

**Thoughts on the Prophetic Implications of the 2014-15 Blood Moon Tetrad with respect to Israel, the 30 June 2015 Appearance of the Messiah's star with respect to the United States and the timing for these heavenly appearances in this Season of the Lord's Return**

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As the prophetic signs pointing to the soon return of Christ and the incredibly fluid state of world affairs appears to be converging in climactic fashion to bring about the end of this age as we know it, I have been humbled and moved with a sense of urgency, like a Watchman on the wall, to share recent discoveries about the current and pending appearances of two of God's heavenly signs and what they might mean today for Israel and America in God's end time plan. While many in the Bible prophecy world are aware of the appearance of a tetrad of lunar eclipses falling on the 2014-15 Jewish feasts of Passover and Tabernacles, few have any idea of what significance, if any, this tetrad of eclipses might mean for Israel. This in part is because many, if not most, prophecy experts regard these stellar appearances as mere coincidence, especially since heavenly signs appear to have little basis in scripture to connect them with end time prophecy. Even fewer people are aware that a remarkably rare re-appearance of the Christmas or Messiah's star will take place on the evening of 30 June 2015 during what appears to be a critical point in America's march towards its end-time destiny. Is the re-appearance of this heavenly sign also just a coincidence that should be disregarded because it has not been specifically revealed in the Bible?

Despite the fact that blood moon tetrads (referred to as "Tetrad" for the remainder of this paper – See note 1.) and the Messiah's star do not appear in biblical end-time eschatology, and while it is difficult, if not impossible, to find America referenced in scripture aside from inclusive "all the nations" references, I believe that recent world political developments coupled with the timing and the locations for the appearances of these two heavenly signs warrant a close and compelling look at the significance of the 2014-15 Tetrad with respect to Israel, and the 2015 re-appearance of the Messiah's star with respect to America.

First, let's consider the heavenly signs. There are six generally recognized categories of end-time signs that point to Christ's Second Coming. The categories include: (1) Signs of Nature (of which heavenly signs are a subset), (2) Signs of Society, (3) Spiritual Signs, (4) Signs of Technology, (5) Signs of World Politics, and the most important category, (6) Signs of Israel. Heavenly signs are unique among the categories of prophetic end-time signs because they are repeatable stellar events and, because of the capabilities of modern technology, they are predictable stellar events as was revealed in The Christmas Star. This makes sense if one believes that the heavenly signs referred to in Genesis 1:14 are a reflection of God's orderliness in the heavens and not of its randomness. Thanks to Christian scientists like Johann Kepler and Isaac Newton with their laws of gravity and planetary motion and the capabilities of the modern computer, today we can look both backwards and forward in time, thousands of years, and precisely determine stellar configurations, when they appeared in the past, when they will appear in the future, and exactly how and where they can be observed on earth. No other category of end-time signs has this capability or prophetic potential.

One problem many modern day prophecy experts have with heavenly signs, at least with respect to end times and the Second Coming, is that other than a vague reference made by Jesus in the Olivet Discourse to “fearful events and great signs from heaven” in Luke 21:11, there is no mention in the Bible of one or more specific heavenly signs that point to times or events in the “season” of the Lord’s return as end-time signs. Another problem scholars have understanding heavenly signs that might pertain to the end-times is that the heavenly signs that are identified in scripture during the Tribulation such as the “sun turning to darkness and the moon to blood” as revealed in Joel 3:31 do not necessarily fit with the description of heavenly signs God refers to in Genesis 1:14. The Joel 3 passage does not describe a heavenly sign that points to an event in the “season” of the Lord’s return. Rather, it is a natural or supernatural event that appears while God’s wrath is being poured out during the Tribulation. I believe this distinction between heavenly signs that point to events during the season of the Lord’s return and those that actually appear during the Tribulation is important and this is why: In Daniel 12:4, the angel tells Daniel to “close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end... when knowledge will increase.” This passage tells us that just because God’s end time heavenly signs are not clearly revealed in scripture, it doesn’t mean they don’t exist. In fact, because heavenly signs are repeatable and can reappear based on God’s perfect timing, it is up to us to apply Daniel’s prophecy using our increased knowledge and modern technology to decipher these heavenly signs, especially those that appear or reappear as the time of the Lord’s return approaches.

The Tetrad has frequently appeared throughout history, having made its first recorded appearance during the time of Abraham. And, while the Messiah’s star that appeared at the birth of Jesus is a much rarer heavenly sign, it is a repeatable event, which is why its pending 2015 re-appearance may be significant. So it makes sense as we approach the culmination of God’s plan for the ages, we should be looking for heavenly signs that have previously appeared, not for those that are new or different. With the “increased knowledge” and the modern technology spoken of by Daniel, I believe God expects us to use this increase to discover and decipher His heavenly signs for ourselves: how and when they will appear, and to wisely correlate and associate significant end time events with these signs. The reason why the Tetrads and the Messiah’s star are important now is that both signs are appearing or will appear in this time of great testing as world events and the signs of the time accelerate towards the culmination of God’s Plan for the Ages.

Why Israel and America? The most important group of prophetic signs for Christ’s return are the signs associated with Israel. In fact, the signs for Israel are more important than those in all the other categories of signs combined. So the selection of Israel as one of the two nations we are about to consider is a no-brainer. But, what about America? I believe there are two reasons for this and both are important. First, Israel and America are unique among all the nations throughout history for this reason: God chose Israel, and America chose God! It is that simple. The story of God’s choice of Israel as His special nation is thoroughly documented in scripture and it is abundantly clear that Israel, as a nation, did not choose God. On the other hand, there is only one nation in all of history that chose God; one nation who’s founders integrated into the entire fabric of its foundation - biblical principles, Christian ethics and morality, and the laws of nature and God. Significantly, on the very first day of its existence as a nation, America was consecrated to God. On the morning of our nation’s founding, April

30, 1789, the entire Congress led by the first president, George Washington, walked en masse from Federal Hall to St John's church in lower Manhattan where, as their first order of business, the first government offered up prayers and supplications to the Almighty, interceding for the Lord's blessing for the nation's future. In response to that prayer and from the first 100 or so years of effort by this nation to honor that commitment that followed, God blessed America more than any other nation in the history of the planet. But, that was 226 years ago and much has changed as our founders' original commitment of this nation to God has been discarded and forgotten.

Secondly, Israel and America have a common history that reflects what happens when a nation fails to maintain a strong spiritual relationship with God. For Israel, the nation's fall from grace began at the end of Solomon's reign after the dedication of the first temple and it ended with Jerusalem and the temple's destruction in 70 AD. But, as we know from the Bible, Israel is uniquely given a second chance to seek God's holiness. America's spiritual peak was reached on its first day as a nation and its fall from grace will end at some point before the Tribulation. Unlike Israel, that has an everlasting covenant with God, America does not get a second chance. If America's spiritual relationship with God was as strong today as it was at the time of its founding, our nation might be prophetically mentioned in scripture. But, it isn't mentioned. In God's Plan for the Ages, regarding America in Bible prophecy, Dr. David Reagan says this: *"So where is the United States scripture and Bible prophecy? A partial answer is that we are not mentioned directly or specifically. We are covered by prophecies that relate to all nations, but beyond that our end time destiny is not specifically mentioned."* I agreed with this assessment until very recently when, as the significance of current world political events and God's heavenly signs began to come into sharper focus, I discovered one prophetic scripture that appears to point directly to America... and it is not good news. If it is true as I suspect it is, then America must diminish greatly and it will happen quickly if we are as far into the season of the Lord's return as it appears that we are. This issue of America's spiritual decline and fall from God's grace is addressed separately in Appendix 1 in this paper.

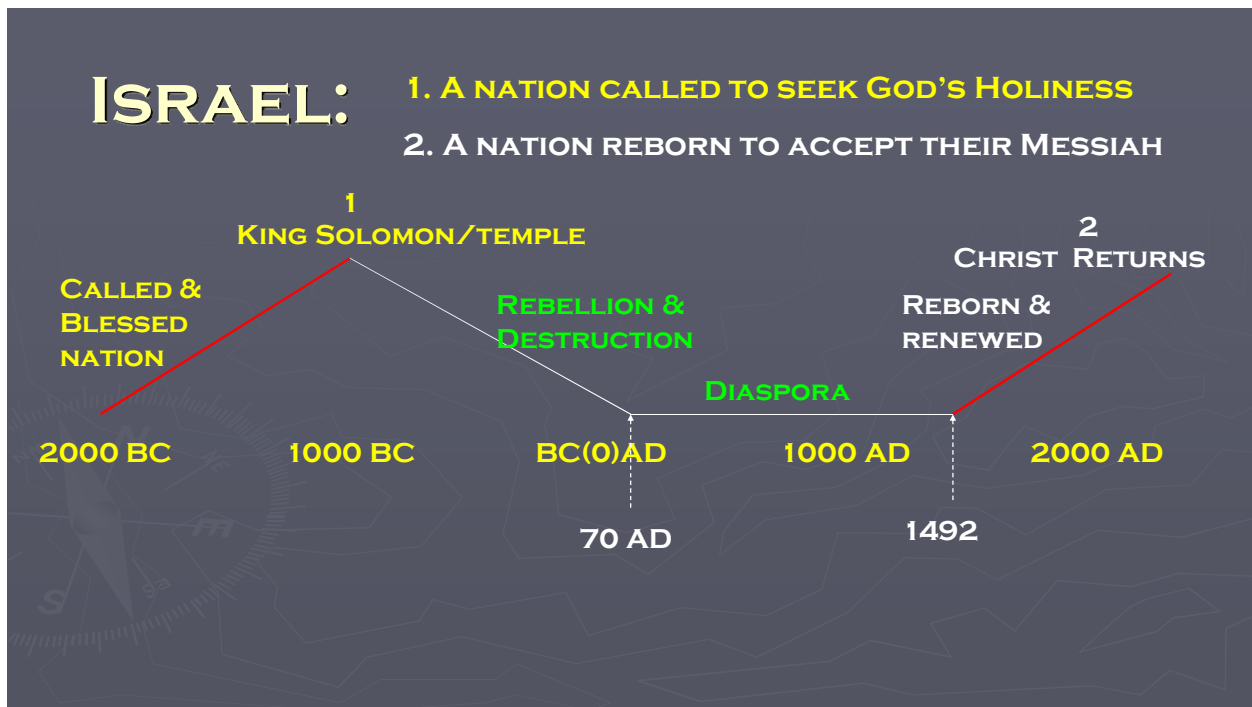
### Israel and "Blood Moon" Tetrads

The Tetrad mania got going in 2008 when Pastor Mark Biltz discovered a rare astronomical pattern of four sequential lunar eclipses falling on Jewish feast dates. The last three such events occurred in 1493-94, 1948-49 and 1967-68 and the next and current one is happening during the Jewish feasts of Passover and Tabernacles in 2014 and 2015 (the third of these events was on 4 April 2015 as this is being written). According to Dr. Reagan, Biltz initially began teaching that the Second Coming of the Messiah might occur in the fall of 2015 and his theory soon became an internet sensation. While his Second Coming theory could not be supported and was later dismissed and even denied, Biltz nevertheless has continued to link the 2014-2015 Tetrad to end time eschatology, first with Israel and the Jewish feasts and then with Israel and the Shemitah cycle as revealed by Jonathan Cahn in *The Harbinger* and *The Mystery of the Shemitah*. But, so far he has failed to tie Israel and its connection with the feasts and the Shemitah in this current Tetrad with any end time prophecy or "season of the Lord's return" event. While he determined that the three most recent tetrads falling on Jewish feast days occurred during or shortly after significant events relating to the Jews and Israel, he came to this conclusion without doing any in-depth research to determine if there was a historical relationship

between Tetrads and Israel. It is clear from the research revealed in this paper, that there is a significant historical relationship between Israel and the Tetrads, and it involves far more than just the four Tetrads Biltz focuses on.

