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## Asteroid Impacts:

A Doomsday Threat?



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*From the Editor:* The **BOOK** for **ALL** Seasons:  
The **HOLY BIBLE**

**I**t has been said that the mark of a great book is that it reads you. By this measure and many others, the Holy Bible is far ahead of its nearest competitor. This perennial best seller probes the heart, sharpens our character, calms our fears, gives us hope, foresees the future, and commands reverence for the name of Yahweh, the Creator of heaven and earth.

From the archaisms of the *thys, thees* and *thous* of the *olde King James* translation of 1611 to the thoroughly streamlined modern English and massive computer data-based *New International Version*, this "Book of Books" has passed under the minute scrutiny of armies of scholars.

Ironically, despite this armada of scholarship, Yahweh's holy name continues to be deleted from translation after translation. David addressed this *heathen* practice of ignoring Yahweh's name: "Pour out your wrath upon the *heathen* that have not known you, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon *YOUR NAME* (Ps. 79:6)." The prophet-priest, Ezekiel, recorded "...I [Yahweh] will sanctify *MY GREAT NAME* which was profaned among the *heathen* (Ezk. 36:23)." The word *heathen* refers to nations who do not acknowledge the name of Yahweh and the Holy Bible as His word. Do you pray to Yahweh?

As no other book in history, the Holy Bible has guided statesmen and kings alike, given courage to the downtrodden

and healing to the brokenhearted. It reveals the laws of success, health, peace, happiness, and abundance. It provides the basis of equity, stable government, moral judgment, even a history of nations, and the origin of life itself.

What more could we ask? There is more, however. The Bible also gives the vital, and often ignored, laws of the seasons and the sacred calendar. Few realize that *these laws* which govern *time* are the very ones which determine the final destiny of individuals and nations.

Bible-professing religions and so-called Christian nations generally view the Bible as a moral compass with no specific time requirements to regulate what they do weekly (7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath law), yearly (festival laws) or in the longer term. Nothing could be further from the truth.

For example, locked into the divinely decreed and *enforced* laws of the 490-year period of grace or the 280-year period of punishment, nations *cannot* change their general national course nor renegotiate the ultimate outcomes Yahweh has set by these periods. There are also the Biblical laws of the 7-year and 50-year periods regulating debt and land usage.

On a yearly basis, Yahweh's annual holy days set required behavior at specific times of the year: New Moons, Passover, Pentecost, Shoutings, Atonements, and Feast of Tabernacles. *The Bible is truly a book for all seasons.* It is the *only* book of this scope and power! *Gary C. Miller*





# In YOUR Lifetime? What Does the Bible say about Asteroid Collisions

*with the Earth?* Is the “Ultimate Environmental Hazard” Just Decades Away?

By Gary C. Miller

**I**S Yahweh preparing to launch a devastating bolide barrage from the sky? Is the Earth now moving quickly toward a rendezvous with a centuries-old prophesied destiny fraught with environmental risk?

In the cold silence of deep space lurk tons of massive chunks of stone. This cosmic debris whirling at orbital speeds is located primarily between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. Of boulder-to-mountain-sized, these asteroids (meaning *starlike*), or minor planets, range in size from about 768 km (~ 460 miles across) such as Ceres, to less than a few meters.

Some of the known asteroids come within the orbit of the planet Mars, passing nearer the earth's orbit than any

of the other principal planets. These “near earth” asteroids concern a growing number of scientists worldwide.

### What the Bible Says

Does the Bible show there is in fact a cause for *very real* concern? Notice what the prophet Isaiah records: “...Therefore, I [Yahweh] **WILL** shake the heavens, and the Earth shall remove out of her place (Isa. 13:11; KJV)...and make it desolate...and...*twist its surface*...(Isa. 24:1, RSV).” This has not happened yet!

*What awesome mind-boggling power can literally **MOVE THE EARTH OUT OF ITS ORBIT**?!*

Imagine-*IF you can*-forces great enough to produce torques which can **LITERALLY CHANGE THE ROTATION OF THE EARTH** (*twist its surface*)?!

But *why* will this happen? “I will **pun-**



*ish the world for their evils, and the wicked for their iniquity...*(Isa. 13:13).”

*The debt of global sins is coming due!* The stones are being readied for stoning the wicked *as required by LAW*: “If there be found among you within any of your gates which Yahweh your Elohim has given you, *man or woman* that has wrought wickedness in the sight of Yahweh your Elohim, in *transgressing His covenant* and has gone *and served OTHER DEITIES* [God, Jesus, Lord, Allah, Asteroth, etc.] *and WORSHIPPED* [bowed or prayed to] *them...then you shall bring forth that man or woman, which have committed that wicked thing, to your gates...AND YOU SHALL STONE THEM WITH STONES, till they die* (Deut. 17:2,5)!”

Yahweh’s stoning of this earth is *not* science fiction, a movie script, nor just doom and gloom hype! It *will be* feverishly reported on CNN, ABC, etc.! It *will be* screaming news on the *Internet* and blasted with **bold headlines** across the front page of national daily newspapers!

Real-time telecasts will track the incoming appointment with destiny as millions watch in frozen terror at the spectacle before their eyes!

Notice what else the Bible says: “...and *the Earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard*...and the transgression shall be heavy upon it (Isa. 24:19:20).” Yahweh means business!

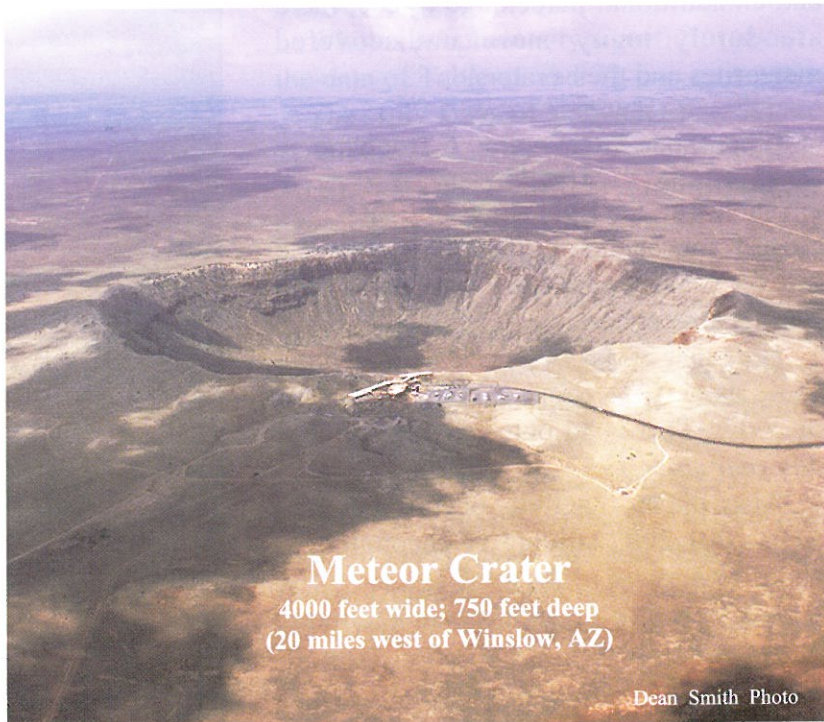
Notice: “...and the stars of heaven *fell to the earth....every mountain and island*

*were moved out of their places...* (Rev. 6:13).” “And...something like a *great mountain burning with fire* [an asteroid!] was thrown into the sea... (Rev. 8:8, RSV).”

But will people repent of their *sins*? Will the earth’s inhabitants be prepared for this ultimate discontinuity in civilization? What are the chances of survival? Few churches are telling their followers the *truth about what lies ahead. Why not?*

#### The Scope of the Asteroid Threat

There are about 2000 near-Earth asteroids. Generally, asteroid orbital periods range mainly between 3.5 and 6 years. Those crossing the plane of Earth’s orbit *pose grave potential hazards*. Such hazards have become *reality* a surprising



number of times in the Earth’s history.

For example, there are **136 known** meteoritic impact sites on Earth! These impacts range from 0.02 km [~ 0.01242 miles = 65.5 feet] up to a whopping **300 km** [~ 186.3 miles] in Vredefort, South Africa!

This monster was an estimated 65 miles across! About half of these, 64, are 10 km [6.21 miles] or more across. Nineteen are 20 miles or more wide. Surprisingly, approximately 50 tons of space debris falls on the Earth daily. (Source: Dean Smith, *The Meteor Crater Story*, Appendix One). This is a *daily* occurrence!

