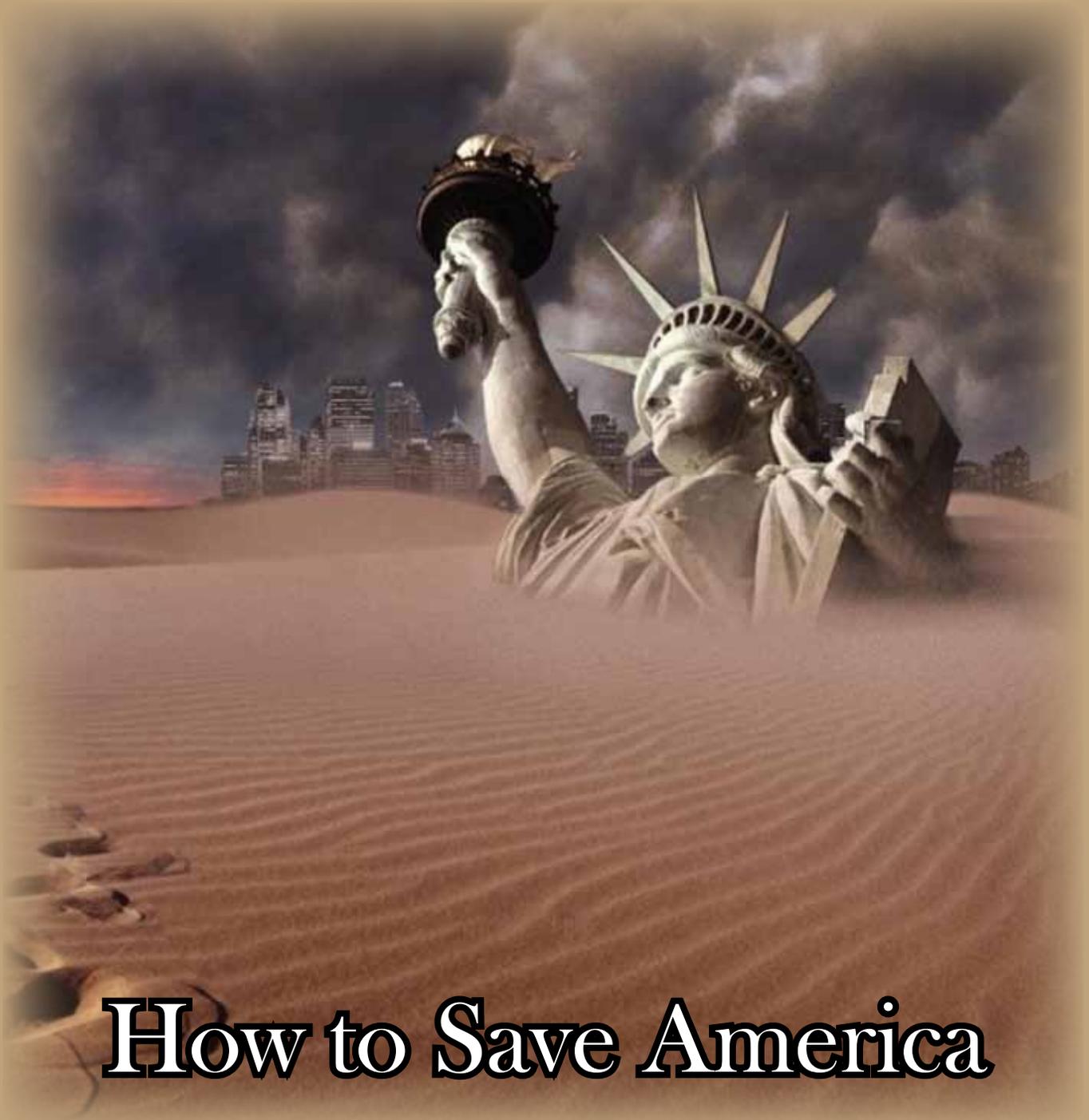


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# What you Did not Know about 9-11-2001

From the Editor: *Gary C. Miller*

**I**t is nearly impossible to find anyone in their teens or older who does not know the details of September 11, 2001...or at least has heard of “nine-eleven.” But there is something most all of our readers do not know about it: the Biblical prophecy regarding that fateful day in American history.

Our family of readers *know* our *Insight* magazine usually includes articles on Biblical prophecy as it relates to modern times. We feel this is an important topic as part of the true gospel. The Messiah came preaching the good news of the Kingdom of Yahweh which included prophecies for the end time. That was part of His message. Following His example, it is also part of ICY’s message.

What *exactly* is not well known about “9-11?” This. A major event involving **NATIONS** was predicted in the March 1999 issue of our *Insight* magazine (pages 2-6). This event was to occur either Friday, September 22, 2000, or Wednesday, September 12, 2001. These dates were calculated for the longitude and latitude of Jerusalem. **For locations west, including New York City, N.Y., the date was Tuesday, September 11, 2001.**

This is the infamous date of the airline hijackings of American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, which were crashed into the World Trade Center. Also on that date American Airlines flight 77 was hijacked and crashed into the west side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. United Airlines Flight 93 was hijacked and crash landed near Stony Creek Township, Pennsylvania, about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I will explain why there are *two dates* later. These dates were based on several scriptures. First, the “times” prophecy found in Leviticus 26 says, “...I will punish you **seven times** for your sins...” (vv. 18, 24; see also vv. 21, 28).

A “**time**” in prophecy is assumed to be 360 days and 360 days in prophecy is said to equal 360 **years** (day-for-a-year: Num. 14:34; Ezk. 4:5-6; for 360 days per year see Rev. 12:6 with v. 14 and Dan. 7:25; 12:7: “time, times and a half” equals 3.5 times). So seven 360-year periods equals **2,520 years** prophetically.

Using these scriptures to project 2,520 years forward from a given date was apparently first used by Dr. Grattan Guinness in his book, *Light For the Last Days* (1886). I merely applied it to another prophecy in Haggai. You have probably never read that it was Dr. Guinness who predicted thirty-one years in advance, a significant event involving Jerusalem might occur in 1917 and it did. British troops liberated Jerusalem from the Turks December 9, 1917. The December 9 date was not known in advance, however. Dr. Guinness is rarely given the credit due him when his system of prophecy calculation is used.

Below are several quotes from that March, 1999 *Insight* related to the 9-11-2001 date:

(p. 5) “...a prophecy came while the temple was being restored which *related to all nations*: “...I will shake the heavens and the earth; and I WILL OVERTHROW the THRONE OF KINGDOMS and

DESTROY THE POWER OF THE KINGDOMS OF THE NATIONS...” (Hag. 2:20-21).

Continuing: “Heaven and earth were not shaken and thrones of kingdoms overthrown nor...nations’ power broken *in Zerubbabel’s day*. Parallel prophecies in vv. 6, 7...and Joel 3:16, appear to [notice] *place this at the time of the Day of Yahweh-at the time of the end.*”

Additional quotes read, “The phrase “...in that day...(Hag. 2:23)...” must, therefore refer to a **future time**. And apparently points to the time of the **last days of this age.**”

Then on page 6: “What did Haggai’s prophecy entail? Shaking the heavens and the earth. Overturning the thrones of kingdoms. Destroying the strength of nations, etc...”

These declarations were made at the time of the beginning of the restoration of the temple: Further quoting: “...the building of the second temple began *without further interruption* the **24<sup>th</sup> day of the sixth month** in 521 or 520 B.C. [**probably 520 B.C.**]. Seven “times” from these dates is Friday, September 22, 2000 or **Wednesday, September 12, 2001.**” [This second date is based on 520 B.C.; see above for the 9-11-2001 date].

This is the reason for the two dates as mentioned earlier. Some scholars choose one; some another as the date when the rebuilding of the second temple began. The events show the preferred date was 520 B.C., the second year of Darius’ reign.

Further quoting the *Insight* (p. 6): “Is the strength of nations about to be broken and nations overturned? Was it signaled by the beginning of the second temple and the prophetic connection with that date?”

Those questions were answered 13 years ago with an emphatic “Yes!”

Just exactly how that prophecy would materialize in 2000 or 2001 was not known in March 1999; only that something quite ominous appeared to be in the offing. It was clear that if the prophecy was fulfilled on the calculated date, the event or events had to be huge, because it involved the destruction of the strength of *nations*! And it was. Notice that in BOTH cases it involved **buildings**! It began when the resurrection of a destroyed building (the temple) arose from its **rubble**, and ended in its prophetic future “shadow” of buildings brought to **rubble**.

The astonishing precision of these prophetic applications is testimony to the Sovereignty and the overpowering knowledge of Almighty Yahweh!

Are we nearing or perhaps IN the end of this age, this era on Yahweh’s timetable? Haggai’s prophecies were apparently intended for such a time. In answering this question, what has been presented here is sobering evidence worth considering...of modern events predicted over two and a half years before they happened **to the very day, month and year!**

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# What is Needed for Success?

## The Surprising Ingredient

Countless books, DVDs, and e-books pour from the presses detailing each author's view of what is needed to succeed. Such classics as "Success Through a Positive Mental Attitude" [Clement Stone], "Think and Grow Rich" [Napoleon Hill], and the Holy Bible provide a virtual roadmap to attain whatever goal a person may consider success.

In these and other works, we find an often overlooked aspect of success that deserves a closer look. What is this essential ingredient; this often unwelcome "intruder" into our plans for success. And how should we handle it? At first sight it may appear as the last thing one would wish for or expect to need in order to succeed!

What is it? Resistance, an obstacle, an antagonist; even something so formidable as **an enemy!**

In fact, the value of the success could be measured by the size of the obstacles which are mastered, defeated or overcome. The greater the defeated obstacles, the greater the success; small obstacle, low hurdle equals small success.

For example, if the shepherd boy, David, had "picked on" someone his own size he would very likely have gone unnoticed. But when he defeated Goliath, his life took a dramatically sharp turn; a very different story line erupted. Without a Goliath he might have finished out his life herding sheep; dying a virtual unknown. He went from a lowly shepherd to a military icon in just one battle! One victory...over an **enemy!** But not just any enemy; a huge hulking enemy...literally. The size of the enemy was the difference between a life of mediocrity and one of lasting significance.