In his book, *Four Blood Moons*, Pastor John Hagee cautiously comes to a more accurate conclusion but, again, it is based on essentially the same data used by Biltz. To his credit, Hagee argues that the 2014-15 Tetrads are “an omen of a major development that will most likely have a significant impact on the Jewish people.” While I believe this statement is true, it does not go far enough. Important questions are: How exactly is a Tetrod linked to an important world event affecting Israel? And, is the significant impact that Tetrads have on Israel positive or negative and if so, why? These are questions this research attempts to answer (See note 2 for additional information on Lunar Eclipses and Tetrads).

After reviewing Biltz’ and Hagee’s evidence and conclusions I decided to find out if there was a correlation between Tetrads and significant events in Israel’s history that might support the premise that Tetrads occurring on the Jewish feasts today are significant with respect to Israel, and if they are, is the correlation positive, negative or mixed? To begin, I put together a simple graphic to broadly reflect what Israel’s four thousand year history looked like based on the nation’s relationship with God. The graphic below is the result:



As you can see, the graphic begins with God’s call to Abraham in about 2000 BC. It is divided into four major parts. The period from 2000-1000 BC, depicted by the inclined red line reflects Israel’s rise from Abraham’s call to become a “called and blessed” nation, culminating in the reigns of Kings David and Solomon and the dedication of the first Temple. The period from 1000 BC to 70 AD, depicted by the falling white line, depicts Israel’s descent to destruction and includes the divided kingdom, the Babylonian captivity, and finally, the destruction of the second Temple and the beginning of the

Diaspora. The period from 1 AD to about 1500 AD, depicted by the flat white line, covers the period of the worst part of the Diaspora and the scattering of the Jews throughout the world. Normally, I would extend the Diaspora line to the mid nineteenth century, but based on Biltz' focus on the 1493-94 Tetrad, I stopped the line at the discovery of the New World and that Tetrad. In 1492 about the same time Columbus sailed on his voyage to discover the New World, Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain issued the decree that banished all Jews (who would not convert to Catholicism) from Spain as their last refuge in the Old World. In Europe, this marked the beginning of the Spanish Inquisition.

Thus, the discovery of the New World provided a clear glimmer of hope for a people who up until that time had no hope. Beginning late in the sixteenth century, Jews from around the world began to migrate to the Americas, and by the end of WW II, the largest population of Jews in the world lived in the United States. So, the fourth segment of the graph, depicted by the red line rising, shows the 500 plus year period from 1500 to the present, as God's chosen people began once again the climb to ultimately become the "called and blessed" nation that God told Abraham it would someday become. This will be defined as the period of Israel's restoration.

In order to find out if there was a connection between Tetrads and Israel's history, I focused primarily on the Tetrad history for the 2000 year period from God's call to Abraham to the destruction of the second Temple (2000 BC to 70 AD) to see if the Tetrad history might correlate with significant dates and events in Israel's 2000 year rise and fall from God's grace. As with The Christmas Star, I depended on James Ussher's chronology in his Annals of the World to determine the key dates for significant events in Israel's history. What follows is what I discovered about Tetrads and Israel's history based on Ussher's chronology and data from the NASA Lunar Eclipse website:

Between the time of Christ and the present there have been 87 Tetrads, seven of which have fallen on Jewish feast dates. The last four of the seven (1493-94, 1949-50, 1967-68 and 2014-15) are the focus of Biltz and Hagee's efforts. The three Tetrads that occurred between 135 and 1400 AD, during the Diaspora, had no associated Jewish history to compare with so I discounted the Tetrads occurring in the Diaspora from the analysis until the 1493-94 Tetrad.

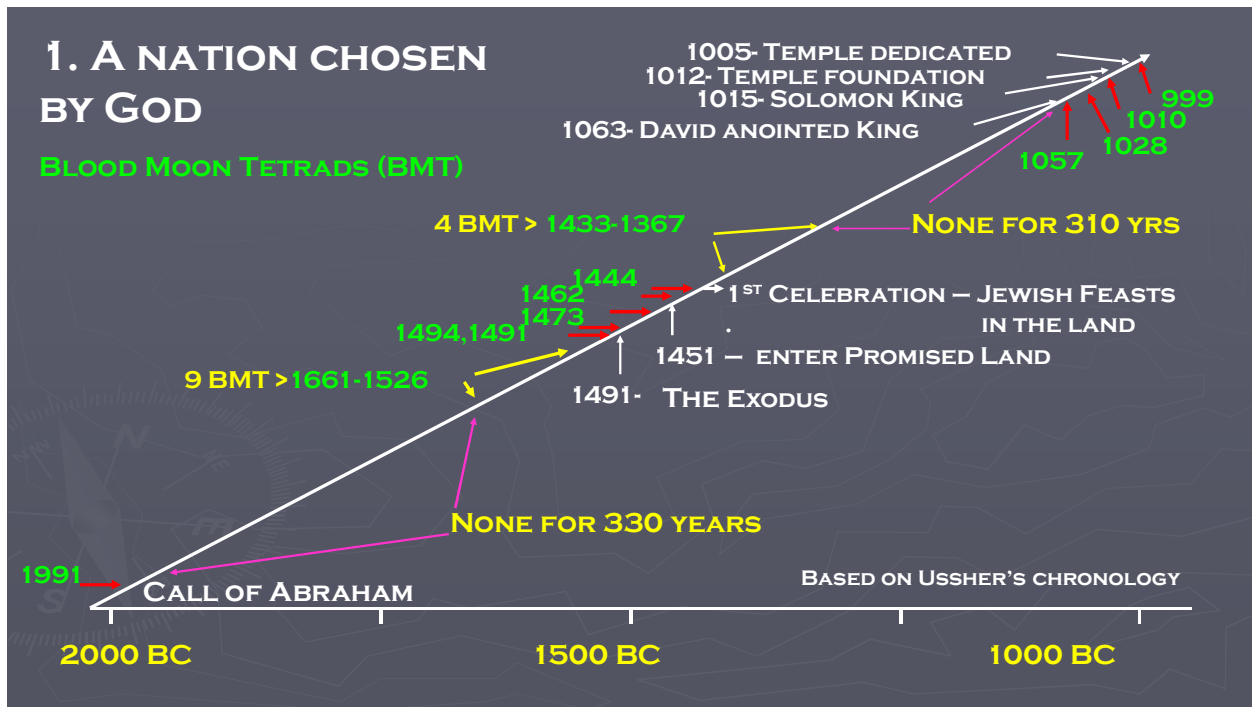
For the 1000 year period between Solomon's reign in 1000 BC and the time of Christ there were 32 tetrads.

Note: It should be noted that dates for Jewish feasts are not accurately determined before the Common Era. Moreover, since Jewish feasts did not exist until after the Jews entered the Promised Land in the mid fifteenth century BC, I initially did not attempt to determine which Tetrads fell on Jewish feast dates for the 2000 years between Abraham and Christ. But, it became clear in my research that Tetrads with eclipses occurring in the March-April and September–October timeframes in the same year coincide with the dates for the Jewish feasts because the feasts are tied to the full moons on the lunar calendar and total lunar eclipses only occur during a full moon.

I used the following dates from Ussher to compare the Tetrad history with significant Jewish historical events between 1000 BC and 70 AD: 975 BC – The divided Kingdom, 721 BC – Destruction of the Northern Kingdom, 607 BC – Initial Babylonian siege on Jerusalem (beginning of 70 year Babylonian

captivity), 589 BC - Fall of Judah & destruction of Jerusalem , 537 BC- End of Babylonian captivity, 536 BC –First return to Judah from captivity and rebuilding of the Temple, 454 BC – Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem, 08 BC – Dedication of Herod’s temple, 70 AD – Destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem. After comparing the above dates with the dates for the 32 Tetrads that occurred during this 1000+ year period (1000BC – 70 AD), it was clear that there were no Tetrad correlations within ten years of any of the above dates. Thus, for this period of Israel’s decline to destruction and the Diaspora, there was no connection between the significant events in Israel’s history and Tetrads.

Finally, I looked at the period 2000 BC to 1000 BC, from the Call of Abraham to the First Temple. What I discovered for this period was remarkable. There were 21 tetrads between the time of Abraham and King Solomon. Again, I used key dates based on Ussher for this period and matched them with the Tetrad history. The graph below shows the Tetrad history with Ussher’s dates for Israel during this period.



The first Tetrad recorded on the NASA website was in 1991-90 BC that occurred at about the time Abraham would have been about 60 years old based on the Jewish chronology and Dr. Henry Morris’ genealogy of the patriarchs in his New Defenders Study Bible. After the 1991-90 BC Tetrad, there was a 330 year gap with no Tetrads. Between 1661 and 1526 BC (135 years) when the Jews were in Egypt, there were nine Tetrads. The period of the Exodus included the forty years of preparation in the desert and the entrance to and conquest of the Promised Land. During this 50 year period, from 1494-1444 BC, there were five Tetrads associated with significant dates and events for Israel:

| <u>Date/Event</u>                          | <u>Tetrad</u> |
|--|---------------|
| <1491 – God’s call to Moses (burning bush) | 1494-93       |
| 1491 - Exodus from Egypt, Red Sea crossing | 1491-90       |

1490-51 – Mt Sinai, 40 years in the Wilderness  
1445 - Joshua divided land among the 12 Tribes

1473-72, 1463-62  
1444-43

None of the above Tetrads appeared to fall on Jewish feast dates, but these events took place before the institution of the Jewish feasts in the land. I noted too, that, like the current Tetrads of interest, the Tetrad seems to appear after or during the event, but not before it. After the 1444 BC Tetrad, there are four Tetrads between 1433-1367 (75 years) during the period of the Judges. Then, there is another gap of 310 years with no Tetrads. Finally, between Samuel’s anointing of David as King in 1063 and just after the dedication of the first temple in 1004 BC there are four Tetrads in 1057-56, 1028-27, 1010-09 and 999-998 respectively. Incredibly, all four of these Tetrads occurred during the March/April and Sept/Oct Jewish feast date cycles.

| <u>Date/Event</u>                                   | <u>Tetrad</u>         |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1063, 1055 – David anointed by Samuel, becomes king | 1057-56 (Feast dates) |
| 1048 - Jerusalem becomes Israel’s capital           | - -                   |
| 1034 - Birth of Solomon                             | 1028-27 (Feast dates) |
| 1014, 12 - Solomon king, Temple foundation laid     | 1010-09 (Feast dates) |
| 1004 - Temple dedicated                             | 999-98 (Feast dates)  |

So, for Israel’s first two thousand years as God’s chosen people, this is what the relationship between Tetrads and key events revealed:

The dates for the important events marking Israel’s rise from obscurity to glory during the first thousand years (2000-1000 BC) reveals steady, but positive advancement towards God’s goal of holiness for His people. The alignment of Tetrads and key events during this period of Israel’s rise is remarkable. After God’s call to Abraham, there are two 300+ year gaps with no Tetrads, each followed by a concentration of Tetrads. The first being the 50 year period (1494-1444) covering the Exodus and the entering and conquest of the Promised Land, and the second was the 60 year period (1060-999) highlighted by the reign’s David and Solomon and the building and dedication of the first temple. Even more remarkable is the fact that while the Tetrads during the first period of the Exodus did not fall on Jewish feast dates (they were not being practiced yet), all four of the Tetrads during the period of the two kings and the temple fell on Jewish feast dates.