Besides these terrestrial impact sites with their debris, numerous meteorites have been found in the snow and ice of Antarctica. From the South Pole, there are 1000 miles of ice and snow in all directions. Since 1969, over 7000 specimens have been discovered in this frozen and inhospitable wasteland (op. cit., p. 61).

Too, given the fact that 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans and an additional percentage by ice, there are surely many more undiscovered meteorites and their craters.

#### Other Close Encounters: A Troubling Trend?

Table 1 to the right shows the 42 closest approaches by asteroids over the last 65 years which have not entered the Earth's atmosphere.

Note that of the 14 closest approaches (those above the horizontal line) five occurred in 2002. That is 36 percent. *The most of any year since 1937!*

Also, the most activity occurred in the years 2001-2002 tallying 17 encounters or about **40 percent** of the total!

Is Yahweh firing an increasing number of *warning shots across the bow of Spaceship Earth?! Are these to let us know that we must turn back from our paths of lawlessness before we pass the point of no return??*

Will we as a nation and as a world community, turn in humble repentance to follow the righteous ways of old? "...ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein (Jer. 16:6)."

**TABLE 1**  
**Closest Approaches Last 65 years**

Distance (AU)	Date (TT)	Temporary designation	H
0.0007*	1994 Dec. 9.8	1994 XM1	28.0
0.00080	2002 June 14.09	2002 MN	23.4
0.0010	1993 May 20.9	1993 KA2	29.0
0.0011	1994 Mar. 15.7	1994 ES1	28.5
0.0011	1991 Jan. 18.7	1991 BA	28.5
0.00205++	2001 Jan. 15.85	2001 BA16	25.8
0.00282	2002 Mar. 31.15	2002 GQ	26.3
0.0029 +	1995 Mar. 27.2	1995 FF	26.5
0.00303	1996 May 19.69	1996 JA1	20.5
0.00306**	1991 Dec. 5.39	1991 VG	28.8
0.00311	2002 Mar. 8.04	2002 EM7	24.4
0.00321	2002 Feb. 8.80	2002 CB26	26.9
0.00332	2000 June 2.90	2000 LG6	29.0
0.00352	2002 Aug. 18.33	2002 NY40	18.9
0.00380	1999 May 6.14	2000 SG344	24.5
0.00457	1989 Mar. 22.90	1989 FC	20.5
0.00484	2001 Nov. 29.33	2001 WM15	24.9
0.00486	1994 Nov. 24.85	1994 WR12	22.0
0.0049	1937 Oct. 30.7(Hermes)	1937 UB	18
0.00495	2000 Dec. 22.29	2000 YA	23.8
0.0050	1995 Oct. 17.2	1995 UB	27.5
0.00528	2001 Nov. 20.86	2001 WJ4	7.4
0.00539	1998 June 8.24	1998 KY26	25.5
0.00557	2002 Jan. 7.32	2001 YB5	20.2
0.00595	2001 Feb. 23.06	2001 DZ76	25.3
0.00628	2001 Oct. 21.36	2001 UP	25.7
0.00642	2001 Oct. 8.65	2001 TB	24.4
0.00656	2002 Feb. 5.47	2002 CA26	27.3
0.0067	1993 Oct. 18.8	1993 UA	25.0
0.00679	1999 Feb. 4.08	1999 CQ2	27.5
0.0069	1994 Apr. 12.1	1994 GV	27.5
0.0071	1993 May 17.9	1993 KA	26.0
0.0071	1997 Oct. 26.2	1997 UA11	25.0
0.00736	1997 Feb. 9.78	1997 CD17	27.5
0.00775	1976 Oct. 20.70	1976 UA	20.3
0.00822	2002 Apr. 6.16	2002 FD6	22.0
0.00879	1999 Mar. 12.86	1999 FR5	23.8
0.00892	2001 Dec. 15.15	2001 YN2	25.4
0.00898	2001 Aug. 15.48	2001 QE71	24.6
0.00905	2000 Dec. 29.35	2001 AV43	24.8
0.00983	2001 Feb. 26.72	2001 EC	18.5
0.00984	1988 Sept.29.09	1988 TA	***21.0

**Notes:**

\* This approach is to within 112000 km = 70,000 miles.

\*\* 1991 VG may be a returning piece of man-made space debris.

\*\*\* The ephemeris for 1988 TA on IAUC 4662 was very preliminary and should be disregarded.

+ Closest approach to the moon was 0.0013 AU on 1995 Mar. 27.0 TT.

++ Closest approach to the moon was 0.00053 AU on 2001 Jan. 15.80 TT.

In Table 1 above, dates given in Terrestrial Time (TT) are equivalent to Universal Time (UT= Greenwich Mean Time= GMT). An AU is an astronomical unit (~ 92,955810 miles). By comparison the average distance to the Moon is 0.0026 AU = 238,900miles. An H refers to the absolute magnitude (brightness); the smaller the H, the brighter the object. Table data obtained from MPC and the URL: (<http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/iau/lists/Closest.html>).



The momentous, staggering facts of Scripture regarding the impacts with the earth by *age-ending asteroids*, hardly seems the remote possibility they once did. Now, scientists often raise the specter of such collisions as a *doomsday scenario!*

But they are not always easy to detect. For example, asteroid 2002MN [see Table 1] passed earth June 14, coming within 75,000 miles at a speed of 23,000 miles per hour, but it was *not detected until three days after it passed us!* The size of a soccer field, the big rock would have caused a global catastrophe had it landed.

It was the largest asteroid to get this close in several decades and was first spotted by the Lincoln Near Earth Asteroid Research Program based in Socorro, Mexico.

Of the nearly 2000 near-Earth asteroids, researchers have found about 1000 larger than 1 kilometer (0.6 miles) in an orbit that might one day threaten the Earth with planet-wide chaos. Scientists believe some are the size of a huge asteroid 12 miles wide that smashed into the Earth 3.5 billion years ago (*Yahoo News*, August 23, 2002).

In late January, 2002 top researchers made a joint political plea for help in saving the planet by early warning systems such as telescopes targeting potentially dangerous asteroid encounters.

Although scientists may sometimes disagree over their findings, one thing they do agree on “...*is that the threat is REAL!*” (Robert R. Britt, “World’s Asteroid Hunters Make Political Plea to Save Earth”, *Space.com*, January 31, 2002).

#### The HOLY DAYS and Possible Future Implications of Table 1 and Table 2

Table 2 in the next column shows the eight closest approaches of asteroids within the next 33 years. Note that these are only the *known* cases. *There may be others.*

Table 2

#### Close Approaches To The Earth in the Next 33 Years Within the Distances of Table 1

Only these predicted minor-planet and comet encounters fall within 0.0098 AU (less than 911,000 miles; see Table 1) of the earth. The URL says that “The distances...can be quite uncertain...” These eight table values were gleaned from several hundred data entries posted by MPC at the URL: (<http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/iau/lists/CloseApp.html>)

Distance (AU)	Date (TT)	Object designation
0.002652	2027 Aug. 7. 29	1999 AN10
0.004367	2028 June 25. 74	2001 WN5
0.005075	2026 Nov. 7. 68	2001 AV43
0.006228	2028 Oct. 26. 28	(35396) 1997 XF11
0.007625	2010 June 2. 39	1999 MN
0.007852	2023 Oct. 17. 02	1998 HH49
0.007977	2020 Oct. 3. 69	2001 GP2
0.009096	2008 Nov. 9. 47	2000 UG11

What is prophetically significant about the data of Tables 1 and 2?

The Holy Days of Yahweh ( Lev. 23) are “...shadows of things to come...(Col. 2:16),” It is, therefore, important to examine the entries of Tables 1 and 2 relative to these important prophetic times.

Tables 1 and 2 indicate the *most active month is October*, twice any other month! Note this: in those years when these closest encounters occur during the month of October, the *Feast of Tabernacles ends in October in those same years.*

What is equally interesting is the fact that in *every case but one (2020 AD) these October close encounters have occurred or will occur shortly AFTER the Feast of Tabernacles!!*

Another fact is important too: *Satan’s* “Holy Day” season begins just *after* the Feast of Tabernacles, starting with Halloween, All Souls Day, continuing on to Christmas, New Years. Will Yahweh start His punishment of this wickedness just after HIS Feast of Tabernacles?

