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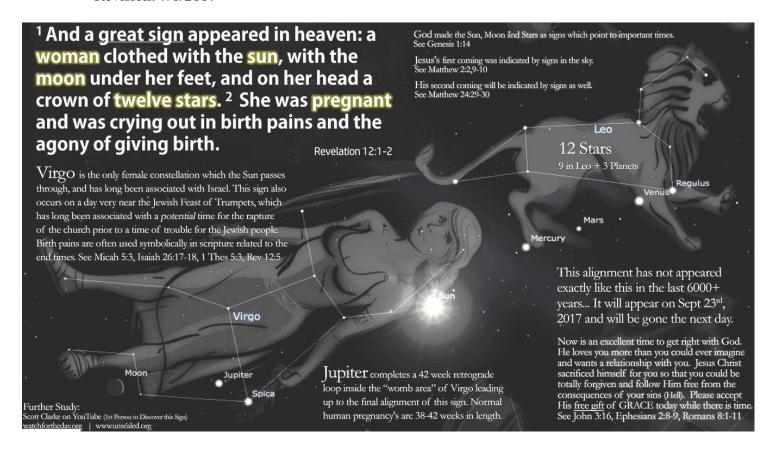
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Biblical Prophecy and The Sign of September 23, 2017

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Preface:

On September 23, 2017, an alignment of the moon, sun, and planets in the constellation of Virgo will precisely match a sign seen in a vision by John in Revelation 12 regarding end-time events. Because of the sun's position in this alignment we will not be able to see it from the ground, but because we have the technology today to know the positions of the heavenly bodies we know it will occur.

We also know (via today's technology) that this particular combination has not occurred at any time from at *least* 6000 years ago to 1000 years from now. The fact that this is a one time event, coupled with the fact that it matches a sign seen in Revelation, is intriguing in itself.

When I first heard of this sign of September 23, 2017, I thought it interesting but coincidental. But when I started reading about a large number of facts regarding the dates and times and scriptural events surrounding this sign I began to be convinced that it heralds something significant. As an engineer, I believe that if two or three things occur at once that seem "coincidental" it is probably just that. But if 10, or 20, or more occur at once there is a pattern at work that means something.

And so I am writing this paper to present these findings. None of the information here is of my own discovery, and I have taken every effort to give credit to the sources and apologize if I miss some. I take the position based on reason and evidence that: the Bible is the inspired, inerrant word of God; that the Bible interprets itself and the more we study it the more that fact becomes plain; that Christ Jesus was both fully God and fully human; that He lived, died, and was resurrected as a guilt sacrifice for our sins; that we appropriate our salvation through the shed blood of His sacrifice; that the world will be laid bare in a period of Tribulation known as the end times before He returns; and that the Bible provides proof that we in the body of Christ will be taken out of the world (the Rapture) before the end time events begin. If you are skeptical of these positions, that is a debate for

another time, but it does not take away from the fact that the observations and events detailed in this paper are true.

I am NOT predicting that this sign of September 23, 2017 is the beginning of the end times. But it means something significant. The meaning of all those "coincidences" surrounding it means it *could* mark the beginning of the end and most importantly it would be <u>biblically consistent</u> if it *does* mark the beginning of the end.

In truth the amount of "coincidences" that have been discovered since I started this paper is staggering in itself and were I attempt to document them all I would never finish. I present this information to you in order that you may be informed and encourage you to double check any and all items presented here. If you are still not swayed that all of the observations and events herald something biblically significant then I regrettably feel that the addition of any of the further discoveries will not assist in convincing you.

All scripture references are from the NIV unless noted otherwise. All emphases are mine unless noted otherwise.

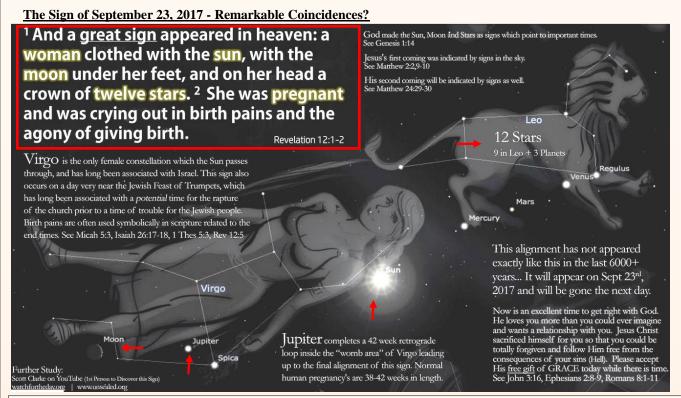
Overview: The Content of this Paper Presented in Charts.

Since there is so much information to be presented it was suggested to provide an overview in a more easily digestible form. The result is presented in the following pages but please realize that these charts are not meant to be an exhaustive treatment of the information but rather as a summary. If an item of information seems to lack detail or proof then I invite you to read the detailed sections that follow.

Note that not all of the information provided in the detailed sections is included in the charts. Note also that some of the information in the charts stands on its own and may not be included in the detailed sections.

Note also that the electronic version of this document has links that can be clicked on to take you to the relevant source of information. For those reading a printout of the document I have attempted to include the full URLs of those links at the end of this document but fear I may have missed some. Forgive me; I'm an engineer, not an author:)

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Overview:

On September 23, 2017 the moon, sun, and planets will be in a configuration that matches precisely the vision written by John in Revelation 12 which is viewed by many as the start of end-times events (see text in red box on the image above). The constellation Virgo is a woman, and the planet Jupiter, known as the "king planet" as seen from earth has been in the region of the "womb" for roughly 44 weeks – the amount of time for a late-term pregnancy to occur.

This sign will occur on the Hebrew calendar a day after Rosh Hashana on a day known as the Sabbath of Return. Rosh Hashana is the Hebrew New Year known as the Feast of Trumpets and is an announcement of impending judgment. It is known as the feast in which no one knows the day or hour of its beginning.

The child spoken of in the Revelation is paralleled to the body of Christ, who is the king of kings. Jupiter, which plays the role of the "child" in this alignment, is known as the king planet.

Because the sun is part of this alignment, no one would be able to know of this sign without the technology we have today.

Bible Parallel from Micah written ~ 700 years previously: (speaking of the end times when Israel will return to God)

³Therefore *Israel will be abandoned*until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, (Mic 5.3)

Bible Parallel from 1Thessalonians written ~ 40 years previous to Revelation: (speaking of the end times)

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape (1Thess 5:3)

Is it Coincidence?

God told us specifically in Genesis 1:14 that the heavenly bodies were to be used for signs.

Psalm 19 tells us that the heavens pour forth speech day after day and that night after night they reveal knowledge.

This is the only sign in Revelation that describes heavenly bodies that we know and can see: the constellation of a woman, stars, planets, the sun, and moon.

This combination of the sun, moon, planets, and time of Jupiter's staying in the "womb" has NEVER happened from a point *at least* 6000 years ago to a point *at least* 1000 years from now EXCEPT for September 23, 2017. (There are critics saying that it has, but they do not address the 44 week 'gestation' of Jupiter which has NEVER happened concurrently with these other alignments before.)

This sign happens the day after Rosh Hashana (the announcement of impending judgment) on the day known as the Sabbath of Return.

This alignment happens at a time at which we've only just recently gained the technology to freely distribute the information to any who want to see it for themselves.

This sign is happening in the year 2017 which is a convergence of many generationally significant numbers of years for the nation of Israel.

This sign happens on the first full day of the Hebrew New Year 5778 -

5 = "grace", 7 = "God's word", (x2) = verification, 8 = "new beginning"

Remember that the 3 Magi saw a sign in the Heavens and journeyed 1900 miles to pay homage to Christ due to study of Numbers 24:17 and Micah 5:2. They had significantly less technology than we do now but knew and trusted in the sign they saw and its significance.

10 Questions to Ask Yourself About the Sign of September 23, 2017

Source: http://www.unsealed.org/2017/04/ten-questions-to-ask-yourself-about.html

1. In the Book of Revelation did the Apostle John say that he saw a sign in the sky or not?

There is no question he did as stated in Revelation 12:1. Not only does he say it was a sign, but it was a "great" sign.

2. Does the text say the sign that John sees is only figurative?

John uses simile and metaphor ("like" and "as") to describe many of the other visions he saw, but did NOT do that here. So we are to take his words as literal.

3. Is Revelation primarily about historical events or is it primarily about future events?

Revelation 1:1 tells us that that this revelation is from Christ Jesus to show His servants *what soon must take place*. Thus, it is about future events.

4. What elements would God use to show this sign in the sky?

Genesis 1:14 tells us that the purpose of the stars, moon and sun are to be used for signs and appointed times. Revelation 12 tells us specifically the sun, moon, and stars are part of the sign.

5. What object in the sky would represent the woman?

Of the 88 constellations in the sky, only 3 represent women. Of those 3, only one is positioned such that the sun and moon can be viewed near it, and that a planet can be seen to be in the "womb". That one constellation is Virgo.

6. What object in the sky would represent the male child?

The object would have to: 1) be able to travel in and out of Virgo; 2) appear to be in the 'womb' for a 42 week 'gestation' period; 3) be either the sun, moon, or star. Since the sun and moon locations are already specified, it must be a star (remember that Hebrews referred to planets as "wandering stars"). Significantly, Jupiter is the only planet which has the ability to stay in the 'womb' for the span of a human pregnancy.

7. What object in the sky would represent the crown of twelve stars?

In every depiction of Virgo ancient to modern, her 'head' is depicted as the same star and there is only one constellation above it: Leo. The most prevalent depiction of Leo is with 9 stars. This means planets must make up the other three. Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, and Mercury are the only planets visible to the eye from earth. Jupiter is already identified as the male child, which means the crown must be completed by 3 of the remaining 4.

