When Do You Expect the Rapture?

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If you were asked “When do you expect the rapture?” how would you respond? Here are the results of a recent online survey at The Alpha Omega Report website asking the same question.¹

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I participated in the survey and I choose 2013 – 2015. I do not know why others choose their answers but I would like to explain why I did. The first reason involves a Jewish tradition concerning Elijah.

**The Two Witnesses**

The two witnesses, discussed earlier in this book, have an important role to play in the end times and the span of their ministry provides us with another end times chronological parameter. Their ministry is described in Rev 11:3-15.

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this

¹ [http://www.aoreport.com/mag/index.php?option=com_poll&task=results&id=100&Itemid=52](http://www.aoreport.com/mag/index.php?option=com_poll&task=results&id=100&Itemid=52)
manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Many over the years have debated their identity. My study of scripture has led me to believe that they may be Elijah and John. Elijah is the prophet who is to return to earth before the Lord returns (Mal 4:5,6), and John was told that he was to prophesy again (Rev 10:11). These two witnesses will prophesy and proclaim God’s message of salvation and repentance to the world from Jerusalem. They will also have power, like Moses before Pharaoh, to inflict the world with many judgments. The timing of their ministry has also been debated. However if you look to the end of Revelation 11, you will notice that right after the witnesses die and are resurrected, the second woe is past. The three woes are the last three trumpet judgments. Thus, their work on earth ends between the 6th and 7th trumpet judgment. (The last 30 days before Armageddon are for the seventh trumpet judgment, which consists of the seven bowl judgments.) Thus with their 1260 day ministry ending at the latest at day 2490 this would place the start of their ministry sometime before day 1230. We also know that the 2 witnesses are to die and their bodies will lie in the street for 3½ days, which may be part of the 1260 they are allotted to minister or may be outside of it. If the 3½ days are part of the 1260 days and
they are killed on day 2490 then their ministry would end on day 2494 and start on day 1234. Jewish tradition places the return of Elijah to occur during a Passover Seder. So if that tradition has merit and Elijah is one of the two witnesses then their 1,260-day ministry will start on the feast of Passover after the abomination of desolation and continue for 1260 days and end at most on day 2494. So if the 2 witnesses are to start their ministry on Passover, are there any years in the near future, based on the calculated possible start dates for the 70th week, that Passover would fall before or on day 1234?

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The only year in the next 10 years that Passover falls on or before day 1234 would be for the year 2013, which corresponds with the peace treaty and the 70th week beginning on Nov 10, 2009.

Thus; if the “2 days” have ended, and if the second coming of Christ and the end of the 70th week aligns with the Feast of Trumpets, and if Elijah is one of the 2 witnesses and he will start his 1260 day ministry on Passover, and if their ministry will start at the latest on day 1234 then 2009 is the only year in the next 10 years that the 70th week could begin. **I am not saying that the 70th week will begin in 2009, what I am saying is that**

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2 “The fourth cup is poured, including a cup set aside for the prophet Elijah, who is supposed to herald the Messiah, and is supposed to come on Pesach to do this.” [http://www.jewfaq.org/holidaysa.htm](http://www.jewfaq.org/holidaysa.htm)

3 This year comes close to falling within the parameters and if the end of the 70th week aligned with the day after the feast of trumpets this year would be a possible year.
if the above assumptions are true then the only year in the next 10 years that the 70th week could begin is 2009.

**WWIII**

We have talked about the purpose of WWIII, to destroy the old world order and usher in the antichrist, but can we assign a possible start date for WWIII? Yes. Remember what former Illuminati satanist, Doc Marquis said, “once World War III begins the antichrist will arise on the world scene in 13 weeks (91 days).” From our chronology discussions above we have determined that the antichrist would perform the abomination of desolation 1200 days after the signing of the peace treaty and the start of the 70th Week. 1200 days minus 91 days (inclusive) leaves us with 1110 days (inclusive). Remember 1110 is the number associated with the pyramid on the back of the dollar bill, 1776 = 1110 + 666. Do these numbers confirm that WWIII will start 1110 days after the peace treaty and that the antichrist, #666, will arrive on the scene 91 days later? If they do then the following chart provides a list of possible starting dates for WWIII. 4

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If this scenario plays out then WWIII will start on day 1110, and after 91 days, on day 1200, the antichrist comes on the scene brings peace to the world and then performs the Abomination of Desolation. He will then take over the world on day 1260 and rule from Jerusalem. Then a short time after that the false peace that he brought to the world breaks down and WWIII is reignited eventually culminating in the Day of the Lord.

