

# “The Season of the Rapture – Re-Evaluated!”

## Chapter 9

Four months have elapsed since I began my outline of “Season of the Rapture” which was likely expectant to have occurred during a specific three-month period. As one day after another passed that window of opportunity for the Rapture to take place, my questions and musings turned to a search for the clues I and others might have missed. Many, if not most, Bible prophecy teachers were fixed on Rosh Hashanah in 2016. It is known as the beginning of the new moon cycle that brought in the Jewish New Year of **5777**, or **2017**. Once the Feast of Atonement or Yom Kippur had past, I began conferring with Jewish scholars and experts on Jewish culture, customs, and religion, in my effort to search for answers as to why we could have been so wrong. For the most part, the evidence suggests that I and others were off by one year! To be more precise, I should mention that we had been looking at the wrong side of the year. In other words, we were looking at the beginning of the Hebrew year. Instead, we should have been looking at the end of the Hebrew year, or **5777**, and more specifically the dates from **September 20-23, 2017**.

I noted in Chapter 8 that after conferring with Jewish rabbis, the understanding was that the present Hebrew year, “**5777**” is a **WARNING YEAR** and it began on October 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> of 2016 on the Gregorian calendar. My consultation on Jewish religious matters resulted in being advised to read Luke 13:6-9, the parable about a fig tree that does not bear fruit which is given an extra year to produce fruit. To make a point, the suggestion is that Luke 13:6-9 addresses the matter of repentance and extends a second chance by way of allowing more time or another year so that God’s people will repent, and then if the extra time does not produce repentance, God would unleash the Day of the Lord. This is the period we know as the Seven-Year Tribulation or the 70th Week of Daniel 9:24-27. The meaning implied and suggested by my Jewish rabbi friends is that this so-called missing year was an extension or better yet, a postponement of the Day of the Lord. Throughout 2016 there were signs everywhere welcoming the coming Messiah in Israel [the false messiah or the Anti-Christ]. Even Israeli police began announcing preparations for welcoming their coming messiah. I monitor many Israeli Internet news sites and I saw the signs announcing or declaring the coming messiah so I’m certainly not going out on a limb by making this statement. Throughout this study, it became evident how important the year “**2016**” was and how it often became a focal point!

In the world today, much of institutional Christianity (upwards of 90%) does not believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. My suggestion is that they will be left behind like the Five Bridesmaids in Matthew 25:11 were “locked out” of the wedding feast. The problem stems from the fact that many Christians have little or no understanding of the significance of the Feast Days of the Lord which are laid out in Leviticus 23. This issue is further complicated by the heretical teaching of “Replacement Theology” which is rampant in the Church today. Consequently, most Christians fail to appreciate that our faith and Christianity in general has Jewish roots, and these roots provide us greater clarity and understanding of our own Christian belief system. In 1997, the book ‘*The Feasts of the Lord*’ by co-authors Kevin Howard and Marvin Rosenthal was published. It outlines God’s Prophetic Calendar from Calvary to the Kingdom. I had been a Bible-believing Methodist since 1963 and was pastor of First United Methodist Church in Duquesne, PA when I purchased my first copy. The content of that

book was so eye-opening and significant that it was not long before I found myself re-thinking my theological views. Note this important point carefully: **ALL prophecy is about the people of Israel.** I know that I have mentioned it several times already but it cannot be emphasized enough. As time passed, I eventually became an independent and non-denominational pastor, not an easy thing to do when one has been a pastor since 1965. Leaving the U.M. Church was at a great financial loss of over \$1.4-million in salary, health benefits, housing, and pension. However, none of that has really mattered and I have never regretted my decision for a single moment. I am a truth seeker and have been a student of Bible prophecy since June 8, 1967, the day following the Israeli victory in the Six-Day War. Two pivotal books that were instrumental in my theological views are *'Footsteps of the Messiah'* and *'Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology'*, both authored by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum.

The premise of my series the "Three-Fold Witness" has been correct, with the exception perhaps of the largest issue of the "missing year". If you have noticed, all these threads converged on the year "**2016**". The information pertaining to the "Gospel in Stone", the "Gospel in the Stars" and the "Gospel in the Word" are still valid but for this issue of the "missing year". It was explained in the last segment, not as a miscalculation pertaining to the world of astronomy or anything else. In Chapter 8, I suggested the reason why Jews have referred to this year as a "Year of WARNING" is alluded to in the parable of the Fig Tree in Luke 13. This special and last segment will reconcile that misunderstanding and error. That said, even the "Mazzaroth" data is resolved by what rabbis were relating to me in their reference to Luke 13:6-9 as perhaps a year of postponement.

It has come to my attention that many rabbinical sources state this current year (beginning with Rosh Hashanah – **October 2-4, 2016** and ending at Rosh Hashanah – **September 20-22, 2017**) is a year of WARNING as well as a year of rest. It is like a wake-up call for the Jewish and even the Christian community to repent. While the year "**5777**" [From **October 2-4, 2016** until **September 20-22, 2017**] was the final year of the **120th Jubilee, it is not over until September 20-23, 2017**. All the Jewish studies at the Torah Calendar website and others maintain that the Jewish year "**5777**" [**October 2-3, 2016** until **September 20-23, 2017**] spans an entire "year" and is not simply a single-day event. Thus, the Jubilee Year (**2016-2017**) is not over for at least six more months from the date of this final review (3-7-2017). The implication of this information is profound when it comes to grasping that the Rapture is at least that far away or put another way, that close!

That potential alone has enabled me to have the time to conduct further research, conferring, and dialoguing with Jewish scholars, mathematicians, and those who are knowledgeable with regards to the complex field of astronomy. Several of my Jewish friends and contacts, in fact, all are still optimistic about their Messiah's return at the end of "**5777**". [They are not looking for Christ Jesus' return but are looking for what we would refer to as the false messiah or the Antichrist]. Recall that the primary meaning of the Jubilee year is to be a year of rest, among other finer points, but the theme of 'rest' is predominant in the Jewish faith and specifically characterizes the Jubilee Year.

Since this work has been documented and is both significant and prophetic for the Jewish nation, it would be helpful to know and share more about a prophecy written some nine centuries ago. Let's travel back in time to learn a bit of history about Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel (1140-1217 A.D.).<sup>(2)</sup> It was in the year of 1217 A.D. that one of Judah's most legendary and prolific German

Hassidic rabbis made an astounding prediction about the future of Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah. Known as Judah Ben Samuel (Judah He-Hasid or Judah the Pious), he lived in the 12th and 13th century in Regensburg, Germany, where the junction of the Danube, Naab, and Regen Rivers converge near Munich, Germany. Rabbi Ben Samuel was born in Speyer, Germany in 1140 A.D. and died February 22, 1217 A.D. in Regensburg. He was one of the fathers of Chassidei (Hassidic Judaism), a movement of Jewish mysticism in Germany which was different than Rabbi Lurias' Kabbalistic mysticism. The Hassidics emphasized strong moral ethics and prayer.

When Rabbi Judah He-Hasid settled in Regensburg, it was here at the age of 55 that he wrote his three seminal books: the 'Sefer Hasidim' (*Book of the Pious*), 'Sefer Gematriyot' (a book on "Gematria") and 'Sefer Hakavod' (*Book of Glory*). The latter book is now lost and only a few quotations remain and are noted by subsequent authors. The years of 1096-1270 A.D were the years of the Roman Christian crusades into the Holy Land. During that time a flourishing correspondence was carried on back and forth from Jerusalem, the Holy Land and the European rabbis in Worms and Regensburg, Germany. It was in these letters that they discussed Saladin the Great and Saladin's Sunni Ayyubid Dynasty in Egypt.<sup>(3)</sup>

Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel began publishing his Biblical calculations called the "Gematria", plus his astronomical observations and gave us this summary which we can read today. The fulfillment of the prophecies occurred hundreds of years after his death. Here is a translated quote from Rabbi Ben Samuel:

"When the Ottoman (Turks) – who were already a power to be reckoned with on the Bosphorus 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 times."

According to Leviticus 25, one Jubilee period is 50 years. In the 50th year, each person would regain ownership of his or her tribal lands, debts were to be canceled, and slaves freed. One could sell themselves into slavery in certain unusual situations. As Rabbi Judah the Pious looked into the future, he was postulating theoretical calculations, which today, centuries later, are showing themselves to be amazingly accurate. It would be over 300 years after his death that his first prediction would soon come to pass.

During the Roman Christian Crusades, the Mamluks began their reign in Jerusalem in 1250 A.D. when the last Ayyubid Sultan of Egypt, Turanshah was assassinated by his Mamluk slave General Aibek. Aibek then founded the Mamluk Bahri dynasty. They held power over Jerusalem until they were conquered by the Ottoman Turks in the year 1517 A.D., 300 years after the death of Rabbi Judah ben Samuel.

According to Rabbi Judah He-Hasid, the Ottoman Turks would later wrestle power and control over the Middle East and assume power and control over Jerusalem. According to his predictive calculations, they would control the land of Palestine and Jerusalem for eight Jubilees. Eight Jubilees (50 years x 8 Jubilees) = 400 years. We know again by history that the Ottoman Turks gained control

of Jerusalem in the year 1517 A.D. and held power over Jerusalem for precisely 400 years, when they were conquered in 1917, by the British military forces under the command of British military General Edmund Allenby on Hanukkah, December 17, 1917. The Ottoman Turks began to falter following their defeat of the army at Jerusalem. The city of Damascus fell on October 1st, Homs on October 16th, and Aleppo on October 25th. Turkey capitulated on October 30th, 1918. These sited cities are regular names in Middle East news today. After 1918 the League of Nations conferred the nations of Turkey, Syria, and Egypt over to the British Mandate which includes the Land of Israel (then called Palestine) and Jerusalem.