8. Does the alignment in September 2017 fit with the description given in Revelation 12?

Yes. And it has never happened in a period *at least* 6000 years before now and will not happen in a period *at least* a thousand years from now. (Note: another study shows it unique from 8000 years before and 2000 from now.)

9. Is there some other celestial event or alignment that could conceivably be a more perfect fulfillment of Revelation 12 that we are overlooking?

Every alternative theory offered fails at least one of the conditions of the sign. If God's word is inerrant, we need to be looking for a perfect fit, and the sign of September 23 appears a perfect fit to those looking at it objectively.

10. Why don't we yet see the Great Red Dragon spoken of in Revelation 12:3-4 and is its seeming absence a critical flaw in this theory?

Revelation 12:3 clearly says the dragon is *another* sign – they are 2 different signs. We can't discount the evidence of the amazing fit of the sign of September 23 to the words in Revelation 12 just because we don't have a clear view of what the dragon sign could be. Nor can we discount the uniqueness of this sign and the astonishing timing of its coming.

Notes about the Revelation 12 Sign, the Bible and Prophecy

Why Should we Study Prophecy?

Depending on whether one counts words or verses, anywhere from 25% to 40% of the Bible contains prophecy. It was clearly given to us for a reason and *should* be studied.

<u>But isn't this like Astrology? Doesn't Scripture tell us</u> not to do that?

Astrology is <u>defined</u> as the act of divining the *supposed influence* of planets and stars on human affairs. It does NOT refer to the study of the heavens and to how those bodies might fulfill scripture.

Example: Consider the 3 Magi discerning the sign of Christ's birth and travelling 1900 miles to pay homage to Him.

In fact, God Himself tells us that the sun, moon, and stars are to serve as *signs to mark sacred times* (Gen 1:14)

We are also told that the heavens declare His glory, and that they pour forth speech (Ps 18:1-4)

Clearly we should pay attention to the heavens, especially when they match with something seen in Scripture!

Why focus on Prophecy? Shouldn't we just focus on Salvation?

We are told that **all** scripture is to be used for training (2Tim 3:16-16); therefore we shouldn't ignore prophecy.

We are told by Paul that the end time should not surprise us like a thief because we are of the light (1Th 5:1-4); what makes us of the light is that we accept Christ's sacrifice *and* know who He is and what is to come by reading Scripture.

Christ Himself told us we would know the end is right at the door (Mt 13:32-33); that we are to be alert (Mk 13:32-33); that we are to *watch* (Mk 13:37)

Christ also told us specifically there will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars (Lk 21:25) and that ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Lk 21:28)

But I heard this Revelation 12 Sign is not unique, that it's happened a number of times before!

It appears the arguments presented by "debunkers" are either that it is astrology to notice this sign (see above) or that it has happened before.

To date, no "debunker" has mentioned the 42-week "gestation" period of Jupiter, which has never happened in a period from *at least* 6000 years ago to *at least* 1000 years from now.

In fact, some debunkers disingenuously <u>omit</u> the part about the gestation period altogether.

What is also interesting is that many "big" names in the prophecy field that made strong arguments about past events that seemed prophetic feel compelled to debunk this sign.

This sign is spelled out word for word in Revelation 12 arguably more clearly than any other Biblical prophecy, yet it is ignored or refuted by the people who have supported much more tenuous events in the past.

Timing of the Year 2017

The Year 2017 A.D. – a Convergence of Coincidences?

Generational Significance:

(Jesus speaking of the end times): ³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. (Mt 24:32-35)

Biblical generations of the *people* of Israel:

120 A "divinely appointed" waiting period. The length of time between God's warning and the flood (Genesis 6:3); age of Moses when he died (Deut 34:7)

100 The years of bondage each generation of Hebrews served as slaves in Egypt. (Gen 15:13,16)

70 The length of a natural life span, (Ps. 90:10), Babylonian captivity "prophecy complete" (Dan 9:2)

50 'Jubilee', release from debt, land reverts to its original owner, liberty and freedom (Lev. 25:10, 13)

40 The number associated with a time of probation/testing", wilderness wandering, temptation of Christ

Generation numbers of the *nation* of Israel:

1st Zionist National congress establishing a Jewish state: 1897 + 120 years = 2017 Balfour declaration regarding a Jewish homeland in Palestine: 1917 + 100 years = 2017 UN Resolution 181 to create the State of Israel, November 29: 1947 + 70 years = 2017 Jerusalem restored to Israel in the 6 day war June 6: 1967 + 50 years = 2017 Camp David peace accords initiated: 1977 + 40 years = 2017

Pattern found in timing of the events is a 20/30 cycle. Is it just coincidence? 20/30/20/30/20:

1897 + 20 = 1917 + 30 = 1947 + 20 = 1967 + 30 =

1997: 1st Pan Arab Conference with a view to isolate Israel economically unless it **gives up** land captured in 1967

Following the pattern: 1997 + 20 = 2017

In Hebrew culture, 30 years signifies a person has reached maturity and is ready for leadership – which means trials will begin.

Conception of Israel 1947 to Camp David Peace Accords 1977 = 30 years

Camp David > Intensified opposition of Israel (trial). 40 years of generational trial = 2017

2017 marks 500 years since Jerusalem was captured by the Ottoman Turk Empire.

2017 marks 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses – the start of the Protestant Reformation.

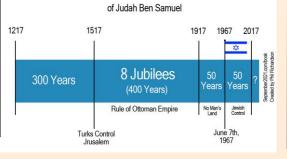
500 is 10 Jubilees – '10' = completeness of order, 'Jubilee' = 50 years = deliverance, freedom, belongings returned to rightful owner

500 in Strong's Greek Concordance is "antichristos" – 'antichrist'

End of 10 Jubilee Prophecy:

2017 is the year in which the words written by Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel are complete. His prophecy written before 1217 A.D. correctly dated the time of Jerusalem being controlled by the Ottoman Empire, of it being owned by no one, and of it being reestablished as a nation. He wrote that the messianic end times would begin when this time was complete.

Prophecy of the 10 Jubilees



2017

2+1+0+7=10 10 = Completion

Hebrew Year 5777-5778

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The surface <u>temperature</u> of the sun is **5778K**.

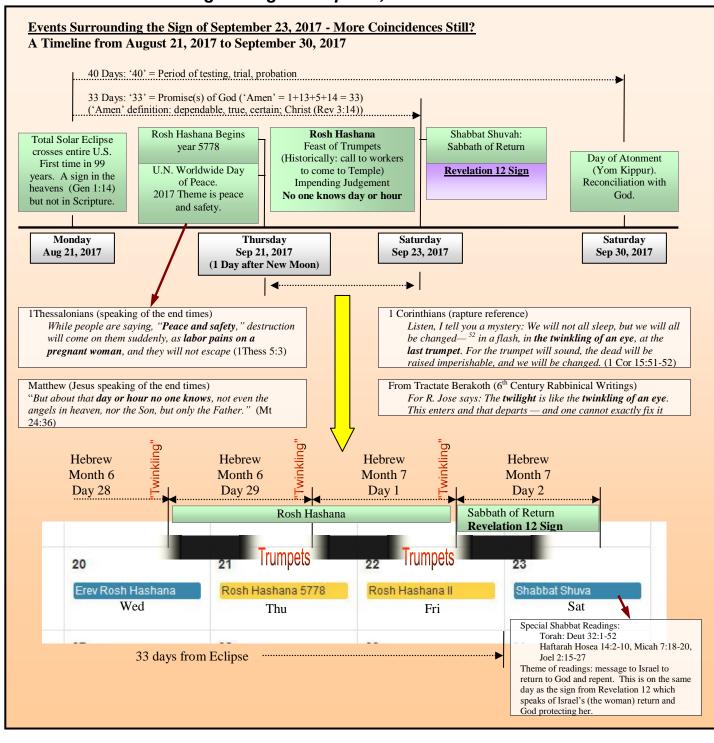
2017 marks 1947 years since destruction of Temple in 70AD.

2017 marks 70 years since UN Resolution to create Israel in 1947AD

2017 marks 70 years since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which gave proof for the authenticity of the Old Testament and of Israel's claim to the land.

2017 marks 69 Gregorian years since the rebirth of the nation of Israel on May 14, 1948. A symbol that the world is about to enter the end times of the 70th week of Daniel 9?

Timeline Surrounding the Sign of Sept. 23, 2017



The Day and Hour

<u>Didn't Christ Tell Us that No One Will Know the Day or Hour of His Coming, and Therefore the Times of the End?</u>

While Christ did say that no one knows the day or hour of His return, He did NOT say no one would know the *season* of His return

In fact, He rebuked the Pharisees and Saducees for not being able to interpret the signs of those times – that is, to know via the Old Testament prophesies that Jesus *was* the Messiah arrived. (Mt 16:2-4)

(Christ speaking of the end time events): ³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (Mt 24:36)

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which **God gave him** to show his servants what must soon take place. (Rev 1) – God gave information to Christ after the events of Mt 24, which were given to John to write down in Revelation.

To every Hebrew that heard the 'day or hour' term, two things would come to mind: **Rosh Hashana** (the New Year) and a **Wedding ceremony**.

Rosh Hashana: the Day and Hour Unknown

More:

http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Introduction/introduction.html http://www.mayimhayim.org/Festivals/Feast2.htm

Historical Meaning: The Hebrew new year, and an announcement of impending judgment to come on the Day of Atonement 9 days later. When the Temple still existed in Jerusalem, the High Priest would blow the shofar (ram's horn, or trumpet) to call the field workers in from their harvest so that they may worship in the Temple.

Because of the blowing of the shofar, this feast day is also known as "The Day of Trumpets."