Yahweh is serious. Are we? -ICY

# What Does It Mean to “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself?”

Of all the rules we are supposed to live by, the one quoted above is one of the most personal and sometimes one of the most elusive. Nothing can be closer to you than *yourself*. Your love of neighbor is to be equal to your love of self. (Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:39) At least in some ways, your neighbor is to be as close to you as you are to yourself.

One reason this rule can be subtle is the matter of knowing *how much* we love ourselves. To resolve this dilemma we must first define what is meant by “love...as yourself (Lev. 19:18, 34).” The word translated “love” (SEC 157) is indicated to mean “*to desire, breathe after, (...hence of longing,...)* (Gesenius, p. 15).” Strong’s says, “*to have affection for...*”. It is the same word, *ahab* (or *aheb, ahav*), used in the *greatest* law, “...you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37).

The word is used in the sense of a *man’s love of a woman, wife*, (Gen.24,67); *love of a son* (Gen. 22:2; 25:28;37:3,4; 44:20); *love of a friend to friend* (I Sam 16:21; 18:1,3); *of a woman’s love of a man* (I Sam. 18:20); etc.

These examples show that loving our neighbor (SEC7453: *friend, companion, fellow, associate*, BDB, p. 945) goes beyond the mere mechanical act of helping or a casual show of concern. It certainly goes beyond Cain’s rather cold reply, “Am I my

brother’s keeper (Gen. 4:9)?”

But what is the equality Yahweh speaks of when He refers to loving your neighbor *as yourself*?

Does this equality mean we are to spend as much money on our neighbor as we do ourselves so that we live on half our income after taxes? Are we supposed to spend as much time seeing after the needs of our neighbor as we do our own needs? Or do we just wait until some neighbor’s crisis gets our attention and we respond in *some way*. Is Yahweh referring to a form of communism, a communal equal-sharing of all personal resources?

First of all, *any* act of kindness toward our neighbor is at least a *first step* toward reaching the level of actually *loving* him. Such acts at least require some contact with your neighbor. You cannot love what or who you know nothing about. So on the first level, we *must be aware of our neighbor*. This requires some loss of self awareness, at least long enough to acknowledge him.

The next level requires some prolonged loss of *self concern* as a necessary prelude to the *highest* level of actually *loving our neighbor with a love (affection and concern) equal to self love*.

To reach this level of actually loving our neighbor, we must apply the great law that “Therefore *all things* whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them (Matt. 7:12).” This basic



code of human conduct has been called "The Golden Rule."

The very act of doing, giving, helping "unto others" **as you would have them do unto you** will ensure *a balance in our personal activity which will not be a one-sided selfishness on our part.*

For example, **if** you really would want others to give you half their income, or spend as much time on your needs as they do on their own, *then that is exactly what you MUST DO to others on an equal basis: dollar-for-dollar, hour-for-hour.*

Once this reciprocal attitude is fully accepted, one will find out very quickly just *what it is* he really would have men do to him. Why? *Because that is exactly what we would be required to do to others.*

Would we really want to give half our income to others (this includes the half your neighbor gave to you on a dollar-for-dollar basis)? Would we really want to share all our resources with others on an equal-value basis? This would be doing *our part* in the total process involving our neighbor.

Herein lies the *key* to the understanding of the equality Yahweh speaks of in the matter of loving your neighbor as yourself.

By applying the *golden rule* we will do for our neighbor as we want him to do for us. We *will love* as we would like to be loved. We *will help, give, sympathize, show concern for their lives, etc. exactly as we want others to help, give, sympathize, and show concern for us.*

This will in fact **BE** loving our neighbor as (equal to) ourselves. The genuine affection and caring will be there as the feelings follow our actions. Perhaps we can now better see why "doing unto others" **IS** the law and the prophets as Yahshua said (Matt. 7:12). Remember, the law of Lev. 19:18 about loving your neighbor as yourself *is included in "the law"* Yahshua is speaking of Matt. 7:12.

It is, therefore, intricately connected with the "golden rule" as we have shown.

Obviously, doing nothing for our neighbor is not an option. This is not what we would want and consequently is not loving him as our self.

Some questions useful for checking our degree of love toward our neighbor are (1) "Are people important to me or good enough to associate with only when I want something from them?", (2). "Are they good enough only when *they* can help *me*, show concern for *my* children, *my* health, etc.?", (3) "How much concern do I show others or how often do I show that concern?", and (4). "What kind of world would it be if everyone had the same attitude toward their neighbors as I do?"

Did Yahshua selflessly give to others? Whose example are we to follow (1 Pet.2:21)?

A final crucial point is that we really *do not* know in all cases what acts are correct in dealing with others *without knowledge of Yahweh's Law.*

For example, should we give to the poor on a regular basis? Is this loving your neighbor as yourself? Yahshua did (Jn. 13:29). Also, do we have to *always* help our neighbor-do everything for him-or should he work to be able to take care of most of his own needs? The Law requires *all* to work six days (Ex. 20:9). Often, breaking this command is a root cause of poverty. Self reliance is a personal responsibility for *both* us and our neighbor that goes with the command of **loving ourselves as much as we love our neighbor.** We must not forget this converse aspect of the commandment. Loving ourselves equally to our love of others maintains the self respect we need.

"*Others!*" was the brief message the Salvation Army's President sent member stores. "Love your neighbor as yourself." It is not just a good idea. It is the **LAW.-ICY**

# יהוה Do You Worship YAHWEH or God?

Many people say, “It doesn’t really matter what name you use in prayer. What difference does it make?” But the REAL question is “What difference does it make to the TRUE CREATOR of heaven and earth?”

**D**oes it matter whose name we use in worship? Is it Biblical to worship God?

Few who profess the Bible as the basis of their religious beliefs, ever question the use of the name “God” they invoke in prayer or song in their personal life or during a convocation. Perhaps because it makes no real difference *to them*, they assume it does not really matter to the ONE who created all things.

What does the *BIBLE* say regarding the importance of the Creator’s name? More specifically, what does the *CREATOR* say about His name? Ultimately, it is *HIS* view that matters, not yours or mine. Our concern must always be what matters to *HIM*. We are to be *HIS* servants doing the Master’s business. *His* wishes are our duties to perform. If we truly *love* the Creator we will do what *He* says: “For **THIS** IS THE LOVE OF YAHWEH [“God”, KJV], THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS (1 Jn. 5:3).”

## WHO Created All Things?

If we profess to worship the *true* Creator, the Sovereign Ruler of heaven and earth, we must know who He is *by name*. **WHO** is the Most High over all the Earth? What is His Name? Let David answer: “That men may know that you whose name is YAHWEH, [“Jehovah” KJV] are the MOST HIGH OVER ALL THE EARTH (Psa. 83:18).”

As for the name Jehovah: “The pronunciation *Jehovah* was unknown until 1520, when it was introduced by Galatinus; but it was contested by Le Mercier, J Dussius, and L. Capellus, as against grammatical and historical propriety (*BDB*, p. 218).”

Superstitious Jews avoid speaking Yahweh’s name to this day. Long ago they placed the vowel signs of the word Adonai (“my Lord”) an “half a [eh],” “o,” and an “a” under the sacred consonants YHWH. They still do this and read only Adonai instead of YHWH when it is



encountered in Scripture. Unsuspecting Christians [Galatinus, etc. above] then read YHWH as *Yehowah* or *Yehovah*. Eventually the “Y” became hardened to the English “J” to give *Jehovah*.

In the King James Version wherever capital letters spell LORD the actual Hebrew should be pronounced “Yahweh” from the consonants, YHWH (SEC 3068). The Hebrew letters are Y = Yod, H = He, W = Waw, and H = He, with the appropriate vowel points. Actually, in Hebrew it is written HWHY, read right-to-left.

### Pronunciation of YHWH

#### A. The first syllable: YH

To understand *why* the pronunciation of this great name, YHWH is Yahweh, consider the following. None will argue the “short” or contracted form of this name is YAHH (SEC 3050; used 49 times) as found in Psa. 68:4; Isa. 12:2; Psa. 118:14; Ex. 17:16, etc. Pronounced “yaw” from the letters YHH (or written in Hebrew, HHY) with the vowel “a”: YAHH. Usually this contracted form is spelled YAH. The *Masoretic* Hebrew text shows the vowel, qamats (ַ) denoting “a” (as in *father*), is placed under the H in YH, giving YAH.

In addition, lexicons tell us the pronunciation “YAH” is the contracted form of YHWH (*BDB*, p. 219; *Gesenius*, p. 335). Lexicons also show the usual vowel given to the first syllable in YHWH, the YH, is *not* the qamats, however, but the *patah* (ֿ) which nonetheless denotes “a” (as in *father*) giving as well, YAH.