During Israel’s second millennium (1000 BC-70 AD), the important events marking Israel’s fall from grace and destruction that led to the Diaspora were negative events. Importantly, there was no connection between the Tetrads and the important dates for Israel during this one thousand plus year period of decline. So, it appears that Tetrads are important positive signs for Israel during its first 1000 year rise to holiness, but Tetrads had no significance with respect to key events (mostly negative) during Israel’s thousand plus year fall from grace.

I believe the above evidence clearly shows that there is a positive relationship between God’s heavenly sign of a Tetrad of lunar eclipses and important events in Israel’s climb to its spiritual pinnacle (2000-1000 BC). Therefore, I agree that Mark Biltz was on to something when he discovered the relationship

between Tetrads appearing on Jewish feast dates and important events during Israel’s current period of restoration because the three Tetrads falling on Jewish feast dates to date each point to a positive significant event affecting God’s relationship with Israel, and this coincides with similar events during Israel’s first rise.

It should not be a surprise, at least for Bible scholars, that God would use events and the associated Tetrads in Israel’s first rise to glory (2000-1000 BC) as a template that enables us to see and understand His plan for Israel’s relationship with Him during its current restoration to holiness. If this is true, and I believe it is, then the Tetrads that fall on Jewish feasts are indeed the heavenly sign that ties these parallel periods in Israel’s history together. If we take a close look at the events that correlate with the Tetrads during Israel’s first rise, they clearly focus on God’s relationship with Israel. This relationship has two aspects or dimensions, one physical and the other spiritual. On the timeline below, I combined the significant events and associated Tetrads for the two critical periods in Israel’s first rise (1994-1444 & 1060-999 BC) and then assigned a physical, spiritual or combined label to each event. The resulting template below is what was used to develop a comparable table of significant events and Tetrads for Israel’s current restoration to God’s holiness:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Israel’s first rise to holiness with Physical and Spiritual dimensions</u>          | <u>Tetrad</u>       |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 1991 BC     | - God chooses Israel to become His holy nation (Call to Abraham) – <b>Spiritual</b>    | 1991-90             |
| 1491 BC     | - God’s call to Moses - delivers Israel from bondage – <b>Physical &amp; Spiritual</b> | 1491-90             |
| 1490-51 BC  | - God leads Israel (God and Israel against the world) <b>Physical &amp; Spiritual</b>  | 1473-72,<br>1463-62 |
| 1445 BC     | - God leads Israel to possess the land – <b>Physical</b>                               | 1444-43             |
| 1063 BC     | - Throne of David established - <b>Physical &amp; Spiritual</b>                        | 1057-56-JF          |
| 1045 BC     | - God makes Jerusalem His dwelling place – eternal Capital - <b>Spiritual</b>          | 1028-27-JF          |
| 1012 BC     | - God’s house – the Temple built in Jerusalem - <b>Physical</b>                        | 1010-09-JF          |
| 1004 BC     | - God’s house is dedicated by the nation – <b>Spiritual</b>                            | 999-98-JF           |

On this template, the aspect or dimension of God’s relationship with Israel appears in bold print. I added the year 1045 BC which is the year that the Ark of the Covenant was first brought to Jerusalem for what was to become God’s dwelling place. This was three years after David made Jerusalem his Capital. Even though this event was not directly associated with a Tetrad, it marked Jerusalem’s beginning as a major, even pivotal, player throughout both periods of Israel’s rise.

In my search of the scriptures to find a prophetic basis for the development of a template for Israel’s current restoration that would be comparable with one above, I discovered an incredible parallel in Zechariah’s prophetic view of the end times as revealed in chapters 11-14. Chapter 11 addresses Israel’s rejection of the Messiah; Chapter 12:1-9 deals with Israel’s physical restoration to the land and Jerusalem; Chapters 12:10-14 and chapter 13 address Israel’s spiritual restoration; and chapter 14 addresses the final siege of Jerusalem, the Second Coming of the Messiah and the Millennial Kingdom. Zechariah’s prophetic summary is unusual because it spans a period of time that includes both pre-Tribulation and Tribulation events, in contrast with passages like Ezekiel 38-39 - a pre-Tribulation event,



and the Tribulation events described in Revelation 6-19. Thus, it provides the perfect foundation for Israel's restoration template below.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Template for Israel's Physical and Spiritual restoration – Zech 11-14, Ezek 38</u> | <u>Tetrad</u> |
|-------------|---|---------------|
| 33 AD       | - Ch 11 – Messiah is rejected resulting in Israel's destruction > Diaspora            | --            |
| 1492        | - Discovery of the New World - A glimmer of hope in a dark time                       | 1493-94-JF    |
| 1948        | - Ch 12:1-9 - Physical restoration of Israel <b>Physical</b>                          | 1949-50-JF    |
| 1967        | - Ch 12:1-9 - Physical restoration of Jerusalem <b>Physical</b>                       | 1967-68-JF    |
| 2015?       | - Zech 12:3 - God intervenes for Israel (God & Israel vs the world) <b>Both</b>       | 2014-15-JF    |
| TBD         | - Ch 12:10-14, Ch 13 - Spiritual restoration/salvation of Israel <b>Spiritual</b>     | Tribulation   |
| TBD         | - Ch 14: 1-2 – Final siege of Jerusalem <b>Physical</b>                               | Tribulation   |
| TBD         | - Ch14:3-8 – Second Coming of the Messiah <b>Physical</b>                             | Tribulation   |
| TBD         | - Ch 14:9-21 – Millennial Kingdom of the Messiah <b>Physical &amp; Spiritual</b>      | Millennium    |

(JF = Jewish feasts)

On this template, the nation's rejection of the Messiah in 33 AD is included because it is the starting point in Zechariah's prophecy. With this addition and inclusion of the first three restoration Tetrads (1493-94, 1949-50, 1967-68), we see that the present 2014-15 Tetrad falls midway between the key events on the template. The final four events shown as TBD (To Be Determined) occur during the Tribulation and the Millennium. I did not include the third temple that is prophesied to be rebuilt just before or early in the Tribulation because I don't believe it represents a positive spiritual event on Israel's restoration journey to recognition of Jesus Christ as their Messiah. Since the timing for last four events that lead to Israel's spiritual restoration is well established on the Tribulation timeline, I believe that the 2014-15 Tetrad is likely the final Tetrad used by God to point to a positive restoration event for Israel before the Tribulation begins. The NASA Lunar Eclipse page seems to confirm this since the next Tetrad to appear on Jewish Feast dates is not until 2061. Based on research that follows and the critical world political events happening during this current Tetrad, I don't believe we have that much time remaining before the Messiah returns.

Since Israel and America are the only two nations in history that have had a uniquely common spiritual relationship with God, we can assume that God treats both nations equally when it comes to judgment and destruction. In his book *The Harbinger*, Jonathan Cahn expertly reveals an understanding of a pattern in scripture for God's judgment on ancient Israel that is being played out in America today. He carefully unfolds how God renders His judgment on a nation in perfect balance with His mercy. I refer to Cahn's work in APPENDIX 1 of this paper because I believe his parallel treatment of God's Isaiah 9:10 judgments on Israel and America is correct, and His prophetic dates for America's remedial judgments and pending demise correlate well with current world events and the dates for the heavenly sign appearances of the 2014-15 Tetrad and 2015 re-appearance of the Messiah's Star.

One aspect of God's relationship with Israel that I did not include in the above template that needs to be considered is this: At least once during each period of Israel's rise, God manifests His physical presence before His people to complement His continual spiritual presence with them. During the first period,

from the time God appeared to Moses at Mt Horeb (Ex 3:5-6) until Joshua led the people into the Promised Land (1994-1445 BC), God was physically present with His people. Throughout that period, the Shekinah Glory, appearing as a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night, was a visible witness to God's presence with His people. But, there is a time coming soon when God will briefly manifest His presence before Israel and the world again. The Bible tells us that after Israel's physical restoration to the land (1948), but before the Tribulation, when the overwhelming force of Gog and Magog (Russia-Iran coalition) described in Ezekiel 38-39 prepares to attack, what will appear to the world to be, the defenseless nation of Israel (without hope and without allies), God will physically make His presence known: "...and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence..."(Ezek 38:20). This event has not yet happened but it does take place before the Tribulation.

If we closely examine God's timeline in the Zechariah 12:1-9 passage, it appears that this Ezekiel 38:20 manifestation takes place at some point between Zechariah 12 verse 2 and verse 9. I also believe that based on the historic alliance between Israel and America since Israel's 1948 rebirth, we are also somewhere on God's timeline in the first few verses of the Zechariah 12 passage. So, in order to understand what world political events the 2014-15 Tetrad might be pointing to that could change Israel's current status from being aligned with worldly partner(s) to a relationship that is primarily dependent on God, we must take the time to consider Zechariah 12:1-9 and God's plan for Jerusalem verses what the world, lead by the United States, has planned.