It is also known as Yom Teruah, where Teruah can be translated as "an awakening blast," and also as a "shout."

Rosh Hashana is celebrated over two days because it takes place on the first of the Hebrew month, which is the day of a new

In the days of the Temple two witnesses were required to attest that a new moon was indeed present.

Since a moon cycle is not exactly 30 days (it is 29.53 days), a month could begin either 30 or 31 days from the start of the following month depending on how many accumulations of this 29.53 day cycle had occurred.

- It is for this reason that Rosh Hashana is known as the only festival where no one knows the "day or hour" of its beginning.
- Therefore, we have to be awake and alert to "watch" for it.

<u>Traditional Hebrew Wedding Practice – Only the Father Knows</u>

More: http://bridalcovenant.com/wedding1.html

Wedding Practice – Preparing a Place: The bridegroom would prepare a wedding chamber for the honeymoon. This chamber was typically built in the bridegroom's father's house or on his father's property to the father's specifications. The young man could go for his bride only when his father approved.

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (Jn 14:2-3)

Wedding Practice – Bridegroom Comes for his Bride: The bridegroom could get His bride when the father deemed the chamber ready. The bridegroom would abduct his bride secretly, like a thief at night and take her to the wedding chamber. As the bridegroom approached the bride's home, he would **shout** and blow the **shofar** (ram's horn trumpet) so that she had some warning to gather her belongings to take into the wedding chamber.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thes 4:16-17)

Wedding Practice – Seven Days in the Wedding Chamber
Followed by the Marriage Supper: The bridegroom would
take his bride to the wedding chamber where they would
spend seven days. After seven days in the wedding chamber,
the bride and bridegroom would emerge and participate in a
feast with friends and family. There would be joyous
celebrating during this feast.

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:9)

²⁰ Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. ²¹ See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. (Is 26:20-21)

1/2: Biblical Signs that we are in the Season of the End Times

1 of 2: Some Things to Consider Regarding What the Bible Says and the Times We Live In

More: http://www.unsealed.org/2016/05/the-20-biggest-signs-showing-end-of-age.html http://www.unsealed.org/2017/06/whats-hubbub-all-about-reasons-why-end.html

- 1. In a technical sense the Gospel has now been preached to every *nation* on earth in fulfillment of Mark 13:10.
- **2.** After nearly two millennia the twelve tribes of Israel are back in the Promised Land and the nation of Israel has been reborn. This fulfills numerous prophecies: <u>Isaiah 66:8</u>, <u>Isaiah 11:10-12</u>, <u>Ezekiel 36:22-28</u>, <u>Ezekiel 37:12</u>, <u>Ezekiel 38:8</u>, <u>Jeremiah 30:3-4</u>, <u>Zechariah 10:10</u>, and others. (More: http://www.unsealed.org/2016/05/the-ten-lost-tribes-of-israel-were.html)
- **3.** A final, great apostasy as prophesied in <u>1 Timothy 4:1</u> and <u>2 Thessalonians 2:3</u> is clearly and uniquely underway. Many professing Christians have fallen away over the centuries, but nothing in history can be even remotely compared to the mass abandoning and corruption of faith beginning in the 1950s and 1960s. This is a phenomenon that no other generation of Christians has experienced.
- **4.** Worldwide moral conditions are now the same as they were in the days of Noah as Jesus said they would be in <u>Matthew 24:37</u> and <u>Luke 17:26</u>. Interestingly, THREE replicas of Noah's ark have been completed and opened to the public in the last 5 years. (Source: <u>Here</u> and <u>Here</u>)
 - There are 56 million abortions worldwide each year more than all the people that died in the entirety of WWII (Source, World Health Organization: http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/news/440KeyAbortionFactsFinal.pdf?ua=1)
 - There are 60 simultaneous armed conflicts as of 6/3/2017 likely more than at any other time in history (Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of ongoing armed conflicts)
 - Don't forget that there is also an unprecedented level of terrorism, mass shootings at least every week, and <u>record</u> <u>violence against Christians</u>.

If we've surpassed the level of corruption and violence that existed in Noah's day, how close are we to judgment?

- **5.** There is an actual proto-global government in the form of the United Nations, which appears to be strengthening rapidly as globalist world leaders eradicate their borders and cultures in the face of an onslaught of Islamic migration and antinationalist media. This fulfills the requirement of a number of scriptures such as Revelation 13:7 and will surely be used by the antichrist during his ascendance to power.
- **6.** The stage is set for the Mark of the Beast as described in <u>Revelation 13:16-17</u>. The <u>technology, infrastructure, and economic motivation for implementation</u> all exist and widespread social acceptance of such a system is perhaps only a year or two away.
- **7.** Broadband, satellites, TV, and internet live feeds fulfill the requirement that the inhabitants of the earth witness the events of Revelation 11 in regards to the prophetic ministry of the two witnesses.
- **8.** The world is unsustainable. For those with eyes to see, it is obvious that the world has reached a climactic moment with no obvious way out *except by divine providence*. Global debt and liabilities that can never be paid back, interest rates that cannot go any lower nor higher without triggering collapse, nuclear disasters that are polluting the entire global ecosystem and can never be cleaned up, world population growth, etc.
 - On 6/9/17, the investment partner of George Soros predicted a *global* economic crash greater than the Great Depression in 1929 and that it will occur at the end of 2017 or in 2018. This man has a highly successful history and his insights bear consideration. (Source)
 - On 6/11/17, Egon Greyerz, another big name in the investment world, predicted a global economic crash in *autumn* of this year. (Source)
 - Maybe these predictions will not bear fruit. But that two big name investors are warning of a global economic crash at this particular time is worthy of note.

2/2: Signs that We are in the Season of the End Times

2 of 2: Some Things to Consider Regarding What the Bible Says and the Times We Live In

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- **9.** The Six-Day War and the 1967 Israeli conquest of Jerusalem paved the way for Christ's return. The Bible is clear that Jesus will reign on the throne of David for one thousand years (see Revelation 20 and Ezekiel 40 *on*). David's "shelter" was in ruins for two millennia and controlled by the Gentiles. *Not anymore* (see Amos 9:11). Jews are now living all over Jerusalem and more are streaming to it every day, which fulfills Zechariah 8:7-8.
- **10.** Israel has become more prosperous than at any time before and the country, desolated for two thousand years, *is now flourishing*. This fulfills Ezekiel 36:11, Isaiah 41:18-20, and Isaiah 27:6.
- 11. Israel is ready to build the Third Temple with just a moment's notice and it has taken many, many years to get to this point. The <u>architectural plans are finished</u>, actual descendants of Aaron <u>have been identified for priestly service and trained</u>, a temple service training school <u>has already been established</u>, the temple's altar <u>has been rebuilt</u>, the temple's cornerstone has been cut and <u>is ready for installation</u>, and the <u>priestly garments and artifacts</u> are ready for use. God does not bring to the very point of delivery and then not deliver (<u>Isaiah 66:9</u>).
- 12. The world is attempting to divide God's covenant land Israel in half (via the "Two-State Solution"), which is the event that the Bible describes as the catalyst for God's coming judgment on all the nations (<u>Joel 3:2</u>). This division of land is supported by all major nations and the United Nations itself literally all the nations are attempting to sever Israel from Judah, Samaria, Gaza, and the Golan Heights. Amazingly, the Bible takes this prophecy a step further and indicates that the "boundary stone" the nations try to move will include Jerusalem (<u>Zechariah 12:3</u>), *which is exactly what we see happening right now* with the nations trying to steal East Jerusalem from the Jews.
- 13. Headlines are appearing every day showing how the world is on the cusp of fulfilling Isaiah 17 (the destruction of Damascus) and ultimately Ezekiel 38 and 39 (the War of Gog and Magog). Damascus is on the verge of destruction already and any number of entities could finish the city off. Simultaneously, several of the chief nations in Ezekiel 38 that come against Israel from the north have not only formed a military alliance, but are actually within the technical, biblical boundaries of northern Israel (which are within the current borders of southern Syria). These nations include Russia (probably Magog) and Iran (Persia). Ezekiel 38:13 indicates Gog and Magog come to take a spoil from Israel and interestingly that spoil is now evident to all the massive oil and natural gas discoveries in northern Israel including in the Golan Heights that major gas and oil exporters Russia and Iran covet.

Too Controversial? I struggled with whether to include the following two items worrying that they may cause some to - regardless of the factual evidence presented - dismiss the entirety of this paper due the fact that the items are controversial and divisive in this age. But they are not based on the *opinions* of the original author or me, but rather they are based on the *word of God*. The fact that these observations now *ARE* controversial extraordinarily underscores the point that we are in the season of the times of the end as foretold by Scripture.

- **14.** A spirit of lawlessness covers the land in fulfillment of <u>Daniel 8:23</u>, <u>2 Timothy 3:1-7</u>, and <u>2 Thessalonians 2:6-7</u>. As <u>Isaiah 5:20</u> says, the world calls what is good "evil" and what is evil "good." Though every human being since Adam (except Christ) has been a sinner, the current generation has taken their fallen state to a whole new level and is actively fighting against any form of moral restraint whatsoever. <u>Murder, homosexuality, obscenity, transgenderism</u>, and <u>sorcery</u> are not only encouraged, but actually *state-sanctioned* around the world.
- **15.** Jesus also said the time immediately before His coming would be as it was in the days of Lot (<u>Luke 17:28</u>). The story of Lot only mentions a single specific sin that the wicked inhabitants of Sodom attempted: a homosexual gang rape of Lot's two guests. That, coupled with the name "Sodom," from which we derive the English word *sodomy*, points to a time when homosexual sin had reached its zenith. To bolster Jesus' analogy, the Apostle Paul describes how these sins point to a final, peak immorality (see <u>Romans 1:24-32</u>).