### WITHOUT AN ADVERSARY

Consider the Biblical Moses. Moses without a Pharaoh to overcome would not have been the great leader and emancipator of Israel. He would never have been known as a Law Giver. Little or nothing would have been written about him living out his years in the plains

and hills of Midian. He would have died in obscurity.

Challenges can bring out our best. Challenges **resist us**; cause hidden talents to emerge.

An Adversary can be a call to glory: The DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAILURE AND SUCCESS; OBSCURITY AND IMPORTANCE.

In the modern world of professional boxing, we remember Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Evander Holyfield, not for their pedigree, but because they had an **adversary**. NO FRIEND ever handed them a check for over \$30 million: only the adversary they conquered. The greater the enemy you defeat the greater your reward. Had Bruce Sheldon defeated Mike Tyson, he would have become a household name instead of Tyson.

In professional basketball, would the iconic Wilt Chamberlain have been considered great by scoring 100 points in 48 minutes of basketball, if he had been shooting baskets for that 48 minutes ALONE on the

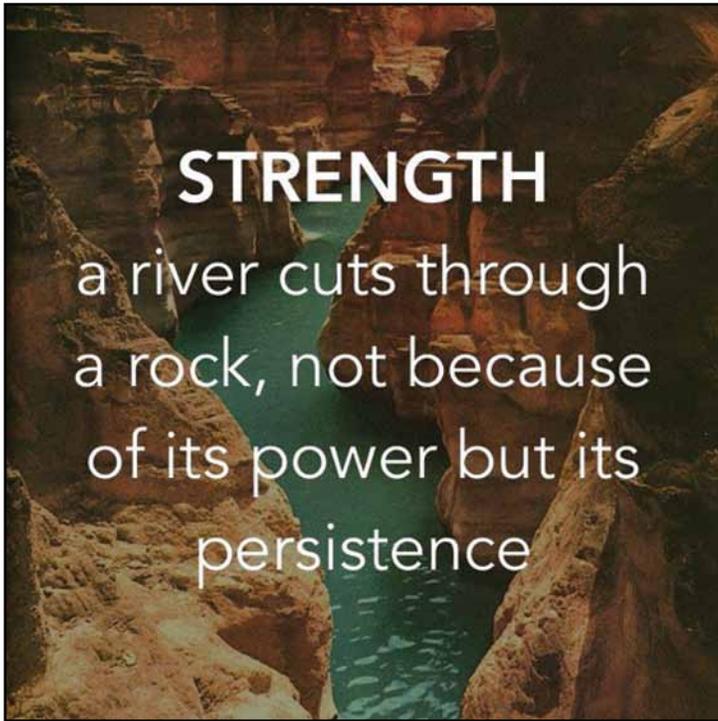
basketball court? Hardly. It was significant because he did it against an ADVERSARY, the New York Knicks, who hacked and hard-fouled him in a game he almost won single-handedly in Hershey, Pennsylvania: 169 to

147. Anyone could score 100 points without resistance or an opponent: No great accomplishment.

### THE EPIC STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL

In the greatest titanic struggle in history, Yahshua the Messiah defeated Satan following a 40-day fast! Notice that without Satan (Satan means "Adversary"), to conquer Yahshua would not now be the King of Kings. His high stakes victory established His rightful position as King of planet Earth, and helped usher in the gateway to eternal life. Without a Cross there would be no Crown...for any of us; no eternal life. He had overcome an enemy. His friends could not give Him what the defeat of the Enemy provided. His friends could not give him that kingship.

"The size of the enemy was the difference between...mediocrity and...significance."



**STRENGTH**  
 a river cuts through  
 a rock, not because  
 of its power but its  
 persistence

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Yahweh, in His Infinite Wisdom, chose the surest path to an everlasting Kingdom, to eternal life on a grand scale. Of all the possibilities He **KNEW** the defeat of the last and greatest enemy, death, would only be accomplished by the perfect life. But that **PERFECT LIFE** had to be attained by overcoming **ADVERSARIES: THE SCRIBES, THE PHARISEES, THE PRIESTS, a JUDAS...human nature.** Yahshua accomplished what no man had ever done: defeat death.

Think about it. Why did Yahweh not just by divine fiat, decree there will be eternal life for everyone, every human being? No cost to anyone? Was it because it was not possible?

“...IF IT BE POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME...” (Matt. 26:39).

“...ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH YOU...”

True enough... Yahweh could have taken the cup away...not had Him go through the agony and torture of the stake. But what would have been the consequences, what gains, for you and me and the countless others in generations past...for David, Abraham, Moses, Job, the apostles...? None...no hope of life ever-after. This was the ultimate act of selflessness!

## A SIGN WE SHOULD GIVE UP?

When you meet stiff resistance is that some “cosmic

sign” telling you to give up, to turn back? Or does it mean that victory is near, even imminent? Does it mean the obstacle is a sign that we are simply fooling ourselves and should drown our goals and dreams in doubt? Not at all.

In truth, an enemy, resistance, may well indicate a transition in our life that will bring victory just ahead: “But what we do not see, what most of us never suspect of existing, is the silent but irresistible power which comes to the rescue of those who fight on in the face of discouragement...if one does not possess persistence, one does not achieve noteworthy success in any calling.”<sup>1</sup>

Resistance merely means something or someone is pushing against us in the opposite direction we are trying to go...opposing us. Resistance develops the strength to push on...in the direction of our dreams.

Except in outer space, where there is no life, there is no movement without resistance. It is a fact of life.

## KIND OF ENEMIES

The obstacle we need to conquer, the enemy standing between us and success, can come in many forms. It might be an unanswered question, lack of self-control, needed education, fear in one of its many forms, or the aimless lack of a life goal.

Whatever it may be Yahweh says, “Come now and let us reason together” (Isa. 1:18). “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask...” (Jam. 1:5), and “...People perish for lack of knowledge” (Hos. 4:6).

The right knowledge gives the right answer. There is a source of all knowledge, Yahweh’s great Law. That Universal Law contains the vital knowledge detailing our road map to the here-and-now and to eternity. The ultimate questions of life and death are answered in the pages of the Bible. The

constitution of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh will be the Biblical Law. Under this perfect government a golden era will be ushered in worldwide in the not too distant future. ICY’s mission through the pages of *Insight* magazine and our other literature is to bring to light that great Law more fully. This restoration will precede that Kingdom which is the essence of the true gospel the Messiah came preaching. Let us pray, “Your Kingdom come...”

**“Resistance develops the strength to push on...”**

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# What is Baptism for the Dead?

I Corinthians 15:28-30

**I**s there a mysterious doctrine of the early New Testament church, a kind of “proxy” baptism? Some believe so. It supposedly allowed a church member to be baptized for those who “missed out;” giving them a second chance at salvation while they were dead.

This bizarre belief has at least a faint resemblance to the idea of purgatory where the dead are supposedly purified sufficiently to qualify for heaven...; a necessary transition place or period.

The New Testament scripture given to support this is I Corinthians 15:28-30 (*KJV*) which reads:

“28. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

29. Else what shall they do which are **baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?**”

Verse 29 is the much debated verse as admitted by Greek scholars (See Arndt-Gingrich Lexicon, def. 1 a, c; p. 846). Most interpretations conclude a practice of heretics made its way into the early churches by replacing one part of a pagan ritual for the dead with Biblical baptism. This allowed a ritual for the dead to continue, but used baptism to make it acceptable.<sup>1</sup>

This is not a far-fetched idea given that Paul was writing to a Gentile church at Corinth. The church at Galatia also had some pagan practices he had to address which were stunting their spiritual growth (Gal. 4:10).

Several Biblical facts argue squarely *against* this being a practice for the church now or then.

First and very significantly, in Ecclesiastes 9:5 we see: “For the living know that they shall die: **but the dead know not any thing, neither have**

**they any more a reward;** for the memory of them is forgotten.”

Clearly, there is nothing more the dead can gain. There is no MORE reward for them in the grave. The resurrection promises a reward *after* death, *not during* death (John 5:29; 11:24). This of itself is conclusive proof against the belief or interpretation that one can be baptized for the dead to presumably help them out in some way. Those advocating baptism for the dead or on behalf of the dead, never define *Biblically* what exactly that baptism is supposed to do or accomplish. Baptism is a cleansing of the body, which after confession of sins is made, washes away sins (Acts 22:16).

Secondly, if this were to be a church doctrine... which incidentally Paul nor NONE of the apostles ever said that *they* would or ever did practice...it is left with no clarification whatever in the New Testament nor the Old Testament.

Thirdly, this belief of doing something to change the dead’s reward or otherwise modify their place in the resurrection, borders on doing “odd” things for or on behalf

of the dead, necromancy for example [communication with the dead], and other practices definitely forbidden by the Law (*KJV*):

(1). Deuteronomy 14:1: “Ye are the children of Yahweh your Elohim: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the **dead.**”

(2). Deuteronomy 26:14: “I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ought thereof for the **dead.**”

(3). Deuteronomy 18:10-12: “There shall not be found among you any one that ...or a charmer... or a **necromancer**...For all that do these things are an abomination unto Yahweh” (Also see the

“...Biblical facts argue...  
*against* this being a practice for  
the church...”

*Analytical Key to the Old Testament*, Owens).

(4). Leviticus 19:28: “Ye shall not make any **cuttings** in your flesh for the **dead**, nor print any marks upon you: I am Yahweh.” The phrase “print marks” is more accurately translated “... you shall not...tattoo any marks upon you...” (New RSV). Tattoos are common in our society, contrary to Yahweh’s clear rule forbidding them.

## FACTS RELATED TO THESE SCRIPTURES

Regarding Deuteronomy 14:1, members of some primitive societies sometimes gouge out one of their eyes in mourning the death of a family member! Yahweh strictly forbids extreme and destructive behavior such as this.

Giving offerings to the dead (Deut. 26:14), is practiced in Lao Buddhism, for example, whereby people believe that by giving food to monks they are *feeding the dead!*<sup>2</sup>

A necromancer (Heb. SEC 1875, 419), is one who supposedly communicates with the dead. In fact, the Greek word translated “dead” in I Cor. 15:29, is “nekros” (Gr: SEC 3498) which is “necro” or “dead” used with “-mancer” (Deut. 18:11; *KJV*, Owens’ *AKOT*).