Consequently, the Hebrew text of Scripture and lexicons show the longer form YHWH must include YAH as the first syllable: YAHWH.

But *where* does this contracted form originate? What is the basis for it?

The possible answer lies in the root of Hebrew words. In Hebrew, words are

built off the three consonants of the verbal root. Extra letters and/or vowels are added to these to form nouns, adjectives, or other verbs.

The name, YHWH, Yahweh, is formed from the verb, HAYAH, (SEC 1961, meaning *be, become*).

Notice that dropping the “HA” to the left of “Y” in this verbal root gives the contracted form of Yahweh’s name, “YAH.” Thus, the *verbal root* of YHWH provides a basis for the contracted form, YAH.

On this basis as well, “YAH” obviously refers to the *first* syllable, YH, in the tetragrammaton, YHWH.

The word, halleluyah, which is a combination of words, “praise-you-yah” (Psa. 104:35; 105:45, etc.) uses this same contracted form, YAH as well as many Biblical names: *Yeshayah* [Isaiah], *Yirmeyah* [Jeremiah], etc.

The New Testament record shows as well that “halleluyah” (SEC 239: Gr.: *alleluyah*), will be used far into the future as the prophecies of Revelation clearly reveal (Rev. 19:1,3,4,6). YAHWEH is truly, “...my name *forever*, and...my memorial to *ALL generations* (Ex. 3:15).” That includes *us!*

#### B. The second syllable: WH

To find the correct pronunciation of the *second* syllable of YAHWH, the WH, [“HW” in Heb., read right-left] we have some indication from the following points.

First, Yahweh refers to Himself in Ex. 3:14: “...Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh (I AM who I AM)” which is then compressed to “Ehyeh” later in the verse. EHYEH (again from the Hebrew verb, *hayah*; SEC 1961) is a verb. HAYAH, a verb, is the root of EHYEH as well as the root of YHWH. The major root of these two is the verb, HAWAH (SEC 1933), hence the “W” in YHWH.

This verse has been given an enormous

amount of attention by scholars over the years looking primarily for a correlation in *meaning* of the expressions found there.

This verb, *ehyeh*, is very important and is further used in the verse: "**EHYEH has sent me to you** (Ex. 3:14)."

Notice how a grammatical equivalence is shown between this word, "EHYEH", and the word, "YAHWEH" by the statement later used in the verse: "**YHWH...has sent me to you....**" That is, EHYEH is in some way related to or equivalent to YHWH.

Not only is similarity of meaning found, but also the *form*, i.e. the spelling, of the words themselves must be considered in some equivalent way. Did Yahweh connect these words in these statements so we would have a *Scriptural basis* for the pronunciation of His great name?

Let us continue to look that this important relationship.

As noted earlier, from the contracted form, YAH we *know* that YHWH can at least be written YAHWH by dropping the *first* syllable of HAYAH, the "HA", to get the *first* syllable of YHWH which is YAH.

Consequently, to get the correct pronunciation of the *second* syllable, HW, we look to the verb, *ehyeh*, in this verse, which takes us again back to HAYAH. *Ehyeh* is a form of *hayah* and is *also* related to YHWH as shown by Ex. 3:14.

Since we already have the *first* syllable, YAH, which contains the "Y", we then drop the *second* syllable of EHYEH, the "YEH" containing the "Y", to get the vowel needed for the *second* syllable of YHWH.

This leaves the "EH" (HE in Hebrew; the vowel, "e" is to the right of the H). Comparing EH with the WH of YAHWH, we see that this Scriptural equivalence

shows the *vowel that goes with the second syllable of YHWH is the vowel "E."*

Inserting the "e" vowel just to the right of "H" (where it is found in the order of the Hebrew: "HE" is the first syllable of "HEYHE" to the right of Y), gives us WEH for the last syllable of the sacred name, YHWH.

Now, combining the contracted form, YAH, with this gives the complete form of the tetragrammaton, YHWH, as **YAHWEH** [Heb. *HEWHAY*]. This is pronounced as "*yaw-weh*" with a short "e"

Thus, using the Creator's own quotes in which *HE* equates YAH with His name, YHWH (Psa. 68:4), and further relates an equivalence of EHYEH to His name, YHWH (Ex. 3:14,15), we have the necessary vowels to complete the pronunciation of the sacred name, Yahweh.

Some would have us believe that there is no way we can know how to pronounce this name *or any other name* in the Hebrew text. Why not? Is there something about Hebrew proper nouns that "hides" their pronunciation? There is *no* grammatical evidence to support such a view.

Obviously, if we cannot know how *names* are pronounced because of vowel usage, then we would have no idea of the pronunciation of *any* of the Hebrew words of Scripture. Thousands of instances of vowel usage, other than proper names, are necessary to speak the language.

It is ludicrous to think that the Hebrew Scriptures were preserved, but those in whose care they were and are entrusted, had no idea of the correct pronunciation of Scriptural proper names. Contrariwise, we are asked to assume they knew well how all *other nouns*, verbs, adjectives, etc. were pronounced. Translators who have obscured the truth of Yahweh's Holy Name will one day have to give an account for their actions.



Yahweh's name is mentioned over 5760 times in Scripture, yet only a handful of church-goers know *and* use His name in worship. What a travesty. What a sin!

#### What YAHWEH says about His Name

Notice what the prophet Isaiah recorded, "Thus says the Mighty One, YAHWEH, HE THAT CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH, and stretched them out; HE that spread forth the earth...I AM YAHWEH, THAT IS MY NAME: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images (Isa. 42:5, 8)." How much more emphatically could the importance of Yahweh's name be stated, and by what greater AUTHORITY?

But despite such clear and unambiguous statements, Yahweh's great name is devalued and ignored, considered unimportant even to pronounce. How can any claim to know the Creator when they will not even acknowledge who He is by name?

We should never forget that *there is* a direct command regarding Yahweh's name: "You shall not take up the name of Yahweh your Elohim for futility ["for a vain thing" YLT], for Yahweh shall not hold innocent him who takes up His name for futility (Ex. 20: 7; *Concordant Version of the Old Testament*)."

The word translated here "futility" can mean *nothingness, emptiness* (BDB p. 996). It is also used to mean *emptiness of speech*. (see again BDB, p. 996).

The name of Yahweh is NOT to be used as nothingness or as emptiness, nor considered for a vain thing.

Is this not precisely what people do by ignoring Yahweh's great name? By refusing to acknowledge His name and worship in the name of Yahweh, they are treating it as nothingness, emptiness in direct violation of this commandment.

David, a man after Yahweh's own heart, did not ignore Yahweh's name or

claim that it is "too sacred to pronounce": "I will... **call upon** the name of Yahweh (Ps. 116:17). "I will **ble**ss your name forever and ever (Psa. 145:2)." Notice his attitude toward those who do not call on the name of Yahweh: "Pour out your wrath upon...the kingdoms that have not called upon your name (Psa. 79:6)."

The day is coming when Yahweh will make everyone know His glorious name: "...I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles [British Isles?]: and THEY SHALL KNOW THAT I AM **YAHWEH**. So I will MAKE MY NAME KNOWN IN THE MIDST OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL...AND THE HEATHEN SHALL KNOW THAT I AM **YAHWEH**...(Ezk. 39:6,7)."

#### Who Is God?

Now that we KNOW, based on the Scriptures, that the name of the Creator is Yahweh, it is important to ask, "Who is God?" The widespread worship of God, whoever that is, in contrast to the Biblically *commanded* worship of Yahweh, brings to focus the need to Biblically answer this question.

First, God is NOT Yahweh who has commanded that we worship *no other being but Him*.

But is there a *Scriptural* way to find out exactly *who* God is? Yes, there is. Notice.

Turn to Isaiah 65:11. Here find recorded the following important statement: "But **you who forget Yahweh**, who forget my holy mountain, [Notice now] who *set a table for GAD*...I will destine you for the sword...because you did evil in my sight."

Who is GAD? First, GAD is pronounced "GOD" [gawd]. Second, this is the Babylonian diety of good fortune! Remember that names are primarily communicated by the way they are pronounced. The real purpose of spelling

the names *is to preserve their actual sound.*

In this verse we see that GOD [spelled "gad" but with the Hebrew pronunciation intended, *gawd*] is in *Biblical fact* the Babylonian deity of *Fortune* or *Good Luck*.

