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Boötes

Canes Venatici



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HEAVENLY SIGNS III

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Canis Minor

Canes Venatici

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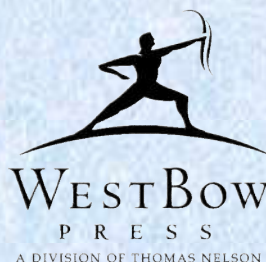
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Bottom Cover Image: A total eclipse of the sun is a coast-to-coast event over the United States in 2017. It is considered a bad omen. It represents darkness and wickedness in the land where it is viewed. To the north of the total eclipse line are the coastal states which have made it lawful for same-sex marriages. Domesticated sodomy is an abomination in God's sight. The last time a coast-to-coast total eclipse occurred over the U.S. was in 1918. We sent 10,000 troops a day into World War I and then a decade later it was followed by the Great Depression. This eclipse in 2017 is in the Constellation of Leo, the Lion. The Lion in the Bible represents the Lion of Judah and God's Wrath. Is it time for God's Judgment on the United States of America?

Sodom and Gomorrah in Modern Times: There are those who believe the End Times reflect Genesis running in reverse order. The United States is now living in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Justices of the U.S. have made it lawful to do what is seen as an abomination by God. The destruction of Sodom occurred 380 years after Noah's Flood. The Flood relates to the cosmic disturbances in the heavens during the opening of the Sixth Seal in Revelation. Prior to the Flood, Enoch was translated and taken to heaven. This relates to the Rapture of His Bride from this earth. This will be followed by God's final Seven Trumpet Judgments and His Millennial Reign upon this earth. This is analogous to God walking in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve before sin was present.

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Preface

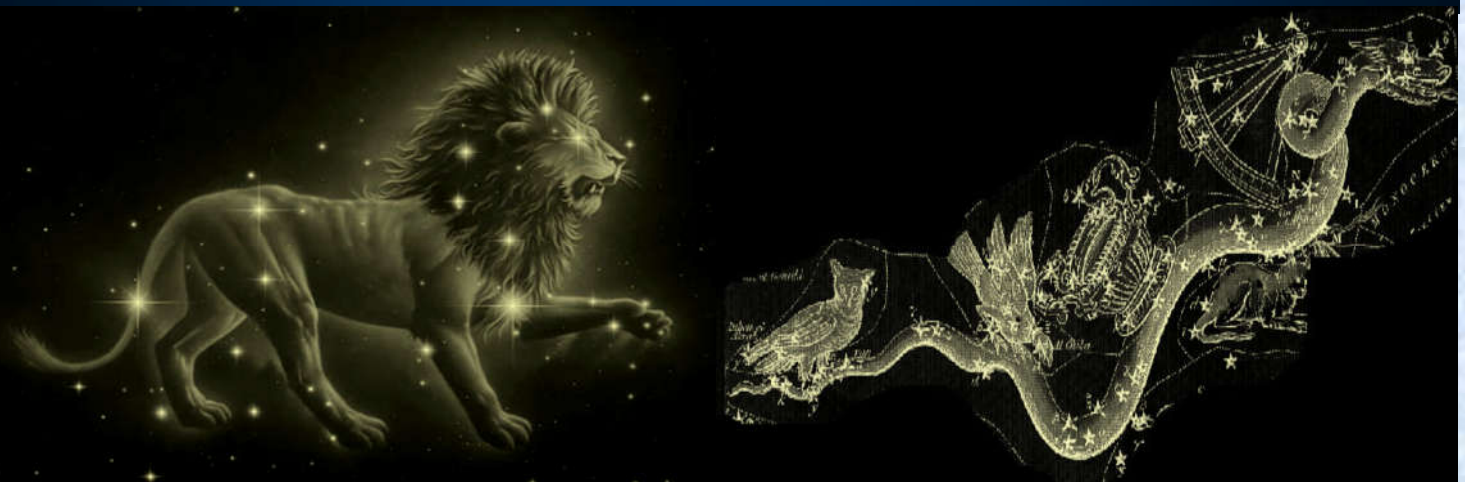
The Word of God is more powerful and greater than any words given by man. The Word has been inspired by God Himself. I would like to open this book with a quotation from 2 Chronicles 7:14. This passage is God's promise and warning to Solomon who had finished building the Temple to the Lord of Israel. Is this scripture passage an example for other nations? We need to humble ourselves before God and then He will heal our land.



Cosmic Disturbance – HH47 (NASA)

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

"AND MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN, WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND." ¹



Constellation of Leo – “Sign of God’s Wrath” – Lion of Judah Constellation of Hydra – “Sign of Deception” – Satan, the Serpent (1825)

¹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (2 Ch 7:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 1: HEAVENLY SIGNS

God's truth is revealed through His heavenly wonders of creation as well as His Word which has been given to mankind. Are there signs for judgment in the heavens? Is there judgment for a nation which has turned away from God in its government? The U.S. Courts have declared it lawful to do things which are considered an abomination by God. Does this government call upon God in prayer for wisdom in solving its serious problems such as its debt crisis? The United States has been extremely blessed in the past. What has gone wrong?

2 Chronicles 7:14 ***“and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”***²

Is it because the people will not *“humble themselves”* before God? Could it be as simple as humbling before the Almighty God, the Creator of this visible world? But, the people must turn from their wicked ways. There are numerous cases of the nation of Israel not turning from their wicked ways. The outcome has been war which ultimately resulted in being conquered and taken into captivity. It has been an ever gradual decline in values that has occurred over the last fifty years that brought this nation to not fear God anymore. Now, we have at least two generations of children that have not been taught to pray. This is because the Supreme Court of this mighty nation declared it illegal to pray in the public schools. How could the most powerful nation with its eagle emblem fail? History repeats itself for empire upon empire has failed. The Babylonian, Persian, Grecian and Roman Empires have all failed due to corruption. They still remain as small and insignificant countries; but they are no longer empires with mighty powers. What happens to a people who will not humble themselves before God? We shall look into the heavens to see if there is a sign of judgment coming to this mighty nation. In the End Times, there is no western empire prophesied by Daniel to come to the rescue of Israel during the Great Tribulation.²

God created the heavens for greater significance than separating the day from the night. It was created to display *“Heavenly Signs.”* Before there was the Word of God given to man, the heavens were used to declare the Glory of the Creator. God had given a clear interpretation of the star constellations to Adam and Enoch, who handed it down generation after generation. Many scholars state that God defined the star motion through the skies at the time of creation and science has confirmed this with mathematical laws. The constellations are a set of pictures in the sky that convey a message about creation and the plan of salvation for this world. The Constellation of Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. Virgo has a branch or stem in her hand which is mentioned in Isaiah 11:1. The Virgin Mary gave birth to Christ the male child, who was from the stem of Jesse, the father of King David. The *“head and eye”* of the dragon in the Constellation of Draco is over Virgo ready to devour her. This is mentioned in Revelation 12:4. The dragon is described as the Serpent of Old, the Devil and Satan in Revelation 12:9. The Constellation of Crater is a bowl? In Revelation 16:1, it says *“Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”* Crater symbolizes God's Wrath being poured out. His Judgment and Wrath of God are also symbolized by the Constellation of Leo, the Lion. The Messiah is symbolized by the planet of Jupiter and the Constellation of Taurus, the bull, represents a priestly sacrifice. The scales of justice are represented by the Constellation of Libra and it symbolizes God's righteous judgment. The Word was with God from the beginning before the creation of this visible universe and world. The truth is the Prophetic Word is divinely-given and inspired by God to the Prophets and Apostles. Interpretation of these heavenly signs will be validated through independent sources. The heavenly signs will be used to look at events of over the past fifty years in America. The Bible makes a number of surprising references to *“signs”* in the heavens from the Book of Genesis on creation to the Last Book of the Bible in Revelation about the End Times. The word *“sign”* occurs 855 times in 806 verses of the Bible. It is key to understanding the significance of the word *“sign.”* The first usage is in Genesis in the context of God's creation and establishment of the ordinances of the heavens.

² *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Ch 7:14, Da 11-12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Genesis 1:14-15 ***“Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth” and it was so.”***³

It states that the heavens were created to be used for “signs.” The sun, moon and stars, which include planets, were in the divine scheme of things, intended to be “for signs and for seasons.” A star map can be used to pinpoint the exact day and year. The final usage is in Revelation 12.. It is referred to as a “great sign” in the heavens because it symbolizes God’s chosen people, Israel. It is used in Joseph’s dream of his eleven brothers bowing down to him. It is a sign of Israel and its twelve tribes, which includes the sun and the moon with a crown of stars.

Revelation 12:1 ***“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;”***⁴

.Psalms 147:4 ***“He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.”***⁵

A crown of stars is known as a star cluster. We also know through scripture God has named all the heavenly bodies. God’s naming goes on to the present time; even though he uses man to do this. As an example is the dwarf planet Ceres, which was named in 2006, once it was determined not to be an asteroid, but a true planet.

*Ceres is the smallest dwarf planet in the inner Solar System. Goddess of the seasons; Demeter Ceres means **“Earth Mother”**. Ceres' name may derive from the hypothetical Proto-Indo-European root *ker, meaning "to grow", which is also a possible root for many English words, such as "create", "cereal", "grow", "kernel", "corn", and "increase". Roman etymologists thought "ceres" was derived from the Latin verb gerere, **to bear, or bring forth.***

The planet of “Ceres” was seen in the sky above Bethlehem during the Birth of Christ our Lord; and it is the last object in the heavenly cluster to come down to earth as part of the Bethlehem Star. The choice by man of the name “Ceres” was not based upon the fact that it was associated with the Birth of Christ by a virgin. The planet’s name, Ceres, has the Latin meaning of “to bear” or “bring forth” from an “Earth Mother.” How appropriate it is to Christ’s birth. Both the Old and New Testaments assume what happens in the heavens matter and are given by God as signs of events on the earth. We should follow the guidance and counsel of the Bible on the use of signs. Astrology assumes that the stars are the direct cause of personal events in one’s life and can be used as predictions based upon an individual’s birth date. The Bible lets us know that they are to be used as messages about earthly events either in the past or in the future. It may be useful to think of them as *Road Signs and Warnings*. Christ said in Luke 21:25 *“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth....”* We shall use ancient interpretation for planetary signs and their meaning and use Biblical text wherever it is possible to explain the heavenly events as seen in the skies. Independent of the language (*Hebrew, Arabic or English*) names given to these heavenly bodies and their meaning should stay the same. God’s naming of the stars also includes naming the constellations and their star clusters as seen in the Book of Job.

Stars and Constellations

Most scholars believe the Book of Job is one of the oldest manuscripts of text ever written. In the Bible, it predates the time of Abraham and the founding of the Jewish nation of Israel. The Book of Job contains written passages about the stars and the constellations. It states that God himself put them in their place in the heavens. It also references the same constellations we know today by their names. Other than the Bible, there are ancient literatures (*Babylonian*) which appear to support the names as well. It appears in the star configuration of the

³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Gen 1:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Rev 12:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Psalms 147:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

constellations and what they represent may be the oldest surviving text of any language. Does this point to some level of importance and significance to mankind? There must be significance to their names. Some constellation and star names date back to the time of Job in the Bible such as “Bear.” The Pleiades star cluster was given the Hebrew name כִּמָּה קִימָה Kimah (*Kymb*) cluster stars:—Pleiades⁶ in Job’s time and is still used today. Some of today’s present names of stars and their meaning were recorded during the ancient times of the Babylonian Empire. A prime example is the Star of Bethlehem. There are many passages which state that God arranged the stars and set the ordinance of the heavens. These are the mathematical laws of the heavens known for centuries.

Isaiah 40:26 ***“Lift your eyes on high, and see who created all these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name. Because of his greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing.”***⁷

The first time I understood there was meaning to “*Heavenly Signs*” was with the birth of Christ and how the Magi saw the Star of Bethlehem in the East. The Magi understood that this was a sign of the Messiah, the King, and they came to worship Him and give Him gifts. I wondered how they knew the star represented the King. It was because of the heavenly bodies which made up the Bethlehem Star. It had meaning and significance to the Magi.

JOHANNES KEPLER (1571-1630) paved the way for rediscovery of the Bethlehem Star. He puzzled out the math which drives the heavens. He even used his formula to search for the Bethlehem Star. But unlike us, Kepler had no computer. With software incorporating Kepler's equations, we can animate ancient skies or the future skies over the Middle East or the United States with great precision and accuracy.

JOHANNES KEPLER set out to show that a planet would travel in a perfect circular orbit around the sun, called a solar orbit. This presented an easy mathematical model and simple view and beauty of his planetary understanding. Nevertheless, he could not force the mathematical model of circular orbits to align with what was observed in the night skies.

TYCHO BRAHE (1546-1601) made an invitation to Kepler to come to Prague and collaborate in the study of the solar system. At this time, it was poorly understood even after following Newton’s work. It was thought, that the planets were “*Wandering Stars*.” This was due to the fact that planetary movement across the skies didn’t necessarily follow the normal path from east to west of the true stars in the night sky. Planets could retrace their paths in the night sky based upon night time observation. Both men were brilliant and motivated to unravel the mystery of planetary motion. Tycho Brahe died suddenly and Kepler found himself with full access to Brahe’s library and works, which ended up changing everything from this point forward. Kepler published his First and Second Law of Planetary Motion in the year 1609. This was followed by Kepler’s Third Law, about ten years later. These mathematical law models were so accurate that NASA and other astronomers worldwide use them today. Kepler’s laws hold the keys to the heavens. The motion of the planets and the constellations are so unique that they can be used to pinpoint an actual day in the past or in the future with inclusion of the sun and moon even the hour of the day. With software incorporating Kepler’s equations, we can model with computers as well as create the observable heavens for future and past heavenly events. All that is needed is to provide a given latitude and longitude of observation on the earth. In minutes the software can reproduce the numerous sky maps by computer hardware, which calculates using these equations. This software can be used to animate the night or daytime skies at any speed in time. This will make years, months, or days pass within a moment of a real time clock. This is what has been used to create the “*Heavenly Signs: U.S. Eagle Falls*” pictures incorporated into this book. This has been done by running computer software called “*Starry Night*” by Simulation Curriculum Corporation.

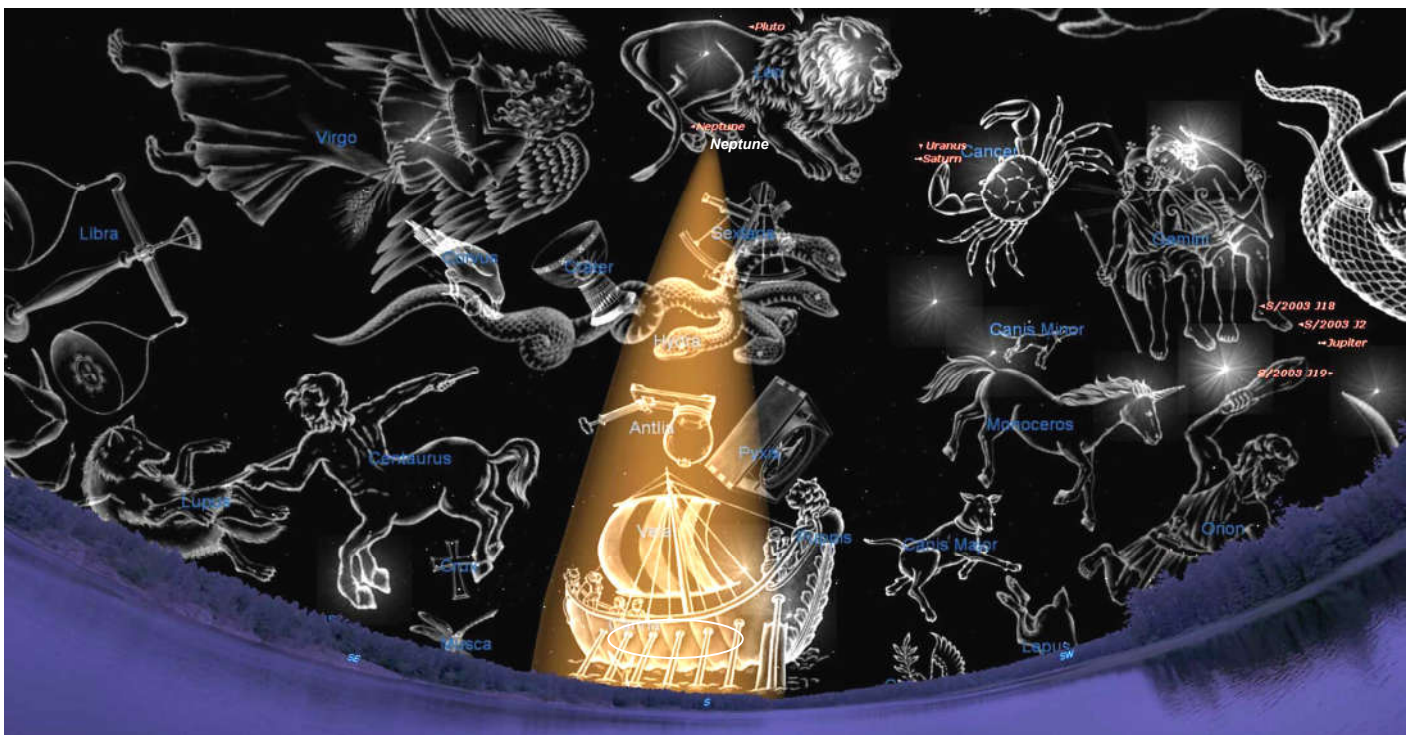
⁶ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Isaiah 40:26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

What is the significance of heavenly bodies? In traditional astrological nomenclature, the stars were divided into “fixed stars” (Latin *stellæ fixæ*), which means the stars and other galactic or intergalactic bodies that are recognized by astronomers and “wandering stars” (Greek: *πλανήτης ἀστήρ*, *planētēs astēr*), which we know are the planets of the solar system. The first sets of stars were called “fixed” because it was thought they were attached to the firmament, and are the most distant from earth of the heavenly spheres. The “fixed” star movement across the sky is very predictable based upon their relationship to other stars and typically rise from the east and go down in the west much like the sun. The positions of the stars are uniquely given each day of every year.

The “Noah’s Ark” picture shown below has a number of significant signs. The Constellation of Argo, the ship, was considered to be Noah’s Ark by Bible scholar E.W. Bullinger. It was considered the Ark during the 19th century and has been broken up into multiple constellations during the 20th century by modern astronomers. Neptune is the god of the sea. Neptune seems to be the source of light on the Ark. The radiant light shines on the Constellation of Hydra which represents a serpent-like water beast. Beneath the waters was an entrance to the “underworld” and Hydra was its guardian. Hydra represents the seven headed serpent who is Satan. All of these constellations appear below the Constellation of Leo, the Lion. Leo symbolizes the Wrath of God. We know the Great Flood was God’s outpouring of wrath upon the earth for destruction of “the wickedness of man.”

Genesis 6:5 **“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”**⁸

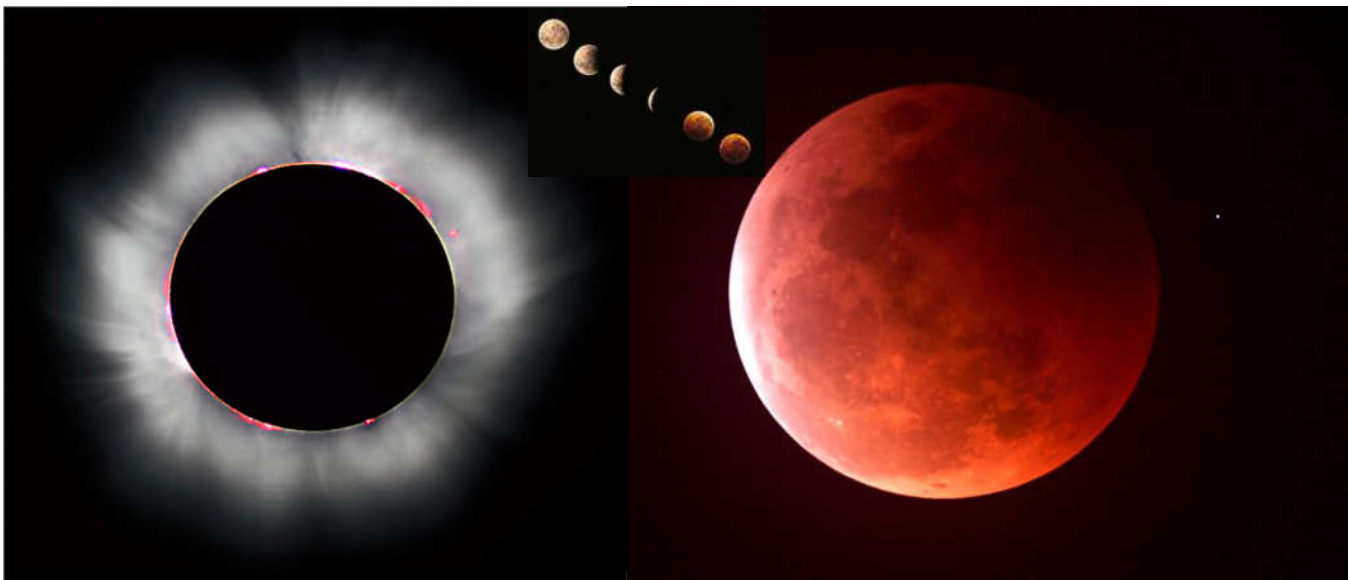


January 3503 BC - Noah’s Ark and the Great Flood

This heavenly event of the flood was due to the partial eclipse of the moon with the sun, which has set below the horizon. The moon reflects radiate light into the heavens as if pointing to the planet Neptune. In ancient Greek times and Roman mythology, Neptune (Latin: *Neptūnus*) was a major god presiding over water, lakes, springs, rivers and the seas. He is the counterpart of the Greek god Poseidon. In the Greek-influenced tradition, Neptune was the brother of Jupiter and Pluto, each of them presiding over one of the three realms of the universe: the sea, heaven and earth, and the underworld. Neptune represents water and the sea. Just above Neptune is the Constellation of Leo. The Great Lion represents “*The Ancient of Days*” that is described in

⁸ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Ge 6:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Daniel 1:9. God the Father is seen as Leo Major, the Great Lion. Leo Minor represents the Deity of Christ as a Young Lion or just a Lion. Likewise, Christ is the Lion of Judah as seen in the Constellation of Leo and is mentioned in Revelation 5:5. The Lion represents Judgment and the Wrath of God. Just below Neptune is the Constellation of Hydra. Satan is symbolized by three constellations – Draco, the dragon, Serpens, the serpent, and Hydra, the water beast, that has seven heads. All three symbols are used in scripture - Leviathan the twisted serpent of the sea in Isaiah 27:1, Job 41, the Serpent of Old in the Garden of Eden in Genesis and the Dragon in Revelation. In the center of the heavens is Draco, the dragon, who is ready to deceive the entire world and to devour the virgin which is mentioned in Revelation 12:4. These are signs of deception. Leo, the Lion's paws are on the head of the serpent Hydra ready to strike the serpent's head. This is mentioned in Genesis 3:15 where the Lord said to the serpent "He (Christ) shall bruise you (serpent) on the head (fatally)." Satan will undoubtedly be conquered by Christ. In the picture of "Noah's Ark and the Great Flood," Hydra is above the heavenly ship Argo, which is seen on the horizon. Argo Navis is no longer an officially recognized constellation, it has been divided into three constellations; Carina the Keel, Vela the Sails, Puppis the Stern, plus a subordinate division of Argo now called Pyxis Nautica, the Nautical Box or Mariner's Compass, which used to be called Malus, the Mast. The biblical school of course called it Noah's Ark, the Arca Noachi, or Archa Noae. In the 17th century the Ark seems to have been its popular title. Argo Navis is normally seen in the southern hemisphere. However, it comes up into the northern hemisphere over the Taurus Mountains in Turkey to set just above the horizon. This heavenly event was truly a wonder of God and a sign which could be seen by Noah and his sons. The heavenly sign of the ark and the flood occur from a partial eclipse of the sun and moon over five thousand years ago. Solar eclipses have been interpreted as bad omens. God created just the right size of the moon and the correct distance from the sun to allow for a total eclipse to occur. During the creation of the heavens and earth, God has put signs into the heavens for us to see and interpret. We will first take a look at the significance of the moon. Total solar eclipses are considered a bad omen for the nations. Blood moons are an omen for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Both are recognized in ancient times and today's world in which we live.



Total Solar Eclipse with the moon – Designed by the Creator

Red Blood Moon – Lunar Eclipse (NASA)

There are three sets of blood moons or lunar eclipses that corresponded to significant events in the past. The Spanish Inquisition's final year of 1492 when the Alhambra Decree ordered all remaining Jews who would not convert to Christianity to leave Spain. The Israeli 1948 War of Independence and the 1967 Israeli Six-Day War had back-to-back blood red moons occur on the first day of Passover and Tabernacles as well as the following year. The other blood moons were in 162/163 AD, 795/796 AD, 842/843 AD and 860/861 AD. Solar eclipses have been interpreted as bad omens or forewarnings. The ancient Greek historian Herodotus wrote that Thales of Miletus predicted an eclipse that occurred during a war between the Medians and the Lydians. Both sides put

down their weapons and declared peace as a result of the eclipse. The Trojan War and the final battle of the Iliad occurred during a solar eclipse on June 11, 1312 BC. A solar eclipse occurred in France in 1918 during WW I.

Numerous historical wars have occurred during a total solar eclipse. There are a maximum of seven eclipses that can occur in any year. The moon was created just the right size and the right distance from the sun to allow for a total eclipse to occur. This tells of an intelligent designer, the Creator of this world. Therefore, the sun and moon must have some importance as a sign in the heavens. This book will look for signs in the heavens over America. It will identify signs over the past 50 years and into the future - 2017 when there will be a coast-to-coast eclipse.

The Time Known through Heavenly Signs

God is an all-knowing, an omniscient God, who knew that America would fall into sin and lawlessness. The Apostle Paul states in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 *“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.”* Lawlessness is the state of making it lawful to do what is seen as an abomination by God and God’s Laws. Heavenly signs will provide an accurate date for these heavenly events which are unique in the skies. God set the rules of the heavens during creation, which demonstrates His omniscience. In Job 38:33, God asked him *“Do you know the ordinances of the heaven or fix their rule over the earth?”* We understand these ordinances with mathematical equations. God is all-knowing and proof is given to us by Him through placement of signs in the heavens.

Heavenly Signs

It should be obvious that *“Heavenly Signs”* are given for seeing. The very nature of a sign is it should be viewable among people on the earth; those who are looking for them. God wants us to know the timing of these events.

- **Men are called upon to see, look at, and behold signs.**
- **God created signs in the heavens for us to observe.**
- **Signs are intended to be conspicuous and not hidden.**

The United States will become our primary viewing point for heavenly signs used in *“U.S. Eagle Falls.”* The Bible is clear about the use of *“Signs in the Heavens.”* The Bible lets us know they are to be used as messages or warnings about earthly events. The heavens and the universe truly declare His Mighty Glory. We will next look at the reason why this nation was blessed by God because of its founding principles. But, this nation has become a nation that values its Constitutional Rights over God’s Laws. This has generated a land of lawlessness, where it is seen as an individual’s protective rights. God cannot ignore abominations. He is a Holy and Righteous God.



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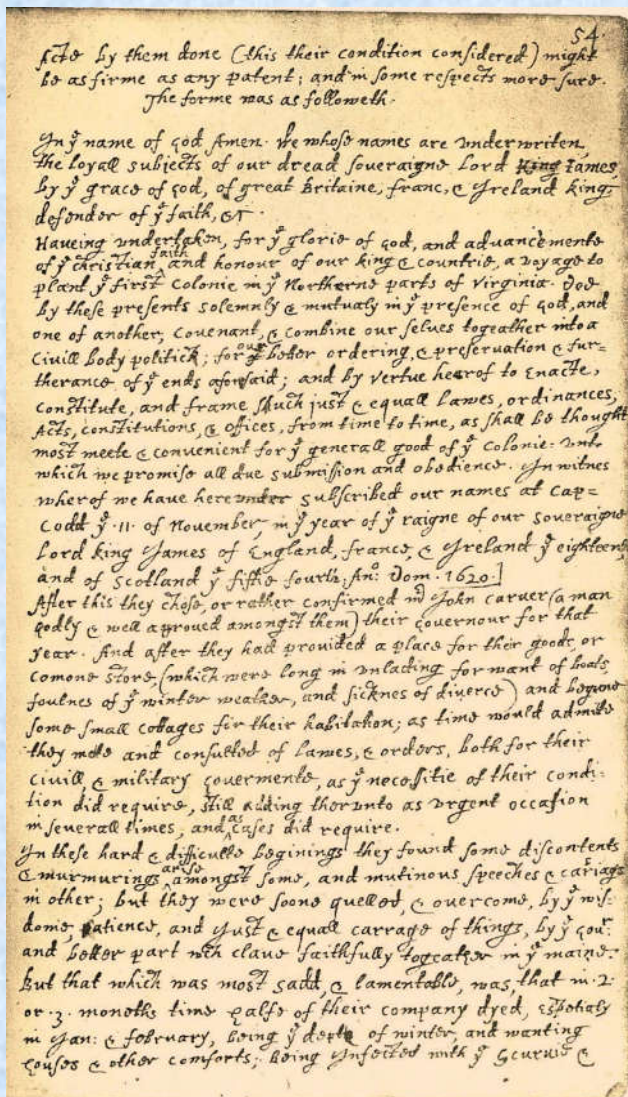
The Whirlpool Galaxy with the Black Hole – symbol of the cross, Hubble Telescope (NASA)

CHAPTER 2: PRESENCE OF GOD – 1620

The Mayflower Compact was a written agreement composed by a consensus of the new settlers arriving at New Plymouth in November 1620. They traveled across the ocean on the ship named the Mayflower which became anchored in what is now Provincetown Harbor near Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The Mayflower Compact was drawn up with fair and equal laws and for the general good of the settlement. It was decided that the Compact should reflect the will of the majority. The Mayflower's passengers knew that the New World's earlier settlers failed due to a lack of government. They hashed out the content and eventually composed the Compact for the sake of their own survival in the "Presence of God." The adult male members on the Mayflower signed the Compact. Being the first written laws for the new land, the Compact determined authority within the settlement and was used and observed until 1691. This established that the colony was to be free of English law. It was devised to set up a government from within themselves and was written by those to be governed. ¹⁰

Mayflower Pilgrims

The original document is said to have been lost, but the writings of William Bradford's journal *Of Plymouth Plantation* and in Edward Winslow's *Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth*. Both documents are in agreement and accepted as accurate.¹⁰ The Mayflower Compact reads as a covenant in the "Presence of God."



Bradford's transcription of the Mayflower Compact (1646)

Mayflower Compact:

"In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, & Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini, 1620."

The Mayflower Compact was the first governing document of Plymouth Colony. It was written by the Separatists, also known as the “*Saints*” fleeing from religious persecution by King James of Great Britain. They traveled aboard the Mayflower in 1620 along with adventurers, tradesmen, and servants. The Mayflower was originally bound for the Colony of Virginia, financed by the Company of Merchant Adventurers of London. Storms forced the landing at Cape Cod in what is now Massachusetts. This inspired the passengers to proclaim and draft an agreement, since the settlement would not be made in the agreed upon Virginia territory. They “*would use their own liberty; for none had power to command them....*” It is the reason for many of the colonists to choose to establish a government.¹⁰

The Mayflower Compact was based upon a majority model even though the signers were not in the majority. The pilgrims pledged allegiance to the King of England. It was in essence a social contract in which the settlers consented to follow the compact's rules and regulations for the sake of survival. In November 1620, the Mayflower landed at Plymouth, named after the major port city in Devon, England from which she sailed. The settlers named their settlement “*Plimoth*” or “*Plimouth*” using the early English spellings of the 17th century.



Pilgrim Monument:

The Pilgrim Monument was founded in 1892 as the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association—Cape Cod’s oldest non-profit organization. Its purpose is to commemorate the Mayflower Pilgrims’ first landing in the New World in Provincetown, in November 1620. Here the Pilgrims spent 5 weeks exploring the tip of Cape Cod, before they sailed on to Plymouth. They also drew up and signed the Mayflower Compact, which established the rule of law for the new land. The Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association built the Pilgrim Monument to honor the Pilgrims’ first landing in Provincetown. President Theodore Roosevelt laid the cornerstone in 1907. In 1910, President William Howard Taft dedicated the finished 252-foot tower. In 1910, the Cape’s first building built to house a museum opened at the base of the monument, to educate the public about Provincetown’s role in Pilgrim history and American history.

The Cape Cod Pilgrim Monument (CCASA)

The Mayflower Compact was signed aboard ship on November 11, 1620 by most adult men, but not by most crew and adult male servants. The Pilgrims used the Julian calendar which was known as Old Style dates. At that time, it was ten days behind the Gregorian calendar used today. Signing the covenant were 41 who were free men of the ship's 101 passengers. It occurred while the Mayflower was anchored in what is now Provincetown Harbor within the northern tip of Cape Cod. Signing occurred prior to the settlement site being selected.⁹

⁹ Young, Alexander (1841). *Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers of the Colony of Plymouth from 1602 to 1625*. pp. 117–124

Mayflower Compact's Signers

Although the original document was lost, there are three versions that are in existence – the 17th century version printed in *Mourt's Relation* (1622), which was reprinted in *Purchas his Pilgrimes* (1625), second a hand written version by William Bradford in his journal *Of Plimoth Plantation* (1646), and a printed version by Bradford's nephew Nathaniel Morton in *New-Englands Memorial* (1669). The three versions differ slightly in wording and significantly in spelling, capitalization and punctuation. William Bradford wrote the first part of *Mourt's Relation*, including its version of the compact. Hence, he wrote two of the three versions. The wording of both versions is quite similar, which is unlike that of Morton's writing. Bradford's handwritten manuscript is kept in a vault at the State Library of Massachusetts. A list of 41 male passengers who signed the document was supplied by Bradford's nephew Nathaniel Morton in his 1669 *New England's Memorial*. Thomas Prince first numbered the names in his 1736 *A Chronological History of New-England in the form of Annals*. Because the original document had been lost, Morton (1669) is our sole source for the signers. Although he probably had access to the original document, he could not have known simply by inspecting it the actual order that it was signed.¹⁰

The Compact was signed as a governing document and it makes the statement “for our better Ordering and Preservation.” It was to provide order in the new settlement. The signers of the Compact were religious men who honored God. They thought it was important to sign it in the “Presence of God.” It is similar to swearing on the Bible in the name of God. The following list of signers is organized into the six short columns of Morton with the numbers by Thomas Prince. The names are given their modern spelling according to Morison.¹¹

1. Mr. John Carver	8. Mr. Samuel Fuller	15. Edward Tilley
2. William Bradford	9. Mr. Christopher Martin	16. John Tilley
3. Mr. Edward Winslow	10. Mr. William Mullins	17. Francis Cooke
4. Mr. William Brewster	11. Mr. William White	18. Thomas Rogers
5. Mr. Isaac Allerton	12. Mr. Richard Warren	19. Thomas Finker
6. Capt. Myles Standish	13. John Howland	20. John Rigsdale
7. John Alden	14. Mr. Stephen Hopkins	21. Edward Fuller
22. John Turner	29. Degory Priest	36. Richard Clarke
23. Francis Eaton	30. Thomas Williams	37. Richard Gardiner
24. James Chilton	31. Gilbert Winslow	38. John Allerton
25. John Crackstone	32. Edmund Margeson	39. Thomas English
26. John Billington	33. Peter Browne	40. Edward Doty
27. Moses Fletcher	34. Richard Britteridge	41. Edward Lester
28. John Goodman	35. George Soule	

The Mayflower Compact's Signers (recreated table from Prince, 1736)

The names are published in his 1669 *New England's Memorial*. They are also posted by the Avalon Project of Yale University. Some of the more familiar names are those such as: John Carver, William Bradford, Edward Winslow, William Brewster, Isaac Allerton, Myles Standish, and John Alden. When creating the Mayflower Compact, the signers believed that covenants were not only to be honored between God and man, but also between each other. They had always honored covenants as part of their righteous integrity and agreed to be bound by this same principle with the Compact. It is similar to a covenant made between God and man, but it

¹⁰ Henry Martyn Dexter, G. Mourt; George Morton, *Mourt's Relation or Journal of the Plantation at Plymouth*, 1865, pp.6–7

¹¹ Samuel Eliot Morison, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620–1647 by William Bradford* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1966)

was not sealed in blood as a covenant with God would be. John Adams and many historians have referred to the Mayflower Compact as the foundation of the U.S. Constitution written more than 150 years later.