Here is how the date calculations we have presented so far in this book would work out if 2009 were the starting year. If the 70th week were to start in 2009 then the Second Coming would occur in 2016 in alignment with the feast of Trumpets, which occurs on

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4 It is also possible that WWIII could start 91 days before the antichrist takes over the world, which would place the start 60 days later.
October 3, 2016. The peace treaty would be signed 2520 days before that on November 10, 2009. This would be day 1 of the 70th week. WWIII would break out on day 1110 (November 23, 2012). The abomination of desolation would occur on day 1200 (February 21, 2013). The two witnesses would start their ministry on Passover on day 1233 (March 23, 2013). The antichrist would begin to rule the world on day 1260 (April 22, 2013). The 2 witnesses would end their ministry and the bowl judgments would begin on day 2490 (September 3, 2016), they would rise from the dead 3 days later. The rule of the antichrist will end at Armageddon on day 2520 (October 3, 2016). The Millennium would start on day 2535 (October 18, 2016) and align with the feast of booths.\(^5\) Of course these days are plus or minus a day due to Hebrew date reckoning.

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<td>Abomination of Desolation</td>
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In regards to the rapture we know that the rapture will occur after the midpoint, when the antichrist begins to rule, and after opening of the sixth seal, and most likely will occur in alignment with the Feast of Trumpets. In that time frame, there are four occurrences of the Feast of Trumpets. We can probably eliminate the last occurrence because the trumpet and bowl judgments, which take place after the rapture, will take at least one year to be fulfilled. So with these facts in mind we can conjecture that the rapture would occur at the Feast of Trumpets, 1/2 to 2 1/2 years after the Abomination of Desolation. If the abomination of desolation were on 2/21/13 and Armageddon on

\(^5\) Robert Van Kampen in his book *The Sign* places the end of the 70th Week to be 75 days before the beginning of the Millennium. If His timing is correct then the 70th Week would begin and the peace treaty would be signed 60 days earlier than the dates I have listed above. The abomination of desolation would be on day 1260 but would still be on the dates listed above.
10/3/16 then we could theorize three possible dates for the rapture to occur; September 5, 2013, September 25, 2014, and September 14, 2015, which are the dates for the Feast of Trumpets 1/2 to 2 1/2 years after the abomination of desolation. In regards to these possible dates we know that Christ told us that He would shorten the length of time of the great tribulation, which starts after the abomination of desolation and ends at the rapture.

When ye therefore shall see the Abomination of Desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains…But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened. (Matt 24:15-22)

So Christ, for the sake of His church, will shorten the days of the great tribulation that will come upon the world after the antichrist takes power. This fact leads us to conclude that the rapture could occur closer to the Abomination of Desolation than to Armageddon. Another verse in scripture which tells us that the great tribulation will be shortened is “But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.” (Mt 10:23) This verse is in reference to the persecution during the great tribulation and again indicates that it will be shortened. These facts may enable us to eliminate the last of the three remaining dates, let’s pray that it is the first, maranatha!

Some may object to me giving possible dates for the rapture to occur saying that it is “date setting.” First off I am not setting a date, I do not know when the rapture will occur. What I am saying is that we can know a general time frame within the 70th Week for the rapture. When the 70th Week begins, and if the rapture will occur in alignment with the feast of trumpets, then we can know possible dates for it to occur. Just as one could know the general time frame for the Feast of Trumpets, but not the exact day, so I believe that we also can ascertain from scripture a general time frame for the rapture, but not the exact day. Jesus Himself told us that the day would not overtake the saved as a thief, only the unsaved.

