follows a more conventional breakdown of the Roman Empire and is as follows:

- 1) Republic Evolved under the kings, consuls, plebeians, and republicans
- 2) Empire Took form under Julius Caesar (100-44 BC)
- 3) Divided Empire Diocletian (r 284-305) created two Augusti
- 4) Fall of West
 1. In 313 Constantine issues the Edict of Milan tolerating Christianity
 2. In 476 Orestes submits to the German Odoace
 3. In 800 Pope Leo III crowns Charlemagne
 4. In 962 Otto the Great establishes the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation
- 5) Fall of East In 1453 Constantinople falls to the Turks.
- 6) Holy Roman Empire It religiously unified the pieces left by Rome Constantinople, Moscow, and the former Roman Empire.
- 7) Scarlet Beast This is the Anti-Christ that comes from the religious roots of the Holy Roman Empire or Roman Catholic Church.

When the angel said to John that *five have fallen and one is* he placed himself time wise not in John's day, but at a Pretribulational time period just as The Lord in Daniel 9:26 places himself after the 69th week in speaking about the prince who is to come.

Whichever perspective you choose, the result is the same. The sixth Empire is that of the Church of the Holy Roman Empire and the Anti-Christ will have his roots in the Church.

This interpretation does not condemn the people of the Roman Catholic Church, but it does condemn all who are caught up in apostasy. Remember that the parable of the leaven in the three pecks of flour (Mt 13:33) refers to the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Protestant Churches. All three will show signs of apostasy and Satan will use the organizational structures of these Churches according to his Ninth Satanic Statement to his benefit. Since the organizational structure of Rome is the strongest, the others will consolidate around that institution.

I have one last word on the above Scripture. The Ten Horns do refer to ten concurrent ruling districts, zones, or empires. But the Seven Heads refer to a dynastic lineage culminating in the Anti-Christ.

The Conception of the Anti-Christ

The first hint of something unusual in the birth of the Anti-Christ is found in the *protoevangelium* as the famous quatrain in Genesis 3:15 is called. It is actually the first gospel and occurs while God is judging Satan, as Adam and Eve listen. It is also the second of Satan's seven judgments where God has just said: *On your belly you shall go to Satan*. The remaining judgments occur at the cross, at Midtribulation, confinement during the Millennium, at the Great White Throne Judgment, and finally the Lake of Fire. The famous verse from Scripture is this:

*And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.* Genesis 3:15 NASU.

Flood to preserve blood line
Anti-Christ and Messiah
Five more times
At the Crucifixion

Here the "woman" initially is Eve, but eventually all child-bearing women in the Messianic bloodline up to the Virgin Mary. The enmity is caused by The Nephilim (Gen 6:4) intermarrying with Adam's descendants thereby corrupting the blood line leading to the Messiah. Consequently, the Lord had to send the flood to preserve Noah and his family.

The second line says there will be enmity between the Anti-Christ's seed and the Messiah's seed. Regarding the Messiah, the seed of a woman is mentioned. This is Biblically unusual because genealogies are always reckoned according to male lineage. Consequently, the seed of the woman must be miraculous. In fact, we learn later in Isaiah 7:14 that parthenogenesis or a virgin birth is the instrument of this miracle. Because Satan's seed is mentioned in the same short line, it must be assumed that his

seed too will be miraculous. But what will the method be? In Genesis Chapter 6, we learn that certain fallen angels (demons) had intercourse with women leading to gigantism and a corrupted blood line. These demons were called the Nephilim and according to 2 Peter 2:4 they were sentenced to be permanently confined in Tartarus, which is an area in the Abyss for demons. In summary, the Messiah was *made of a woman* by parthenogenesis and the Scarlet Beast was conceived by a demon similar to that by the Nephilim.

If the above logic for the Scarlet Beast seems tenuous, consider this. Sheol of the OT is Hades of the NT. It is comprised basically of the Pit and the Abyss. The Pit is for the souls of fallen mankind and the Abyss for fallen demons. Note that the Pit is in some translations called Abaddon or Hell and the Abyss is called the Bottomless Pit in some translations when Satan is confined there. When the Scarlet Beast is slain in Midtribulation,

I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; Revelation 13:3 NASU

After being killed, the Scarlet Beast is resurrected by Satan himself so that the whole Earth is amazed. While he is dead, where does he go? Speaking about the deaths of the two witnesses, John writes:

When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. Revelation 11:7 NASU

Notice that the Scarlet Beast did not go the Pit, but rather the Abyss where only demons can go. Why—because he has demonic DNA received at conception. The Om Saleem prophecy names this demon as Satan himself.

There is a verse that Paul uses to describe the conception of the Man of Lawlessness:

that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 2 Thessalonians 2:9 NASU.

The word “activity” comes from the Greek word *energo* meaning to energize. And his “coming” refers not to his emergence or locomotion, but rather to his coming into being or conception.

In summary, we have three Biblical verses that prove that the Scarlet Beast was conceived by a demon and one extra-Biblical work that says that demon was Satan.

Personality of the Anti-Christ

The Scarlet Beast will make many efforts to appear like the Messiah of Christianity. We have already seen the False Trinity, the pseudo virgin birth, and the resurrection. There are many more and these will be covered in a separate paragraph, but for now let's say

the Scarlet Beast will imitate the Messiah standing on his head and be a paradox for all who observe.

The personality of the Scarlet Beast can be gleaned from two passages in Daniel:

*23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a **king of fierce countenance**, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do (his pleasure); and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people. 25 And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in (their) security shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.*

Daniel8:23-25 ASV

The Anti-Christ or King of Fierce Countenance will have the following characteristics:

- 1) He will understand “dark sentences” of the occult. He will solve riddles.
- 2) The amazing power that the Scarlet Beast exhibits will not be his own, but that of his father, Satan.
- 3) He will replace or kill rulers at will and he will persecute the Jews and the saints.
- 4) He will prosper by “craft”, i.e., he will have the technologies of cold fusion and light transmission. He will have unlimited energy to distribute as he wills. [Note that this interpretation is possible only because Benjamin Crème (his John the Baptist) on his campaign staff advertises these two breakthroughs in energy.]
- 5) He will be temporarily successful and full of pride leading to a declaration of his own deity like those of the Caesars before him, he being of the same dynasty.
- 6) He will oppose the Messiah and truly stand “in place of the Christ” as the Anti-Christ.
- 7) He will be terminated, but not by the human hand. [The Messiah will slay him.]

Continuing in Daniel 11:

*36 And **the king shall do according to his will**; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done. 37 Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all. 38 But in his place shall he honor the god of fortresses; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. 39 And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god: whosoever acknowledgeth (him) he will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price. Daniel 11:36-39 ASV*

Verse 37 should be translated as follows: *He will have no regard for the gods of his ancestors, or for the god beloved of women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all* (Dan 11:37 NLT); otherwise it does not make sense. Since the verse ends with “for he will boast that he is greater than them all” means what: gods and

women? It refers only to the gods, and since “all” is used the plurality is three and not two, therefore that translation must be “*the god beloved of women*” in conjunction with *ancestors* and *any other god*.

- 1) He, the Willful King, shall deify himself.
- 2) He will not regard the saints or the Virgin Mary of his Church. [Note that this interpretation is possible only because it was proven earlier that he will be a Gentile, a Roman, and from the Roman Catholic Church.]
- 3) He will honor the god of Fortresses or the god of force and live by the expression “might makes right”. Since his theology which was pioneered by Blavatsky (1831-1891), Bailey (1880-1949), and Crème (1922--) whose school of thought is Theosophy, the god of Force is defined as the one real absolute Force or the noumenon of undifferentiated cosmic substance which is unreachable and unknowable—in actuality Satan.
- 4) In Roman tradition, he will place or keep in power those rulers that submit to his will and acknowledge his deity. Treaties will be made with the new sector rulers.