Cuttings in the skin for the dead was practiced by nations with whom Israel came in contact. Yahweh obviously did not want Israel copying their ways (Jer. 10:1-3; Deut. 18:9).

“... it was the custom of the Amorites, when anyone died, to cut their flesh, as it was of the Scythians, as Herodotus (d) relates, even those of the royal family; for a king they cut off a part

of the ear, shaved the hair round about, cut the arms about, wounded the forehead and nose, and transfixed the left hand with arrows...”<sup>3</sup>

## CONCLUSION

In light of these facts, there is no Scriptural reason to interpret I Corinthians 15:29 as some ritual Yahweh’s people should observe. “Baptism for the dead” is Biblically undefined either in the Law, other Old Testament writings or the New Testament. It appears rather as a pagan holdover by some in the early church.

The Bible lays out very specific laws regarding corpses and the proper attitudes toward the deceased (Lev. 19:28; Num. 19; Deut. 14:1; 26:14; 18:10-12). The inspired Scriptures record: “Do you not know that you are Yahweh’s temple and that Yahweh’s Spirit dwells in you? If any destroys Yahweh’s Temple, Yahweh will destroy that person. For Yahweh’s Temple is holy, and you are that temple.” (I Cor. 3:16-17; [“Yahweh” trans. “God” in NRSV]). We must not abuse this temple.

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# The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse:

## APPOINTMENT WITH DESTINY

**T**HE FOUR HORSEMEN of the ancient scroll of the Apocalypse (Rev. 6:1-8) were destined to ride at some future date from the time this prophecy was recorded. But when?

Is this prophecy for our time? Are we entering the final countdown to their ride? *Or are they riding now?*

Many, Isaac Newton among them, have concluded the first six seals of the book of Revelations (Rev. 6-7) were fulfilled long ago by the time of Constantine's edict of A.D. 312. This was when paganism was supposedly overthrown and replaced by Christianity.<sup>1</sup>

But have they missed something? Is there a *vital overlooked key that unlocks the mystery* of the time setting of the seven seals showing just *when these things are to come to pass?*

Drought, famine, and wild weather extremes stalk the global community daily, and the stunning turn in world events over the last decade is truly sobering.

As we look to the future, the book with the seven seals (Rev. 5:1) beckons us with its surreal-like, mystifying imagery. Could this be part of the book sealed for "the time of the end..." (Dan. 12:4)?

At some point will we see in the distance the eerie mirage of these approaching Horsemen of the Apocalypse as they pound their way across the world landscape? Read further as we explore the missing keys, which unlock the answer to these monumental questions!

### NOT BEFORE A.D. 96

There has been death over the centuries on a massive scale by disease, war, famine, earthquake, pestilence and drought (*disease: Deut. 28:15, 21, 27-28*).

For example, the bubonic plague, called the Black Death, "...coming out of the East, reached the shores of Italy in the spring of 1348 unleashing a rampage of death across Europe unprecedented in recorded history...By... three years later, anywhere between 25-50 percent of Europe's population had fallen victim to the pestilence."<sup>2</sup>

The plague recurred sporadically for the next *sixty years* into the fifteenth century striking mainly children! (*Black Death, Dr. Mike Ibeji*). In China it continued for about fifty years plummeting its population from 125 million to 90 million.<sup>3</sup>

These are the same kinds of woes and carnage inflicted by these macabre riders depicted in the graphic Revelation scrolls. Were these tragic deaths the four horsemen at work? How can we know? There is a way, as we will see.

*These riders of doom were part of a prophecy, dated*

by scholars as given around A.D. 96 of "...things which *must shortly come to pass...*" written in "...the words of this prophecy..." (Rev. 1:1, 3). ***So the riders' "...noise of thunder..."*** (Rev. 6:1), as they race across the world scene ***could not have happened before that date.***

### OVER THE FOURTH PART OF THE EARTH

The key to understanding this prophecy is *population*. This unlocks the time period of the four horsemen's ride when these seals are opened. Those who study predictors for the future acknowledge population is one of the "key global drivers."<sup>4</sup>

First, we must know the *number* of Earth's inhabitants they have the power to kill. Note the text reads "...And power was given to *them* over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth" (Rev. 6:8).

Of the three most ancient manuscripts of the Greek Scriptures, two read "...to them..." in this verse; only the Codex Vaticanus reads "...to him..." (*Concordant Greek New Testament*).

Categories of sword (v. 4), hunger (v. 6), and "with beasts of the earth" (v. 5) clearly show this refers to the previous three horsemen of the first three seals. So "...to them..." is the most consistent reading.

But what of the first horseman with the bow? Notice it



**"...And power was given unto them** over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword...hunger...death, and...beasts..." (Rev. 6:8). [www.conservationbytes.com](http://www.conservationbytes.com)

says that he “...went forth conquering...” (v. 2), with the bow. Note too, this rider wears a *crown* indicating a *king* who conquers. David recorded, “*Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king’s enemies; whereby the people fall under thee*” (Psa. 45:5). This horseman and the other three are doing Yahweh’s bidding, punishing a wicked humanity. It appears certain *this* rider on the white horse inflicts his share of fatalities as part of the killing force of four.

Also, this *fourth part* (v. 8) by the *bow, sword, hunger, death, and beasts will be killing humans* [‘earth’, SEC 1093; “inhabitants of the earth, men, humankind”].<sup>5]</sup>

*Clearly ALL four horsemen together kill one-fourth of the human population in their tumultuous ride!*

## THE NEXT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

Knowing the percentage of the world population the four horsemen decimate is vital. Now we need the next clue.

The four horsemen’s power over one-fourth of the earth to *kill* raises the question of whether *each* horseman is given **EQUAL** power to kill? The Bible only says, “...power was given to **them**...” without any indication that one horseman would kill more than the other. In the absence of a specific statement to the contrary, it is reasonable to assume **that each horseman kills one-sixteenth of the population existing when the first horseman begins his ride**. This “one-sixteenth” principle will be used in what follows as the rule for Revelation prophecies which specifically indicate deaths which are in the same categories as those meted out by the four horsemen. These are: **sword** [war], **famine, death** [apparently increased deaths from various causes; natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, meteorite strikes, disease, accidents, civil crimes, etc.], and **wild beasts**.

With regard to the sword, there are two warfare principles of Yahweh found in Leviticus 26:8. The smallest one, 5 chasing a 100, or the higher one, 100 putting 10,000 to flight, if applied to each horsemen, give figures not even close to one fourth of the global population.

Two other figures found in Deuteronomy 32:30: one chasing 1000 or 2 putting 10,000 to flight, if applied to each horseman, also hardly gives anything remotely close to the fourth part of mankind.

It is clear, then, these warfare figures do not apply to the four horsemen of the first four seals. But what calamities follow their ride which provide any additional clues to the world population when the white horse begins to ride (Rev. 6:1)? Here is what we find:

(1). The 5th and 6th seals indicate no further deaths (Rev 6:8-7:17) following the fourth rider on the pale (Gr. *chloroform*) horse (Rev. 6:7-8).

(2). The 1st angel of the 7th seal sounds and “...a third part of trees was burnt up and ALL green grass was burnt up” (Rev. 8:7). No doubt this will strike a devastating blow to the world’s food supply. **However, Yahweh does not indicate additional deaths resulting!** We must take this at face value, assuming no more are killed or perhaps He considers the number is insignificant compared to the horsemen’s toll.



The four horsemen of the Apocalypse have been depicted in many different ways over the years by various artists. [www.big-stock.com](http://www.big-stock.com)

(3). An asteroid collision following the 2nd angel’s sounding shows **no human deaths** from the destruction of one-third of the ships (Rev. 8:9). Again, since Yahweh indicates no further deaths, we must accept there are none or that the number is relatively insignificant.

(4). Following the 3rd angel’s blast, *another asteroid*

“The key to...this prophecy is population.”

*hits called Wormwood*. This causes the death of “many men” due to the contamination of one-third of the earth’s rivers (‘flowing water’; Rev. 8:11).

**HERE** deaths are cited. **Just how many is not given in terms of numbers or percent of the population**. The Greek (SEC 4183) translated “many” (vii) apparently indicates “...a large part of mankind.”<sup>6</sup>

Since no definite percentage or number is given to explain how much “many men” *actually* would be, we have at least a couple of options.

First, if we assume, as before with the 1st and 2nd angels, the number of men killed is meager compared to those the horsemen destroy, then the number left following their ride has not changed significantly. With no figure given, *this is certainly a reasonable option*, because it involves no speculation as to an amount not specified by the Bible in this case.

However, it appears the number who die from Wormwood’s pollution of the rivers *may be significant*, because,

unlike when the 1st and 2nd angels sounded, Yahweh mentions that *men die; many men* in fact.

If the number of casualties is so high it cannot be ignored, our second option involves using the *Biblical “one-sixteenth principle.”* This is the figure found earlier for deaths for each of the four horsemen which clearly also applies to the deaths caused by polluted water when Wormwood strikes (Rev. 8:9). At the very least, this puts the matter on a *Biblical footing* rather using global estimates from outside the Bible.

Using the Biblical fatality total of *one-sixteenth of the world population left after the four horsemen destroy one-fourth* could be *several hundred million*; certainly a large part of mankind.

As our second option then we choose the *Biblical basis of one-sixteenth of the remaining population* in our estimate.

(5). *The five-month freeze in global deaths* (Rev. 9:6) nets perhaps 50 million additional persons which would have ordinarily died during those months.<sup>8</sup> This would stabilize the world population over that period and recoup some of the losses in human life when the previous seals were opened and trumpets blown.

These additional figures provide a basis for our *final population estimate*.

(6). The population at the time in history when the 200 million cavalymen (Rev. 9:16), destroy one-third of mankind is **6 billion**. (See article *Revelation’s 200 Million Cavalymen*). *The population at the time the first horseman rides must, therefore, be much greater than 6 billion.*

## PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER: THE FINAL ESTIMATE

With the information gleaned to this point we know what is needed to *estimate the global population at the time the rider of the white horse begins to ride when the first seal is opened* (Rev. 6:1).