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6 Even though I believe that the rapture will most likely align with Rosh Hashanah, I am not dogmatic about this. Some believe that the rapture could align with the feast of Pentecost or Tabernacles because they are both feasts associated with gathering of a harvest. It is also possible that the rapture may not align with any of the feasts.
For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. (1 Thess. 5:2-4.)

If the rapture is not going to occur in alignment with Rosh Hashanah, then we could see the rapture align with another feast, and if not another feast then it could be anytime between the Abomination of Desolation and at least one year before the battle of Armageddon with the time cut short for the elect’s sake. I would like to point out a scripture passage that connects the Day of the Lord, the rapture, and feasts.

And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: And I will turn your feasts into mourning…(Amos 8:9,10)

The passage starts off talking about the Day of the Lord, which is when the rapture occurs, and then says that after it occurs their feasts will be turned to mourning. This passage could be suggesting that the Day of the Lord and the rapture happen at the time of a feast.

Again, the 2013 - 2015 dates are just an example of how the dates would be calculated if the Second Coming was in 2016 and the peace treaty in 2009 with the rapture aligning with the feast of Trumpets. The same rules would apply to whatever year in the future that the 70th Week would actually begin. I would highly recommend looking at the chart entitled “The 70th Week of Daniel” for a pictorial representation of the data. It will help you to conceptualize the chronological information presented in this chapter.

There is another statement in scripture concerning the timing of the abomination of desolation and Israel’s flight into the wilderness that gives date parameters that we should consider. “But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day” (Mt 24:20) Here Jesus told his disciples to pray for this in regards to the flight of Jews at the abomination of desolation. Assuming that God would answer a prayer that he told his disciples to pray, then the abomination of desolation would not occur on a Sabbath or “in

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7 Many believe the rapture will align with the feast of Pentecost. Although I see this as a possibility I believe the weight of the evidence points to Rosh Hashanah.
the winter.” The phrase “in the winter” in Greek can refer to rainy weather, a storm, snow, and or wintertime. So the verse can be referring to winter months, or it can be referring to just bad weather. In regards to the possible 2009 start date for the 70th Week, if 2009 were the start date then the abomination of desolation would be on Feb 21, 2013. This date is a Thursday, which is not a Sabbath, and out of all the possible dates for the abomination of desolation listed earlier it is the latest one in the year, thus it would less likely involve cold weather. Also the day Feb 21, 2013 in the Jewish calendar is the day of the Fast of Esther “The Fast of Esther, Adar 13, commemorates the three days that Esther fasted before approaching King Ahasuerus on behalf of the Jewish people.”

Remember the Jews were about to be put to death by the trickery of Haman. This seems like an appropriate day for the Jews to flee the coming persecution of the antichrist.

Here is another interesting idea that may corroborate a 2009 starting date for the 70th Week; if you take the 1110 as discussed before and put a slash in the middle it becomes 11/10. Remember if the peace treaty is signed in 2009 we have conjectured that it will be signed on November 10, 2009 or it will be signed on 11/10 in the year 2009. Is this coincidence or a corroborating fact, we will have to wait and see.

What about 2012?

There is a lot of chatter and interest in 2012 as being the date for the end of the world. This thinking has arisen from the ancient traditions of various cultures. The most famous of those traditions is the Mayan calendar, which predicts “the world will end” on Dec 21, 2012. Should this prediction be taken seriously and if so how does this prediction fit into Biblical prophecy? First let’s look more closely at the prediction. Here are a few quotes from various 2012 websites.

The Mayans believed the universal processes, like the 'breathing' of the galaxy, are cycles that never change. What changes is the consciousness of man that passes through it. Always in a process toward more perfection. Based on their observations, the Mayans predicted that from the initial date of the start of their civilization, 4 Ahau, 8 Cumku which is 3113 B.C., after one cycle being completed 5,125 years in their future, December 21st, 2012. The Sun, having received a powerful ray of synchronizing light from the center of the galaxy, would change its polarity which would produce a great cosmic event that would propel human kind to be ready to cross into a new era, The Golden Age. It is after this, that the Mayans say we will be

http://www.jewfaq.org/holidaye.htm
ready to go through the door that was left by them, transforming our civilization based on fear to a vibration much higher in harmony.  