Warfare

Scripture lays out one cold and three hot wars before and during the Tribulation. The cold war begins with the First Seal Judgment (Rev 6:1-2) and is symbolized by the Scarlet Beast mounted on a white horse riding conquering and to conquer prior to the Tribulation.

The first hot war begins with the Second Seal Judgment (Rev 6:3-4) and is symbolized by the Scarlet Beast mounted on a red horse with a great sword. This begins early in the Tribulation.

The second war begins in the middle of the Tribulation and the third series of battles occurs at Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation. Daniel gives us an account of the Scarlet Beast in the second war:

*40 "At the end time the king of the South will collide with **him**, and the king of the North will storm against **him** with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and **he** will enter countries, overflow them and pass through. 41 "**He** will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of **his** hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. 42 "Then **he** will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. 43 "But **he** will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at **his** heels. 44 "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb **him**, and **he** will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. 45 "**He** will pitch the tents of **his** royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet **he** will come to **his** end, and no one will help **him**.
Daniel 11:40-45 NASU*

All bold-faced pronouns above refer to the Scarlet Beast. He, the Little Horn, is at war with the 10 horns or 10 kings. He kills three of the above kings making him the eighth

(Rev 17:9-11) with four domains. The three killed are the kings of the North (Syria), South (Egypt), and East (Mesopotamia) (Ref Dan 7:8, 20, 24). He continues conquering in Africa (*Libyans and Ethiopians*) and invades Israel (*the glorious land*). In the last verse above, he plants his royal pavilion (military headquarters) between the Mediterranean and Dead Seas and Temple Mount (*Holy Mountain*). Then he comes to his end, i.e., he dies.

First Death and Resurrection of the Anti-Christ

In the above verse by Daniel (Dan 11:45b), the Scarlet Beast comes to his end during the second war prior to the Midtribulation. Another verse describing this event is told by John in Revelation:

I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; Revelation 13:3 NASU.

One can get the impression from reading the above verse that it was only “*as if it had been slain*”. But that is not the case. He really was slain and as has been shown earlier sent to the Abyss where only demons are confined and not Hell or the Pit where only humans are kept. The reason for this has been explained earlier. The Scarlet Beast was not necessarily wounded in the head. The verse above refers to his seventh dynastic head and not his corporeal head. The above verse also refers to his resurrection by Satan. This resurrection is real but counterfeit in the Messianic sense in that the Messiah received his glorified body, but the Scarlet Beast did not.

The subjunctive mood is used by John here because the effects of the Resurrection nullify the effects of death. He said the same of Jesus Christ’s death below.

And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. Revelation 5:6 NASU.

The Two Witnesses

The two witnesses will be mentioned here only because they are ultimately killed by the Scarlet Beast.

3 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. Revelation 11:3-6 NASU.

The two witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days or 3 ½ years, which covers the first half of the Tribulation. The identity of the olive trees and lampstands is found in the minor prophet Zechariah who wrote in 520 BC and predicted more about the Messiah than any other prophet except Isaiah.

11 Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?" 12 And I answered the second time and said to him, "What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?" 13 So he answered me, saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." 14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth." Zechariah 4:11-14 NASU.

We know from the closing words of the OT (Malachi 4:5-6) that the Lord will send us Elijah before the great and terrible Day of the Lord (Tribulation), but who are these two anointed ones as Zechariah calls them or two witnesses as John calls them? Speculation usually centers around Elijah and Enoch the theory being that since they have not died, then they must return and die during the Tribulation. The fact is that Elijah and Enoch were translated to Heaven. Because of that, they were also transformed, i.e., received their glorified bodies and became immortal. It is very unlikely that they would return to die in their glorified immortal bodies. So, the two witnesses or anointed ones must be someone else. Moses is a proper candidate, but for no particular reason. I reason that they will just be two saints of that day. The only question one can ask is are they Jews or Gentiles? Since the 144,000 (Rev 7:1-8) will be Jews igniting evangelism across the globe and the two anointed ones will be ministering to Jerusalem, they will probably be Jews.

The death of the two anointed ones is told by John as follows:

7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. Revelation 11:7-13 NASU.

So, the Scarlet Beast who died in a military campaign outside Jerusalem and went to the Abyss and was resurrected by Satan is now making war with the two anointed ones. He

succeeds and allows their bodies to be filmed on TV for 3 ½ days. But now the two anointed ones are resurrected, which means to be transformed into their glorified and immortal bodies. They immediately respond to the call: *Come up here* and ascend in a cloud to Heaven.

Since this takes place in the middle of the Tribulation, the earthquake that follows could not be the one that levels the Dome of the Rock so that the Third of Tribulation Temple can be built. Since the Empire State Building was built in 400 days, the Temple with all the planning that has been put into it could be built even quicker. The Om Saleem prophecy did mention that she saw the Dome collapse, but when and how is not mentioned.

I Will Make Myself like the Most High

*Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. **And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.** 3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; 4 **they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"** 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. 8 **All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.** 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; **if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed.** Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints. Revelation 13:1-10 NASU.*

Buried in the above Scripture is the reason for Satan's course of action during the Tribulation. Satan does not just want more following him than the Messiah. He could have gotten that in a much simpler fashion. Satan already owns the broad gate of Matthew 7:13. But now because of the Tribulation there will be more people coming to Christ through the evangelization of the 144,000 than had this not happened. Ultimately the Jews themselves who would never have returned to the Messiah now will. So what is the point? Adulation! Satan's fifth I Will was *I will make myself like the Most High*. So just as the Father is glorified and worshipped through his Son, so too is Satan worshipped through his son the Anti-Christ or Scarlet Beast. So then, Satan is willing to lose saints to evangelism just so he can be worshipped through his son on Earth in the face of God and the stars (angels) above.

The church saints were raptured and avoided this debacle. The Tribulation saints, however, will go through this torment, but with the consolation of Verse 10 above. Those who torment them will pay in the same coin—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

The False Prophet

The False Prophet represents the third person in the false trinity composed of Satan, the Anti-Christ, and the False Prophet. He is given a brief description in the Bible as follows:

*Then I saw **another beast** coming up out of the earth; and he had **two horns like a lamb** and he spoke as a dragon. 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And **he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast**, whose fatal wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, **telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life**. 15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark... Revelation 13:11-16 NASU.*

John saw “**another beast**” in addition to the Scarlet Beast. He has two horns “like a lamb”. The simile of the lamb does not just mean to appear meek. Benjamin Crème, the John-the-Baptist of the Scarlet Beast, postulates that this man will claim to be the reincarnated Christ and will lead the organized Church of that day. But the Bible calls him the False Prophet in Rev 16:3, 19:20, and 20:10. Just as John refers to the Holy Ghost in the masculine, so too will the False Prophet be male. As in the true Trinity, the second beast will have equal authority with the Scarlet Beast at least in his field of responsibility, i.e., religion. Just as the Holy Ghost has no name in address or allegory, so too will the False Prophet have no specific name. He will call all people to worship the resurrected Scarlet Beast. Notice that he does not “heal” the Scarlet Beast. i.e., resurrect him. That is done by Satan. The worship of the Anti-Christ is so critical to Satan’s fifth I Will that he will put to death those who refuse to worship the Abomination of Desolation standing in the Temple. The method of execution will probably be the guillotine (Rev 20:4) because of its efficiency. It has been said on the History Channel that while 2000 died by this device during the French Revolution, about 17,000 met their end via this device under Hitler.