To summarize: After the four horsemen bring the death of one-fourth of the world population, three-fourths remain (Rev. 6:1-8). Another reduction occurs when one-third of the rivers are polluted further decreasing the population by perhaps a significant one-sixteenth of the three quarters that remain. Then, a global freeze in deaths brings the population back up by 50 million or so (Rev. 9:5).

Consequently, *the world population reaches six billion by the time the 200 million troop cavalry rides* (Rev. 9:16). *The estimated population at the time the first horseman of the Apocalypse begins his fateful ride is:*

(1). If we assume no significant decrease in the population following the fourth horseman (and 50 million gained [Rev. 9:5]): **7 billion 920 million**; or

(2). If we assume no significant losses except fatalities due to one-sixteenth of the population who die from Wormwood (and 50 million gained [Rev. 9:5]): **8 billion**

**450 million.**

*By these estimates, the four horsemen of the Apocalypse inflict a staggering death toll of about 2 billion to 2 billion 500 million persons. Carnage of this magnitude is virtually beyond imagining!*

## THESE NUMBERS SHOW WHEN

Where do these figures place us historically? How close are we to this time? By some counts, the global population reached 6 billion on October 12, 1999. The world population is presently about 7.3 billion.<sup>8</sup> Projections are 7.9 billion by about 2022-2023, 8.3 to 8.5 billion by the year 2030, 9 billion by 2035, and a slower growth rate goes to 10 billion by 2054. Bear in mind these figures are *projections* based on current trends.<sup>9</sup>

So here are the answers we are after:

The first horseman (Rev. 6:1), by these projections, **would begin his ride approximately 2022-2023 at the earliest or about A.D. 2027-2030 at the latest.** *Just under a decade to a decade and a half from now!*

Are we not moving ever more closely to that fateful time when the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse begin their ominous ride with destiny?!! *Truly the 2014-2015 world population figures show us where we are on the prophetic timeline of history and where we are NOT.* This is the key that unlocks the mystery of WHEN!

“Are we fast approaching that critical tipping point...?”

## CONCLUSION

Is there not some underlying reason events have “dragged on and on” decade after decade over the long centuries? The pages of history record the agonizing rise and fall of government after government, nation warring against nation, devastating earthquakes, disease and political regimes of every description; on and on... Why so long?

Is there not some underlying “critical mass” the human population reaches at which time **nature makes a massive population correction?** We often forget that **we** are part of the natural order where population sizes of species are periodically downsized. We see in nature how large populations are produced, *because only a small percentage will survive environmental hazards.* Large populations ensure some of any given specie will survive. Survival rates in raw nature are usually less than 20 percent and in some cases as low as 4 percent.

**Are we fast approaching that critical tipping point the human population** reaches before Revelation’s prophecies unfold like falling dominoes? Indeed there is! Is not the question so often on the minds of those concerned about prophecy “WHEN?” (“...when will these

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# Woman Sitting on Seven Hills

Who or what is She? (Revelation 17:9)

**A**s prophecy races toward end-time fulfillments, the ever present and much debated question remains of just who or what is the mysterious woman riding a beast, sitting on the seven hills (“mountains”: Rev. 17). Because the seven heads of the beast are translated “seven mountains” or hills, it is sometimes claimed that Babylon, Iraq cannot be the Revelation’s woman who rides the scarlet beast. The simple reason is that the woman is a city (Rev. 17:18), and Babylon is not built on seven actual hills or mountains. (Rev. 17:9).

A far more likely candidate, it is argued, is Rome, Italy, which is built on seven hills, and has a history of great political and religious prominence. This surely qualifies it as the prophetic Woman of the mystifying Revelation account.

Is this what the Bible teaches? Do we have the liberty to select a city for Babylon the Great, the whore (Rev. 17:3-5), based on the “mountains” and political/religious criteria rather than letting the Scripture name her?

First, we should ask the questions: “Are the “seven hills of Rome” unique? Is it the only city of political and religious prominence that sits on seven mountains or hills?”

Hardly. But for starters is Vatican City, the seat of the Roman Catholic Church, built on seven hills? If not, using that criterion would eliminate it as the woman of Revelation.

“Vatican City is not built on seven hills, but only one:



**Babylon, Iraq**, which is about 132 km from Baghdad, Iraq’s capital, is the prophetic Woman mentioned in Revelations. [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

Vatican Hill, which is *not* one of the seven upon which ancient Rome was built. Those hills are on the east side of the Tiber river; Vatican Hill is on the west.”<sup>1</sup> Based on the seven-hills idea, the *Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church are not the woman!*

The fact is, there *are many* cities built on seven hills. Not just obscure places, but prominent cities as well. Look at this list of **thirteen cities built on seven hills: Bath**, England, **Turku**, Finland, **Bamberg**, Germany, **Seffield**, England, **Iasi**, Romania, **Pula**, Croatia [famous for its large ancient *Roman* buildings; a *Roman* amphitheater], **Plovdiv**, Bulgaria.<sup>2</sup> Also are **Lisbon**, Portugal,<sup>3</sup> **San Pedro de Guaranda** (central Ecuador, called the “Rome of the Andes.”),<sup>4</sup> **Istanbul, Turkey** (Roman Empire capital after A.D. 324; formerly Constantinople until A.D. 1930).<sup>5</sup>

Surprising too, even **Austin, Texas** was described in 1840, “Like the ancient city of Rome, Austin is built upon seven hills...”<sup>6</sup>

And notice this, the **City of Jerusalem** of the Messiah’s time was called the “City of Seven Hills”! This fact is recorded in an 8th century midrashic account, the *Pirke de-Rabbi Eliezer*, in which the writer states “**Jerusalem is situated on seven hills.**”<sup>7</sup>

Another famous city with obvious religious significance, **Mecca**, also sits on seven hills or mountains: “Many prophecy teachers have wrongly made out the seven mountains here to be seven hills in order to make prophecy line up with the idea that this refers to Rome. However, the Greek word used in this passage is “oros” [3735], which can only be a mountain. The Greek word for hill is “bounos” [1015]. Mecca is a city surrounded by seven prominent mountains. They are: Jabal Quba, Jabal al Qinaa, Jabal Li Aali, Jabal Jifan, Jabal Jijad, Jabal Qubais, and Jabal Hindi.”<sup>8</sup>

Are *all* of these Babylon? Of these thirteen, some would prefer one over another. So is the seven-hills theory solid proof that Rome is the woman of Revelation? Not at all!

We must let the Bible decide. It chooses Babylon, Iraq as we will see.

Clearly and unmistakably, the Bible informs us: “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I SAW a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of the names of blasphemy, have seven heads and ten horns...” “And upon her forehead was a name written, ....BABYLON THE GREAT...” (Rev. 17:3, 5).

Notice how this is interpreted for us: “And the woman thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth” (v. 18; “Babylon”: v. 5, 15).

So the harlot’s **NAME** is BABYLON the GREAT. No question. Plain and simple.

The mystery of *what* the woman represents is just as clearly stated. She is not a church as some say citing II Cor.

11:2, Rev. 19:7, and Eph. 5:22-27. Babylon the Great is a **city**. Most all would certainly agree with this fact of scripture! All private interpretations aside.

But what city? That is the core issue. New York City, Rome, Vatican City, Babylon, NY, etc.? What are the plain facts of scripture?

Look at verses which identify *what city* is the name of this great city of prophecy:

“...**Babylon the Great** is fallen...” (Rev. 18:2;

Isa. 21:9; recall Rev.

17:5: “...BABYLON THE GREAT...”).

“...that **great city** *Babylon* that mighty **city**...” (ch. 18, v. 10).

“...that **great city** *Babylon*...” (v. 21).

“*Babylon* is fallen...

that **great city**...” (Rev. 14:9; see also Jer. 51:8).

Now recall John said that great city *reigns over kings* (ch. 17:18), and *sits on many waters* (ch. 17:1), which are nations (ch. 17:15). This *very same expression* is used by the prophet Jeremiah to *depict the city of ancient Babylon, Iraq*: “O thou [Babylon, Jer. 51:1, 7, 11-12] that dwellest upon many waters...” (Jer. 51:13)!

Notice too, how the prophet Isaiah refers to Babylon, Iraq: “...for thou [Babylon, v. 1; *Moffatt, Tanakh*] shalt no more be called, *the lady of kingdoms*” (Isa. 47:4). This squarely fits Rev. 17:18: “...the woman...that great city, which reigneth over...kings...”

Finally, notice John’s quote: “...for she [Babylon, ch. 18:2] saith...I *sit a queen*...” (Rev. 18:7). A queen, of course, rules.

Clearly and without question **the Woman who rides the Beast is the CITY OF BABYLON**.

And *where* is this *Biblical* city named Babylon? There are several cities with this name. The answer lies in *hundreds* of references (291), including multiple prophecies, showing the Babylon of Scripture is strictly Babylon, Iraq (formerly Mesopotamia).

Babylon was the capital of Babylonia and later of the

Chaldean empire. (See, *The Second Coming of Babylon*; ICY publication). Remember all prophecy is of no private interpretation (II Pet. 1:20). The *Bible* must answer for its own prophecies, and it does!

Clearly, the prophetic mystery woman, Babylon the Great, is not the Roman Catholic Church, the papacy, Vatican City, New York City, Babylon (NY), Rome, Jerusalem, etc. She is the physical city of Babylon, Iraq located about sixty miles south of Baghdad, Iraq. We just have to accept what the Bible says.

But what about the seven mountains which started this whole discussion (Rev. 17:9)? Let the *Bible* tell us: “...The seven heads are seven mountains...and **they**

**are seven KINGS**...” (Rev. 17:10; NAS; CNT; also Rev. 17:18). The heads-mountains, hills, are *kings*! This indicates the issue in this part of the vision is those kings over whom the woman rules. Now we have the Bible’s answer to the mysterious “woman-hills” dilemma.

“...the woman...is that great city...over the kings of the earth...Babylon.”

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things be...” [Matt. 24:3]). *Has this question now been answered indicating we are entering the final decades of this age?? The day of reckoning may be just a few short years ahead.*

The Biblical record **strongly indicates we are very near those tumultuous times, UNLIKE ANY TIME IN HISTORY!!** “And there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no **nor ever shall be**” (Matt. 24:21). This is not just some poetic metaphor. It is the reality. The sad part is it does not have to happen.