Although Dec 21, 2012 is the date of the end of the age in the Mayan calendar it does not mean anything spectacular is going to happen on that exact date. The Mayan elders say the calendar foretells Earth changes and changes in consciousness AND that they occur within a seven-year period of time around 2012…What is the biggest change in this seven years? A magnetic pole shift followed shortly by a physical pole shift. A physical pole shift is what destroyed Atlantis 13,000 years ago. Similarly, this would be a “big deal” today. Certainly it would qualify as Yogananda’s “you have no idea what a catastrophe is coming” event. The Hopis are joining with other indigenous peoples in Arizona in April 2009 to perform a sacred welcoming ceremony for our space ancestors.

21.12.2012. End of time. End of the world. The end of Mayan Long Count. The apocalypse. The end of Kali Yuga. The winter solstice 2012 is not just any solstice but the solstice of all solstices. It is the Great Solstice - a solstice of the precessional or Platonic year…The winter sun 2012 ushers into 72 days of upheavals in which the chaos following a destruction of the old order will reign before the new order is firmly set in place…Apocalyptic 42-day passage of earth though a black hole of time that will start with winter sun of 2012 requires the clarity and justice of all life on earth…It is the end of the world, as we know it. Earth will tremble, shake and rip open along all its latent and patent faults. It will be scorched from below and from above. The remaining ashes, which are not washed away by the churning seas, will be scattered in all directions by the four winds. Earth will turn inside out and upside down. The old lands will sink below and the new lands will rise above. It has been done many times before and it will be done yet again on 21.12.2012…One cannot fail to see clearly that such an alignment spells the end of the present order of things on 21.12.2012

According to many earth legends, such beings are supposed to return regularly, at the beginning and end of each time cycle, the 13,000 year half-point of our solar system's 26,000 year zodiacal orbit around galaxy centre. Because of conditions on our galactic orbit, these 13,000 year intervals or "worlds", seem to be separated by cataclysmic upheaval. According to the "calendar in stone" of the Great Pyramid, which describes the so-called "Phoenix Cycle" of our galactic orbit, the present time period ends (converted to our present calendar) in the year 2012 AD.  

There are various interpretations regarding the meaning of the 2012 date but as you see most agree that the old world will end and a new world will begin. Some also believe that around that date there will be many physical distresses upon the earth. Some even believe aliens, which we know to be demons, will return. Coinciding with the predictions

10 http://www.december212012.com/articles/mayan/2012_From_the_Mayan_Elders_Themselves.htm
11 http://www.endoftime2012.com/
12 http://www.rense.com/ufo5/undergiza.htm
from ancient cultures regarding 2012 are the predictions regarding Nibiru or planet x. Here is a sampling of some of the various information regarding the supposed planet x.

I contend that there's simply too much evidence that those who could and probably do know are preparing for a visit from Nibiru or Planet X in 2012 and most importantly February 21, 2013 when Nibiru will be at it's closest distance from the sun (2.85 AU). Worst of all that scenario puts planet earth between this brown dwarf and the Sun. There will be amazing sprites and other such catastrophic events too numerous to count.13

An old Sumerian prophecy about the next time Nibiru passes: The great planet At his appearance, dark red The Heavens he divides in half And stands as Nibiru. If the Ram by Jupiter will be entered When Venus conjuncts the Moon, The watch will come to an end. Woes, trouble, confusion, & bad things will occur in the lands. People will sell their children for money; The ruler of Iran will be surrounded in his palace; There will follow the destruction of Iran & its people. Jupiter enters Aries on Jan. 26th of 2011; the Moon conjuncts Venus in Sagittarius a few days later.14