History of Mayflower Pilgrims

The Pilgrims were a group of English Calvinist religious dissenters who were known as Separatists. They fled persecution under Queen Elizabeth I and her successor King James I. They went and took up residence in 1609 in Leyden, Holland. Many of this same group immigrated to America on the Mayflower. Queen Elizabeth I wanted to firmly establish the Church of England. The Queen attempted to have all religious groups conform to the Anglican Church. The Puritans, who were another group in the Anglican Church, wanted to remove all Roman Catholic ceremonies and practices and bring about further reforms. Both groups wanted to be a church unto its own. But, they were being persecuted for their attempts to run their churches their way rather than the way the bishops of the Anglican Church wanted it run. With the reign of King James I, he ended up persecuting the Catholics and the extreme Protestant Puritans as well as the Separatists. It was during the end of Elizabeth's years as Queen and the beginning of King James' reign that the Separatists left England. They fled to Holland where there was acceptance of different religious beliefs. It was during King James' reign that the version of the Bible we know as the King James Version was translated.¹²

This group that had gone to Holland later arranged with English investors to establish a new colony in North America. The colony, established in 1620, became the second successful English settlement after the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607. The Separatists even though they were safe in Holland, they were not well off financially. They had mostly worked in existing trades, and some of its member had graduated from Cambridge or Oxford in England, and had taught at the University. They also published religious pamphlets, which annoyed King James when these materials were smuggled back into England. This caused a problem with the Dutch because the English Ambassador complained about these Separatists. With increased poverty at the time and the feeling the Separatists had with the Dutch caused them to consider going to America. They wanted to spread the word of God to remote parts of the world and felt they should go to America where they might convert the Indians and thus bring their religion into the New World.¹²

Settlement

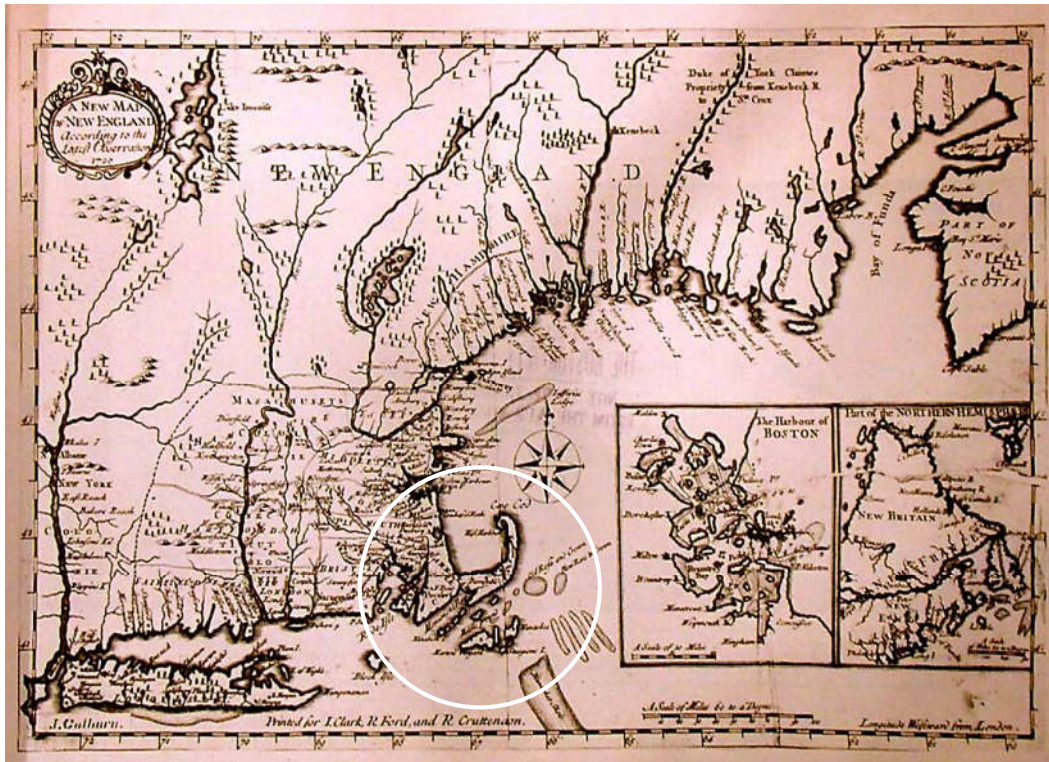
Once they arrived in American, several of the men went out to explore the bay. To do this, they used a small boat called a “*shallop*.” One wonders why the Pilgrims did not settle on Cape Cod once they found fresh water ponds and land already cleared for planting by the Indians. There must have been great discussion as to where to settle. Many people were sick and there was little food, since winter had come. There was fighting with the Indians on the Cape; but the guns scared them away. Finally, the small boat returned to the Mayflower and on December 11, 1620 the Mayflower sailed into Plymouth. This was the place Captain John Smith had discovered and named six years earlier. It has been assumed that everyone was so happy to be able to go on shore.¹²

The Mayflower men started exploring the land to find a place for the Pilgrims to settle. There was a good harbor, rivers, fields cleared for planting and they saw no enemy Indians. The “*Rock*” which we now call Plymouth Rock was the only good landing place and to this day it is the place where it is believed the Pilgrims landed. Gradually houses were built for the families and a “*Common House*” as shelter for those who did not have houses. The weather was so bad it took 26 days to build this “*Common House*.” On Sunday's the Pilgrims worshipped God, sang Psalms and listened to sermons by William Brewster.¹³

Resuming exploration the party crossed over to the mainland and surveyed the area that ultimately became the settlement. The anniversary of this survey is observed in Massachusetts as Forefathers' Day and is traditionally associated with the Plymouth Rock landing. This land was especially suited to winter building because the land had already been cleared, and the tall hills provided a good defensive position. The cleared village, known as

¹² Young, Alexander (1841). *Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers of the Colony of Plymouth from 1602 to 1625*. pp. 117–124

Patuxet to the Wampanoag people, was abandoned about three years earlier following a plague that killed all of its residents. Because the disease involved hemorrhaging, the “*Indian fever*” is assumed to have been smallpox introduced by European traders. The outbreak had been severe enough that the colonists discovered unburied skeletons in abandoned dwellings in the area.¹³



Settlement Map:

The pilgrims encountered the harbor formed by the Duxbury and Plymouth barrier beaches. This 1720 map of New England shows the Cape Cod area with some names added for reference. The white circle is the approximate location of the 1620 pilgrims landing.

1720 Map of Cape Cod (I Clark R Ford and R. Cruttenson - 1720)

With the local population in such a weakened state, the colonists faced no resistance to settling there. The exploratory party returned to the *Mayflower*, which was then brought into the harbor in late December. Only nearby sites were evaluated, with a hill in Plymouth chosen. There was no Christmas celebration on December 25, 1620. This Christmas Day was devoted to hard labor. The Pilgrims utilized all their holiday energies cutting trees in order to avoid wasting any time. The Pilgrims interpreted the Bible literally and nothing in the Scriptures mentioned having a good time at Christmas. While the rest of the Christian world celebrated the Lord's birthday, the Pilgrims chopped wood.

Mr. Pelton writes in his article on this subject: “*Although we think of Pilgrims as ideal Americans, actually they were a cantankerous group of fervent believers who had little or no tolerance for those who had different opinions or ideas.*” Construction commenced immediately, with the first “*Common House*” nearly completed by early January. Each extended family was assigned a plot and built its own dwelling. Supplies were brought ashore, and the settlement was mostly complete by early February.¹³

Between the period of landing and March, only 47 colonists had survived the diseases they contracted on the ship. During the worst of the sickness, only six or seven of the group were able and willing to feed and care for the rest. By the spring of 1621, half of the Pilgrims including as well a half of the *Mayflower* crew had died and were buried. The doctor had run out of medicines. It was not until the Pilgrims were able to plant and harvest their herbs that medicines were available again. Finally in March an Indian came to the settlement to make friends. He spoke English and his name was Samoset. Gradually more Indians came to visit. One of the Indians named Squanto ended up staying and helping the Pilgrims to catch fish and hunt for meat. He also showed them, which wild plants were safe to eat and which were not. Squanto even told them when it was time to plant corn.

¹³ "Brewster, William". *Encyclopædia Britannica* (11 ed.). Cambridge University Press. 1911.

Eventually, Chief Massasoit came to meet with Governor Carver, who was the first Governor of the colony until his death in April, 1621. ¹³

They made a peace treaty and agreed to live peacefully. This treaty lasted 54 years. Today, a recreation of the original Pilgrims village has been built in Plymouth, Massachusetts and is called Plimoth Plantation. It is there that one can see how the Pilgrims slept, cooked, ate, and the kind of work that was done. There were no schools but all the children learned to read at home or from someone in the colony who could teach them. The Bible was the main book read by all. Everyone had heard about how to live life by Biblical rules. Finally, on the 5th of April 1621, Capt. Jones sailed the Mayflower back to England.

By October 1621, the Pilgrims had much to be thankful for and they had a celebration that Americans have celebrated ever since which is called "*Thanksgiving Day*." Thousands of people take part in the public Thanksgiving meal at Plymouth Memorial Hall every year and eat the traditional turkey with cranberry sauce with all the fixings. Only 50 colonists out of 102 survived that first winter along with Chief Massasoit and his 90 Indians celebrated their feast over a three-day period of time. It was truly a joyous time of thanks for all their good fortune and their peaceful relationship with the native Indians, who help them survive. ¹²

During the first ten years other colonists joined those at Plimoth Plantation and also built new settlements. William Bradford was elected the second Governor and he proved himself an able leader in keeping things moving ahead smoothly. Until 1630, Plymouth Colony was the largest single settlement in New England. It was in 1630 that the great migration of Puritans took place. The Puritans were Protestants in England who had one common idea which was they wanted to purify the Church of England and do away with the Priests, fancy robes, colored windows in churches and religious music. They took the Bible literally. Most Puritans were opposed by officials of the Church of England and also by the English Government. During the reign of King James I some Puritans completely broke away from the Church of England. These Puritans were non-conformists. To review the definition of the Pilgrims, who were first called Separatists we know they were very religious and that most of them were not as well educated as the Puritans. Like the Puritans they wanted to set up their own congregations but the English authorities did not approve and persecuted them including sending them to prison. In 1607-08 many of them went to Holland and formed a congregation there. They spent some time in Amsterdam and then later moved to Leyden where most of them lived for the eleven years prior to their sailing to America. ¹²

God had provided an English speaking Indian to help the Pilgrims survive in this New World. He spoke English because he learned the language in England and his name was Samoset. Samoset was set free from slavery and he returned to the native land of America where he was born. Was he a gift from God? Was the peace relationship with the Indians also a gift from God? The Mayflower Pilgrims believe in the God of Abraham, the founding father of the nation of Israel. They believed if they honored the God of the chosen people, Israel, they would be blessed as well. They believed in the true God, the Father of Christ the Lord. Christ being our High Priest in Heaven, which intercedes for His children. They were true Christians in the true sense of believing that Christ came as God in the flesh as our redeemer. Christ died on the cross as the perfect Lamb of God. It was through God's redeeming grace that He sent His Son into this world.

Yes, it does make a difference in whose God you serve. It is not the god of Islam, Allah. The Islamic religion doesn't believe in the Deity of Christ the Lord. They have been deceived by Satan and the false prophet Mohammed in believing that God had not sent His Son into to this world as our savior and redeemer. America has become too tolerant of those, who do not serve the true God and Creator of this world. It has become no longer a truth that can be shared in public schools. How could we force our beliefs upon another religious group? But, Christ commanded us to preach the Gospel unto all nations. The Pilgrims believe that they would bring the Gospel to the American Indians. It is exactly what they chose to do in coming over to the New World. They put in place a peace treaty with the Indians which lasted for 54 years. Those who have come to this country should be opened minded to the fact that this nation was built upon in "*God We Trust*." This God is the Creator of this world. The heavens declare the glory of God and His plan of salvation for this world. It was through the virgin birth that is symbolized by the Constellation of Virgo in the heavens. It is hard not to believe that the Pilgrims were Christians in their beliefs in which they established the settlement in Plymouth. They wanted separation of church and state and the ability not have government dictate how they worshipped God. But, there are those who believe that the founding of the United States was not on Christian principles.

CHAPTER 3: FOUNDING PRINCIPLES – 1776

America was indeed begun by men who honored God and set their founding principles by the words of the Bible. They lived their lives with honesty towards truth and established this country “*for the sake of its survival.*” A great many of America’s founding fathers have been quoted in regard to living by Biblical values.

Patrick Henry (1736-1799), five-time Governor of Virginia, whose “*Amongst other strange things said of me, I hear it is said by the deists that I am one of their number; and, indeed, that some good people think I am no Christian. This thought gives me much more pain than the appellation of Tory; because I think religion of infinitely higher importance than politics; and I find much cause to reproach myself that I have lived so long and have given no decided and public proofs of my being a Christian. But, indeed, my dear child, this is a character which I prize far above all this world has, or can boast.*”¹⁴

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), third U.S. President, chosen to write the Declaration of Independence, said: “*I have little doubt that the whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator, and, I hope, to the pure doctrines of Jesus also.*” He proclaimed that it was the God of the Bible who founded America in his 1805 inaugural address: “*I shall need, too, the favor of that Being in whose hands we are, who led our forefathers, as Israel of old, from their native land and planted them in this country.*”¹⁵

In today’s world there are many that claim that the founding fathers were not Christians. It is believed by those that hold this belief, that if the U.S. was founded on the Christian religion, the Constitution would clearly say so and it does not. Nowhere does the Constitution say: “*The United States is a Christian Nation.*” What they miss is the founders saw a need to separate state from religion. Could this separation be part of their religious beliefs or because they didn’t believe in a God? In Frank Lambert’s book he has examined the religious affiliations and beliefs of the Founders. Of the 55 delegates to the 1787 Constitutional Convention, 49 were Protestants, and two were Roman Catholics who were D. Carroll and Fitzsimons. Among the Protestant delegates to the Constitutional Convention, 28 were Church of England or Episcopalians. However, after the American Revolutionary War was won, eight were Presbyterians, seven were Congregationalists, two were Lutherans, two were Dutch Reformed, and two were Methodists. Is that not a majority of the delegates? A few prominent founding fathers were anti-clerical Christians, such as Thomas Jefferson who created the so-called “*Jefferson Bible*” and Benjamin Franklin. Others, such as Thomas Paine were deists, or at least held beliefs very similar to those of deists. None of the founding fathers were atheists. Thomas Jefferson wrote that the power of the government is derived from the governed. Up until that time, it was claimed that kings ruled nations by the authority of God. Is the Declaration of Independence a radical departure from the idea that the power to rule over other people comes from God? God knows in advance of who will come into authority to rule a nation. Because of this, Paul wrote to the early church in Rome.¹⁵

Romans 13:1-4 “***Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.***”¹⁶

¹⁴ S. G. Arnold, *The Life of Patrick Henry* (Auburn: Miller, Orton & Mulligan, 1854), p. 250.

¹⁵ Frank Lambert. *The Founding Fathers and the Place of Religion in America*. (Princeton, N.J. Princeton University Press, 2003).

¹⁶ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Ro 13:1-4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Paul makes the statement to “*do what is good*” and that if you “*do what is evil be afraid.*” It is claimed that if the founders were in fact good Christians, there would never have been an American Revolution. They again forget the fact that the Pilgrims who settled in this country came here for religious freedom from English rule. Queen Elizabeth I wanted to firmly establish the Church of England as “*THE CHURCH*” and she attempted to have all religious groups conform to the Anglican Church. It is the main reason the founders wanted separation of church and state. It was not because they didn’t believe in God and were not Christian. Proof to the fact that they were Christians is that they came to the New World to declare the Gospel to the Indians. The earlier European explorers had found the America Indians in the New World. They were fundamental Bible believing Christians in their beliefs and so were the founding fathers of this nation. Yet, Satan has deceived many in this land to not accept the truth of the founding principles of this nation. This nation has gone to the extreme to take God out of the schools because of separation of church and state. This was never the intent of the founding fathers of this country to not teach our children about God. ¹⁵ What many do not understand is that if a nation pursues evil and makes it lawful to do evil in the sight of the Lord, He will bring judgment upon the people. He is also a Holy and Righteous God; even though, we live in the dispensation of grace period. The previous scripture passage ends with the statement that God is “*an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.*” ¹⁶ Peter said to first submit to the Lord for doing right is the will of God.

1 Peter 2:13-15 ***“Submit your selves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,***

14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.” ¹⁷

It goes on to say that government should be set up for “*punishment of evildoer.*” It doesn’t say that government should devise laws which are seen as an abomination by God. Peter goes on to say that our freedom should not be used “*as a covering for evil.*” Therefore, the Constitution should not be used to condone evil for our freedom.

1 Peter 2:16-17 ***“Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond-slaves of God.***

17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.” ¹⁸

This nation no longer fears God. But, God’s wrath will come to those who practice evil. There are many examples of the pride of Israel which resulted in judgment. When they didn’t fear God anymore, then the nation was taken captive by their enemies. God’s protective hand is removed from the nation that is disobedient.

In God We Trust

It was in 1963 that an atheist appealed to the Superior Court of the United States. If you remember, there were no atheists among the founding fathers. It was determined and declared by the highest court in this nation that it was illegal to pray in public schools. Less than one hundred years earlier, this nation had determined to apply the motto of “*In God We Trust?*” to its coins. It took less than one-hundred years for this nation to decide not to teach its children to pray in the school. Now, we have children that know no God. This nation in the last fifty years has gradually departed from the righteous ways of God. Nevertheless, the founding principles continue to this day in the motto “*In God We Trust.*”

¹⁷ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (1 Pe 2:13–15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (1 Pe 2:16–17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

One of the first found references of the motto “*In God We Trust*” is heard in the U.S. National Anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The song was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 and later adopted as the national anthem. In the last stanza Francis Key writes a variation of the phrase: “...*And this be our motto: In God is our trust. And the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave, O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*” The words were shortened to “*In God We Trust*” and first applied to U.S. coins in 1864.

The U. S. Department of Treasury states the motto “*IN GOD WE TRUST*” was placed on United States coins largely because of the increased religious sentiment existing during the Civil War. Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase received many appeals from devout persons throughout the country, urging that the United States recognize the Deity on United States coins. Does it take war to recognize that there is an Almighty God?

From Treasury Department records, it appears that the first such appeal came in a letter dated November 13, 1861. It was written to Secretary Chase by Rev. M. R. Watkinson, Minister of the Gospel from Ridleyville, Pennsylvania. As a result, Secretary Chase instructed James Pollock, Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, to prepare a motto in a letter dated November 20, 1861:

“Dear Sir: No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition. It was found that the Act of Congress dated January 18, 1837, prescribed the mottoes and devices that should be placed upon the coins of the United States.”

Pollock suggested “*Our Trust Is In God, Our God And Our Country, God And Our Country,*” and “*God Our Trust.*” Chase picked “*In God We Trust*” to be used on some of the government's coins. The first time “*In God We Trust*” appeared on our coins was in 1864 on the new two cent coin, and by 1909 it was included on most the other coins. During the height of the cold war, on July 11, 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed Public Law 140 making it mandatory that all coinage and paper currency display the motto. Again, it was a president that had been elected after World War II. Does it take war for a nation to recognize God and His Deity? We will see later that this nation will go to war in 2017 to learn to trust in God. American history demonstrates repeatedly that the nation was founded on Christian principles and its founding fathers wished to acknowledge that fact. It appears all over Washington D.C. buildings, in official documents and historical speeches. Less than a hundred years after its Declaration of Independence, “*In God We Trust*” was proclaimed on its coins. America is a free nation, and freedom of religion is still guaranteed in the Constitution’s First Amendment.¹⁵

President Thomas Jefferson wrote, “*The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time and asked can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are of God?*”

For, it is the Bible that tells us that it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes and man. What wisdom is this? It is the wisdom of truth. It is better to take refuge in God than in man.

Psalms 118:8-9 ***“It is better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in man.***

**9 *It is better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in princes.”*¹⁹**

It appears that this nation is in need of a wakeup call to begin to fear God. It appears that the only time this nation has become aware of God is after a time of war. It was the American Revolution, the Civil War and both

¹⁹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ps 118:8–9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

World War I and II that this nation had put its trust back into God, the Creator of this world. It is perplexing to find today there are those, who truly believe that this nation was not founded by Christians.

“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.”

—Abraham Lincoln - 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.”

—Patrick Henry

“Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime and pure (and) which insures to the good eternal happiness, are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments.”

—Charles Carroll, signer of the Declaration of Independence

This nation has too much pride in its strength to humble itself before God. Does there need to be war against this nation for us to receive the wakeup call of God? We know that all the Islamic nations of the Middle East are ready to make war against Israel and the United States. Is it because the United States has been the protector of Israel? Israel is the only non-Islamic nation in the Middle East. If our enemies can destroy the military powers of U.S., how much easier it would be to destroy the nation of Israel. In 2013, the U.S. is cutting back on its military spending. Nevertheless, the truth is this Government exists for the protection of its people.



1889 National Monument to the Forefather (CCASA)

Monument to the Forefathers:

The monument was completed in October 1888, and was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on August 1, 1889. Hammatt Billings, Boston architect, illustrator and sculptor, originally conceived the monument as a 150-foot-tall (46 m) structure comparable to the Colossus of Rhodes. In 1874, Billings reduced the size of the monument, which was to be made entirely of granite. The original concept dates to around 1820, with actual planning beginning in 1850. The cornerstone was laid August 2, 1859 by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, under the direction of Grand Master John T. Heard. The plan of the principal pedestal is octagonal, with four small, and four large faces; from the small faces project four buttresses. It honors their ideals as later generally embraced by the United States. It is thought to be the world's largest solid granite monument.

Forefathers Monument

On the monument's main pedestal stands the heroic figure of "Faith" with her right hand pointing toward heaven and her left hand clutching the Bible. Upon the four buttresses also are seated figures emblematic of the principles upon which the Pilgrims founded this nation. Each figure having a symbol referring to the Bible that "Faith" possesses - counter-clockwise from the east are Liberty, Morality, Law and Education. Each was carved from a solid block of granite, with each figure posed in the sitting position upon chairs with a high relief on either side. Under "Liberty" stand "Tyranny Overthrown" and "Peace;" under "Morality" stand "Prophet" and "Evangelist;" under "Law" stand "Justice" and "Mercy;" and under "Education" are "Youth" and "Wisdom."

On the face of the buttresses, beneath these figures are inscription in marble which represent scenes from the Pilgrim history. Under "Freedom" is "Landing" and under "Morality" is "Embarkation" and under "Law" is "Treaty" and under "Education" is "Compact." Upon the four faces of the main pedestal are large panels for records. The front panel is inscribed as follows: "National Monument to the Forefathers - Erected by a grateful people in remembrance of their labors, sacrifices and sufferings for the cause of civil and religious liberty." The right and left panels contain the names of those who came over on the *Mayflower*. The rear panel, which was not engraved until recently, contains a quote from Governor William Bradford's famous history, *Of Plymouth Plantation*:

*"Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all praise."*²⁰

The rear panel declares "let the glorious name of Jehovah have all praise" which recognizes Jehovah, God Almighty.

Name of God

Once you have established that the Bible is the Word from God, it is the first place to look for His true character and attributes. As you explore the Bible, you will discover His unchanging nature. God is omnipotent, who is an all-powerful God and omniscient, who is an all-knowing God. He is also omnipresent that represents all places at all times. God is perfectly holy and perfectly just. God is wisdom, power, glory, righteousness, mercy, faithfulness, goodness, beauty, and patience. God is love. God is truth. The names for God used in the Bible act as a roadmap for learning about the character of God. Since the Bible is God's Word to us, the names He has chosen in scripture are meant to reveal His true attributes.

"ELOHIM" is the first name for God found in the Bible, and it's used throughout the Old Testament over 2,300 times. *Elohim* comes from the Hebrew root meaning "strength" or "power" and has the unusual characteristic of being plural in form. In Genesis 1:1, we read, "In the beginning *Elohim* created the heaven and the earth." Right from the start, this plural form for the name of God is used to describe the trinity of God, a mystery that is uncovered throughout the rest of the Bible. Throughout scripture, *Elohim* is combined with other words to describe certain characteristics of God. Some examples are the following: *Elohay Kedem* - God of the Beginning: (Deuteronomy 33:27). *Elohay Mishpat* - God of Justice: (Isaiah 30:18). *Elohay Selichot* - God of Forgiveness: (Nehemiah 9:17). *Elohay Marom* - God of Heights: (Micah 6:6). *Elohay Mikarov* - God Who Is Near: (Jeremiah 23:23). *Elohay Mauzi* - God Of My Strength: (Psalm 43:2). *Elohay Tebilati* - God Of My Praise: (Psalm 109:1). *Elohay Yishi* - God Of My Salvation: (Psalm 18:46). *Elohim Kedoshim* - Holy God: (Leviticus 19:2, Joshua 24:19). *Elohim Chaiyim* - Living God: (Jeremiah 10:10). *Elohay Elohim* - God of Gods: (Deuteronomy 10:17).

²⁰ O'Gorman, James F. (September, 1995). "The Colossus of Plymouth: Hammatt Billings's National Monument to the Forefathers". *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* (University of California Press).

“EL” is another name used for God in the Bible, showing up about 200 times in the Old Testament. *El* is the simple form arising from *Elohim*, and is often combined with other words for descriptive emphasis. Some examples: *El HaNe'eman* - The Faithful God: (Deuteronomy 7:9). *El HaGadol* - The Great God: (Deuteronomy 10:17). *El HaKadosh* - The Holy God: (Isaiah 5:16). *El Yisrael* - The God of Israel: (Psalm 68:35). *El HaShamayim* - The God Of The Heavens: (Psalm 136:26). *El De'ot* - The God of Knowledge: (1 Samuel 2:3). *El Emet* - The God Of Truth: (Psalm 31:6). *El Yeshuati* - The God of My Salvation: (Isaiah 12:2). *El Elyon* - The Most High God: (Genesis 14:18). *Immanu El* - God Is With Us: (Isaiah 7:14). *El Olam* - The God of Eternity: (Genesis 21:33). *El Ehad* - The One God: (Malachi 2:10). “ELAH” is another name for God, used about 70 times in the Old Testament. Again, when combined with other words, we see different attributes of God. Some examples: *Elab Yerush'lem* - God of Jerusalem: (Ezra 7:19). *Elab Yisrael* - God of Israel: (Ezra 5:1). *Elab Sh'maya* - God of Heaven: (Ezra 7:23). *Elab Sh'maya V'Arab* - God of Heaven and Earth: (Ezra 5:11).

“YHVH” is the Hebrew word that translates as “LORD.” Found more often in the Old Testament than any other name for God, this title is also referred to as “*Tetragrammaton*,” meaning the “*The Four Letters*.” YHVH comes from the Hebrew verb “*to be*” and is the special name that God revealed to Moses at the burning bush. “*And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM.*” He said, “*thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you..... this is My name forever, and this is My memorial name to all generations*” (Exodus 3:14-15). Therefore, YHVH declares God's absolute being - the source of everything, without beginning and without end. Although some pronounce YHVH as “*Jehovah*” or “*Yaweh*,” scholars really don't know the proper pronunciation. The Jews stopped pronouncing this name by about 200 AD, out of fear of breaking the commandment “*You shall not take the name of YHVH your God in vain*” (Exodus 20:7). Today's rabbis typically use “*Adonai*” in place of YHVH. Here are some examples of YHVH used in scripture: YHVH *Elohim* - LORD God: (Genesis 2:4). YHVH *M'kadesh* - The LORD Who Makes Holy: (Ezekiel 37:28). YHVH *Yireh* - The LORD Who sees or provides: (Genesis 22:14). YHVH *Nissi* - The LORD My Banner: (Exodus 17:15). YHVH *Shalom* - The LORD of Peace: (Judges 6:24). YHVH *Tzidkaynu* - The LORD Our Righteousness: (Jeremiah 33:16). YHVH *O'saynu* - The LORD our Maker: (Psalm 95:6). The LORD who revealed Himself as YHVH in the Old Testament is revealed as Yeshua, who is Jesus in the New Testament. Jesus shares the same attributes as YHVH and clearly claims to be YHVH. In John 8:56-59, Jesus presents himself as the “*I AM*.” When challenged by some Jewish leaders regarding His claim of seeing Abraham, who had lived some 2000 years earlier, Jesus replied, “*Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM.*” Those Jewish leaders understood that Jesus was claiming to be YHVH. This is clearly established when they tried to stone Him to death for what they considered blasphemy under Jewish Law. In Romans 10:9, Paul declares, “*if you confess with your mouth Yeshua (Yehoshua) as LORD... you shall be saved.*” Immediately thereafter, in Romans 10:13, Paul backs up this declaration by quoting the Old Testament, “*Whoever will call upon the name of the LORD (YHVH) will be saved*” (Joel 2:32). Calling on Yeshua, Jesus, as Lord is the same as calling Him YHVH, because Yeshua is YHVH, who is LORD. This is the Messiah foretold throughout the entire Old Testament.

The god of Islam, Allah, is not the God of Israel. They have been deceived by a false prophet, Mohammad, and by Satan who deceived him. They say their god is the God of Abraham. But, Allah says to kill infidels, which is not one of the attributes of the true God of Abraham. One can see the name Allah never appears throughout the Bible. Islamic believers will serve the Antichrist and the False Prophet during the End Times. The southern empire is an alliance of Islamic nations which will form the Old Persian Empire which is prophesied by Daniel.

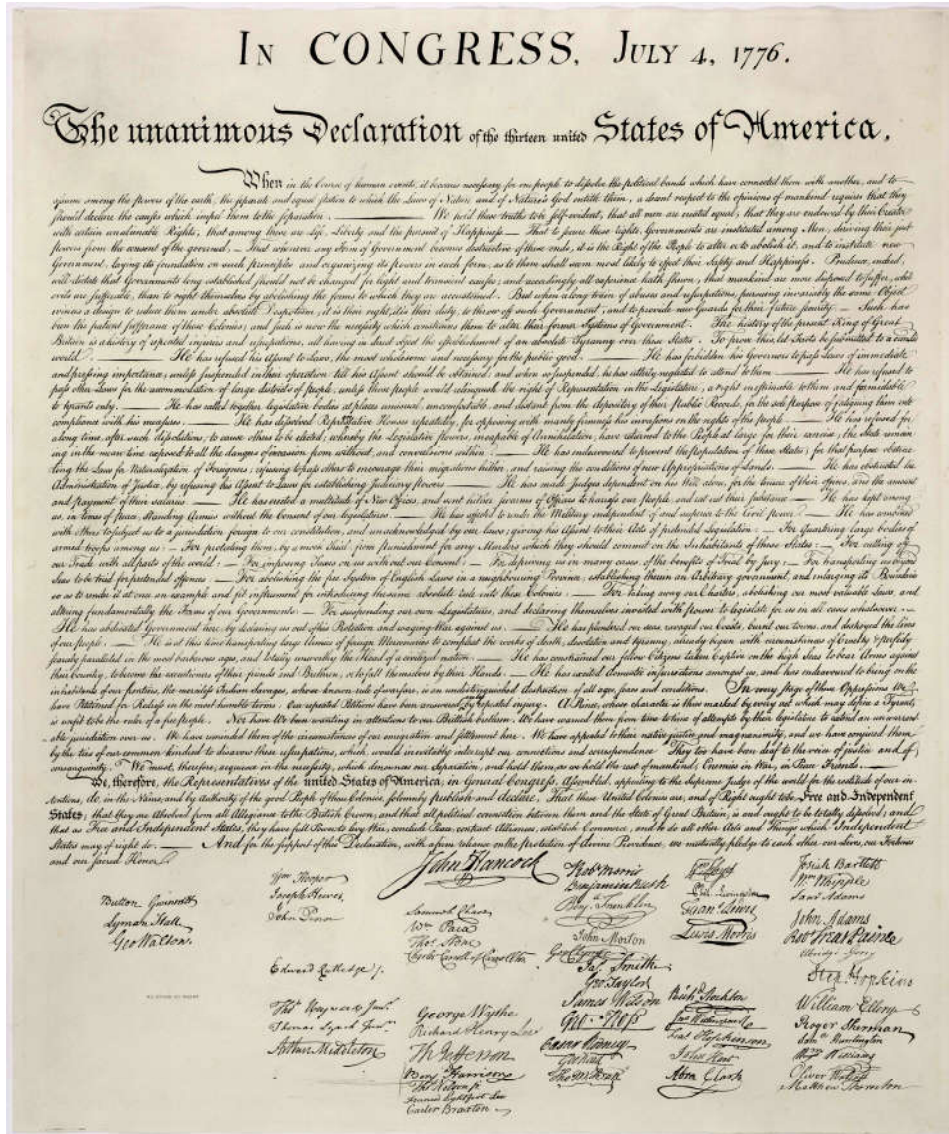
Declaration of Independence

By the time the Declaration of Independence was adopted in July 1776, the Thirteen Colonies and Great Britain had been at war for more than a year. Relations between the colonies and the mother country had been deteriorating since the end of the Seven Years War in 1763. The war had plunged the British government deep into debt, and so Parliament enacted a series of measures to increase tax revenue from the colonies. Parliament

believed that these acts, such as the Stamp Act of 1765 and the Townshend Acts of 1767 were a legitimate means of having the colonies pay their fair share of the costs to keep the colonies in the British Empire. ²¹

“Believe me, dear Sir: there is not in the British Empire a man who more cordially loves a union with Great Britain than I do. But, by the God that made me, I will cease to exist before I yield to a connection on such terms as the British Parliament propose and in this, I think I speak the sentiments of America.” ²²

—Thomas Jefferson, November 29, 1775



Declaration of Independence (1776)

Many colonists, however, had developed a different conception of the British Empire. It was because the colonies were not directly represented in Parliament, colonists argued that Parliament had no right to levy taxes upon them. This tax dispute was part of a larger divergence between British and American interpretations of the British Constitution and the extent of Parliament's authority in the colonies.

After the Townshend Acts, some essayists even began to question whether Parliament had any legitimate jurisdiction in the colonies at all. Anticipating the arrangement of the British Commonwealth, by 1774 American

Declaration:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

This has been called "one of the best-known sentences in the English language", containing "the most potent and consequential words in American history." The passage came to represent a moral standard to which the United States should strive. The Declaration justified the independence of the United States by listing colonial grievances against King George III, and by asserting certain natural and legal rights, including a right of revolution.

²¹ Christie and Labaree, *Empire or Independence*.

²² Hazelton, *Declaration History*, 19.

writers such as Samuel Adams, James Wilson, and Thomas Jefferson were arguing that Parliament was the legislature of Great Britain only, and not that of the colonies.²³

While political maneuvering was setting the stage for an official declaration of independence, a document explaining the decision had to be written. On June 11, 1776, Congress appointed a “*Committee of Five*” consisting of John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut, to draft a declaration. Because the committee left no minutes, there is some uncertainty about how the drafting process proceeded. Accounts written many years later by Jefferson and Adams, although frequently cited, are contradictory and are not entirely reliable. What is certain is that the committee, after discussing the general outline that the document should follow, decided that Jefferson would write the first draft.²⁴

Congress ordered that the draft “*lie on the table.*” For two days Congress methodically edited Jefferson's primary document. It reduced the writing by one-quarter, removed unnecessary wording and improved sentence structure. Congress removed Jefferson's assertion that Britain had forced slavery on the colonies in order to moderate the document and appease persons in Britain who supported the Revolution. Although Jefferson wrote that Congress had “*mangled*” his draft version, the Declaration that was finally produced, according to his biographer John Ferling, was “*the majestic document that inspired both contemporaries and posterity.*”²⁵

During the writing process, Jefferson showed the rough draft to Adams and Franklin, and perhaps other members of the drafting committee, who made a few more changes. Franklin, for example, may have been responsible for changing Jefferson's original phrase “*We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable*” to “*We hold these truths to be self-evident.*” Jefferson incorporated these changes into a copy that was submitted to Congress in the name of the committee.²⁶

Having served its original purpose in announcing the independence of the United States, the Declaration was initially neglected in the years immediately following the American Revolution. Early celebrations of Independence Day, like early histories of the Revolution, largely ignored the Declaration. Although the act of declaring independence was considered important, the text announcing that act attracted little attention. The Declaration was rarely mentioned during the debates about the United States Constitution and its language was not incorporated into that document. George Mason's draft of the Virginia Declaration of Rights was more influential, and its language was echoed in state constitutions and state bills of rights more often than Jefferson's words.²⁷

Even though the independence from Britain was over their ruling authority and taxes, it was originally based on religious freedom. It is the main reason the Pilgrims came to the New World. It isn't hard to believe that this nation was founded upon Biblical principles. This is because many written quotations of the founding fathers refer to God. Several of the founders believed the Bible reveals the ultimate truth about governing principles. Our nation has strayed from these Biblical principles when government declares it lawful to do what is an abomination in the sight of the Almighty God. We do many things in the pursuit of happiness. But, God will not bless a nation that pursues lawlessness. It will result in judgment and hardship in the land. If we could only humble ourselves and turn from our wickedness, He is willing to heal the land. But, we no longer seek God.

²³ Middlekauff, *Glorious Cause*, 241.

²⁴ Jensen, *Founding*, 701.

²⁵ John E. Ferling, *Setting the World Ablaze: Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and the American Revolution*, Oxford University Press.