This False Prophet is a miracle worker or a thaumaturge. This is the key to his success. Today, Benjamin Crème, the John-the-Baptist of the Scarlet Beast, is giving two or three-hour-long lectures in London, N.Y. City, Chicago, L.A., Tokyo, etc. At these conferences one will notice many booths surrounding the auditorium taking credit for the miracles occurring around the world such as crop circles, tearing statues of the Virgin

Mary, miracle healing wells, dazzling unknown light displays, and appearances of the Virgin Mary. Unlike Jesus Christ who promised only the Sign of Jonah (Mt 12:39) after his Official Rejection (Mt 12:24), the False Prophet will dazzle throughout his tenure.

Finally, it is the False Prophet who causes all to receive the Mark of the Beast. The best candidate for this office at the present time (2021) is Pope Francis (b 1936-, p 2013-) born Jorge Mario Bergoglio. He is last on Malachi's list of popes.

The Mark of the Beast and the Unforgivable Sin

There are two verses that deal with this subject:

*16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to **be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead**, 17 and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and **his number is six hundred and sixty-six**.* Revelation 13:16-18 NASU

In denouncing the Scribes and Pharisees for their biased keeping of the Law during the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: *Blessed are those who mourn* (Mt 5:4). The Lord did the same thing in the OT during Ezekiel's day when before the invasion of Jerusalem, the Shekinah Glory (Messiah) commanded the man clothed in linen with a writing case (Holy Spirit) *to put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations...* (Ezek 9:4). Those who sighed and groaned were those who mourned in Jesus' day. The False Prophet will co-opt the use of a mark, but not for those who sigh and groan, but for those who worship to the Scarlet Beast.

The numerical number of the name of the Scarlet Beast in Hebrew will total 666. This means that the World Wide Web, which URL is www is not the mark of the Beast because it equals 6+6+6. First the letters are in English and second the number is not the total of six hundred and sixty-six. The name Jesus Christ in Hebrew totals 749 using the values 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 200, 300, and 400 for the 22 Hebrew letters. The man with understanding will make this connection.

*Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, **"If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."** 12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.* Revelation 14:9-12 NASU

This double injunction mentioned twice here is repeated in Revelation 16:2 and again in 19:20 and again in 20:4 for a total of five times. So, there is no mistake as to what God means here, viz., both injunctions apply.

If one only bows down to the Scarlet Beast, he could be saved if he does not take the mark. Quite simply he could realize at some later date that he had been foolish and that this man is not God. If he repents, and also accepts Jesus Christ as his only Lord and Savior, then he is saved. If not, then it does not matter if he takes the mark. He is damned.

If one only takes the mark, he can be saved if he does not bow down to the Scarlet Beast provided he is already saved and the reason for taking the mark is a mistake done for business transactions and not for economic gain. Why would he have to have been already saved, because the mark will have a chip that will not allow it? This is incredibly crafty. Satan cannot coerce obedience. It must be of our own free will. But he does have the right to freeze us in our guilt. The chip will essentially do that preventing our recanting. If, however, you are already saved, then you are saved unless you bow down. There is presently a MONDEX (money + dexter) chip inserted subcutaneously in the forehead or right hand and used by the rich to thwart kidnapping. It is not the Mark of the Beast, but is a forerunner.

In speaking about the Great Commission circa 50 AD, Mark gave what appeared to be a double injunction when he said: *He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved...*(Mk 16:16). This taken by itself means that belief is not enough for salvation, however, Mark adds the following to the above ellipsis: *but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned*. Suddenly the meaning becomes clear—the double injunction is true, but not necessary. (One should be baptized, but extenuating circumstances may make this impossible like the thief on the cross with Jesus.) This is not the case with the Mark of the Beast. There are five double injunctions with no offsetting statements.

The Abomination of Desolation

There are five Biblical verses that relate to the Abomination of Desolation.

The seven-year covenant is broken Midtribulation by the Scarlet Beast's Abomination of Desolation as is described below by Daniel.

*"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, **but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering**; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."* Daniel 9:27 NASU.

Revelation describes that the holy city (Jerusalem) shall be tread underfoot for 42 months or 3 ½ years:

1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. 2 " Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. Rev 11:1-2 NASU

But the Abomination of Desolation will last 1290 days as shown below in Daniel. Since 42 months equals 1260 days (42x30=1260), the Abomination of Desolation will last 30 days beyond the end of the Tribulation. But there is no Biblical explanation why the Abomination lasts beyond the Tribulation.

From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Daniel 12:11 NASU.

Jesus adds that the Abomination of Desolation will be “standing”. This gives us the first clue that this may be a statue or hologram.

15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Matthew 24:15-16 NASU

Paul adds one further detail when speaking to the Thessalonians:

3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 NASU

Here we see the Scarlet Beast sitting in the Holy of Holies and displaying himself as God worthy of worship. Since he must make official appearances elsewhere, however, he cannot remain in the Temple, so he must leave a standing image of himself behind. There are three possibilities here: 1) This could be a stone statue like those of the pharaohs. 2) Since his team is claiming to harness the transmission of energy by light, this could be a hologram that moves. 3) It is more probable, however, that he will duplicate what Catholic saints have been witnessed to have done for years. He will **bilocate** leaving behind an unmoving standing body while his energized body is active elsewhere. Since this will appear the most miraculous, it will probably be his choice.

The Anti-Christ in the Campaign of Armageddon (Third War)

Since there is no description of the Scarlet Beast during the many battles referred to as the Campaign of Armageddon, except at the very end, I will present a Dispensational outline of the Third War using the words of Arnold Fruchtenbaum from *Footsteps of the Messiah*, 1982, p 254.

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| 1) Gathering of the armies of the Anti-Christ at Armageddon | Rev 16:12-16 |
| 2) Destruction of Babylon | Isaiah 13:19-22 |
| 3) Fall of Jerusalem | Zech 12:1-3; 14:1-2 |

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| 4) Armies of the Anti-Christ meet at Bozrah | Jeremiah 49:13-14; Micah 2:12-13 |
| 5) National Regeneration of Israel | Hosea 6:1-3 |
| 6) Second Coming of Christ | Rev 19:11-16; 2 Thes 2:8 |
| 7) End of fighting at the Valley of Jehoshaphat | Rev 14:19-20 |
| 8) Victory ascent upon the Mount of Olives | Zech 14:3-4 |

The Scarlet Beast then reenters the pages of Scripture at the end of the Campaign of Armageddon. The minor prophet Habakkuk who prophesied to Jehoiakim the king of Judah circa 607 BC had this to say about the Messiah killing the Anti-Christ:

*13 You [Messiah] went forth for the salvation of Your people,
For the salvation of Your anointed.*

You struck the head of the house of the evil

To lay him open from thigh to neck. Selah.

14 You pierced with his own spears

The head of his throngs [warriors]. Habakkuk 3:13-14 NASU.

Paul in speaking to the Thessalonians had this to say about the slaying:

*Then that lawless one will be revealed whom **the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth** and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 2 Thess 2:8 NASU.*

Upon the second death of the Scarlet Beast, his arrival in the Abyss is as follows:

*3 And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved, 4 that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased, and how fury has ceased! 5 "The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers 6 which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution. 7 "The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; they break forth into shouts of joy. 8 "Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, 'Since you were laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us.' 9 "**Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come**; it arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth; it raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones. 10 " They will all respond and say to you, 'Even you have been made weak as we, you have become like us. 11 'Your pomp and the music of your harps have been brought down to Sheol; maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you and worms are your covering.' 12 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! 13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will make myself like the Most High.**' 15 "**Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.** 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, They will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who*

*made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, 17 who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?' 18 "All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb. 19 "But you have been cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch, clothed with the slain who are pierced with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit like a trampled corpse. 20 **"You will not be united with them in burial, because you have ruined your country, you have slain your people. May the offspring of evildoers not be mentioned forever. 21 "Prepare for his sons a place of slaughter because of the iniquity of their fathers. They must not arise and take possession of the earth and fill the face of the world with cities."** Isaiah 14:3-21 NASU*

So, he will not receive the honor normally given departed rulers by having a tomb of his own. In fact, his corpse will be trampled and no descendants will rise up to continue his dynasty. This is the end of the Seventh Head—the end of the Holy Roman Empire and the Scarlet Beast.