Nibiru will first be seen by May 2009 as a faint reddish object. It will be moving up from below Earths Orbit. This means that until late 2009, the only way to see it is from a very southern location of Earth. By May of 2011, naked eye viewing by everyone. In December 2012 Nibiru will pass through the ecliptic plane, seen as bright star & will look as a 2nd sun around the size of our moon. Earthquakes and very bad weather will take place! The worst however comes about by February 2013, Earth moves between Nibiru and the sun. Pole shifting/Planetary tilt takes place! Great Earthquakes changes, Huge Mega Earthquakes and Mega Tsunamis worldwide! Then by July 2014, Nibiru no longer effects our world and moves on and away from our part of the galaxy. NASA knew about Nibiru and as not to panic the people made the decision to withhold the truth of this!15

In responding to these ideas from a Biblical perspective we must realize that the Mayan religion was satanic and that their prediction most likely had satanic origins. Therefore, as all satanic predictions go, some may be true and some may be false. Also the information regarding Nibiru or planet x and the predicted calamities and pole shift at this point in time is hard to prove one way or the other. Though let me mention that I believe there was a pole shift when Jesus was crucified on the cross, that is why the sun went down at 12 and came up at 3.16 Are these predictions correct, will the world end in 2012? Most Christians consider the end of the world to regard the return of Jesus Christ to the earth at Armageddon. For the world to end in 2012 or the return of Christ at

15 http://www.godlikeproductions.com/forum1/message670651/pg1
16 http://thecomingepiphany.com/BookArticles/datecruc.htm
Armageddon to occur in 2012, that would have required the 70th Week to have begun in 2006, which did not occur. Thus we can say that the Biblical end of the world will not occur in 2012. So should we give the 2012 date any credence? Well if the 70th week were to begin on November 10, 2009, as was theorized above, then December 21, 2012 would be day 1137 of the 70th week. Day 1137 would be in the 91 day time period before the abomination of desolation. It is during this time period that WWIII and other disasters are supposed to occur in order to destroy the old world order and bring forth the antichrist. The antichrist, who is sure to have connections with aliens, will arise after the old world order is destroyed and will position himself as the savior of the world and will eventually be the leader of the new world order. Also if Nibiru exists and will be closest on February 21, 2013 as they conjecture that would be day 1200 of the 70th week, that is when the antichrist is suppose to perform the abomination of desolation.

So if there is any truth to the theories regarding 2012 as the end of the old world order and the beginning of the new world order, which will undoubtedly involve the antichrist, then the 2012 theories give credence to the theory presented above regarding the possibility of the 70th week beginning in 2009. Also if there is any truth to their prediction that great physical upheavals would occur on the earth “within a 7-year time period around 2012” that we know will occur on the earth during the last 7 years, that would also support a 2009 start date. And finally if there is a pole shift during this 7-year period, as they predict, that event could coincide with the rapture. For remember that at the opening of the 6th seal there will probably be a pole shift at or after which the rapture occurs. Remember Amos 8:9 “And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.” As previously discussed this verse connects the Day of the Lord/rapture with a pole shift. So the notion of a pole shift occurring during this time period also supports a 2009 start date. Again if we are to give the theories concerning 2012 any credence then those theories would support the idea that the 70th week could begin in 2009. Remember the antichrist is going to need some way to explain away the things that are going to take place on the earth during the end times. The 2012 Mayan predictions and Nibiru give him a perfect way to deceive people about what is really going on.
**2014/2015 Lunar and Solar Eclipses**

There is another event looming on the horizon that may have some significance to the end times. In 2014 and 2015 there will be 4 blood moon total lunar eclipses all falling on feast days.

1. Passover, April 15, 2014
2. Tabernacles October 8, 2014
3. Passover, April 4, 2015
4. Tabernacles, September 28, 2015

What is significant about this? A tetrad of lunar eclipses on feast days has only occurred two times in the last 500 years; 1949/50, and 1967/68. During each of those tetrads of total eclipses Israel was at war.