The prophecy continues: *"Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man's land for one jubilee."* It is amazingly true that from the year of 1917 when the British Mandate controlled the city of Jerusalem, the city Jerusalem did become under international law a "no-man's land for one jubilee".

Fifty years after 1917, the Israeli army captured the city of Jerusalem in the Six Day War on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1967. As predicted and exactly one Jubilee (50 years later) Jerusalem returned for the first time to the control of Jewish-Israeli ownership, after not being possessed since the day when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. **This cannot be perceived as simply coincidence**, and Jews will quickly tell you Hebrew has no word for coincidence.

Called the *"Light of Israel"*, Rabbi Ben Samuel truly was a *"Light to the World"*. He did not discriminate against anyone who wanted to learn from him. Even the Roman Catholic bishops of his day sought his wisdom. His students were some of the great Torah scholars of the ages. According to his students Rabbi Isaac Ben Moses (Vienna, Austria), Rabbi Baruch Ben Samuel (Mainz, Germany), and Rabbi Simcha (Speyer, Germany), Rabbi Judah the Pious was a model example in his role of strict abstinence, selflessness and of service to others. His burning desire was awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

When he was asked where he received his wisdom, his answer was: *"The prophet Elijah, who will precede the Messiah, appeared to me and revealed many things to me and emphasized that the precondition for answered prayer is that it is fueled by enthusiasm and joy for the greatness and holiness of God."*

As we read the studies of this great man of God, and review his findings in all their simplicity and accuracy, we stand amazed today. In review, just before 1217 A.D., this rabbinic sage and giant of Israel made the amazing prediction that the "Ottoman Turks would rule over the holy city of Jerusalem for eight Jubilees."

Unknown to Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel, the first known reference of the "Ottomans" was in 1215 A.D., just two years before he died. The Ottomans were a Turkish speaking tribe that was first ruled by Ertugrul in the land of Anatolia (Turkey). His rule continued to ascend in power as the Seljuk Turkish Empire decayed. Ertugrul's son, Osman, became the name-sake "father of the Ottoman Turks" for his name had been corrupted in Europe as "Ottoman".

The Ottomans expanded to Nicaea (present-day Iznik) and then went over the Dardanelles in 1362 A.D. Almost ninety years later, the Ottoman ruler Mehmed II conquered the Byzantine Imperial capital, Constantinople (Istanbul today) in the year 1453 A.D. Eventually the Ottomans ruled over most of the Balkans, the Fertile Crescent and Egypt included the forsaken land of Palestine.<sup>(4)</sup>

This empire lasted until after World War II, but the Holy Land and Jerusalem were taken possession of in 1917 by British General Sir Edmund Allenby. Allenby halted the British Army some twenty miles away from the great city and sent a telegram directly to King George V, saying, *"I will not fire British guns on God's City"*, signed Allenby. The King wired him back with one word: "PRAY!" The next day the Turks left without a shot being fired and Allenby led the British Army into Jerusalem on foot. A flight of British airplanes had flown over Jerusalem and the Turks had never seen airplanes before; they had been frightened off and fled Jerusalem.

Just as Judah Ben Samuel predicted, the years of 1217 A.D. and 1517 A.D. were recognized in the Bible as 50 year Jubilee Years. Three hundred years of six Jubilees after 1217 A.D., the Ottoman Turks took control of Jerusalem until it's failing years when the Allied Forces swept the last ruler of the Ottomans from power by the forces of the British military troops under the command of General George Allenby in 1917.

Even after Israel's Declaration of Independence on May 15, 1948 and the War of Independence against five Islamic nations, the city of Jerusalem remained a "divided city". The Jordanian government controlled the eastern part of Jerusalem including the Temple Mount and the Old City of Jerusalem. A strip of land divided the Israeli control of Western Jerusalem from the Jordanian controlled Eastern Jerusalem. This strip of land was called "The No-Man's Land" by both Israelis and Jordanians.

Then in 1967, Israel was once again attacked. After the Six Day War, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the entire region of the West Bank was conquered by the Israeli Army and the entire city of Jerusalem was returned to the possession of the Jewish nation. Seven hundred and fifty years after the prophecy was made by Rabbi Judah the Pious, (from 1217 A.D. to 1967 A.D.) all the conditions of the prophecy were fulfilled to the letter of the prophetic oracle. Then Rabbi Judah He-Hasid wrote:

*"In the ninth jubilee Jerusalem will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which will signify the beginning of the Messianic end time."*

This left one more Jubilee to be completed. It would be the tenth Jubilee since the Ottoman Turks took control of Jerusalem and the Land of Palestine in the year 1517 A.D. According to this Jewish sage, the end of this tenth Jubilee will "signify the beginning of the Messianic end time."

Jewish sages and old Rabbis state that **the Epic Year of the Messiah will be here on Rosh Hashanah 2016, or the Jewish year of 5777.** The age of Enlightenment of the Torah will have begun. The forces of evil will have been destroyed and the Kingdom of God on planet earth will begin with the Mashiach Ben David ruling with the "rod of iron". Did you catch that statement? The rabbis have determined that the Messiah is returning **by or before the end of the Jewish year 5777 or the beginning of (5778) 2018, on the Gregorian calendar of September 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, of 2017!**

The Finger of the Divine is rapidly transforming our world into the final ***"Guela"*** (Redemption) for all of Israel: Judah and the Ten Tribes together. When it comes to the Lost Ten Tribes of the House of Israel, Jewish naturalized homelands as they know them will soon disappear and they will have only one choice left: either assimilate into a rapidly decaying gentile world, or return to their ancestral tribal homelands in Israel. The prophets have a lot to say concerning the fate of each of those Lost Israelites. The location of the so-called lost Ten Tribes is really known today and their whereabouts have been identified through genetic DNA testing conducted by Johns Hopkins University Medical Center which was first begun in the early 1990's.

According to Biblical Law, some suggest that the Jubilee is only observed when all twelve tribes of the Jewish nation are living in Israel. This idea comes from Leviticus 25:10 which states, ***"And you shall sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim freedom throughout the land for all who live on it."*** This interpretation meant that the Jubilee was only to be observed when every tribe is living in their specified part of the land which was allotted when the Land of Israel was originally divided between the twelve tribes.

The last time this was literally the case was when the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom in 721 B.C. It appears that the Jubilee was only calculated until the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple's destruction, but it had actually ceased to be observed long before that time. Since then it has ceased to be recognized in any form. There is evidence now to suggest that God's clock was quietly counting the Jubilees even when the Jews were oblivious to the Jubilees. This means that we must not be negligent either in recognizing this nearness of His Coming. My sources have advised me that the Rapture can be recognized as an ***"imminent"*** event! I have defined this time frame or period as the ***"Season of the Rapture"***. The accuracy of the prophecy of Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel provides confidence for us when we recognize that the Jubilee years have occurred in years ending in ***"17"*** and ***"67"***. This is illustrated in the summary of Rabbi Ben Samuel's historically validated dates below.

#### **Summary of Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel's Prophecy for 2017:**

**1517:** Ottoman Rule Starts & Will Last for 400 Years.

**1914:** WWI Starts on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av (August 1<sup>st</sup> on the Gregorian calendar). Historically, many terrible events for the Jewish people occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. The 9<sup>th</sup> of Av floats on the Hebrew calendar over a two-month period and occurs either in July or in August.

**1917:** Ottoman Rule Ends (December). General Allenby takes Jerusalem, 3-1/2 years after WWI began. This marks the end of 8 Jubilees (400 Years) for Israel. The British Balfour Declaration is declared.

**1917 – 1967:** 9<sup>th</sup> Jubilee for Israel, Jerusalem is a no-man's land.

**1967 – 2017:** 10<sup>th</sup> Jubilee for Israel (according to the writings of Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel Jerusalem is controlled by Israel after the 1967 Six Day War that was won on June 7, 1967).

**2016 - 2017:** Jewish Year “5777” Is the Completion of the Age of Grace that spans from October 2, 2016 to September 20-22, 2017. **On September 23, 2017, the Belt of Orion will align over the Pyramids of Giza and the Revelation 12 Sign will appear in the Constellation of Virgo.**

**The prophecy details of Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel defies all human understanding, specifically since they were written before his death but only fulfilled in the years since his death.**

By the end of the Babylonian captivity it was clear that the Lord’s first visit was over 500 years away (based upon Daniel 9:24-27). When the decree to rebuild Jerusalem, was signed by Artaxerxes as described in Nehemiah 2, they could begin counting off the years which is exactly what Daniel told the Magi to do and that is why their descendants went looking in Bethlehem for the Messiah and found him when He was under two years of age at the First Advent. As they say, the rest is history. Jesus arrived right on time in Jerusalem, as prophesied, on Palm Sunday in 32 A.D. to present himself as Israel’s Messiah and King

**There were four Persian decrees and we can easily determine the correct decree:**

• 1 <sup>st</sup> decree of Cyrus in 538 B.C.	• Authorized the rebuilding of the Temple.
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> decree of Darius Hystaspes in 519 B.C.	• Reaffirmed right of the Jews to rebuild Temple.
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> decree of Artaxerxes in 456 B.C.	• Authorized Ezra to take priests/Levites for religious services.
• 4 <sup>th</sup> decree of Artaxerxes in 445 B.C.	• Authorized Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem’s walls.