Notice what *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament* says about *Gad [God]*:

"*fortune*"; with art. specially the divinity of *Fortune*, *worshipped by the Babylonians AND by the Jews exiled among them*; elsewhere called *Baal*...i.e. the planet *Jupiter*, regarded in all the East as the giver of good fortune...(Isa. 65:11)."

The *New World Translation* renders this verse: "...setting in order a table for the god of Good Luck..."

Churches today the world over use the term *God* with great reverence saying it refers to a Being given all power and authority who gives his worshippers *good fortune* now and in the hereafter!

Does God deserve all that adulation? Is he the creator of heaven and earth as so many attest? *Not at all!*

***By the authority of Scripture, God is nothing more than a pagan deity worshipped by a corrupt Babylonian society and passed down to our generation.***

All who worship in that name are committing an abominable sin and knowingly or not, thumbing their nose at the true Creator, Yahweh.

Who among professing Bible believers would dare say that *Jupiter, Zeus, or Thor* should be glorified and worshipped, with songs of praise and prayers of thanks?

If asked why not, they might say something like, "None of these is the Creator of heaven and earth. God is the Creator."

But ***IS God the Creator?*** We now know, by the authority of Scripture, that ***he is NOT. Yahweh is the Creator.***

The Bible clearly exposes God as the Babylonian deity of good fortune! HE IS NOT TO BE WORSHIPPED! HE IS NOT TO BE GIVEN GLORY AND HONOR!

Such actions are pure paganism and condemned by Yahweh himself: "You shall have ***NO OTHER ELOHIM BEFORE ME...YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN YOURSELF TO THEM NOR SERVE THEM: FOR I YAHWEH YOUR ELOHIM AM A JEALOUS ELOHIM...***(Ex. 20:3,5)."

You cannot say it more directly than that, nor with more authority!

In Acts 14:12-15 we find recorded an incident in which Barnabas and Paul were called *Jupiter [Zeus]* and *Mercurius [Hermes]*, respectively. The priests of these deities were going to offer sacrifices to them. But the apostles vehemently objected to the people of Lystra worshipping these deities.

But *why* would they object if the ***NAMES*** of the deities they worshipped made no difference? Why did the apostles not say that it really does not matter what you call the Creator; that we worship the same deity who we just happen to call *Jupiter, Zeus, Mercurius, God, or Diana*??

The truth is, *it does matter what name is used in worship.* It certainly mattered to the apostles. It matters to ***Yahweh.*** *It should matter to us.*

Remember, Yahweh said: "I am Yahweh: *that is my name, and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images* (Isa. 42:8)."

Though the name of the Creator is mentioned nearly 7000 times in Scripture, few even know His Name. Will you give the honor due Yahweh by reverencing His great and glorious name? ***ICY---***

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"What the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve." --Napoleon Hill



# PASSOVER IS A *SABBATH!*

## The Literal Hebrew Proves It.

**O**ne of the most important aspects of Passover is the fact that it is an annual High Sabbath.

Curiously, this fact is usually discarded in favor of traditions having *no Biblical basis whatever*.

### The Scriptural Day

One main reason for this is the nearly universal belief among Passover observers that the Biblical day begins and ends at sunset. This false *Babylonian* tradition has been repeated so often, it is now accepted as a Biblical fact.

Using the false assumption that the Scriptural day *ends* at sunset, it is reasoned that the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib (Passover: Lev. 23:5) begins the previous evening at sunset when the 13<sup>th</sup> supposedly ends.

By this thinking, the Passover starts at sunset, and runs *through the night* until the next sunset when the 15<sup>th</sup> of Abib starts. The 15<sup>th</sup> is then assumed to be the first day of unleavened bread.

The problem with this line of reasoning is simply that it has *NO* Scriptural support. The Bible defines DAY AS LIGHT (Gen. 1:4,5). So the *day* simply *cannot* include the *night* which is *darkness* (Gen.1:5). Biblically, therefore, it *cannot* run from

sunset-to-sunset. Day is *light*.

So when Yahweh says "...the 14<sup>th</sup> day at evening... (Ex. 12:18; Lev. 23: 5)...", He *cannot* be referring to the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Many often use Lev. 23:32 to support the sunset-to-sunset day. However, this verse applies *only* to the observance of *Atonements*: "...from evening-to-evening, shall you observe your Sabbath."

*What Sabbath?* All Sabbaths? Absolutely not. Read the context. It is referring to the observance of *Atonements* (Lev. 23:26-32), *not* to all Sabbaths.

Also, Passover is called a *feast* [Heb. *chag*, SEC 2282] (Ex. 12:14; Ezk. 45:21) just like the *feast (chag)* of tabernacles (Lev. 23:34).

### Literal Hebrew Proves the Passover Sabbath

The fact is, the day of Passover begins a *seven day* festival period. This is clear *if* we follow the *literal* Hebrew, *without* reversing the word order, inserting words not in the original Hebrew, nor arbitrarily ending verses in the middle of a thought.

Notice two crucial examples translated literally from the Hebrew which show this.

**First**, Ex. 12:14,15 reads: "...and you shall celebrate IT

[Can only be PASSOVER, vv. 1-13: check the context] a feast to Yahweh for your generations a law forever *you shall celebrate it seven days*, unleavened bread you shall eat only."

**Secondly**, Ezk. 45:21 reads: "...in the fourteenth day toward the New Moon there shall be to you *the Passover feast* (Heb. *chag*) *seven days* unleavened bread is eaten."

Both examples clearly show the *Passover* is the *first day* of the seven days. So the 15<sup>th</sup> of Abib is *not* the first day.

Now, what is done on the *first of these seven days*?

FIRST, during all seven days *unleavened bread* is eaten. This must include the *first day* which is Passover

Passover is even specifically called the "*first*" *day of unleavened bread*.. Notice:

"And the *first day of unleavened bread*, when they killed the Passover... (Mk. 14:12; See also Lk. 22:7; Matt.26: 17)."

SECONDLY, "...**AND THE FIRST DAY SHALL BE A HOLY CONVOCATION...NO MANNER OF WORK SHALL BE DONE...**(Ex.12: 16)."

Clearly, Passover, Abib 14, is a Sabbath day.

The *Biblical facts* are that the Passover is the *first day of unleavened bread* AND it is a *SABBATH!* Will you follow men or Yahweh? -ICY



# Does the EURO mean a TEN-NATION “United States of Europe” is Near?

*What is the euro? Could it lead to  
RELIGIOUS UNITY and signal the  
coming of the BEAST of  
REVELATION? Read  
further to see WHO the TEN HORNS OF  
THE BEAST REALLY ARE!!*

**I**s there smooth sailing ahead for the euro?

Is the introduction of the euro a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy? Many insist it is a sure sign of a United States of Europe which they insist is a

fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and shows the apocalyptic end time.

But do such predictions accurately depict the *true* Biblical prophecies? What does the Bible *really* say about a coming ten-nation coalition of national powers at the time of the end?

Is the book of Revelation “open” to any and all who read it? Remember John recorded: “The Revelation of Yahshua the Anointed, which Yahweh gave to Him [NOTICE] *to show* HIS SERVANTS things which must shortly come to



pass...(Rev. 1:1)." Who are Yahweh's *true* servants? Those who keep the commandments of Yahweh!

We will look at these questions in the context of developments in Western Europe, i.e. the euro, and the clear facts of Scripture.

#### The New Currency

The *euro* is the new currency for the European Union (EU), a Western Europe multinational union.

Those countries of the 15-member EU which introduced euro cash January 1, 2002 were Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and Portugal. The euro is now legal tender for some 300 million Europeans.

Great Britain, Denmark, and Sweden have not yet adopted the euro. Five Central and East European nations who are presently negotiating to enter the EU are being conditioned to adopt the euro. These include Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, and Slovenia.

Others who are candidates for membership in the EU are: Malta, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Romania, and Turkey ("European Union Prepares for

*Expansion*," Jeffrey Ulbrich, The Associated Press).

The euro note has seven denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500. Euro coins include eight denominations ranging from 1 cent to 2 euro, and contains security features such as watermarks and holograms.

Since the euro began circulation in January 1, 2002, its use among EU nations marked the *first time since the Roman Empire that Europeans are sharing the same unit of money*.

In December, 2001, 50 million euro starter kits containing all eight of the euro coins went on sale throughout the Netherlands [formerly called "Holland"].

On January 1, 2002 all non-cash transactions-for example bank transfers and cheques, *had* to be in euro. The dates to end the use of existing cash in national currencies vary with each participating country.