Though Israel was declared an independent state sixty years ago in 1948, the war with its neighbors began after its first day and lasted for a year. Therefore, the first lunar eclipse of 1949 occurred during this war for the establishment of Israel. The next tetrad began on Passover 1967, which was just six weeks before the Six-Day-War. Therefore, these two significant wars of Israel were covered by each tetrad period.17

The next time there was a tetrad of eclipses on feast days was in 1493/4. In 1492 the Jews were kicked out of Spain. Is this upcoming tetrad a sign from God that something significant will occur in 2014/15 in regards to Israel? Will they be involved in another major war at that time, possibly even the end times war with the antichrist when Israel is surrounded by armies and has to flee into the wilderness?

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. (Luke 21:20-21)

These are things to ponder and watch for. There is something else involving eclipses that is of significance around this time. There are five solar eclipses from 2008 to 2015 that align on significant dates.

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1. Tamuz 29/Av 1: August 2, 2008 | August 1, 2008 Total eclipse
2. Tamuz 29/Av 1: July 21-22, 2009 | July 22, 2009 Total eclipse
3. Tamuz 29/Av 1: July 11-12, 2010 | July 11, 2010 Total eclipse
   Total eclipse
5. Rosh Hashanah: September 14, 2015 | September 13, 2015 Partial eclipse

Jewish tradition believes that lunar eclipses signal judgment for Israel and solar
eclipses signal judgment for the nations. Are the three solar eclipses on Av 1 in 2008-10
an indication that a time of distress is to begin for the world? Think of what happened
after August 2008—the beginning of the financial collapse. Are the three solar eclipses a
sign that the 70th week will begin between the first and last eclipse? Also note that in
2015 you have 2 lunar and 2 solar eclipses all on significant days.

You have the religious year beginning with the total solar eclipse, two weeks later a
total lunar eclipse on Passover, and then the civil year beginning with the solar
eclipse followed two weeks later by another total blood red moon on the Feast of
Succoth all in 2015.18

What do all these celestial occurrences mean? Are they signs for us from God? If
the 70th week does start in 2009 then 2014/15 would be after the antichrist has taken over
the world and will be during the time when Jews and Christians will be persecuted. Are
these eclipses a sign of the coming persecutions? It could also be the time frame of when
the rapture could possibly occur. Are these eclipses related in some way to the rapture?
We will have to wait and see. But if these conjectures are correct and these eclipses are
signs of these end times events then these eclipses also point to the 70th week possibly
starting in 2009.

Another celestial event related to the end times spoken of in the illuminati blueprint
book *Behold A Pale Horse* by Bill Cooper regards the igniting of Jupiter and turning into
a sun. According to their claims this will be a sign that the world’s messiah, who we
know to be the antichrist, is ready to appear.19 As fanciful as this may seem some are now
claiming that Jupiter ignited on February 15, 2009 and are showing pictures taken by

19 Cutting Edge Newsletter, February 18, 2009.
NASA to substantiate their claims.\textsuperscript{20} If there is anything to this claim then it suggests that we are indeed close to the beginning of the 70\textsuperscript{th} week.

And yet there is more; Benjamin Crème has just announced on his Share International website that a new star has appeared, which he predicted, and has been seen by many around the world. He claims it is a sign that the world teacher, the Maitreya, is about ready to give his first interview on U.S. television and begin his public mission.\textsuperscript{21} We mentioned Maitreya before as a possible candidate for the antichrist. He may also be a candidate for the false prophet or just may be one of the false Christs talked about in scripture. He also states that the old world order is about ready to collapse, “In truth, we are witnessing the last stumbling steps of the old order.” This development bears watching and again points to the conclusion that we may be close to the beginning of the end.

It is also interesting to note what New Age and UFO adherents saying about 2012?