Let there be no doubt that this has been fulfilled in our time - in fact in only the last few years. Anyone opposed is labeled a 'bigot' and a 'hater' even though *true love* does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth (1 Corinthians 13:6).

Update 6/27/2017: For an updated list of the times we live in see: http://www.unsealed.org/2017/06/whats-hubbub-all-about-reasons-why-end.html

The Third Hebrew Temple - We Are in the Season

Preparations for the Third Temple

He (the antichrist) will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. (Dan 9:27)

We know through Daniel that a third Temple will exist in the end times, and that many things must be in place in order to build and operate the Temple. The Temple was destroyed in 70A.D. but is now closer to being rebuilt than ever. Some things to consider:

The Sanhedrin were the people responsible for running the Temple. They disbanded in 425A.D. In 2005 they re-formed after nearly 1600 years.

This newly reformed Sanhedrin has since 2015 conducted Passover ceremonies on the Mount of Olives and called in 2017 to be allowed to perform Passover on the Temple Mount itself.

One of the items needed for commissioning the Temple is the ashes from a perfect red Heifer (female cow). No such Heifer has been in Israel since 70A.D.

In 2015, a farm was established in southern Israel whose sole purpose is to raise a perfect red Heifer.

The tools and vestments used in the Temple were destroyed when the Temple was. However, an organization named The Temple Institute now has recreated the tools needed for sacrifice, vestments for the priests, and has had a working set of architectural plans for rebuilding the Temple since 2014.

The Russia/Turkey/Iran Alliance - Ezekiel 38-39

Three Main Players of the Ezekiel 38-39 Prophecy Have Never Been Allies, but Now Are

² Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, ³ and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: ⁴ and I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, ... ⁶ Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. (Ez 38:2-6)

Ezekiel 38 - Gog of Magog Invasion

Russia & So. Steppes

Turkey Iran Ethiopia Sudan Somalia Libya

Algeria Morocco Tunisia



In this prophecy, God declares that He will make Israel so attractive to the nations listed in the verses that they will come down to destroy Israel, but instead they will be destroyed by Him instead. There is debate as to whether this is the battle of Armageddon or not. However, there is no denying that the alliance of Russia, Turkey, and Iran is biblically significant.

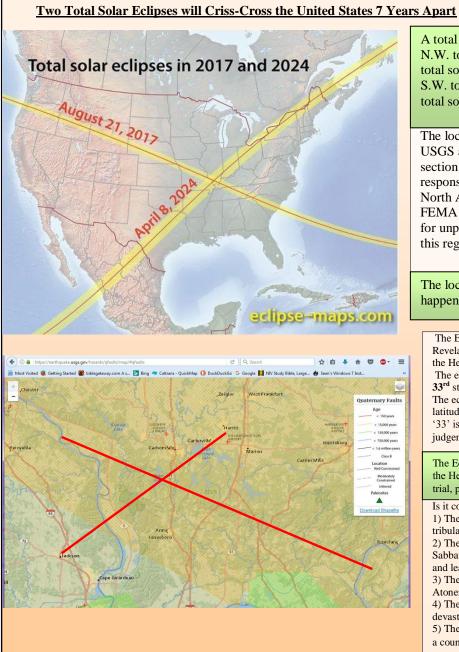
In January, 2017, Russia, Iran, and Turkey entered into an alliance to defend and stabilize Syria.

This is the first time these 3 nations have been aligned.

Iran and Morocco restored diplomatic ties in $\underline{2014}$. Iran and Algeria formed an alliance in $\underline{2015}$.

All the countries in the map at left, with the exception of Ethiopia, Iran, and Russia, are part of a regional Islamic Military Alliance as of 2017.

The Total Eclipses over the United States – 2017 and 2024



A total solar eclipse will traverse the U.S. from the N.W. to the S.E. on 8/21/17. 7 years later, another total solar eclipse will traverse the U.S. from the S.W. to N.E. It has been 99 years since the last total solar eclipse crossed the mainland in totality.

The location over which they cross is known to the USGS as the New Madrid Seismic Zone (orange section in bottom image). This zone is historically responsible for the largest magnitude earthquakes in North America, and is overdue for seismic activity. FEMA issued a warning in 2008 about the potential for unprecedented economic damage that a quake in this region could cause.

The location over which they cross also just happens to be known as "Little Egypt."

The Eclipse of 8/21/17 is exactly **33** days before the Revelation 12 sign on September 23, which is *also* the date of the Hebrew special Sabbath of Return.

The eclipse enters the U.S. at Salem, Oregon. $\underline{\text{Oregon}}$ is the 33^{rd} state.

The eclipse leaves the U.S. from South Carolina at $\bf 33$ degrees latitude. (Map, Coordinate Finder)

'33' is a number connected to the promises of God and of His judgement.

The Eclipse of 8/21/17 is exactly **40** days before Yom Kippur, the Hebrew Day of Atonement. '40' symbolizes a period of trial, probation, or testing.

Is it coincidence that:

- 1) The time between the eclipses matches the Biblical tribulation period of 7 years?
- 2) The first eclipse happens exactly 33 days before the Sabbath of Return/Revelation 12 sign, entering the 33rd state and leaving at 33 degrees latitude?
- 3) The first eclipse happens exactly 40 days before the Day of Atonement?
- 4) The crossing point happens to be over an area overdue for a devastating earthquake?
- 5) The crossing happens directly over an area nicknamed after a country on which God delivered 10 Plagues? (Ex 8 to 11)

North Korea - Another Sign of the Season?

N. Korea, Iran, and The Predictions of Rabbi Levi Sa'adia Nachmani

In <u>1994</u> Rabbi Nachmani, who is credited with predicting the 6-day war of 1967 and the Yom Kippur war of 1973, predicted that "North Korea will arrive here [Israel]." (<u>Article</u>) (<u>Video</u>)

Rabbi Nachmani pointed to Deuteronomy 32:22 as basis for his prediction.

At the time, North Korea had no nuclear capability and was not perceived as a threat by any nation other than South Korea.

In April, 2017, North Korea <u>threatened</u> Israel with 'merciless, thousand-fold punishment' for remarks Israel's defense minister had made regarding North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un.

In January, 2017, Iran <u>tested</u> a ballistic missile with origins in North Korea. Iran has long <u>called</u> for the destruction of Israel.

In May, 2017, Iran attempted to launch submarine based missiles. Though the test was unsuccessful, the submarine was a <u>design</u> from North Korea.

As of early 2017, middle east strategic analysis groups warn that Iran is progressing to nuclear weapon capability via North Korea.

As of May, 2017, North Korea claims its ballistic missiles, which are capable of carrying nuclear payloads, are <u>ready</u> for mass production.

As of September, 2016, North Korea conducted its second successful nuclear warhead test of the year and <u>announced</u> it could be mounted on a rocket.

Is it coincidence that:

- North Korea, a country far removed from the Middle East, is now making threats against Israel?
- 2) North Korea is supplying missile and submarine technology to Iran, one of Israel's greatest enemies?
- 3) North Korea is supplying nuclear weapon technology to Iran, one of the key players in the Ezekiel 38-39 prophecy of nations that will attack Israel?
- 4) North Korea just recently completed missile tests and claims they are ready to mass produce those missiles and mount nuclear warheads on them?
- 5) Rabbi Nachmani predicted over 20 years ago that North Korea would "arrive" in Israel, despite North Korea seeming insignificant at that time?
- 6) That all this is happening now, when other biblically significant times and events are occurring?

I. Introduction: Prophecy and the Bible.

One may ask: "Why study prophecy?"

• "According to "The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy" by J. Barton Payne, there are 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament and 578 prophecies in the New Testament for a total of 1,817. These prophecies are contained in 8,352 of the Bible's verses. Since there are 31,124 verses in the Bible, the 8,352 verses that contain prophecy constitute 26.8 percent of the Bible's volume." (source: https://gracethrufaith.com/ask-a-bible-teacher/much-bible-prophecy/)

Note that this presumes that each verse has the same number of words. I've seen other estimates that rank the percentage of prophecy in scripture from 25% to 40%. The takeaway is this: a good quarter or more of the Bible gives us prophecy. Therefore it makes no sense to ignore prophecy as it was clearly given to us for a reason.

We Are Told to Watch:

One may also ask (and indeed it is the position of many Christian pastors): "Why put so much emphasis on prophecy? The scriptures are about salvation and that's what we should focus on."

- ...¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ... (2Tim3:15-16)
- (Jesus speaking of the times of the end in Matthew): "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door." (Mt 13:32-33)
- (Jesus speaking of the times of the end in Mark): "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come." (Mk 13:32-33)
- ... "What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" (Mk 13:37)
- (Paul speaking of the times of the end to the Thessalonians): ⁵ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (1Th 5:1-2)
- ... But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. (1Th 5:4)
- (Jesus speaking of the times of the end in Luke): ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea... (Lk 21:25)
- ...²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Lk 21:28)

Clearly we are told to be watchful for the signs of Christ's return.

The Heavens Were Made for Signs of the Age:

One may also submit that humans have been looking for signs in the sky, from UFOs to eclipses, for millennia. So what basis is there for paying attention to things that go on in the heavens?

- And God said, "Let there be lights in the **vault of the sky** to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as **signs to mark sacred times**, and days and years,..." (Gen 1:14)
- (Jesus speaking of the times of the end) "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea." (Lk 21:25)
- I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. (Joel2:30-31, referenced in Acts 2:19-20)

- The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
 - ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
 - ³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

(Job 38:31-32)

23:5)

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (Ps 18:1-4)

Again we see that scripture confirms that the heavens were made for signs and that we should pay attention to them.