For example, February 28, 2002 was the deadline for Belgian & Luxembourg (franc), Greek drachma, Finnish markka, Spanish peseta, Portuguese escudo, Austrian schilling, and the German Mark. While January 28, February 9, 17, 28 were the last dates for the Dutch guilder, Irish punt, and French franc, respectively (Source: [\[gov.uk/factsheet\\\_pages.asp?id=7&pg=1&ls=2\]\(http://gov.uk/factsheet\_pages.asp?id=7&pg=1&ls=2\)\).](http://www.euro.</a></p>
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To get some idea of the relation of the euro to national currencies it replaced, the exchange rates are, for example, 1 euro is worth 13.7603 Austrian schillings, 6.55957 French francs, 1.95583 German Marks, 340.750 Greek drachma [See *Lk.15:8,9*], 1936.27 Italian lire, and 166.386 Spanish pesetas.

In the reference noted above, Yahshua refers to the *drachma* in a parable about a *woman* having 10 drachma and losing *one* drachma (Lk. 15:8,9).

It is also noteworthy that the *dram*, [Hebrew *akarkon*, I Chron 29:7; Ezra 8:27; *darkemon*, Ezra 2:69; Neh. 7:70-72] is the "...earliest coined money which we can be sure was known to and used by the Jews... and was extensively circulated in Greece..." [*Unger's Bible Dictionary*, Metrology, p. 724]. **AND**, the *dram* is apparently the Persian *daric* which *appears to be etymologically connected with the Greek drachma* [ibid, p. 724].

Greece has lost the drachma. Will she recover that "loss" rising once again to the preeminence of a bygone era behind a coming king of Greece (Dan. 8:8,9,17,21,22,23,25,26)?

Any member of the EU qualified to use the new

money if they met certain standards such as having an annual budget deficit of 3% or less. In addition, the participating countries must share a single interest rate set by the European Central Bank. ("European Union, International Monetary Fund, *USA Today*, 1999, Mary Cadden).

### Benefits of Unity

Using a single currency helps eliminate foreign-exchange commissions banks get for money exchanges. This allows potentially enormous savings to exporters.

Also, businesses can more easily compare prices from nation-to-nation since prices are based on a common standard of legal tender.

By far the greatest economic impact of the euro, however, is the expected conversion of Europe into a *single market* which can compete globally with U.S. businesses. The extent to which that can happen depends in part on the ability of the euro to rival the dollar as a stable currency. This may take several years depending on the world economic scene.

Too, member nations' strengths *and* weaknesses economically will likely have a more direct cause-effect relationship as they index their economies to the single currency. It is not expected that the euro

will rival the dollar for several years and then, only if it shows strength and stability over the long term.

To facilitate this, the ECB's first-year priority is to keep interest rates high enough to stabilize the euro and control inflation. This may be met with considerable resistance from member nations who want lower interests rates to fight unemployment.

The intent is, of course, that the hoped for smooth interaction between member nations will in turn produce more economic equilibrium within each nation.

On this point, Peter Sutherland, former director-general of the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) says, "...the euro will create a cross-border transparency in terms of investments... In business terms, mergers and acquisitions will significantly increase, and it will make a greater reality of the *internal market* (Robert J. Guttman, "Speaking Out on the Euro, *Europe Magazine*).

### Economic/Politico Power

Many, particularly in Europe, look for a successful euro to "tilt the balance" of global economic power and provide a challenge to the dollar's dominance in the world's financial and trading systems" (Mary Cadden, *ibid*).

The economic power of a unified Europe is formidable.

The EU boasts 290 million consumers and a gross domestic product (GDP) of \$6.9 trillion. By contrast, the US has 268 million consumers and a GDP of \$7.2 trillion.

The ultimate aim of the EU is to produce a solid "economic Europe" acting as one in world markets.

In an effort to achieve this, the euro monetary policy will be directed by the European Central Bank (ECB) based in Frankfurt, Germany. Having the ECB direct euro monetary policy rather than using central banks of individual countries, provides a political independence for setting euro policies.

The ECB is expected to have more independence than either the Bundesbank or the US Federal Reserve Bank (often referred to simply as the "Fed"). This is highly significant when compared to the unquestioned power of the Fed to manipulate the massive US economy.

If the ECB is successful, the euro may well become a significant global currency. Though the dollar has a "formidable lead", opinions are divided on how long it will take for the euro to challenge the dollar as an international currency.



Larry Summers, then deputy treasury secretary, shares the view of most analysts: "The dollar will remain the primary reserve currency for the foreseeable future. We expect the impact of the euro on the monetary system to be quite limited initially and to occur only gradually." (*Europe Magazine*, 1998).

A growing minority, however, believes much the same as Avinash Persaus, head of currency research at JP Morgan. He expects a much sooner *and broader* impact, "The euro will become an international currency within a matter of months, not years." (*Europe Magazine*, 1998).

#### Present State of the Euro

In January 2003, the euro reached a three-year high versus the dollar at \$1.0597. This was its highest value since Oct. 27, 1999 when it reached \$1.0641. This marked a 20 percent gain versus the dollar within the past year. When first introduced Jan. 1, 1999 the euro traded at \$1.18, but was trading at an all-time low of 82 cents by October 2000. Speculation is that this rise is fueled by concerns over the staggering U.S. economy and uncertainty over the prospects of war with Iraq. (*Southeast Missourian*, Jan. 2003). Twelve of the 15-

member European Union now use the euro.

Introducing the euro is expected to bring not only monetary effects.

The expectation is that the ECB's monetary policies will, in the long term, aid the drive toward European *political unity*.

Note that political unity is usually intertwined with economic unity, i.e. in this case a unified currency. It is a well known fact that political unity is driven in large part by *economics*. Note, for example, that in this country (USA) a strong economy amplifies the incumbent party, solidifies its power and diminishes the counterbalancing effect of the two-party system. This strong economic climate thereby congeals our politics into essentially a unified, single politic. A case in point, was the reelection of President Bill Clinton. Due primarily to a long-running "bull market" and nearly historic economic prosperity, Mr. Clinton rode to an easy reelection. Money talks and *all* political ideologies *listen* if they perceive there is something in it for them.

The euro is expected to achieve a similar *singular EU* politic in part by facilitating takeovers and helping investment bankers put deals together.

In a global economy, of which the EU is now, or soon to become, a microcosm, the leveling of cultural differences is only a matter of time. Political unity runs parallel with this process.

If global cultural differences are bridged, a *global government is only a matter of time*. Government and politics are a function of the distribution of wealth. Redistribute the wealth with a common culture, and both politics and government will change.

#### Coming Religious Unity?

There is something more that rides the wave of political and economic unity: the specter of *religious unity*.

When money talks it is also true that *religion listens!* The widespread religious unity in the US is evident during the Christmas season, for example. This oneness of religious fervor is fueled by an *economic* motive. The religious denominations' unity is clearly shown by the *holidays most have in common* (Easter, Christmas, etc.). Basic to this commonality is the freedom to use the dollar, a single currency, to celebrate these holidays.

The Bible says the day is coming when *economics*

and *religion* will be united on a *global scale!*

Already, there is a rapidly growing *one-world* economy. The introduction of the euro *may quickly punctuate this growth.*

Travelers to the Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium last summer report the convenience of using the euro. The building blocks are in place for a *new phase in the quest for a United Europe.* The euro is the next link in the chain leading the way.

Actually, this quest began in 1952 when six European nations formed the European Coal and Steel Community. Their purpose was to try to prevent rivalries within Europe which had been a problem in the past, while providing *economic unity.* That was *50 years ago!*

Later in 1957, these same six formed the European Economic Community. The six member nations were West Germany, France, Italy, Holland [The Netherlands], Luxemborg, and Belgium.

Even then, many considered this so-called "Treaty of Rome" as a unification effort ultimately aimed at the *religious unification of Europe!*

William G. Anthony quoted Pius XII from a Roman dispatch in the news magazine '*Topic*'

(March 24, 1962): "Not since the end of the Roman Empire has the Holy See been offered a Catholic rallying point like the Common Market [ECU]." (quoted in *History of Nations Foretold*, John Kiesz, p. 38).

A prerequisite to *religious unity* is clearly a one-Europe single monetary policy powered by a single currency. This is now in place.

### **Flexing Military Might**

In addition to economic unity, the EU is now adding "...military clout to their common foreign policy..." (Jeffrey Ulbrich, *ibid.*). The EU has declared their *rapid-action corps* operational, though it is well below the goal of 60,000 troops. Presently, it can now deploy a "small humanitarian or peacekeeping force."