New Age types today believe that all of mankind is scheduled to evolve to a higher plane of existence in 2012, but that in order to do so, our "group consciousness" must first be brought together into a single alignment revolving around the 11:11 "Ascension" ideology. This of course involves a critical mass (sufficient number) of human beings agreeing that perennial philosophy is true, that UFO's and its ascended beings are our friends, while traditional beliefs such as Biblical Christianity is completely contrary to the contrary to the 'One' (Antichrist) consciousness\textsuperscript{22}

As you can clearly determine by her own words, something very cult-like and strange is going on in the New Age world. They are fully expecting 'The One' (their coming New Age Messiah figure) to arrive shortly after the year 2012, of whom they are to willingly "surrender" themselves to him, without hesitation, to join him in whatever he does.\textsuperscript{23}

Rumors are rampant in all over the world that extraterrestrial civilizations are preparing for a spectacular event in 2012. No one knows what Mayans really meant by the coming cataclysmic event of 2012. But now many think tanks are predicting that the earth will be in severe danger in 2012 and beyond. And at the right moment in 2012 or beyond, the extraterrestrial advanced civilizations will eventually come to rescue the human civilization.\textsuperscript{24}

\textsuperscript{20} \url{http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-8xImlR0wEM&feature=related}
\textsuperscript{21} \url{http://www.shareintl.org/maitreya/Ma_starsign.htm}
\textsuperscript{22} \url{http://www.grailcode.net/}
\textsuperscript{23} \url{http://www.christian-forum.net/index.php?showtopic=12556}
\textsuperscript{24} \url{http://www.ufocasebook.com/year2012.html}
Again we will have to wait and see what transpires but it is clear that they are fully expecting to see world wide disasters in 2012 with the antichrist and aliens, which we have conjectured will be connected, coming to the forefront shortly thereafter. Are all these celestial occurrences and predicted calamities what the Lord Jesus was referring to in Luke 21:11?

And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Along these lines it is also interesting to note that Canadian speech recognition expert Jon Kelly has subjected a recording of Barack Obama’s inaugural address on January 20, 2009 to reverse speech analysis. His analysis contends that Obama’s speech predicts an “extraterrestrial event” on the scale of the Iraq war before his term is up.

Kelly’s reverse speech analysis shows that Barack Obama’s inaugural address contains secret messages predicting an extraterrestrial event of global impact on the scale “of the Iraq war” to occur in Obama’s term of office…. Kelly’s reverse speech analysis of former U.S. president George W. Bush’s January 20, 2001 inaugural address publicly and accurately reported the "shock and awe" strikes that opened the Iraq War 2 years in advance of the actual U.S. invasion of Iraq on March 20, 2003.25

Another piece of corroborating information involves the RFID chip or the new version the Xmark chip. Mr. Coombes, in the same article mentioned above, points out that his research is indicating that there is a push to have RFID chipping ready by 2011 or 2012.

From what I've picked up it seems that 2011 is critical for the RFID chip implant program to be in place, if not sooner. They definitely want in place by December of 2012.

Many feel that this RFID chip will be used for the mark discussed in scripture and its intended readiness for worldwide implementation by 2012 again points to the conclusion that we are near the beginning of the 70th week and if 2009 is the year it starts then the mark/chip would have to be ready by the early part of 2013. Here is another

piece of RFID information concerning project Bluebeam and the appearance of the false Messiah that also points to 2012.

If it is possible to feed artificial thought into the multigenic field via satellite, the mind control of the entire planet is now possible. Embedded chips connected to Bluebeam will already be in place by that time to further control the mass population, says Alexander. The goal of this deals with a set of scientifically controlled global images projected all around the world in order to push all populations to the edge of hysteria and madness, to drown them into a wave of suicide, murder, and psychological disorders. After a coming global event of destruction in the year 2012, both real and man-made, the very same technology will be used for seemingly benign purposes of worldwide healing, after which, populations will be ready for the New Messiah to re-establish order and peace at any cost.\(^\text{26}\)

Again they are predicting global destruction in 2012 after which the New Messiah/antichrist will come on the scene. Another piece of corroborating information regarding 2012 and the antichrist comes from antichrist researcher Clinton Ortiz, he concludes that there are indications that the antichrist will arise “circa 2012”\(^\text{27}\)

One must also understand, all of these things occurring at the time of Antichrist are occurring in a very different time than that of our own, and yet is a time that is very near to unfold as a series of extremely destructive events take place which set the stage for the Antichrist plan, circa 2012\(^\text{27}\)

If this is true, then this would be another piece of information pointing to a 2009 start date for the 70\(^{th}\) week with the antichrist arising after the destruction of WWIII in 2012.