²⁶ Becker, *Declaration of Independence*, Boyd (*Papers of Jefferson*, 1:427–28)

²⁷ Armitage, *Global History*,

CHAPTER 4: PRAYER – 1963

*T*his mighty nation was based upon the principle of “*In God We Trust*.” Do we still believe this as a people and a nation? How could judgment come upon a nation “*In God We Trust*”? Could it be because this truth is no longer shared by a majority of its people? Maybe it is due to the fact that this nation no longer believes in Biblical principles. When did this begin to happen to this nation? It was with the gradual decline in Biblical truth that started some fifty years earlier. It all begun in taking prayers and Bible reading out of schools and replacing it with an atheist view of the world. This was later followed by taking creation out of the schools and replacing it with evolution. Isn’t evolution now taught as if fact and not as a theory at many universities in the country?

Christianity was the basis for our nation, the guideline for our Declaration of Independence. Even though there are many who deny this amazing truth. This nation has slipped away from this truth and Christians today are criticized and considered as being radical or old-fashioned in their beliefs. Our government, which was first a Christian based principle system, has changed into a corrupt system. This includes taking prayer out of the public schools. But, we need to pray for our broken country and nation.

Prayer has always been part of the culture of the United States of America, its people and its foundation. George Washington himself was a devout Christian, as were most of the founding fathers. The hand of God directed the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution as well as the Declaration of Independence. Christianity found its way into the very heart of our nation and remained the pulse of this country until 1962. The year 1962 accounts for the tragic downfall of young people in America. That year, the Supreme Court prohibited prayer in schools. Ironically, the Supreme Court judges struck prayer from our nation's educational system in the same building where the Ten Commandments were hanging. They destroyed this part of our heritage, threw it away like a used scrap of paper. They considered it useless in the present day school system. Yet, many of our past presidents have prayed in this nation’s “*Oval Office*.”

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionist, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ” said Patrick Henry, a founding father and signer of the Constitution. Our country was founded on Christianity. That Christianity ought not to be taken from us. Because of separation of church and state, it is now thought to be the legally correct way to bring up our children in the public schools.

Indeed, James Madison, our fourth president, said “*Cursed be all that learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ*.” He would never have approved of the 1962 ruling of the Supreme Court – in fact, he would have cursed it. If our founders were here today, they would be putting their feet down and changing the United States back to the righteous ways of the Bible. The Ten Commandments would be hung in schools, prayer would be reestablished in the schoolrooms and our government's ways would be corrected. It was never the intent of the Constitution to take these freedoms from us. But, the interpretation by the Supreme Court has removed these freedoms.

John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, said “*Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us*.” God guided the fathers to give us the right of prayer – to pray in schools and to pray in public. We have instead succumbed to the broken ways of the world and obliterated the words of not only our founders but God as well. In John Hancock's words he makes the following statement “*nobly defend those rights and no man ought to take from us*.” The separation was to protect the way in which we worship God. Is it justifiable to take God completely out of the picture in the public schools?

Even England has not departed from this truth. The British Empire that we revolted against for religious freedom still allows for prayer in the schools. In England and Wales, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 states that all pupils in state schools must take part in a daily act of collective worship, unless their parents request that they be excused from attending.²⁸

²⁸ ["Collective Worship" and school assemblies: your rights](#). British Humanist Association. Retrieved 2009-04-21.

The majority of these acts of collective worship are required to be “*wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character*” with two exceptions:

- Religious schools, which should provide worship appropriate to the school's religion. Most religious schools in England are Christian.
- Schools where the Local Education Authority's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education has determined that Christian worship would not be appropriate for part or all of the school.

Currently, Section 70 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 is not compatible with Article 9 of European Convention on Human Rights, part of the Human Rights Act 1998. Despite there being a statutory requirement for schools to hold a daily act of collective worship, many do not. OFSTED's 2002-03 annual report, for example, states that 80% of secondary schools are not providing daily worship for all pupils.²⁹

Madalyn Murray O'Hair

Madalyn Murray O'Hair (April 13, 1919 – September 29, 1995) was an American atheist activist. She was the founder of the organization American Atheists and served as its president from 1963 to 1986. One of her sons, Jon Garth Murray, was the president of the organization from 1986 to 1995, while she remained *de facto* president during these nine years. She is best known for the *Murray v. Curlett* lawsuit, which led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling ending official Bible reading in American public schools in 1963. This came one year after the Supreme Court prohibited officially sponsored prayer in schools in *Engel v. Vitale*. O'Hair later founded American Atheists and became so controversial that in 1964 *Life* magazine referred to her as “*the most hated woman in America*.” In 1995, she was kidnapped, murdered and her body mutilated, along with her son Jon Murray and granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair, by former American Atheist office manager David Roland Waters.³⁰

In 1960, Murray filed a lawsuit against the Baltimore City Public School System, in which she asserted that it was unconstitutional for her son William to be required to participate in Bible readings at Baltimore public schools. In this litigation, she stated that her son's refusal to partake in the Bible readings had resulted in bullying being directed against him by classmates, and that administrators condoned it.³¹

After consolidation with *Abington School District v. Schempp*, the lawsuit reached the Supreme Court of the United States in 1963. The Court voted 8–1 in Schempp's favor, which effectively banned mandatory Bible verse recitation at public schools in the United States. Prayer in schools other than Bible readings had already been ended in 1962 by the Court's ruling in *Engel v. Vitale*.

O'Hair later filed a lawsuit with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in regard to the Apollo 8 Genesis reading. The case was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court for lack of jurisdiction. The effects of the suit were varied. Although, NASA asked Buzz Aldrin to refrain from quoting the Bible in the Apollo 11 mission, he was allowed to conduct the first communion service in space.³²

Madalyn Murray's lawsuit which contributed to the removal of compulsory Bible reading from the public schools of the United States has had lasting and significant effects. Until the lawsuit, it was commonplace for students to participate in many types of religious activities while at school, including religious instruction itself. Nonreligious students were compelled to participate in such activities and were not usually given any opportunity to opt out. The Murray suit was combined with an earlier case, so the Court might have acted without Murray's intervention.

²⁹ "Standards and Quality 2002/03". Ofsted. 2004-02-04. Retrieved 2009-04-22.

³⁰ Goeringer, Conrad F. (2006). "About American Atheists". *atheists.org*. American Atheists. Retrieved 2007-12-01.

³¹ Zindler, Frank (2008). "Madalyn Murray O'Hair". In Joshi, S. T.. *Icons of unbelief: Atheists, Agnostics, and Secularists*. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press. p. 323.

³² "Apollo Expeditions to the Moon: Chapter 8". NASA. n.d.. Retrieved 2012-04-25.

With the success of the lawsuit, the intent of the Constitution with regard to the relationship between church and state again came under critical scrutiny and has remained there to this day. The lawsuit disallowed schools from including prayer as a compulsory activity required of every student. The success of O'Hair's lawsuit led to subsequent lawsuits by Mormon and Catholic families in Texas in 2000 to limit compulsory prayer at school sponsored football games. Even the discussion of God in the schools has become unwelcome truth.

This Supreme Court ruling in 1963 argued that the founding fathers wanted a “*wall of separation between church and state*.” It was the Pilgrims who were trying to obtain religious freedom from England. It was not that they didn't believe in God. Therefore, the government should be neutral to religion in schools. But as a result the Warren Court ruled that there would be no prayer in school or Bible reading. The court's “*majority ruling*” reasoned that being neutral or not favoring one religion over another was the same as not allowing religious practices in school. True neutrality would not favor one religion over another, but the court's ruling favored atheism over all the religions of the world that believe in God. Atheism has been declared a religion by the U.S. Supreme Court, so the Court did not act neutrality, but instead favored atheism over religion. A recent national poll indicated 85% of Americans believe in the existence of God, yet the court ruled with the minority, atheist. If the Court had really been true to its intention of neutrality, it would have been impartial to the students, by neither forcing non-believers to pray, nor prohibiting believers from prayer. Nevertheless it ruled in favor of atheism.³⁰

Remember, none of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were atheists. The Pilgrims wanted religious freedom from the ruling government. So, when the U. S. Constitution was written, “*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion*” was included for this purpose. It was written to stop our new government from one day saying this or that is the “*OFFICIAL*” religion. It was for establishment of religion, not religious establishment. In 1534, it was the Act of Supremacy which made King Henry VIII the head of the Church of England. Basically it declared that the Pope had no authority on British soil and said that English subjects had to belong to the newly organized Church of England. Now, many people did not want to be forced into any such religion. So, even though many protestant religions did not recognize the Pope, they still joined with the Catholics in fleeing to the New World. This was to escape being “*drafted*” into this Church of England by the King. They came to America to worship in their own faith without fear of retribution by England.

First Amendment

The “*separation of church and state*” is a fundamental premise of the United States Constitution. You may be surprised that this question is important enough to be considered by the Supreme Court. After all, the Pilgrims left England to escape religious persecution in 1620 and people have been coming to America in search of religious freedom ever since. The Supreme Court said prayers broadcast before public school football games violate this constitutionally required separation of government and religion. The issue is not whether individual students can pray before the game-- they can. This case asked whether a student led prayer could be broadcast to everyone at a sporting event. It all came down to the way the justices interpreted the First Amendment to the Constitution. This amendment sets out the principles regarding religion, speech, press, assembly, and petitioning. Basically, it protects our right to worship as we want, say what we want, publish what we want, gather in groups, and make our concerns known to the government. It also prohibits the government from identifying with a particular religion. It effectively separates church and state. The Supreme Court serves to clarify, refine and test the ideals written into the Constitution. It was the first time the court considered a major ruling on school prayer. In 1992, the courts barred religious prayers at graduation ceremonies.

Two families filed a lawsuit against the Santa Fe, Texas school district over the prayers. The identities of the two families who filed the lawsuit -- one Catholic and one Mormon were sealed by the courts. Their lawsuit alleged that the school district's policy of allowing students to lead prayers at home football games violated the First Amendment by creating a religious atmosphere and a lower court agreed in principle. A federal appeals court ruled that student led prayers that are “*nonsectarian*” which are not limited to one specific religion and “*non-proselytizing*” that do not attempt to convert are allowed at graduations. But, the banned before football games ruling the court said aren't serious enough to be “*solemnized with prayer*.” The school district responded to the

lower court ruling by implementing strict guidelines banning pre-game prayer. It also warned senior Marian Ward, elected by fellow students to deliver religious messages before football games, that she would be disciplined if she prayed. Ward's family filed suit in September arguing that the guidelines violated her free speech rights. A U.S. District Court judge agreed that the guidelines the school had written were unconstitutional and ruled that the school could not censor Ward's speech. A majority of Americans will also be unhappy about this controversial decision. It was in a news poll which said two-thirds of Americans thought students should be permitted to lead such prayers. It appears the courts do not understand “*We the People.*”



We the People of the United States of America – The U.S. Eagle Falls (1787- CCASA)

Court Decisions

1940 Supreme Court rules that a public school may require students to salute the flag and pledge allegiance even if it violates their religious scruples. (*Minersville v. Gobitis*.)

1943 Court overturns *Gobitis* but is broader in its scope. No one can be forced to salute the flag or say the pledge of allegiance if it violates the individual conscience. (*West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*)

1948 Court finds religious instruction in public schools a violation of the establishment clause and therefore unconstitutional. (*McCullum v. Board of Education*)

1952 Court finds that release time from public school classes for religious instruction does not violate the establishment clause. (*Zorach v. Clausen*)

1962 Court finds school prayer unconstitutional. (*Engel v. Vitale*)

1963 Court finds Bible reading over school intercom unconstitutional. (*Abington School District v. Schempp*)

1963 Court finds forcing a child to participate in Bible reading and prayer unconstitutional. (*Murray v. Curlett*)

1968 Court says the state cannot ban the teaching of evolution. (*Epperson v. Arkansas*)

1980 Court finds posting of the Ten Commandments in schools unconstitutional. (*Stone v. Graham*)

1985 Court finds state law enforcing a moment of silence in schools had a religious purpose and is therefore unconstitutional. (*Wallace v. Jaffree*)

1987 Court finds state law requiring equal treatment for creationism has a religious purpose and is therefore unconstitutional. (*Edwards v. Aquillard*)

U. S. Supreme Court – Bible Reading

Abington School District v. Schempp: U. S. Supreme Court, 374 U.S. 203 (1963) 374 U.S. 203

The Abington case concerns Bible reading in Pennsylvania public schools. At the beginning of the school day, students who attended public schools in the state of Pennsylvania were required to read at least ten verses from the Bible. After completing these readings, school authorities required all Abington Township students to recite the Lord's Prayer. Students could be excluded from these exercises by a written note from their parents to the school. During the first trial in federal district court, Edward Schempp and his children testified as to specific religious doctrines by a literal reading of the Bible "*which were contrary to the religious beliefs which they held and to their familial teaching.*" The Court found such a violation of rights. The required activities encroached on both the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment since the readings and recitations were essentially religious ceremonies and were "*intended by the State to be so.*" Furthermore, argued Justice Clark, the ability of a parent to excuse a child from these ceremonies by a written note was irrelevant, since it did not prevent the school's actions from violating the Establishment Clause. The Court ruled that the sanctioning of a prayer by the school amounted to a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states, "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.*" The Abington court held that in organizing a reading of the Bible, the school was conducting "*a religious exercise*" and "*that cannot be done without violating the neutrality required of the State by the balance of power between individual, church and state that has been struck by the First Amendment.*" Over the previous two decades, the Supreme Court, by incorporating specific rights into the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, had steadily increased the extent to which rights contained in United States Bill of Rights were applied against the States. The Supreme Court upheld the District Court's decision and found the Pennsylvania prayer statute unconstitutional by virtue of the facts in the case, as well as the clear line of precedent established by the Supreme Court. In writing the opinion of the Court, Justice Thomas Clark stated, "*This Court has decisively settled that the First Amendment's mandate in the Establishment Clause has been made wholly applicable to the States by the Fourteenth Amendment.*" ³³

Justice Potter Stewart filed the only dissenting vote in the case. In it, he was critical of both the lower court opinions and the decision the Supreme Court had reached regarding them. Stewart made the statement that given the long history of government religious practice in the United States, including the fact that the Supreme Court opens its own sessions with the declaration, "*God Save this Honorable Court*" and that "*Congress opens its sessions with prayers, among many other examples.*" Stewart believed that such practice fit with the nation's long history of permitting free exercise of religious practices, even in the public sphere. Other critics of the Court's findings in *Abington v. Schempp* often quote the following excerpt from Justice Stewart's opinion. ³³

"If religious exercises are held to be an impermissible activity in schools, religion is placed in an artificial and state-created disadvantage.... And a refusal to permit religious exercises thus is seen, not as the realization of state neutrality, but rather as the establishment of a religion of secularism, or at least, as governmental support of the beliefs of those who think that religious exercises should be conducted only in private."

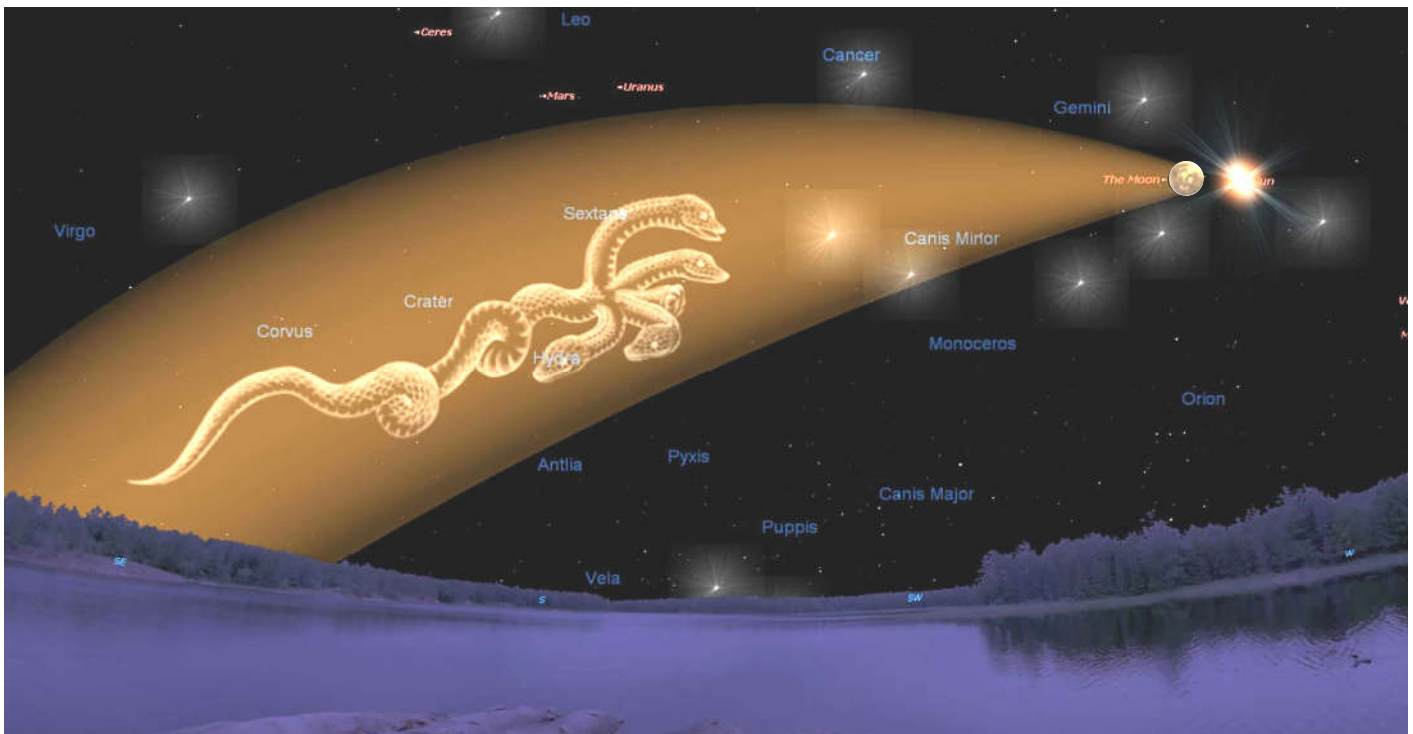
Dr. Billy Graham said, "*...in my opinion ... the Supreme Court ... is wrong. ... Eighty percent of the American people want Bible reading and prayer in the schools. Why should a majority be so severely penalized?*" ³⁴

It was decided on June 17, 1963 in favor of atheism. Bible reading was prohibited in the schools. This is the Word of God, the Creator of this world and all of mankind. It was the foundation of this nation. The United States Congress reacted to the decision by drafting over 150 resolutions to overturn it by amending the Constitution, which is documented in "*Freedom Under Siege*" written in 1974 by Murray O'Hair.

We will next look at the heavens to see if there is a sign from God about the Supreme Court's decision. It turns out there is the serpent sign, the ultimate deceiver of mankind during a partial eclipse, which is a bad omen.

³³ Boston, Robert (1993). *Why the religious right is wrong: About separation of church and state* (1st ed.), Prometheus Books.

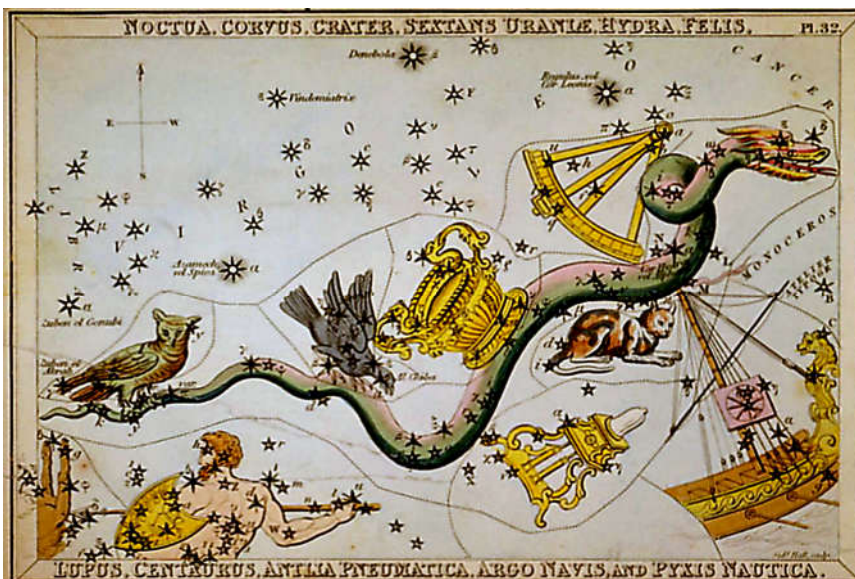
³⁴ *Billy Graham voices shock over decision.* (June 18, 1963). *New York Times*. p. 17.



June 1963 "Sign of Hydra" the Serpent of the sea with many heads – the devil deceived a nation – Washington D.C.

The sun is draped by the moon which radiates light at her feet. There is Hydra just above the horizon. The Constellation of Hydra represents a serpent-like water beast. Isaiah 27:1 states *"In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent.....and he will kill the dragon who lives in the sea."* Beneath the waters was an entrance to the "underworld" and the Hydra was its guardian. This heavenly sign is seen over Washington D.C. It must symbolize a nation that has been deceived by Satan, who is represented by the Constellation of Hydra.

The Supreme Court justices may have lost their way. They must not have chosen to call upon the Lord their God for wisdom. It is a decision from the highest court in America to side with atheism. Woe to a nation that doesn't honor the Creator, the Almighty God before this nation. Isaiah 5:20 says *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light..."* Hydra is said to have seven heads, which represent the kings of authority over the kingdom. Did the seven heads symbolize the seven justices that were in favor of taking Bible reading out of the schools? There was only one justice that was not in favor of taking God out of the schools. The final decision in the *Abington School District v. Schempp* case was decided on June 17, 1963?



Constellation of Hydra depicted as Water Serpent (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Hydra – Serpent:

In Greek mythology, the Lernaean Hydra (Ancient Greek: Λερναία Ὕδρα) was an ancient nameless serpent-like chthonic water beast, with reptilian traits, that possessed many (seven) heads. The seven heads of the dragon represent seven kings of the kingdom. Hydra was the guardian of the underworld.

Law – Bible

What does the Bible have to say about listening to the law of the land? In particular, if it is seen as an abomination to the Lord God. In Leviticus it makes the statement that those who keep His charge should “*not practice any of the abominable customs.*” This is to say that even though it may be lawful in the land, one must not pursue the evil ways. Let us take a look at what Jamieson’s Commentary has to say about other iniquities.

Leviticus 18:29-30 ***“For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people. Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; I am the LORD your God.”***³⁵

Therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it; and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants—*The Canaanites, as enormous and incorrigible sinners, were to be exterminated; and this extermination was manifestly a judicial punishment inflicted by a ruler whose laws had been grossly and perseveringly outraged. But before a law can be disobeyed, it must have been previously in existence; and hence a law, prohibiting all the horrid crimes enumerated above—a law obligatory upon the Canaanites as well as other nations—was already known and in force before the Levitical law of incest was promulgated. Some general law, then, prohibiting these crimes must have been published to mankind at a very early period of the world’s history; and that law must either have been the moral law, originally written on the human heart, or a law on the institution of marriage revealed to Adam and known to the Canaanites and others by tradition or otherwise.*³⁶

The Bible also makes the statement the king and those in authority should consult and confirm the words of God’s Law. This includes not being persuaded by the evil wants and ways of the people in the land. This has been the prime desires of people and their rights that this nation upholds. A prime example is King Josiah.

2 Kings 23:24-25 ***“Moreover, Josiah removed the mediums and the spiritists and the teraphim and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the LORD. Before him there was no king like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.”***³⁷

Notwithstanding, the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his wrath —*The national reformation which Josiah carried on was acquiesced in by the people from submission to the royal will; but they entertained a secret and strong hankering after the suppressed idolatries. Though outwardly purified, their hearts were not right towards God, as appears from many passages of the prophetic writings; their thorough reform was hopeless; and God, who saw no sign of genuine repentance, allowed His decree (2Ki 21:12–15) for the subversion of the kingdom to take fatal effect.*³⁸

In Jamieson’s Commentary, it makes the statement that subversion of the land will have a fatal effect. The scripture goes on to say in Proverbs that they who do not listen to God’s Law and who lead the upright astray into evil ways “*will himself fall into his own pit.*” It also makes the statement that “*the blameless will inherit good.*” Does this mean that the U.S. Justices will fall into their own pit of darkness?

³⁵ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Le 18:29–30). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

³⁶ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible* (Le 18:25). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

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³⁸ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible* (2 Ki 23:26). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Proverbs 28:9-10 ***“He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination. He who leads the upright astray in an evil way. Will himself fall into his own pit, But the blameless will inherit good.”***³⁹

Is this a forewarning that we should not follow the evil ways of the nation? What does the Bible say about teaching our children? It makes the statement that *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.”* It also says that we should teach our children to *“Fear the Lord”* and the Lord hates evildoers. His eyes are on the righteous and He hears their cry. It is time this prideful nation departs from its evil ways and humbles itself. We should pray for our nation and learn God’s ways by reading our Bibles.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 ***“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”***⁴⁰

Psalms 34:11 ***“Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”***⁴¹

Psalms 34:15-16 ***“The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. The face of the LORD is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth.”***⁴²



United States Supreme Court Building in Washington D.C. – The Highest Law of the Land (CCASA)

³⁹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Pr 28:9–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Dt 6:5–7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴¹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ps 34:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴² *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ps 34:15–16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 5: ABORTION – 1973 & 1983



Baby in the Womb (CCASA)

Didn't God say "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness"? Man is made of body, spirit and soul. This is unlike other living things that do not possess a spirit. Animals have souls unlike plant life. The spirit is everlasting. Does this bring greater significance to human life rather than plant and animal life?

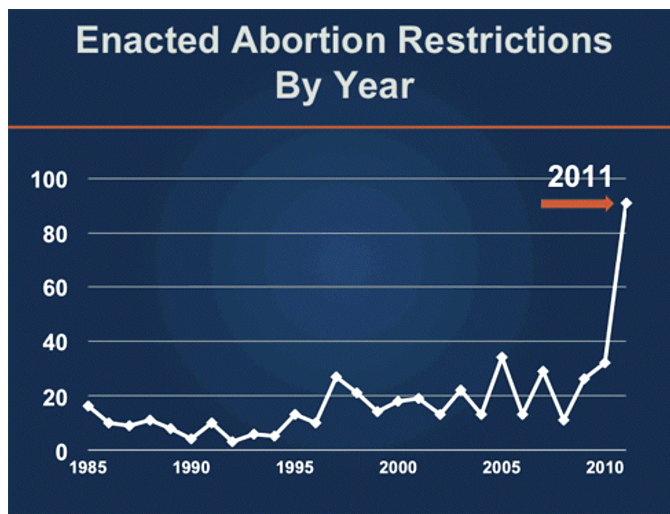
An article in Forbes magazine made the following statement: "Abortion has not only been legal in the United States for almost 40 years, the right to continue or terminate a pregnancy without interference by the state has been our Constitutional right since 1973's Supreme Court decision." Can states undermine women's rights? In 2011, state legislatures enacted a record number of provisions to restrict access to abortion – 92 provisions in 24 states. This is almost three times the previous record of 34 restrictions adopted by the states in 2005. ⁴³

In the 50 states combined, legislators introduced more than 1,100 reproductive health and rights related provisions, which was a sharp increase from the 950 introduced in 2010. By year's end, 135 of these provisions had been enacted in 36 states, an increase from the 89 enacted in 2010 and the 77 enacted in 2009. Fully 68% of these new provisions—92 in 24 states—restrict access to abortion services. This was a striking increase from last year, when 26% of new provisions restricted abortion. The 92 new abortion restrictions enacted in 2011 shattered the previous record of 4 adopted in 2005. ⁶⁵

The most high-profile state-level abortion debate of 2011 took place in Mississippi, where voters rejected the ballot initiative that would have legally defined a human embryo as a person "from the moment of fertilization," setting the stage to ban all abortions and potentially most hormonal contraceptive methods in the state. Meanwhile, five states (AL, ID, IN, KS and OK) enacted provisions to ban abortion at or beyond 20 weeks' gestation, based on the assertion that a fetus can feel pain at that point. These five states join Nebraska, which adopted a ban on abortions after 20 weeks in 2010. In July 2013, Texas adopted a similar law. ⁴⁴

⁴³ *Forbes Woman*, 1/20/2012 Roe v. Wade Didn't Just Legalize Abortion: It Made It Our Constitutional Right.

⁴⁴ *Guttmacher Institute*, 1/5/2012 States Enact Record Number of Abortion Restrictions in 2011.



State Instituted Abortion Restriction (Guttmacher Institute)

Insurance Restrictions: *Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Utah adopted provisions prohibiting all insurance policies in the state from covering abortion except in cases of life endangerment; they all permit individuals to purchase additional coverage at their own expense. Five additional states (FL, ID, IN, OH and VA) adopted requirements that apply only to coverage purchased in the state. The addition of these nine states brings to 16 the number of states restricting abortion coverage available through state health care insurance.*

Our laws struggle with the fact that life begins at the moment of conception. Even though our states are trying to restrict abortion our Federal Courts believe this infringes on a “*Woman’s Rights*.” How corrupt does our Federal Government and the Highest Courts in the land need to become before “*We the People*” request change? How could the Supreme Court not protect the rights of an unborn child or baby? If our laws do not protect a baby, how can a baby protect itself? An unborn baby has no voice in this world.

Courts – Abortion

Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), is a landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court on the issue of abortion. The Court ruled 7–2 that a right to privacy under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment extended to a woman's decision to have an abortion, but that right must be balanced against the state's two legitimate interests in regulating abortions – protecting prenatal life and protecting women's health. Arguing that these state interests became stronger over the course of a pregnancy, the Court resolved this balancing test by tying state regulation of abortion to the trimester of pregnancy. The Court later rejected *Roe's* trimester framework, while affirming *Roe's* central holding that a person has a right to abortion until viability. The *Roe* decision which defined “*viable*” as being “*potentially able to live outside the mother's womb, albeit with artificial aid*” added that viability is usually placed at about seven months but may occur earlier, even at 24 weeks. ⁴⁵

Roe v. Wade reached the Supreme Court on appeal in 1970. The Justices delayed taking action on *Roe* and a closely related case, *Doe v. Bolton*, until they decided *Younger v. Harris*, as they felt that the appeals raised difficult questions on judicial jurisdiction. This included *United States v. Vuitch*, where they considered the constitutionality of a District of Columbia statute that criminalized abortion except where the mother's life or health was endangered. In *Vuitch*, the Court narrowly upheld the statute, though in doing so, it treated abortion as a medical procedure and stated that the physician must be given room to determine what suffices as a danger to health. The day after they announced their decision in *Vuitch*, they voted to hear both *Roe* and *Doe*. Following a first round of arguments, all seven justices tentatively agreed that the law should be struck down, but for varying reasons. ⁴⁶

Burger assigned the role of writing the Court's opinion in *Roe* (as well as *Doe*) to Blackmun, who began drafting a preliminary opinion that emphasized what he saw as the Texas law's vagueness. Justices Rehnquist and Powell joined the Supreme Court too late to hear the first round of arguments. Additionally, Blackmun felt that his opinion was an inadequate reflection of his liberal colleagues' opinions. In May 1972, Blackmun proposed that the case be reargued. Justice Douglas threatened to write a dissent from the re-argument order. However, he was coaxed out of the action by his colleagues, and his dissent was merely mentioned in the re-argument order without further statement or opinion. The case was reargued on October 11, 1972. Weddington continued to represent *Roe*, and Texas Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Flowers stepped in to replace Jay Floyd for

⁴⁵ “*Roe v. Wade and Beyond*”, *Frontline*, *PBS* (2006-01-19): “*while reaffirming the central holding of Roe v. Wade, the court rejected 'Roe's rigid trimester framework'*”.

Texas. Blackmun continued work on his opinions in both cases over the summer recess, despite the fact that there was no guarantee that he would be assigned to write the opinions again. ⁴⁶

The Court issued its decision on January 22, 1973, with a 7-to-2 majority vote in favor of Roe. Burger and Douglas' concurring opinions and White's dissenting opinion were issued along with the Court's opinion in *Doe v. Bolton* which was announced on the same day as *Roe v. Wade*. The Court deemed abortion a fundamental right under the United States Constitution, thereby subjecting all laws attempting to restrict it to the standard of strict scrutiny.

The Court declined to adopt the district court's Ninth Amendment rationale, and instead asserted that the “*right of privacy, whether it be founded in the Fourteenth Amendment's concept of personal liberty and restrictions upon state action, as we feel it is, or, as the district court determined, in the Ninth Amendment's reservation of rights to the people, is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy.*” The Court asserted that the government had two competing interests – protecting the mother's health and protecting the “*potentiality of human life.*” Following its earlier logic, the Court stated that during the first trimester, when the procedure is safer than childbirth, the decision to abort must be left to the mother and her physician. The State has the right to intervene prior to fetal viability only to protect the health of the mother, and may regulate the procedure after viability so long as there is always an exception for preserving maternal health. ⁴⁷

Dissent Justices

Justices Byron R. White and William H. Rehnquist wrote emphatic dissenting opinions in this case. White wrote:

“I find nothing in the language or history of the Constitution to support the Court's judgment. The Court simply fashions and announces a new constitutional right for pregnant women and, with scarcely any reason or authority for its action, invests that right with sufficient substance to override most existing state abortion statutes. The upshot is that the people and the legislatures of the 50 States are constitutionally disentitled to weigh the relative importance of the continued existence and development of the fetus, on the one hand, against a spectrum of possible impacts on the woman, on the other hand. As an exercise of raw judicial power, the Court perhaps has authority to do what it does today; but, in my view, its judgment is an improvident and extravagant exercise of the power of judicial review that the Constitution extends to this Court.”

White asserted that the Court “*values the convenience of the pregnant mother more than the continued existence and development of the life or potential life that she carries.*” Despite White suggesting he “*might agree*” with the Court's values and priorities, he wrote that he saw “*no constitutional warrant for imposing such an order of priorities on the people and legislatures of the States.*” ⁴⁸

Presidential Opinions

President Richard Nixon did not publicly comment about the decision. In private conversation later revealed as part of the Nixon tapes, Nixon said “*There are times when an abortion is necessary, I know that.*” However, Nixon was also concerned that greater access to abortions would foster “*permissiveness,*” and said that “*it breaks the family.*” Generally, presidential opinion has been split between major party lines. The Roe decision was opposed by Presidents Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George W. Bush. President George H.W. Bush also opposed Roe, though he had supported abortion rights earlier in his career. Roe was also supported by President Bill Clinton. President Barack Obama has taken the position that “*Abortions should be legally available in accordance with Roe v.*

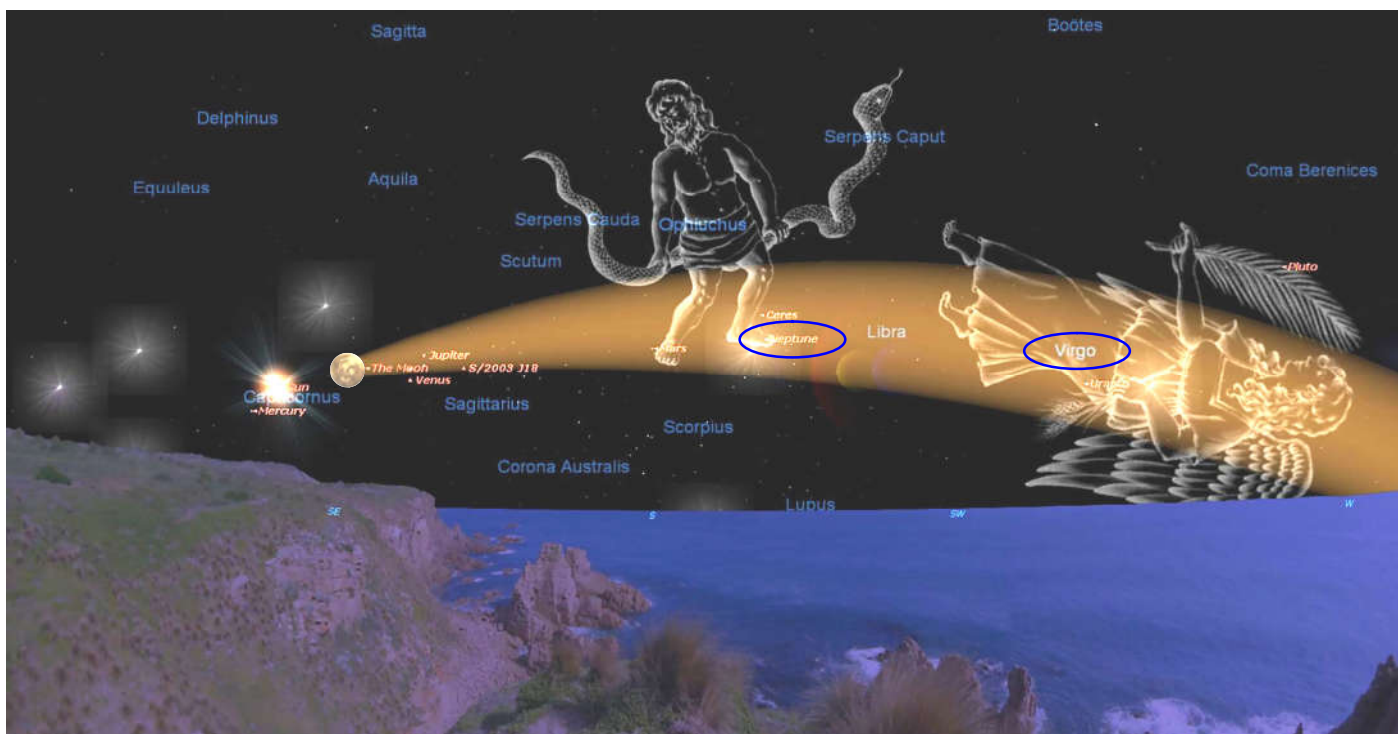
⁴⁶ *Roe v. Wade*, 314 F. Supp. 1217 (1970): “*On the merits, plaintiffs argue as their principal contention that the Texas Abortion Laws must be declared unconstitutional because they deprive single women and married couple of their rights secured by the Ninth Amendment to choose whether to have children. We agree.*”

⁴⁷ Chase, H. et al. *Supplement to Edward S. Corwin's The Constitution and what it means today: Supreme Court decisions of 1973, 1974, and 1975*, page 36 (Princeton University Press 1975).