The first three decrees were religious decrees, while the fourth decree was a political decree. From the political decree of Nehemiah 2:1 to the day that Jesus Christ rode into the Temple Mount area on Palm Sunday, 32 A.D., it was exactly **69 “SEVENS”** of years – **69 X 7 X 360 = 173,880 days**, an accuracy of **99.99999%**. This was first analyzed and studied by Sir Robert Anderson of Scotland Yard, and author of *‘The Coming Prince’*. **The accuracy was just less than 48 hours to 173,880 days!!!**

Early Church writers believed that the Lord could return at any moment. Some say that is because most of them wrote while the Temple was still standing and Israel still existed as a nation. After 70 A.D. that was no longer true and hasn’t been since, but by then most of what became the New Testament had already been written, with the exception of the Apostle John’s books. This point of view isn’t consistent with the idea that Scripture is the inspired Word of God, or that God knows the end from the beginning. Since the Lord did nothing to dissuade them from believing this and writing about it, and since He obviously knew the schedule of events to follow, they couldn’t have been referring to the Second Coming. Unfortunately, all arms of Catholicism, and 90% of liberal Protestant denominations merely treat the Bible allegorically or spiritualize its meanings!

I believe that for each generation the statements concerning the Lord’s coming for us (as opposed to His Second Coming to earth) has been true also on an individual basis, and that this is what the New Testament writers were really referring to, whether they understood it that way or not. No one has ever known the day or hour of his or her personal appointment with the Lord. For many He has come at a time when they weren’t expecting Him, and obviously it’s never been more

than a lifetime away for anyone. Being almost 80 years of age, I am always cognizant of my imminent personal appointment with the Lord.

So, in a personal sense, the doctrine of imminency has always been valid, yet at the same time, it takes no liberties with Scriptural interpretation. We are taught to live each day as if it might be our last, and to always be prepared to be taken. For all but the last generation, it has been a personal event rather than a corporate one, but all the same, it's always been an imminent one. The Lord has come for every generation as death has overtaken them, and no one really knows when his or her personal encounter with the Lord will take place. Over the past twenty years, I have come to the conclusion that I choose to live as if the Lord could come for me at any moment, because He really could.

Trying to anticipate the Rapture by looking for the most likely date for its occurrence is man's understanding, and not God's because it was first revealed to the Apostle Paul. The thought behind the Doctrine of Imminency concludes that the Lord can come at any moment for His Church. The term "imminent" means "*ready to take place*" or "*impending*". The New Testament teaches that the Rapture is always imminent. The Rapture is a 'signless' event that can occur at any moment; nothing must be prophetically fulfilled before the Rapture occurs. This is in stark contrast to the Second Coming of Christ Jesus, which is preceded by many events that transpire during the Seven-year Tribulation and can be determined by the date of the confirmation of the covenant with the Antichrist, –(Daniel 9:27). It is my personal belief that covenant will be the ratification of the original 1994 Oslo II Accords. The Oslo II Accords have never been done away with, but have merely been shelved for a future recall and can be ratified by the parties involved. The Hebrew text of Daniel 9:27 indicates that this covenant already has "existed", and the "many" are the leaders of the Israeli Knesset.

The imminence of the Rapture is certainly implied in the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 13:11-12: "***You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.***" Imminence only makes sense in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. In the Mid-tribulation view, the rapture takes place 3-1/2 years after the Tribulation begins. In the Post-Tribulation view, the rapture follows the Tribulation. Imminence is impossible with the two latter views. This is one of the key reasons for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture!

The fact that the Rapture is a 'signless' event and could occur at any moment ought to spur the believer to live in purity and righteousness. Living in holiness is a given in the lives of those who hold to the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Titus 2:13-14 suggests the fact that the glorified, Holy Son of God could step through the door of heaven at any moment and is intended by God to be the most pressing, incessant motivation for holy living and aggressive ministry; it is the greatest cure for lethargy and apathy. It should make a difference in every Christian's values, actions, priorities, and goals.

Pre-Tribulation Rapture believers are falsely accused of escapism because everyone wants to escape the events of the Tribulation. The intensity of Tribulation events is not at all promising for those who will be left behind. I did a 3-part Bible/Biblical Forensics<sup>®</sup> series of "End Time Events",

which identified 58 specific events that will occur during the Seven-Year Tribulation. The fact is that list was a mere minimum of events! The list might actually be closer to 100 specific events noted throughout the Bible. What person in their right mind wouldn't want to escape from the events destined to occur during the Great Tribulation? The Rapture IS our GREAT ESCAPE! Paul says in Acts 2:21: ***"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."***

Since this series has focused on specific markers that have narrowed the "Season of the Rapture" to definable, but Biblical, times and events, I thought it appropriate to include some thoughts on the concept of "Imminency". One never knows exactly when an imminent event will occur.

### Three things are true:

- **First** - One cannot count on a certain amount of time to transpiring before an imminent event occurs. Therefore, the best approach is to **always be prepared for it to happen at any moment.**
- **Second** - **It is not logically inferable or wise to set a date for the occurrence of an imminent event.** Date setting implies that the event cannot take place **until that date.** It thereby **destroys the concept of imminency.** Further, it can lead to unbelief, weakened faith and trust in the Lord, if that date comes and goes without the anticipated event occurring. Approaching the time period for the Rapture has been problematic for many of us who have concluded that the Fall Feasts would be fulfilled by the Lord just as He did by fulfilling the Spring Feasts. I can tell you that I have long wrestled with this dichotomy between the imminency of this event and the idea that there would be a fixed date to factor into the overall pattern for the Feasts of the Lord as outlined in Leviticus 23. **It is a historically verified fact that Jesus Christ fulfilled the Spring Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, and Pentecost – precisely to the day, hour, and moment!**
- **Third** - **it is not justifiable to say that, because an event is imminent, it will happen soon.** The Bible indicates that the Second Coming of Christ Jesus was imminent when the New Testament was written. However, it is obvious to us today that Christ Jesus' return was not a soon-coming event for those who lived in apostolic times.

### Because we do not know exactly when Christ Jesus will return, three things are true:

- **First** - **We cannot count on a certain amount of time transpiring before His return;** therefore, it is wise always **to be ready** for Him to come at any moment.
- **Second** - We cannot responsibly set a date for Christ's return despite whatever knowledge, clues and information we have gleaned in our studies.
- **Third** - we cannot necessarily say that just because Christ Jesus' Second Coming is imminent it will happen soon. **It may happen soon, but it does not necessarily have to be soon.**

A significant contrast exists in the Bible. It outlines an imminent return of Christ Jesus, but it also describes a return of the Lord that is not imminent – a return that cannot take place until after the "Great Tribulation" –(Matthew 24:21, 29-30). This contrast prompts the conclusion that the Bible

teaches two future comings of Christ Jesus – the imminent one is to Rapture the Church and the non-imminent one is to rule the world after the Great Tribulation. Any view other than the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view is incongruent or inconsistent and conflicts with the Biblical concept of the imminent return of Christ Jesus. God does not lie in His Word, and as such, there is a deeper level of consistency that is both overt and covert as well. Scripture provides us no fewer than 28 specific passages in the Bible where there is a differentiation, a distinction is made between a Rapture and a Second Coming<sup>(5)</sup>. Nevertheless, this fact establishes an event that we choose to call the Rapture!

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture view teaches that Christ Jesus will come to Rapture the Church before Daniel’s “Seventieth Week” begins, and that nothing else must happen before that coming and that Christ’s coming could take place at any moment. Christ Jesus’ imminent coming should motivate believers to live their lives as if the Rapture could happen on any given day –(1<sup>st</sup> John 2:28; 3:2-3).

The imminent return of the Lord Christ Jesus can only be reconciled with the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view. The following passages of Scripture teach this truth. Those verses stating that Christ Jesus could return at any moment, without warning and those instructing believers to wait and look for the Lord’s coming teach the doctrine of imminence.

**The following passages clearly connect imminence with the Pre-Tribulation doctrine:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:7	1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:22	Philippians 3:20
Philippians 4:5	1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:10	1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:15-18
1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:6	1 <sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:14	Titus 2:13
Hebrews 9:28	James 5:7-9	1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 1:13
Jude 21	Rev 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20	Revelation 22:17

It is significant that all of the above passages relate to the Rapture and speak of the Lord’s coming as something that could occur at any moment; in other words, it is imminent! This is precisely why believers are waiting for a person – Christ Jesus – not just an event or series of events such as those related to the Tribulation which leads up to Christ Jesus’ Second Coming in which He returns to the earth and remains during His millennial reign.

The early church had a special greeting for one another, as recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:22, which was “*Maranatha!*” It is an Aramaic expression meaning “Our Lord Come!” The term only makes sense if it is understood as an “**at any moment**” or an “imminent” occurrence; such an understanding only supports the Pre-Tribulation Rapture doctrine.

No wonder these early Christians coined such an unusual or unique greeting which reflects their eager expectation of the Blessed Hope as a very real presence in their everyday lives. It provided a motivation for Godly living, evangelism and sharing the Good News! The life of the church today could only be improved if “*Maranatha*” were to return as a sincere greeting on the lips of an expectant people. ***Maranatha!***

When I decided to prepare this segment, I wanted to be sure myself so that I could assure my readers that the **“Three-Fold Witness”** is sound in every way and to encourage readers not to lose heart. I spent weeks going back to the start reviewing and recapping my research, looking for potential flawed analysis and/or conclusions. I personally believe that the prophecy of Judah Ben Samuel adds to our reasons for great hope in the soon coming call, **“Come up hither, and I will shew thee great things which must be hereafter”**. Since we are talking about the Seven-year abode in heaven, before our return for 1,000 years of life to reign with the Lord Christ Jesus, this segment should not conclude without adding additional information that deals with the **“Gospel in the Stars”**. It, perhaps, is the most difficult for believers to grasp because astronomy is not a common field of study for people in general.