*But is all this prophetic? Is a unification of Europe prophesied in Scripture?*

More specifically, do the ten horns (Rev. 13:1; 17:3,12) refer to *this* unification, the EU, or could it be some *other* wholly *unexpected* union of ten kingdoms?

### **Revelations' Beasts**

#### **A. No Private Interpretation**

Volumes have been written on the prophetic beasts of the book of Revelation.

Do any or all ten horns of these beasts refer to the EU in some way? By far

the most commonly accepted view is that the beasts of Revelations are referring in part or whole to the *Roman Empire*, or a coming newly resurrected *Holy Roman Empire.* It is believed to be composed of a ten-nation confederation of European nations.

Many writers invariably teach that the beast which rises out of the sea (the "leopard-like beast": Rev. 13:1) is connected with the papacy of Rome in some way or other.

But is that what the Bible *really* says? To get the true meaning of Biblical prophecy, we *must* let the *Bible* interpret its own prophecies.

The apostle Peter's unequivocal statement on prophecy *absolutely CANNOT* be compromised: "Knowing this FIRST, that NO PROPHECY OF THE SCRIPTURE IS OF ANY PRIVATE INTERPRETATION (2 Pet. 1:20)."

Though writers usually profess to go by Peter's axiom of prophecy, practically *none* actually do. It is exactly this failure to consistently follow this rule that accounts for the wide variety of *private interpretations* which dominate the literature on this subject. Many rush to judgment riding the commonly used interpretations. The result is the

“same ole, same ole” rehashing of these *theories*.

Do we let *history* interpret Biblical prophecy (as most *all* do) or do we let the *Bible* interpret Biblical prophecy?

#### **B. Beasts, Religious Unity, and World Commerce**

Does Italy's membership in the EU, the EU's emerging economic and military visibility, AND Rome's present-day ecclesiastical and political clout, portend a connection between the EU and the beast or beasts of the Apocalypse of St. John?

To begin answering this question, we look at the first leopard-like beast of Revelation.

The first great beast of Revelation chapter thirteen will have political *and* religious power of epic proportions. This power *will be world-wide and used to enforce a single one-world religion!*

Notice. "...and ALL the WORLD wondered after the beast...and they WORSHIPPED the beast...(Rev. 13:3,4)."

*This is a world-wide, universal religion, something which has never happened in history to the present day. This prophecy (Rev. 1:3) is therefore yet to come!*

Now notice how this one-world religion is *tied to economics*: "And HE (the beast of v. 11) causes ALL (*all nations*), both small and great,

rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: THAT *NO MAN* MIGHT BUY OR SELL, (global commerce) save he that had the *mark*, or the *name* of the BEAST (v. 12 beast is the FIRST beast of Rev. 13:1) or the *number* of his name (Rev. 13:16,17)."

#### **C. Where The Beast Arises**

Does the beast (leopard) arise in Europe or from one of the members of the EU?

*Where* will this beast of Rev. 13:1 arise? Will it be in America, Africa,... *where?*

The writer, John, reveals just *where* this great beast emerges. And, he shows it does NOT arise in Europe! Notice how this amazing fact is recorded in Scripture.

First, we know that when John wrote the book of Revelation, he was on the isle of *PATMOS* in the AEGEAN SEA which is the northern part of the Mediterranean Sea (Rev. 1:9) .Now, notice he records: "AND I [some read "he"; *Word Meanings in The New Testament*, R. Earle, p. 465] *STOOD ON THE SAND OF THE SEA...*(Rev. 13:1)." What sand? What sea?

The sand could only be one of the sandy beaches of Patmos! The sea is the Aegean Sea. How clearly John's account reveals that the beast he sees *rises out of the Aegean Sea* just a few miles off the western coast of Turkey-NOT in Europe!

Many often *interpret* the

sea to be peoples or nations. But the *Bible* does not tell us this, men do. True, that the *waters* upon which the whore of Revelations 17:5, 15 sits *are* nations. But John makes *no reference whatever to nations in this account* and we are not at liberty to *assume* sea means nations here in Rev. 13.

#### **D. Bottomless Pit Location**

Notice too, that this beast with the seven heads and ten horns arises from the *bottomless pit*: "The beast which you saw [v.1; Rev.13:1]...shall ascend out of the *BOTTOMLESS PIT* (Rev. 17:8)."

And *where* did this beast arise? From the Aegean Sea a short distance from the isle of Patmos.

This provides strong evidence-*on the authority of the Bible itself*, that the *bottomless pit is in the Aegean Sea close to the Island of Patmos!!*

Many have speculated the bottomless pit was in the vicinity of the Bermuda Triangle where various disappearances have occurred. True the bottomless pit is *in the sea* but it is located in the *Aegean Sea* near Patmos, not in the Bermuda Triangle.

#### **E. Who or What is the Beast?**

The *real* identity of the beast which rises out of the sea is a much misunderstood matter.



The main reason for this mistake is that everyone basically *ignores Rev. 17:11!* This vital verse holds the key to understanding the enigma of the prophetic beast.

The beast is often mistakenly identified as everything from a church to a country, a government or a kingdom.

We must let the *Bible* tell us who or what this beast is, and to do so we must put together the following facts.

First, the beast rising from the sea having seven heads and ten horns and the names of blasphemy (Rev.13:1) is **also mentioned in Rev.17:3**: "...I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

Next, notice what verses 9 and 10 of chapter 13 record: "...the seven heads are seven hills on which the woman is seated; [NOTICE] THEY ARE **ALSO SEVEN KINGS**. (v. 10; RSV)."

These heads are **also KINGS!**

Continuing, we see that verse 11 *identifies the beast*: "...**AS FOR THE BEAST** (7 heads, 10 horns: ch. 13:1; 17:3) that was and is not, **HE IS THE EIGHTH...**(KJV)."

The beast is the **EIGHTH WHAT?**

*The beast is an eighth KING!* It represents a *MAN* ("he": KJV, YLT; "himself": NAS).

Notice the Phillips translation: "As for the animal ["beast": KJV]...**IT IS AN EIGHTH KING...**(Rev. 17:11)."

The word "king" used here is SEC 935, meaning "king" from which the word "kingdom" (SEC 932) is derived. The word is *king*, not kingdom.

The leopard/scarlet beast with seven heads and ten horns **IS A MAN!** (Note too, the number of the beast is the number of a MAN: Rev. 13:18).

This is clearly and emphatically what the *Bible* teaches.

The beast is not a church, country, government per sec, etc. *This* beast will be some *man* with a "super personality" by whom the world will be awestruck: "...and all the world wondered [to "admire" SEC 2296] after the beast...and they *worshipped* the beast (Rev. 13:3,4)."

Furthermore, the prophet Daniel shows a *similar* beast, *also a leopard which rose from the sea* (Dan. 7:3,6), but having only *four* heads, is a **king** as well (Dan. 7:17). This is consistent with the "leopard = king" account recorded in Rev. 13:1,3;17:3,9-11.

A coming great *king* with strong *religious ties* [recall the world *WORSHIPS* him] who is a formidable political and *military leader* will be an international figure ("Who is able to make war with him?" Rev. 13:4).

He will be a *great orator*-persuasive, charming ["...a mouth speaking great things...(v. 5)]."

But this beast, this MAN, could *NOT* be a pope of Rome. Why? Though influential and crafty **no** pope ever commanded an army **nor** was an acknowledged head of state-as **THIS MAN WILL BE.**

#### TRUE Identity of the TEN HORNS REVEALED!!

The *ten horns* of the Beast (Rev. 17:3,12) are at the heart of the common belief that a *ten-nation* "United States of *Europe*" will soon emerge. BUT the EU is already *15* nations with another *13* to be added by 2004-*far more than TEN!*

This fact alone discredits the "EU theory" that the ten horns are ten European nations.