The Second Resurrection of the Anti-Christ and Unbelievers

The Scarlet Beast will be killed twice, the second time by Jesus Christ at the Second Coming and sent to the Lake of Fire for 1000 years with the False Prophet. These two will be the First Fruits of the Second Resurrection (*second death* per Rev 2:11, 20:6, 14; 21:8) and be alone body and soul in the Lake of Fire during the Millennium (Rev 19:20) while Satan is confined in the Bottomless Pit (Rev 20:1-3). Satan will be released at the end of the millennial reign (Rev 20:7-10) for his final war. Satan will be struck with fire from Heaven (Rev 20:9) and thrown into the Lake of Fire where the Scarlet Beast and the False Prophet already are (Rev 20:10). The dead bodies of unbelievers and those souls in Hell will then be resurrected for the Second Resurrection at the Great White Throne Judgment; and if their name is not found in the Book of Life of the Lamb (Rev 20:15; 13:8), they will be judged by their works and sent body and soul to the Lake of Fire forever (Rev 20:11-15).

Summary of the Anti-Christ or the Scarlet Beast

- 1) In Scripture the Anti-Christ has many names some being the Seed of Satan, Little Horn, Fierce King, Desolator, Lawless One, Antichrist, and Scarlet Beast.
- 2) In the secular world his names are Maitreya, the Christ, Messiah, Krishna, Imam Mahdi, Kalki Avatar, and Ascended Master.
- 3) To the general public, the term “Anti-Christ” can have four meanings: 1) a theoretical concept (*yitza harah*); 2) the third of three great leaders: Napoleon, Hitler, Anti-Christ; 3) the general Biblical name for anyone against Jesus Christ as used by John; and 4) the Biblical name for the one-world leader of the End Times.
- 4) The Anti-Christ is a Gentile proven as follows:
 1. Biblically there is no Jewish Type for him, but rather there is one Gentile Type.

2. The Anti-Christ will come from the “sea”, which metaphorically always typifies the Gentile nations as in Rev 13:1.
 3. Logically since the Anti-Christ (Dan 11:36) will appear and rule during the Times of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24), then he too must be a Gentile.
 4. He is a Roman because the people of the prince that destroyed the Temple in 70 AD are also the people of *the prince who is to come* (Dan 9:26-27).
 5. The Scarlet Beast is the Beast with Seven Heads. The seven heads refer to the stages of the Roman Empire, the sixth being the Holy Roman Empire or the Roman Catholic Church. The Anti-Christ is the seventh head in this dynasty meaning he comes from the Church. The great harlot who Pope Leo XII identified as the Roman Catholic Church is carried by the Scarlet Beast.
- 5) The Anti-Christ’s conception was miraculous in that he was conceived by a demon:
1. Genesis 3:15b *your seed vs her seed* (Both are miraculous.)
 2. After his first death, he is not sent to the Pit for humans, but to the Abyss which is for demons (Rev 11:7).
 3. His coming (conception) will be energized by Satan (2 Thes 2:9).
 - a. In line with Paul’s thinking, the Om Saleem prophecy names Satan as the one who impregnates his mother.
- 6) Characteristics of the Anti-Christ from Daniel 18:23-25:
1. He will have great understanding of the occult and riddles.
 2. His amazing powers will come from Satan, his father in the False Trinity.
 3. He will replace or kill rulers at will and persecute the Jews and the saints.
 4. He will prosper by “craft”, which according to his campaign headquarters means that he will have the technologies of Cold Fusion and the Technology of Light for unlimited energy in support of his policies.
 5. His initial success will lead to a declaration of him being God. This will not be novel since the Caesars in the same dynasty have done that before.
 6. He will oppose the Messiah and stand “in place of the Christ” (Anti-Christ).
 7. He will be terminated, but not by the human hand. The Messiah will slay him.
- 7) Characteristics of the Anti-Christ from Daniel 11:36-39:
1. He, the Willful King, will deify himself.
 2. Since he is a Roman and from the Roman Catholic Church, he will not regard the true Trinity, the saints, or the Virgin Mary of his Church.
 3. He will honor the god of Fortresses or the god of Force and live by the expression “might makes right”.
 4. Like the first five heads of the Holy Roman Empire, he will place in power those rulers who submit to his will and acknowledge his deity. Treaties will be made with the ten horns or sector leaders.
- 8) In Daniel 11:40-45, during the second war at Midtribulation, the Little Horn fights against the Ten horns killing three which makes him the Eighth Horn with four kingdoms. He conquers in Africa, invades Israel, and dies outside Jerusalem.
- 9) The Little Horn or Scarlet Beast is slain in Daniel 11:45b and resurrected by his father, Satan, in Rev 13:3 to the amazement of the world on TV.
- 10) The Two Witnesses of Rev 11:3-6 are the Anointed Ones of Zechariah 4:11-14. They will prophecy with the 144,000 during the first half of the Tribulation and be slain by the Anti-Christ. They are most probably Jews, but not Enoch and Elijah because these

two have attained their immortal glorified bodies. Their dead bodies will be filmed on TV for 3 ½ days. A great earthquake then levels a tenth of the Holy City where 10,000 people are killed.

11) In Rev 13:1-10, the Anti-Christ is seen to suffer the loss of souls to the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses just so he can be worshiped through his son in the Temple.

12) The False Prophet is the Holy Ghost of the False Trinity. He will lead the One World Religion and claim to be the risen Jesus Christ. He will work many miracles and cause all to worship the Scarlet Beast. He will proscribe the Mark of the Beast.

13) The Mark of the Beast will be located on the right hand or forehead. The Number of the Beast is six hundred and sixty-six using Hebrew letters.

14) The only unforgivable sin of the Bible is then mentioned in Rev 14:9-12 and mentioned a total of five times as a double injunction with no delimiters. Anyone who both worships the Beast or his image and receives the mark is forever damned.

15) The Abomination of Desolation will be standing in the Temple for 3 ½ years plus 30 days (Daniel 12:11; Mt 24:15-16). There are three possibilities for the Abomination: 1) statue, 2) hologram, 3) miracle of bilocation.

16) At the Second Coming, the Lord will slay the Scarlet Beast with the breath of his mouth (2 Thes 2:34) and he will be laid open from thigh to neck with his own spear (Habakkuk 3:13). His corpse will be trampled. He will not receive a proper burial and his descendants will not continue his dynasty.

17) The Scarlet Beast, who had been killed at Midtribulation outside Jerusalem during the second war was resurrected from the Abyss by Satan and caused to be worshiped by the False Prophet in the Temple. At the end of the Great Tribulation, Jesus will return and slay the Anti-Christ for the second time. Both the Scarlet Beast and the False Prophet will be the First Fruits of the Second Resurrection and be sent to the Lake of Fire as its first inmates for 1000 years during the Millennium while Satan is confined in the Bottomless Pit.