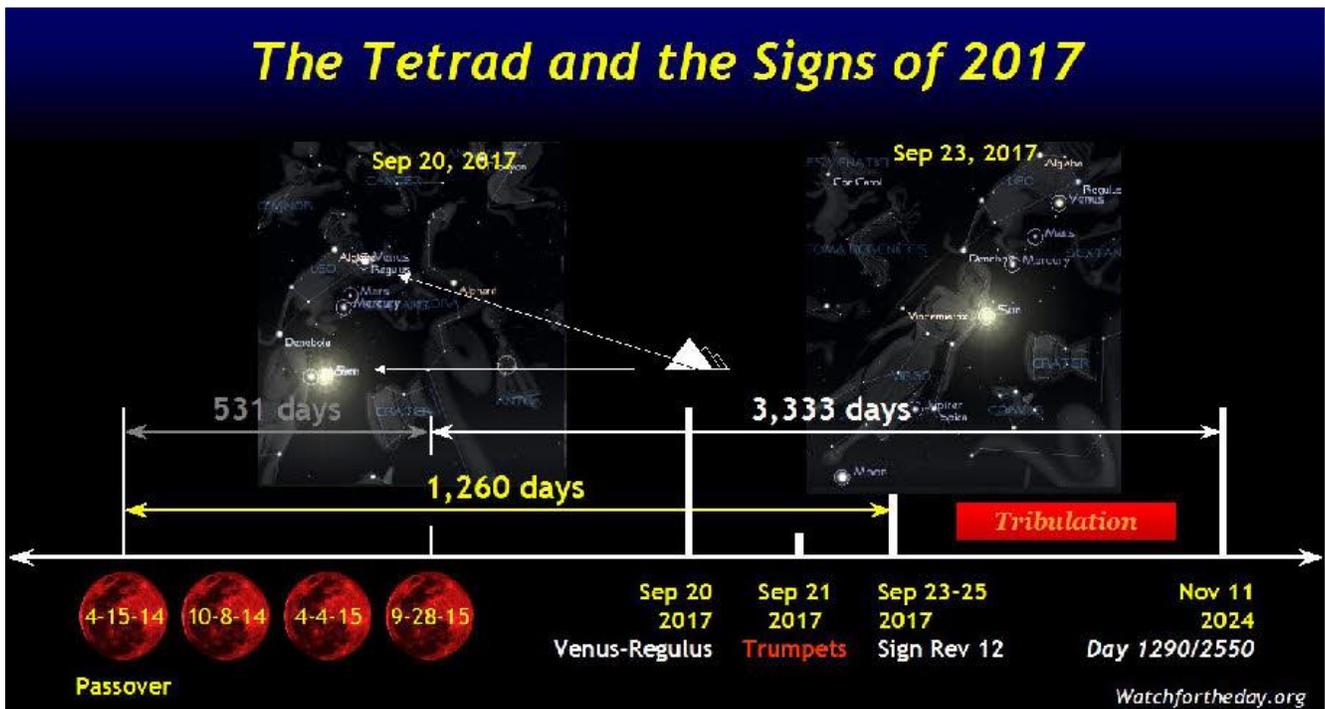
We experienced a Super-Moon this past **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**; it was the largest in “seventy” years since January 1948 and the year of Israel’s rebirth to statehood. November 2016 contains a number of important events associated with it, but none as important as the fact that the **“Mazzaroth”** reveals that **Jupiter enters the womb of Virgo on November 20<sup>th</sup> and remains there for nine months and 20 days through September 2017.** If you recall, I noted that the prophecy of Revelation 12 is a **two-fold or “dual prophecy”, with dual fulfillments,** first at the birth of the Christ Child, and then again at His Second Coming. The birthing image of Israel’s rebirth as a nation prophesied in Isaiah 66:7-11 speaks in imagery of bringing forth a “birthing” event. It also provides a template for our understanding of Revelation 12. Near the end below I note how the translators of the Bible erred greatly in the punctuation of the Greek text translation to English by inserting commas or periods, when they should have used the Definite Article **“The”** as well as the conjunction **“and”**.

The moon passes through the astronomical ‘gestation’ period (9 months) where the planet of the Messiah (Jupiter) is within the ‘womb’ of the Constellation of Virgo during the Great Sign of Virgo depicted in Revelation 12. The **“Mazzaroth”** –(Job 38:32) is perhaps one of the most difficult concepts of the Bible, but it is also one of the most significant and persuasive. In simple terms, **the very signs of Jesus First Advent are setting up exactly to reoccur at His Second Advent.**

Astronomically speaking, the Moon passes through Virgo’s ‘womb’ as if to be ‘birthed’ 12 times or roughly once every month from the time Jupiter enters the ‘womb’ to when it is ‘birthed’ as the “Man-child”. As the Sun revolves around the houses of the Constellation or the stations of the **“Mazzaroth”**, it generally stays in one Constellation sign or house for roughly 30 days or 30-degrees of arch [30 X 12 = 360 degrees]. Thus, the 12 Constellations can also be configured by depicting a ‘clock’ equaling 12 months with a 1 year revolution. Each Sign correlates to an ‘hour’ of cosmic or prophetic time. The fact that “Virgo” began the cycle of the **“Mazzaroth”** and “Leo” completes the full cycle and is of particular or special interest to us. In an earlier chapter, I included the meaning of the various Constellations that made up the **“Gospel in the Stars”**. If you recall, the reference was that the Sphinx faces due east into the rising Sun, pointing to **and suggesting that the Rapture and Second Coming** which occurs when the moon and Jupiter enter the phase of Virgo when ‘birthing’ or delivery is at hand.

The planet of Jupiter as a ‘type’ of the ‘Man-child’, is birthed on or about September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There is a growing whirlwind of speculation and conjecture on the meaning of the Virgo Constellation

and its application to the pregnant woman in the book of Revelation 12 and the possible prophetic implications. Will this time be of a great ‘travailing’? For whom? Israel and/or the Body of Christ? Or will it usher in the arrival of the Antichrist and the New World Order? What will be birthed on September 23<sup>rd</sup>? This is the day following the “Feast of Trumpets” in 2017 [Wednesday, September 20<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>]. **September 23, 2017 appears to be highly significant!** Historically, Jewish weddings took place on Wednesdays and the observance of the “Feast of Trumpets” concludes on a Sabbath. This next Rosh Hashanah on **September 21-22, 2017** is timed perfectly with the “Theme of the Bride”.<sup>(1)</sup> Some Biblical astronomers suggest something foreboding could occur, like a “dual event” involving the revealing of the Antichrist along with the arrival of the true Messiah, Christ Jesus who comes for His (Bride Church). As such, it could well forecast the beginning of the “Seven-Year Tribulation” of Daniel’s 70th Week commencing the “Day of the Lord”.



What is equally fascinating to contemplate is that the other ‘Great Sign’ that conjoins with the Virgo Constellation, namely the ‘**Great Red Dragon**’ is also described in Revelation 12. A couple years ago the occult world of astrology inserted a 13<sup>th</sup> Constellation, called “Ophiuchus”, into the “**Mazzaroth**”. During the summer of 2016, Rush Limbaugh, the talk-radio show host for “*on loan from God*”, had some fun with this addition to the Zodiac. But seriously, the Rapture typology does lend itself to a Rapture motif as depicted in the Revelation 12 Sign.

There are clear prophetic overlays referencing the Great Virgo Sign and reveals a repeat accounting of a prior pattern, mainly a retelling of the prophetic typology in the past when Mary did give birth to the Messiah who will rule with an ‘Iron Scepter’. The Great Virgo Sign is a multi-layered ‘Sign’ that is casting its shadow presently, and is similar to a template or overlay, like a color acetate transparency depicting a geographic map of past kingdoms.

Presently, such a sign may also be actually associated with the true Rapture of the Bride of Christ as portrayed in the “Man-child’s” Rapture depicted in the stars as well as in Revelation 12. The context is the climax related to the Great Sign of Virgo appearing in the night sky on the day after Rosh Hashanah of the Rabbinical Calendar and begins the Hebrew year “**5778**” [September 23, 2017]. That event is less than eight months away. Technically speaking, the astronomical ‘Sign of Virgo’ will occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Jewish New Year **5778**. What is rather interesting is that the 12 Moon cycles that encompass Jupiter’s “gestation” period within the ‘womb’ of Virgo leading up to the Great Sign of **September 23, 2017** is that it was kicked-off by a spectacular Super Moon on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. (See the charts below). Symbolically, it was telling us that God was making an announcement!

The “Super Moon” on November 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> is the last (really huge) one of the year and supposedly the closest to earth so far in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The last one occurred nearly 70 years ago on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1948, some 110 days from May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948. In astronomy, that term “Super Moon” was coined only 30 short years ago. Before that they were simply called a ‘perigee full moon’ or a ‘perigee new moon’ when the moon is closest to earth in its orbit. That date saw the ‘birth’ of Israel as a nation, a Virgin represented by the Virgo Sign in the Heavens. Coincidentally seven Muslim armies, much like the 7-headed Red Dragon, sought to devour the Israelite “Man-child” then an infant nation. Many believe this historical ‘birth’ of the modern State of Israel, although imperfect and in disbelief was the Biblical and prophetic fulfillment depicted by the budding of the “Fig Tree”. This is the ‘Sign’ and typology that Jesus Christ affirmed would occur in the Last Days hinting the nation would be born in “one day” or “at once” as prophetically foretold in Isaiah 66:7-8. The nation was miraculously delivered as war did ensue much like it will as described in Revelation 13 after the “Man-child” is secured.