If we are in fact less than two short decades from the smashing climactic events at the time of the end, the close of this age, where should our treasure and priorities be?

We should remind ourselves that “Blessed is he that reads and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: **for the time**

**is at hand**” (Rev. 1:3).

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# REVELATIONS' 200 MILLION CAVALRYMEN

Are they real? Can we know who and when?

**T**he book of Revelations contains many mystifying and often elusive prophecies. Virtually the entire work, excluding the first three chapters, is the record of a book with seven seals, which was opened by Yahshua (Rev. 5:5). Sometimes the mysteries seem to deepen with each opened seal as we see Yahweh's master genius at work in the unveiled prophecies. Encountering this great master plan is humbling. In such uncharted waters we must cautiously and fearfully let the Bible interpret these prophecies (II Pet. 1:20).

When the sixth trumpet of the seventh seal is opened (Rev. 9:13) *another mystery* results. Four angels ("military generals") are released to command a massive 200 million strong cavalry (v. 14-16)! Is this a *real or symbolic* army? Will we see only the *effects* of their ride or will they actually visibly thunder across the landscape scorching as they go (Rev. 9:17-18)?

Speculation over this prophecy has swirled for centuries. As some advocate, when we see plagues, forest fires, exploding bomb-bursts in human warfare we are witnessing these prophetic cavalrymen at work, even though we see no actual cavalry as described in Revelation.

The most frequent interpretation of a real physical army proposes a 200 million-strong Chinese army. Others seem to think this is the Beast's great physical war machine.

But *who really* composes this vast mega-army amassed to meet out a fiery judgment on the earth? What is the *Scriptural evidence*? Does the Bible identify this colossal military, and even give us the needed facts to **know when they will ride**?

One thing is certain. If and when this army bursts on the scene it will be the greatest display of military might the world has ever seen; inflicting a massive death toll on the human race. Continue reading as we explore the Bible's answers to this prophesied myste-

rious, devastating horde.

## WHO IS THIS GREAT ARMY?

This massive cavalry is commanded by four angels previously bound at the river Euphrates: "And the number of the troops of *their cavalry* was 200 hundred million..." (Rev. 9:16; *Moffatt*).

What is their mission? Why do they come; what is their purpose? To "...slay the third part of men" (v. 15). This term is "slay," to kill v. 15 (SEC 615).

Why? As indicated in verses 20 and 21 they are punishing mankind for their sins; to turn them from their wicked ways: "And the rest of the men which were not killed...*repented not of the works of their hands, ...Neither repented...of their murders, nor of their sorceries...fornication, nor...thefts*" (Rev. 9:20-21). Amazing!

This gruesome encounter occurs during the seventh seal following the sounding of the sixth trumpet of that seal (Rev. 9:13). Why such a massive cavalry? It could only be because of the scale of the massacre to follow.

Now, the word translated 'horsemen' (*KJV*) is the Greek *hippikon*, and is from the root *hippos* which

**means HORSE.** *Beyond a reasonable doubt this army is in fact a cavalry.* The RSV and the Arndt-Gringrich lexicon of the New Testament (p. 381), translate it "troops of cavalry."

Composed of men? The *number of horses alone* shows this cavalry could **not** be composed of troops gathered from the nations of men. When has there ever been or ever will be 200 million horses on earth? Granted these are no ordinary horses, *but the inspired word from Yahweh Himself uses the term horses.* Horses they are!

Aside from the horses required, **the number of trained cavalry troops almost certainly**

"...this army is in fact a cavalry."

**places this vast array of 200 million beyond the range of human warfare.** Cavalry is virtually a mode of warfare of bygone eras. But *never in the past* has there been a *human* cavalry of this size! And as we will see, the world's military numbers fall vastly short of 200 million. The word "cavalry" is loosely used today in the military, but is clearly a misuse of the term.

To make the point, the number of troops in thirty of the world's largest armies [China included] has actually *decreased* over the last couple of decades. For example, in 1996, with a world population then of about 5.6 *billion* persons, the thirty largest armies totaled 64,466,000 active and reserve troops combined.<sup>1</sup>

By 2013, that number had decreased to 53,575,000 active and reserve; a significant drop of about **11 million troops!**<sup>2</sup> This is a decrease of 17 percent to a mere 27 percent of the massive army depicted in the Revelation account (Rev. 19:16)!

As you can see, the military totals are getting *further* from the 200 million mark...not closer. The numbers do not lie; the chances of this 200 million-strong cavalry being *human* are actually becoming less and less likely; totally improbable.

Note too, this telling detail. The horses mouths spewed "...fire and smoke and **brimstone**" (Rev. 9:17). Compare this to "...the breath of Yahweh is like a stream of **brimstone...**" (Isa. 30:33).

It appears certain this colossal war machine of cavalry troops under the command of the four Generals ("angels"), is composed *not of men* but **is supernatural**. Is it not an "other-worldly army" assembled from somewhere to punish a rebellious world and *destroy one-third of human kind left at that time?*

Again, what is the staggering magnitude of this world struggle? **A supernatural military of 200 million cavalry troops kills one-third of the world population existing when they arrive on the scene!** (Rev. 9:15). Apparently assembled into four groups of 50 million, each under the control of their commanding General ("angel" *KJV*; v. 15), they ravage the four corners of the earth with fire, smoke [suffocation], and brimstone. Is this real or symbolic? One third of the human race is not symbolic. Will John's vision become our vision; what we actually *see* as a physical cavalry racing across the plains, hills and valleys? Or will they be "ghost riders in the sky?"

But what is the fighting power of this vast assem-

blage of supernatural military might? The answer to this question is the *final and crucial key that unlocks the time-setting of their appearance.*

## A VITAL OVERLOOKED KEY: YAHWEH'S WARFARE PRINCIPLES

Although this cavalry kills one-third of the world's population, will they meet stiff resistance as battle after battle ensues? Resistance or not, eventually, however, the cavalry will prevail, but what is the casualty count of this great war costing the lives of one-third of humanity? How many will that be?

The Bible must tell us (II Pet. 1:20). *Population is the key.* Since this is clearly a war to punish the wicked, what are the Biblical principles of warfare which applies to this case?

There are two warfare principles found in Leviticus 26:8 of an army backed by Yahweh. The smallest one, 5 chasing 100, most reasonably applies to the 200 million cavalry war, because it yields a population fig-

ure well within the range of our presently sustainable world population.

The higher one, 100 putting 10,000 to flight, yields a population of 20 billion at the time the cavalry rides. Given our present use of resources and weather extremes, which even now does not adequately sustain our present 7.3 billion people, a population of 20 billion seems out of reason. However, optimistic demographers estimate with present knowledge the earth could support a maximum of 30 billion.<sup>3</sup>

It is not clear if two warfare ratios given in Deuteronomy 32:30 apply to an army backed by Yahweh (1 chasing 1000 and 2 putting 10,000 to flight). Regardless, these would give a world population vastly beyond reason of *200 billion to 1 trillion!*

The two principles in Leviticus 26:8 are however unmistakable. Notice how the reference to warfare efficiency (v. 8) follows the requirement: "If you walk in my statutes and keep my commandments and do them..." then verse eight "...five of you shall chase an hundred..." So this clearly shows exactly the military advantage when Yahweh backs an army.

**Notice again the minimal warfare principle Yahweh gives: Five troops of an army backed by Yahweh has the ability to chase (SEC 7291) a hundred (Lev. 26:8). This is a ratio of one-to-twenty.**

The Hebrew here for "chase" (SEC 7291) indicates literally to "*put to flight, chase* (a defeated foe)..."

"The world population at the...sixth trumpet...in the seventh seal WILL BE SIX BILLION."

[BDB, p. 922]. *Putting to flight* [SEC 5127; v. 8] *also means to escape* [BDB, p. 630] (See use in Lev. 26:8). It does **not** mean to kill. So those who flee **escape alive**.

This principle shows one scatters twenty who *escape*. If we apply this principle to the cavalry of Revelations, we find a crucially important fact:

**Using this minimum, the 200 million troop cavalry could put 4 billion to flight!** But this is the **number who can ESCAPE**.

Now, since the cavalry **kills one-third** of the total population (Rev. 9:15), *the 4 billion that escape must be two-thirds of the world population*. So this massive army kills a sobering **2 billion** unrepentant persons!

Compare this to the “mere” estimated 200 million who died in the Middle Ages from the Black Death: Ten times as many!!

What have we found? What does this tell us?

It provides the final piece of the puzzle and the population when this cavalry arrives:

***The world population at the time the sixth trumpet sounds in the seventh seal WILL BE SIX BILLION.***

How significant is this? It gives us the critical point in human history when this great cavalry appears.

***Now, it is a known fact the world population reached 6 billion October, 1999!*** Just think, applying Yahweh’s military principle (Lev. 28:6), to this prophecy shows this could not take place **before 1999!** The Bible itself reveals the reasonable and crucial time in human events **when these things happen!**

Are we in the prophesied last days of this age? More and more the signs of the times point to **our time** as the time of the end. The focal point of 1999 is even more reason to believe it!

## Y2K REVISITED

The world was held captive by the Y2K scare 15 years ago, as the year 2000 A.D. approached. During 1999 especially, the final year of the countdown to Y2K, the world was aghast with anticipation of a global computer meltdown crashing world economies, causing airplanes to fall out of the sky, and cities to implode! Doomsayers were coming out of the woodwork flooding the market with books seeking to make a windfall from the fears of “the end of the world.” And they did! Many “prophesied” the world would be talking about this for generations to come.

But as midnight became 12:01 A.M., January 1, 2000 around the world, the minutes and finally hours ticked by without so much as a whimper, except for the usual New Year’s celebrations.



**The 200 million men cavalry** referenced in Revelations, brings a war that is clearly here to punish the wicked. The Bible tells us that the cavalry will kill one-third of the world’s population when it comes. One-third...what a staggering figure! [www.bigstock.com](http://www.bigstock.com)

What was it everyone missed that *did* happen? Was there not *something more*, some *other fact* besides the potential computer crash, world-watchers missed which was the *real significance* and underlying reason for the anxiety of 1999? *What happened was the prophesied 6 billion-population was first reached in 1999!* A benchmark of prophecy occurred! Coincidence?