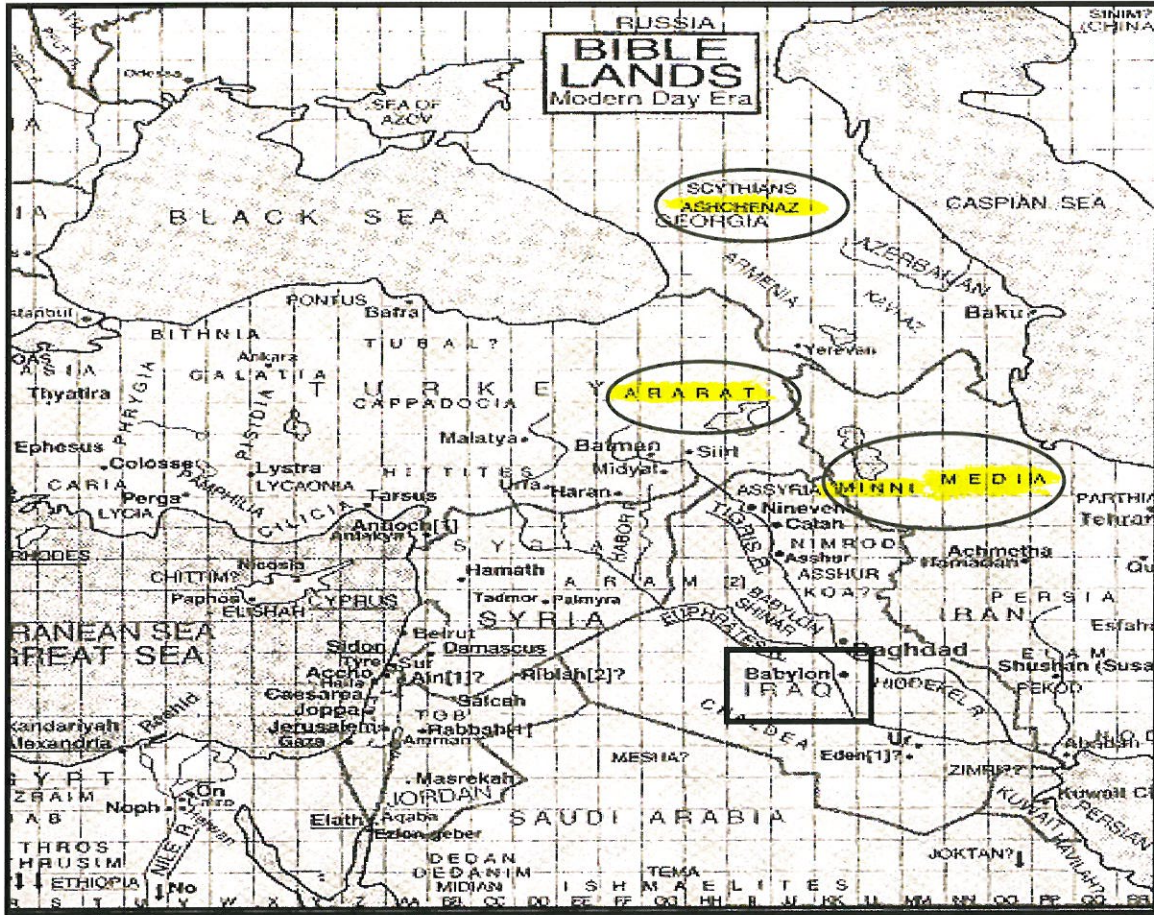
Again, we must let the *Bible* interpret the matter

Here is the *key to this mystery*. First, the ten horns are ten **kings** (Rev. 17:12) who "...hate the whore [CITY OF BABYLON ch. 17, vv. 5,15], and ...burn her with fire (Rev. 17:16)."

Now, WHO does the *BIBLE* say **THESE TEN KINGS** are that will destroy a **RESURRECTED, REBUILT Babylon?** (See our article, *The Second Coming of Babylon*).

Remember, we **MUST** let the *BIBLE* interpret itself!

And it does! The prophet Jeremiah reveals their identity.



NOTICE. "...prepare the nations against her [Babylon, Jer. 51:1,7,13] call together against her the **KINGDOMS OF ARARAT, MINNI, AND ASHCHENAZ...** prepare against her the nations with the **KINGS OF THE MEDES...** (Jer. 51:27, 28)."

Here we have the **BIBLE'S ANSWER** of who these ten horns are!! *Who or where are these nations today?*

The original locations are approximately in the modern areas of eastern **TURKEY** (Ararat), **IRAN**, (Minni, Media), and **GEORGIAN S.S.R.** (Ashchenaz). See map above (*Personal Map Insert*, SON Light Publishers). **There is a coming coalition of TEN-KINGS** ("these have one mind"

- **ASHCHENAZ:** After the flood, Ashchenaz [or Ashkenaz; also known as the Scythians] migrated to the area of modern Georgia, formerly part of the USSR between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. Ashkenaz was the son of Gomer, the son of Japheth (Gen. 10:2). Ashkenazi (with "i" ending) indicates membership, as one who is a member of the people of Ashkenaz, i.e. an Ashkenazi. Some identify Ashkenaz with the German race. (*Smith's Bible Dictionary* p. 59). Note that modern Hebrew "...has two main pronunciations: the *Ashkenazi*, or German, originated by Central and Eastern European Jews...and Sephardi..." (*Biblical Hebrew*, Mansoor, vol. 1, p.33).
- **ARARAT:** This region is most notably associated with the mountains of Ararat where Noah's ark came to rest. Mt. Ararat is located in eastern Turkey. Moffatt translates Ararat as *Armenia* in Gen.8:5, Isa. 37:38, and Jer. 51:27. The AV, LXX, and KJV do so in Is. 37:38. The literal Hebrew is *Ararat* (SEC 780: ). Armenia borders modern eastern Turkey and Georgia.
- **MINNI:** The region of this ancient people, the Mannai (see Moffatt), is located in modern Iran southeast of Lake Urmia. They are frequently named in texts of the 9<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> centuries, and were apparently allied with the Assyrians against Babylon in 616 B.C. (*The New Bible Dictionary*, p. 771).
- **MEDIA:** The ancient Medes are descendants of Madai, a son of Japheth (Gen. 10:2). Ancient Media was located in modern NW Iran, north of the Zagros Mountains."....,covering the modern province of Azerbaijan and part of Persian Kurdistan."(*The New Bible Dictionary*, p. 745).

Rev. 17:13) **comprised of descendants of these ancient peoples who may come directly from these modern countries!** They will be the *Biblical* ten horns of the beast.

The "United States of Europe" theory arose from Protestant and Sabbath-professing groups having (in doctrine or prophetic teachings) a Roman Catholic-centered theology. - ICY



# Why the Conspiracy Against the PASSOVER?

**IF YOU PLAN TO OBSERVE THE PASSOVER THIS YEAR, THIS BOOK IS A  
MUST READ!**

Did you know Passover, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month, is a *Sabbath*, the first annual Sabbath of the year?

Did you know that Passover is the **first day of unleavened bread**?

It is commonly taught that the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month is the first annual Sabbath, AND that the 15<sup>th</sup> is the first day of unleavened bread. The Biblical facts show otherwise.

If the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month is a Sabbath, then how could Yahweh MOVE AN ENTIRE NATION (about 2 million) out of Egyptian bondage on that day with the enormous amount of physical work that entailed? We are commanded to *rest* on the Sabbaths.

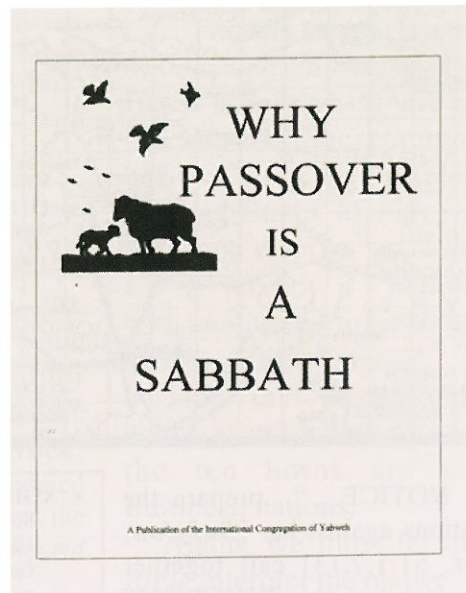
Why did the Apostle Mark say, "And the **FIRST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD WHEN THEY KILLED THE PASSOVER**, his [Yahshua] disciples said,...where will you that we go and prepare that you may eat the **PASSOVER** (Mark 14:12)?"

Was it not because Passover IS IN FACT the first day of unleavened bread?

Is it not odd, too, that the customary Passover observance is strangely similar to the taking of the Eucharist?

Does it make sense that Yahweh would pattern the required observance of HIS Passover after the Eucharist? Hardly.

Something is amiss in the common teachings about Passover. Get the FACTS, the Biblical facts, about Passover. Read the in-depth study, "Why Passover is a Sabbath."



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