⁴⁸ Potts, Malcolm et al. *Abortion*, page 347 (1977).

Wade.” Even though in his first term of election debates he said “*it was above his pay grade*” to make such a decision. If it is above his pay grade, then who should man consult except God Himself?

Nevertheless, the President of the United States doesn’t control the law of the land. This explains a lot about this country when the courts make the supreme law of the land independent of the opinion of “*We the People*.” It has been suggested by today’s justices that the decision should have been left to the states to decide. Is there a sign in the heavens for the decision by the Supreme Court on abortion?

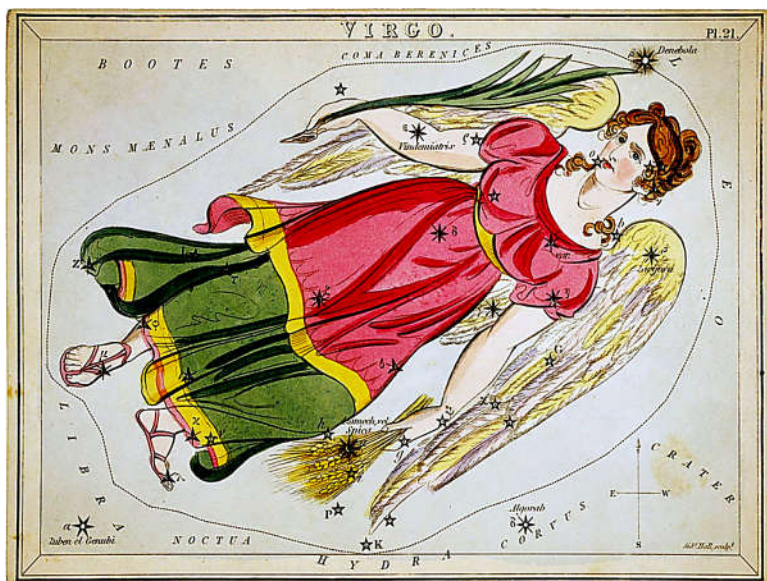


February 1973 Heavenly Sign of a Woman, Virgo giving Birth and the Sign of Deception – Serpens over Washington D.C.

The radiant light from the moon reflects onto the woman whose head is down to the earth and legs in the air. Just as a baby is typically born head down first. This woman is the Constellation of Virgo. It symbolizes the virgin birth. Its name is Latin for virgin and its symbol is ♍. To the east of Virgo is the Constellation of Libra, which represents the “*Scales of Justice*.” Further to the east are the Constellation of Serpens and Neptune both of which are signs of deception. The negative manifestations of Neptune include deception, trickery, deceit and guilt.

Constellation of Virgo:

The figure of Virgo corresponds to two Babylonian constellations - the 'Furrow' in the eastern sector of Virgo and the 'Fronde of Erua' in the western sector. The Fronde of Erua was depicted as a goddess holding a palm-frond - a motif. The Greeks and Romans associated Virgo with their goddess of wheat, Demeter-Ceres who is the mother of Proserpina-Persephone. Alternatively, she was sometimes identified as the virgin goddess. In the Middle-Ages, Virgo was sometimes associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Virgo depicted as a Virgin or Goddess (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Virgo is also portrayed as Justice (Justitia) or Dike holding the scales of Libra. Aratus says about Virgo: Beneath both feet of Bootes mark the Maiden who in her hands bears the gleaming Ear of Corn (Spica). Whether she be daughter of Astraenus, who, men say, was of old the father of the stars (Greek astor, star), or child of other sire, untroubled be her course! But another tale is current among men, how of old she dwelt on earth and met men face to face, nor ever disdained in olden time the tribes of men and women, but mingling with them took her seat, immortal though she was. Her men called Justice (Dike); but she assembling the elders, it might be in the market-place or in the wide-wayed streets, uttered her voice, ever urging on them judgments kinder to the people. <http://www.constellationsofwords.com/Constellations/Virgo.html>

The above quotation “Her men called Justice; but she assembling the elders. . . ., uttered her voice, ever urging on them judgments kinder to the people” seems very applicable to the justices and the assembling of the elders. It is followed by the urging on their judgments “kinder to the people.” It is shadowed by the sign of deception of the serpent, the Constellation of Serpens that deceived Eve in the Garden of Eden. This is so appropriate for this event.

Abortion History

Debate over abortion issues in the United States has been ongoing for years. Various anti-abortion laws had been on every state statute book since at least 1900. Abortion was prohibited in 30 states and legal under certain circumstances such as pregnancies resulting from rape or incest in 20 states. The Supreme Court 1973 decision *Roe v. Wade* invalidated all of these laws, and set guidelines for the availability of abortion.

We will next take a look at the history of abortion in the United States. At the time of independence of the United States, the English common law position on abortion applied in most of the then United States and held that abortion was legal if it occurred before quickening. James Wilson, a framer of the U.S. Constitution, explained as follows:

“With consistency, beautiful and undeviating, human life, from its commencement to its close, is protected by the common law. In the contemplation of law, life begins when the infant is first able to stir in the womb. By the law, life is protected not only from immediate destruction, but from every degree of actual violence, and, in some cases, from every degree of danger.”⁴⁹

Various anti-abortion statutes began to appear from the 1820s. In 1821, Connecticut passed a law targeting pharmacist who sold poisons to women for purposes of abortion. New York made post-quickening abortions a felony and pre-quickening abortions a misdemeanor eight years later. It is sometimes argued that the early American abortion laws were motivated not by ethical concerns about abortion, but by concern about the safety of the procedure. However, some legal theorists believe that this theory is inconsistent with the fact that abortion was punishable regardless of whether any harm befell the pregnant woman and the fact that many of the early laws punished not only the doctor or abortionist, but also the woman who hired them.⁵⁰

The criminalization of abortion accelerated during the 1860s, and by 1900 it was largely illegal in every state. Some states did include provisions allowing for abortion in limited circumstances, generally to protect the woman's life or to terminate pregnancies arising from rape or incest. Abortions continued to occur and increased once it became readily available. In the 1930s, licensed physicians performed an estimate 800,000 abortions a year. Illegal abortions were often unsafe, sometimes resulting in death, as in the documented case of Gerri Santoro of Connecticut in 1964.⁵¹

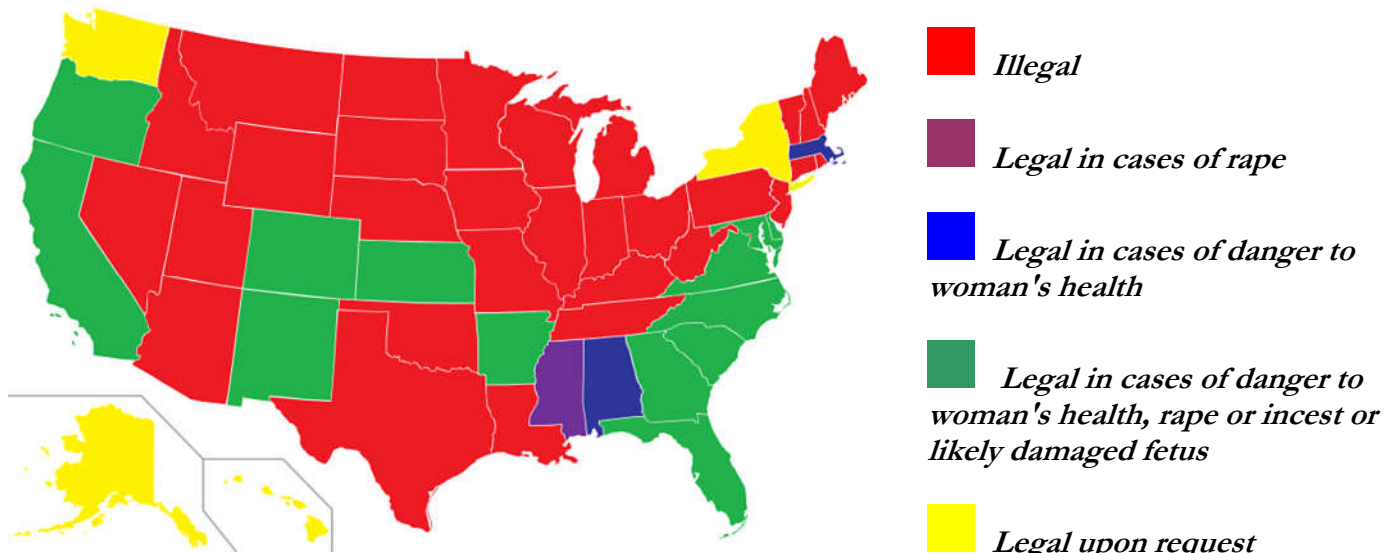
⁴⁹ James Wilson, "Of the Natural Rights of Individuals" (1790-1792). Also see William Blackstone, *Commentaries* (1765):

⁵⁰ Suzanne M. Alford, *Is Self-Abortion a Fundamental Right?*, 52 *Duke Law Journal* 1011.

⁵¹ Boyer, Ed. by Paul S. (2006). *The Oxford companion to United States history*. Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press. pp. 3.

Some activist groups developed their own skills to provide abortions to women who could not obtain them elsewhere. As an example, in Chicago, a group known as “Jane” operated a floating abortion clinic throughout much of the 1960s. Women seeking the procedure would call a designated number and be given instructions on how to find “Jane.” ⁵²

Abortion Laws prior 1973



States Legal Position relative to abortion prior to *Roe vs. Wade* (GNU)

In 1967, Colorado became the first state to legalize abortion in cases of rape, incest, or in which pregnancy would lead to permanent physical disability of the woman. Similar laws were passed in California, Oregon, and North Carolina. In 1970, Hawaii became the first state to legalize abortions on the request of the mother. Then in New York, it repealed its 1830 law and allowed abortions up to the 24th week of pregnancy. Similar laws were soon passed in Alaska and Washington. A law in Washington, D.C., which allowed abortion to protect the life or health of the woman, was challenged in the Supreme Court in 1971 in *United States v. Vuitch*. The court upheld the law, deeming that “health” meant “*psychological and physical well-being*” essentially allowing abortion in Washington, D.C. By the end of 1972, 13 states had a law similar to that of Colorado, while Mississippi allowed abortion in cases of rape or incest only. Alabama and Massachusetts allowed abortions only in cases where the woman’s physical health was endangered. In order to obtain abortions during this period, women would often travel from a state where abortion was illegal to states where it was legal. ⁵³

State by State Abortion Laws

Even though the Supreme Court ruled in 1973 on the legality of abortion many states have since that ruling made it more highly regulated to get an abortion. Various states have laws on abortion, some of which refer to it as feticide. On March 6, 2006, South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds signed into law a pro-life statute which made performing abortions a felony and that law was subsequently repealed in a November 7, 2006 referendum. On February 27, 2006, Mississippi’s House Public Health Committee voted to approve a ban on abortion and that bill died after the House and Senate failed to agree on compromise legislation. Several states have enacted “*trigger laws*” which would take effect if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. North Dakota HB 1572 or the *Personhood of Children Act*, which passed the North Dakota House of Representatives on February 18, 2009, but was later defeated in the North Dakota Senate. It was aimed to allocate rights to “*the pre-born, partially born*” and if passed,

⁵² Johnson, Linnea. “Something Real: Jane and Me. Memories and Exhortations of a Feminist Ex-Abortinist”. CWLU Project

⁵³ “Medicine: Abortion on Request”. *Time*. March 9, 1970.

would likely have been used to challenge *Roe v. Wade*. On February 15, 2012, the Virginia House of Delegates passed House Bill 1 in a vote of 66-32 which effectively outlaws all Virginia abortions by declaring that the rights of persons apply from the moment sperm and egg unite. It also passed a second bill in a 63-36 vote, which requires women to have a trans-vaginal ultrasound before undergoing abortions. ⁵⁴

In addition, some states have sought to ban abortion by means of an amendment to the state constitution. Three of them have already reached the ballot for a vote. Colorado citizens voted on Amendment 48 on November 4, 2008, and it failed to pass. A similar initiative, Amendment 62, made the Colorado ballot on November 2, 2010, where it failed again. On November 8, 2011 Initiative 26 appeared on the ballot, where it was also defeated. All three of these amendments made it to the ballot through a citizen initiative process, as opposed to being referred to the ballot by their state legislatures.

Other states are considering personhood amendments banning abortion, some through legislative methods and others through citizen initiative campaigns. Among these states are Florida, Ohio, Georgia, Texas, and Arkansas. Voter opposition to these ballot initiatives has proven to be far stronger than the support, despite the fact that American citizens poll as being much more evenly divided on the issue of abortion. Is our government then truly representing the people in this matter of abortion?

Statistics on Abortion

Primary abortion statistics in the U.S. are available from two sources, privately from The Guttmacher Institute (AGI) and publicly from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In 2009, which is the most recent year for which CDC data is available, California, Delaware, Maryland, and New Hampshire did not provide abortion reports to the federal government. Since California has not complied with CDC requests for abortion data in many years and since California accounts for more abortions than any other state in the U.S. Therefore, CDC totals are routinely incomplete. The CDC ordinarily develops its annual report on the basis of data received from 52 central health agencies, which include 50 states plus New York City and the District of Columbia. Guttmacher Institute gets its numbers from direct surveys of abortionists conducted every few years. Because of these different methods of data collection, Guttmacher Institute has consistently obtained higher counts than the CDC. Nevertheless, because increases and decreases in CDC and Guttmacher Institute numbers have usually roughly tracked each other, both sources are thought to provide useful information on abortion trends and statistics. Using Guttmacher Institute figures through 2008, estimating 1,212,400 abortions for 2009 through 2011, and factoring in the possible 3% undercount Guttmacher Institute estimates for its own figures, the total number of abortions performed in the U.S. since 1973 equals 54,559,615. ⁵⁵

According to Gallup's long-time polling on abortion, the majority of Americans are not strictly Pro-Life or Pro-Choice - it depends upon circumstances. Gallup polling from 1996 to 2009 consistently reveals that when asked the question, "*Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?*" Americans repeatedly answer "*legal only under certain circumstances.*" According to the poll, in any given year 48-57% say legal only under certain circumstances (for 2009, 57%), 21-34% say legal under any circumstances (for 2009, 21%), and 13-19% illegal in all circumstances (for 2009, 18%), with 1-7% having no opinion (for 2009, 4%). ⁵⁵

⁵⁴ Lewis, Bob. The Associated Press, "Va. House GOP muscles through abortion curbs," Feb 15, 2012.

⁵⁵ "Abortion". *Gallup Poll*. Gallup.com. pp. 2. Archived from the original on 13 May 2010.

It appears that our country really doesn't understand the importance of protecting an unborn baby's life. The United States is second in the world to the number of abortions per year. Russia is number one with abortions numbering 2.766 million babies aborted per year. The United States total population was 311,591,917 determined by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2011. There was a total of 132,312,404 Housing Units in 2011 as recorded by the U.S. Census Bureau. The number of babies killed account for 41% of the Housing Units. How could God continue to bless a nation that kills babies at that rate?

The U.S. Republican Party in 2012 made an official platform statement regarding human life. *"We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. We oppose using public revenues to promote or perform abortion or fund organizations which perform or advocate it, and will not fund or subsidize health care which includes abortion coverage. We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the nonconsensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from people with disabilities, including newborns, as well as the elderly and infirm, just as we oppose active and passive euthanasia and assisted suicide."* ⁵⁶

The U.S. Democratic Party in 2012 made an official platform statement regarding a woman's rights. *"The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay. We oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right. Abortion is an intensely personal decision between a woman, her family, her doctor, and her clergy; there is no place for politicians or government to get in the way."* ⁵⁶

This nation has made a clear choice to support a woman's right to that of an unborn child's life. We wonder what has happened to this nation. In 2012, the United States was ranked 16th in the world for having a new baby. The number one reason given was because of the U.S. National Debt. This new generation of children would inherit this debt and they will have to pay the interest and the debt off. What a bad inheritance.

God – Life

This nation continues to make it lawful for what is truly seen in God's eyes as an abomination. Let us first take a look at what is required to obtain God's blessing. It states that the *"fruit of the womb is a reward."*

Psalm 127:3 ***"Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.***

- 4** *Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.*
5 *How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;"* ⁵⁷

The scripture passage makes the statement that children are a gift of heritage from the Lord God. It says that children are a reward and *"blessed is a man whose quiver is full."* The killing of a baby in the womb is a direct rejection of God's gift. Therefore, how could God bless a nation that makes it lawful to kill a baby? This nation rejects God's gift over and over again to the rate of 1.2 million babies a year. Is it because man believes he knows more than God? It must be because there is no fear of God?

Psalm 112:1-3 ***"Praise the LORD! How blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who greatly delights in His commandments.***

- 2** *His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed."*
3 *Wealth and riches are in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.* ⁵⁷

⁵⁶ Matt Cover and Pete Winn, *CNS News*, August 21, 2012

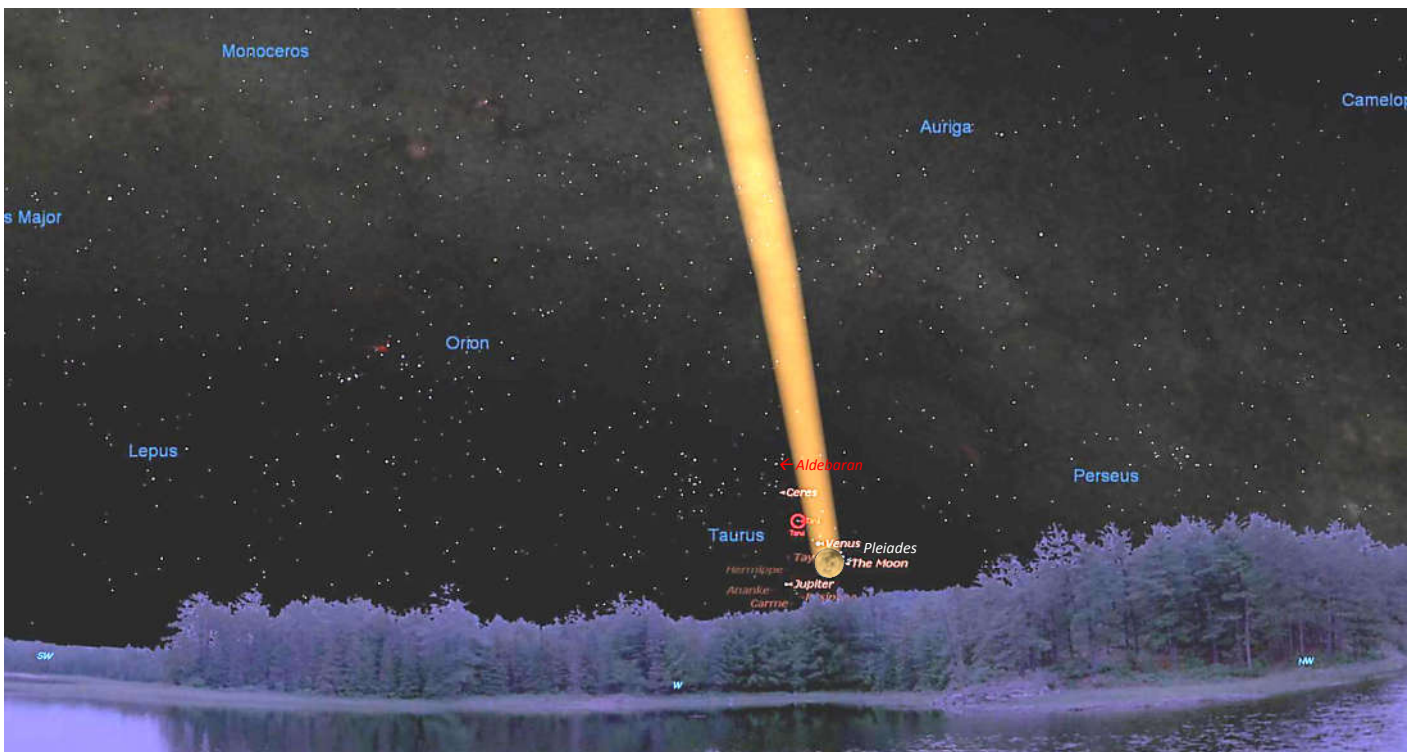
⁵⁷ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ps 127:3–5, Ps 112:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

This passage states the man is blessed who fears the Lord and obeys His commandments. But, more importantly His descendants will be mighty on the earth, which is a reflection of the founding principles of this nation. It has been over the last 50 years that a majority of this nation has shown no fear for the Lord. It all began with taking prayer out of the schools. Then 10 years later the right to kill babies legally was declared by the U.S. Courts.

Exodus 21:22-23 ***“If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman’s husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide.*”**

23 *“But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life,”* ⁵⁸

It clearly states that if a pregnant woman’s baby is harmed and aborted by man that the penalty should be a life for a life. So how could the Supreme Court rule in favor of it being a woman’s right to kill a baby in the womb? The highest court in the land made the decision to make it lawful to abort babies. It is a woman’s right and her decision. The unborn baby has no rights. This was clearly identified by both the Republican Party and Democratic Party whose rights they supported – unborn child’s rights to that of woman’s rights. We know that God recognizes life at conception. It can be seen through scripture in Psalms 22:10 that God knew David in his mother’s womb. Life at conception can be clearly seen with Christ’s birth and the Star of Bethlehem appearing in the east prior to His birth in this world.



March 11, 5 BC Star of Bethlehem: Venus, Jupiter including its eight moons, and the Pleiades Crown of Stars looking West

Matthew 2:9-10 ***“After hearing the king, they (Magi) went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was.*”**

10 *When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.* ⁵⁹

⁵⁸ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ex 21:22–23). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 2:9–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

What was *"The Star in the East"* that led the Wise Men or Magi to travel to Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago? By using *"Starry Night"* software, July 9, 6 BC is the date when three heavenly objects: Jupiter, the moon, with Pleiades are all aligned in the east in the Constellation of Taurus. A priestly sacrifice is symbolized by Taurus, the Bull. This event marks the conception of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. It is nine months later that the birth of Christ occurs with an even more important sign in the heavens. This is the *"Bethlehem Star"* appearing in the skies that is the Pleiades star cluster, the moon, Venus, and Jupiter aligned or coalesced in the Constellation of Taurus. This occurs directly west on March 11, 5 BC. This event marks the birth of Jesus Christ. The *"Star of Bethlehem"* needs to come up in the east and go down over Bethlehem to the west to be Biblically correct. The Magi will need to be able to follow the star from the East. It needs to be the brightest coalesced object in the sky. Three of the brightest objects in the night sky are coalesced overhead which are the moon, Venus and Jupiter. In the Old Testament, both King David and Job recognized that God knew them in their mother's womb. This is in Psalms and the Book of Job. Further, proof comes from the Apostle Paul. He makes the statement that God recognized him while he was yet in his mother's womb. Why does man refuse to recognize an unborn life?

Galatians 1:15 ***"But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased."*** ⁶⁰



Baby's Head in the Womb (CCASA)

June 15, 1983: In *Akron v. Akron Center for Reproductive Health*, the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down state requirements that abortions performed after the first trimester be done in a hospital. It is a woman's right to know the law before she can consent to an abortion. Nevertheless, the Court rules that states may insist that only licensed physicians perform abortions.

June 28, 1983: The U.S. Senate rejects the Eagleton-Hatch Amendment which declared *"a right to an abortion is not secured by the Constitution,"* by a vote of 49-50. A two-thirds vote is required to pass a constitutional amendment.

⁶⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ga 1:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 6: CREATION – 1987

Did the Supreme Court take teaching of creation out of the public schools? Was it considered to be a Biblical Truth? God is Truth. If the Bible is God's Word, then it must declare the truth about the creation of the universe. Man in his own wisdom has considered it to be false. So, what was it replaced with but evolution as the truth? What a falsified state of untruth. Isn't evolution declared as fact and not a theory at the universities? Satan has deceived this nation and its authority. The justices of the Supreme Court didn't seek wisdom from God. This directly relates to the application of the motto of "*In God We Trust*." There was no trust in God's Word. This is stated in the very first verse of the Bible in Genesis 1:1 that God created the heavens and earth.

Courts – Creation

Edwards v. Aguillard, 482 U.S. 578 (1987) was a legal case about the teaching of creationism that was heard by the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court ruled that a Louisiana law requiring that creation science be taught in public schools, along with evolution, was unconstitutional because the law was specifically intended to advance a particular religion. It also held that "*teaching a variety of scientific theories about the origins of humankind to school children might be validly done with the clear secular intent of enhancing the effectiveness of science instruction.*" In support of Aguillard, 72 Nobel prize-winning scientists, 17 state academies of science, and 7 other scientific organizations filed "*amicus curiae*" briefs which described creation science as being composed of religious principles. ⁶¹

If evolution is taught in public school science classes, shouldn't other theories about the origins and development of life also be taught at the same time? Isn't the focus on just one idea narrow-minded? Some believe that it is and therefore argue that there should be "*balance*" - if one theory (evolution) about life is taught, then "*the other*" theory (creationism) should also be taught. In a 7-2 decision written by Justice Brennan in 1987, the Supreme Court struck down Louisiana's "*Creationism Act*" because it violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. ⁶²

The state tried to argue that the law was simply designed to promote academic freedom by ensuring that students would hear about more than one theory on the origins of life, but the Court correctly noted that teachers were permitted to present more than one such theory before the law had been passed. The actual purpose of the law then had to be to make sure that creationism was taught.

The law and ruling does not advance academic freedom and restricts the abilities of teachers to teach what they deem appropriate. Louisiana offers instructional packets to assist in the teaching of creationism but not for the teaching of evolution. It did not require the teaching of creationism. It only asserts such an interest when evolution is taught. "*The preeminent purpose of the Louisiana Legislature was clearly to advance the religious viewpoint that a supernatural being created humankind...The Louisiana Creationism Act advances a religious doctrine by requiring either the banishment of the theory of evolution from public school classrooms or the presentation of a religious viewpoint that rejects evolution in its entirety.*" ⁶³

⁶¹ [Edwards v. Aguillard: Amicus Curiae Brief of 72 Nobel Laureates.](#)

⁶² Justice Brennan [misnamed the statute](#) as the "Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science in Public School Instruction Act".

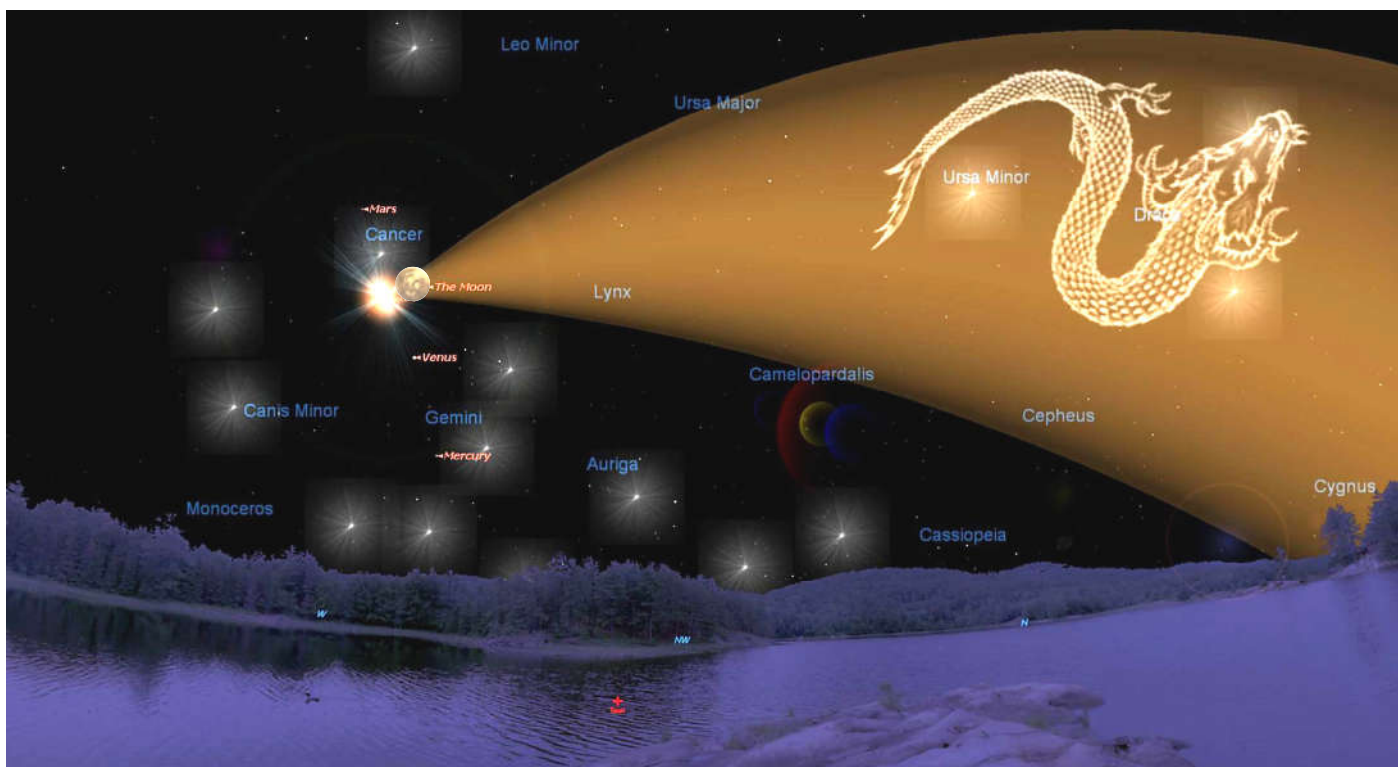
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Did God know of this ruling? Was the Supreme Court deceived by science scholars or the great deceiver? Is there a sign of deception in the heavens? The Constellation of Draco represents the dragon.

Revelation 12:3 ***“Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.”***

Revelation 12:9 ***“And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him.”***⁶⁴

The Bible tells us that this sign in the heavens represents, *“the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.”* This sign appears over Washington D.C. after the Justices of the Supreme Court had ruled in a 7-2 decision. The dragon has seven heads which represent kings of authority like the justices of the highest court in this country. It is as if the seven justices, who were deceived by Satan himself, are represented in the heavens. The sign of deception, Draco, occurs at sunset and the radiant light from the moon curves down to the earth.



July 1987 Heavenly Sign of Deception: Draco, the dragon – Court Decision on Creation

While *“creation science”* had no explicitly religious language, it was clearly a Genesis-based, young earth, Biblical creationism with which the law was concerned. In 1981 Arkansas law calling for the balanced treatment of creation science and evolution was promptly overturned in 1982 by a U.S. District Court judge.

McLean v. Arkansas Board of Education, 529 F. Supp. 1255, 1258-1264 (ED Ark. 1982), was a 1981 legal case in Arkansas. A lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas by various parents, religious groups and organizations, biologists, and others who argued that the Arkansas state law known as the *Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act (Act 590)*, which mandated the teaching of *“creation science”* in Arkansas public schools, was unconstitutional because it violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. This Act had been put forward by a Christian

⁶⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 12:3, Re 12:9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

fundamentalist on the basis of a request from the Greater Little Rock Evangelical Fellowship. It was for the introduction of legislation based on a “*model act*” prepared using material from the Institute for Creation Research. It was opposed by many religious organizations and other groups. Judge William Overton handed down a decision on January 5, 1982 giving a clear, specific definition of science as a basis for ruling that creation science is religion and is simply not science. The ruling was not binding on schools outside the Eastern District of Arkansas but had considerable influence on subsequent rulings on the teaching of creationism. ⁶⁵

Arkansas did not appeal the decision and it was not until the 1987 case of *Edwards v. Aguillard*, which dealt with a similar law passed by the State of Louisiana, that teaching “*creation science*” was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, making that determination applicable nationwide.

The Louisiana “*balanced treatment*” Act of 1981 was less restrictive than the Arkansas one, since its call for teaching creation science merely meant talking about the “*scientific evidences for creation and inferences from those scientific evidences*.” This gave its backers initial hopes that it would survive constitutional challenge. Nevertheless, the historical record of religious based efforts to undermine the teaching of evolution had started with the other trials. It was too heavy a baggage for these efforts to overcome. It had become increasingly difficult to argue that the fight against the teaching of evolution was not religion based. This resulted in the dooming of the Louisiana statute. The Louisiana Act, like its Arkansas counterpart, was overturned by a U.S. District Court. The case was then appealed to a Federal Appeals Court, where the District Court ruling was upheld by a narrow 8-7 margin. ⁶⁶

The ruling was one in a series of developments addressing issues related to the American creationist movement and the separation of church and state. The scope of the ruling affected state schools and did not include independent schools, home schools, Sunday schools and Christian schools, all of whom remained free to teach creationism. But, the majority of our children are taught through public schools. It first started with taking prayer out of school which is later followed by there is no Creator. What a deception our government has created.