## DID WE MISS SOMETHING?

The world population at this writing stands at just under 7.3 billion.<sup>4</sup> The 7 billion mark was reached approximately October 31, 2011. So has the 200 million cavalrymen come and gone? Did we somehow miss them or did the news media fail to pick up on it?

Hardly. There is no way the death of 2 billion people could be missed. It simply has not happened!

There is a simple explanation why the world population is 1.3 billion *past* the 6 billion mark when the 200 million horsemen ride, and they *still* have not appeared. We have to look to events *prior* to the arrival of the 200 million cavalrymen.

This starts with the four horsemen who kill one-fourth of the world population beginning with the opening of the first four seals (Rev. 5:1-8). It continues with the sixth seal ushering in “the great day of His [Yahweh’s] wrath” (Rev. 6:17), and additional loss of life when the first four trumpets sound after the seventh seal is opened (particularly Rev. 8:10).

All these losses occur *before* the cavalry rides when the sixth trumpet sounds. The 6 billion population is, therefore, the *number left in the aftermath of these previous losses*.

Obviously, the population is much larger than 6

billion prior to the cavalry's appearance, and has been reduced to 6 billion by the time the cavalry hits the scene (See article this issue, *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*).

Finally, will this 200 million-strong cavalry be a real physical army or simply an ethereal invisible foe to be felt but never seen?

First, according to this prophecy, the four angels are presently on the earth, but bound in the Euphrates River (Rev. 9:15-16). They are there but invisible. Is it not reasonable to assume *their cavalry will be invisible as well?*

As in the case of Elisha and his servant, *some can see a supernatural army* [in this case Elisha] while others cannot...unless Yahweh opens their eyes (II Ki. 6:1-18). Certainly in Elisha's case there was a cavalry ["horses"; v. 17] surrounding him **on the hills**, but initially visible only to him. This example shows a supernatural army can be present *on the earth*, but invisible. The same appears likely for the 200 million cavalrmen. However, it may very well be at some point *someone* will see a number of them while the massacre happens.

Given the earth's terrain, oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, mountains, etc., effectively mobilizing a massive *physical* cavalry of this size through the earth would be a colossal logistical task. Cities would obviously be the first-strike locations. But we will leave the logistics to the "Generals" and their officers.

How then, will we *know* the supernatural cavalry is about to ride? Their appointment with destiny will begin when the world population plunges *again to the 1999 level of 6 billion due to the devastating losses which began with the four horsemen* (Rev. 6)!

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# How to Save America OR ANY NATION

## Here are the Biblical Natural Laws Showing us What to Do

Since the beginning of the Republic of the United States of America, many men of character, means, and superior intelligence have fought and often died to preserve it. Only in recent years, particularly in the last decade or so, has “America bashing” been so in vogue in this country. The founding fathers would not dare bash the country they were supposed to serve and for which they gave so much. The freedoms we enjoy have come at a dear price...to someone. They still do.

The modern trend of venomous anti-Americanism is very often spearheaded by those living off the “fat of the land” of this great economic engine, and have little to lose economically for their disdain of the United States. Positioned financially aloof from the woes of the common man, they espouse their denouncements and hatred of America. This is the same America that feeds and clothes them and whose constitution’s First Amendment protects their right to dissent while they devour its resources.

This is truly a social scourge—a curse to be sure—but its occurrence is no accident. It is happening for a reason. It is easy to say, as some do, this and other woes and threats this country faces from within and without are the fault of opposing extreme liberal and over-zealous conservative political views, or a biased press.

Some feel the causes are a self-serving U.S. Congress, and a regulation-prone Executive branch’s deficit spending spree of trillions of dollars like drunken playboys with a credit card; creating a dependent class of voters.

Others see these woes resulting from a sense of indecisive national direction in a chaotic world of terrorism and deadly religious fanatics as we nationally spiral downward in moral decadence and obsession with sports.

It is well to keep in mind, however, that whether these accusations are altogether true or not is often in the “eye-of-the-beholder.”

Regardless, we shall see from the *Bible’s perspective* just what the *causes really are*, and very importantly, *how to cure what ails us in order to save*

*America!* Once we have Yahweh’s take on things, we will know what is true and what is not. Only He and Yahshua have the superior view above the maddening confusion of conflicting opinions. This is the view we need in order to rescue America, and clean up the mess we have created. When we observe what is happening to this great country do we see effects or causes? The Bible lets us know for sure.

### IS THERE STILL TIME?

First we need to know if “our national ship has sailed” past the-point-of-no-return. If so, the only recourse is to let events play out to their inevitable dire consequences. There

is hope, however. Here is Yahweh’s decree: “If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven and will FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL **HEAL**

**THEIR LAND**” (II Chron. 7:14). There is no healing without forgiveness of sin.

Obviously there are conditions attached to national deliverance: being called by the name of Yahweh [Yahweh’s people], humble prayers for forgiveness, seeking Yahweh’s favor [“His face”], turning from wickedness.

At the core of this decree is the need to repent of breaking Yahweh’s great Law of liberty (Jam. 1:25; 2:12) that defines right and wrong. But we must know what it says.

### THE NUMBER ONE PROBLEM

The basic problem is a national ignorance of the details of Yahweh’s Law: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” (Hosea 4:6). Although virtually every household in America has a copy of this Law in their Holy Bible, outside of a few of the Ten Commandments, Americans know little about its intricate details.

Ironically, our nation’s churches, synagogues, and thousands of other unaffiliated religious groups are little help in clarifying and teaching this crucial set of laws.

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We live in likely the most religious age in history with more religious groups than ever before. But if religion as generally practiced were the key our nation and the world would now enjoy a utopia unparalleled in history, but it is not. "Good will toward men and peace on earth" would be rampant instead of crime, war and disease.

**So what major problem does ignoring Yahweh's Law cause?** This. Unconverted **human nature** persists unchanged in its malicious **lusts** (John 4:1-2). Religion as commonly practiced **is not changing human nature**. It has shown itself to be impotent to change man. Now we know why.

When Yahweh says, "The heart is deceitful above all and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9); most would agree.

But when Yahweh says, "...this is the covenant that I will make...I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO their mind, and write them in their heart..." (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:10), religions here and the world over say, "No thanks!"

Spurning Yahweh's law, keeping a "no repentance" stance cuts man off from Yahweh's converting, renewing **Holy Spirit**, which He gives **only to those who OBEY HIM** (Acts 5:32; 2:38) and **changes our carnal nature**. People with Yahweh's Holy Spirit **do not resist Yahweh's Laws. They embrace them**. That makes forgiveness and healing of the land possible (See again II Chron. 7:14). There is **no other way out!** Obedience requires repentance. Repentance means we stop breaking Yahweh's Law.

## THE CURSES

There is no point in begging-the-question and soft-soaping the issues. It would be criminal to do so. What is at stake here is **our very way of life with the freedoms and blessings most of us in this country have enjoyed so fully...for so long!** We absolutely **MUST STEM THE TIDE** of rebellion against Yahweh's **Eternal Natural Laws**...and **SOON!** Among other things, the fundamental cycle of Yahweh's system of timekeeping for Israelite countries are headed **downward below the neutral zone to negative numbers in late 2015 to earlier 2016**.

We are going to take a look at the curses with Biblical references. It is our belief the solutions to the problems individuals and nations face are found in the Bible. There is no other work, to our knowledge, that shows a comprehensive detailed **specific cause-effect correlation** between what happens to people and why. The Bible towers alone in showing the appropriate behaviors the human population must have to live a long, peaceful, disease-free and prosperous life. No other work purports to address the intricate details of what we consider to be the **natural laws regulating human behavior**.

It is only by this knowledge we can **eliminate (Yes, eliminate) disease, war, poverty, drought, poor crop production, hunger, and control the weather while vastly expanding longevity to perhaps hundreds of years**.

This is precisely what the laws in the Bible promise to deliver! Why not give them a try? What man has concocted



**Monday, April 27, 2015** riots broke out in Baltimore, Maryland. Millions of dollars in damage was incurred throughout the city and more than 600,000 people were affected. The governor declared a state of emergency and the National Guard was deployed to help restore order in the city. (Lev. 26:31) [www.theblaze.com](http://www.theblaze.com) / AP Photo/Patrick Semansky

in this area **has failed miserably!**

Now, Yahweh's Laws are not some pie-in-the-sky theoretical scheme. They are scientifically measureable. They can be tested for accuracy in the real world.

For example, for those who do not accept the Biblical laws or think they are outdated, the next time someone lies to them or betrays them or steals from them, let them see how they feel about it. Will **they** feel wronged? Or will they have no reaction or feeling whatsoever? If they do, why was there a reaction if there are not some natural social laws acting? The Bible has much to say against lying and stealing (Ex. 20:15-16; Deut. 19:15-21) and the correct social behavior. Obviously, these laws can be tested in the "laboratory" of our day-to-day living.

Take another example. Why is there a seven-day week? This cycle has been examined back as far as the 600's B.C. and **no break in the cycle** was found. Why not? The obvious reason is the seven-day weekly cycle is a **natural law** that cannot be changed. Many have proposed a different length in the week, but it never happened. We can safely say that it is like the law of gravity. It is not just a good idea. It is the Law.

The Law of the seven-day week is not something we can feel, but is easily observable, *because it regulates our activities of work and leisure*. People often mistakenly think the seven-day cycle is just something men agreed on somewhere in antiquity. If so, **when and by whom?** The fact is **the Bible** informs us *it was Yahweh*—not man—that divinely decreed the law of the seven-day week (Gen. 1:14; 2:3; Ex. 20:8-11).

Since most people will not take the time to look up the Scriptural Laws regulating curses and blessings, many are listed here for convenience; many are not. Reading the curses should sober us, awaken us, for it is obvious we as a nation are already experiencing many of them.

Thankfully, for each curse **there is a solution connect-**

**ed with it in Scripture...if it is applied!** What follows is a partial list of curses for disobedience to Yahweh's Laws.