Signs in the Heavens: Israel Knew of the Constellations:

One may also question whether the heavenly signs in scripture – especially those we are about to discuss from Revelation – could be equated with constellations as we know them today.

The Hebrews were aware of astronomy and as well the constellations, probably based on astronomical study that the Assyrians had done. The names by which we know the constellations today are the same as have been known since the Assyrian age (900-607BC) at least.

The Hebrew word used for "constellation" is "mazzaroth" and sometimes "mazalot." We see examples of this word, as well as specific names for the constellations, given in passages such as:

- "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades (cluster of seven stars)?

 Can you loosen **Orion's** (name of constellation) belt?

 Can you bring forth the **constellations** in their seasons

 or lead out the **Bear** (constellation Ursa Major) with its **cubs** (constellation Ursa Minor)?
- ⁵ He did away with the idolatrous priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem—those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the **constellations** and to all the starry hosts. (2Kings

Therefore it is not illogical to presume that a "sign in the heavens" could include a constellation as part of its makeup.

II. The Revelation 12 Alignment in Virgo on September 23, 2017:

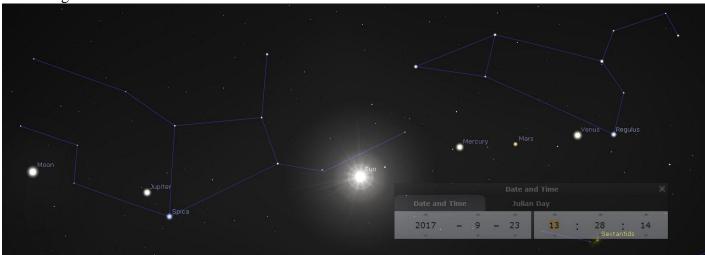
If one looks up to the sky in the direction of the constellation Virgo (which is depicted as a woman holding a sheaf of wheat) during the day on Sept. 23, 2017, the sun will be visible with the moon to the east and a faint Venus to the west. Nothing terribly remarkable will be seen by the naked eye:



Stellarium image of Virgo as it will be seen from Jerusalem on Sept. 23, 2017. Constellation lines added.

In today's world, we have technology to see things we wouldn't otherwise be able to without highly expensive and specialized tools. There is an astronomy program available free for download in which the positions of the stars, planets, comets, satellites, and other heavenly bodies can be viewed as they would from earth at any time in history or the future. This free astronomy program is named "Stellarium" and is used in planetariums and <u>universities</u>. A link for downloading it can be found at the end of this document.

So looking that the same patch of sky as the image above with the use of Stellarium reveals something that IS remarkable:



Stellarium image of Virgo as seen from Jerusalem on Sept. 23, 2017. Atmosphere turned off, constellation lines added.

Revelation 12 and the Woman:

The alignment of the moon, the sun, of Jupiter, and of the planets Mars, Mecury, and Venus are such that they fit the vision that John was given by Christ in Revelation 12:

• A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. (Rev 12:1-2)

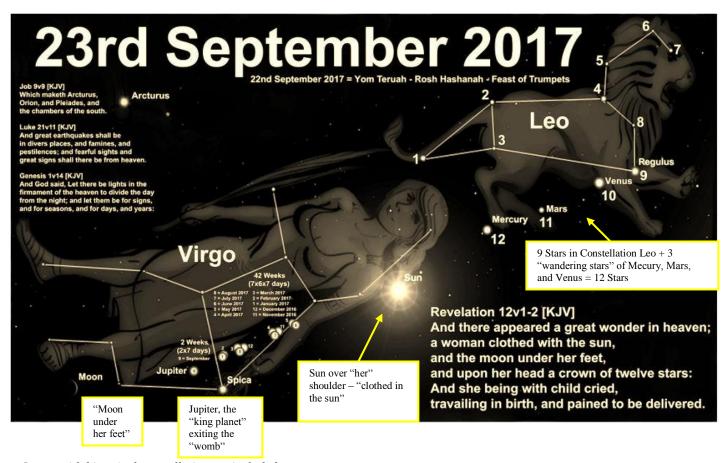


Image with historical constellation art included

(Note: for an extremely detailed description of this alignment see http://www.unsealed.org/2017/01/the-revelation-12-sign-compendium.html)

There are 4 things that **must** be in combination for this alignment on September 23 to parallel the vision given to John:

- 1. There <u>must</u> be a crown of 12 "stars" around the "head" of Virgo (the woman). Since the outline of the constellation Leo has always been comprised of 9 stars, there must be 3 planets (which the Hebrews called "wandering stars" because of their movement in the sky relative to us) in combination with the stars of Leo to complete this part of the vision.
- 2. The moon <u>must</u> be in a position near the relative "feet" of Virgo.
- 3. The sun <u>must</u> be in a position near the "head" or "torso" of Virgo or else it would not make sense that the sun "clothes" Virgo.
- 4. A celestial body <u>must</u> traverse the "womb" of Virgo for approximately <u>42 weeks</u> in order to satisfy the part of the vision stating that "she was pregnant" and about to give birth.
- This combination does not occur EVER in a time period from 6000BC to 4306AD *except* for on September 23, 2017.

- Let that sink in from 8000 years ago to 2300 years from now a 10000 year span of time this has never occurred before.
- Yes, people have searched for other occurrences during this span of time. There are times when one or more of these things occurred, but not all four at once.
 - For one such example of the research done about this (a 7000 year period), see the spreadsheet at:

 http://www.heavenlysign2017.com/uploads/1/2/8/8/12889683/revelation_12_heavenly_sign_comparison.xlsx
 - For the 10000 year period, see: https://rev12daily.blogspot.com/2017/06/secular-scientist-checking-out-rev-12.html

As we saw above, because of the presence of the sun in this alignment we would not be able to see that it occurs without modern technology – in this case with the use of the Stellarium program (which is trusted and used by astronomy teachers worldwide since about 2005).

- John specifically states that he saw this vision in "the heavens." But it will not be visible to the people on earth. Only by the technology we have today do we know this alignment will take place.
- This parallels many of the other events mentioned in Revelation in which the world of John's time couldn't fathom how things in his vision could take place.
 - o For example: there is the vision of people of all nations gazing on the dead bodies of the 2 witnesses (Rev 11:3). We can now see how tools like Skype or Facetime can accomplish this.
 - Another example: there will be a time where buying and selling could be controlled by a "mark" on a person's forehead or right arm (Rev 13:17) If you've ever had a text alert that your credit card is being charged you can see how we could accomplish the latter.
 - Or consider that implantable "RFID" chips are being considered as a high security credit card (source: <u>Credit Cards dot Com</u>) or that Google foresees chips implanted in human heads in the near future (source: <u>C/Net</u>).
- So...we live in a time where we can see how John's visions could come to pass, where we couldn't have merely a few decades ago. Is it coincidence that this sign is happening now, at just the time when we can envision the events of the book of Revelation?

Jupiter appears to us to zigzag back and forth in the "womb" of Virgo due to the differences between the speed and positions between Earth and Jupiter. This is called "retrograde motion."

Because of this retrograde motion the period in which Jupiter appears to stay in the relative "womb" of the constellation Virgo is approximately 44 weeks. Typical pregnancies are defined as being from 38 to 43 weeks, with 45 weeks defined as a "late termed" pregnancy. Jupiter is the ONLY planet that performs this retrograde motion in Virgo for a period approximating the length of a human pregnancy. This is significant due to another part of John's vision.

Revelation 12 and the Male Child:

John's vision continues with a second sign of a dragon waiting for the woman to give birth, then the vision shows the birth and is described in a very interesting way:

• She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. (Rev 12:5)

Jupiter as the "Male Child" Parallels Christ:

In regards to the male child that "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." This is a direct reference to Psalm 2 which speaks of the Messiah to come:

(God speaking of His Son to come) "...and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them (the nations that will attempt to destroy Israel) with a **rod of iron**; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." (Ps 2:8-9)

Jupiter is known as the "king planet" (so named during the Greek empire and still known as such today), and the Hebrew name for Jupiter (*Tzedeq* ."ecitsuj" snaem (צדק) We know from scripture that Jesus is "the king of kings" (Rev 17:14) AND that He will "proclaim justice to the nations" (Mt 12:18)

Does the "Male Child" Parallel Something Else?

It seems unlikely that John's vision was simply a vision of the past as an analog of Jesus' birth and death for the reason that John is writing of things that "will take place later" (Rev 1:19)

Regarding the description that the male child "was snatched up to God and to his throne:" The Greek word that John used for "snatched up" is harpazo, which is translated to Latin as "rapturos" and to English as "translate" or "rapture". It is the same word Paul uses in 1 Thessalonians which is one of bases for a pre end-times Rapture of the Church:

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left **will be caught up** (harpazo) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1Th 4:16-17)

If we as Christians are the body of Christ, could this vision be speaking of us as being the ones born and then snatched up (raptured) to the throne of God?

Is it Just Coincidence?

- Is it coincidental that John speaks specifically of seeing a sign in the heavens and that a sign that matches precisely what he writes about will occur in 2017?
- Is it merely coincidental that Jupiter a planet known by names that are attributed to Christ and is the *only* planet that stays in Virgo for a period of time equal to a pregnancy parallels John's "son born to the woman" statement in this alignment of September 23, 2017?
- Is it coincidental that this sign is going to happen on September 23, 2017 and that it has not happened for *at least* 8000 years before and won't happen in a time period *at least* 2300 years from now?
- Is it coincidental that this sign of September 23, 2017 happens at a point in time where all of the technology exists that allows us to envision how the visions John could come to pass?
- Is it coincidental that in reference to the end times Jesus references "great signs in heaven" and that they will be in the "sun, moon, and stars" which is *exactly* the phrase John uses for the Revelation 12 sign?
 - o ¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. (Lk 21:10-11)

- o ²⁵ "There will be signs in the **sun, moon and stars**. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. (Lk 21:25)
- O A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. (Rev 12:1)
- If this were the end of the coincidences, my answer would be, "maybe it is just that." But there are a host of other things to consider which we'll look at below.