There will be a literal celestial war as Lucifer the symbolic “Red Dragon” seeks the last frontal assault into the Throne Room of God in Heaven with Israel on earth; this corresponds to the final Seven-years of Daniel 9:24-27 commonly referred to as Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week. The essential calculation in this depiction of the “Gestation” period of the planet Jupiter in the “Womb of Virgo” [from **November 20, 2016 – September 9, 2017**] is equal to **293 days** or **9 months and 20 days**, or **41 weeks and 6 days**. The maximum “Gestation” for humans is **290 days**! Obstetricians are not permitted by law to allow “Gestation” to go beyond 42 weeks.

No, I am not a doctor nor do I play one on TV. But seriously, the late Zola Levitt, a believer in Jesus/Yeshua HaMashiach, aired a study back around 1998 on his television program showing that the life-cycle in the womb, from conception through delivery, is modeled perfectly in the Feasts of the Lord! These Feasts are considered appointed times for God’s people, the Jews, and those who believe Christ Jesus is their Lord and Savior.

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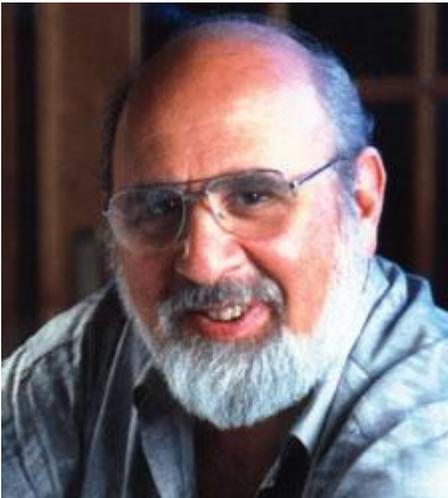
#### **ZOLA LEVITT'S CORRELATION OF THE FEASTS OF ISRAEL AND PRE-NATAL DEVELOPMENT:**

The late Zola Levitt was one of my favorite television ministry teachers. He was a brilliant Messianic Jew, who expressed Biblical truths very well. We met when I was a seminary student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He gave several lectures in a course I was enrolled in. In 1979, he published a small book, *The Seven Feasts of Israel*. I purchased this book a number of years ago, but I do not know if it is still in print.

In this book Zola Levitt (photo below) relates an experience he had with one of his wife's pregnancies. He visited the obstetrician with her. As the obstetrician reviewed the stages of development for their baby, Zola's ready grasp saw in those stages of prenatal development the calendar of the feasts of Israel. It would appear that God has encoded the development of babies to coincide with the calendar of Israel's Feasts. In the following summary readers will find a list of Levitt's conclusions. Levitt may have simplified an unborn baby's development (for example, certain organs may develop over time before functioning, rather than develop as though a switch is thrown). Nonetheless, his analysis is interesting and I hope you consider Levitt's conclusions:

**Israel's Feast of Passover:** Passover occurred on the fourteenth day of the first month of the Jewish calendar. Passover signified the salvation of Israelites from bondage and the beginning of a new life in the Promised Land.

**Jesus' ministry (New Life):** Jesus was sent to be the blood sacrifice for all mankind. Anyone who accepts Jesus as Savior has a new life in Heaven.



**Baby's development (ovulation):** Ovulation— the release of an ovum (egg) from the ovary— occurs on the fourteenth day of the month and begins the pregnancy, a new life for the baby.

**Israel's Feast of Unleavened Bread:** This feast occurred one day following Passover.

**Jesus' ministry (the Seed):** The seed of any plant must be planted in the ground before it can sprout, become a new creation, and bear fruit. Jesus was buried in a tomb to arise and lead His followers to bear fruit.

**Baby's development (fertilization):** The ovum (egg) is fertilized by the man's spermatozoon ("seed") within one day of ovulation.

**Israel's Feast of First Fruits:** This feast occurred on the Sunday following Passover, or two to six days following Passover. A sheaf of the first harvested grain was waved before God as a statement of faith that *Jehovah-Jireh* would see and provide for the needs of His people and in thanksgiving for God's goodness.

**Jesus' ministry (resurrection):** Jesus, our Bread of Life, rose from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion. The "planted Seed" arose to become the first of God's harvest under the New Covenant.

**Baby's development (implantation):** The fertilized ovum (egg) travels two to six days in the fallopian tube, before implanting in the endometrium (the womb's lining).

**Israel's Feast of Weeks (Shavuot, Pentecost):** This feast occurred fifty days after First Fruits. New grain was offered to God in thanksgiving for the grain harvest.

**Jesus' ministry (harvest):** The Christian Church, the Body of Christ, was founded on this day. The ministry of the Church was and is to harvest souls for God's Kingdom.

**Baby's development (new creature, fetus):** As the fertilized ovum divides and grows in the shelter of the mother's womb, it becomes recognizable as a fetus with human characteristics at approximately fifty days of gestation. From this time, the developing baby becomes even more human in appearance.

**Israel's Day of Trumpets (Yom Teruah):** This day occurred on the first day of the seventh month. Trumpet blasts acknowledged God's presence in the land, announced the beginning of the High Holy Days, and signaled God's finality for the harvest.

**Jesus' ministry (rapture/resurrection):** Jesus will return in the clouds to call the saints (His followers) to Him for eternity. This blessed event will be accompanied by the blast of God's trumpet and the shouted command to come up to Jesus.

**Baby's development (hearing):** At approximately the seventh month of gestation, the baby's hearing is developed, and he or she could hear the sounds of Jesus' appearing.

**Israel's Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur):** This day, the most important day for devout Jews, occurred on the tenth day of the seventh month. This day was set aside to atone for sins. People sought forgiveness of sin through sacrifice of goats. The sacrifices symbolized God's promise to forgive and forget sins, if there is confession and repentance.

**Jesus' ministry (redemption):** Zion (Israel) will be saved during the Tribulation, as Jews come to accept Jesus as their Messiah. Redemption for any Gentile or Jew must come through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. Like the goat for *Azazel*, used in this day's sacrifice, Jesus became our Scapegoat, taking upon Himself our sins and dying for them.

**Baby's development (blood— hemoglobin A):** Oxygen is carried throughout the body by the iron-containing protein, hemoglobin, found in red blood cells. The baby's hemoglobin, hemoglobin F, begins changing to adult hemoglobin, hemoglobin A, in the seventh month of gestation. This change in hemoglobin better adapts the baby to live in the outside world, breathing atmospheric air, rather than living in the womb, having his/her mother do the breathing.

**Israel's Feast of Tabernacles (Booths, Sukkot):** This feast occurred on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. This joyous feast celebrated the days that God lived with the Jews in the wilderness, when they lived in temporary accommodations (booths) and worshiped in a portable tabernacle.

**Jesus' ministry (Kingdom):** Immediately after Jesus' Second Coming, He will dwell with His people for one-thousand years (the Millennial Kingdom).

**Baby's development (lungs):** The unborn baby's lungs begin to mature enough to support life outside the mother's body during the seventh month. "Spirit" and "breath" come from the same word,

whether in Old Testament Hebrew (“*ruach*”) or New Testament Greek (“*pneuma*”). God blew His breath/spirit into Adam, which has been transferred to every generation since Adam. The birth of the Christian Church was accompanied by the sound of a rushing wind, the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

**Israel's Feast of Hanukkah (Dedication, Lights, Chanukah):** This feast was held ten lunar cycles (280 days) into the Jewish calendar. After the defeat of Antiochus, this festival symbolized victory and a new birth for Israel. The eight candles may represent "the eight day of creation" (eternity), and these candles are lit by the ***Shamash*** (the servant candle), as Jesus came as the Suffering Servant to be the Light of the world.

**Jesus' ministry (eternity):** After Jesus' rule in the Millennial Kingdom, New Jerusalem (Heaven) will descend to Earth. We will live eternally with our Savior in this place of unimaginable beauty and peace.

**Baby's development (birth, the beginning of eternal life):** The baby is delivered (born) after approximately 280 days of gestation. The baby is now an eternal person, because he/she possesses an eternal soul, which is a remnant of God's breath (spirit) first breathed into Adam's nostrils. The baby will live eternally, whether in victory in Heaven or shameful defeat in Hell.

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Revelation 12:1-5 is another example of a “**dual prophecy**” containing “**dual fulfillments**” found in the Bible: In this case the First Advent of the Christ Child was on Rosh Hashanah on **September 11th, 3 B.C.**, and His Second Advent will most likely begin with the Rapture of the Church on or about **September 20-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017** which will then be followed by the “Day of the Lord” commencing with the fulfillment of Daniel’s 70th Week of Daniel 9:24-27 and the final seven years of God’s Master Plan to bring Israel to repentance. There are over two dozen of these “**dual fulfillment**” passages throughout the Scriptures. The most well-known example of a “**dual fulfillment**” application is the paired passages of “Luke 4:18-19 and Isaiah 61:1-2”. This is where Jesus intentionally did not complete the reading of the prophecy of Isaiah 61:1-2 in His recorded words of that reading at Luke 4:19. While in the Temple, Jesus read right up to a certain point of punctuation but stopped just before quoting the portion that addressed God’s judgment.