### **Cursed Children**

- Cursed shall be the fruit of your body (Deut. 28:18) [About one child in every 30 is homeless or 2.5 million as of 2013; child cancer].
- You shall beget sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them...(Deut. 28:41).

### **Cursed Cities**

- Cursed shall you be in the city..." (Deut. 28:16) [homelessness, gangs, overcrowding, disease, high prices, civil unrest, air pollution].
- "...I will make your cities waste..." (Lev. 26:31) [tornadoes, rioters burning businesses, dilapidated buildings, squalid living conditions].

### **Defeat**

- Yahweh shall bring a nation against you from afar... a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young (Deut. 28:50) [Tens of thousands of our young men have been killed, maimed, and traumatized in wars over the last few decades].
- You shall be delivered into the hand of your enemies (Lev. 26:25).

### **Destruction from Natural Disasters**

- "...that the land...spue you not out..." (Lev. 20:22) [people forced off the land...family farms few; children do not want the land of their parents except to sell it...].
- Cursed will be the produce of our land (Deut. 28:18). [27,000 food species are being lost each year according to the Slow Food Movement's 2014 international conference. The term "Slow Food" of naturally prepared organic foods is used to contrast it with the "Fast Foods" consumed regularly.]

### **Government**

- Those that hate you shall reign over you (Lev. 26:17) [Leaders will despise the nation they are elected to serve; carry out treachery and treasonous acts against it].
- I will break the pride of your power (Lev. 26:19) [re-



**It is estimated half of all food produced in the world never makes it to the dinner table each year.** This equates to nearly 2 billion tonnes of food waste annually according to the UK's Institution of Mechanical Engineers. [www.darkpolitricks.com](http://www.darkpolitricks.com)

luctance to use military might; compromise instead of victory].

### **Health**

- Failing eyes and your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear day and night and you shall have no assurance of your life (Deut. 28:65-66).
- Yahweh will smite you with a fever and with an inflammation...with mildew... (Deut. 28:22).
- Smite you with the scab, and with the itch, whereof you cannot be healed (Deut. 28:27) [NO drugs will heal them...antibiotics, immunizations, the "wonder drugs"... nothing will work.].
- Yahweh will smite you with **madness** and blindness (Deut. 28:28) [Every year, about 42.5 million American adults (or 18.2 percent of adult population) suffer from some mental illness...data, compiled by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), also indicate that approximately 9.3 million adults, or about 4 percent of those Americans ages 18 and up, experience "serious mental illness." **Blindness: US total (all ages): 6,670,300 and counting**].
- Yahweh will smite you in the knees, and in the legs..(Deut. 28:35) [600,000 knee replacements are performed each year in the United States.].
- Sore sicknesses and of long continuance and the diseases of Egypt (Deut. 28:59-60). [Cancer, leukemia, arthritis, heart disease, Alzheimer's]

### **Inflation; Finances**

- "You have sown much, and bring in little;...he that earns wages, earns wages to put it into a bag with holes." (Hag. 1:6) [If \$5000 had been set aside without investing it in 1913, it would worth 4.5 cents today; a 2100 percent inflation! Trillions of dollars in private and government debt drives down the value of our currency.].

### **Land Sabbath/Defiling the Land**

- I will make your cities waste (Lev. 26:31, 33); "... the land...[will] spue you out also..." (Lev. 18:28).
- "...And I will bring the land into desolation...then shall the land rest, and enjoy her Sabbaths." (Lev. 26:32, 34) [Ignoring Yahweh's Land Sabbaths has serious negative consequences.].
- I will make your heaven as iron and your earth as brass (Lev. 26:19) [severe extended drought]

### **Name of Yahweh**

- "If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory to My Name,...says Yahweh...I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings..." (Mal. 2:2).
- "Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that takes His Name in vain." (Ex. 20:7). [We must stop worshipping God (Babylonian deity of good luck) and start worshipping the Creator Yahweh.].

### **National Debt and Foreigners Rising up Above Us**

- The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low (Deut.

28:43). [Illegal immigrants, other foreigners taking over jobs, prospering above us.].

- He shall lend to you, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail (Deut. 28:44) [Soaring national debt owed to insurance companies and foreign powers.].

### Perilous Times and Fear of Terrorism; Pride

- "...in the last days perilous times will come. For [Gr. *because*] men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of Yahweh" (II Tim. 3:2-4).

- Yahweh will destroy the house of the proud (Prv. 15:25).

- I will appoint over you TERROR [ISTS] (Lev. 26:16) [Remember 9-11-2001; recent massacre of 17 in France by Islamic terrorists; ISIS].

## THE SOLUTIONS: WHAT LAWS?

It is necessary to know the Laws which prevent these and other curses. Once they are known, the path to freedom from the evil consequences is clear, and only has to be followed to gain the **protection and prosperity Yahweh promises**. Ignoring these Laws brings curses. Obeying them brings blessings. It is that simple. The Bible reveals natural laws that govern human behavior. Below is a partial listing of laws that prevent the curses. You will see **none** of these are political solutions!

### For Our Good to Keep Us Alive; We Must Discuss the Law Frequently

- "You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might....these words, which I command you..., shall be in your heart... And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up...you shall write them upon the posts of your house and on your gates"(Deut. 6:5-7, 9).

- "...Yahweh commanded us to do **ALL** these statutes, to fear Yahweh your Elohim, **for our good always**, that he might **preserve us alive**...And it shall be our righteousness, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL these commandments...as he has commanded us" (Deut. 6:24-25).

From Leviticus chapters 18-26 are various laws Yahweh commands. Note that the curses which follow in chapter 26 ARE THE RESULT OF BREAKING THESE LAWS; Other laws in Exodus and Deuteronomy are also included:

### Cleanliness: Preventing Disease; No Tattoos

- If a man has an issue of blood...he is unclean...whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening..." (Lev. 15:2, 5).

- If a man and woman have intercourse, they must



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both wash themselves in water and be unclean until evening. (Lev. 15:18).

- If a woman has her monthly cycle she is unclean seven days, and anyone touching her is unclean; if they touch her bed or what she sits on they must bathe and wash their clothes, and be unclean until the evening. (Lev. 15:19, 21-22).

- When a baby is born the mother is under certain cleanliness restrictions. (Lev. 12:1-6).

- See Leviticus 13 and 14 for rules on leprosy.

- We are not to cut our body for the dead nor have any tattoos. (Lev. 19:28) [The growth of elaborate tattoos in this country is a virtual epidemic of grotesque disfigurement of the body.]

### Cursing Father or Mother

- Everyone that curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death...(Lev. 20:9).

### Death Penalty; Other Cases

- "At the mouth of two...or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death...the hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death... (Deut. 17:6-7) [If you are one of those witnesses, **you** have to execute him; not the "state" executioner, but **you**.]

- Witches are to be put to death (Ex. 22:18).

- The penalty for bestiality is death (Ex. 22:20).

### Finances [See also "Firstlings, Tithes, Firstfruits"]

- We are required to give Yahweh freewill offerings which can be money (Deut. 12:6; Ex. 35:4-5; Ezra 8:28).

- Loans to those of the same nationality are to be canceled every seven years (Deut. 15:1-4).

- If your brother becomes poor and "down on his luck" we must relieve him...but charge him no interest on

money or food (Lev. 25:35-37; Ex. 22:25).

- "...there shall be no poor among you; for Yahweh shall greatly bless you in the land...only if you carefully...observe to do ALL these commandments which I command you this day" (Deut. 15:4-5).

### Firstlings, Tithes, Firstfruits

- The firstborn of cattle and sheep belong to Yahweh (Ex. 34:19). [The herd and flock are cursed if this law is broken.]

- All the tithe (tenth) of the land...seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree is Yahweh's (Lev. 27:30).

- Concerning the tithe (tenth) of the herd or flock... whatsoever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to Yahweh (Lev. 27:32). [There are no tithes on money. These **are** the tithing laws. It is a perversion of Scripture to include money in the tithing commands. (See ICY booklet, "Biblical Tithing is NOT on Money").

- We must not delay to offer the first of our ripe fruits (Ex. 23:29; Prv. 3:9).

### Foods

- Clean and unclean meats (Lev. 11; Deut. 14:3-20) [Swine (bacon, ham), crab, shrimp, catfish, lobster, squirrel, rabbit are all not to be eaten (are unclean) and unfit for human consumption.].

- Food from trees is not to be eaten until the fifth year of bearing (Lev. 19:23-24).

### Giving to the Poor; Widow, Fatherless:

- A poor Israelite cannot be charged interest on a loan (Ex. 22:25).

- You shall open your hand wide to the poor and the needy (Deut. 15:11).

- You shall not afflict any widow or orphan (Ex. 22:22).

### Government

- From among our brothers we may not set a king or ruler over us **who is a foreigner and not our brother**... (Deut. 17:15). [No foreign nationals are allowed to be our leaders whether they are born in this country or not.].

- We must not revile judges nor curse the ruler of our people (Ex. 22:28). [Do not let the news media- *liberal or conservative*-inflammate us with disdain, guile or hatred toward our leaders (I Pet. 2:1, 22).].

- "...for he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile (I Pet. 3:10).

### Health

- You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them...you must serve Yahweh...He will bless your **bread**, and your **water**; and...He will **take sickness away** from the midst of you (Ex. 23:25). [Water scarcity and water pollution are serious problems with rain and snow shortfalls, and industrial wastes dumped into rivers and lakes. Unsafe water is a source of disease.]

### Personal Relationships

- You shall not be a slanderer...take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people. (Lev. 19:15, 18)...do not hate your brother in your heart (v. 17)...go and tell him his fault alone. (Matt. 18:15).

- You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Lev. 19:18). [Consider the other person; not just yourself.]

- Accuse not a servant to his master (Prv. 30:30). [Do not go to the boss with a complaint about one of his employees. Discuss it alone with that person first (Matt. 18:15)].

- We must not respect the poor; nor honor the per-

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son of the mighty (do not give either of them unfair advantage or privilege; but we must judge our neighbor righteously (Lev. 19:15). [The well-heeled get unearned privilege, and the poor stay poor by getting a monthly welfare handout.]