In summary all these things are pointing to a possible start date for the 70\(^{th}\) week in 2009 and destructive events in 2012 with the antichrist arising shortly thereafter; The time period for the ministry of the 2 witnesses, the date of WWIII, the 1110, Israel’s day to flee, the Mayan calendar, planet x, the 2014/15 lunar and solar eclipses, the supposed igniting of Saturn, the supposed new star and Maitreya, new age teaching, ufo messages, the Obama speech, chip technology, and the antichrist plan. So what we have is a myriad of information that points to a start date for the 70\(^{th}\) week in 2009 and the antichrist arising shortly after the destruction in 2012. Am I saying that the 70\(^{th}\) week will start in 2009? No. But what I am saying is that there is a lot of intersecting data that points to

\(^{26}\) [http://www.grailcode.net/](http://www.grailcode.net/)

\(^{27}\) ibid.
2009 as the possible start date for the 70th week. If the 70th week does not start in 2009 then, with all that is looking like will happen in the near future, we must be very close. Keep your eyes focused on the Middle East. All the components are all most in place for the peace treaty to be signed. The peace conference in Annapolis, MD on Nov 27-28, 2007 set a timetable for the treaty to be signed within a year and initiated serious negotiations.

“Israeli and Palestinian leaders will "immediately launch" peace talks -- aimed at creating a Palestinian state alongside Israel -- and they hope to finish negotiations before 2009, President Bush announced Tuesday… Both sides also agreed to form steering committees, which will begin meeting December 12…Thereafter, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will meet every two weeks to follow up on the negotiations… The Annapolis conference has been the beginning, not the end, of a new serious and substantive effort to achieve peace in the Middle East.”

Although this peace treaty was not signed as planned it shows us that the time may be near. The Obama administration is also pursuing this agenda.

In a daily briefing, State Department Spokesman Robert Wood said the new administration is striving to expedite a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, as well as between Israel and its neighbors, adding that Mitchell's arrival is meant to facilitate such a process.

In fact it is reported that the plan to divide the land of Israel and create a Palestinian state is already finished. This scheduled peace treaty, whenever it occurs, will divide the land of Israel and meets the requirements of the long awaited prophetic peace treaty that will start the 70th Week of Daniel. We will have to wait and see when the Lord allows this scheduled treaty to come to pass. But realize this: Whenever the peace treaty of death that divides the land of Israel occurs, the 70th Week of Daniel will have begun!

Beware! At the time that the peace treaty occurs, if you have not accepted the scriptural evidence for the rapture occurring during the 70th Week after the sixth seal is opened, it would be advisable to do so. When the peace treaty is signed and the 70th Week begins and the rapture does not occur as most expect it to, it will be tempting to

29 http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3662282,00.html
30 Cutting Edge newsletter Jan 29, 2009.
deny that you are in the 70th Week of Daniel. Unfortunately, even after the signing of the peace treaty, I believe some Christians will still hold onto their theological position instead of the truth of scripture. To not realize that you are in the 70th Week of Daniel is a very dangerous position to be in. That person would be much more susceptible to suffering and being deceived by the antichrist.

If the above assumptions and conjectures are correct then that brings us to the conclusion that we are possibly on the brink of entering into the 70th Week of Daniel. And as discussed, 2009 may be the year that it starts, we will have to wait and see. God’s prophetic time clock is counting down. The ending of the two days in 2004 and the ongoing efforts for the establishment of a Palestinian state should be a signal to all that the time is very near! I feel it is vitally important for people to know that it is highly possible that we are about to enter this time period and at the very least, it will most likely occur in the very near future.

With the distinct possibility that the 70th week could start in the very near future we must be ready and prepared as best we can to overcome the challenges that lie ahead “lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping” and lest “that day come upon you unawares.” We will discuss the topic of being prepared in the next chapter.

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