III. Scriptural "Coincidences" Relating to Revelation 12

Scripture itself provides some remarkable passages that directly parallel the sign John saw in his vision. And writings and events that have happened since the time John wrote Revelation provide more intriguing things to consider.

The Prophet Micah and the Return of Israel to God

The book of Micah was written, as near as can be determined, between the dates of 700 and 650 B.C. Through Micah God speaks of judgment and deliverance to the Hebrews, and it includes the name of the town in which Christ was born (Bethlehem) as well as an intriguing tie-in with the vision of John:

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2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, (town of Christ's birth) though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." (refers to God/Christ, the "Ancient of Days")
3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return (Hebrews return to God at end of Tribulation) to join the Israelites. (Mic 5:2-3)
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Micah wrote nearly 700 years before it happened that Bethlehem would be the town where Christ was born - an event which turned out to be true. Is it coincidence that he also connects the time in which the Hebrews would return and recognize God (the end of the end-times) as being marked by a woman being in labor and bearing a son – the exact same wording as John wrote about his vision which occurred nearly 800 years later and a sign which will occur on September 23, 2017?

Rosh Hashana Begins September 21, 2017

Supporting evidence will be given further down, but some significant items to note about Rosh Hashana are:

- Rosh Hashana signifies *impending judgment* on the Day of Atonement that occurs 9 days later.
- Rosh Hashana parallels ancient Israeli traditional wedding practice in that its timing is unknown because the wedding can only commence once the father of the groom approves of the place prepared for the bride.
 - o Furthermore, in that traditional wedding practice the groom would approach his brides house and shout and/or blow a shofar (trumpet) to alert her that he was near.
 - The groom would then go into her house and take her away to the place prepared for her and approved by his father.

- Rosh Hashana is the one feast that no one knows the day or hour of its start.
- Rosh Hashana is known as the feast of trumpets.

With this information about Rosh Hashana in mind, refer to these passages about the end times given by Matthew and Paul:

(Jesus speaking of the end times which is a time of **judgment**) "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Mt 24:36)

(Paul speaking to Corinthians) *Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1Cor 15:51-52)*

(Paul speaking of the harpazo – rapture – of the church) ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up (harpazo) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. (Mt 24:36)

• Is it coincidence that the great sign John saw in his vision, a sign which parallels a rapture of the body of Christ and signals the start of judgment, just happens to be the day immediately following Rosh Hashana?

U.N. Day of Peace 2017 on September 21

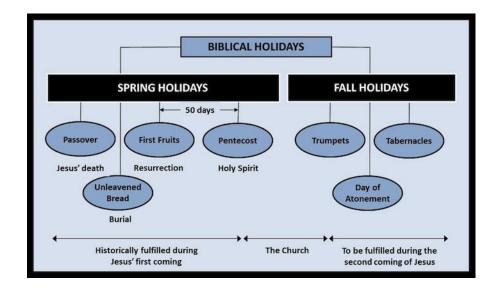
On Thursday, September 21, 2017, the annual U.N. Day of Peace will be held. This is the first day of Rosh Hashana, and two days before the sign of September 23. The theme of this year's day is "Together for **Peace**: Respect, **Safety** and Dignity for All." Keep this theme in mind as we refer to this passage from Paul that refers to the start of the end times:

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord (end times) will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape (1Thess 5:1-3)

- Is it coincidence that the theme of this year's U.N. day includes "peace and safety" the exact phrase Paul states will happen when destruction (start of the end times) comes suddenly?
- Is it coincidence that Paul just happened to use imagery of a woman in labor as the starting of the end times, which is the same imagery as John's vision which we will see paralleled on September 23, 2017?
- Is it coincidence that this day happens to be on the first day of Rosh Hashana, the one festival in which the "day and hour is unknown" in the same way the day of the Lord will be unknown?

IV. Hebrew Feast Days and Their Prophetic Significance

The alignment on September 23 is also intriguing as to where it occurs relative to the fall feasts that are observed by all Hebrews. In order to understand why, a review of the seven major feast times of the year and their prophetic significance is helpful.



The Spring Feasts and their Fulfillment by Christ

There are four major feasts that occur in the spring months of the year. There is significance in understanding the Hebrew calendar dates of these feasts but for brevity we will outline the feasts themselves and how they were fulfilled:

Passover (Pesach)

- O Historical Meaning: Remembrance of the night before Israel's deliverance out of Egyptian bondage in which a lamb was slain and its blood smeared on the wooden doorposts of the Hebrews' homes so that the angel of death would "pass over" those houses. In this feast a lamb is eaten with bitter herbs and other symbolic food.
- o Fulfillment: Christ was crucified on a wooden cross He gave up his life at the 9th hour (Mt 27:45) which was the exact time the Passover feast lambs were slain in Israel.

Unleavened Bread

- O Historical Meaning: The celebration of leaving Egypt. In this feast all leavened bread (bread with yeast) is to be replaced with unleavened bread (without yeast) and eaten for seven days. Yeast is an emblem for sin and so this feast symbolizes casting out sin by eating bread without the "sin" of yeast.
- Fulfillment: Christ was without sin and by His own words the "bread of life." This feast day occurred the day after Christ's crucifixion on a Sabbath (day of rest) (Jn 19:31) a day in which Christ "rested" in a tomb.

• First Fruits

- Historical Meaning: An offering of the first fruits of the barley harvest to the Lord (Lev 23:10-11). This was celebrated by waving a sheaf of barley at the temple at the time of the morning sacrifice, which was at the third hour or 9a.m.
- Fulfillment: Christ was the first fruits of the resurrection (1Cor 15:20,23) and we know He presented Himself to the Father in the morning of this day (Jn 20:17);
 additionally, many saints were resurrected when Christ died (Mt 27:52-53) the first fruits of salvation.

Pentecost (Shavuot)

- O Historical Meaning: 50 days after First Fruits, this celebration of the wheat harvest is performed in which two loaves of leavened bread are offered to the Lord at the morning sacrifice (Lev 23:17, 20). Hebrews see this also as a day commemorating the gift of the Torah (10 Commandments) to Moses on Mt. Sinai.
- o Fulfillment: On the Pentecost 50 days after Christ's resurrection, the Holy Spirit arrived in Jerusalem like a freight train (Acts 2:2) at the same time as the offering of

the loaves of bread -9a.m. (Acts 2:15). Thus like the gift of the Torah was given to the Hebrews, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and salvation were given to everyone.

The Fall Feasts – Yet to be Fulfilled

There are three major feasts observed in the fall of the year. These have not yet been fulfilled but since we know God is a God of patterns that they will be. First, an overview of these feasts and their meaning:

• Trumpets (Rosh Hashana)

- Historical Meaning: The Hebrew new year, and an announcement of impending judgment to come on the Day of Atonement 9 days later. When the Temple still existed in Jerusalem, the High Priest would blow the shofar (ram's horn, or trumpet) to call the field workers in from their harvest so that they may worship in the Temple.
- o Prophetic Foreshadowing: Scripture and Hebrew tradition provide a compelling argument that this could signal the start of the End Times with the rapture of the Church (that is, all who accept Christ as their savior). We'll develop this after we review the remaining two feasts.
 - **NOTE:** the Saturday (Sabbath) that occurs directly after Rosh Hashana is known as the "Shabbat Suvah" which is also known as the "Sabbath of Return." One of the readings on this day is from Hosea 14:1-9, part of which reads:
 - Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. (Hos 14:9)
 - Is it coincidence that the alignment of September 23, a sign distinctly described in Revelation, falls exactly on this day? Is it coincidence that one of the readings of this day calls for discernment and understanding of God and His word?

• The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- O Historical Meaning: This is the holiest day of the year and signifies the cleansing of sin and reconciliation with God (judgment day). On this day the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies in the Temple to atone for the sins of the people.
- o Prophetic Foreshadowing: this is a parallel of Christ's return (Rev 19:11-21).

• Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)

- Historical Meaning: It was a time of rejoicing and fellowship in celebration of the end of the fall harvest. Branches cut from palm, willow, and other trees were waved in celebration to the Lord. For seven days the Hebrews lived in temporary structures called "Sukkah" as a reminder of their 40 year wandering in the desert.
- Prophetic Foreshadowing: this is a parallel of the gathering or harvesting of God's people (the harvesting of the Earth (Rev 14:14-20)) and of the time when God's dwelling place (tabernacle) will be among His people (Rev 21:3). Note that we also see a parallel in the great multitude standing before the Lamb with palm fronds in their hands who are the saints that have been "harvested" out of the tribulation period (Rev 7:9)

Rosh Hashana and Hebrew Wedding Practice – Day and Hour Unknown

We know from Scripture that there will be a seven year period in which an antichrist will arise and have power over the world. He will be aided by a religious leader who, halfway through that 7 year period, will pronounce him the messiah on the platform of the rebuilt Temple (Dan 9:27, Rev 13:11-18)). At that point, God will unleash His wrath on the world in the form of fire, earthquakes, volcanoes, and meteors among other things (Rev chaps 4-20). This time is known by many scriptural descriptions such as "the times of the end," "the day of the Lord," "the Tribulation" among others.

One may respond that Christ Himself told us that no one knows the day or hour except for the Father (Mt 24:36). But He also said to watch. And He didn't say that we wouldn't know the *season*, only that we wouldn't know the *day or hour*. This is significant because a Hebrew of the day would immediately make a connection of that phrase with Rosh Hashana as well as a wedding ceremony.