#### Israel and America's Destinies Intersect at Zechariah 12:3

I became familiar with the Zechariah 11-14 prophecies while preparing for a 2013-14 Prophecy Bible study. But, it wasn't until I did the research for this Tetrad paper that I seriously applied two of Dr. Reagan's most important fundamentals of Bible prophecy to these passages: 1) Stick with the plain sense meaning, and 2) Keep in mind the context. The important verses to consider that might relate to the 2014-15 Tetrad are Zechariah 12:2-3. But, in order to ensure we view these verses from the proper perspective, we will take a brief look at Zechariah 14:2 first. The primary focus of all three verses is Jerusalem but, if they are not considered carefully, it is easy to conclude that they all speak of the same end-time event(s). Zechariah 14:2 says this:

***Final Siege of Jerusalem:*** *"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... and half the city shall go into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city" (Zech14:2 NKJV).*

This passage speaks of the final assault on Jerusalem by the forces of the Antichrist at the end of the Tribulation, because the very next verse (3) describes the second coming of the Messiah. "All nations" is underlined because the verse does not say, "all nations except the United States". It literally means that all the nations of the world will be aligned with the Antichrist against Israel for this climatic event. Considering the verse in the context of God's spiritual relationship with Israel, we see that despite being a largely secular nation since its 1948 rebirth, in the passage just prior to this, Zech 13:9, it says that the "residue" or remnant referred to in verse 14:2 points to the specific Jewish population that will finally recognize Jesus Christ as their Messiah. This is the event that ushers in the Lord's return: *"And I will*

*bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people, and they shall say, The Lord is my God” (Zech 13:9).* At this point, Israel’s journey to spiritual restoration and holiness will be complete. It is also clear from this verse and others referring to this same timeframe and event, that Jerusalem is occupied by the Jews at the very end of the Tribulation, so we can conclude that the city has not sustained the impact of a nuclear strike. I mention this because the focus of many prophecy experts today is on the issue of Iran’s acquisition of nuclear weapons to use on Israel. I address this issue in more detail in Note 3 at the end of this paper.

Now let’s back up in time to the present and take a look at Zechariah 12:2. Since the transition of events from before the Tribulation to those that take place during the Tribulation occurs between Zech 12:9 and chapter 13, verses 2 and 3 in chapter 12 reveal events that happen after Israel’s 1948 rebirth, but before the Tribulation. Within this time context, Zechariah 12:2 says:

*“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about (or surrounding people), when they shall be in siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem” (Zech 12:2 NKJV).*

As we saw with Zech 14:2, Jerusalem is the center of God’s attention in this verse although, importantly Judah is also mentioned. “People round about” or the surrounding people is underlined because this contrasts with the language in Zech 14:2 that speaks of all the nations of the world. In his books, **Israelestine** and **Psalm 83**, Bill Salus uses this verse in conjunction with Zech 12:6 to build his case for a “Psalm 83 war” that takes place between Israel and its surrounding neighbors during this period after Israel’s rebirth, but before the Ezekiel 38-39 Gog-Magog war. Salus makes a good case for this event and its timing, but because he links the peoples defined in Psalm 83 with an “inner ring” of nations surrounding Israel as opposed to the “outer ring” of nations involved in the Ezekiel 38-39 war with Israel, his case has recently been weakened as a result of President Obama’s initiation of the Arab Spring in 2011. This is because, at least for the moment, three of the nations in Salus’ Psalm 83 alignment, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia have been forced into a form of strategic alliance with Israel for the sakes of their very survival as a result of America’s abandonment of its traditional allies in the Middle East and because of the leading role the U.S. is playing in the extended nuclear negotiations with Iran.

That said, Salus has a solid case for the prophetic fulfillment of a near term Psalm 83 war, with a couple of minor, but significant adjustments to his story. The first is that the term “people round about” in Zech 12:2 should be translated literally. The term means: “surrounding people”... not nations. The people defined in Psalm 83 as the Hagarenes, Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites, etc. may have been closely aligned with nations or city states at the time the Psalm was written, and while these people clearly exist as descendants of those ancient ancestors, they do not make up the majority population of any modern day Middle Eastern nation today. What I see is that there are descendants of all these ancient peoples described in Psalm 83 involved together in a unified effort to “wipe Israel off the map” in the form of multiple Muslim terrorist organizations... all presently surrounding or “round about” Israel. So, it seems clear that a combined alliance of Hagerenes, Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites and others for a Psalm 83 war is exactly the same as an alliance formed by the forces of Hezbollah, Fatah,

Hamas, Al Qaeda, the Muslim Brotherhood, ISIS and others today...exactly as described in Zechariah 12:2 if the term “people round about” is interpreted literally.

The other issue in Salus’ Psalm 83 proposal that I have an issue with is regarding the results of the Psalm 83 conflict. While it is clear that the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) achieves an overwhelming victory against this force of evil (Zech 12:6), resulting in the re-occupation of all of Judah by the Jews, Salus extends this Jewish occupation to include the lands occupied by the surrounding nations, like Jordan, Syria and Lebanon and Egypt. But I don’t believe this is what Zech 12:6 and the related passages say. One reason is that none of these extremist Muslim groups is a nation with borders, at least not yet. A more realistic result of the Psalm 83 conflict is that Israel regains control over the West Bank and Gaza and creates secure borders based on the pre-Oslo Accord boundaries as proposed by Caroline Glick in her excellent book, **The Israeli Solution**. Zechariah 12:3 says this:

*“And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut into pieces, though all the people of the earth shall be gathered against it.”*

I want to divide this verse into two parts. In the first part, Jerusalem is a “burdensome stone” for all the people, as opposed to Jerusalem being a “cup of trembling” for all the people round about in verse 2. As indicated above, I believe that the “cup of trembling” refers to Jerusalem being at the center of a conflict involving the surrounding people just as Salus describes in his Psalm 83 war scenario. So if a “cup of trembling” represents Israel in conflict, what does a “burdensome stone” mean and why is it a concern for all people? Commentaries I’ve seen on this passage rightly link the first “all the people” with Jerusalem as a burdensome stone by interpreting it to mean that “for many centuries, Jerusalem and its people have been an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations”. While I agree with this generalization, I also believe that, in context, the burdensome stone refers to a specific issue involving Jerusalem and all the people affected by it at this particular time (between 1948 and the Tribulation). This in part is because the verse begins with the words “in that day”, so it points to a specific period of time before the Tribulation. Therefore, in context, it does not refer to a centuries old issue involving Jerusalem, but rather it refers to a specific issue involving Jerusalem today that has become at least a concern for all the people. I think the term “all the people” instead of all the nations is used here because the issue transcends political and international boundaries, affecting people of different cultural, ethnic and religious groups in different ways. So while the issue festers in people’s hearts, it is not the kind of issue that these groups will go to war over...at least not yet. This in part is because for the most part, the different factions do not want to have control over a city that has been destroyed in battle.

I believe this issue of concern involves the future status of Jerusalem in the new world order as envisioned by today’s world leaders. Israel’s claim to Jerusalem goes back 3000 years to the time of David; the Arabs claim the religious sites on the Temple mount and past occupation to justify their desire to make Jerusalem their capital. The three main world religions all seek to make Jerusalem an international city; one where they control the religious and historical sites. What these competing factions fail to take into account is that while Jerusalem may matter to them, it matters more to God. In fact, it matters so much to God that judgment and destruction have always fallen on those who seek to

change His plan for His holy city. God makes it clear that Jerusalem will one day be His eternal dwelling place and Zion will be his holy mountain, “For I will defend this city, to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David’s sake” (2 Kings 19:31). He has been consistent about His plan for Jerusalem throughout history, even to the point of destroying the city and the Jews in it for His purposes... not for Israel’s or anyone else’s. We also must keep in mind that Isaiah 11 says that when God set His hand to recover His people a second time (from the world wide Diaspora) He would gather them to His holy mountain, never to be separated from their Lord again. As we saw above, in Zechariah 14:2, it is the Jews who will still occupy Jerusalem when the Lord returns... and that will not change despite what the world thinks or does.

Now let’s look at the second part of this verse: “...all that burden themselves with it (the city), shall be cut to pieces...”. In context, the “all” in this part of the verse is not referring to the same group of “all the people” that is spoken of in the first part because this “all” points specifically to those who are both burdened by the issue of Jerusalem... those who are actively attempting to transform the city for their purposes against God’s will. This is not a good place to be because it says that those who burden themselves with the city in this way “shall be cut to pieces”. So, who are “those” that actively burden themselves with Jerusalem today? We saw above that the Jews (who aren’t leaving), the Arabs, and world religious leaders have their desires, but I believe God’s focus on those burdening themselves with Jerusalem at present are those who seek a solution that attempts to bring these separate entities and their objectives together in one master plan.

In order to understand who I believe “those” that burden themselves with Jerusalem might be, let’s consider the recent history of five kings as we keep in mind Daniel 2:21 where God tells us that it is He who changes the times and the seasons and it is He who sets up kings and removes kings...and it is He who gives wisdom to the wise. The five kings are three presidents and two prime ministers who vainly sought to thwart God’s will for Israel and Jerusalem. They are:

1. George H.W. Bush – The first Bush presidency proved to be the decisive turning point in US-Israel relations after nearly 50 years of the U.S being Israel’s strongest ally. Bush had hardly assumed office when his anti-Semitic Secretary of State, James Baker, proclaimed that the time had come for Israel to abandon its “expansionist policies”. Bush added fuel to the fire by announcing in 1991 that he considered East Jerusalem to be “occupied territory”. Following the 1991 Gulf War, Bush decided to pursue an Arab –Israeli settlement by convening an international conference in Madrid, Spain. He forced the Israeli’s to attend by making their participation conditional on U.S. support for a \$10 billion loan to Israel from the World Bank to support the cost of a huge influx of recent refugees to Israel. This conference laid the groundwork for the Oslo Accords in 1993 that initiated the Land for Peace process, whereby Israel would surrender land for the promises of peace. How did God react to Bush’s actions? On the day that the Madrid Conference convened, the “Perfect Storm” formed in the Atlantic to become one of the strongest Nor’easters to hit the U.S. east coast in history. The storm heavily damaged Bush’s Kennebunkport, Me home. Despite Bush’s popularity following the Gulf War, after the Madrid Conference, his term as president diminished to the point where he lost his 1992 re-election bid to Bill Clinton.