### Robbing Yahweh; His Name

- "...you have robbed me...in tithes and [freewill] offerings...even this whole nation." (Mal. 3:8-9).

- He that blasphemes the name of Yahweh shall be put to death (Lev. 24:16). [The Bible does not say this law of blasphemy applies to other deities people worship.].

- You must not take the name of Yahweh in vain [treat it as vain, unimportant] (Ex. 20:7).

### Sabbaths: Weekly, Annual, Seventh-Year

- "...Concerning the feasts of Yahweh...holy convocations...these are MY feasts. Six days shall work be done:...the seventh day is the Sabbath...rest, an holy convocation:...do no work in it." (Lev. 23:2-3).

- "These are the feasts of Yahweh...the fourteenth day of the first month...is Yahweh's Passover. (Lev. 23:4-5)...Seven days you must eat unleavened bread..." (Lev. 23:6; also Ex. 12:15).

- "From the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall you number fifty days...And you shall proclaim...an holy convocation...do no servile work...**it shall be a statute FOREVER throughout your generations.**" (Lev. 23:16, 21). [Forever is not over yet.]

- A man was found gathering sticks on the Sabbath... Yahweh said...the man shall surely be put to death (Num. 15:32, 35). [Breaking the Sabbath is a capital offense.].

- The Feast of Tabernacles is to be observed seven days...**A STATUTE FOREVER**... (Lev. 23:34-41).

- In the seventh year, the land is not to be sown (Lev. 25:1-7; Ex. 23:10-11).

- Breaking the Land Sabbaths [ALL weekly and annual Sabbaths are Land Sabbaths] decimates the land, and drive us off the land, scattering us among the heathen.



**Yahweh promises rain will come** in due season as a blessing for obedience to His perfect Law. (Lev. 26:4) [www.fitsnews.com](http://www.fitsnews.com)

(Lev. 26:32-35).

### **Sexual Perversion: Incest, Homosexuality DEFILES THE LAND**

- None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness...your father,...mother...sister,...daughter in law...your aunt..." (Lev. 18:6-14).
- You shall not approach...a woman during her menstrual time. (Lev. 18:19; Lev. 15 for more details.)
- "...the man that commits adultery with another man's wife...the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." (Lev. 20:10).
- You shall not lie with a man as with a woman; it is an abomination. (Lev. 18:22); [Homosexuality is a crime.].
- "Wherefore Yahweh...gave them up to **unclean-ness** through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:...who changed the truth of Yahweh into a lie...For this cause Yahweh gave them up to **vile affections**: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature (Lesbianism)...likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman...men with men...and gave them over to a reprobate mind...being filled with all unrighteousness..." (Rom. 1:24-29).
- Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways...by these practices the nations I am casting out...defiled themselves...the land became defiled; and I punished it...and the LAND VOMITED OUT its inhabitants." (Lev. 18:24-25).

### **Social Responsibility**

- You must not follow a multitude to do evil; must keep far from a false matter; not oppress a stranger; not take a bribe; not be a respecter of persons (Ex. 23:2, 7-9; Deut. 16:19).

### **Work: A Personal and Social Responsibility**

- "Six days shall you labor, and do all your work..." (Ex. 20:9; 35:2) [This is a law too! We are commanded to work. Man was designed to do labor. We owe it to ourselves and society to work, to contribute. Notice it **does not say**, "Six days shall **someone else work** so **you** will not have to." It is common knowledge that a large percentage of disability claims that Social Security and DHS approve are nothing more than a lifetime handout to those

able-bodied **who refuse to work**. Society does not owe us a living for any reason. If someone is truly disabled the **FIRST responsibility to that person is the FAMILY**—not society...not the government.

## **BLESSINGS**

For every effect there is a cause, and for every righteous act there is a blessing. We reap what we sow.

There are three parts of the "law of harvest": (1). We reap what we sow. (2). We reap more than we sow. (3). We reap later than we sow.

These rules "cut both ways." For example, if we sow good we reap good. If we sow good we reap **more** good than we sowed. And we reap that good later than we sowed the righteous deeds.

But if we sow evil, we reap evil. We reap **more** evil than we sowed. And we will reap that evil later than it was sown.

Here is a short listing of some of the blessings Yahweh promises for obedience to His perfect Law of Liberty (Jam. 1:25).

### **Good Weather**

- There will be rain in due season (Lev. 26:4). [Instead of drought and floods washing out crops].

### **Law of Confession, Forgiveness, Mercy**

- When he is guilty of these things, he shall confess that he has sinned...(Lev. 5:5). He shall bring his trespass offering to Yahweh...for his sin...and it shall be forgiven him (Lev. 5:10). [There is no forgiveness **unless someone pays**. Because **Yahshua paid for sins** we can be forgiven.]
- He that covers his sins will not prosper: but he who confesses and forsakes sins shall have mercy (Prv. 28:13) [This is an automatic Law of mercy for repentance.].
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

### **Long Life**

- Forget not my law and let your heart keep my commandments for length of days and years of life, and peace shall they add to you (Prv. 3:1-2).

### **National Dominance:**

- All peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of Yahweh; and they shall be afraid of you (Deut. 28:10).
- You will lend to many nations, but **you will not borrow** (Deut. 15:6; 28:12); the borrower is servant to the lender (Prv. 22:7). You will reign over nations...they will not reign over you. (Deut. 15:6).

### **Nothing barren; No Sickness**

- "...there shall not be male or female barren among you or among your cattle..." (Deut. 8:14).
- Blessed shall be the offspring of your body (Deut. 28:4).
- Yahweh will take away from you ALL SICKNESS. (Lev. 7:15) [This would revolutionize society!].

## Prosperity; Finances

- Yahweh will make you abound in prosperity (Deut. 28:11).
- You will be the head and not the tail and you will be above and not underneath...**if you will listen to the commandments...to observe them...**(Deut. 28:13).
- Blessed shall you be in the city (Deut. 28:3).
- Yahweh will command the blessing on your barns and in all you put your hand to. (Deut. 28:8).
- He that has a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor (Prv. 22:9), and he that gives to the poor shall not lack (Prv. 29:27).

## Safety

- I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid...I will chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you. (Lev. 26:6-7).

## CONCLUSION

Now back to the comments at the outset of this article that America bashing and reduced stature in the world is happening for a reason. We can hopefully see now, based on the natural social laws stated in the Holy Bible, that the man on the street, and in the ivory towers of six-to-seven-figure incomes...all of us **deserve it! We do.**

Until we get our national house in order starting with *each individual* we are going to see more of this spreading scourge. Obedience to Yahweh's Laws will correct the problems. Ignoring those Laws will bring the curses as surely as tomorrow's sunrise, as relentlessly as the pull of gravity.

An examination of Leviticus 18-26 shows **America is in the first stages** of the severe "punishments of seven" (See Lev. 26:16-18). Failure to heed the many commandments listed in those chapters, many of which have been included above, is **ALREADY disastrous, but the curses will only get worse and happen more frequently** (like birthing pains: Matt. 24:8; Mark 13:8) if we do not change our ways!

What has been presented here in summary form, are the exact steps, the standards of conduct, we as a nation, **or any nation**, must follow to save itself from an enslaving dictatorship, treason, crumbling infra-structure, war, terrorism, natural disasters, disease, poverty, hunger, despair and death.

We well know, however, most will turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to this roadmap to freedom. They will staunchly ignore the Law, especially the Sabbath commands, food laws, economic laws and using Yahweh's name.

But there is something **none** of us can ignore: the **brutal consequences of breaking those Laws**. The dire penalties **will be exacted** without regard for the old, young, rich, poor, the ignorant, illiterate, the well-educated or those in positions of power and influence. A Doctor of Philosophy degree (Phd) or political office will not exempt **anyone** from the consequences of continuing to break the commandments (Isa. 13:18).

If the people go into slavery and have their cities wasted, their **leaders will reap the same**. The leaders will

not be able to insulate themselves from the sinful choices they have heaped upon the people. They will be rooted out of their gated communities, their plush retirements cut off, with no Secret Service protection...and punished:

"...none of us can ignore: the brutal consequences of breaking those Laws."

"And Jehoiachin reigned...and **he did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh...**and he [king of Babylon] carried away...all the princes...the mighty men of valor [military subdued]...all craftsmen and smiths...**and Jehoiachin**, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and **his officers** [his administration] and the mighty of the land... **into captivity** (II Ki. 24:8-9, 14-15).

"Zedekiah...reigned...and he did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh...and the armies of the Chaldees pursued...the king...they took the king...and...slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out his eyes and bound him with brass fetters..."(II Ki. 24:18-19; 25:5-7) .

Despite these woeful warnings, people, remaining in their sins, will hunt for some consolation and emotional relief among those who sympathize with their complaints. Or others equally sinful will bask in the goodwill of their constituents who favor redistribution of wealth...stealing from the rich to give a handout to those who will not work. If we continue to greatly penalize success in any manner, eventually there will not be any...for anyone!

Going to CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS or FOX in search of those who agree with our outlook does not and will not solve the problems we face. Why? Because it does not make us righteous; will not convert our sinful character to do righteously-as the Bible defines it.

Honestly, where does any political pundit and their guests **offer solutions** on their inciting programs? They only rehearse the complaints or the problems...while **offering NO solutions, because they do not have any!**

As mentioned at the beginning of this article, "...we shall see from the **Bible's perspective** just what the **causes really are...**" Now we have the Biblical view, the superior view, of the **real causes**. The question now is, "What are we going to do about it?" Are we going to **change** or continue to complain while committing the same sins as before?

No, it is not primarily the government's fault. **It is primarily our fault!** WE the people are reaping the consequences of our sins.

Yahweh's decree bears repeating: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven and will FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL **HEAL THEIR LAND**" (II Chron. 7:14). Will we? It is our choice.

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**But is the fifteenth of Abib the first day of UB and the first annual Sabbath?**

**What are the Biblical facts that conclusively answer this important question and prove which day of the first month is truly the first day of unleavened bread?**

**Would you accept a clear definite Scripture showing which day is in fact the first day of UB?**

**Would that convince you?**

**How about six such verses?**

**What are the two fatal flaws in the "Abib fifteenth-Sabbath theory" which have been overlooked?**

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