• Rosh Hashana – the Day and Hour Unknown

- o Rosh Hashana is celebrated over two days because it takes place on the first of the Hebrew month, which is the day of a new moon.
- With today's technology we can know the exact day the moon is new. In the days of the Temple no such technology was available, so two witnesses were required to attest that a new moon was indeed present.
- Since a moon cycle is not exactly 30 days (it is 29.53 days), a month could begin either 30 or 31 days from the start of the following month depending on how many accumulations of this 29.53 day cycle had occurred.
 - It is for this reason that Rosh Hashana is known as the only festival where no one knows the "day or hour" of its beginning.
 - Therefore, we have to be awake and alert to "watch" for it.
- Rosh Hashana is also known as Yom Teruah, where Teruah can be translated as "an awakening blast," and also as a "shout."

• Traditional Hebrew Wedding Practice – Only the Father Knows

For a much more detailed description of wedding ceremonies in ancient Israel with parallels to the Rapture, see http://bridalcovenant.com/wedding1.html

- Wedding Practice Preparing a Place: During the betrothal period, the bridegroom would prepare a wedding chamber for the honeymoon. This chamber was typically built in the bridegroom's father's house or on his father's property. The wedding chamber had to be built to the groom's father's specifications. The young man could go for his bride only when his father approved.
 - Compare this to: "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (Jn 14:2-3)
 - As well as: (Jesus speaking of the end times) "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Mt 24:36)
- Wedding Practice Bridegroom Comes for his Bride: When the bridegroom's father deemed the wedding chamber ready, the father would tell the bridegroom that all was ready and to get His bride. The bridegroom would abduct his bride secretly, like a thief at night and take her to the wedding chamber. As the bridegroom approached the bride's home, he would **shout** and blow the **shofar** (ram's horn trumpet) so that she had some warning to gather her belongings to take into the wedding chamber.
 - Compare this to: For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thes 4:16-17)
 - <u>As well as</u>: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet**. For the

trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Cor 15:51-52)

- <u>Supper</u>: The bridegroom would take his bride to the wedding chamber where they would spend seven days. After seven days in the wedding chamber, the bride and bridegroom would emerge and participate in a feast with friends and family. There would be joyous celebrating during this feast.
 - Compare this to: For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:9) Wrath refers to the 7 years of Tribulation, which parallels 7 days in the wedding chamber apart from the world in which the Tribulation is happening.
 - Compare as well to:

17 As a pregnant woman about to give birth
writhes and cries out in her pain,
so were we in your presence, Lord.
18 We were with child, we writhed in labor,
but we gave birth to wind.
We have not brought salvation to the earth,
and the people of the world have not come to life.
19 But your dead will live, LORD;
their bodies will rise—
let those who dwell in the dust
wake up and shout for joy—
your dew is like the dew of the morning;
the earth will give birth to her dead.

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.

21 See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling

to punish the people of the earth for their sins.

The earth will disclose the blood shed on it:

the earth will conceal its slain no longer. (Is 26:17-21)

- This passage from Isaiah was written in the 700s B.C. and refers to God's people being spared from His wrath. We know from Christ's words that we are all dead unless we are born again through Him.
- Is it coincidence these verses parallel Paul's words from 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians (above) about the church (those born again through Christ) meeting the Lord in the air, and then being brought to the room prepared (wedding chamber) for us while the wrath of the Lord passes by? Is it coincidence that the imagery of a woman in labor is used right before the people spoken of are spared His wrath?

Rosh Hashana and the Times of the End

Given that Rosh Hashana signifies impending judgment; that it is the one feast that no one knows the day or hour of its start; that it is known as the feast of trumpets; that it parallels a traditional wedding practice in that its timing is unknown; given that God's pattern is to use the feast days to fulfill prophecy – these things make a compelling argument that a rapture of the church would occur on or near this holiday.

• So here we should contemplate again: is it just coincidence that the great sign of Revelation 12 is paralleled the very day after Rosh Hashana? Is it merely coincidence that it occurs *exactly* on a special Sabbath known as the Sabbath of Return?

IV. The Total Solar Eclipses over the United States of 2017 and 2024

On August 21, 2017 a total solar eclipse will cross the United States. This will take a path in which a 63-mile wide section underneath it will turn dark as if nighttime had fallen This in itself is a rare event as the last solar eclipse to cross the entire U.S. mainland was 99 years ago in 1918. Remarkably, there will be another total eclipse that crosses the U.S. mainland 7 years later on April 8, 2024.

It is also remarkable that exactly 33 days later (33 is connected to the promise or promises of God) is the alignment in Virgo which is parallels the revelation vision given to John by Christ. We will touch on this more later on.

So what is the path that these eclipses take and is there anything significant about those paths?

Exhibit 1: The Paths Of the Eclipses of 2017 and 2018

A view of the paths of the eclipses across the United States shows that they form an "X" over the mainland between the two dates (http://eclipse.siu.edu/about/eclipse-maps/):



Exhibit 1A: The Entry/Exit of the 2017 Eclipse

The August, 2017 Eclipse enters the U.S. at Salem, Oregon. Oregon is the 33rd state of the union.(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oregon)

The Eclipse leaves from South Carolina at 33 degrees latitude. (

Map: http://xjubier.free.fr/en/site_pages/solar_eclipses/TSE_2017_GoogleMapFull.html

Coordinate Finder: http://www.latlong.net/)

Exhibit 2: The Crossing Point of the Eclipses

The crossing point occurs in southern Illinois just to the southwest of a town named Carbondale. (http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/overlap.htm, http://www.worldtravelreports.org/solar-eclipse-gallery-listing/upcoming-usa-eclipses/)

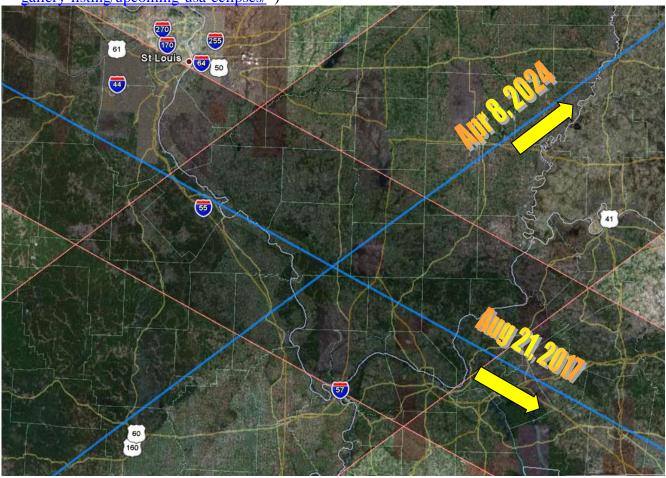
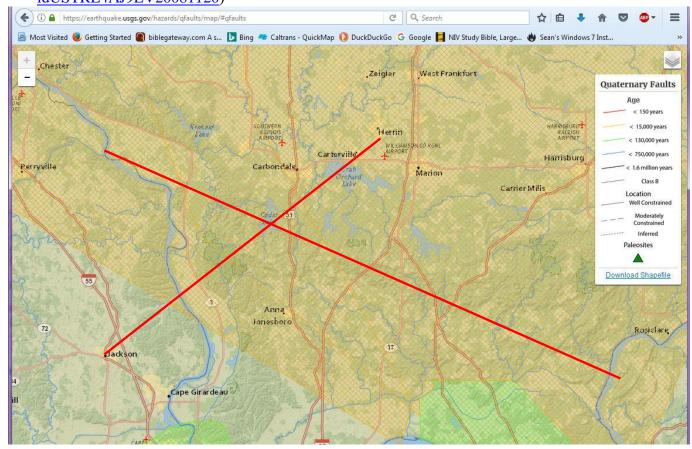


Exhibit 3: the USGS Earthquake Hazard Map

Below is an image taken from USGS' online earthquake hazard map. The crossing point falls right in the region of what is known as the New Madrid seismic zone (illustrated by the orange cross-hatched lines), which has historically been responsible for some of the greatest magnitude earthquakes in northern America and has been overdue for an earthquake for some time.

In 2008 the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency "warned that a serious earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone could result in "the highest economic losses due to a natural disaster in the United States," further predicting "widespread and catastrophic" damage across Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and particularly Tennessee," (http://www.reuters.com/article/us-earthquake-study-idUSTRE4AJ9EV20081120)



Another intriguing detail is that this area of southern Illinois is known as "little Egypt" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Illinois). Is it coincidence that: 1) this crossing point happens over a span of 7 years (which from Scripture we know is the length of time of the Tribulation); 2) the crossing point just happens to be over an area which is primed for a devastating earthquake; 3) the crossing point happens to be known by the name of a country that God afflicted with 10 plagues in Exodus?

VI. By the Numbers

We see from Scripture that God's pattern includes the use of numbers. We are familiar with the use of the number 7, and of 40, and of 3, but careful study and comparison shows a whole list of numbers and their pattern that might not be evident at first glance. Thankfully there are websites that have listed these patterns along with supporting evidence. For the sections below I used http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/50.html for reference.

In this section I will be listing some of the more intriguing relations between this year and the number of days/years of past events.

Jesus' Prophecy of Israel: The "Fig Tree" Nation:

³² "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Mt 24:32-35)

The year 2017 marks a time when all the years relating to a generation given in scripture converge. Consider all of the numbers written about the *people* of Israel and compare them to the historical events of the *nation* of Israel. The information in this section come from http://www.heavenlysign2017.com/uploads/1/2/8/8/12889683/jesus 27 prophecy of fig tree nationpdf.pdf.