2. Bill Clinton - Clinton positioned himself as a strong friend of the Jewish people by being the first president to appoint five American Jews to his cabinet, two Jewish Supreme Court justices and many others who served in key positions. While he continued to provide Israel with financial aid, he worked constantly behind the scenes to convince Israel to trade land for peace and, before the end of his first year in office, in September 1993, he convinced Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to sign the Oslo Accords with Yasser Arafat. These accords created the Palestinian Authority and granted it partial control over the West Bank and Gaza, launching the land for peace concept. But, Clinton was not finished. In 1998 at the Wye River Summit, he consummated a deal between Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat that resulted in Israel's withdrawal from the ancient Jewish city of Hebron. Then in 2000, Clinton convened the Camp David Accords between Arafat and Prime Minister Ehud Barak. In this accord, Barak agreed to give Arafat everything that Arafat had been publicly seeking. To the astonishment of the entire world, Arafat rejected the offer and immediately returned to the West Bank to launch the Second Intifada. This singular event should have made it clear that the Palestinians would never support the land for peace concept and it should have ended then and there. Throughout Clinton's presidency, those in the Arab world who hated and opposed Israel and America became more emboldened in response to Clinton's nearly total lack of response to acts of terror, including the first bombing of the World Trade Center and the disastrous U.S. withdrawal from Somalia in 1993. How did God react to Clinton's actions? Almost in concert with the work being done on the 1993 Oslo Accords and just before they were signed, Hurricane Andrew struck southern Florida to become what was then the most costly hurricane in U.S. history. Part of God's wrath on Clinton personally, was that he became the first president in more than 100 years to be impeached, but by far, the event that had the most significant impact on America, at least as an indirect result of Clinton's land for peace efforts and his failure to deal with terrorism, was the 9-11 attack on the World Trade Center, an event that decimated the nation to the tune of more than \$2 trillion and cost more than 3,000 lives.
3. Yitzhak Rabin - As a general and war hero, Yitzhak Rabin was viewed as a hardliner through most of his career and during his first term as Israel's fifth prime minister. But, in 1992 Rabin was re-elected as prime minister on a platform of embracing the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. He played a leading role in the development and signing of the Oslo accords that created the Palestinian Authority and granted limited control to the PA over Gaza and the West Bank (Judea and Samaria). These were the first actions that began the giving up of Israeli land for peace. How did God respond to Rabin's actions? A little over a year after the Oslo Accords were signed and as they were being implemented, God struck Rabin with an assassin's bullet on 4 November 1995 as he attended a mass rally in Jerusalem in support of the Oslo Accords..
4. George W. Bush - The second Bush presidency began with a new plan called "The Roadmap to Peace". It was scheduled to be rolled out at the time of 9-11 but was delayed by that event. Early on though, Bush confirmed to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that he was not going to be following his father's footsteps. But hardly had he given that assurance when he turned around and called for the establishment of a Palestinian state, making it an official part of U.S. foreign policy for the first time. Bush also gave new impetus to the Land for Peace strategy and in May 2003 Sharon endorsed the Road Map to Peace and embarked on a course of unilateral

withdrawal from Gaza. In the midst of the withdrawal in the summer of 2005, Bush's Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, proclaimed: "Everyone empathizes with what the Israeli's are doing, but it cannot be Gaza only". How did God react to President Bush's land for peace policy? As the Gaza settlers were being forcibly removed from 16-30 August, 2005, a small tropical depression began to form east of Bermuda on 23 August and by 25 August, Hurricane Katrina had formed and struck the Gulf Coast from Texas to Florida causing the most damage and greatest loss of life in U.S. history. While much of the damage was from the associated storm surge, 1,833 lives were lost and more than \$108 billion in damage was sustained. Katrina became the event that would doom Bush's presidency.

5. Ariel Sharon - Ariel Sharon was considered to be the greatest field commander in Israel's history and one of the country's greatest military strategists. A hardliner during his military career and into the 1990's, he championed construction of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza strip. Sharon was elected prime minister in February 2001 and by September, following the 9-11 attack on the U.S., he stated for the first time that Palestinians should have the right to establish their own land west of the Jordan River. In May 2003, Sharon endorsed the Road Map to Peace put forth by the United States, European Union and Russia and became the first to open a dialogue with Fatah leader Mahmud Abbas. From 16-30 August 2005, Sharon controversially expelled 9,480 Jewish settlers from 21 settlements in Gaza and four settlements in the northern West Bank. Once it became clear that the evictions were going forward, a group of conservative Rabbi's placed an ancient curse on Sharon known as Pulsa diNura, calling on the Angel of Death to intervene and kill him. While his decision to withdraw from Gaza sparked bitter protests, opinion polls showed that it was a popular move among most of the Israeli electorate with more than 80% backing the plans. How did God respond to Sharon's action in Gaza? Five months after the Gaza operation, in January 2006, God struck Ariel Sharon with a stroke that put him into a permanent vegetative state coma for seven years until his death in January 2014.

Based on this summary, since 1991 we see that those who have burdened themselves the most with the "burdensome stone" in Zechariah 12:3 have been America's kings – America's presidents. In the twenty five years since these leaders began burdening themselves with this stone called "land for peace" or the "two state solution", it has cost the lives of two of Israel's most popular prime ministers; Israel has ceded control of nearly 30% of its defensible land to enemies who refuse to even recognize its right to exist; and Israel is more isolated from the world today than since its rebirth in 1948. The impact of these king's efforts on America has been that the nation has suffered from record breaking natural disasters, from an attack on heart of the nation's economic center in 2001, from a second major economic collapse in 2008, and from nearly fifteen years of fighting against global Muslim terrorism that has drained the nation of precious blood and treasure while greatly weakening its resolve.

Despite the efforts by America's kings to thwart God's plan for Israel and Jerusalem with their land for peace initiatives, they did not reach the point of fulfilling the prophecy "***all who burden themselves with it shall be cut to pieces***". Their efforts only resulted in the kind of remedial judgments that parallel those experienced by ancient Israel before its destruction because Jerusalem was not the focus of their

attention. Furthermore, modern efforts were made based on the pretense that America and Israel were the strongest of allies.

So, in order to fulfill Zechariah 12:3 and create a positive change in Israel's restoration relationship with God that would be represented by the sign of the 2014-15 Tetrad, God has allowed Satan to rise to a level above the efforts he made through previous American presidents by installing Barak Obama as king in 2009. As a type of the Great Deceiver, Satan motivated Obama to first succeed in transforming America. Then, with his 2011 Arab Spring that included allying the US with radical Muslims while simultaneously creating distance from former friends, Obama turned the Middle East upside down. His intentional, calculated efforts resulted in one disaster after another with the outcome that, today America is been greatly diminished from its once dominating position of power and influence throughout the world. The changes have been so significant that signs of the end-time alliances that will make up Israel's enemies during the in the pre-Tribulation Psalm 83 and Gog-Magog wars are now evident.

But, by far, Obama's greatest efforts and most intense hatred have been focused on Israel and its Prime Minister, particularly since the collapse of his U.S. led effort to create a two-state solution in 2014. Time and space do not permit the detailing of what has transpired in Obama's diabolical quest to transform our once strongest, most dependable ally, but by the end of Operation Protective edge, shortly after the first lunar eclipse in the 2014-15 Tetrad made its appearance, Israel and America had become allies in name only. This was a critical point in U.S. -Israeli relations because of what some call The Genesis 12:3 Principle – based on the promise God made to Abraham: *"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you"* (Gen 12:3). In this prophecy, God promises to acknowledge and prosper the nations that stand with Israel and to bring evil to those that threaten it. He has made good on His promises throughout the ages. But, Obama's complete disdain and contempt for everything and anything to do with Israel, particularly during Operation Protective Edge, deliberately fractured the relationship beyond repair. In breaking the Genesis 12:3 Principle, Obama moved the nation one step closer to God's judgment.

It was probably as the U.S. led talks on the Iranian nuclear agreement began in the aftermath of the war with Hamas that the Israeli leadership finally realized that its hope and trust needed to be placed in Almighty God and not in the United States. Until that time, Israel had little choice but to try to conform to Obama's demands. That's because the reality was that America's veto in the UN Security Council has been the only thing that prevents the world from placing draconian sanctions on Israel that would likely destroy its economy. But faced with the choice of committing suicide by bowing to Obama's demands or standing alone against the world and depending on a miracle from heaven, it appears that the prophetic future predicted by the 2014-15 Tetrad may actually come to pass for Israel.

The signs that have given Israel hope, especially Prime Minister Netanyahu's stunning election victory over his Obama supported rival this past March and his speech for the "Ages" that thoroughly debunked the disastrous Iranian nuclear agreement before a joint session of Congress have made it clear that Israel is willing to stand up to the American despot, despite the consequences. Of course, Obama is



more infuriated than ever and it has become clear that the stage is now being set for the fulfillment of Zechariah 12:3.

As the third eclipse in the 2014-15 Tetrad appeared on 4 April, the signs that Obama is planning to terminate US support for Israel at the UN, forcing Israel to face a world without allies, while bringing America to the brink of its own destruction, have begun to appear. It has become clear since the Israeli election in March that Obama will abandon Israel at the UN, in all likelihood before the final eclipse in the Tetrad appears on 28 September 2015. Two indicators pointing to this eventuality are:

1. A 31 March Times of Israel report indicates that “France and Great Britain see a window of opportunity after Israel’s elections to get the United States on board with a new push for Mideast peace, and is preparing a draft UN Security Council resolution in about 12 days, according to French diplomatic officials. The draft would define the pre-1967 frontier as a reference point for border talks but allow room for exchanges of territory, and it would designate Jerusalem as capital of both Israel and a Palestinian state.”
2. A 24 April Caroline Glick article in the Jerusalem Post indicated that, “In testimony last week before the House committee in charge of State Department funding, US Ambassador to the UN, Samantha Power acknowledged that the Obama administration intends to abandon the US’s 50 year policy of supporting Israel at the United Nations.”

In order to see where this is headed, let’s consider the current timeline for the 2014-15 Tetrad. The heavenly signs and their dates appear in red. Tentative or potential events are in double brackets ((- )):

| <u>Date</u>         | <u>Sign/Event</u>   |
|---------------------|---|
| Nov 2013            | U.S. led Iranian nuclear talks begin.   |
| 1. 14/15 April 2014 | First Lunar Eclipse – Passover  |
| May 2014            | Two state solution talks break down with kidnap/murder of three teens and discovery of “tunnels of death” into Israel from Gaza.  |
| July 2014           | Operation Protective Edge - US aligns with Hamas, Qatar & Turkey against Israel. <u>Obama breaks Genesis 12:3 principle with Israel.</u>  |
| 2. 8 October 2014   | Second Lunar Eclipse – Tabernacles  |
| Oct 2014            | Separation grows between US-Israel over Iran talks. US now seeking normalized relations with Iran.  |
| Dec 2014            | Netanyahu dissolves government to eliminate pro-Obama influence. New elections in Mar 2015.   |
| Mar 2015            | Netanyahu gives Iran nuclear speech to Joint Session of Congress. Obama hints that U.S. will no longer support Israel at UN if Netanyahu wins election. Netanyahu wins decisive election victory. France, Great Britain to draft UN resolution for a two state solution based on pre- 1967 borders; Jerusalem to be capital of both Israel and Palestinian state. |
| 3. 4 April 2015     | Third Lunar Eclipse - Passover  |
| April 2015          | U.S. UN rep Samantha Power advises House subcommittee that Administration to abandon Israel at the U.N.   |

| <u>Date</u>          | <u>Sign/Event</u>  |
|----------------------|--|
| May 2015             | U.S. Senate fails to abide by Constitution, passes bill ensuring no Senate blockage of Iran nuclear agreement.   |
| 4. 30 June 2015      | Re- appearance of the Messiah's star over the U.S.   |
| 30 June 2015         | (( <i>Tentative agreement on Iran nuclear deal</i> ))  |
| July –Sep 2015       | (( <i>Tentative UN Resolution on two state solution – Jerusalem to be joint capital, US either votes to support or fails to veto the resolution – fulfills Zech 12:3.</i> )) |
| 11 Sept 2015         | Fourteenth Anniversary of 9-11   |
| 13 Sept 2015         | 29 Elul – Shemitah release (( <i>potential American Economic Armageddon</i> ))   |
| 5. 28 September 2015 | Fourth (final) Eclipse – 2014-15 Tetrad<br>(( <i>God and Israel – verses the world</i> ))  |

### Israel, America and God's Heavenly Signs

Probably the most important prophetic event that happened so far on the above timeline was when Obama cursed Israel during Operation Protective Edge in July 2014 by bringing American support to bear on the side of Israel's enemies, thereby abandoning the Genesis 12:3 Principle and ensuring the removal of God's blessings on America. Throughout the ages, God has never failed to make good on His promise to bring evil upon those who curse Israel and this will not change. But, God's most severe punishments and destruction are reserved for those who interfere with God's promises for Israel's restoration and His plans for Jerusalem. In Obadiah, God promises "*But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions*" (Ob 1:16). In God's final plan this means that Jerusalem will no longer house the common or the profane. The city and everything in it will be sacred, sanctified, and dedicated to a holy purpose. This is why the Zechariah 12:3 promise of God's judgment upon those who burden themselves with Jerusalem today is certain. Thus, if Obama follows through on his plan to abandon Israel at the UN this summer and a resolution that divides Jerusalem is passed, God's holy city will be profaned and the consequences will be severe. But, despite these worldly efforts, I don't believe the Palestinians will ever occupy even a part of Jerusalem as their capital.