Courts – “Intelligent Design”

It is in the light of all these U.S. Supreme Court precedents that the intelligent design creationism movement came about. It was designed specifically to overcome these restrictions, especially those that had been enunciated in the 1987 *Edwards v. Aguillard* ruling. Within two years of the ruling a creationist textbook was produced: *Of Pandas and People* which attacked evolutionary biology without mentioning the identity of the supposed “*intelligent designer*.” Drafts of the text used “*creation*” or “*creator*” before being changed to “*intelligent design*” or “*designer*” after the *Edwards v. Aguillard* ruling. This form of creationism, known as intelligent design creationism was developed in the early 1990s. This would eventually lead to another court case, *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*, which went to trial on September 26, 2005 and was decided in U.S. District Court on December 20, 2005 in favor of the plaintiffs. They charged that a mandate for intelligent design be taught was an unconstitutional establishment of religion. ⁶⁷

In 2002, William (Bill) Buckingham and Alan Bonsell, members of the Dover Area School District Board of Education who were young earth creationists, had made various statements supporting teaching creationism alongside evolution. At a board meeting on June 7, 2004, Buckingham mentioned creationism and raised

⁶⁵ [Creationism/ID, A Short Legal History](#) By Lenny Flank, Talk Reason

⁶⁶ Justice Brennan [misnamed the statute](#) as the "Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science in Public School Instruction Act"

⁶⁷ ["Creationist lawsuit against UC system to proceed"](#). National Center for Science Education. 2006-08-10.

objections to the proposed use of the textbook *Biology* written by Kenneth R. Miller and Joseph S. Levine. It describes it as “*laced with Darwinism*” and saying it was “*inexcusable to have a book that says man descended from apes with nothing to counterbalance it.*” This story made the “*York Daily*” newspapers in Pennsylvania and William Buckingham was telephoned by Discovery Institute staff attorney Seth Cooper, whose tasks included “*communicating with legislators, school board members, teachers, parents and students*” to “*address the topic of intelligent design - ID in a scientifically and educationally responsible way*” in public schools. He later stated that he made the call to steer the Dover Board away from trying to include intelligent design in the classroom or from trying to insert creationism into its curriculum. Afterwards Buckingham contacted Richard Thompson of the Thomas More Law Center, who agreed to represent the Dover Board, and recommended the book *Of Pandas and People*.⁴⁸

On October 18, 2004, the school board voted 6–3 resolving that there were to be lectures on the subject, with *Pandas* as a reference book and that the following statement was to be added to their biology curriculum. The school board's statement asserting that there are “*gaps*” in evolution and that it specifically is a theory “*not a fact*” singled out evolution. They implied it was just a hunch, even though this is not the actual meaning of the term “*scientific theory.*” The reference *Of Pandas and People* was used as an alternative “*explanation of the origins of life.*” It was presented as though it were a scientific fact. This was in contrast to the way that evolution was described.⁶⁸

Tammy Kitzmiller, et al. v. Dover Area School District, et al., 400 Fed. Supp. 2d 707, Docket no. 4cv2688 was the first direct challenge brought in the United States federal courts testing a public school district policy that required the teaching of intelligent design. In October 2004 the Dover Area School District changed its biology teaching curriculum to require that intelligent design be presented as an alternative to evolution. They also recommended *Of Pandas and People* was to be used as a reference book. The plaintiffs successfully argued that intelligent design is a form of creationism, and that the school board policy violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The judge's decision sparked considerable response from both supporters and critics.⁶⁹

On February 21, 2006, the newly elected Dover Area School Board voted, unanimously with one abstention, to pay 1,000,011 dollars in legal fees and damages due to the parents and their lawyers as a result of the verdict, which was a large sum of money for a small district. The previous school board had been offered the opportunity to rescind its policy, and avoid paying legal fees, immediately after the lawsuit was filed in 2004, but it declined. The parents' attorneys Pepper Hamilton stated that court records would show that they were entitled to more than 2 million dollars. They were going to accept less than half that amount in recognition of the small size of the school district. In the November 2005 elections, none of the members of the Dover School Board who voted for the intelligent design policy were re-elected, and a new school board that rejected the policy took office.⁷⁰

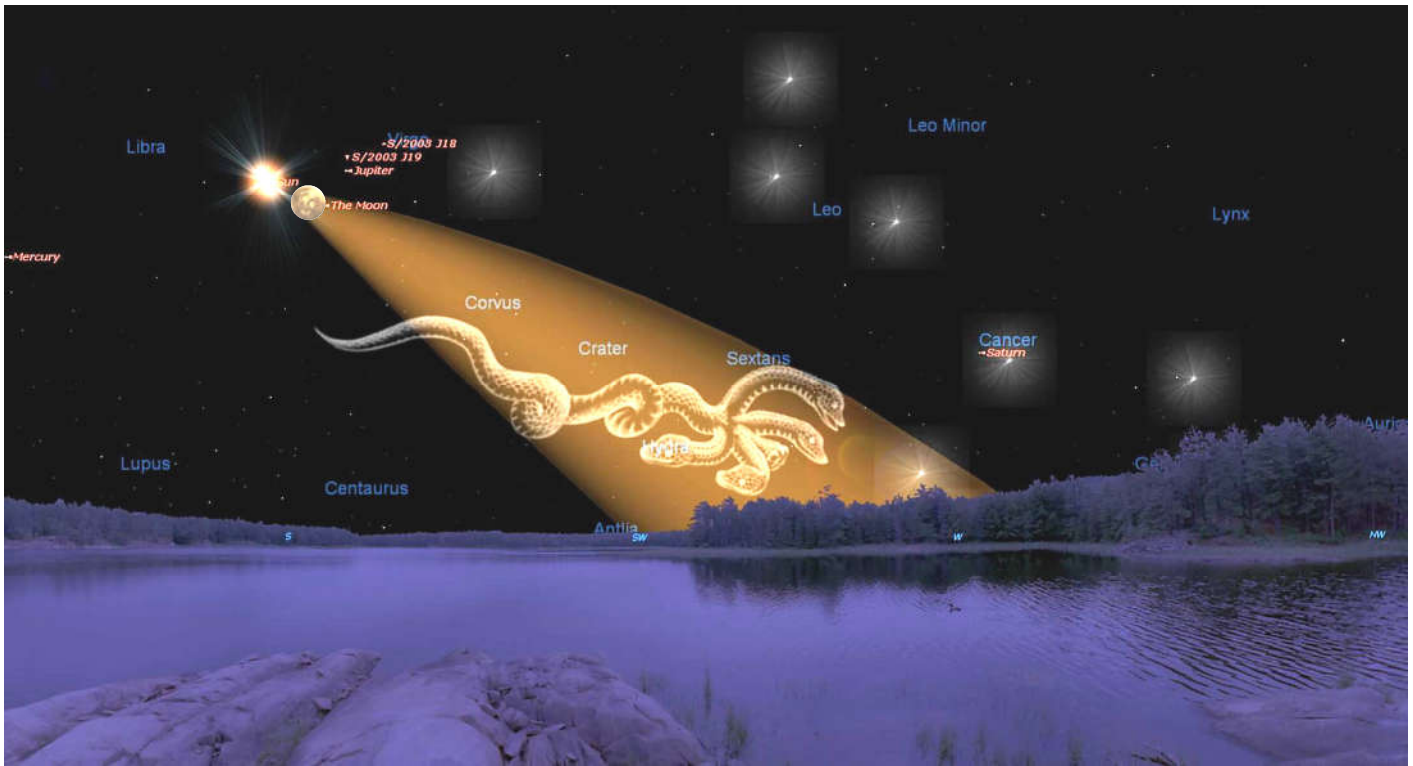
The Dover suit was brought in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. Since it sought an equitable remedy, by the Seventh Amendment, right to a jury trial did not apply. It was tried in a bench trial from September 26, 2005 to November 4, 2005, before Judge John E. Jones III, a conservative Republican appointed in 2002 by George W. Bush. On December 20, 2005, Jones issued his 139-page findings. The ruling was the Dover mandate requiring intelligent design to be taught in class was unconstitutional. The ruling concluded that intelligent design - ID is not science, and permanently barred the board from maintaining the intelligent design - ID Policy in any school within the Dover Area School District.

⁶⁸ *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*, Memorandum Opinion, December 20, 2005.

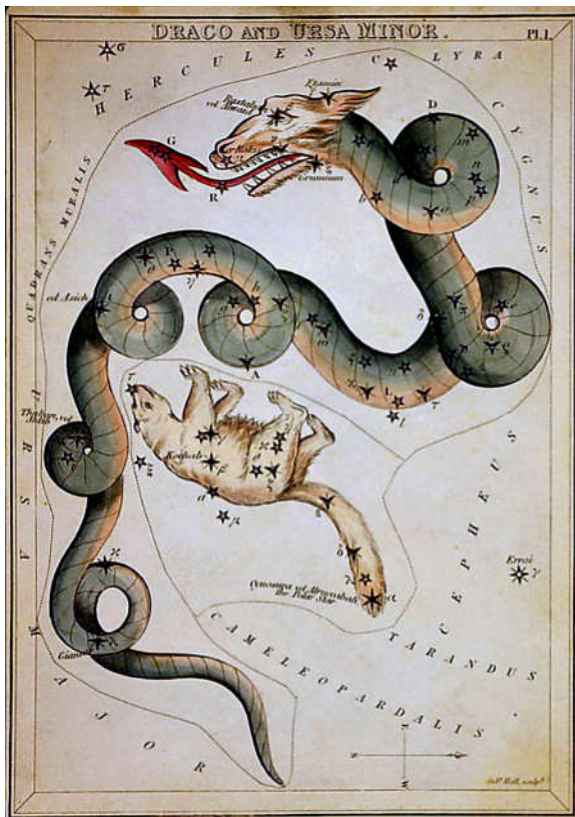
⁶⁹ Judge Rules Against 'Intelligent Design', Michael Powell, The Washington Post, December 21, 2005.

⁷⁰ "Kitzmiller v. Dover: Intelligent Design on Trial". National Center for Science Education. October 17, 2008.

This resulted in the teaching scientific theory of evolution, and refrained teachers to referring to a religious, alternative theory known as intelligent design - ID.⁷¹ Is there a sign in the heavens for this Federal Court ruling?



November 2005 Heavenly Sign of Deception: Hydra the Seven Headed Serpent – Court Decision on Intelligent Design



Draco depicted as a Dragon (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

The Constellation Draco: *Early Christians saw Draco as the serpent which had tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Draco was the serpent-like dragon that twined round the tree in the Garden and guarded the fruit.*



Hydra - Seven Headed Serpent (Lambeth, Palace, U.K. 16th Century)

⁷¹ [Judge Rules Against 'Intelligent Design'](#), Michael Powell, [The Washington Post](#), December 21, 2005.

Total solar eclipses are considered a bad omen for the nations. Since this is only a partial eclipse, could it be interpreted as a warning? The partial eclipse causes radiant light to illuminate the Constellation of Hydra. This must again represent a sign of deception. Isaiah 5:20 says “*Woe to those who call evil good and good evil....*”

Satan is symbolized by three constellations – Draco, the dragon, Serpens, the serpent, and Hydra, the water beast, that has seven heads. All three symbols are used in scripture - *Leviathan the twisted serpent of the sea in Isaiah 27:1, the Serpent of Old in the Garden of Eden and the Dragon in Revelation.* This all represents the “*Grand Design of the Heavens?*” by God from the beginning of creation. Remember, it was tried in a bench trial from September 26, 2005 to November 4, 2005, before Judge John E. Jones III. This sign appears right after the trial ends in U.S. District Court of Pennsylvania.

It appears that intelligent design is not a science, but requires religion. If there is a truth revealed in the Bible, the courts have ruled that it cannot be taught within the schools. It is legal to replace the truth with false theories that are declared as fact. It defies logic to find that the U.S. District Courts will not uphold the truths as declared in the Bible because of separation of church and state. Science has determined that creation of this universe was possible. Nevertheless, it is illegal to teach these findings about creation to our children. The Creator put the signs in the heavens and set the ordinances of the heavens during creation to declare the truth to this world. This universe was created with order, rules and laws. These laws include natural laws, physical laws, chemical laws and God’s Law for man to live by. We shall look at the amazing evidence of God’s creation through science.

Science – Creation

There is scientific evidence that water was transformed into other elements of the universe or cosmos. In the early 1980s Dr. Russell Humphreys, who is now retired from the Sandia National Laboratories, did work relating to the earth and other bodies in the solar system assuming these heavenly bodies were originally created from pure water. This theory was used to determine the magnetic field of planets. It was used to correctly predict the Voyager space probe’s measurement of the magnetic fields of the planets Uranus and Neptune. The theory of using the present elements composing these solar system bodies would have predicted a completely different result which would have been incorrect. Man’s logical way would be to use the present day elements for this prediction. However, Dr. Russell Humphreys’ guidance came from the Bible and not from other scientists.

2 Peter 3:5 ***“For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the Word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,”***⁷²

How could scientists not depend on the truth revealed in the Word of God? Without teaching our children about creation would they today know the correct answer to determine this magnetic field prediction? Let us take a look at this transformation of water into the elements that make up this universe. What does science or the Bible have to say about this transformation of water?

Genesis 1:2 ***“The earth was formless (emptiness) and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving (hovering) over the surface of the waters.”***⁷³

Both of these two passages of scripture make the statement the original material of the cosmos was pure water. God must have transformed this into other material. God could have let the gravitational forces of matter collapse on itself. This compression would raise the temperature and the pressure on the density of the water.

⁷² *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Pet. 3:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

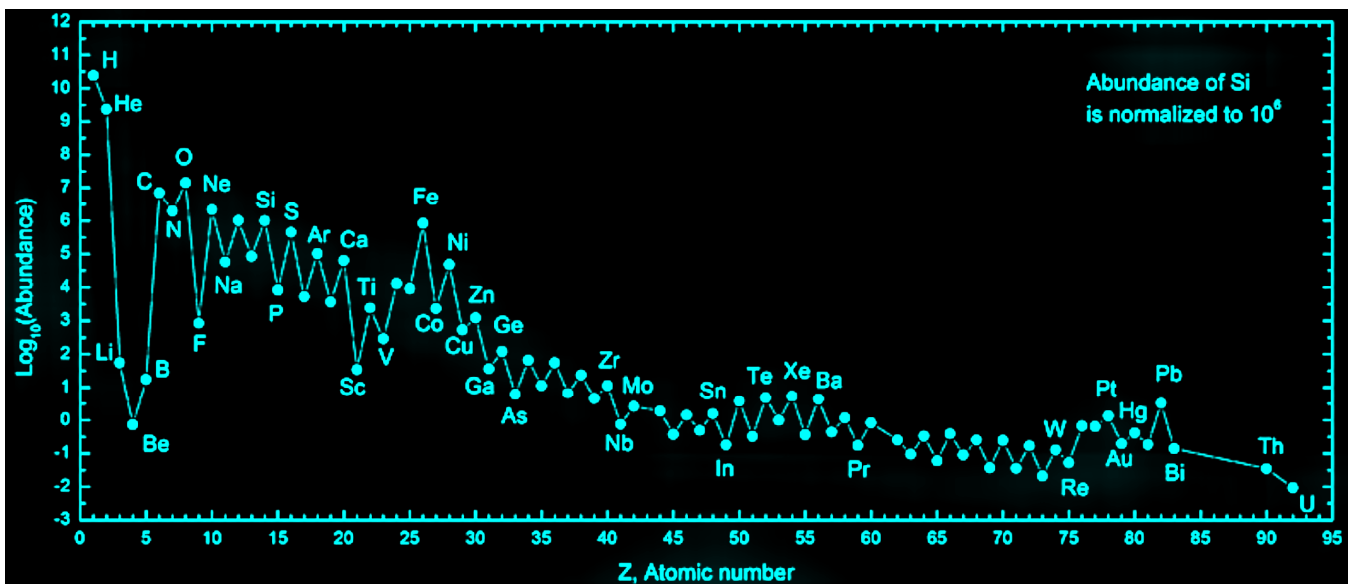
⁷³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Gen 1:2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

This would cause the ripping of hydrogen and oxygen atoms apart into elementary particles. This would begin a thermonuclear fusion reaction. The reaction would produce intense light during the process and would generate many different atomic nuclei. Remember during World War II, Germany was planning on using heavy water to produce nuclear weapons. Nevertheless, it was a series of actions undertaken by Norwegian saboteurs during World War II to prevent Germany from acquiring heavy water (deuterium oxide), which could have been used to produce nuclear weapons. What does the Bible have to tell us about this transformation of water? This would mean that at the instant of creation the earth was a small region of water at the center of a larger ball of water which the Bible calls the “*deep*.” Dr. Russell Humphreys believes it to be a light-year in radius.

Nucleosynthesis

What does science have to say about this transformation of pure water? The modern word is nucleosynthesis to describe this transformation of water into other elements. This would be heavy water normally called deuterium oxide or ${}^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ or D_2O . Nucleosynthesis is the process of creating new atomic nuclei from pre-existing nucleons (protons and neutrons). The first nuclei were formed about three minutes after what scientist call the Big Bang. It was through the process called nucleosynthesis, which formed the hydrogen and helium content of the first stars, and is responsible for the general hydrogen to helium ratio of the universe today. There are two important characteristics of Big Bang nucleosynthesis (BBN). Please notice that for this nucleosynthesis event to occur it took less than a day, of approximately 20 minutes. ⁷⁴

- *It lasted for only about seventeen minutes (during the period from 3 to about 20 minutes from the beginning of space expansion). After that, the temperature and density of the universe fell below that which is required for nuclear fusion. The brevity of BBN is important because it prevented elements heavier than beryllium from forming while at the same time allowing unburned light elements, such as deuterium, to exist.*
- *It was widespread, encompassing the entire observable universe.*



Abundance of Elements in the Solar System (GNU)

The above chart shows the abundances of the chemical elements in the solar system. Hydrogen and helium are most common, residuals of the Big Bang. The next three elements (Li, Be, B) are rare because they are poorly synthesized in the Big Bang and also in stars. The two general trends in the remaining stellar-produced elements are: (1) an alternation of abundance of elements according to whether they have even or odd atomic numbers, and (2) a general decrease in abundance, as elements become heavier. Within this trend is a peak at abundances

⁷⁴ *Wagoner, Robert (1973-01-15). "Big Bang Nucleosynthesis Revisited" (pdf). *The Astrophysical Journal* 179: 343–360.*

of iron and nickel. The goal of nucleosynthesis is to understand the vastly differing abundances of the chemical elements and their several isotopes as being a result of natural history. The primary stimulus to the development of this theory was the shape of the natural abundances. Those abundances, when plotted on a graph as a function of the atomic number of the element. They have a jagged saw-tooth structure varying by factors up to ten million. A very influential stimulus to nucleosynthesis was an abundance table by Hans Suess and Harold Urey based on the abundances of the non-volatile elements within meteorites. ⁷⁵

With the formation of stars, heavier nuclei were created from hydrogen and helium by stellar nucleosynthesis, a process that continues today. Some of these elements, particularly those lighter than iron, are thought to be delivered to the interstellar medium in the last stages of dying low mass stars. Supernova nucleosynthesis which are nuclear reactions within exploding stars, is responsible for the abundant elements between magnesium (A=24) and nickel (A=60). Supernova nucleosynthesis is also thought to be responsible for the creation of elements heavier than iron and nickel in the last few seconds of the explosion of a supernova. ⁷⁶

General Relativity

So, where did the water come from which was the material that created the cosmos? In physics, in particular Special and General Relativity, the mass–energy equivalence is the concept that the mass of a body is a measure of its energy content. In this concept, mass is a property of all energy and energy is a property of all mass and the two properties are connected by a constant. Albert Einstein proposed mass–energy equivalence in 1905 in one of his “*Annus Mirabilis*” papers entitled “*Does the inertia of a body depend upon its energy-content?*”? The equivalence is described by the famous equation $E = mc^2$. E is energy, m is mass, and c is the speed of light. The formula is dimensionally consistent and does not depend on any specific system of measurement units. The equation $E = mc^2$ indicates that energy always exhibits relativistic mass in whatever form the energy takes. Mass–energy equivalence does imply that mass may be “*converted*” to energy, it allows for “*matter*” to be converted to energy. ⁷⁷

Man has been able to use this formula to produce nuclear weapons. However, with God it is possible to convert energy into matter. This is something that man has been unable to do. Is this God’s formula for this world and universe in which He created? The constant in the equation $E = mc^2$ is the speed of light. We know from scripture that God is Light. We also know that He will illuminate the New Heaven and Earth once this earth is destroyed with fire. The energy of His spoken voice created this visible universe.

1 John 1:5 ***“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”*** ⁷⁸

Genesis 1:14-15 ***“Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth” and it was so.”*** ⁷⁸

Some say that the cosmos is billions of years old. But, is there another answer to explain starlight and time? Yes, there is General Relativity that can bring an answer. In General Relativity, an event horizon is a boundary in space-time beyond which events cannot affect an outside observer. In common terms it is defined as “*the point of no return.*” It is the point at which the gravitational pull becomes great enough as to make escape impossible. The most common case of an event horizon is that surrounding a black hole. Light emitted from beyond the horizon can never reach the observer. Likewise, any object approaching the horizon from the observer's side appears to

⁷⁵ H.E. Suess and H.C. Urey, Abundances of the elements, *Revs. Mod. Phys.*, 28, 53 (1957).

⁷⁶ Wagoner, Robert (1973-01-15). "Big Bang Nucleosynthesis Revisited" (pdf). *The Astrophysical Journal* 179: 343–360.

⁷⁷ Paul Allen Tipler, Ralph A. Llewellyn (2003-01), *Modern Physics*, W. H. Freeman and Company, pp. 87–88.

⁷⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (1 John 1:5, Gen 1:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

slow down and never quite pass through the horizon. Black Holes can be very small or large because it all depends on the amount of matter packed within a given radius. The combined gravitational forces of matter that exist inside a black hole can be so strong that light cannot escape, and hence its name. Likewise, the diameter of an event horizon depends on the amount of matter inside it. Matter and light can exist inside a black hole. The equation of General Relativity requires that they must fall inward reaching a “*singularity*” at its center. Nevertheless, the evidence of science indicated that the cosmos has expanded and is not currently undergoing an overall inward falling. The other possibility allowed by General Relativity is that the universe was previously in a “*White Hole*.” The equations of General Relativity require that light and matter inside a “*White Hole*” must expand outward. The main point is that according to General Relativity time effectively stands still at the event horizon. Clocks at that location run very slowly in comparison to clocks away from the “*singularity*.” This includes all physical processes as well as clocks. An example would be if you were standing on the earth as the event horizon arrived, distant objects in the cosmos would age billions of years in a single day. There would also be ample time for the objects’ light to reach you. Clocks in different places can tick at different rates. What set of clocks did the Bible refer to in Genesis? It must have been God’s intention to define time relative to the earth. Even on the earth, altitude affects the rate of time and must be compensated for in atomic clocks. God used a day. It had the Biblical meaning there “*was evening and was morning*” that made up a day. God defined the time domain.

The common Biblical teaching has been that God created light in transit. God created the beams of light from distant stars in which their light was already on its way to earth. But, this would be just an illusion. God is one of truth. Therefore, one needs to look into both science and the Bible. Science has the laws of the universe to explain the answer. God is one of order and natural laws. He is not a God of chaos or random behavior. God set the ordinance of the heavens at the time of creation. This is the mathematical laws of the universe. There is no surprise to find that science which has been around for over 100 years can explain creation. But, the U.S. Supreme Court has declared that creation is not science but religion and forbids it being taught. There are very few books of learning available in the U.S. to present this information correctly. It is because there is a limited market. This very short explanation of creation and science was useful to demonstrate that creation is supported by science. However, one needs to know the Bible to apply the correct scientific answer. Physics describes the behavior of the universe at the most fundamental level of science. These laws of physics can explain how energy is transported, how gravity operates, how mass moves through space and how light propagates. These physical laws are usually mathematical equations or formulas that describe God’s creation. Every object in the universe obeys these rules. God has designed order in the universe.

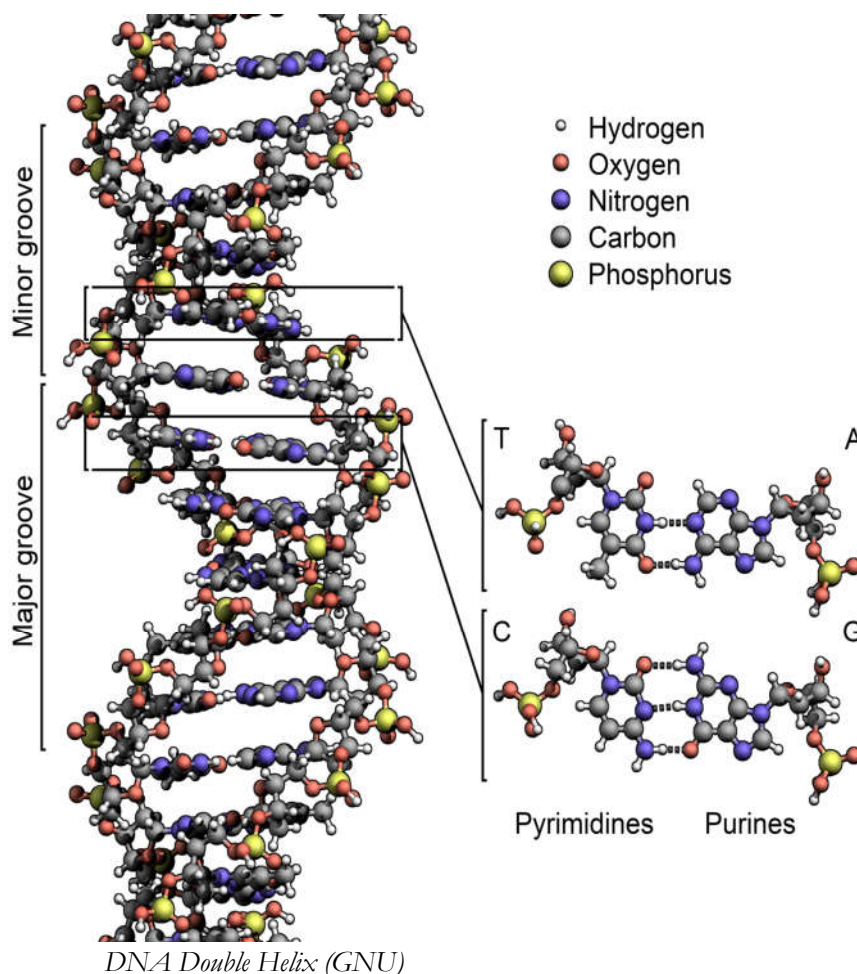
Science – Intelligent Design

Everything in the universe is bound by laws. Every plant, animal, rock or matter including subatomic particles must obey nature’s laws. This includes light as particles or as waves must be bound by laws. God applied logic to His creation such that there is order. The universe is not haphazard or arbitrary in nature. The laws of nature are totally consistent with creation. Why should the universe obey laws if there was no Creator? Evolution cannot explain why there are male and female species, if we evolved from chemical elements or single-cell organisms.

Life requires chemistry. All life is powered by chemical reactions, which follow the laws of chemistry. These laws give different properties to the various elements and compounds that make up the universe. The properties of elements and compounds are not arbitrary. It is fact the element can be logically organized into periodic tables based upon the atomic weight. We have seen that these elements were created using nucleosynthesis, which was shown in an abundance table. Atoms and molecules have their various properties because their electrons are bound by the laws of quantum physics. God had made the laws of physics so that the laws of chemistry would come out right for creation of life. Life would not be possible if the laws of chemistry were different. Every living thing has information stored on a long molecule called DNA.

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is an informational molecule encoding the genetic instructions used in the development and functioning of all known living organisms and many viruses. Along with RNA and proteins, DNA is one of the three major macromolecules that are essential for all known forms of life. Genetic information is encoded as a sequence of nucleotides. Within cells, DNA is organized into long structures called chromosomes. During cell division, these chromosomes are duplicated in the process of DNA replication, providing each cell its own complete set of chromosomes. Within the chromosomes, chromatin proteins exist. These compact structures guide the interactions between DNA and other proteins, helping control which parts of the DNA are transcribed.

A gene is a sequence of DNA that contains genetic information and can influence the type of an organism. Within a gene, the sequence of bases along a DNA strand defines a messenger RNA sequence, which then defines one or more protein sequences. The relationship between the nucleotide sequences of genes and the amino-acid sequences of proteins is determined by the rules of translation, known collectively as the genetic code. Cell division is essential for an organism to grow, but, when a cell divides, it must replicate the DNA in its genome so that the two daughter cells have the same genetic information as their parent. The double-stranded structure of DNA provides a simple mechanism for DNA replication. Here, the two strands are separated and then each strand's complementary DNA sequence is recreated by an enzyme called DNA polymerase. Different mechanisms are used to copy the anti-parallel strands of the double helix. In this way, the base on the old strand dictates which base appears on the new strand, and the cell ends up with a perfect copy of its DNA.⁷⁹

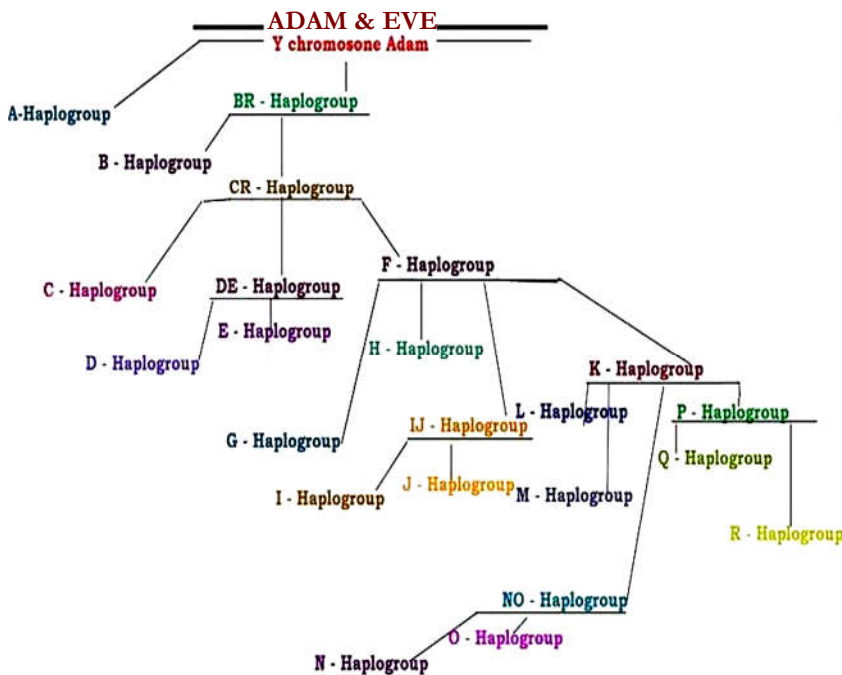


DNA: *It is one of the three major macromolecules that are essential for all known forms of life. Genetic information is encoded as a sequence of nucleotides (guanine, adenine, thymine, and cytosine) recorded using the letters G, A, T, and C. Most DNA molecules are double-stranded helices, consisting of two long polymers of simple units called nucleotides, molecules with backbones made of alternating sugars, deoxyribose and phosphate groups, with the nucleobases (G, A, T, C) attached to the sugars. DNA is well-suited for biological information storage, since the DNA backbone is resistant to cleavage and the double-stranded structure provides the molecule with a built-in duplicate of the encoded information.*

⁷⁹ Alberts, Bruce; Alexander Johnson, Julian Lewis, Martin Raff, Keith Roberts and Peter Walters (2002). *Molecular Biology of the Cell: Fourth Edition*. New York and London: Garland Science.

Human DNA Tree

In human genetic genealogy, which the application of genetics to traditional genealogy, use of the information contained in the Y chromosome is of particular interest. Unlike other genes the Y chromosome is passed exclusively from father to son. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), maternally inherited, is used in an analogous way to trace the maternal line. In humans, the Y chromosome spans about 58 million base pairs of the building blocks of DNA and represents approximately 2% of the total DNA in a male cell. The human Y chromosome contains 86 genes, which code for only 23 distinct proteins. Traits that are inherited via the Y chromosome are called holandric traits. Y-chromosome and mitochondrial DNA haplogroups have different haplogroup designations. Haplogroups pertain to deep ancestral origins dating back thousands of years.⁸⁰



Human Genetic Tree – Descendant of Adam (GNU)

Human Genetics:

The haplogroups most commonly studied are Y-chromosome (Y-DNA) haplogroups and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) haplogroups, both of which can be used to define genetic populations. Y-DNA is passed solely along the patrilineal line, from father to son, while mtDNA is passed down the matrilineal line, from mother to offspring of both sexes. Neither recombines, and thus Y-DNA and mtDNA change only by chance at each generation with no intermixture between parents' genetic material.

Human Y chromosomes are male-specific sex chromosomes and all humans who possess a Y chromosome will be male. All men carrying type-A form a single haplogroup, all men carrying type-B are part of this haplogroup. But, type-B also defines a more recent haplogroup which is a subgroup or subclass of its own. Both mtDNA and Y chromosomes are grouped into lineages and haplogroups. These are often presented as tree like diagrams. A-haplogroup individuals are descendants of Adam in the tree like diagram. This is universally understood as the origin of man. There is no DNA tree structure that shows man was a descendant of apes. If evolution is correct, we should be able to find linkage between man and apes. DNA contains the genetic information that allows all living things to function, grow and reproduce. But, only reproduce its kind. There is as much commonality between man's DNA coming from plant life as from apes. One can look at the tree like structure and see man came from the three sons of Noah. For, Egyptians are mostly from the E-haplogroup and are descendants of Ham, the younger son of Noah. If Darwin understood the detailed information relating to DNA, he would express opposition to the theory that all life evolved. We know that DNA is a unique match for an individual. How could this be, if we just evolved? This match is so unique that amongst billions and billions of people on this planet it can be used to identify a single individual person. We have known that finger prints, our eyes and yes, even our voice patterns are unique per individual. It is perplexing to see that the courts want to make it lawful to perpetuate a lie that evolution is the true origin of mankind, when there is no DNA evidence.

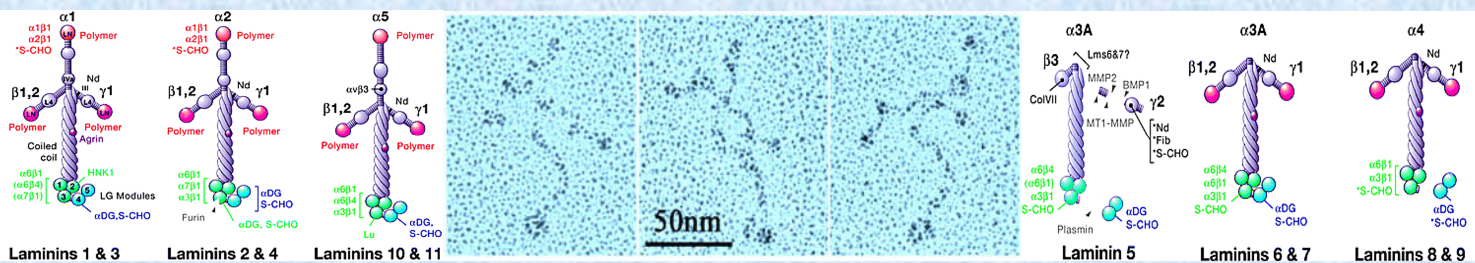
⁸⁰ The International Society of Genetic Genealogy, Haplogroup definition in DNA-NEWBIE GLOSSARY.

Laminin

Laminin is an adhesion molecule that is found inside DNA. It is thought to be the glue that holds and keeps your body together. In Colossians 1:17 it says *“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”* One can easily see the shape of the adhesion molecule is the shape of a cross. We know that Christ came and died on the cross for redemption of our sins. For, the Gospel John tells us that all things came into being through Christ. If Christ made all things, He could have put a mark in creation of His existence. Is this God’s footprint for man to find?

John 1:3 *“All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.”*⁸¹

The adhesion molecule is an important biologically active part of the basal lamina. It influences cell differentiation, migration, and adhesion, as well as survival. Laminins are trimeric proteins that contain α -chain, a β -chain, and a γ -chain, found in five, four, and three genetic variants, respectively. The laminin molecules are named according to their chain composition. Thus, laminins contain α 1-5, β 1, 2 and γ 1 chains. Fourteen other chain combinations have been identified. Laminin is vital for the maintenance and survival of tissues. Defective laminins can cause muscles to form improperly, leading to a form of muscular dystrophy, lethal skin blistering disease and defects of the kidney filtering process. They also bind to cell membranes through integrin receptors and other plasma membrane molecules. Some of these biological functions of laminin have been associated with specific amino-acid sequences or fragments of laminin. Laminin is an astonishing adhesion molecule and glue.⁸²



Laminin Molecular Structure Electron Beam Microscope of Laminin at 50nm (GNU)

Biogenesis

There is one scientific term used for the law of life which is the law of biogenesis. This law makes the statement that *“life always comes from life.”* This science explains that organisms reproduce other organisms after their own kind. We have seen that this law is universal throughout life on this planet. In Genesis, it makes the statement over and over again that living things reproduce after their *“kind.”* An evolutionist will make the statement that life spontaneously formed from non-living chemicals. However, this is inconsistent and opposed to the law of biogenesis. Just the complexity of DNA should be proof that there was an Intelligent Designer, the Creator. The most fundamental laws of the universe exist only because God willed them into being. They are logical, orderly and reflect the nature of God Himself. We have seen how science can explain creation. It is through building blocks; the elements were created using nucleosynthesis, which was shown in an abundance table. Every living thing has information stored on a long molecule called DNA. Life would not be possible if the laws of chemistry were different. From the creation of the cosmos to the subatomic particles all declare the glory of God. It was through the conversion of energy into matter this amazing wonder of creation occurred. Could this universe be an example of cosmic nucleosynthesis - the creation of this world and all the elements in which we live?

⁸¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Jn 1:1-4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸² Aumailley M et al. (2005). "A simplified laminin nomenclature". *Matrix Biol.*

CHAPTER 7: TWIN TOWERS – 1993 & 2001



Twin Towers of the World Trade Center (CCASA)

The twin towers of the World Trade Center were more than just iconic buildings. They were proof of New Yorkers believing in themselves and what they could do on their own. This is evidence of self pride in this country. The towers were built at a time when the future seemed uncertain. The buildings brought a halt to the decline of lower Manhattan. These towers became symbols of New York City and a representation of strength in the United States. The World Trade Center was planned in the early 1960s by the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Development Association. Chase Manhattan Bank chairman David Rockefeller, founder of the development association as well as New York governor Nelson Rockefeller, promoted the project. In 1962, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey began approval of plans to build the center.⁸³

Minoru Yamasaki and Associates of Michigan were hired as architect. Yamasaki design included two huge towers. Critics charged that a large monolith would rob New York of character and ruin its skyline. Nevertheless, the project was approved and construction began in 1966. In order to create the 16-acre World Trade Center site, five streets were closed off and 164 buildings were demolished. Construction required the excavation of more than 1.2 million cubic yards of earth, which was used to create 23.5 acres of land along the Hudson River, which has now become part of Battery Park City in lower Manhattan.⁸³

The north tower was opened for business on December 1970 while the south tower was completed on January 1972. Both towers were dedicated in April 1973. They were the world's tallest buildings for only a short time, until the Sears Tower in Chicago was completed in May 1973. These towers were an icon among the tallest buildings in the world at the time of their destruction on Sept. 11, 2001. Four additional buildings and a hotel were built around a central landscaped plaza, which then completed the complex. The mall at the World Trade Center, which was located immediately below the plaza, was the largest shopping mall in lower Manhattan. The

⁸³ Esterow, Milton (September 21, 1962). "Architect Named for Trade Center". *The New York Times*.

six basements housed two subway stations. Some 50,000 people worked in the buildings, while another 200,000 visited or passed through each day. ⁸⁴

World Trade Center – 1993

The World Trade Center bombing occurred on February 26, 1993, when a truck bomb was detonated below the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York, City. The 1,336 lb urea nitrate–hydrogen gas enhanced device was intended to knock the North Tower (Tower One) into the South Tower (Tower Two), bringing both towers down and killing thousands of people. It failed to do so, but did kill six people and injured more than a thousand. The attack was planned by a group of conspirators including Ramzi Yousef, Mahmud Abouhalima, Mohammad Salameh, Nidal A. Ayyad, Abdul Rahman Yasin and Ahmad Ajaj. They received financing from Khaled Sheikh Mohammed, Yousef's uncle. In March 1994, four men were convicted of carrying out the bombing - Abouhalima, Ajaj, Ayyad and Salameh. ⁸⁵

On Friday, February 26, 1993, Ramzi Yousef and a Jordanian friend, Eyad Ismoil, drove a yellow Ryder van into Lower Manhattan and pulled into the public parking garage beneath the World Trade Center around noon. They parked on the underground B-2 level. Yousef ignited the 20-foot fuse, and fled. Twelve minutes later, at 12:17:37 in the afternoon, the bomb exploded in the underground garage which generated an estimated pressure of 150,000 PSI. The bomb opened a 98 ft wide hole through four sublevels of concrete. The detonation velocity of this bomb was about 15,000 ft/s. Initial news reports indicated a main transformer may have blown, not realizing a bomb had exploded in the basement. ⁸⁶

North Tower Bombing

The plan was that if the bomb truck was parked at the right place, the North Tower would fall onto the South Tower causing both to collapse. However, the tower did not collapse. Although the cause of the blast was not immediately known, some suspected a transformer explosion. Agents and bomb technicians from the ATF, FBI, and the NYPD quickly responded to the scene. All together, six people were killed and 1,042 others injured.