Biblical generations of the *people* of Israel:

120 A "divinely appointed" waiting period. The length of time between God's warning and the flood (Genesis 6:3)

100 The years of bondage each generation of Hebrews served as slaves in Egypt. (Genesis 15:13,16)

70 The length of a natural life span, (Ps. 90:10), Babylonian captivity, "prophecy complete"

50 'Jubilee', release from debt, land reverts to its original owner, liberty and freedom (Lev. 25:10, 13)

40 The number associated with a time of probation/testing", wilderness wandering, temptation of Christ

Generation numbers of the *nation* of Israel:

1st Zionist National congress establishing a Jewish state: 1897+ 120 years = 2017

Balfour declaration regarding a Jewish homeland in Palestine: 1917 + 100 years = 2017

UN Resolution 181 to create the State of Israel, November 29: 1947 + 70 years= 2017

Jerusalem restored to Israel in the 6 day war June 6: 1967 + 50 years = 2017

Camp David peace accords initiated: 1977 + 40 years = 2017

Fig Tree' References

The fig tree is a symbol of the nation of Israel. Jesus illustrated the fate of Israel (national destruction) through the cursing of the fig tree. Total destruction and the dispersion of the Jews came to pass under Roman rule around 70AD.

- Matt. 21:19. ¹⁹ Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.
- Jeremiah 8:13 "I will take away their harvest, declares the LORD. There will be no grapes on the vine. There will be no figs on the tree, and their leaves will wither. What I have given them will be taken from them."

Parable about the judgment of God on Israel for their rebellion against Him:

• Luke 13:6-9: ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' ⁸ "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Additional Remarks:

- o **2017** marks 40 years from the Camp David Peace accords of 1977-8.
 - 1947-8 to 1977-8 = 30 years, traditional age of maturity when one is ready for leadership/trial (http://www.aish.com/ci/s/48917052.html)
 - Camp David marked intensified opposition from other countries/Palestinians.
 Time of testing.

- 2017 marks the 70th *Hebrew* year since Israel became a nation again on May 14, 1948 (Hebrew year 5708 to 5778 = 70 years). It marks the 69th *Gregorian* year since that time (1948 to 2017 = 69 years).
 - "69" could be a powerful symbol that the world is about to enter Daniel's 70th week which is the time of the Tribulation (Dan 9).
- 2017 marks 1947 years from the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70AD. As indicated above, it is now 70 years since the U.N. resolution in 1947A.D. to reestablish Israel.
- o 2017 marks 500 years since Jerusalem was captured by the Ottoman Turk Empire.
- 2017 marks 500 years since <u>Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses</u> the start of the Protestant Reformation.
 - 500 is 10 Jubilees '10' = completeness of order, 'Jubilee' = 50 years = deliverance, freedom, belongings returned to rightful owner
 - 500 in Strong's Greek Concordance is "antichristo" 'antichrist'

More Interesting Correlations Regarding the Year 2017:

- Rosh Hashana 2017 (Sept. 21-22) marks the completion of the Hebrew year 5777. "5" symbolizes God's grace, "7" symbolizes the foundation of God's word, as well as completeness and perfection. It is in a sequence of "3" which also symbolizes completeness.
 - Rosh Hashana 2017 also marks the first day of the Hebrew year 5778. "8" symbolizes a new beginning. The 7s are in a sequence of '2" which symbolizes verification.
- o 2017 is the 70th anniversary of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Interesting Correlations Regarding the Solar Eclipse of 8/21/17:

- There will be exactly **33** days from the solar eclipse on 8/21/2017 to the alignment of 9/23/2017. 33 is connected to the promise(s) of God.
- There will be exactly **40** days from the solar eclipse on 8/21/2017 to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). "40" symbolizes a period of probation, trial, or testing.

VI. Other Intriguing Data

There is a host of other data that makes the timing of alignment of September 23 astonishing, but I realize that this document is getting longer than I had planned. In this section I will list a few more pieces of data that I believe worthy of consideration but didn't know where to fit them in the sections above.

The Twinkling of an Eye - Rabbi Jose

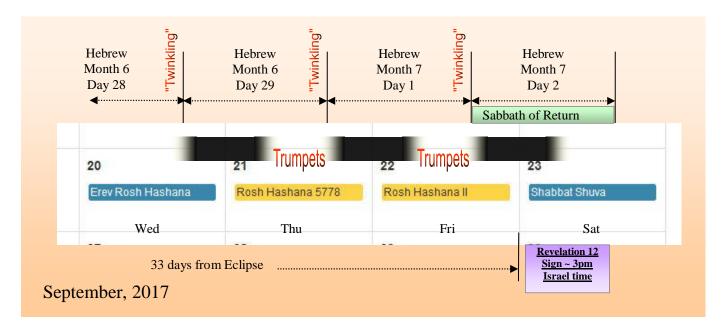
The Rabbis of the 6th century produced writings or "tractates" that clarified Rabbinical views of the Scriptures. In one such tractate (Tractate Berakoth) the issue of what constituted the exact moment of twilight was discussed and recorded:

R. Meir may reply as follows: Do you think that I am referring to the twilight [as defined] by you? I am referring to the twilight [as defined] by R. Jose. For R. Jose says: The twilight is like the **twinkling of an eye**. This enters and that departs — and one cannot exactly fix it (Source Here and Here)

Remembering Paul's words from 1 Corinthians:

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1Cor 5:51-52)

Putting it on a timeline gives us an interesting picture of when the last trumpet is blown for Rosh Hashana, when the twilight or "twinkling occurs, and when the Sabbath of Return begins:



The 10 Jubilees of Rabbi Judah ben Samuel

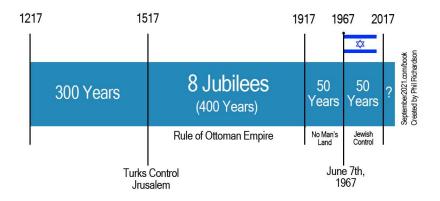
In 1217A.D. a Hassidic Rabbi from Germany made a prediction about Jerusalem and the Messiah:

"When the Ottomans (Turks – who were already a power to be reckoned with on the Bosporus in the time of Judah Ben Samuel) conquer Jerusalem they will rule over Jerusalem for eight jubilees. Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man's land for one jubilee, and then in the ninth jubilee it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time." (Source: Here)

Remembering that a Jubilee cycle is 50 years, when shown on a timeline it looks like:

Prophecy of the 10 Jubilees

of Judah Ben Samuel



And so we have another point of data that indicates something significant could happen in 2017.

Can You Really Say it's Coincidence?

Since I started writing this paper, fellow Christians have found a myriad of other "coincidences" surrounding the year 2017, the specific date of September 23, 2017, and the events that are taking place in the world today that match prophecies written in the Bible. And every week new ones are being discovered and posted. Were I try to list them all, this paper would never be finished!

The information I have documented here is factual: that is, the biblical references *are* written in Scripture; the events described either *have* happened or *are* happening or *will be* happening. As I said in the preface of this paper, once the number of 'coincidences' becomes too great then there is a pattern that cannot be denied. If the sheer amount of all these 'coincidences' doesn't cause you to contemplate that there is something biblically significant about the sign of September 23, 2017 then I'm afraid no amount of extra information will be able to do so.

What exactly *does* the sign of September 23 mean? Personally I hope that it signifies the rapture of the Church, but if it does not it will not change my conviction that it is a sign heralding something biblically significant. It's just a question of whether it will be a sign that we all look back on and say, "Oh, THAT'S what it meant;" or whether it will be a sign for those left behind of what we who did our utmost to stand for God were trying to tell them.

If you are a sibling in Christ but can't wrap your head around how all of these things could converge like this, remember that our Creator *spoke* the universe into existence; that He created the planets, stars, black holes and quasars with a word; that we know from the Bible that He numbers the hairs on our head (Lk 12:7), that He numbers the stars and calls them each by name (Ps 147:4). Knowing He can do these things, it makes sense that He can bring to convergence a number of things at once that those who don't understand how it can be possible label as 'coincidence.'

And if you are in Christ but wonder what to do with this information, may I suggest using it to help overcome any fears you may have to spread the Gospel to as many as you can? This is a personal stumbling block for me: my fear of saying the wrong word that may push someone away rather than lead them to salvation. But it is our job to speak the Gospel; that is, that we are saved *only* through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, and that anyone can have salvation if they accept this free gift with all their heart. After we speak that to people, God will do the rest.

And if you aren't in Christ and want to be or if you aren't certain whether you are or aren't, it sounds strange but it is as simple as ABC:

Accept that you are a sinner like we all are.

Believe that Christ is who He claimed to be; that He was both fully God and fully man and that we are saved through His death, burial, and resurrection.

Confess with your heart and with your lips that He is your Lord and Savior.

There is no work or ritual *you* can do to be saved; only through the shed blood of Christ are any of us saved. For salvation is not a reward but a relationship. And the only way to begin that relationship is to say 'yes' to Him. After that, speak to Him in your mind (prayer), listen to Him (read the Bible) and know Him through His friends (your brothers and sisters in Christ). He loves you in a way none of us can imagine: all He asks is that you give yourself to Him, that you take His hand and love Him back.

One thing is for certain: the end *will* come, and time is short for us to get the Gospel out to as many people as possible. I pray that this paper has been informative and useful, and thank you for giving it your time and consideration. God bless us all and maranatha!

Links to Further Study

By no means is this an exhaustive list of sites with information on the Revelation 12 sign, but they are ones that started me on my journey. See the 'References' section further below for a list of references used in the creation of this paper.

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Stellarium

- About Stellarium (the program used to plot the positions of stars and planets by date and show that information in some of the images in this document)
 - O Stellarium is a free program that can be downloaded from http://www.stellarium.org/
 - We live in the first part of our history where technology allows us to have access to view things we could not see without the aid of said technology. We cannot see the alignment on September 23, 2017 by viewing the sky, but we can "see" it with the technology available to us.

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