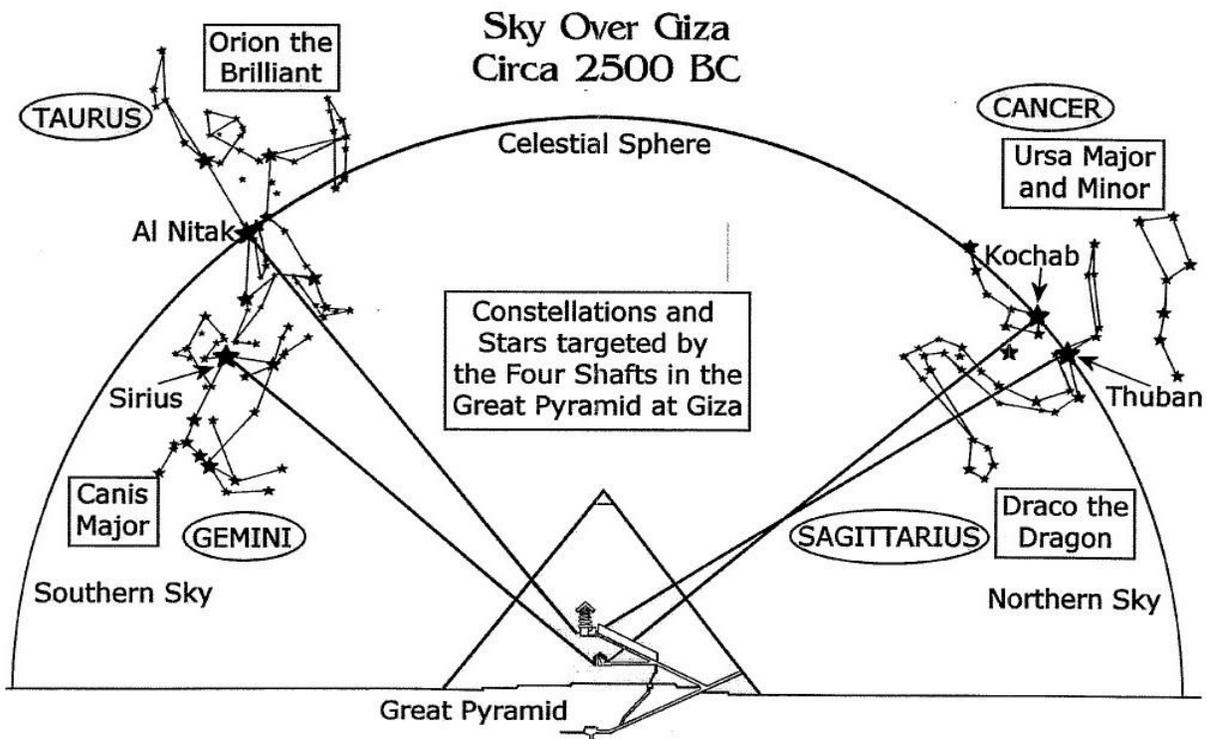
Unfortunately, our modern English translations, published since 1900 A.D., i.e., the NIV, NRSV, and others, poorly translate the Greek and Hebrew texts, and errantly insert commas or periods as punctuation or simply leave them off, when, in reality, the actual Greek uses a conjunction “**kai**” or “and”. The KJV retains the proper conjunction “**kai**” or “and”. To get an idea of what I am referring to here, place an NIV and a KJV Bible side by side and open to Revelation 12. This error appears partially a result of the lack of exact words needed to properly translate in each language which would mean the same thing. Another factor is that all modern-day Bible translations are based upon the corrupted “New Critical Greek Text” of authors Westcott and Hort of 1881. This improper translation is not unique in the use of “**kai**” or “and” but occurs elsewhere when translating Greek into English. The translation process fails to recognize that the Greek language text introduces a series of thoughts where each thought is identified with the definite article “**hee**” or “the”. English

speaking people do not understand its importance and use in the Greek language when they are reading the translated text. When the definitive article “the” is found in the Greek text, it is there for a specific reason, usually to separate a series of clauses, ideas and thoughts. The same is equally true when the Greek conjunction “*kai*” or “and” appears as well. The use of a comma or a series of commas is both inappropriate and grossly inadequate to convey the writer’s thoughts, intent, or purpose. It might be perfectly fine for a list of items such as ingredients in a cake recipe but not in the translating the Bible.

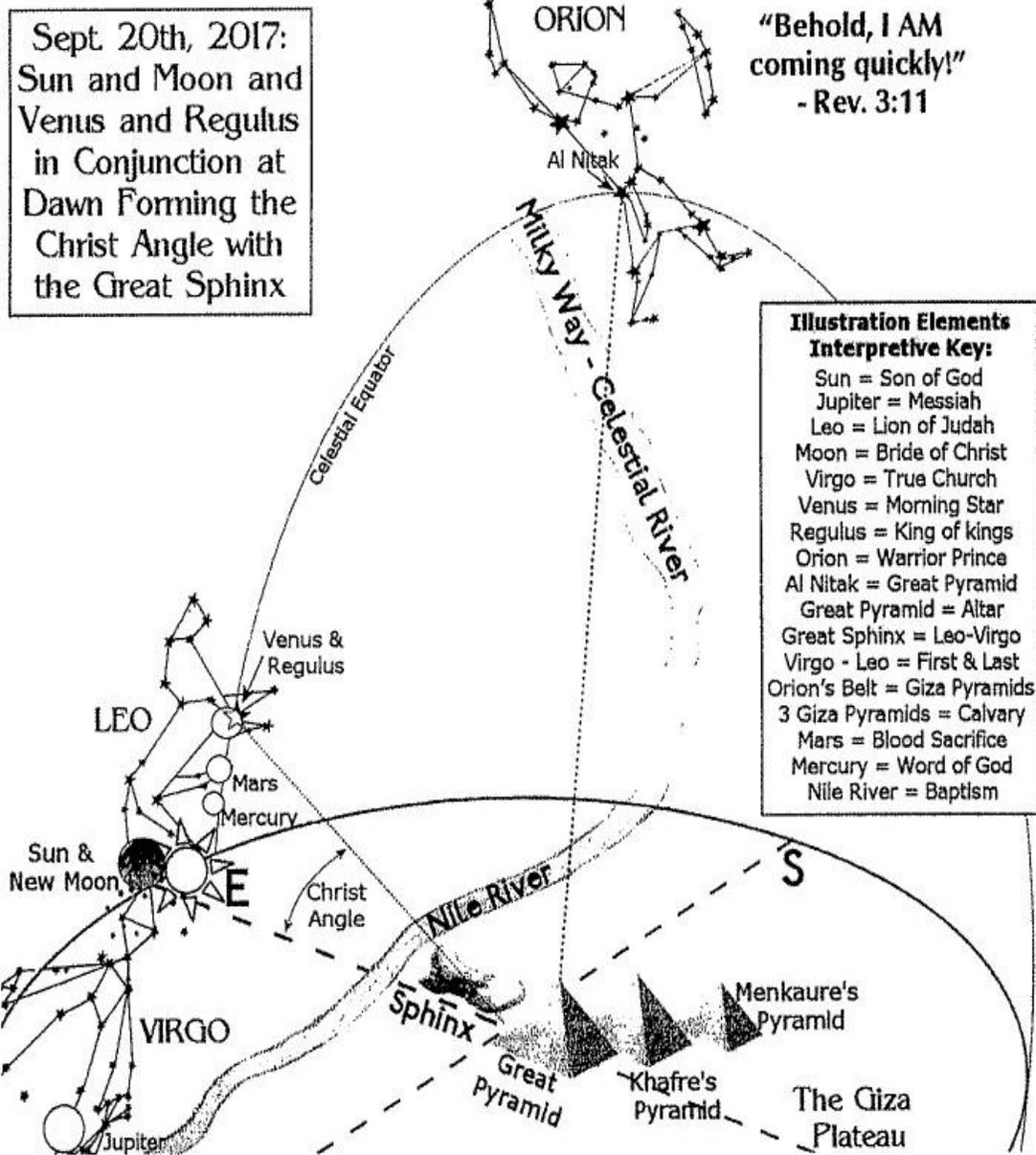
As a final thought on the birthing imagery, there are approximately 250 passages of Scripture that are cosmological or astronomical in their content meaning. Bible Astronomy is not a big field of study and those interested in it do not number more than a few thousand people in the world today. Revelation 12:1-5 contains content that is not just terrestrial but cosmological and astronomical in nature. Having had a college course in Astronomy has been a big help for me over the years and particularly in writing this series because it has helped describe and confirm a Creator who is from outside our space-time continuum.

We are witness to the most creative and incredible picture of how God has packaged His Master Plan for Redemption. The symbolism of marriage and birthing incorporated into an otherwise innocuous imagery pictures the larger theme of the Rapture and deliverance. The illustrations below and on the following page offer us an amazing picture of the events that will transpire during this period of the Feast of Trumpets between **September 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**. Below is an approximate image of what appeared in the night sky in 2,500 B.C.

The drawing below by Helen Lehman of "Pillar of Enoch" ministries brings together a visual image that ties several concepts together depicting how the heavens appeared at roughly the time of the construction of the Great Pyramid. In the drawing, you see four lines emanating upward from the Great Pyramid. These were once thought to have been airshafts used during the construction of the Great Pyramid, but these four shafts apparently served another purpose far more important than to provide air. They were a primitive telescope used to view the heavens, and specific constellations at a specific point in time in 2,500 B.C. Astronomers were subsequently able to determine what visual image appeared in the heavens when viewed through these four shafts. The picture we are looking at is the star Al Nitak, whose belt area is known as Orion's belt. It mirrors the exact geographical image of the Great Pyramid complex at Giza in Egypt. In the next illustration on the page below, we see that the location of Al Nitak "Orion's Belt" has moved in the heavens over a time span of some 4,500 years. I well understand the difficulty of comprehending this incredible event that takes place in the heavens over thousands of years. You have to admit it borders on the realm of the sensational but why should we not expect anything less than the spectacular from the Creator of the Universe?



## Heavenly Signs at Giza on September 20th, 2017



In the 3-dimensional drawing above we see that the position of the star, Al Nitak and Orion’s belt has moved to the Meridian position (immediately overhead) on **September 23, 2017**. The drawing is a celestial image of what we will see in the heavens on **September 23, 2017**. This 3-dimensional aspect is a drawing of vital importance in grasping the link between the entire message of the **“Gospel in the Stars”**, the **“Gospel in Stone”** and the **“Gospel in the Written Word”**.