The bomb instantly cut off the World Trade Center's main electrical power line, knocking out the emergency lighting system. The bomb caused smoke to rise up to the 93rd floor of both towers, including through the stairwells which were not pressurized. With thick smoke filling the stairwells, evacuation was difficult for building occupants and led to many smoke inhalation injuries. Hundreds were trapped in elevators in the towers when the power was cut off.

Yousef was assisted by Iraqi bomb maker Abdul Rahman Yasin, who helped assemble the complex 1,300-pound bomb which was made of a urea nitrate main charge with aluminum, magnesium and ferric oxide particles surrounding the explosive. The charge used nitroglycerine, ammonium nitrate dynamite, smokeless powder and fuse as booster explosives. Three tanks of bottled hydrogen were also placed in a circular configuration around the main charge, to enhance the fireball and after burn of the solid metal particles. The use of compressed gas cylinders in this type of attack closely resembles the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing 10 years earlier. Both of these attacks used compressed gas cylinders to create fuel-air and thermo-baric bomb. It was to release more energy

⁸⁴ Darton (1999), p. 204

⁸⁵ Whitlock, Craig (2005-07-05). "Homemade, Cheap and dangerous – Terror Cells Favor Simple Ingredients In Building Bombs". Washington Post.

⁸⁶ Barbanel, Josh (1993-02-27). "Tougher Code May Not Have Helped". The New York Times.

than conventional high explosives. According to testimony in the bomb trial, it was only once before in a 1993 attack had the FBI recorded a bomb that used urea nitrate. ⁸⁷

In the course of the trial it was revealed that the FBI had an informant, a former Egyptian army officer named Emad Salem. Salem claims to have informed the FBI of the plot to bomb the towers as early as February 6, 1992. Salem's role as informant allowed the FBI to quickly pinpoint the conspirators out of hundreds of possible suspects. Salem, initially believing that this was to be a sting operation, claimed that the FBI's original plan was for Salem to supply the conspirators with a harmless powder instead of actual explosive to build their bomb. However, the FBI chose to use him for other purposes instead. He secretly recorded hundreds of hours of telephone conversations with his FBI handlers. Although the FBI received the credit, Diplomatic Security Service special agents actually found and arrested Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who was the architect of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. ⁸⁸

Ramzi Yousef sent a letter to the New York Times after bombing the WTC which spelled out the motive: "*We declare our responsibility for the explosion on the mentioned building. This action was done in response for the American political, economical, and military support to Israel, the state of terrorism, and to the rest of the dictator countries in the region.*" He later stated that he had hoped to kill 250,000 Americans to show them the exact pain they had caused to the Japanese in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. ⁸⁸

According to the journalist Steve Coll, Yousef mailed letters to various New York newspapers just before the attack, in which he claimed he belonged to "*Liberation Army, Fifth Battalion.*" These letters made three demands: an end to all U.S. aid to Israel, an end to U.S. diplomatic relations with Israel, and a pledge by the United States to end interference "*with any of the Middle East countries' interior affairs.*" It is an important issue to understand that these terrorist thought this bombing was justifiable due to U.S. support of the nation of Israel and the atomic bombing of Japan.

He stated that the attack on the World Trade Center would be merely the first of such attacks if his demands were not met. In his letters, Yousef admitted that the World Trade Center bombing was an act of terrorism, but this was justified because the terrorism that Israel practices in which America supports "*must be faced with a similar one.*" ⁸⁹

There is another important issue to understand that most Islamic nations want to destroy or wipe off the face of the earth, the nation of Israel. Both the U.S. and England have been supporters of the Jewish nation since WW II. The Islamic believers are the ones who rejoice over killing Christians and Jews. They consider both religious groups as infidels. Islam teaches the beheading of infidels. Islamic radicals believe by destroying the west, which is the United States, will bring their promised Messiah and Mahdi. This is why the Islamic nations are developing nuclear weapons in the Middle East for the Holy War. Prior to the Tribulation in Daniel 11, it predicts there will be an alliance of Islamic nations in the Middle East, which made up the Old Persian Empire of the past.

Even though the plot was revealed to the FBI prior to the bombing of the towers, were there other signs prior to this bombing? In particular, were there signs in the heavens above New York? Yes, there was a sign six days prior to the event occurring. It was again a sign of deception. In Biblical numerology six represents man. The question is what was the deception? We should always be aware of our surroundings when there is a partial eclipse of the moon. It is a forewarning to the world that something bad is to happen. We have ignored these signs and refuse to pay attention to them or disregard them all together.

⁸⁷ "The World Trade Center Bombing: Report and Analysis". US Fire Administration, DHS. 1993-02.

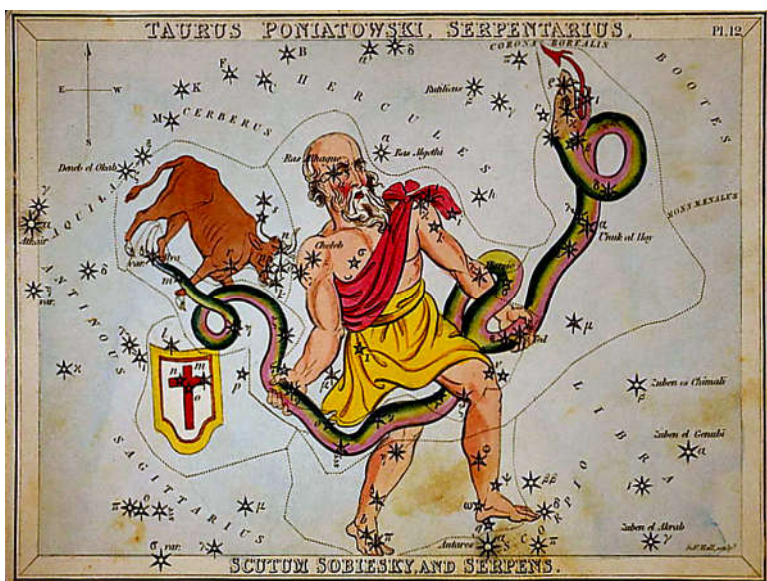
⁸⁸ Benjamin, Daniel & Steven Simon. "The Age of Sacred Terror", 2002.

⁸⁹ Coll, Steve (2004). *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001*. The Penguin Press.



February 20, 1993 Six days prior to the Bombing of the World Trade Center as seen above New York City at sunrise

The constellations visible in the sky during the daytime are Ophiuchus and Serpens. Ophiuchus is depicted as a man grasping a serpent; the interposition of his body divides the snake constellation Serpens into two parts, Serpens Caput and Serpens Cauda. Serpens shows up in the heavens with radiant light upon it.



Serpens and Ophiuchus depicting the Serpent and its Charmer (Aspin, 1825)

Serpens & Ophiuchus

The serpent itself is represented and is given two identities. Stars to the west are those of the head, Serpens Caput, while the tail section, Serpens Cauda, writhes eastward toward Aquila, above the shield of Scutum. One of the most interesting objects that you can't see in Ophiuchus is the Pipe nebula. The Serpent, Satan, has power over death.

Hebrews 2:14-15 "...power of death, that is, the devil; "

Is this a warning from God? Is the target of the World Trade Center Towers symbolic in any way to man's pride? Did man need to call on God for protection? Has this nation gotten so prideful that it doesn't see a need to pray to God? There is a lack of understanding of the protective arm of God in this bombing. Was this to be a wakeup call for America? For, we know through scripture that the devil has power over death.

It wasn't until the 2001 terrorist attack on these Towers that this nation turned to God. Attendance was up in U.S. church services following the terrorist attack. But within a few months, the attendance returned to normal. We were no longer seeking God's wisdom in the following years as a nation. It was approximately forty years since the Supreme Court ruled to take prayer and reading of the Bible out of public schools.

Terrorist Attacks – 2001

On September 11, 2001 attacks came from a series of four coordinated suicide plane attacks upon the United States in both New York City and the Washington, D.C. areas. On that morning, there were 19 terrorists from the Islamist militant group al-Qaeda who seized and hijacked four passenger jets. The hijackers intentionally flew two of those planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City. Within two hours both towers collapsed. Debris from the collapsing towers fell onto or initiated fires in several surrounding buildings leading to the partial or complete collapse of all the other buildings in the complex. Debris also caused major damage to ten other large structures in the immediate area. The hijackers also intentionally crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and intended to pilot the fourth hijacked jet, United Airlines Flight 93, into the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Its passengers tried to overcome the hijackers and the plane crashed into a nearby field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.⁹⁰



Attack of the World Towers (CCASA)

Twin Towers Event – 2001:

On September 11, 2001 at 8:46 a.m., five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into the World Trade Center's North Tower and at 9:03 a.m., another five hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into the South Tower.

Three buildings in the World Trade Center complex collapsed due to fire-induced structural failure. The South Tower collapsed at 9:59 a.m. after burning for 56 minutes in a fire caused by the impact of United Airlines Flight 175 and the explosion of its fuel. The North Tower collapsed at 10:28 a.m. after burning for 102 minutes. When the North Tower collapsed, debris fell on the nearby 7 World Trade Center buildings damaging it and starting additional fires.

At 9:40 in the morning, the FAA grounded all aircraft within the continental U.S. and all aircraft already in flight were told to land immediately. All international civilian aircraft were either turned back or redirected to airports in Canada or Mexico. And all international flights were banned from landing on U.S. soil for three days. The attacks created widespread confusion among news organizations and air traffic controllers.

The attacks resulted in the death of 2,996 people, including the 19 hijackers and 2,977 victims. The victims included 246 on the four planes from which there were no survivors, 2,606 in New York City in the towers and on the grounds, and 125 at the Pentagon. Nearly, all of the victims were civilians; 55 military personnel were

⁹⁰ "The Attack Looms". *9/11 Commission Report*. National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States. 2004.

among those killed at the Pentagon. The Pentagon was severely damaged by the impact of American Airlines Flight 77 and ensuing fires, causing one section of the building to collapse. As it approached the Pentagon, the airplane's wings knocked over light poles and its right engine smashed into a power generator before crashing into the western side of the building, which resulted in the killing of all 53 passengers, 5 hijackers, and 6 crew.⁹¹

The Damage

Along with the 110-floor Twin Towers, numerous other buildings at the World Trade Center site were destroyed or badly damaged, including World Trade Center buildings 3 through 7 and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. The North Tower, South Tower, the Marriott Hotel of 3 World Trade Center and 7 World Trade Center were completely destroyed. The U.S. Customs House of 6 World Trade Center and both pedestrian bridges connecting buildings were severely damaged. The Deutsche Bank Building on 130 Liberty Street was partially damaged and demolished later. The two buildings of the World Financial Center also suffered damage.⁹²

The Deutsche Bank Building across Liberty Street from the World Trade Center complex was later condemned as uninhabitable because of toxic conditions inside the office tower, and it was deconstructed. The Borough of Manhattan Community College's Fiterman Hall at 30 West Broadway was condemned due to extensive damage in the attacks, and is being rebuilt. Other neighboring buildings including 90 West Street and the Verizon Building suffered major damage but have been restored. World Financial Center buildings, One Liberty Plaza, the Millennium Hilton, and 90 Church Street had moderate damage and have since been restored. Likewise, communications equipment on top of the North Tower was also destroyed.⁹³



World Trade Center Damage (CCASA)

⁹¹ National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (July 22, 2004 (first edition)). *The 9/11 Commission Report*.

⁹² Chaban, Matt (02-09). "130 Liberty Finally Gone from Ground Zero". *The New York Observer*.

⁹³ "The Deutsche Bank Building at 130 Liberty Street". Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center.

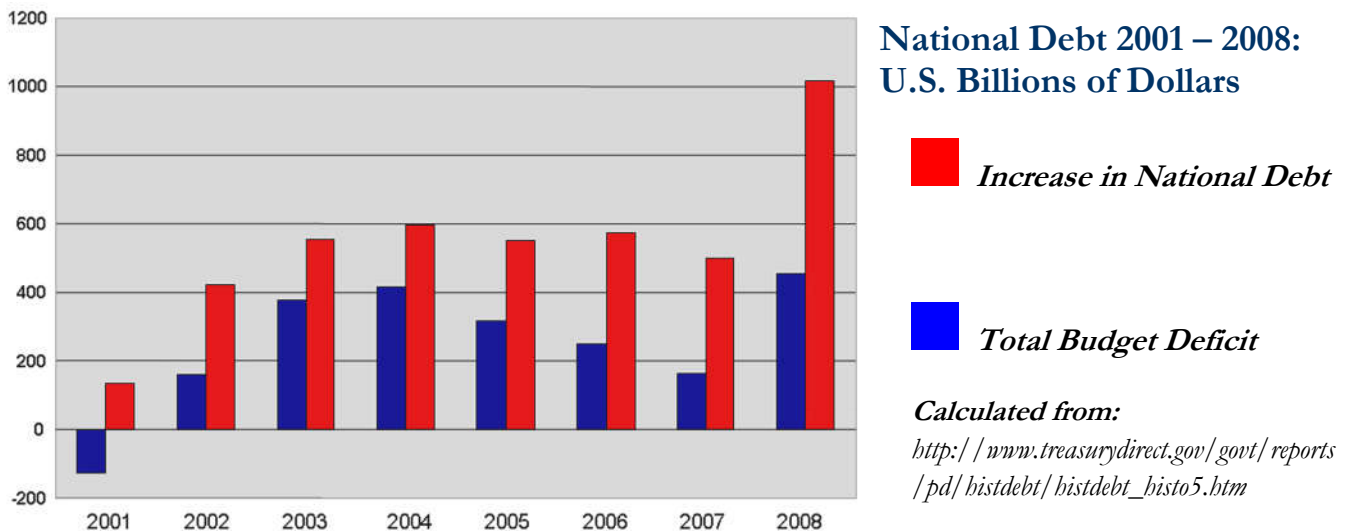
Economic Aftermath

In New York City, about 430,000 job-months and 2.8 billion dollars in wages were lost in the three months after the attacks. The economic effects were mainly on the economy's export sectors. New York City's GDP was estimated to have declined by 27.3 billion dollars for the last three months of 2001 and all of 2002. The U.S. federal government provided 11.2 billion dollars in immediate assistance to the government of New York City in September 2001 and 10.5 billion dollars in early 2002 for economic development and infrastructure needs.⁹⁴

North American air space was closed for several days after the attacks and air travel decreased upon its reopening. It resulted in a nearly 20% cutback in air travel capacity, and exacerbating financial problems in the struggling U.S. airline industry. The September 11 attacks also led indirectly to the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as additional homeland security spending which have totaled at least 5 trillion dollars.

Also hurt were small businesses in Lower Manhattan near the World Trade Center 18,000 business which were destroyed or displaced. This resulted in lost jobs and their consequent wages. Assistance was provided by Small Business Administration loans, federal government Community Development Block Grants, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans. The building space of 31,900,000 square feet of Lower Manhattan office space was damaged or destroyed.⁹⁵

Many wondered whether these jobs would return and if the damaged tax base would recover. Studies of the economic effects of 9/11 show the Manhattan office real-estate market and office employment were less affected than first feared. This was because of the financial services industry's need for face-to-face interaction.



U.S. Deficit and Debt Increase (U.S. Treasury Dept.)

The attacks had a significant economic impact on United States and world markets. The stock exchanges did not open on September 11 and remained closed until September 17. Reopening, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) fell 684 points, or 7.1%, to 8921, a record-setting one-day point decline. By the end of the week, the DJIA had fallen 1,369.7 points (14.3%), at the time its largest one-week point drop in history. U.S. stocks lost 1.4 trillion dollars in valuation for the week. Total stock losses of 5 trillion dollars have been estimated for 2001.⁹⁶

⁹⁴ Makinen, Gail (September 27, 2002). "The Economic Effects of 9/11: A Retrospective Assessment".

⁹⁵ Hensell, Lesley (December 14, 2001). "Tough Times Loom For Manhattan Commercial Market".

⁹⁶ Barnhart, Bill (September 17, 2001). "Markets reopen, plunge". *Chicago Tribune*.

Is there a sign in the heavens for the stock market crash of September 2001? Yes, it is the Wrath of God that is seen in the heavens. Is this because of the love of money? The lion roars above the land over New York City.



September 16, 2001 Stock Market Crash – New York City in the Constellation of Leo – Sign of God’s Wrath

Did the bombing in 1993 try to destroy the gold reserves in the World Trade Center? One of the world's largest gold depositories was stored underneath the World Trade Center, owned by a group of commercial banks. The 1993 bomb detonation was close to the vault but, the vault held together. Seven weeks after the September 11 attacks 230 million dollars in precious metals was removed from basement vaults of 4 World Trade Center. The precious metals included 3,800 of 100-Troy-ounce registered gold bars and 30,000 of 1,000-ounce silver bars.⁹⁷

Deuteronomy 8:18 ***“But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth”***⁹⁸

This heavenly sign must be God’s Judgment of man’s wealth? Hosea 11:10 says *“He will roar like a lion; Indeed He will roar.”* The wealth of this nation comes from God and He has blessed this nation. If this nation doesn’t listen to His Word, then the following passage tells us that we will perish. In one week of trading on Wall Street over 1.4 trillion dollars was lost. Dow Jones Industrial Average had fallen 1,369 points. How does one know that this act is from God unless we look to the heavens? Scripture tells us what will happen to such a nation.

Deuteronomy 8:20 ***“Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.”***⁹⁷

But, man in his own wisdom doesn’t interpret this as an act of God. God is a patient God. This is a forewarning of the events that will lead to the financial collapse in 2008 of this nation. There are many signs both historical, biblical as well as in the heavens that forewarn of God’s coming judgment upon this nation. However, the men that are fulfilling this country’s destiny seem to be unaware of their actions and the consequences of them.

⁹⁷ Rediff.com. Reuters, November 17, 2001: *Buried WTC gold returns to futures trade.*

⁹⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Dt 8:18, Dt 8:20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 8: BIBLICAL SIGNS



Tower of Babel (Pieter Brengel - 1569)

The Book of Genesis first mentions a tower being built in a city after the Great Flood of Noah's time. The people in the land spoke the same language and they migrated from the east and came to the land of Shinar (Hebrew: שִׁנְעָר). It is in that land they decided to build a city with a tower.

Genesis 11:4 ***“They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”***⁹⁹

The main reason why the descendants of Noah built themselves a city is because they thought they were wiser than God. They believed they were above God and His ruling authority over them. Notice, verse 4 again says *“Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name.”* Their chief mistake was not to glorify God. But, it was to promote their own name and to make themselves acclaimed as great on the earth and in their land. It was not to honor the Creator of this world.

This is similar to the World Trade Center Towers which became iconic symbols of power for the United States. What was so wrong with the building of the tower of Babel? They should have never gathered together in one place on the earth. The people had done what seemed convenient instead of what was commanded by God. It seemed much wiser to congregate together in one large metropolis than to be *“scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”* So, they ignored God's clear instructions in favor of their own wisdom. Well, we must remember Genesis 9:1, when God instructed mankind, through Noah, to *“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.”* Again in Genesis 9:7 God told them to *“Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it.”* God's instructions were clear. The people were not to settle in one spot. They were to spread out over the whole earth. God judged them and *“confuse their language”* such that they were no longer able to understand each other.

⁹⁹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ge 11:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Genesis 11:8-9 ***“So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.***

9 *Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.”*¹⁰⁰

Therefore, God scattered them “*over the face of the whole earth.*” This explains why there are such diverse languages in the world. God’s “*will,*” is always fulfilled. It may require Him to bring judgment to the nation so that it will ultimately perish, if it doesn’t turn from its evil ways.

Modern men and women are not above the ancient sin of Babel. It is about thinking ourselves wiser than God. Surely, given the modern situation, we think to ourselves that God doesn’t really expect us to keep His commandments literally. Since the very beginning of creation, God has been a God of order and rules. This included rules for mankind to live by. How could God bless a nation whose Supreme Court rules against God’s Laws? It is impossible for God to ignore, because He is holy and righteous.

Tower of Babel

The account in Genesis makes no mention of any destruction of the tower. The people whose languages are confounded simply stop building their city, and are scattered from there over the face of the earth. In other sources such as the *Book of Jubilees* (chapter 10 v.19-27), and Josephus (*Antiquities* 1.4.3) there is a description of the destruction of the tower and the scattering of the people. God overturns the tower with a great wind.

Jubilees 10:25-27 ***“For this reason the whole land of Shinar is called Babel, because the Lord did there confound all the language of the children of men, and from thence they were dispersed into their***

26 *cities, each according to his language and his nation. And the Lord sent a mighty wind against tower and overthrew it upon the earth, and behold it was between Asshur and Babylon in the*
27 *land of Shinar, and they called its name "Overthrow". In the fourth week in the first year in the beginning thereof in the four and thirtieth jubilee, were they dispersed from the land of Shinar.”*¹⁰¹

The *Book of Jubilees* contains one of the most detailed accounts found anywhere of the Tower of Babel. The *Book of Jubilees* mentions the tower's height as being 5,433 cubits and 2 palms, which is 8,149 feet or roughly 1.6 miles high. This can be compared to the height of the World Trade Center Twin Towers of 1,450 feet at the rooftop.

Jubilees 10:19-23 ***“For they departed from the land of Ararat eastward to Shinar; for in his days they built the city and the tower, saying, 'Go to, let us ascend thereby into***

20 *heaven.' And they began to build, and in the fourth week they made brick with fire, and the bricks served them for stone, and the clay with which they cemented them together was asphalt which*
21 *comes out of the sea, and out of the fountains of water in the land of Shinar. And they built it: forty and three years were they building it; its breadth was 203 bricks, and the height (of a brick) was the third of one; its height amounted to 5433 cubits and 2 palms,*
22 *thirteen stades (and of the other thirty stades). And the Lord our God said unto us: Behold, they are one people, and (this) they begin to do, and now nothing will be withholden from them. Go to, let us go down and confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech, and they may be dispersed into cities and nations, and one purpose will no longer abide with*
23 *them till the day of judgment.”*¹⁰²

¹⁰⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ge 11:8–9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰¹ *Book of Jubilees,* Wesley Center for Applied Theology, Northwest Nazarene University.

Josephus's Antiquities of the Jews

The Jewish-Roman historian Flavius Josephus, in his *Antiquities of the Jews* (c. AD 94), recounted history as found in the Hebrew Bible and mentioned the Tower of Babel. He wrote that it was Nimrod who had the tower built and that Nimrod was a tyrant who tried to turn the people away from God. In this account, God confused the people rather than destroying them, because annihilation with a Flood hadn't taught them not to be ungodly.

Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah, a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it were through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny, seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence on his power... Now the multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God; and they built a tower, neither sparing any pains, nor being in any degree negligent about the work: and, by reason of the multitude of hands employed in it, it grew very high, sooner than any one could expect; but the thickness of it was so great, and it was so strongly built, that thereby its great height seemed, upon the view, to be less than it really was. It was built of burnt bricks, cemented together with mortar, made of bitumen, that it might not be liable to admit water. When God saw that they acted so madly, he did not resolve to destroy them utterly, since they were not grown wiser by the destruction of the former sinners in the Flood; but he caused a tumult among them, by producing in them diverse languages, and causing that, through the multitude of those languages, they should not be able to understand one another. The place wherein they built the tower is now called Babylon, because of the confusion of that language which they readily understood before; for the Hebrews mean by the word Babel, confusion. ¹⁰³

Islamic Babel

Though not mentioned by name, the Qur'an has a story with similarities to the Biblical story of the Tower of Babel, though set in the Egypt of Moses. In Suras 28:38 and 40:36-37, Pharaoh asks Haman to build him a stone or clay tower so that he can mount up to heaven and confront the God of Moses. Another story in Sura 2:102 mentions the name of Babil, but tells of when the two angels Haroot and Maroot taught the people of Babylon the tricks of magic and warned them that magic is a sin and that their teaching them magic is a test of faith. A tale about Babil appears more fully in the writings of Yaqut in the *Lisan el-'Arab* (xiii. 72). It states that without the tower that mankind would have been swept together by winds into the plain that was afterward called "Babil." It is there where they were assigned their separate languages by God, and were then scattered again in the same way. ¹⁰⁴

In the *History of the Prophets and Kings* by the 9th century Muslim theologian al-Tabari, a fuller version is given: Nimrod has the tower built in Babil, God destroys it and the language of mankind, formerly Syriac, is then confused into 72 languages. Another Muslim historian of the 13th century, Abu al-Fida relates the same story, adding that the patriarch Eber who is an ancestor of Abraham was allowed to keep the original tongue, Hebrew in this case, because he would not partake in the building. ¹⁰⁴

Both of the Islamic attacks of 1993 and 2001 were targeted at the World Trade Center Towers. The Islamic terrorist must have assumed that God would bless them in this destruction of the Twin Towers. The first bombing may be considered a warning. But, the second attack on the Twin Towers was more than a warning it

¹⁰² *Book of Jubilees*, Wesley Center for Applied Theology, Northwest Nazarene University.

¹⁰³ Flavius Josephus. *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book I Chapter 4..3

¹⁰⁴ "Pseudo Philo Chapter 6". Sacred-texts.com.

was a sign that this nation is not following God's laws for mankind. It has become a desire for men and women to disobey God. It seems to be the given right of freedom to live against God's laws as long they obey the laws of the land. There is no fear of God. It is scripture that tells us that our pride will bring us low. This seems to parallel what the U.S. congressional official did after 9/11 in their speeches.

Proverbs 29:23 ***“A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.”***¹⁰⁵

How does one know the destruction of the Twin Towers is from God unless we look to the heavens? It is another way to confirm the event through the heavenly signs. It is in Genesis that God explains why the heavens were made. This is in the context of God's creative acts and the very beginning of this visible universe. It makes the statement the heavens were created *“for signs and for seasons.”*

Genesis 1:14-15 ***“Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth” and it was so.”***¹⁰⁵

Heavenly Sign – Leo the Lion

The sun, moon and stars, which include planets, were in the divine scheme of things, intended to be *“for signs and for seasons.”* The heavenly sign occurs after the Twin Towers terrorist event with the Constellation of Leo surrounding the moon and the sun (see page 62). We will take a look at the Constellation of Leo which was called the *“Great Lion”* in Babylonian times. Leo is one of the constellations of the zodiac. Its name in Latin is the lion and its symbol is ♌. Leo lies between the Constellations of Cancer to the west and Virgo to the East.



Leo depicted as Lion (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Leo:

In Babylonian astronomy the constellation was called - the 'Great Lion' the bright star, Regulus, known as the king star. It stands at the Lion's breast and it also had distinctly regal associations as it was known as the King.

In Greek mythology, Leo was identified as the Nemean Lion which was killed by Hercules.

The stars eta Leonis and alpha Leonis mark the lion's heart, with alpha Leonis, also known as Regulus, being the bright star of magnitude one. The stars eta Leonis and omicron Leonis form the right front foot of the Lion.

*Leo is commonly represented as if the sickle-shaped asterism of stars is the back of the Lion's head. The stars mu Leonis, kappa Leonis, lambda Leonis, and epsilon Leonis form the head of the lion. Delta Leonis and beta Leonis form the lion's tail: beta Leonis, also known as Denebola, is the bright tip of the tail with a magnitude of two. The stars theta Leonis, iota Leonis, and sigma Leonis form the left hind leg of the lion, with sigma Leonis being the foot. The stars theta Leonis and rho Leonis form the right hind leg, with rho Leonis being the foot.*¹⁰⁶

¹⁰⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Pro 29:23, Gen 1:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰⁶ H. A. Rey, *The Stars — A New Way To See Them.* Enlarged World-Wide Edition. Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1997

How do we know from scripture the meaning of the Constellation of Leo, which represents the “*Lion*”? We do know the tribe of Judah used the symbol of a Lion. God the Father is also seen as Leo Major, the Great Lion. The Great Lion represents “*The Ancient of Days*” that is described in Daniel 1:9. Leo represents the Deity of Christ or a Young Lion, as Leo Minor.

In Revelation 5:5 it makes the statement “*behold the Lion... has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.*” We now know the Lion is Christ, because the Lamb opens the seals of the book and He is from the “*Root of David.*” The scripture says the Lord is the Lion and represents God’s Judgment. Christ has been given authority to judge. This is stated in John 5:22 “*...He (Father) has given all judgment to the Son.*” Scripture also states that “*He will roar like a lion*” which symbolizes His Wrath and Judgment.

Hosea 11:10 “***They will walk after the Lord, He will roar like a lion; Indeed He will roar. And His sons will come trembling from the west.***” ¹⁰⁷

He shall roar like a lion—by awful judgments on their foes (Is 31:4; Je 25:26–30; Joe 3:16), calling His dispersed “children” from the various lands of their dispersion. ¹⁰⁸ This is from Jamison’s Commentary. “He” refers to the Lord.

Revelation 10:1-3 “***I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;***

- 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;***
- 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.***” ¹⁰⁹

Another mighty (strong) angel—as distinguished from the mighty angel who asked “*Who is worthy to open the book?*” (Rev 5:2); ***Clothed with a cloud***—the emblem of God coming in judgment. R. Jamison

Revelation 5:4-5 “***Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”***” ¹¹⁰

Root of David—(Is 11:1, 10). Not merely “*a sucker come up from David’s ancient root*” (as ALFORD limits it), but also including the idea of His being Himself the root and origin of David: compare these two truths brought together, Mt 22:42–45. Hence He is called not merely Son of David, but also David. He is at once “*the branch*” of David, and “*the root*” of David, David’s Son and David’s Lord, ***the Lamb slain and therefore the Lion of Judah***: about to reign over Israel, and thence over the whole earth. ¹⁰⁶

Jamieson’s Commentary refers to the Root of David as the “*Lamb slain and therefore, the Lion of Judah.*” Christ must judge evil in the world. We have determined the heavenly sign of the Constellation of Leo, the Lion, represents God’s Wrath and Judgment upon the earth. In Revelation 14:19-20, when Christ returns to the earth in His second coming He will tread “*the great wine press of the Wrath of God and the wine press was trodden outside the city and blood came out from the wine press.*” For, redemption requires the shedding of blood for sin. We know that the sign in the heavens occurs at the time of the stock market crash of 2001 after the 9/11 attacks.

¹⁰⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Ho 11:10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰⁸ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Ho 11:10). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

¹⁰⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 10:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 5:4–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Congressional Quotations

Standing on the floor of the Senate of the United States one day after 9/11 the Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle spoke saying the following.

“It is with pain, sorrow, anger, and resolve that I stand before this Senate - a symbol for 212 years of the strength of our Democracy - and say that America will emerge from this tragedy as we have emerged from all adversity - united and strong.....”

“Nothing can replace the losses that have been suffered. I know that there is only the smallest measure of inspiration that can be taken from this devastation. But there is a passage in the Bible, from Isaiah, that I think speaks to all of us at times like this.” “The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars.” (NIV) “That is what we will do. We will rebuild and we will recover. The people of America will stand together because the people of America have always stood together, and those of us who are privileged to serve this great nation will stand with you. God bless the people of America.” ¹¹²

Under different circumstances the Senator might have been giving a strong and patriotic speech. He did not know the quotation from Isaiah was not meant for inspiration. There would be no more blessings from God without repentance. Repentance means to acknowledge our unrighteous acts and turn away from them. Instead Tom Daschle was defiant. Three years later a prominent Democratic Party leader again quoted this little known prophecy of judgment thinking it was inspirational. On the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks Senator John Edwards, the Democratic Party candidate for Vice President, again quoted the judgment in Isaiah 9:10 - *“The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in the place.”* The Kerry for President Campaign erroneously credits Senator John Kerry with this speech.

Senator John Kerry stated in a speech on the Senate Floor on September 12, 2001 *“I believe one of the first things we should commit to - with federal help that underscores our nation's purpose - is to rebuild the towers of the World Trade Center and show the world we are not afraid - we are defiant.” ¹¹¹*

New York City Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani said on the day of the crisis: *“We will rebuild: We're going to come out of this stronger than before, politically stronger, economically stronger. The skyline will be made whole again.” ¹¹¹*

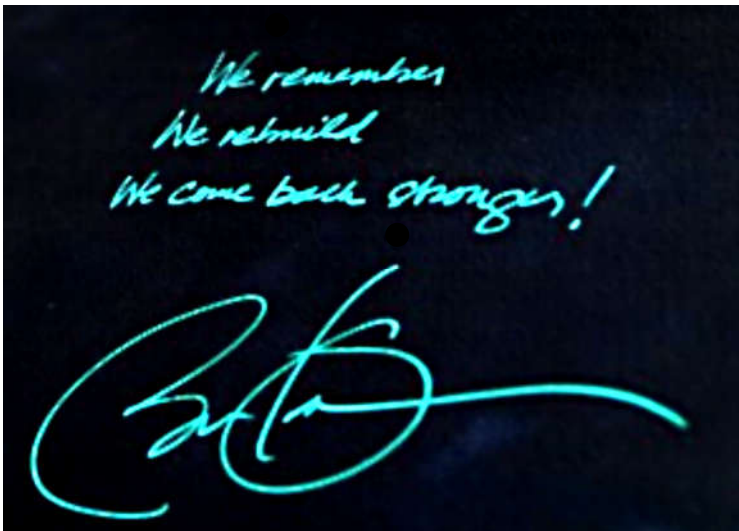
New York State Governor, George E. Pataki said the following in his speech dedicating the building of the *“Freedom Tower”* on the 4th of July 2004: *“Today we build the Freedom Tower. ... Let this great Freedom Tower show the world that what our enemies sought to destroy, our democracy, our freedom, our way of life -- stands taller than ever.” ¹¹¹*

Again on September 11, 2004 Senator John Kerry makes the following statement: *“Good morning. Today, on this day of remembrance and mourning, we have the Lords' word to get us through. “The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.” (ESV) And let me show you how we are building and putting cedars in those three hallowed places -- the footprints of the Towers, the Pentagon, and the field in Pennsylvania.”*

In 2009, Barack Obama's State of the Union address recalled an Old Testament vow of defiance by the Israelites after they had been attacked. Obama said: *“Tonight I want every American to know this: We will rebuild. And the United States of America will emerge stronger than before.”* In June, Obama visited the new tower under construction at the site of the 9/11 attacks in New York and wrote on a steel girder designated to be the highest beam in the structure. He inscribed: *“We remember. We rebuild. We come back stronger!”* Then, in his speech accepting the Democratic Party's nomination for president, he was at it again and said the following: *“A new tower rises above the New York skyline, al-Qaida is on the path to defeat and Osama bin Laden is dead.” ¹¹²*

¹¹¹ Prophezine, Latest and Grestest New, God's Judgment pt 4 The Brick are Fallen Down

¹¹² Was Obama really citing Isaiah 9:10 vow? September 12, 2012 By [Joey, The Watchman](#)



Barrack Obama's Declaration on a Steel Girder (GNU negative image)

Declaration by Barrack Obama:

"We remember"

"We rebuild. We come back stronger!"

It is the same attitude that the leaders of ancient Israel had before that nation's destruction. It is the "spirit of defiance."

A pattern of American leaders will fulfill an ancient biblical prophecy and a curse of judgment on the United States.

While President Obama was creating a stir in Manhattan with his celebrity fundraisers, he also took a side trip that got less publicity. His official presidential business was a visit to the new World Trade Center building site where he signed a steel girder with a message of interest to the hundreds of thousands who have read the above declaration, which is from Isaiah 9:10.

Did all these government officials including the President of the United States know the significance of what they were saying when they quoted Isaiah 9:10? The nation's leaders promised to rebuild by themselves. Were they being defiant or did they believe there was no need for praying to God for wisdom? Could they really understand that Israel was attacked by not returning to God as a nation? They were stating that *"God bless the people of America."* But, how could God bless a nation which has turned its heart away from God's Laws. Let us take a look at the context of the scripture passage in Isaiah 9.

Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9:10-13 ***"The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with smooth stones; The sycamores have been cut down, But we will replace them with cedars.***

11 Therefore the Lord raises against them adversaries from Rezin And spurs their enemies on,

12 The Arameans on the east and the Philistines on the west; And they devour Israel with gaping jaws. In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand is still stretched out.

13 Yet the people do not turn back to Him who struck them, Nor do they seek the Lord of hosts."¹¹³

Scripture says the Lord will raise against *"His Chosen People"* their adversaries and spur on their enemies. But, that is exactly what God does to the nation of Israel for their defiant hearts. How much more will God raise up America's enemies to a nation whose majority is not from *"His Chosen People"*? Let us take a look at Matthew Henry's Commentary on this passage of scripture.