Current Literature Concerning the Anti-Christ

New-Age Theology

The theology for the present New-Age religion called Theosophy was carefully prepared by Helena Blavatsky (1831-1891), advanced by Alice Bailey (1880-1949), and adapted to the present by Benjamin Crème (1922-Present). Benjamin Crème calls Blavatsky's work the Preparatory Phase, Bailey's the Intermediate Phase, and his the Revelatory Phase for the emergence of the masters of wisdom in the Age of Aquarius.

The Forerunner of the Anti-Christ

Benjamin Crème (1922-2016) was the leading proponent of "The Reappearance of the Christ" which he calls Maitreya, the supreme master of wisdom. Mr. Crème has often been called the John-the-Baptist of Maitreya because he is making ready the way for his emergence. In modesty, he claims not to be the forerunner, but is he just taking the role of Amos before King Amaziah (Amos 7:14)? Just as Jesus Christ incarnation was

preceded by the Star of Bethlehem so too, says Crème, will his master, the Son of Man, be preceded by a light in the sky soon to be seen worldwide. Mr. Crème refuses to allude to his master as the Anti-Christ because of the negative connotations. The man whom Benjamin Crème is the forerunner “shall express the hope of all mankind for a new life, a new start, a readiness to change direction; to see the construction of a New World in which men can live in peace...” (Ref: Share International, 2 Aug 2009).

Biography of Benjamin Crème

Benjamin Crème was born in Scotland on 5 December 1922. He began painting in 1943 and still uses impressionistic art to express his religious ideas. Between 1957 and 1959 he became interested in the Space Brothers UFO religion also called Aetherius. Contact with his master was made in 1959 at the age of 37. In 1972, he consented, after some reluctance, he says, to the mission assigned to him by his master. He was then subjected to a rigid round-the-clock training for at least a year. In this period, he was allowed only four hours sleep after twenty hours of training. During his waking hours he received instructions directly into his mind from his master. In 1975, he made his first public appearance as a lecturer—something he has continued to do to till his death. In 2009 he conducted two to three-hour-long lectures in London, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Tokyo. He has been on 300 radio and TV programs and has authored 14 books which have been translated into 7 languages. To show the continuity of thought from Bailey to himself, his seminal work in 1980 was entitled “The Reappearance of the Christ: and the Masters of Wisdom”. This was an advancement of Bailey’s theology from a book in 1948 entitled “The Reappearance of the Christ”. He was co-editor of Share International Magazine which publishes articles often written by heads of state on politics, economics, social issues, and religion. The magazine is distributed to at least 70 countries.

Tenets of Theosophy or Esotericism

The religion which Benjamin espoused, and which will be the underlying philosophy of the Anti-Christ in his early years has the following tenets:

- Religion is the strongest force in people.
- Maitreya is neither God nor Savior, but The Teacher.
- Maitreya does not want followers. He does not want you to put him in your pocket like Christians do. He wants your channeled activities.
- Maitreya is the Son of Man.
- We are all Sons of God. Man is an emerging God.
- Any man has the potential to be a Logos and ensoul a planet.
- Mysticism and Scientific Mysticism (Occult) lead to Esotericism.
- Complacency, not the love of money, is the root of all problems.
- Women’s Liberation was hierarchically inspired.

- The family unit is to be retained with the parents attuned to Maitreya.
- Metaphorically Maitreya is the Vessel of Truth, the Forest of Love, and the River.
- The Biblical theme of Redemption is passé because it is an antiquated bloody Jewish dispensation which must be replaced.
- Atonement is to be replaced with at-one-ment between God and man.
- Maitreya (the Anti-Christ) will reinsert meaning in the common man's life. Some will feel connected and at one with their brothers for the first time in their lives. The oppressed and downtrodden will feel hope. Self-esteem will be kindled by humble pride.

Propaganda of the Overt Division

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| • White Lodge | • Black Lodge |
| • White Witch | • Black Witch |
| • Forces of Light | • Forces of Darkness |
| • Goddess | • Witch |
| • Wiccan | • Satanist |
| • Masters | • Anti-Masters |
| • Hierarchy of Light | • Lords of Materiality |
| • Great White Brotherhood | • Great Black Brotherhood |

Theosophists would have you believe the above, viz., that there are two schools of conflict. Alice Bailey wrote that Hitler represented the Anti-Masters and that he was evil. She, however, had been contacted by the Hierarchy of Light and her word was for the betterment of mankind. I heard a similar argument one night on the Art Bell talk show when Harlot the Witch, a Satanist, entertained calls from Goddesses and White Witches who vociferously disavowed themselves from her. But it didn't phase her one bit. She would just laugh at them saying that they did not know who they worked for and that whether they believed her or not, they both would meet in Hell. She said that she had more respect for a preacher because he knew what side he was on than an air-headed white witch who didn't know her master. She was right. The Anti-Christ who will call himself Maitreya will disavow the dark side, but in effect both are one. There is a reason for this. Every organization with a hierarchy has a black ops group that knows how to get things done! I mean every organization. But neither is allowed to recognize each other. This bicephalous nature of hierarchical organizations is a product of sin and will exist as long as sin exists. Christians have been commanded not to Lord it over others (Mt 20:25). If this is obeyed, they will be free from the curse of Dualism.

Paradoxical Fulfillment of Scripture

We have seen examples of what seems to be a paradoxical fulfillment or imitation of Scripture by the Anti-Christ. A list of examples follows:

- The Biblical Trinity consists of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- The False Trinity consists of Satan, the Anti-Christ, and the False Prophet.

- The Father raised his Son from the dead.
- Satan will raise his son, the Anti-Christ from the dead.
- The Father receives glory through the worship of his Son.
- Satan will be worshiped through his son during the Abomination of Desolation.
- The Holy Spirit placed the mark of the Son on believers' foreheads (Ezek 9:4).
- The False Prophet orders the placement of the Mark of the Beast on unbelievers.
- Jesus Christ was conceived by parthenogenesis (Ge 3:15; Is 7:14).
- The Anti-Christ was conceived by Satan incarnate impregnating a woman.
- The Shekinah Glory was represented as fire from Heaven (Ex 13:21; 1 Ki 18:38)
- The False Prophet will command fire to come down from Heaven (Rev 13:13).

Fulfillments including Secular and Religious Literature

These Biblical analogies are annotated in the secular and religious literature. Some examples put forward by Benjamin Crème follow:

- Jesus' coming was foretold in Dt 18:15—*a prophet like me*.
- In Buddhist writings—*a Buddha like me*.
- The forerunner to the Messiah was John the Baptist (Is 40:3; John 1:19-34).
- The forerunner of the Anti-Christ is Benjamin Crème (1922-2016).
- The birth Narrative of Jesus was told in the Gospel.
- The birth Narrative of the Anti-Christ was told in the Om Saleem prophecy.
- Jesus' birth was heralded by "His Star" (Mt 2:2; Num 24:17).
- Crème predicts a star seen worldwide preceding D-Day for the Anti-Christ.
- At the age of 12 one year before his Bar Mitzvah, Jesus visited the Temple.
- At the age of 12, a secret ceremony was held in London for the Anti-Christ.
- Jesus began his ministry in His thirties.
- The Anti-Christ inaugurated his ministry at the age of 30 on the day predicted by the Om Saleem prophecy when a well-known person was assassinated.
- John the Baptist was killed during Jesus' ministry.
- Crème will probably be honored during Maitreya's ministry.
- Jewish leaders rejected Jesus during his ministry (Mt 12:24).
- World press refused to acknowledge Maitreya in London in 1987.