Psalms 2 indicates that the Lord laughs at what the world is attempting to do to Israel and to His holy city: "*Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: The Lord shall have them in derision*" (Psalm 2:1-4). God, will not be mocked, and thus, with the passage of a UN resolution that divides Jerusalem, the threshold will be crossed and "all who burden themselves (with Jerusalem) will be cut to pieces" (Zech 12:3b).

America has already experienced two shakings in the form of remedial judgments, first in the aftermath of 9-11 and the second in the economic collapse of 2007-08 as revealed in *The Harbinger*. It seems almost certain that if a UN resolution that contradicts God's plan for Jerusalem passes soon and the world attempts to impose economic sanctions on Israel to try to force its compliance, God will turn this effort against America and the world, first in the form of an "American Economic Armageddon" as

described by Dr. David Jeremiah in his presentation by the same name, and it will be followed by the collapse of the global economy. This aspect of God's wrath and judgment on America could begin on about the fourteenth anniversary of 9-11 in September just as Jonathan Cahn predicts with the Isaiah 9:10 judgments on America in The Harbinger and the Mystery of the Shemitah.

Probably the most compelling evidence that God is taking America and the world's efforts to impose its will on Israel very seriously comes in the form of the rare re-appearance of the Messiah's star on 30 June 2015. The timing and appearance of this most significant of God's heavenly signs is not an accident and it is not without precedent. Two thousand years ago, as Israel was nearing the end of a thousand year decline that led to its destruction, the Christmas Star appeared across the then known world on 17 June 02 BC to announce the first coming of God's promised Messiah and the Savior of the world. But this was not what Israel wanted or was expecting. They were seeking a conquering king (political leader) to free the people from the bondage of Rome. Thirty three years after the star appeared, when Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as the blessed hope for the Jewish people, he was rejected and crucified by those he came to save. So what God revealed as a heavenly sign of promise and hope at Christ's nativity, turned out to be a sign of warning that would lead to Israel's destruction in 70 AD because the people rejected their Messiah.

Now, two thousand years later, America, a nation that has been even more blessed than Israel, has forgotten and is in nearly complete rebellion against God. Since its leaders are now joined with the world in burdening themselves against God, His chosen people and His holy city, the pending appearance of the Messiah's star poses exactly the same warning for those in rebellion against God today that it posed for Israel back then. So, is it too late for America? Is there any way at this point in time that the nation can come to its senses, repent of its sins and return to God? There is one example in American history when this happened and it is worth considering.

One hundred fifty two years ago there was another critical point in America's history. The great Civil War had been raging for nearly two years and by March 1863, the Union had not won a single major victory for the North. It was a desperate time when the nation's leader, President Abraham Lincoln, recognized the signs of God's displeasure and pulled the Union back from the brink when he issued a proclamation for a National Day of Fasting and Prayer on 30 March 1863 with these words: ***"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.*** America repented, and three months after acknowledging the nation's collective sin to God, Union forces won a decisive victory at Gettysburg that became the turning point in the war. The nation regained God's grace and abundant blessings, turned itself around and never looked back.

The difference in the attitude of our nation and its leaders then and now is striking. Today, as is clearly revealed in Appendix I, America has fallen to the point where “the wound cannot be healed”. Over the past few decades it has elected the leaders it deserves; leaders who today shake their fists at God in defiance. Now America faces God’s wrath. The pending sign of the Messiah’s star has clearly become a sign of warning and if events in the timeline above for the 2014-15 Tetrad come to pass, America will indeed become greatly diminished and will cease to play a significant role in the remainder of God’s Plan for the Ages. We are truly living on borrowed time.

For those who are reading this and learning about the June 30<sup>th</sup> re-appearance of the Messiah’s star for the first time, I want to take a moment to focus on why this appearance is an important sign of hope for believers. In 2012, when the Holy Spirit laid the Christmas Star effort on my heart, I had no idea what it would lead to. In fact, I could not understand why the Lord wanted me to pursue it since the Christmas star was 2000 year old history that pointed to Christ’s First Coming. At the time, I was preparing a prophecy study focused on Christ’s Second Coming. In doing the star research, I discovered several important things. The first was that the Messiah’s star is a repeatable event. While the parameters that created the star from a Venus- Jupiter conjunction are very rare (see note 4 for a discussion of these parameters), it became reasonable to assume that God can use these parameters to make the star appear whenever it suits His purposes, for His glory. I also discovered that there were a total of seven different heavenly stellar configurations or signs, including the star, involved in Christ’s nativity that spanned the period from before Mary’s conception to Jesus’ birth. Importantly, when the day of Jesus’ birth, 17 June 02 BC, was divided into two parts to accommodate the separate appearances of these heavenly signs, it became clear that the signs and events involved in the first half of the day represented Christ’s first coming and those in the second half pointed to Christ’s second coming.

At the conclusion of *The Christmas Star*, I postulated the appearance of a heavenly sign during the season of the Lord’s return as a possibility, but I had no idea that God had already programmed a second appearance of the Messiah’s star on June 30, right in the middle of the 2014-15 Tetrad. It could not be more perfectly timed because, while its appearance serves as a warning to an unbelieving world, set on undermining and even destroying God’s restoration plan for Israel, it also serves as a sign of blessing and hope for those who look forward to the promised return of Jesus Christ as the conquering King and the Savior of all who put their trust and faith in Him. So, on June 30<sup>th</sup> the Messiah’s star will be either a sign of God’s pending wrath on an unbelieving world destined for destruction, or it will be as sign pointing to Jesus Christ’s soon return as our Blessed Hope. Which will it be for you?

If you have doubts about what the star might mean or if the Messiah’s star is even real, consider taking the time to confirm for yourself this upcoming incredible revelation of God’s glory. Venus has been appearing as the evening star in the western sky around the world since this past January. By mid June, Venus and Jupiter will be clearly visible shortly after sunset as they begin to merge in the Constellation Leo (Lion of the Tribe of Judah). Pay particular attention to the brightness of the individual planets a few days before the conjunction (pick the same time each evening to observe them – for example, 9:00 PM). That way you will be able to see the significant change in the star’s appearance and brightness when it becomes the Messiah’s star on the evening of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Incredibly, the conjunction reaches its closest point of approach between the planets by about 6 PM in the Eastern U.S. and it will remain in

conjunction for about 10 hours. Thus, the 2015 Christmas star will be visible for a little more than 2 hours (from 8-10:30 PM) across the entire Western Hemisphere (from Bermuda to Hawaii). Two thousand years ago it was visible across the entire Old World (from China to Western Europe) and Israel, for about three hours. It should be obvious from the locations of these two appearances...that the 2015 appearance of the Messiah's star is God's heavenly sign of warning for America, because just like Israel when Jesus Christ came the first time, America has turned its back on the very God who made us great and showered us with blessings. Today, America has rejected God.

But, the Messiah's star is a sign of incredible hope for those who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. He has promised to walk with us through the fire, comforting us in our sufferings and providing our needs. He will never forsake those who put their trust and faith in Him (Is 43:1-3, Ps 37:25-26). Most importantly today, the sign of the Messiah's Star gives believers incredible hope in the nearness of the Rapture of the Church - when true believers will be taken out of this world, in the blink of an eye. We will not only escape God's coming wrath, but we will be with Jesus Christ forever (1 Thess 4:13-18). Jesus is coming soon. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). Look up and prepare, for our redemption is drawing near. Maranatha!

## **NOTES**

**1. WHY THE LABEL " BLOOD MOON" TETRAD?:** The "blood moon" label for Tetrads was probably made by Mark Biltz and/or others to sensationalize the sign and its association with Joel's 3:31 end time prophecy "*The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood...*", but this is a misnomer. Virtually all total and partial (greater than about 40%) lunar eclipses can appear to have one or more of five or six defined reddish hues (copper to brick red) during the period of the eclipse. The NASA Lunar Eclipse page discusses this issue but it does not define which of the specific red colors actually constitutes the color of blood. The point(s) where the moon intersects the earth's shadow as it enters and exits an eclipse are where the long wavelengths of red light make that particular point appear to look like a sunrise, thus resulting in the moon's reddish color. So while every eclipse in a tetrad will have a reddish appearance at one or more points during the eclipse that may justify labeling it a blood moon because of its associated color, this is true with all the total eclipses not associated with a tetrad as well. The eclipse that will most likely turn the "moon to blood" like one described in Joel 3:31 occurs when the moon bi-sects the ecliptic as it passes through the earth's shadow. At the midpoint of this eclipse, when the moon and the earth's shadow are perfectly aligned at all points, the moon can be either totally darkened or completely red (with every point on the moon's horizon appearing as a sunrise), depending on where in the moon's orbit the eclipse takes place. If the eclipse occurs when the moon is at its apogee or farthest point from the earth, then the moon will be totally darkened, and if it occurs when the moon is at its perigee (closest to earth), the moon will be "turned to blood". Eclipses like these are extremely rare. In my search for lunar eclipses with this potential for the twentieth and twenty first centuries, I found only two: The eclipse between 1900 and 2000 took place on July 24, 1953 and the only one that will occur between 2000 and 2100 takes place on June 26, 2029.