The construction of the Great Pyramid includes the astronomical link to Orion's belt, thus connecting the most incredible message of the sign, which we call the **"Gospel in the Stars"**. Over 4,000+ years ago, the star Al Nitak moved ever so slowly to its new position shown on the next page. You see the Great Sphinx as an oversized road marker pointing at the Christ Angle of 26-degrees, 18-minutes, 9-seconds of inclination directly between the Constellations of Leo and Virgo, which mark the beginning and the end of the Gospel in the Stars!

# Once in 7000 years

## 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

**The KING Planet Jupiter**



**STRIPES**  
Isaiah 53v5

**PIERCED SIDE**  
John 19v34

**Arcturus**

**Leo (Lion)**

**Virgo (Virgin)**

**Mazzaroth = Constellations**

**42 Weeks (7x6x7 Days)**

**2 Weeks (2x7 Days)**

**9=23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

**Jupiter in Retrograde**

11=20 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	4=April 2017
12=December 2016	5=May 2017
1=January 2017	6=June 2017
2=February 2017	7=July 2017
3=March 2017	8=August 2017

(PDF of Chart)  
http://j.mp/Rev12Chart  
(You-Tube Video)  
http://j.mp/Rev12-HeavSign  
Produced by Mark Chiswell  
Version 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Isaiah 53v5 - KJV**  
But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his **STRIPES** we are healed.

**John 19v19 - KJV**  
And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

**John 19v34 - KJV**  
But one of the soldiers with a spear **PIERCED** his **SIDE**, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

**Matthew 2v9 - KJV**  
When they had heard the king, they departed: and, lo, the **star**, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

**Revelation 12v5 - KJV**  
And she brought forth a man **child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her **child** was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

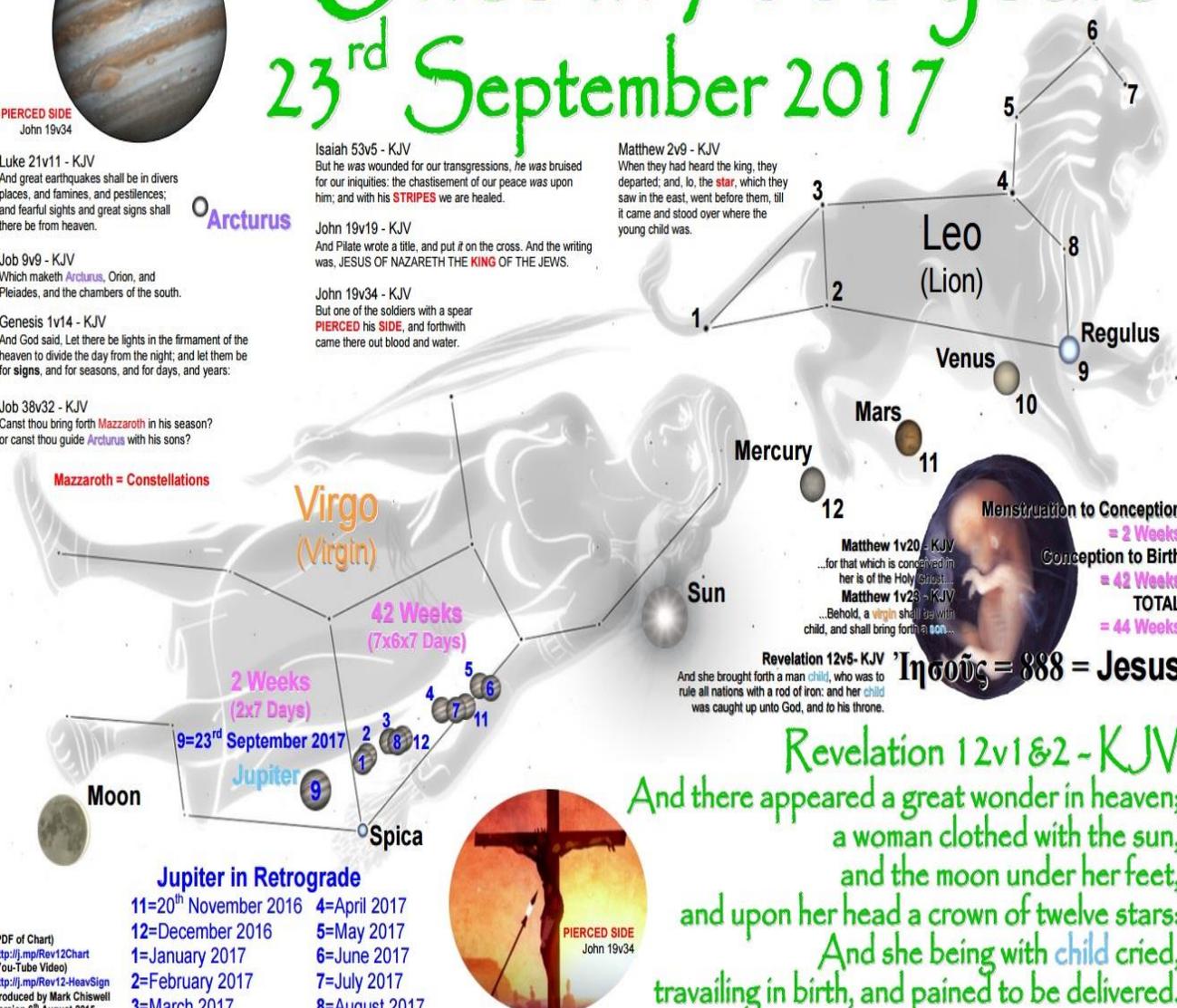
**Matthew 1v20 - KJV**  
...for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy **Ghost**...

**Matthew 1v23 - KJV**  
...Behold, a **virgin** shall be with child, and shall bring forth a **son**...

**Revelation 12v1 & 2 - KJV**  
And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with **child** cried, **travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.**

**Ἰησοῦς = 888 = Jesus**

**Menstruation to Conception = 2 Weeks**  
**Conception to Birth = 42 Weeks**  
**TOTAL = 44 Weeks**



The above drawing is perhaps the most inspiring and comprehensive illustration that visualizes what the world will witness on **September 23, 2017**. All the elements of our "Three-Fold" Witness are brought together in a way never before revealed to man. I have an enlarged copy taped

to the wall behind my computer. There are moments when I simply stare at this most fascinating “Three-Fold Witness”.

My token interest in astronomy which began many years ago has enabled me to make the many connections that God incorporated into the Biblical message of Salvation for thousands of years. I consider myself an amateur astronomy buff and get daily posts from *‘Sky & Telescope’* magazine. Being a Bible student and researcher for five decades, it was natural for me to be interested in the various threads and themes that emanate throughout the Scriptures.

The Birth of Israel on May 14, 1948 is related to the Great Sign of Virgo described in Revelation 12! We should seriously consider the implications of Genesis 1:14. Since the Isaiah 66:7-8 passage was fulfilled on this date, we can conclude that Scriptural prophecy is reliable when it comes to forecasting Biblical events. We ought to be observant of the celestial signs that appear so that we can be alerted to prophesied events that will occur shortly in the near future and particularly in the coming months left before the celestial sign appears in September 2017 to determine what they will bring forth!

In closing, the “Three-Fold Witness” of the “Gospel in Stone”, the “Gospel in the Stars” and the “Gospel in the Word” remain fully intact as our celestial road map and guide for the soon Heavenly trumpet call of the Messiah, to take us home for the wedding of the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus as His faithful Bride (Church), and to hide us in the heavenly abode away from the chaos that the Great Tribulation will bring to a God-hating, sinful and evil world and to bring the Apple of God’s Eye to repentance and obedience. I trust that what I have shared in this segment will strengthen your faith and belief in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

The below illustration is borrowed from Daniel Matson’s book *‘The Oracle in Stone’*. It visualizes what will occur this **September 23, 2017**. A previous 3-dimension drawing also appears above that helps readers obtain a better understanding of what will take place in the heavens between **September 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**.