- Jesus is the First Fruits of the resurrection and our glorified bodies.
- Crème claims the Anti-Christ received his new body at his Mayavirupa.
- Jesus' Second Coming will be in the clouds (Mt 24:30).
- The Anti-Christ arrived in London after descending in an airplane through the clouds on 19 July 1977.
- The church began on Pentecost (Acts 2).
- D-Day or the emergence of the Anti-Christ is being called the day of Pentecost.
- Jesus decried man-made laws being added to God's laws.
- The Anti-Christ will decry man-made dogma.
- *Blessed are they who did not see (Me) and yet believed (John 20:29).*
- Crème said: It is better to believe (in Maitreya) without seeing him.
- Great Commission: *Make disciples...*
- Crème: Just say "I believe it"! Study, apply, and teach it (à la Ezra 7:10)!
"Aid the Christ in his work of transformation...to reconstruct the world." WT 40

Some of the above paradoxical comparisons may seem as though Benjamin Crème is reaching for comparison. Well he is and he is doing it for the same reason Satanists use or misuse the Bible during their unholy rites.

Where is the Anti-Christ today?

The Anti-Christ, according to Crème, is presently living in a temple in London and is waiting for a certain event so he can make his appearance as a thought leader and teacher to the world. Since he does not have the support of the world's armies, nor heads of state, he needs an event that will cause people to look to him for answers to the world's problems. That event, he claims, is the crash of the US stock market. After the collapse of the Japanese stock market, the US market will also crash. At that point, a star-like object will appear in the heavens night and day to herald his appearance. This thought leader, who has an agreement in place with the leading global news agencies and has behind the scenes earned their respect will address the world on internationally linked TV from the US. The entire Earth will view him at the same time. So, if it is noon in London, it will be 10 PM in Sydney, 9 PM in Tokyo, 8 PM in Beijing, 5 PM in New Delhi, 2 PM in Jerusalem, 1 PM in Rome, 9 AM in Rio de Janeiro, 7 AM in New York, 6 AM in Dallas, 4 AM in Los Angeles, and 2 AM in Hawaii. Since the address will be made from the US, I would suspect an 8AM start in L.A., so that would mean adding four hours to the above times across the world. This will be called the Day of Declaration or D-Day.

Present Planning before and after D-Day

- **Prior to D-Day or the Day of Declaration or Day of Days**
 - Maitreya, appearing as a “familiar” has according to Crème already dispersed his plans to royalty, people in power, government leaders, thought leaders, special envoys, religious leaders, and corporate heads.
 - Maitreya is presently speaking twice a month on the average in public.
 - Maitreya will appear on American and Japanese TV using a “familiar”.
 - US Stock Market will crash and a star will be seen night and day around the world
- **D-Day**
 - The address of Mr. XXX on US TV and radio will be aired worldwide and heard telepathically in one’s own tongue by those over 14. He will “tread carefully” announcing as his plan a new mode of social living based on **sharing**, cooperation, justice, goodwill, and **change** leading to a world brotherhood—one humanity. He will announce plans to eliminate competition, rid the world of violence and war, enhance health care and cooperation, eliminate the stock markets, attack global warming, renew reforestation, and beautify cities with parks and tetrahedral architecture. Passports will be eliminated. He will give his historiography of mankind in the world. He will not mention a one-world government, but will want “teeth” and a military in the UN.
- **After D-Day**
 - He will conduct a pilgrimage around the world and initiate televised fireside chats.

The people’s demands will force government leaders to comply. This follows the bubble-up rather than the trickle-down theory of human response. The UN will hold in trust the world’s wealth and redistribute it as it prioritizes. **Cold Fusion** will be developed, but the **Technology of Light** will be the ultimate source of energy.

What will follow D-Day?

- Prayer is replaced by Invocation and Transmission Meditation. Transmission Meditation distributes the spiritual energies from the Masters. It is similar to the Catholic Church’s distribution of the Virgin Mary’s graces.
- The heart and soul of his movement is Invocation and Initiation.
- Free Will is sacrosanct—at least initially.
- The universal language will be simplified English.
- Vegetarianism will be the norm. Look for beef and chicken contamination.
- His initial following will include 1.5 Billion people of which 2/3 will come from the dispossessed Third World. Within the business community only 1/3 will embrace his appeal. In toto, he expects that 25% of the world population will be very receptive to his plans, 40% fairly receptive, and 35% not receptive. He will win over some, but not many Fundamentalists from all faiths.

- Control will extend to the 3 spheres: Politics, Economics, and Religion. Great rulers and dictators of the past have been able to unite Politics + Military with Religion, but no one has harnessed those that control the money.
- Maitreya will work with an oligarchy of 14 Masters and many Initiates.
- NWO will be headed by Initiates of the 3rd level or higher. Government will be similar to pure democracy and communism. Marxism will be modified such that it does not ban religion.
- Master Jesus will be under the control of Maitreya, the Christ, and will assume control of the Roman Catholic Church.

The second to last bullet is elaborated on by Crème. He maintains that there are three great social experiments in the making: the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In the Soviet Union or Commonwealth of States, the individual states are autonomous internally but controlled by a communist regime in Moscow. In England, ethnic groups live together under the same regional laws. In the US, the idea was that the “melting pot” would eliminate the ethnic groups so that regional law could function. [Ref: MM v3 p90.] Today there are racial problems with the last two systems so that the only system that is online and ready to be used to control the world is that of the new Soviet Union. Consequently, this is the system that the United Nations, Bilderbergers, Trilateralists, the G-7, the World Council of Churches, and the coming Anti-Christ will strive to use for their own purposes.

It is interesting that in the recent financial debates in the US, the conservatives have accused the liberals of fighting in a biased manner with tooth and nail to achieve a political goal at any cost without the slightest knowledge of where it will lead. In a similar manner, I think, that on an international level the above groups that I named have no idea of where this is all leading. None would believe that the core of the matter involves Satan’s I Will at the Abomination of Desolation. Ideology, meaning politics on the rails of religion, will rule the initial phases of the transition.

Om Saleem

Background Information on the Om Saleem Prophecies

In the late eighties when as an aircraft engineer and father of two children, I was spending every extra moment of my life researching my manuscript *Mary: Past, Present, and Future*, I had the occasion to attend a party in Huntington Beach, California. The party was hosted by the Kawar family. They and almost all their guests were Arabic Christians from Israel and Jordan. I overheard a guest talking about a prophecy and apparition in the family, but it did not interest me because I had debunked so many Marian apparitions as having been demonically inspired, I really didn’t care to see the flaws in another. Then someone close to the original seer, Om Saleem, said that she heard that I was writing a book on Mary and that Om Saleem had a vision about her. Now this sounded interesting, so I lent an ear.

The seer, a member of the non-denominational Free Evangelical Church established by Pastor Roy Whitman, in one of her meetings with the Lord, was feeling depressed because of her exhortations to and responses from some people in her community. In an attempt to comfort her, the Lord gave her a vision of Heaven. She saw angels singing, and she saw those called Mary in Heaven: Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Mary Lazarus sister, and many other Marys shining brightly. Then the Lord said: You will be with them and among them. When the Marys started praising the Lord, she joined in.

This to a Marian scholar was an amazing put down for the Glorious Virgin. I had never heard anything like that before. The Virgin whom neither the heavens nor the earth could contain was always regaled in apparitions of any source was now just another Mary. Why was this account different?