**2. LUNAR ECLIPSE BACKGROUND:** The NASA Lunar Eclipse website catalog contains five Millennia of lunar eclipses dating from 2000 BC to 3000 AD. There are three types of lunar eclipses that randomly appear in the ratios in parentheses:

- A. **Penumbral (36.3 %)** - Moon traverses Earth's penumbral shadow (Moon misses Earth's umbral shadow)
- B. **Partial (34.9%)**- Moon traverses Earth's penumbral and umbral shadows (Moon does not pass completely into Earth's umbra)
- C. **Total (28.8%)**- Moon traverses Earth's penumbral and umbral shadows (Moon passes completely into Earth's umbra)

There are a minimum of two (70% of the time) and a maximum of five (0.7% of the time) lunar eclipses in every calendar year. On average, about 700 lunar eclipses per millennia are Total eclipses so there are about 70 Total lunar eclipses per century. A Tetrad occurs when four Total lunar eclipses appear in sequence. Some centuries have no Tetrads while others can have as many as eight. The twenty first century will have eight Tetrads, the second of which we are currently experiencing. When each eclipse in a Tetrad falls on the Jewish feasts of Passover and Tabernacles (two feasts based on a full moon), this is extremely rare as can be seen with the four Tetrads that have occurred on Jewish feasts between 1493 and 2015. Of the remaining six Tetrads appearing this century, only the 2061-62 Tetrad has all four eclipses occurring on dates that coincide with Jewish feasts. This Tetrad connection to the Jewish feasts is what Mark Biltz discovered and why the rarity of the Tetrads that fall on Jewish feasts during the past 500 years may be significant with respect to Israel.

**3. IRAN AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS** When Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stood before the UN in September 2013, he shared a diagram with “the bomb” and a red line on it indicating that Iran would have a nuclear weapon within 12-18 months. That was almost 2 years ago. So, what has changed to stop or slow down Iran’s efforts to acquire a nuclear weapon since then? The answer: ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. In all probability Iranian momentum for the bomb increased substantially beginning in November 2013 when the so-called Iranian Nuclear Arms negotiations, led by the U.S., began. Revelations since the talks began about new undisclosed or unknown Iranian nuclear facilities, active Iranian involvement with North Korea, technology, missile and uranium centrifuge support from Russia and similar intelligence combine to make the case that Iran has had nuclear weapons for at least a year. Thus, Iran’s sole motive for extending the talks as long as possible is for enough time to build a viable stockpile of weapons before the agreement is reached. Once achieved, it won’t matter what known Iranian nuclear sites are inspected because the weapons will not be at those sites. So Iran’s real objective in the framework deal that is expected to conclude on 30 June 2015, is for the sanctions to be lifted immediately in order to generate an influx of funding for its world-wide terror operations. With no sanctions and with weapons in hand, Iran will be fully capable of participating with Russia in the Ezekiel 38-39 war. With regards to Iran’s use of nuclear weapons on Israel: While the Bible is clear that there is a global nuclear conflict that wipes out about 1/3 of the remaining world population described in Revelation 8 & 9, there is no indication in scripture that Israel actually suffers from a nuclear strike. In fact, there is no indication in scripture that Jerusalem is ever subject to a nuclear strike because Jerusalem is occupied at the time of the Second Coming. While the Arabs want to wipe Israel off the map, they do not necessarily want to occupy a radioactive Israel in the aftermath of a nuclear strike. While I believe Iran will use nuclear weapons at some point, Joel Rosenberg’s fictional account in **The**

**Damascus Countdown** of how a nuclear weapon might be used to destroy Damascus may actually turn out to be about as close to Israel as an end time nuclear detonation gets. For more information on how Israel is dealing with the Iranian nuclear situation in the aftermath of the March 2015 framework agreement, check out this article on Caroline Glick’s website: <http://carolineglick.com/the-new-governments-greatest-tasks/>.

**4. How does the 30 June 2015 re-appearance of the Messiah’s Star compare with The Christmas Star?**

The Messiah or Christmas star is a rare stellar event that forms as the result of a conjunction between the planets Venus and Jupiter. Being an inner planet relative to the Earth, Venus spends about 60% of the time in the sun so is normally only visible for a few hours as a morning or evening star when the planet is separated from the sun by more than about 20-25 degrees. While Venus passes Jupiter in their orbits around the sun about once every 10 months, a pass that results in a conjunction like the one that will appear on June 30<sup>th</sup> is very rare. What follows is a comparison of the parameters of the Christmas or Messiah Star’s appearances on 17 June 02 BC, the day of Jesus’ birth, and 30 June 2015:

| Parameter               | % of time | 17 Jun 02 BC | 30 June 2015 |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Venus appearance        | 20%       | Evening Star | Evening Star |
| Constellation           | 8%        | Leo          | Leo          |
| Dist from Sun           | <20%      | 45 degrees   | 40 degrees   |
| Sep.dist from Jupiter   |           | 35 arc sec.  | 20 arc min.* |
| Duration of conjunction | 5 %       | 3 hours      | 2 hrs 20 min |

\*Note: The separation for the Christmas star at 35 arc sec was so close that Venus appeared to eclipse Jupiter, completely blocking the light from Jupiter. This is because Venus is eight times brighter than Jupiter. This means that the 20 arc minute separation between the planets for the 30 Jun 15 conjunction will likely result in the star appearing brighter than it was for Christ’s nativity.

**Appendix I**  
**America's Spiritual Crisis and Fall from Grace**

I mentioned at the beginning of the paper that the pinnacle of America's spiritual relationship with God was reached on its very first day as a nation. On that spring day on 30 April 1789, as its first order of business, the newly appointed Congress, led by the first president, consecrated and dedicated America to God with prayers and supplications. As the result of that divinely inspired action, God, over the next 100 years or so, would bestow more blessings on America than on any other nation in history...including Israel. But, by the turn of the twentieth century, the nation's spiritual commitment to and relationship with God began to diminish. Today, about 100 years after the spiritual decline began, it has finally reached the point where America, as a nation, has forgotten God. How did this happen?

In 2012, Dr. David Reagan introduced his **Prophetic Manifesto** about America with this statement: *"America is finished. We as a nation have turned our back on God. We have kicked Him out of our schools and out of the public arena. We have declared Him to be off-limits. We have given boot to the very one who made us great and showered us with blessings. We are in the process of becoming a thoroughly secular and pagan nation. And in the process, we are courting the wrath of God."*

He then proceeded to cite more than forty specific reasons why America is courting God's wrath and how, according to Roman's 1:20-32, America has fallen so far from the principals and doctrines upon which the nation was founded...and consecrated, that "the wound cannot be healed". God's hedge of protection and His blessings have finally been removed. We have completely ignored His warnings and remedial judgments to such an extent that destruction is inevitable for what was once the greatest nation in all of human history.

This spiritual falling away from God since our nation's founding did not happen overnight. The change was slow at first, even barely perceptible until the early 1900's. But by the 1960's it began to accelerate and by 2008 America's decline was in a spiritual free fall. To visualize just how far our nation has fallen, Dr Reagan used Nazarene pastor, Jim Garlow's expert analysis of American church history to highlight this dramatic change by comparing the decline in the relationship between America's Bible-believing Christian population (those with a Christian world view) and the total American population over the past four hundred years. What it reveals is startling:

Dates      America's Christian Spiritual Relationship with God

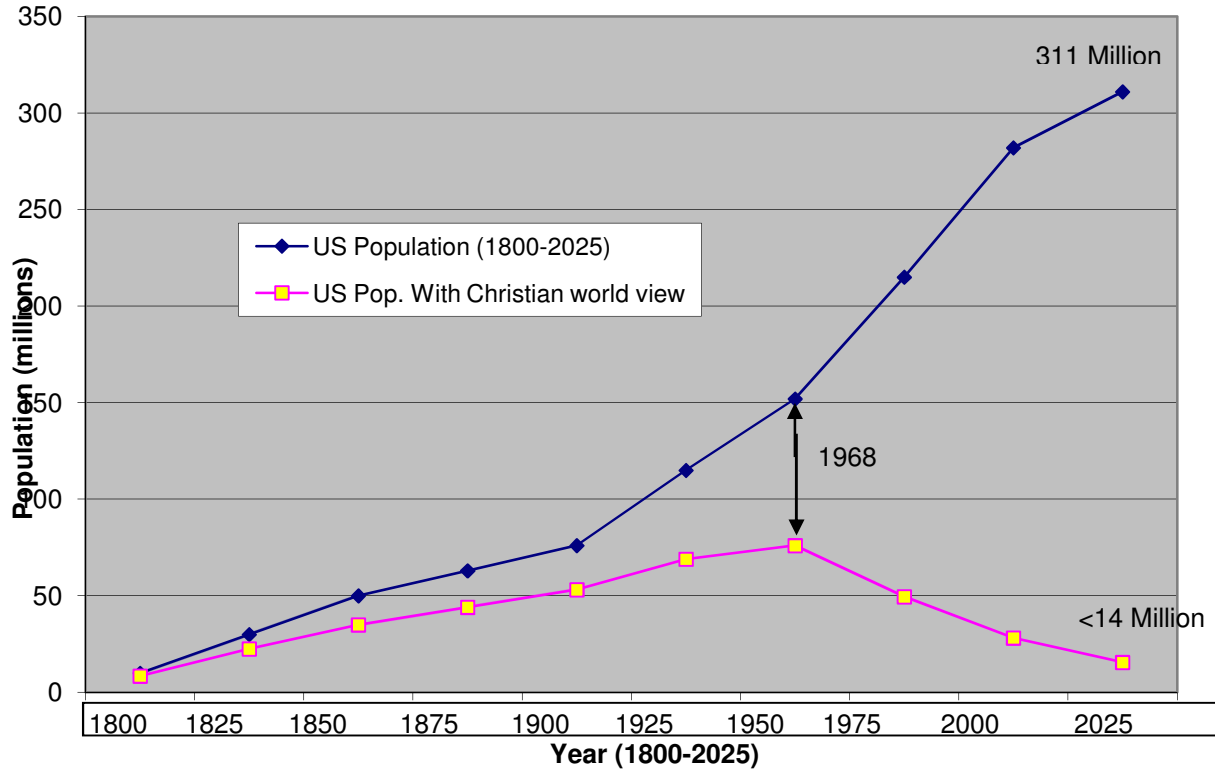
- a. 1607-1833 - The Establishment (236 years)
- b. 1833-1918 - The Predominant Force (85 years)
- c. 1918-1968 – The Sub-dominant Force (50 years)
- d. 1968-1988 - A Sub-Culture (20 years) <Romans 1:24-25>
- e. 1988-1998 – A Counter-Culture (10 years) <Romans 1:26-27>
- f. 1998-2008 – An Antithetical Culture (10 years) <Romans 1:28-31>
- g. 2008- Present – A Persecuted Culture <Romans 1:32>

The Romans 1 scriptures were added to emphasize how America's decline parallel's the prescription used by God in the Bible for how a nation spiritually falls from grace, to judgment and finally to



destruction. This dramatic decline in America’s spiritual relationship with God nearly coincides with Israel’s fall from its spiritual pinnacle that began at the time of Solomon and ended with its destruction in 70 AD. The only difference between the two is in the time that it took for each nation to hit bottom. In order to understand and appreciate the significance of America’s decline, I combined Garlow’s above analysis with a 2001 Barna Group research survey on America’s religious beliefs and U.S. census data to illustrate the history of America’s spiritual decline in the following graphic:

### US Population vs US pop. with a Biblical world view (1800-2025)



In the Barna survey, while more than 7 in 10 American adults claimed to be Christian, only about four in ten (40%) identified as being born again. Surprisingly, less than one in ten (only about 8%) of American adults were considered, based on Barna’s criteria, to be Bible believing, with a Christian world view. An important footnote to the study indicated that the 8% number has steadily decreased by about 4% per decade since the 1960’s. Remember, this is a fourteen year old 2001 survey.