"The sins charged upon the people of Israel, which provoked God to bring these judgments upon them. Their insolent defiance of the justice of God, thinking themselves a match for him: "They say, in the pride and stoutness of their heart, Let God himself do his worst; we will hold our own, and make our part good with him. If he ruins our houses, we will repair them, and make them stronger

¹¹³ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Is 9:10–13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

and finer than they were before. our landlord shall not turn us out of doors, though we pay him no rent, but we will keep in possession. If the houses that were built of bricks be demolished in the war, we will rebuild them with hewn stones that shall not so easily be thrown down. If the enemy cut down the sycamores, we will plant cedars in the room of them. we will make a hand of God's judgments, gain by them, and so outbrave them." 114

Apparently, the nation of Israel felt that they would experience only a temporary setback because just "*the bricks have fallen.*" It was with their proud confidence they thought they could rebuild. In fact they felt they would be able to make their nation better than ever. But this was not the case for them. They were going to be seized by the Rezin's foes. Rezin was the king of Aram which is stated in Isaiah 7:1. The foes from the east were Aramenas and from the west were the Philistines. This was God's doing. Nevertheless, this judgment did not appease God's Wrath because his people continue to refuse to deal with their sin. So, God would continue to chasten them. Will there be continuing chastening of the United States. This nation continues not to recognize that this is God's Judgment of the United States. We need to look to the heavens to see that after 9/11 God's Wrath on this nation. When the financial markets opened after 9/11, the stock market lost 1.4 trillion dollars of wealth in one week of trading. Again, in 2008 the financial crisis and collapse happened in this land. This is where the bank system was about to collapse under its bad debts. Even after several warnings, this nation didn't see that this was from God. They continued in their pride and Constitutional Rights. They don't understand God's authority over this world. But, in America it is believed to be the rights of individuals to be defiant towards God. This is thought to be logical conclusion of "*equal protection*" under the Constitutional Amendments. Let us take a look at Holman Concise Bible Commentary on the subject of Israel enacting unjust laws by corrupt leaders.

"The nation's corrupt leaders continued to enact unjust laws, depriving the poor of their rights. For such a nation divine judgment was inevitable. The punitive measures taken by God in the past would culminate in a "day of reckoning," characterized by exile and slaughter. The words "Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised," which appear as a refrain in this judgment speech, picture the relentless approach of this day." 115

Has the United States enacted unjust laws? Yes, it has enacted laws which are considered an abomination in the sight of the Almighty God. It has done so over the past 50 years. It all began in 1963 with taking prayer and Bible reading out of the schools. It later continued in 1973 to legalize abortion and the killing of unborn babies. Next, it will legalize gay marriage, which is also seen as an abomination by God. But, this is seen as part of the gay rights movement in this country. It is declared as our right to pursue happiness under the Constitution of the United States. In 2012, a number of states legalized gay marriages. Will it come to the Supreme Court legalizing the rights of gays to marry? But, we claim this right as part of our freedom. In Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 it says "*The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For, God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.*" This will ultimately bring greater judgment to this nation. For, we know by example that God destroyed Sodom for its immoral sexual behavior.

Who are our enemies? The world uses the term of terrorists. However, when we see the true meaning of terrorist it is the Islamic nations which are very willing to wipe-off the face of the earth the United States of America. Yes, we have a definite identifiable enemy. They are in the process of developing nuclear weapons for deployment. Is it possible for God to annihilate our enemies? Yes, if we can turn away from our evil ways. An example is the Assyrians who were an instrument in God's Judgment. In chapter 10 of Isaiah, the prophet shifts his perspective to include the Assyrians. God raised up the Assyrians as His instrument of judgment against Israel and Judah. The Assyrians arrogantly attributed their military success to their own strength. They claimed sovereignty over God's chosen city, Jerusalem. In anger, God announced that He would annihilate Assyria in a "*day of punishment.*" The prophecy was fulfilled in 701 BC when the Lord decimated Sennacherib's armies in Jerusalem.

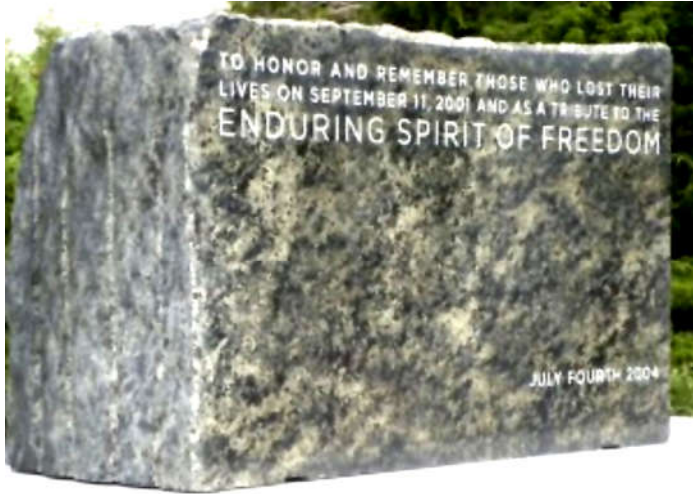
¹¹⁴ Henry, M. (1994). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole Bible: Complete and unabridged in one volume* (Is 9:8–21). Peabody: Hendrickson.

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Freedom Stone

Is the United States fulfilling the double prophecy of Isaiah? Scripture makes the statement we will rebuild with smooth stones and replace the sycamore trees with cedars.

Isaiah 9:10 ***“The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with smooth stones; The sycamores have been cut down, But we will replace them with cedars.”***¹¹⁶



The Freedom Stone:

“To honor and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and as a Tribute to the ENDURING SPIRIT OF FREEDOM”

July 4, 2004

Will American leaders fulfill an ancient biblical prophecy and will a curse of judgment come upon the United States?

The Freedom Stone – a Hewn Stone (CCASA)

The ground of the World Trade Center destruction became known as Ground Zero. Our government laid a hewn or smooth stone at Ground Zero in 2004 named the “Freedom Stone.” Is it our freedom to defy God and not obey Him? This stone also represents our leader’s vow that “we will rebuild.” Why did they pick a hewn stone? It became known as the “Freedom Stone.” Do we claim it is our freedom to pursue lawlessness?

Exodus 20:25 ***“If you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it.”***¹¹⁷

This “Freedom Stone” reveals again Bible prophecy. It says that a stone that is hewn for the altar is polluted. It is because it is symbolic of man’s work. We know that the works of man are polluted due to sin. By having a natural stone, one that is not polished, is a stone created and formed by God. Therefore, the “Freedom Stone” is a man made symbol of defiance in the face of God. Man cannot make any claim to the polishing and changing of the stone in any manner. A natural stone is opposite to a hewn stone where man can take pride in saying look what great work I have done in cutting and polishing this stone.

Sycamore Tree

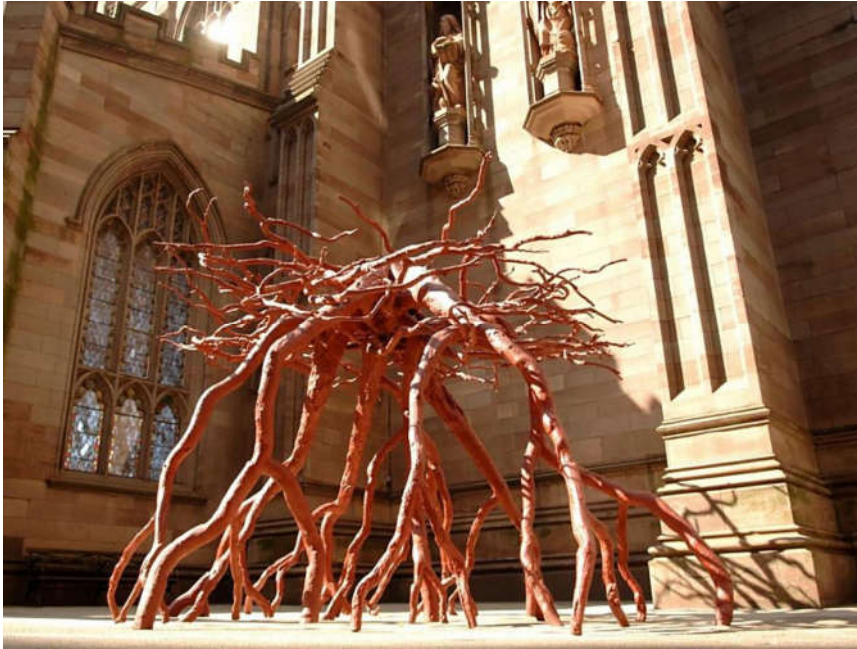
The sycamore trees of the Bible are actually the sycamore fig tree. One Biblical example is the Prophet Amos was sitting under a sycamore tree. Another example is the sycamore trees being cut down and replaced with cedars in Isaiah. In the New Testament Book of Luke, it was Zaccheus climbing a sycamore tree to see Jesus. Sycamore trees date back for thousands of years and are seen in both the Old and New Testaments.

¹¹⁶ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Is 9:10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹⁷ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ex 20:25). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The early American colonists planted sycamore trees because of its resemblance to the English sycamore maple. The American sycamore is North America's largest native broad-leaf tree which is planted in yards and parks. Manhattan farmers planted sycamore trees in the 18th century, and today's American sycamore has adapted well to urban areas. It is New York City's tallest street tree and the most common tree in Brooklyn, New York.

Sycamore trees have broad, maple-like leaves and a trunk and limbs of mixed green, tan, and cream bark that eventually turns to a smooth white bark when the tree matures. Sycamores belong to one of earth's oldest family of trees, called *Platanaceae*. Sycamore trees can live as long as 600 years, and can grow as high as 100 feet. The family consists of only a single living genus *Platanus*, of six to ten species of tall trees, native to temperate and subtropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere.



St. Paul's Chapel Sycamore Tree Stump (CCASA)

The Sycamore Tree:

The roots of a sycamore tree at Ground Zero from Sept. 11, 2001, have been preserved as a memorial to the terrorist event in New York City.

A local rabbi believes it's a visible fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy about God's current judgment on America.

A continuing pattern of American leaders will fulfill an ancient biblical prophecy and a curse of judgment on the United States.

St. Paul's Chapel which is part of Trinity Church stands across the street from where the World Trade Center Towers once stood. It was built sometime between 1764 and 1766. St. Paul's Chapel goes back to before the United States' Revolutionary War and is the oldest building in continuous use in Manhattan. It survived the Great Fire of 1777, which was set by the British to punish New Yorkers for their support of the rebels. The fire destroyed most of what was then New York City. For more than 250 years the chapel has served as a quiet place of prayer and meditation for workers and residents of New York City's financial district. Even after George Washington was inaugurated a few blocks away on Wall Street, he stopped at St. Paul's to pray. It was at the previous location that the United States was dedicated to God during George Washington's first inauguration. It is the reason why ground zero and the Twin Towers were important to God's Judgment of this nation. ¹¹⁸

When the World Trade Towers collapsed on September 11, 2001, a 70-year-old sycamore tree fell at St. Paul's Chapel. The very fact that the force of the collapse was enough to knock down such a large tree made the complete survival of St. Paul's Chapel all the more remarkable. It was almost as if all the power and fury of the disaster surrounding the church had somehow been directed at that one tree. While much larger, newer buildings suffered massive structural damage, tiny St. Paul's Chapel was barely touched, leaving it available to provide desperately needed support to those workers clearing the Trade Center rubble. One tree, sacrificed to save the church. Even though the tree itself did not survive, the sycamore's role as the chapel's protector has been memorialized by Pennsylvania artist Steve Tobin. Tobin cast the tree's remaining stump and root system in bronze to create a 20-foot-long, 12-foot high life-like sculpture. The piece was installed in the Trinity Church courtyard and dedicated on Sept. 11, 2005. ¹¹⁸

¹¹⁸ Rachel Snyder, (Jan. 18, 2011) "New York City's Tree of Hope," Banner Magazine of the Christian Reformed Church.

Not only was a sycamore tree destroyed on September 11, 2001, but it was replaced in the exact location by another tree of the type mentioned in the original Hebrew, an “*erev*” tree. It is the same genus as the cedar and it is what took place in 2003, as a conifer tree was planted, which became known as the “*Tree of Hope*.” It was planted in the exact spot where the sycamore tree was destroyed. According to the prophecy, the sycamore tree must be replaced by the biblical cedar tree. The replacement tree just happened to be given as a gift from outsiders who had no idea of the gift fulfilling Bible prophecy. They just happened to lower the cedar tree into the same soil in which the fallen Sycamore had once grown. The man who led the ceremony around the tree just had no idea he was to fulfill prophecy in Isaiah 9:10. It was replaced by a conifer tree. The notion of an uprooted tree as a symbol of strength should cause us to pause and rethink. For uprooting in the Bible represented God’s Judgment. We will now look at scripture that clearly states this.

1 Kings 14:15 ***“For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger.”***¹¹⁹

Proverbs 2:22 ***“But the wicked will be cut off from the land And the treacherous will be uprooted from it.”***¹²⁰

Both scripture passages state that the wicked will be cut off and will be uprooted in their land due to the Lord’s anger. This is describing in scripture that uprooting is a Biblical sign of God’s Wrath and Judgment. It was previously shown that the heavenly sign of God’s Wrath was the Constellation of Leo, the Lion, seen in the skies above New York after September 11, 2001. This same truth is revealed in scripture as well. Thus, it is not that Isaiah was prophesying concerning America, but also Israel. The spiritual climate in Israel of pride and arrogance in their response to God’s Judgment displays prophetic significance to our nation today. They are set as examples of God’s working today in the world. For some believe since we live in a time of grace that God will not bring judgment. As a reminder of His Judgment, it is stated by the Apostle Paul why these things must happen.

1 Corinthians 10:11-12 ***“Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”***¹²⁰

These examples from Isaiah’s prophecy are written for our instruction. It goes on to warn us so we should not fall. Our nation thinks that it stands by itself and no longer “*Trusts in God*.” Therefore, we will go on to rebuild that which God has allowed to be destroyed by our enemies. There is no sign of repentance. It is our freedom and rights as American citizens not to obey God’s Laws. Is this a twist in logic?

Rebuilding the Towers

A new complex has been designed to replace the World Trade Center that was destroyed on September 11, 2001. The 16-acre site is owned by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which is rebuilding the complex with developer Larry Silverstein. The total cost of the project is \$14.8 billion. Two of four office towers planned for the site have been “*topped out*,” which means the last beam has been set in place at the top. An above ground memorial was finished in time for the 10th anniversary last year, and a transit hub is nearing completion. But a payment dispute has delayed construction of an underground museum that had been expected to open in time for the 11th anniversary of the attacks. Plans for a performing arts center for the site also have been delayed, though a new board is reviewing designs, programming and fundraising goals.¹²¹

¹¹⁹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (1 Ki 14:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹²⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Pr 2:22, 1 Co 10:11–12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹²¹ *Dawn Business* September 17, 2012 “*Rebuilding at NYC’s World Trade Center*”



The following is a list of the main parts of the rebuilding of the World Trade Center complex.

- ◆ One World Trade Center: The 3.8 billion dollar tower should open in early 2014, about five years behind schedule. German architect Daniel Libeskind, the site's master planner, envisioned a twisting "*Freedom Tower*" whose height of 1,776 feet matched the year of U.S. independence.
- ◆ Two World Trade Center: The design by Britain's Foster and Partners has a glazed crystalline form and a diamond-shaped summit and will be built only to the street level initially, with completion of the tower depending on securing office tenants, according to Silverstein. When finished, the 1,278-foot-tall tower will have 3.1 million square feet of space.
- ◆ Three World Trade Center: Designed by Britain's Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners, it will stand 1,080 feet high and its facade will feature diagonal supports when it opens, targeted for late 2014 or early 2015. With his insurance proceeds, Silverstein will build the tower up to the "*podium*" level, seven stories high, so that shops can open. To build offices over the stores he must first raise 300 million dollars, pre-lease 400,000 square feet, and secure 1.3 billion dollars of Liberty bonds and taxable debt. The city, state and Port Authority will each contribute 200 million dollars.
- ◆ Four World Trade Center: One of Silverstein's three skyscrapers was topped out at 72 stories in June and should open in the autumn of 2013. Designed by Japan's Maki and Associates, the 975-foot tower will be clad with a metallic mesh and is fully funded with insurance settlements and Liberty bonds, a subsidy Congress created to help revive New York City.
- ◆ Mass Transit Hub: The elaborate design by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava has been repeatedly simplified to prune its cost, but the final price tag is expected to be nearly 4 billion dollars.

The hub's two steel-ribbed wings will spring out from the center, and a soaring glass roof that will bring natural light to the 250,000 passengers expected to travel through the hub each day.

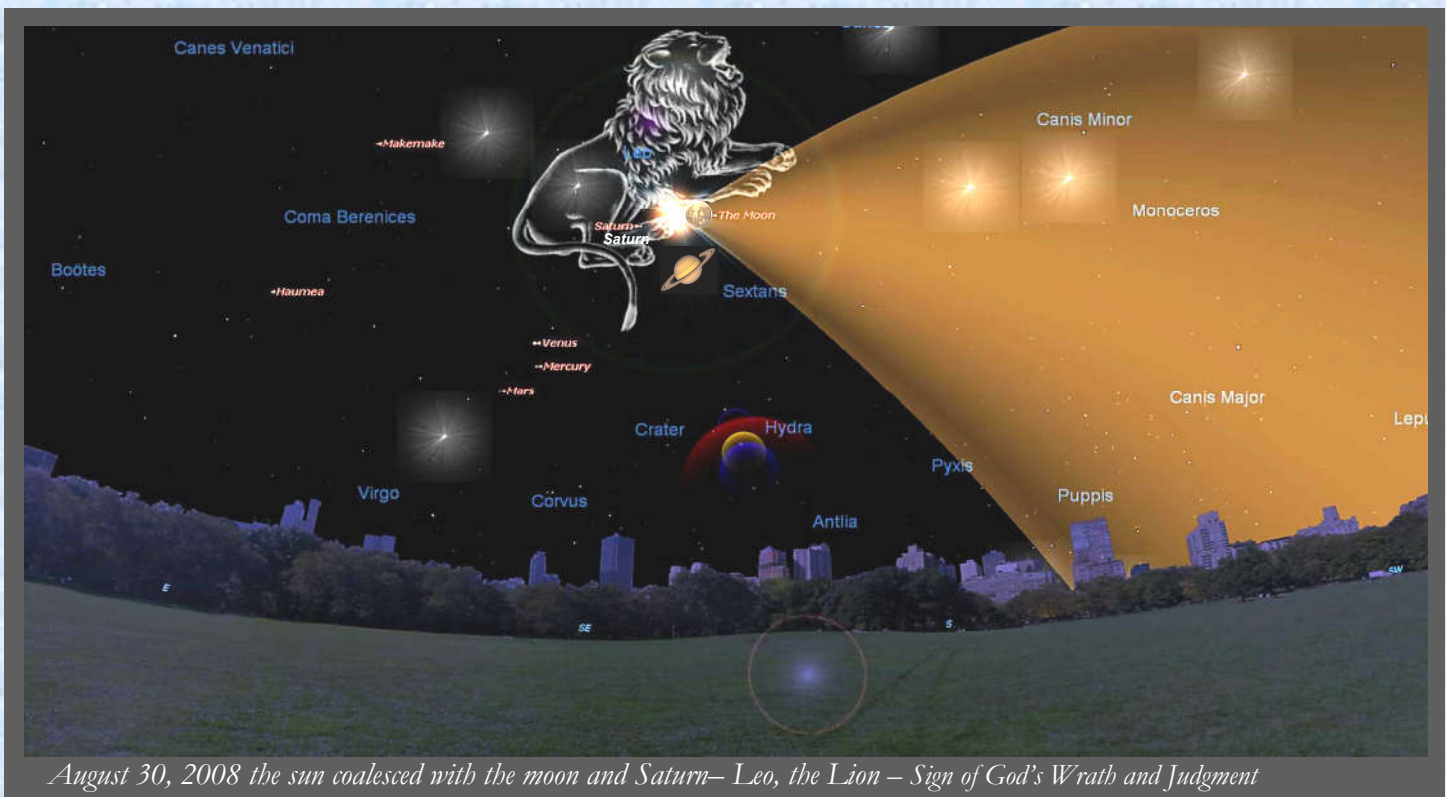
Scheduled to be finished in mid-2015, the hub should smooth the way for riders by interconnecting 11 subway lines and the Path commuter trains that link New York to New Jersey. ¹²²

The financial losses in stocks during the week following September 11, 2001 totaled 1.4 trillion dollars. This stock market crash greatly exceeds the cost of reconstruction of the towers of the World Trade Center. Could this be a wakeup call for this nation to turn back to God and obey His Laws? Should we seek God and not our rights to pursue happiness and lawlessness in this nation?

Freedom Tower, One World Trade Center (Skidmore, Owings & Merrill)

CHAPTER 9: FINANCIAL CRISIS – 2008

Will we see the hand of the Lord working to turn this nation back to God? This country has turned its back on its Creator and sustainer. Could that be the reason for the Financial Crisis in 2008? In the New York Times on January 25, 2011, it makes the following statement: “The 2008 financial crisis was an “avoidable” disaster caused by widespread failures in government regulation, corporate mismanagement and heedless risk-taking by Wall Street, according to the conclusions of a federal inquiry.” Before we move on to the Financial Crisis in 2008, let us take a look at the heavens for signs. We can see the second judgment on this United States of America is from God. It can be clearly seen in the heavens. The first time was in 2001 with the loss of 1.4 trillion dollars in the U.S. Stock Market in one week of trading. With over fifty years of denying that God imparts wealth into the United States, it must be time for God to clearly send a message to this wicked nation for a second time. Does America hear or listen to God?



August 30, 2008 the sun coalesced with the moon and Saturn— Leo, the Lion – Sign of God's Wrath and Judgment

This heavenly sign is packed with numerous heavenly objects, including four planets. The moon radiates sunlight westward and down to the earth. It should also be intuitive that this sign relates to God's Wrath, since the Constellation of Leo surrounds the entire eclipse. Notice, that the degree of the eclipse becomes more extensive with each judgment until a total eclipse will occur in 2017. This is a partial solar eclipse which includes the planet of Saturn as part of the heavenly sign. In ancient Roman times, Saturn was a major god presiding over agriculture and harvest time. It was considered the god of the land, unlike Neptune that is considered the god of the sea.

Astrological Saturn has always been associated with the letter of the law. Early religions have identified Saturn with the god of Early Scripture, whom they regarded as a tyrannical father, obsessed with rigid enforcement of the law. There is a symbolic link between Saturn and the God of Early Scripture through the use of Saturday. Saturn's Day, the seventh day of Scripture, which is the holy day of rest. Saturn is often associated with a father's authority figure. In childhood, the discipline, rules, and regulations imposed by authority. From Wikipedia

Saturn is the ruler and father figure. It is also associated with the law. In ancient Roman religion and myth, Saturn (Latin: Saturnus) was a major god presiding over agriculture and the land. Therefore, this can be used to represent trees and all green vegetation on the earth. However, in this case it represents just land and the ownership of property. This symbolizes in today's terms real estate, which was consider a secure investment.

The New York Times statement: “*The 2008 financial crisis was “avoidable.”*” This appears to be an over simplification of the cause of the Financial Crisis. There is no understanding that this event was caused by God’s Judgment of this nation. For, God takes our securest investment vehicles and destroys their value. Real estate had been considered a solid financial investment for centuries. How could it become so volatile? It is similar to the stock market crash the week following 9/11. There is a lack of understanding that God blesses a nation which keeps God’s Laws and does not abandon Him, but fears Him. There is no recognition as God is the Creator of all things including this nation’s wealth. This nation needs to understand the financial collapse was God’s Judgment

Deuteronomy 8:18 ***“But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth*”**¹²²

Beside the heavenly signs, God’s Word tells us that it is He, who gives us the “*power to make wealth.*” This must be another forgotten fact since Bible reading and prayer were taken out of the schools some fifty years ago in 1963. It was through the wisdom of the Supreme Court that made this law. It is man’s pride which believes that it is himself who has created the wealth. One only needs to compare the separation of God to the U.S. National Debt to see that there is a direct correlation. Will the United States completely fail, once a large enormous debt continues to accumulate with no sign of being repaid? When it comes to this realization that it cannot be repaid, then there will be no nation that will loan money to this bankrupt country. However, God has shown us signs to fear Him. Maybe, it is due to the fact they don’t understand heavenly signs.

Deuteronomy 8:20 ***“Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.”***¹²¹

It is scripture which tells us that we will perish because we will “*not listen to the voice of the Lord.*” So, many of the citizens of this nation do not seek the Lord. Nevertheless, God provides us with worldly signs but, man refuses to see them as well. We need to understand the Word of God to hear his voice through His Spirit.

Real Estate

In the same New York Times article by Swell Chan the report makes the following statement: “*The greatest tragedy would be to accept the refrain that no one could have seen this coming and thus nothing could have been done,*” the panel wrote in the report’s conclusions which was in The New York Times. “*If we accept this notion, it will happen again.*” This article goes on to say “*The crisis was the result of human action and inaction, not of Mother Nature or computer models gone haywire.*” This report states the following: “*The captains of finance and the public stewards of our financial system ignored warnings and failed to question, understand and manage evolving risks within a system essential to the well-being of the American public. Theirs was a big miss, not a stumble.*” It was a failure by the captains of finance to ignore the warnings that were present in their financial system. They ignored the risks which ultimately deceived the American public in a sense of false security. How could this happen?¹²³

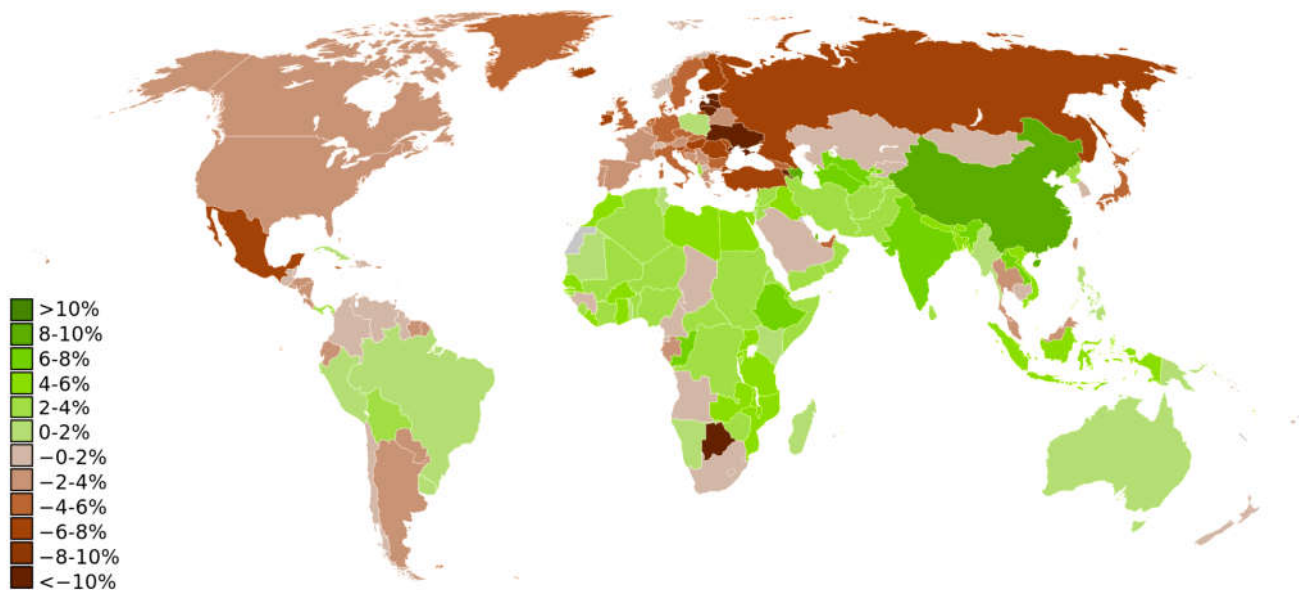
Let us take a further look at this Financial Crisis. The crisis has its roots in real estate and the sub-prime lending crisis. Commercial and residential properties saw their values increase rapidly in the real estate boom that began in the 1990s. It increased uninterrupted for nearly a decade. Increases in housing prices coincided with the investment and banking industry lowering lending standards to market mortgages to unqualified buyers allowing them to take out mortgages. This was while at the same time government deregulation blurred the lines between traditional investment banks and mortgage lenders. Real estate loans were spread throughout the financial system in the form of collateralized debt obligations (CDO) and other complex derivatives in order to disperse the risk. However, when home values failed to rise and home owners failed to keep up with their payments, banks were

¹²² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Dt 8:18, Dt 8:20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹²³ The New York Times, January 25, 2011, by Sewell Chan “Financial Crisis was Avoidable, Inquiry Finds.”

forced to acknowledge their bad debt. This resulted in huge write downs and write offs on these products. These write downs found several institutions at the brink of insolvency with many being forced to raise capital or to go bankrupt without additional financing.

The Financial Crisis of 2008 was also known as the global financial crisis and it was considered by many economists to be the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. It resulted in the threat of total collapse of large financial institutions, the bailout of banks by national governments, and downturns in stock markets around the world. In many areas, the housing market also suffered, resulting in evictions, foreclosures and prolonged unemployment. The crisis played a significant role in the failure of key businesses, declines in consumer wealth estimated in trillions of U.S. dollars, and a downturn in economic activity leading to the 2008–2012 global recession and contributing to the European sovereign-debt crisis. ¹²⁴



GDP Real Growth Rate in 2009 (CCASA)

Remember, both of the top two nations in the number of aborted babies per year are Russia and the United States. Russia's entry into a recession occurred early in 1998. The U.S. started into a deep recession in 2008 and is still slow to recover from the Financial Crisis. Russia is still in a deep recession more than ten years later. These two nations were considered at one time the strongest military forces and countries on the earth. Could this be a sign of God's hand at work? All the countries in brown were in a recession in 2009. To a great extent the European effect was caused by the United States. It was through the marketing abroad of its complex derivatives investment products. These products were considered by investment adviser as being highly secured investment vehicles rated AAA. However, God was to provide proof that this was not true through these circumstances. God controls wealth. Many in this country believe God wouldn't judge this nation, since we are living in the dispensation of grace. But, this is contrary to God's attributes, and He must judge greed and unrighteousness.

The immediate cause or trigger of the crisis was the bursting of the United States housing bubble which peaked in approximately 2006. Already rising default rates on sub-prime and adjustable-rate mortgages (ARM) began to increase quickly. As banks began to give out more loans to potential home owners, housing prices began to rise. This resulted in artificial stimulation of the real estate market, which created increase in pricing. Easy availability of credit in the U.S. was fueled by large inflows of foreign funds. This occurred after the Russian debt crisis and Asian financial crisis of 1997-1998. This led to a housing construction boom and facilitated debt financed consumer spending. Loose lending standards and rising real estate prices also contributed to the real estate bubble. Loans of various types including mortgage, credit card and auto loans were easy to obtain and consumers assumed an unprecedented debt load. It is amazing to see how easy it is for a college student to get credit cards.

¹²⁴ Haidar, Jamal Ibrahim, 2012. "Sovereign Credit Risk in the Eurozone," *World Economics*, vol. 13(1), pages 123-136, March

As part of the housing and credit booms, the number of financial agreements called mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and collateralized debt obligations (CDO) were created. These investment vehicles derived their value from mortgage payments and which furthered the housing price increases. Such financial instruments as MBS and CDO enabled institutions and investors around the world to invest in the U.S. housing market. As housing prices declined it resulted in substantial losses. The major global financial institutions that had borrowed and invested heavily in sub-prime mortgage-backed securities ended up reporting significant losses. ¹²⁵

Falling real estate prices resulted in homes being valued at less than the mortgage loans. This provided a financial incentive to enter into a foreclosure. The ongoing foreclosure epidemic that began in late 2006 in the U.S. continues to drain wealth from this nation. It resulted in consumer losses and erosion of the financial strength of banking institutions. Defaults and losses on other loan types also increased significantly as the crisis expanded from the housing market to other parts of the economy. Total losses are estimated in the trillions of U.S. dollars globally. God's hand can easily wipe wealth from this nation in a fraction of the time it takes for man to make it. It was through man's greed that these financial instruments were created and engineered in the first place.

Initially the companies affected were those directly involved in home construction and mortgage lending such as Northern Rock and Countrywide Financial, as they could no longer obtain financing through their credit markets. Over 100 mortgage lenders went bankrupt during 2007 and 2008. Concerns that investment bank Bear Stearns would collapse in March 2008 resulted in its fire sale to J.P. Morgan Chase. The financial institution crisis hit its peak in September and October 2008. Several major institutions either failed or were acquired under duress or were subject to government takeover. These included Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Washington Mutual, Wachovia, Citigroup, and AIG. ¹²⁶

U.S. Government policy from the 1970s onward had emphasized deregulation. This was to encourage business, which resulted in less oversight of activities. This resulted in less disclosure of information about new activities undertaken by banks and other evolving financial institutions. Policymakers did not immediately recognize the increasingly important role played by financial institutions such as investment banks and hedge funds, also known as the shadow banking system. Some experts believe these institutions had become as important as commercial depository banks in providing credit to the U.S. economy. Nevertheless, they were not subject to the same regulations. ¹²⁷

U.S. homeowners had extracted significant equity in their homes in the years leading up to the crisis which they could no longer do once housing prices collapsed. Cash used by consumers from home equity extraction doubled from 627 billion dollars in 2001 to 1,428 billion dollars in 2005 as the housing bubble built. This was a total of nearly 5 trillion dollars over the period. U.S. home mortgage debt relative to GDP increased from an average of 46% during the 1990s to 73% during 2008 reaching 10.5 trillion dollars. ¹²⁸

The U.S. Stock Market peaked in October 2007 when the Dow Jones Industrial Average index exceeded 14,000 points. It then entered a pronounced decline which began to accelerate markedly in October 2008. By March 2009, the Dow Jones average had reached a trough of around 6,600. It has since recovered much of the decline. It exceeded 12,000 during most of 2011 and finishing above 13,000 in 2012. It has recently exceeded the 15,000 level in early 2013. The market will recover before it reverses in 2017. It is probable that the Federal Reserve's aggressive policy of low interest rates for banks spurred the partial recovery in the stock market.

¹²⁵ Lahart, Justin (December 24, 2007). "Egg Cracks Differ In Housing, Finance Shells". *The Wall Street Journal*.

¹²⁶ Roger C. Altman. "Altman – The Great Crash". Foreign Affairs. Retrieved February 27, 2009.

¹²⁷ Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission – Press Release – January 27, 2011

¹²⁸ Barr, Colin (May 27, 2009). "Fortune-The \$4 trillion housing headache". CNN.

Global Effects

Both mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and collateralized debt obligations (CDO) were purchased globally by corporate and institutional investors. Derivatives such as credit default swaps (CDS) also increased the linkage between large financial institutions. Credit default swaps were in fact an insurance agreement that would payback on the failure of these loans becoming insolvent. It was AIG that sold many of the swaps. The de-leveraging of financial institutions resulted in assets being sold back to payoff obligations that could not be refinanced in the frozen credit markets. This again further accelerated the solvency crisis and caused a decrease in international trade to occur. The continuing development of the crisis had prompted many nations to fear a global economic collapse. However, there was no fear of God for the lack of understanding. There were many prominent financial sources that remained negative during this timeframe. The financial crisis would ultimately result in the U.S. biggest bank shakeout. UBS stated on October 6 that 2008 would see a clear global recession, with recovery unlikely for at least two years. Nevertheless, the world started to make the necessary actions to fix the crisis. This included capital injection by governments and interest rate cuts to help borrowers. The United Kingdom had started systemically injecting capital into its country and the world's central banks were now cutting interest rates.

UBS emphasized that these fixes would solve the financial crisis. UBS quantified their expected recession durations on October 16. It was the Eurozone's would last for two quarters, the United States' would last three quarters, and the United Kingdom's would last four quarters. This was the optimistic view by the investment community. Nevertheless, by the end of October, UBS revised its outlook downwards to the forthcoming recession would be the worst since the early 1980s recession. It was with negative 2009 growth for the U.S., Eurozone, U.K. and it was followed by very limited recovery in 2010. ¹²⁹

This resulted in the creation of the Europeans for Financial Reform (EFFR). It is a coalition dedicated to reforming the financial and banking sectors. EFFR was created in Brussels on September 21, 2009, which was just over a year after the collapse of Lehman Brothers and a year after the Financial Crisis. EFFR has been pursuing a campaign called "*Regulate Global Finance Now.*" The goal of this campaign is to get governments to adopt reforms to regulate speculative funds, such as hedge funds and private equity funds and to protect consumers from toxic financial products and predatory lending.