And so began my research into the apparitions which took place in the Trans-Jordan in the city of Rabbath-Ammon to a Christian seer called Om Saleem in 1933. You can find what I wrote about her in 1993 on this web page, www.ronbanuk.com, entitled Om Saleem and also my redaction of "Signs and Wonders", a document that was published in 1933 by Pastor Whitman, a relative of Walter Whitman in American literature. In Arabic, this document is translated literally as "The Wonderful Occurrence in Amman". It was inspired by the Holy Spirit, revealed to Mme. Kawar, copied into Arabic by her oldest son Saleem B. Kawar, translated into English by Pastor Roy Whitman, and later redacted by Ron Banuk. I encourage the reading of my annotated redaction to get the evangelical spirit of the apparitions to Hanneh Elias Aghaby whose name means "grace / my God is Yahweh / agape". Also the website www.kawars.com contains much additional information.

Within hours of the early-morning apparition, a crowd began to gather including Christians and many Muslims with prayer shawls. Newspaper accounts spread through the region and the evangelical church grew. In the seventies when Lawrence Graham and the world's fastest flat-pick guitar player Dennis Agajanian visited our mega church in Irvine, California, he mentioned that he had done some missionary work in Jordan. So, I asked him after the service if he had heard of Om Saleem to which he immediately replied that he had. In America, however, few have heard of the story.

The story has basically two components: 1) Return trembling to the first church of your God in praise and thanksgiving because the End Times are here, and 2) these are the terrible prophecies of things to come. There are over 1000 pages in Arabic with interdispersed phrases in English of which only a few have been translated. The scribe or amanuensis who took the dictation when she was in a trance was Saleem B. Kawar the seer's oldest son who later became a captain in the Arab Legion, secretary to General John Glubb, and a Baptist minister. Since he was the oldest son, his mother, Mme. Kawar nee Hanneh Elias Aghaby, became known as Om Saleem meaning mother of Saleem. Pastor Roy Whitman sometimes took dictation when Hebrew, Greek, or English was spoken by Om Saleem who normally spoke only Arabic. Roy's main task, however, was to translate the Arabic into good English.

What will be written here is concerned with the terrible prophecies of things to come. They can be categorized into 1) the birth narrative of the Anti-Christ, 2) apostasy in the church and the Muslim threat, 3) events and dates surrounding the Anti-Christ.

Before I begin, let me say that there are three views on the subject of prophecy and only three views. I discuss them in my booklet on the subject, but will summarize them here. When the magi arrived at the house of King Herod in search of “*He who has been born King of the Jews*” because “*his star*”, the Shekinah Glory, had disappeared from the sky, we find three groups of people in the pericope described in Matthew 2:1-12. There were those that hated him symbolized by Herod who was willing to kill all babes up the age of two to ensure his kingship. There were those who were indifferent like the scribes who were the repository of Biblical knowledge but were unimpressed by the whole affair and showed not emotion. Finally, there were the magi who loved him and were bearing gifts on a long journey for him. Regarding prophecy, there are those that hate the mention of the term “modern prophecy” because all prophecy has ceased with the Apostolic Age in Acts. Then there are those who are indifferent because, since it is not Scripture, it can never be verified until it happens, so why bother especially since it may lead to controversy; and then again, we have everything we need in the Bible for salvation so why look elsewhere. Finally, there are those that believe the verse found in the Bible and reiterated in the *Didache* from 70 AD which says: *Despise not prophesying...* (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21) and can actually point to a modern prophecy that they think has credence. With that in mind, and also the fact that the entire prophecy has not been translated for my benefit, let me begin with what I know from the two sons (two witnesses per Deuteronomy 17:6 and 19:15) of the Scribe Saleem B. Kavar.

Birth Narrative of the Anti-Christ

Early in 1933 when the great depression was having its effect on the world, forty-year-old Om Saleem (1893-1958) was told in Amman, Jordan that the Anti-Christ would be born later that year on 23 November 1933. It was October of 1933 when the prophetess was told: Behold, I come quickly. Behold you are in the Last Days. She was also told that his mother would be an Italian who worked in a Roman convent and that she would be impregnated by Satan within that convent. It was not told what “familiar” Satan used or whether the woman was raped or was compliant. In his early years, his mother fed him a diet that would be beneficial to longevity and intelligence. On one occasion, an angel took Om Saleem to Italy to a great house with a big front yard and a car in front. She was shown a child whom the angel called the Anti-Christ. As the child began to walk, Om Saleem noticed that he was dressed like a priest. She said: Why does his mother dress him like a priest? The angel replied that from a young age he has drunk the milk of deceit and by dressing as such the warp and woof on this religion becomes one with him. She was then flown over Rome and shown great churches and monasteries, but the angel said that even though their worship is regular (Daniel 8:12), it has no life in it! They honor their “greatest one” more than God. Woe, woe to this kingdom and the arrogant idol worshipers who blind people and lead them to false teaching. He continued

saying: Will you believe that it will fall down with its great leader and the Lord of Glory will eventually triumph?

Then the angel flew her to a little church in Amman and asked her what she saw. This is your church, he said. Don't you see that it is better than those big monasteries? Yes, she said. This is our tiny church, but it shines more than those dark monasteries. The angel then asked: Had you any idea that Italy was so dark?

The child was then shown riding the back of a dragon (Satan). [The remainder of the story has not been translated.]

It is no coincidence that the Anti-Christ was born on the 23rd of November. On that date in 962, Otto the Great (912-973) established the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (*Sacrum Romanum Imperium Nationis Germanicae*). Since the Anti-Christ is the Seventh Head who succeeds the sixth head which was the Holy Roman Empire, his birth date commemorates the birth of his empire. There is also Biblical gematria in the number 23. It is the components of 10 plus 13 which individually symbolize law plus rebellion. Law plus rebellion equals death (Ref: Ro 7:9; 1 Cor 15:56). Evangelist Ed. F. Vallowe in *Biblical Mathematics* notes that the 23rd time Noah's name is mentioned (counting two possessive forms) death is implied (Ge 7:23). The 23rd time Abraham's name is mentioned, there was death to Sodom and Gomorrah (Ge 19:27). The 23rd time Jacob's name (Ge 27:42) and Peter's name (Acts 9:34) are mentioned, death also is the subject. So, you can be sure that the Anti-Christ and False Prophet will represent death.

Exhortations from Om Saleem

Pastor Whitman published *Signs and Wonders: Being an Account of Divine Visitations in Ammon, Trans-Jordan* in 1933. I recommend that my redacted version found on www.kawars.com be read for its evangelical content. It is by and large an exhortation to that little Christian community in a sea of Muslims which typifies the true church (called therein the First Church) in today's sea of apostasy.

The Lord wanted the church to take on the format of the "first church" also called the "church of God." On 3-1-33, he said: "Behold, you shall see the first church if you remain steadfast in me, and I will cause you to prosper in all you seek." Again on 3-6-33, he said: "Strive for the spiritual gifts; bring back the first church; you shall find that which shall please you; you shall lay your hands upon the sick and they shall be healed...the evil spirits...shall come out."

In contrast to what Marian seers report, Jesus said: "I do not desire outward prayer. I am he that searches your consciences; I am he that searches your evil thoughts" (3-1-33).

In contrast to the religions of the day, Jesus said: "I do not want outward appearances; I don't want rituals and sects; I want a heart surrendered to me in everything; I want you doing my will" (3-1-33). Again on 10-9-33, he said: "I do not desire denominations. I do

not desire sects. I desire believers who have surrendered their hearts to God and do keep the commandments of the Lord.” In other words, Jesus has no need for well organized Churches, be they Catholic, Lutheran, or Presbyterian, nor does he have need for a High Church Movement or a One-World Church. He does want the Holy Spirit to pervade the believers of his first church.

In contrast to those preachers who refrain from fire-and-brimstone messages, he said: “Not everyone who speaks in tongues is of God...He who strikes men with terror and causes their bodies to tremble is of God” (1-20-33).