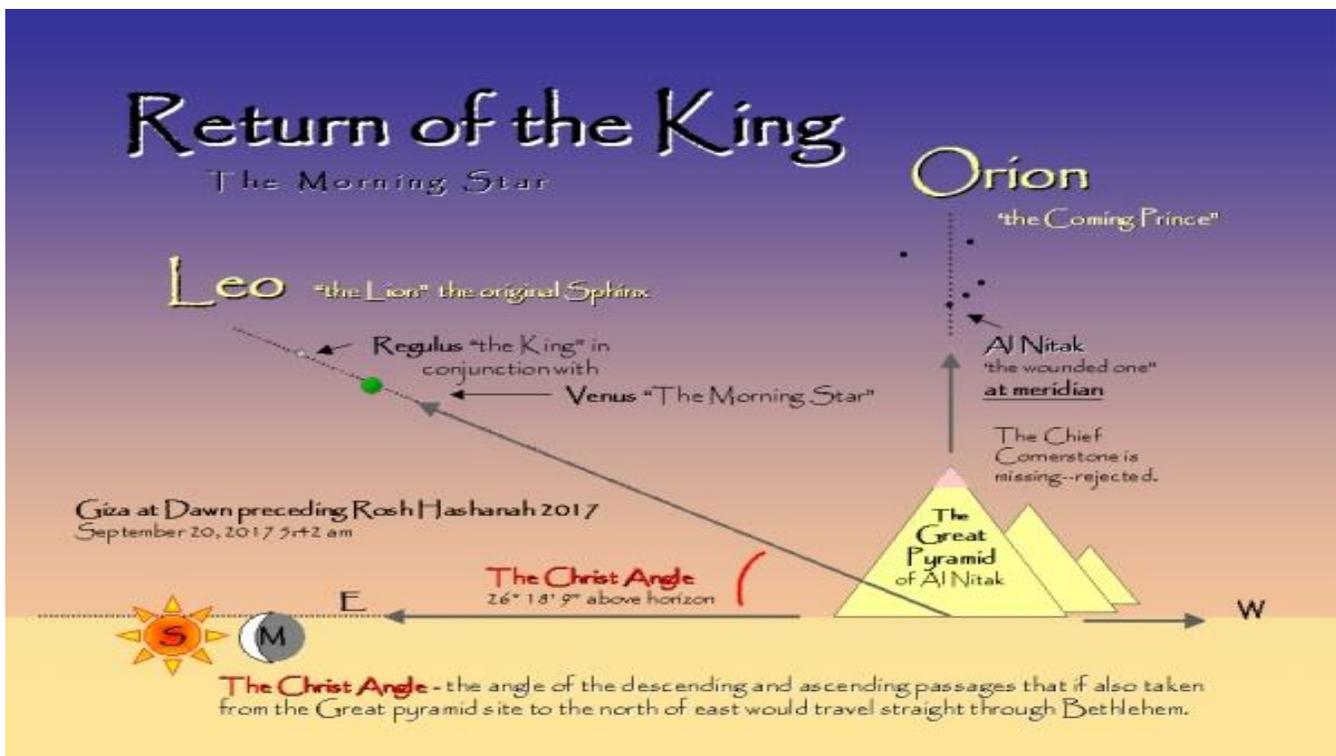
The Bible is the most amazing document the world has ever seen. It is really a “Love Letter” written to humanity. It can be likened to a quality DeBeer’s diamond with thousands of facets that refract the Light of God’s love for humanity. A diamond’s value is determined by the four “C’s” – Color, Clarity, Cut, and Carat weight. The creation of the Diamond’s four “C’s” confirms two very important things: A diamond’s quality can be communicated in a universal language, and diamond customers may know what they are about to purchase. Engagement rings are symbols of the love, devotion, and fidelity a couple shares; they are a custom that began just over a century ago.

In Jewish law, a marriage becomes official when the bridegroom gives an object of value to the bride. This is traditionally done with a ring. The ring should be one of simple beauty made of plain gold, without blemishes or ornamentation, such as stones, just as it is hoped the marriage will be. The ring is symbolic of eternity [*Kairos time*]. The bridegroom takes the wedding ring in his hand, and in clear view of two witnesses, declares to the bride, “Behold, you are betrothed unto me with this ring, according to the law of Moses and Israel.” He then places the ring on the forefinger of the bride’s right hand (not the left hand as in our culture). According to the Jewish law, this is the central

moment of the wedding ceremony and at this point the couple is fully married. I am anticipating being present for this wedding. This is one wedding event we do not want to miss out on! How about you?

As of this moment, I think that God has revealed to us what we need to know, and when we need to know it. The task before us therefore is to be listening to that small voice that gets our attention. In my view of the big picture, I do not sense anything to indicate something other than the Feast of Rosh Hashanah as the Biblical event that conforms most to the Rapture.

None of us know for certain that the pattern on **September 23, 2017** is the day of the Rapture but there is nothing in the offering even close to what is shared in this series. There is nothing remotely like it! I see the Revelation 12:1-5 prophecy like icing on my cupcake. The big problem with Biblical astronomy is that there is a vast amount of space out there between the signs of the Mazzaroth. I am never so sure that we can be so precise or to be able to accurately reconcile the differences. From the beginning of God's creation forward, we have lived in a time frame of an expanding universe. This universal expanse can now be simulated through the use of computer enhanced software but can only be totally confirmed by astronomical planetariums, such as the one located at the Griffith Park Observatory near Universal City, CA.



Part of the larger problem that I see with astronomy is the location from which we observe the "Mazzaroth". It will appear differently from Griffith Park than say from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Their precision instruments calibrated specifically from Jerusalem will determine the correct data when you factor the mathematics between the two points that are at least 8,500-9,000 miles apart. The Griffith Park Planetarium has annually presented the Story of the Bethlehem Star which was described in the Gospel account and the Revelation 12 sign of Christ Jesus' coming.

As my rabbi friends in Rochester, NY and Pittsburgh tell me, the Hebrew year 5777, that began just a few months ago on October 2-4, 2016, is a "Warning Year". It is a wake-up call to be alert, awake, and at work. That is in my view, the most significant message to take away from this obviously pivotal and monumental time in history. The "Warning Year" is God's final call to repentance. The parable of Luke 13:6-9 presents a message to repent or face judgment! At no time in history has it become so critical to reach those you love dearly with the saving message of God's gift of salvation. A gift simply invokes gratitude and appreciation with a thank-you. The hour-glass of time waits for no one and it becomes obvious the sands of what we call time is fleeting away faster than we think!

Now after all of this, if you are not recognizing that time is racing quickly by, consider the list below that someone posted on a YouTube video. Would you not agree that when all the following points are converging upon **September 23, 2017**, it falls within the bounds of the prophetic?

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This Revelation 12 Sign appearing in the Heavens on **September 23, 2017**, is a rare and future event in history. History is really "His" story. One day everyone will bow and acknowledge Jesus is Lord! ***"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God"***. –(Romans 14:11).

The entire Word of God confirms that this event has occurred twice in 5,932 years! The most recent time was in 3 B.C. The last time before that was in 3915 B.C., roughly at the time Adam and Eve walked the Earth. Revelation 12:1-5 describes future events soon to unfold. The Revelation 12 "SIGN" in the heavens has been verified (4,000 years backward and 3,000 years forward) using the "Starry Night Pro" astronomy program. The ability to conduct verification was not possible until recent time. We simply did not have the technology. I have confirmed the evidence using "Starry Night Pro 7", which is the latest version of a commercial professional astronomy software program. The difference between the two [Stellarium (free on Internet) opposite/versus 'Starry Night Pro 7' or 'Pro Plus 7'] is akin to the equivalent of comparing one-color black and white printing versus Pantone 256-color spectrum digital palette. Simply put, there is no real comparison.

#### **Notable Events That Align With This Date of September 23, 2017:**

- **September 21-22, 2017** is the Feast of Trumpets or Jewish New Year.
- It is also the 70 year anniversary of the UN resolution allowing for Israel to be recognized as a state.
- It is 70 years from 1947 to the rebirth of Israel.
- Revelation 12:1-2 says it marks the start of the Great Tribulation.
- But the Rapture must occur before the 7 year Tribulation period.
- It is the 50th anniversary or year of Jubilee for Jerusalem.
- It is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
- It is the 70th anniversary of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

- 2017 is the 70th Jubilee since the Exodus.
- And as previously noted, the year 2017 marks the year 5777 on the Jewish calendar.
- The Feast of Trumpets 2016 to Elul 29 2017 is the Hebrew year 5777.
- Five is the number of grace and the number “seven” means perfection; repeated three times it means triple perfection completion. Therefore, the Biblical numeric meaning of 5777 is "perfect grace made complete" or "the completion of the period of grace."
- Besides meaning completion or fullness but more importantly, “Seven” is God’s “Covenant” number.
- This great sign in the heavens on **September 23, 2017**, is a one-time event.
- It is the 120th jubilee from Adam.
- It is the 70th jubilee since Canaan.
- It is the 40th jubilee since Christ's death.
- And interestingly, It marks 49 years to the day from when the first atomic blast was detonated, in 1945; the project was code-named "Trinity".
- It will be the only one in history to have Jupiter in her womb for the proper amount of time replicating a human gestational period or pregnancy.
- The sign will happen on **September. 23, 2017**, on the exact same day as the Feast of Trumpets.
- The 2017 alignment has 3 wandering stars: Venus, Mars, Mercury; combining with Leo's 9 stars making up the 12 stars above her head.
- The movement takes the child to the throne of God.
- The Constellation Leo represents the Tribe of Judah.
- At no time in history has this alignment of stars and planets occurred with the exception of the Nativity Advent of the Christ Child, Ever! Nor will it again.
- During Christ's birth, the woman represented Israel; the child represented Christ.
- The great sign of Revelation 12 represents the woman as Israel and the child as the Church.
- See Micah 5: 2; Romans 11.
- This will mark the beginning of a national revival of Israel. –(Jeremiah 12).
- There will be a solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. It is being billed on the internet as the “Great American Eclipse” of 2017.
- These events are going to occur, and they will begin on **September 23, 2017**.

***Maranatha, Lord Jesus Come Quickly!***

Pastor Bob

**Notes:**

1. 'The Biblical Theme of the Bride', a 22 part study archived at: <http://jesusisthewaythetruththelife.com/node/22>
2. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judah\\_ben\\_Samuel\\_of\\_Regensburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judah_ben_Samuel_of_Regensburg)
3. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saladin>
4. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_the\\_Ottoman\\_Empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Ottoman_Empire)

**'Compare and Contrast the Rapture and the Second Coming' archived at:**

<http://jesusisthewaythetruththelife.com/node/22>

Part 2 of this E-book continues next. In Part 2, I address the subject of the Rapture, from a language position. It is an academic overview and study of the Greek word ***"Harpazo"***, in all of its Greek forms, and their varied use and meaning in the King James Translation. The focus of this work is devoted to the Pre-Tribulation Rapture or the concept of "Deliverance before Judgment". In deference to the other views on the Rapture issue, I have included passages that are the basis for the other positions on the timing for the Rapture issue. Even though I am an advocate of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture position, I included Scripture passages that are identified with the various positions held, for your comparative examination.