In my 2014 paper titled “What is the Meaning of a generation in the Bible?” (available online at [www.fccangels.org/prophecy](http://www.fccangels.org/prophecy)) I use the number 80 for the period of years to represent the length of a generation as revealed in Psalm 90:10, and divide this period into the three parts used by God to distinguish age groups in the Hebrew population during the Exodus and the 40 years in the desert (Exodus and Numbers). The resulting structure of a generation from the Bible looks something like this:

1. Ages 0-20            20 years    The Maturing population
2. Ages 20-60        40 years    The Productive population
3. Ages 60-80        20 years    The Post-productive population

Total 80 years

If we take this generation template and match it with the Baby Boomer generation that began in conjunction with the 1948 rebirth of Israel, the numbers turn out to be quite illuminating:

|           |          |                         |                  |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1948-1968 | 20 years | Maturing Baby Boomers   |                  |
| 1968-2008 | 40 years | Productive Baby Boomers |                  |
| 2008-2028 | 20 years | Retired Baby Boomers    | Total = 80 years |

Now, if we overlay these dates on the above Biblical World View graphic, we see something quite remarkable. The productive period of the Baby Boomer generation begins in 1968 with Vietnam War protests and the sexual revolution, and it ends in 2008 with the homosexual revolution and the 2007-08 economic crash. I highlighted the year 1968 on the graph to mark the point where the two populations stopped widening and began to diverge, not realizing at the time that 1968 also marked the beginning of the Baby Boomer's productive years. That said, it does appear that if there is a generation that bears responsibility for the acceleration of America's moral and spiritual decline, a good case can probably be made for the Baby Boomers. This begs the question: Is the Baby Boomer generation the Terminal Generation? And if so, is this the same generation that Jesus refers to in Matthew 24:34 when he says: *"Verily I say to you, this generation will not pass till all these things be fulfilled."* I leave this for the reader to ponder.

It is interesting to note from the Biblical World View graphic that throughout most of the nineteenth century, the gap between true Christians in America and the total population widened slowly. This is unusual because it does not coincide with Israel's spiritual decline. After King Solomon and the nation dedicated the first temple, Israel's spiritual decline began before the end of Solomon's reign. God rebuked Solomon for his sin, but the kingdom was divided immediately after his death (I Kings 11), never to be reunited.

This reveals an important difference in the spiritual relationship that Israel had with God during its first rise as opposed to America because it appears that Israel never really attained the level of spirituality by the time of Solomon and the dedication of the temple that was evidenced by America on its first day as a nation. I believe the reason is, that Israel was ruled by Kings, and throughout history, the spiritual condition of a nation has been directly linked to the spiritual condition of its king. This was especially true with Israel and Judah during the period of the divided kingdom. On the other hand, America's founding as a Federal Republic was based on the desires of a God fearing people and their appointed representatives, not an individual king. So, America's beginning was truly and historically remarkable because, it is clear that throughout history...*"as the king goes, so goes the nation"*. It is also clear, as revealed in Daniel 4:25, 32 and 5:21, that the *"God, who rules as the most high, gives and takes away kingdoms to whom He will"*. So, we need to keep in mind that it is God who establishes and removes kings for His purposes... not necessarily for our understanding. Even though we call them presidents and prime ministers today, it is still God who gives and takes them from their positions of power and influence.

What has happened to America, especially since early in the twentieth century is that with the rise of the State (big government), power and freedom (including freedom of religion) began to slowly but steadily shift away from the people and into the hands of the nation's "kings". By the beginning of the

twenty first century, the God fearing nation that once was...is no more, because today's reality is that America is a nation led by kings who long ago, forgot God and who have actively worked to remove every vestige of God from all public discourse. Today it has become clear that America has not only forgotten God, it is in total rebellion against God.

So, if America's spiritual fall is as significant as the above graphic and analysis seem to indicate, why hasn't the nation been judged and destroyed by God yet? One part of the answer is that I believe America has already experienced more than a few remedial judgments since the Baby Boomer productive years began, starting with the loss of the Vietnam War. But, the two most notable remedial judgments have been the 9- 11 attack on the World Trade Center and the 2007-08 Economic crash. Based on America's arrogant defiance in response to these significant remedial judgments by God, today we stand precariously close to God's final judgment on America. Since Israel and America are the only two nations in history that have had a uniquely common spiritual relationship with God, it is logical to assume that God will treat both nations equally when it comes to judgment and destruction. In his book **The Harbinger**, Jonathan Cahn has expertly revealed an understanding of a pattern in scripture for God's judgment on ancient Israel that is being played out in the United States today. He carefully unfolds how God renders His judgment on a nation in perfect balance with His mercy. In his work, Cahn links nine harbingers and three seven year Shemitah (Sabbatical week of years) cycles (1993-94, 2000-01, 2007-08 and 2014-15) to America and its descent to destruction, in concert with God's Isaiah 9:10 judgments on ancient Israel. While the comparisons between Israel and America are remarkable, what is most compelling is the fact that America's remedial judgments and the two resulting major "shakings" that have taken place to date, fall on exact dates and in the exact pattern foretold by the harbingers. This, to such a degree, that the odds for these events being merely coincidence are impossible. Highlighted in yellow below are the dates and events for America's fall as revealed in The Harbinger:

| Event                                   | Date            | 29 Elul (Shemitah release)             | 1 Tishri (Jewish New Year)        |
|---|-----------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Start of 1 <sup>st</sup> Shemitah cycle | 06 Sep 94       | 05 Sep 94                              | 06 Sep 94                         |
| World Trade Center attack               | 11 Sep 01       | ---                                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Shaking           |
| U.S. Stock Market crash                 | 17 Sep 01       | 17 Sep 01                              | 18 Sep 01 1 <sup>st</sup> Shaking |
| Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shemitah cycle | 18 Sep 01       | ---                                    | 18 Sep 01                         |
| 2008 Stock Market crash                 | 29 Sep 08       | 29 Sep 08                              | 30 Sep 08 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shaking |
| Start of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shemitah cycle | 30 Sep 08       | ---                                    | 30 Sep 08                         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Eclipse 2014-15 Tetrad  | 14 Apr 14       |  |                                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eclipse 2014-15 Tetrad  | 08 Oct 14       |  |                                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Eclipse 2014-15 Tetrad  | 04 Apr 15       |  |                                   |
| Pot. Iran nuclear deal                  | 30 Jun 15       | (Pot. U.S. abandons Israel at the UN?) |                                   |
| Appearance of Messiah's star            | 30 Jun 15       |  |                                   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11    | 11 Sep 15 (Fri) |  | pot. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shaking      |
| End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shemitah cycle   | 13 Sep 15 (Sun) | 13 Sep 15                              | 14 Sep 15                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Eclipse 2014-15 Tetrad  | 28 Sep 15       |  |                                   |

On the table above, I inserted the dates for the four lunar eclipses representing the 2014-15 Tetrad and the date for the reappearance of the Messiah's star on 30 June. I also inserted the two potential

significant events that could take place before the 28 Sep 2015 lunar eclipse: the Iran Nuclear Deal, and the Abandonment of Israel by the U.S. at the UN. As indicated in the paper, it seems clear to me that if and when the US abandon's Israel at the UN in violation of God's Genesis 12:3 Principle, there would be no further reason for God's remedial judgments on America. Destruction would be imminent. The important dates for the three shakings: 17 Sep 01, 29 Sep 08 and 13 Sep 15 are exactly seven years apart on the Hebrew calendar, thus the reason for highlighting the Sep 2015 dates in yellow. Because the 29 Elul Shemitah release falls on Sunday 13 Sept 15 and the release must be made before the beginning of the Jewish New Year, I entered the last day the stock market would be open and it turns out to be Friday, 11 September 2015, the fourteenth anniversary of 9-11.

I discovered something interesting as I compared the dates with the Baby Boomer generation defined above with the theory of the seven Shemitah's Jonathan Cahn focuses on in his book, The Mystery of the Shemitah. It turns out that the cycle of the seven Shemitah's coincides exactly with key dates for the Productive Years of the Baby Boomers. I worked backwards from the September 2015 Shemitah year. The table below is the result:

| Shemitah cycle                     | 29 Elul release Date | Baby Boomer Year                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sep 08-Sep 15    | 13 Sep 2015          | 7 <sup>th</sup> Post-Productive year  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sep 01-Sep 08    | 29 Sep 2008          | 40 <sup>th</sup> Productive year      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - Sep 94-Sep 01    | 17 Sep 2001          | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Productive year      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> - Sep 87 –Sep 94   | 05 Sep 1994          | 26 <sup>th</sup> Productive year      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Sep 80 – Sep 87  | 23 Sep 1987          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Productive year      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Sep 73- Sep 80   | 10 Sep 1980          | 12 <sup>th</sup> Productive year      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sep 67- Sep 73   | 26 Sep 1973          | 5 <sup>th</sup> Productive year       |
| 0 - Start of 1 <sup>st</sup> cycle | 04 Oct 1967          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Pre- productive year |

While this table may not be significant, it is clear that most of the Productive activity that takes place between the start of the seven Shemitah cycles in October 1967 and the end the seventh cycle coming in September 2015, involves the Baby Boomer Productive years. While I have not taken time to do this research, some significant events involving America appear to happen near the end of each Shemitah cycle prior to 9-11 in 2001: 1967 – Arab-Israeli Six Day War, 1973 – Yom Kipper War/Arab Oil Embargo, 1980 – Iranian Hostage Release, 1987 – Black Monday Stock Market Crash/Iranian Oil tanker threat, 1994 – Israel forced to give up control of Gaza/ West Bank by U.S., first World Trade Center bombing.

By comparing the above data and graphic with any other living generation today: Yuppie, Gen X, Millennials, etc., nothing matches. This in part is because, by the time the Boomers began having offspring, the size of the believing American Christian population had decreased so much that an exponentially increasing population in subsequent generations had no exposure to God, the Bible or Christianity. Therefore, if it is true that the Baby Boomer generation is the Terminal Generation spoken of by Jesus, the period of all things being fulfilled before its passing away could be by about 2028... only thirteen years hence. May God have mercy on our once great nation: The United States of America.

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