In contrast to complacent church goers, he said: Woe, woe to you fools! You see, but you do not see. You hear, but you do not understand. Woe, woe to the world! Woe, woe to you, O Jerusalem. Your youth shall mourn over you (1-19-33)! A week later, it was said: Were it not for my people, I would have destroyed the inhabited earth. Woe, woe to those who have stood in the way of my people! Woe, woe to the world! Soon shall the cord be severed, and the earth shall fall (1-25-33).

Events and Dates surrounding the Anti-Christ

The prophecy from 1933 stated that when the Anti-Christ becomes 30 years of age, he will begin his ministry and inaugurate it with the death of a head of state. When President Kennedy’s limousine reached Parkland Memorial Hospital, it was 1 PM Central Standard Time on 22 November 1963. In Jerusalem, which should be the time reference, it was 9 PM for the same day. If Kennedy died at 1 PM, and this cannot be stated as a certainty, should it be said that the prophecy was in error? Was the prophecy meant to be accurate to the very hour? When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to inaugurate the 69th week on 27 March 33 AD was he accurate to the very hour from Artaxerxes decree on 14 March 445 BC. I don’t think the event had to occur to within an hour or minute of the predicted event. Regarding the Om Saleem prediction, it need only be accurate to the predicted day, and in Jerusalem the new day begins after three second-magnitude stars are first seen in the evening sky. Since the latitude at Jerusalem is 31 degrees north similar to San Diego at 32 degrees north, the sun would set at 4:51 PM and three stars would be apparent on a clear night when the sun was 7 degrees below the horizon or about 129 minutes after sunset, which on 23 November is 7:00 PM. So, whether President Kennedy died on arrival at Parkland at 1 PM or died when he was shot at 12:30 PM local time, it all occurred on 23 November using the ancient Jewish system for keeping time and beginning the new day. Since Dallas is in universal time zone UTC -6:00 and Jerusalem is in UTC +2:00, the difference is 8 hours during American Standard Time. This means that 1:00 PM in Dallas is 9:00 PM in Jerusalem. Since three stars were visible in Jerusalem beginning at 7 PM, Kennedy’s assassination was two hours into the new day of 23 November 1963.

The prophecy also stated that when the Anti-Christ becomes 60 years of age in 1993, he will be working actively among world leaders.

Later it is said when the Anti-Christ will appear, but I have not been able to, with full assurance, interpret the gematria. But what can be absolutely ascertained is that the following sequence told to her on 1 February 1934 will take place:

Year	Event
0	The Appearance of the Anti-Christ
5	Kingdoms will rise up and forge a unity with the Anti-Christ.
7	A war will occur in which $\frac{1}{4}$ of mankind will die. [About 2 billion will die.]
14	There will be a plague of locusts.
21	“Seven years after seven years” $\frac{1}{2}$ of Jerusalem will be destroyed. [Tribulation]
27	This number was shown in blood. “Blood will run like a river in the middle of Jerusalem. God will start pouring his anger on the whole world.”
(28)	[Possibly the end. All Jews who are left repent for rejecting the Messiah, and Jesus returns for the Second Coming.]

Notice that the above events occur in groups of sevens—seven years to a world war, seven more to the plague of locusts, seven years to the Great Tribulation, followed by seven years to the Second Coming which is not mentioned, but surmised.

Concerning the above events, the Bible speaks only of the seventieth week or the seven years of the Great Tribulation. Other events are mentioned in Revelation like the Seal Judgments, the Trumpet Judgments, and the Bowl Judgments, but a timeline is not given. Furthermore, it is improbable that all those events would happen within a seven-year-span. The plague of locusts, for instance would most likely happen after a prolonged drought of many years. It also makes sense that the Scarlet Beast first secures his empire within the five-year-period and then requires two years to mobilize his armies to become the “Eighth Head” after removing three recalcitrant kings.

When Will the Rapture Occur?

On 10 January 1933, the seer of Little Zion, as she was called locally, was told by the Lord: Behold I come quickly. Behold you are in the Last Days. Later on 30 August 1933, she was told: These are now the Last Days, and I will pour out my Spirit upon everyone who has returned to me and I will manifest wondrous works among you.” This is a reference to Acts 2:17-21 which comes from Joel 2:28-32. Regarding the timeline of the Rapture, on 7 February 1933 the Lord said: Then I will gather my people, says the Lord, and great trouble shall come to pass.” This means that this prophecy is theologically Dispensational. Where it says that the Rapture will occur before “trouble shall come to pass” to his church, I assume that this can be taken to mean not only the Great Tribulation, but also the first war seven years into his reign.

There is one further reference to the timing of the Rapture. In another discussion with the angel who frequently passed the word of the Lord to her, she asked the angel if the Rapture of the believers would precede the appearance of the Anti-Christ. The angel replied that it was difficult for him to answer that question, but that Jesus Christ would know. Then unprompted, the angel added: I think that they will see the beginnings of the

Tribulation, but we angels do not discuss these things in Heaven for God does not give his secrets to angels.

Later, when speaking to the Lord, Om Saleem asked the question about the timing of the Rapture and he replied: After a year from the appearance of the Anti-Christ, the Rapture will occur:

بعد عام Arabic: “after a year” two words read from right to left [*ba’ad aam*].

But the Arabic word *ba’ad* (after) could be like the Hebrew word *achar* (after) used after the 62 weeks prophecy in Daniel 9:26 (See above.) which means it could be “long after”. But I feel that the sense here is shortly after, maybe even just after the year expires as was pointed out earlier in the symbology of the Jewish wedding and certainly on the Feast of Rosh Hashanah and in the evening. Note that the above prophecy is reinforced by the Biblical parable of the Ten Virgins, which was discussed earlier.

Parting Words

For those that will face the trial of living under the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet, let them be comforted by the words of Zophar from Job, which although they were said in the wrong spirit are, in fact, true, and true of the Anti-Christ:

4 "Do you know this from of old,
From the establishment of man on Earth,
5 That **the triumphing of the wicked is short,**
And the joy of the godless momentary?
6 "Though his loftiness reaches the heavens,
And his head touches the clouds,
7 He perishes forever like his refuse.
Those who have seen him will say, 'Where is he?'
8 "He flies away like a dream, and they cannot find him;
Even like a vision of the night he is chased away.
9 "The eye which saw him sees him no longer,
And his place no longer beholds him.
10 "His sons favor the poor,
And his hands give back his wealth.
11 "His bones are full of his youthful vigor,
But it lies down with him in the dust.

Job 20:4-11 NASU

Does the above paragraph not sound like Isaiah 14:12, which we read earlier concerning the descent of the Anti-Christ into the Abyss?

And for those of us that will not be required to endure beyond the Rapture, let us take to heart the comforting words of Paul after he discussed this issue with the Thessalonians:

Therefore comfort one another with these words.
—1 Thessalonians 4:18

ⁱ *You were bought with a price* (1 Corinthians 7:23). *Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her* (Ephesians 5:25). *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son* (John 3:16).

ⁱⁱ Similar to Matthew 24:36

ⁱⁱⁱ John 14:2b

^{iv} Angels do not wear white linen. White linen is a sign of salvation reserved for the saints.

^v Revelation 19:14

^{vi} C. Peter Wagner, *Charisma Magazine*, October 2009, p 23.

^{vii} Justinian Code: The Code of Our Lord The Most Sacred Justinian, Second Edition, Book 1, Title 1, Part 4.

^{viii} Papal Teachings: The Church, selected and arranged by the Benedictine Monks of Solesmes, translated by Mother E. O’Gorman, R.S.C.J., Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, St. Paul Editions, Boston c 1980, 1962 by Daughters of St. Paul, Library of Congress catalog card number 62-12454, par. #225, page 160.