During this same timeframe, U.S. Federal Reserve and central banks around the world had taken steps to expand money supplies to avoid the risk of a deflationary spiral. This occurs when there is lower wages and higher unemployment lead to a self-reinforcing decline in global consumption. The governments have enacted large fiscal stimulus packages by borrowing and spending to offset the reduction in private sector demand caused by the crisis. The U.S. executed two stimulus packages that totaling nearly 1 trillion dollars during 2008 - 2009. ¹³⁰

Great Recession

According to the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research, which is the official arbiter of U.S. recessions, the recession began in December 2007 and ended in June 2009. But, we all know that is untrue. It has now referred to as the *Great Recession*, the *Lesser Depression*, the *Long Recession*, or the *Global Recession of 2009*. It was a marked global economic decline that began in December 2007 and took a sharp downward turn in September 2008. The active part of this crisis manifested itself as a liquidity crisis. It can be dated back to August 7, 2007 when BNP Paribas terminated withdrawals from three hedge funds citing "*complete evaporation of liquidity.*" The bursting of the U.S. housing bubble, which peaked in 2006, caused the values of securities tied to U.S. real estate pricing to plummet which resulted in damaging financial institutions globally. The global recession affected the entire world economy with higher detriment in some countries than others. It was a major global recession characterized by various financial imbalances which all begun in the Financial Crisis of 2008. As of December 2012, the economic side effects of the European sovereign debt crisis and limited prospects for global growth in 2013 and 2014 continue to provide obstacles to full recovery from this *Great Recession*. ¹³¹

¹²⁹ UBS AG. "Recession". There is no alternative. Daily roundup for October 6, 2008

¹³⁰ "BBC – Stimulus Package 2009". BBC News. February 14, 2009.

¹³¹ Larry Elliott, economics editor of *The Guardian* (August 5, 2012). "Three myths that sustain the economic crisis."

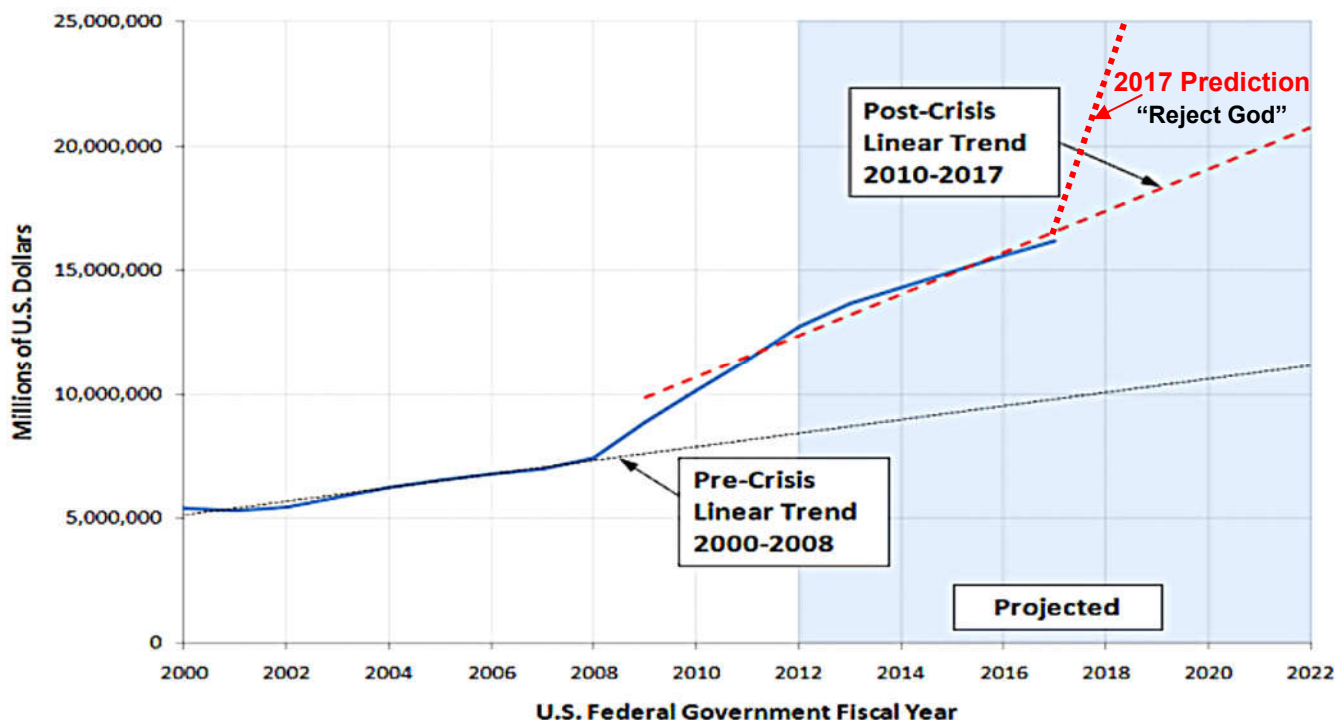
Fiscal Cliff

The term “*fiscal cliff*” been used in the past to refer to various governmental fiscal issues. It started being used in the context of the expiration of the Bush tax cuts in 2010. In late February 2012, Ben Bernanke, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, popularized the term “*fiscal cliff*” for the upcoming reduction in the deficit. It was before the House Financial Services Committee that Bernanke described “*a massive fiscal cliff of large spending cuts and tax increases*” would take place the beginning of 2013.¹³²

The U.S. fiscal cliff is the sharp decline in the budget deficit that would have begun in 2013 due to increased taxes and reduced spending as required by previously enacted laws. The deficit which is the amount by which government spending exceeds its revenue was projected to be reduced by roughly half in 2013. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had estimated that the fiscal cliff would have likely led to a mild recession. It was thought to result in higher unemployment in 2013 followed by strengthening in the labor market with increased economic growth. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 largely eliminated the fiscal cliff by increasing taxes less than they would have under a fiscal cliff scenario. Adjustments to spending were expected to be hashed out in early 2013. Intense debate and media coverage about the fiscal cliff drew widespread public attention during the end of 2012 because of its projected short-term fiscal and economic impact. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 was signed into law by the President on January 2, 2013 and eliminated much of the tax side of the fiscal cliff. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) was projecting 8.13% increase in revenue and 1.15% increase in spending for fiscal year 2013. However, this didn't address the sequestering in March 2013.¹³³

National Debt

The United States public debt is the money borrowed by the federal government of the United States through the issue of securities by the Treasury and other federal government agencies. The red dotted line below is a prediction line based upon the prior 2001 and 2008 crisis trend and the upcoming judgment in 2017.



Historic and Project U.S. National Debt 2000-2017 (White House Office of Management and Budget, 2013)

¹³² Kurtz, Annalyn (December 12, 2012). "Bernanke warns of fiscal cliff as Fed lowers forecasts"

¹³³ Geoghegan, Tom (November 14, 2012 Last updated at 22:39 ET). "Who, What, Why: Who first called it a 'fiscal cliff'?"

No matter if the prediction is correct or not, this country is headed for an economic disaster and misfortune. It is just a matter of timing. Independent of the slope of the curve continuing on a linear trend from 2008 or on an accelerated prediction of 2017, there is no relief in site. There is no sign of repayment of this country's debt. This acceleration in debt is anticipated to occur when this country will again be at war in 2017 based upon signs in the heavens (page 107). If you can remember that before 2001 this country was running on a budget surplus. This nation refuses to call upon the name of the Lord. It must be man's pride to think that he can overcome God. This will mark the fall of this nation. It will be by this government not calling upon God in a time of need. You can see God's hand working based upon the Secretary of Defense nomination in 2013. Things must get worse before we will turn from our wicked ways. The United States currency will eventually become highly inflated and about worthless due to this government's extensive spending. The U.S. currency is no longer backed by precious metals such as gold or silver. What was the forecast prior to God's Judgment of this nation? The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) did summarize the cause of the change between its January 2001 which was estimated at 5.6 trillion dollars cumulative surplus between 2002 and 2011 and the actual 6.1 trillion dollars cumulative deficit. This occurred as an unfavorable "*turnaround*" which resulted in the debt increasing by 11.7 trillion dollars. The reason given was this was due to tax cuts and slower-than-expected growth. This reduced revenues by 6.1 trillion dollars and spending was 5.6 trillion dollars higher. Of this total, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) attributes 72% to legislated tax cuts and spending increases and 27% to economic and technical factors. The economic factors accounted for 56% increase occurred from 2009 to 2011. Did God slow the growth? ¹³⁴

Let us begin to take a look at the current debt. On 10 January 2013, debt held by the public was approximately 11.577 trillion dollars or about 73% of GDP. Intra-governmental holdings stood at 4.855 trillion dollars giving a combined total public debt of 16.432 trillion dollars. As of July 2012, 5.3 trillion dollars or approximately 48% of the debt held by the public was owned by foreign investors. The largest foreign investors were China and Japan at just over 1.1 trillion dollars each. ¹³⁵ Will foreign countries end up owning America? Historically, the U.S. public debt as a share of GDP increased during wars and recessions, and subsequently declined. For example, debt held by the public as a share of GDP peaked just after World War II which was 113% of GDP in 1945. It then fell over the following 30 years. In recent decades large budget deficits and the resulting increases in debt have led to concern about the long-term sustainability of the federal government's fiscal policies. ¹³⁶

Debt Ceiling

The debt ceiling was increased on February 12, 2010, to 14.294 trillion dollars. On April 15, 2011, Congress finally passed the 2011 United States federal budget, authorizing federal government spending for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year, which ends on September 30, 2011, with a deficit of 1.48 trillion dollars without voting to increase the debt ceiling. But, what happens when Congress disobeys its own laws? On September 8, 2011, one of the complex mechanisms to further increase the debt ceiling took place when the Senate defeated a resolution to block a 500 billion dollar automatic increase. The Senate's action allowed the debt ceiling to increase to 15.194 trillion dollars as agreed upon in the Budget Control Act. This was the third increase in the debt ceiling in 19 months, the fifth increase since President Obama took office, and the twelfth increase in 10 years. At midnight on Dec. 31, 2012, a major provision of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) was scheduled to go into effect. The crucial part of the Act provided for a Joint Select Committee of Congressional Democrats and Republicans, the so-called "*Super-committee*," to produce bipartisan legislation by late November 2012 that would decrease the U.S. deficit by 1.2 trillion dollars over the next 10 years. If no other deal was reached before Dec. 31, 2012, then the massive government spending cuts would take effect. This included the tax increases by returning to tax levels prior to the Bush Administration. These were the elements that made up the United States fiscal cliff. ¹³⁷

¹³⁴ NYT-Bruce Bartlett-The Fiscal Legacy of George W. Bush-June 2012

¹³⁵ United States Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt (December 2010).

¹³⁶"Federal Debt Held by the Public as a Share of GDP (1797-2010)"

¹³⁷ Spetalnick, Matt (February 12, 2010). "Obama signs debt limit-paygo bill into law". Reuters.

Social Security

Social Security is primarily funded through dedicated payroll taxes called Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax (FICA). Tax deposits are formally entrusted to the *Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund*, the *Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund*, the *Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund*, or the *Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund* which comprise the Social Security Trust Fund. ¹³⁸

By law, Social Security may not spend money that it does not have in its trust funds. It is impossible for Social Security to incur a deficit over the long term, since it can only spend money it already collected. Dean Baker, an American economist, made the following statement.

“Social Security is prohibited from spending any money beyond what it has in its trust fund. This means that it cannot lawfully contribute to the federal budget deficit, since every penny that it pays out must have come from taxes raised through the program or the interest garnered from the bonds held by the trust fund.” ¹³⁹

Social Security taxes are paid into the Social Security Trust Fund maintained by the U.S. Treasury which is technically, the “*Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund*” that was established by 42 U.S.C. § 401(a). The current year expenses are paid from current Social Security tax revenues. When revenues exceed expenditures, as they did between 1983 and 2009, the excess is invested in special series, non-marketable U.S. Government bonds. Therefore, the Social Security Trust Fund indirectly finances the federal government's general purpose deficit spending and budgets. In 2007, the cumulative excess of Social Security taxes and interest received over benefits paid out stood at 2.2 trillion dollars. ¹⁴⁰

There is always the argument over whether the returns on Social Security contributions should be compared to returns on private investment instruments. But, nonetheless, there is money in the current fund even though it could have been more wisely invested than in U.S. Government bonds. Although Social Security is sometimes compared to private pensions, the two systems are different in a number of respects. It has been argued that Social Security is an insurance plan as opposed to a retirement plan. Unlike a pension, Social Security pays disability benefits. A private pension fund accumulates the money paid into it, eventually using those reserves to pay pensions to the workers who contributed to the fund. However, Social Security cannot “*pre-fund*” by investing in marketable assets such as equities, because federal law prohibits it from investing in assets other than those backed by the U.S. Government. As a result, its investments to date have been limited to “*special*” non-negotiable securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

It is easy to realize that this fund is being paid for by our children. It really is not a retirement pension as many of us depend on it for during our elderly years. Is this truly sound financial investment of our paid in Social Security taxes? In comparison, the country of Singapore invests every dollar of each individual into a separate retirement fund, which is ultimately owned by the individual. The more money an individual contributes to the fund the more money he will have to retire with during his elderly years. This seems to be just too fair for implementation by the U.S. Government. We have borrowed on our future to pay today's needs. That really doesn't seem to be a sound business practice. Again, this reflects not only on the national debt, but how we have decided to pay for our elderly. What happens when our younger generation population declines? It is bound to occur were a nation is no longer blessed by God, because of its wicked ways. We will take a look at these wicked ways in the next chapter of how this can occur. Marriages of same-sex couples have not been recognized by Social Security for spousal benefits because the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) September 21, 1996, (1 U.S.C. § 7 and 28 U.S.C. § 1738C) law excluded them from federal recognition. This law was appealed and over-turned by the Supreme Court on June 2013 as being unconstitutional. The elderly population is growing older before they die. This is backed by statistics as well. If only our government had wisdom before structuring Social Security and its fundamental foundation. It has worked up to now because God had richly blessed this country. ¹³⁷

¹³⁸ Historical Background and Development of Social Security, Social Security Administration

¹³⁹ The Baseline Scenario, November 28, 2012, by James Kwak

¹⁴⁰ The 2012 Long-Term Projections for Social Security *Congressional Budget Office* October 2012

Ponzi Comparison

Critics have drawn parallels between Social Security and Ponzi schemes. The vast majority of the money paid into Social Security taxes is not invested in anything. Instead, the money you pay into the system is used to pay benefits to those “*early investors?*” who are retired today. When you retire, you will have to rely on the next generation of workers behind you to pay the taxes that will finance your benefits. The analogy is that Ponzi schemes and Social Security have similar “*structures.*” In particular, it has a sustainability problem when the number of new people paying in is declining. In the case of a Ponzi scheme, the fact that there is no return generating mechanism other than contributions from new entrants whereas Social Security payouts have always been openly funded. They are underwritten by incoming tax revenue and the interest on the Treasury bonds held by or for the Social Security system. The sudden loss of confidence will result in the collapse of a conventional Ponzi scheme once the scheme's true nature is revealed. Private sector Ponzi schemes are also vulnerable to collapse because they cannot compel new entrants. However, participation in the Social Security program is a condition for joining the U.S. labor force. But, what happens when the new generation claims to have lost confidence in the Federal Government? Is this bound to happen in the future? ¹⁴¹

Running out of Money

The real question is what happens when the trust funds run out of money, which is currently expected sometime in the 2030s. In each year since 1982, Social Security tax receipts, interest payments and other income have exceeded benefit payments and other expenditures, for example by more than 150 billion dollars in 2004. As the “*baby boomers?*” move out of the work force and into retirement, however, expenses will come to exceed tax receipts and then, after several more years, will exceed all system income, including interest. At that point the system will begin drawing on its Treasury. In 2005, this exhaustion of the Trust Fund was projected to occur in 2041 by the Social Security Administration or 2052 by the Congressional Budget Office. Thereafter, however, the projection for the date of this event was moved up by a few years after the recession worsened the system's financial picture. ¹⁴² The 2011 Trustees Report made the following statement.

Annual cost exceeded non-interest income in 2010 and is projected to continue to be larger throughout the remainder of the 75-year valuation period. Nevertheless, from 2010 through 2022, total trust fund income, including interest income, is more than is necessary to cover costs, so trust fund assets will continue to grow during that time period. Beginning in 2023, trust fund assets will diminish until they become exhausted in 2036. Non-interest income is projected to be sufficient to support expenditures at a level of 77 percent of scheduled benefits after trust fund exhaustion in 2036, and then to decline to 74 percent of scheduled benefits in 2085.

In 2007, the Social Security Trustees suggested that either the payroll tax could increase to 16.41 percent in 2041 and steadily increased to 17.60 percent in 2081 or a cut in benefits by 25 percent in 2041 and steadily increased to an overall cut of 30 percent in 2081. ¹⁴³ What will happen when things get worse in 2017? What will the cut be?

However, under the current law, benefits would be automatically cut to the level of incoming payroll taxes. This is estimated to be about 25 percent cut in Social Security benefits with no impact on government borrowing. Nevertheless, if Congress amends the law, it may require additional government borrowing and an increase in the national debt. This is not a good outlook for this country that has turned its back against God. Is it man's pride to believe he is able to solve the financial problems without the blessing from God Himself?

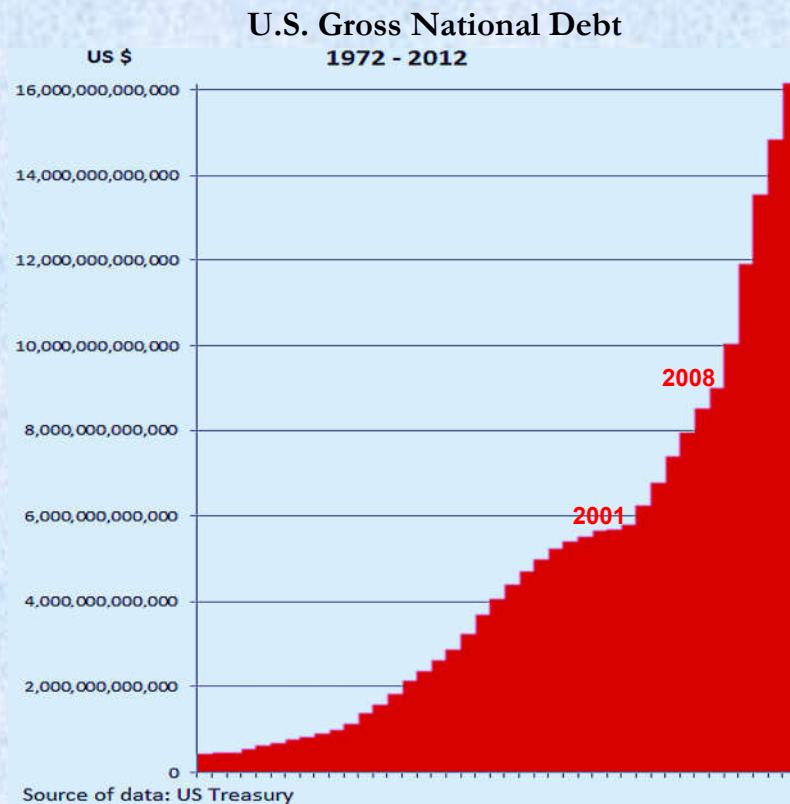
So, how did our country get into debt? It was through the U.S. Constitution. The modern debt ceiling is an aggregate limit which applies to nearly all federal debt. It was substantially established by Public Debt Acts passed in 1939 and 1941. The process of setting the debt ceiling is separate and distinct from the Federal budget

¹⁴¹ Laursen, E. (March 12, 2010). "Is Social Security Really a Ponzi Scheme". 1967 *Newsweek* column by Paul Samuelson:

¹⁴² Samuelson, Robert J. (January 14, 2005). "It's More Than Social Security". *The Washington Post*.

¹⁴³ "2007 OASDI Trustees Report Conclusions". Social Security Administration. April 23, 2007.

process, and raising the debt ceiling does not have any direct impact on the budget deficit. The U.S. President proposes a federal budget every year. This budget details projected tax collections and outlays. If there is a budget deficit, then the amount of borrowing needs to be submitted as part of the proposal. Congress creates specific appropriation bills which authorize spending, which are signed into law by the President. ¹⁴⁴



Source of data: US Treasury

U.S. Debt over the past Forty Years (U.S. Treasury)

United States Constitution:

Under Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution, Congress has the sole power to borrow money on the credit of the United States. From the founding of the United States until 1917, Congress directly authorized each individual debt issuance separately. In order to provide more flexibility to finance the United States' involvement in World War I, Congress modified the method by which it authorizes debt in the Second Liberty Bond Act of 1917. Under this act Congress established an aggregate limit, or "ceiling," on the total amount of bonds that could be issued.

It has been forty years, since the Supreme Court ruled on abortion and fifty years from taking prayer out of the schools. The debt has grown in relationship to the evil laws that have been instituted by this country. Could this be a measure of the extent of the cup of iniquity being filled up? When will it become full? It seems to be in direct proportion to the debt. We continue as a country to make it lawful to do evil in the eyes of God. What does the Bible say about debts?

Proverbs 22:26 ***“Do not be among those who give pledges, Among those who become guarantors for debts.”*** ¹⁴⁵

It is clearly stated that we should not become guarantors of debt. So, how can we separate ourselves from this indebted nation of ours? Believers must tell this nation to turn away from its unlawful ways. If as a country it will turn from its evil and wicked ways, God said He will heal this land. But, this nation who says it “Trusts in God” shows no forgiveness in its evil prideful ways. It is why God forewarned us through the destruction of the Twin Towers and the Stock Market crash in 2001. It was to give mankind the message and a sign from God. The second warning of judgment comes with wealth being removed from this land. There is no bright outlook on this nation based upon its fundamental principles. For, this nation believes it is the rights of each individual to pursue happiness but not pursue God. The founding fathers didn’t want a nation that rejected God. They wanted separation of church and state so that they could choose to worship God the way they thought best. It was not to make this country into an atheistic form of government. The U.S. Senate opens in prayer. Do Senators truly believe God can provide them with wisdom? What will happen to this nation when God’s blessing is removed?

¹⁴⁴ "A Brief History of the U.S. Federal Debt Limit". Freegovreports.com. 2010-01-28.

¹⁴⁵ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Pr 22:26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 10: DOMESTICATED SODOMY

The “*Last Straw*” will be when the cup of iniquity becomes full. What will be one of this nation’s iniquities that will fill the cup and result in God’s Judgment to come? Will it be the United States not supporting the blessed nation of Israel in its time of need or the rejection of some other blessing from God?

Job 11:14 ***“If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, And do not let wickedness dwell in your tents;”***

Job 22:5 ***“Is not your wickedness great, And your iniquities without end?”***¹⁴⁶

We need to look at this nation and see if its iniquities are without end. It started with prayer and Bible reading being taken out of public schools. This is followed by teaching that there is no Almighty Creator and there is no intelligent designer of mankind and the universe. There was just the “*Big Bang*” and we just evolved over millions of years. Next, this country made it lawful to kill and sacrifice babies in the womb. So, what will be the next iniquity that this country will do to displease God? What did Samuel say to David and his people about iniquity?

2 Samuel 7:11 ***“I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,”***¹⁴⁷

It is clear that God will use men to purge and correct those who commit iniquities. Also, when Israel as a nation strayed into iniquity, God used its enemies to conquer or take them into captivity. What is the last iniquity that causes judgment to come to the United States of America? Could it be rejection of God’s first blessing to mankind in the Garden of Eden?

Genesis 1:28 ***“God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”***¹⁴⁸

God blesses them both and says to them to “*Be fruitful and multiply.*” So, how can we obey God, except through marriage of a man and a woman? It is not through same-sex marriage. It is impossible to create life without the seed of man and the egg from the woman. This is why God made them both male and female. This is a biological truth as well as an absolute or divine truth from God. Therefore, man defiles what God has designed by engaging in homosexual acts. Let us see what man has to say.

In an *O’Reilly Factor* interview in August 2010, when Glenn Beck was asked if he “*believe(s) that gay marriage is a threat to [this] country in any way,*” he stated, “*No I don’t...I believe that Thomas Jefferson said: ‘If it neither breaks my leg nor picks my pocket what difference is it to me?’*”¹⁴⁹

This seems to be the prevalent attitude towards gay marriages. Man doesn’t understand that this is against God’s design for man and therefore, God will not bless such a nation. It is unpopular to be against gay marriage.

During the 2008 presidential election campaign, then Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin stated: “*I have voted along with the vast majority of Alaskans who had the opportunity to vote to amend our Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman. I wish on a federal level that that’s where we would go because I don’t support gay marriage.*”¹⁵⁰

¹⁴⁶ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Job 11:14, Job 22:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁷ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Sa 7:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁸ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ge 1:28). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁹ Elizabeth Tenety, “[Glenn Beck, Gay Marriage Advocate?](#)”, *The Washington Post*, August 12, 2010.

Could this be one of the reasons for her unpopularity during the 2008 elections? The current and reelected President of the United States thinks otherwise and claims to be a Christian. On May 9, 2012, President Barack Obama announced in an interview with ABC News that after wrestling with the subject for many years, he had come to believe same-sex couples should be allowed to marry. In the same interview, he stated his belief that individual states should have the final say as to whether same-sex marriage is recognized. The announcement made Obama the first United States president to publicly declare his support of same-sex marriage while in office. It marked a departure from his previous stance on the issue. During the 2008 presidential campaign, Obama had stated, “*I believe that marriage is the union between a man and a woman. For me as a Christian, it is a sacred union. You know, God is in the mix.*” However, he is supportive of the increased interest in domesticated sodomy. He doesn’t explain if he believes it is the right of an individual to pursue such immoral homoerotic acts or not. ¹⁵¹

Same-Sex Marriage

The majority believes that it is the right of the citizen to decide what is right for his life. There is no absolute truth. There is no need to follow God’s first command to be “*fruitful and multiply.*” With same-sex marriage and the killing of babies, there will be a decline in new born children in this country. New children are needed to support the continued taxation by government. If there is a decline in the population, then there must be an increase in taxes to support the spending base. The downward spiral will continue based upon governmental actions until there is a turning away from these evil ways. One way to defile God’s intended Law is to make it lawful in a nation to do what is seen in God’s eyes as an abomination. It continues to be done through states offering their blessing to engage in homosexual activity by honoring and making it lawful for same-sex marriage.

Same-sex marriage in the United States is recognized in several states. As of January 2013, nine states which are *Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington* and including the *District of Columbia* have legalized same-sex marriage. In addition, Rhode Island recognizes same-sex marriages performed in other states and California had recognized them briefly on a conditional basis until the voter overturned it in 2008 under California Proposition 8. On May 15, 2008, the Supreme Court of California issued a decision in which it effectively legalized same-sex marriage. It ruled that California's existing opposite-sex definition of marriage violated the Constitutional Rights of same-sex couples. It was overturned by the actions taken by the faithful Christian people in the State of California to bring it to a public vote. Proposition 8 on the November 2008 ballot was for the purpose of restoring an opposite-sex definition of marriage. Proposition 8 was passed on Election Day 2008 as were proposed marriage-limiting amendments in Florida and Arizona. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on February 2012 ruled that the state of California could not take away a right to same-sex marriage that it had previously allowed. The court rejected what the voter had approved in Proposition 8 as unconstitutional. The decision in that case has been appealed. The case was ultimately decided and dismissed by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26, 2013. The lower court had struck down *Prop 8*. ¹⁵²

Several states have legalized same-sex marriage through court rulings, legislative action and popular vote. Nevertheless, nine states prohibit same-sex marriage by statute and 30 prohibit it in their state constitutions. The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) of 1996 prevents the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages and allows each state to refuse recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states. The provision of DOMA forbids the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages. What has become apparent is that it is just a matter of time before this Defense of Marriage Act will be overturned by the courts. It has been found unconstitutional in eight federal courts, including two federal appeals courts. Five of these cases

¹⁵⁰ Scott Conroy, "[Palin Breaks With McCain On Gay Marriage Ban](#)", CBS News, October 20, 2008.

¹⁵¹ "[Report: Obama Changed His View on Gay Marriage](#)". FoxNews.com. April 7, 2010

¹⁵² "[States](#)". Freedom to Marry. April 16, 2010.

have pended review by the Supreme Court. Could the Supreme Court's ruling on marriage be brought to a national public vote as well? Isn't the Supreme Court the final ruling authority for this country or is it God? ¹⁵³

The movement for same-sex couples to obtain marriage rights and benefits in the United States began in the 1970s. It became more prominent in U.S. politics in 1993 when the Hawaii Supreme Court declared the state's prohibition to be unconstitutional in *Baehr v. Lewin*. It was during the early 21st century that public support for legalizing same-sex marriage has grown considerably. There are various national polls conducted recently that show a majority of Americans support same-sex marriage. In 1996, just 25% of Americans supported legalization. Polls have shown that support is identical among whites and non-whites. Polling trends in 2010 and 2011 showed support for same-sex marriage gaining a majority. On May 20, 2011, the Gallup Poll reported majority support for same-sex marriage for the first time in the country. This is a nation where the majority rules. It is where democracy must reign and rule and not God and His Laws. On May 9, 2012, Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to publicly declare support for the legalization of same-sex marriage. Even more recent events on November 6, 2012, Maine, Maryland and Washington became the first states to legalize same-sex marriage through popular vote. This is again a sign of judgment coming to this nation. It will come when the cup of iniquity becomes full. We as a nation are accelerating the filling process. ¹⁵²

Supreme Court - Marriage

The case of *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, U.S. Supreme Court, No. 12-144 relates directly to the California "Prop 8" ballot measure. It is whether the Constitution's 14th Amendment guarantee of "equal protection" prevents states from defining marriage as only between one man and one woman. The "Prop 8" case as it has become known has been down a complicated legal road. California's Supreme Court ruled same-sex marriages were legal in 2008. The statewide ballot measure, banning same-sex marriages, passed with 52% of the vote later that same year. This resulted in gay and lesbian marriages were put on hold. Attorney General Brown chose not to defend the lawsuit, saying that Proposition 8 violates the 14th Amendment and should be struck down. Governor Schwarzenegger also declined to participate in the defense but said it was appropriate for the courts to hear the case and "resolve the merits of this action expeditiously" because it presents important constitutional questions. Two groups, the official proponents of Proposition 8, *ProtectMarriage.com*, led by Dennis Hollingsworth, and a rival group, the Campaign for California Families, sought to intervene as defendants. On August 4, 2010, Walker announced his ruling in favor of the plaintiffs, overturning Proposition 8 based on the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Walker concluded that California had no rational basis or vested interest in denying gays or lesbians the rights to marriage licenses. On January 4, 2011, in the appeal by the defendant, the Ninth Circuit Court certified a question to the California Supreme Court. It was because California officials had declined to defend the law. The Ninth Circuit stayed the appeal pending a response from the California Supreme Court. On February 7, 2012, the three-judge panel ruled 2-1 in favor of the plaintiffs, declaring Proposition 8 unconstitutional. Proponents of Proposition 8 appealed the case *Hollingsworth v. Perry* to the U.S. Supreme Court on July 31, 2012. California is the only state that accepted, and then revoked, same-sex marriage as a legal right. The measure's supporters asked the justices to preserve the will of the voters concerning this social issue. Opponents of "Prop 8" were seeking a court-ordered for the expansion of the "traditional" views of marriage. The word "traditional" is used and not God's Law. We continue to deny that God has revealed the truth about homosexual relationships. God would have to offer an apology to Sodom for its destruction, if it was an acceptable practice. This nation was designed to guarantee the "equal protection" and the right to pursue happiness even if it is against God's Law. The ultimate judge is God who people ignore. It will require God's Judgment and perilous times to get a turning away from our wicked ways and a new generation. ¹⁵⁴

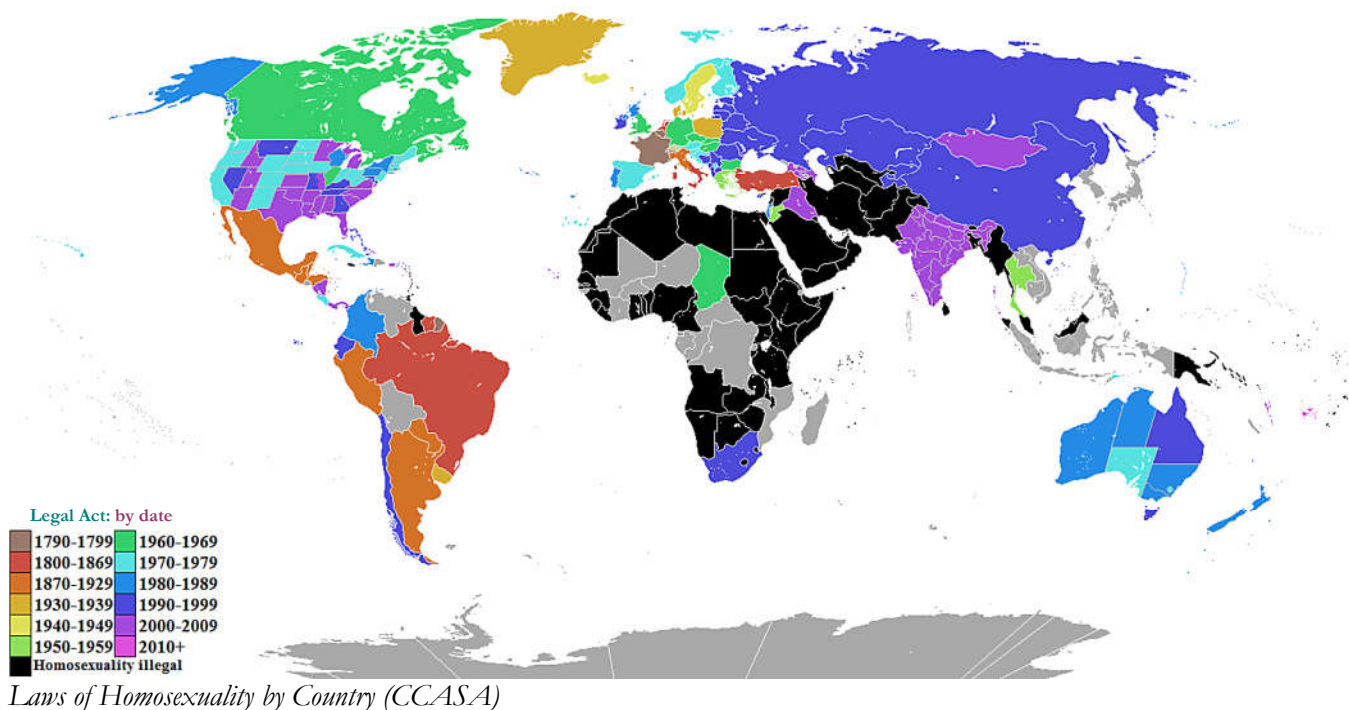
¹⁵³ "Same Sex Marriage Laws - History". National Conference of State Legislatures.

¹⁵⁴ "*Hollingsworth v. Perry*, Proceedings and Orders". Supreme Court of the United States.

The case of *U.S. v. Windsor*, *U.S. Supreme Court, No. 12-307* is whether the Federal Defense of Marriage Act violates equal protection guarantees in the Fifth Amendment's of Due Process Clause, as applied to same-sex couples legally married under the laws of their own state. The Obama administration in a rare move has refused to defend a federal law in court. He left it to the GOP-controlled House of Representatives to file the legal appeals to the Supreme Court. Appeals from Massachusetts, New York, California, and elsewhere are also pending. The law known as DOMA defines marriage for federal purposes as unions exclusively between a man and woman. The legal issue is whether the federal government can deny tax, health and pension benefits to same-sex couples in states where they can legally marry. A federal appeals court in Boston struck down the benefits provision, saying, "If we are right in thinking that disparate impact on minority interests and federalism concerns both require somewhat more in this case than almost automatic deference to Congress' will, this statute fails that test." The First Circuit court did not rule on the federal law's other key provision. One provision is if states that do not permit same-sex marriages could be forced to recognize unions performed in other states. Traditionally, marriages in one jurisdiction are considered valid across states. The Supreme Court in a 5-4 ruling struck down the 17-year-old DOMA. "DOMA is unconstitutional as a deprivation of the equal liberty of persons that is protected by the Fifth Amendment," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority. At the same time on June 26, 2013, the court ruled 5-4 that the case of *Hollingsworth v. Perry (California's Prop 8)* be dismissed on procedural grounds. The lower court had struck down *Prop 8*. This is considered a civil rights issue and not a religious rights issue. It is acceptable practice to for this nation to consider it is above God's Laws. The high court believes it is correct in protecting the rights of an individual to pursue what is seen as evil in the eyes of the Lord. Will the changes to the definition of marriage ultimately lead to the inclusion of polygamy or incest? How far will the law go to protect an individual's rights?¹⁵⁵

Sodomy

Laws affecting lesbian, gay, and bisexual people vary greatly by country or territory. This includes everything from legal recognition of same-sex marriage or other types of domestic partnerships, to the death penalty as punishment for same-sex romantic or sexual activity. Sodomy laws can be found around the world. Today, consensual homosexual acts between adults are illegal in about 70 out of the 195 countries of the world.



¹⁵⁵ "*Windsor v. United States: Edie Windsor Challenges DOMA*". American Civil Liberties Union. February 23, 2011.

Sodomy is a law that defines certain sexual acts as crimes. The precise sexual acts meant by the term sodomy are rarely spelled out in the law, but are typically understood by courts to include any sexual act deemed “unnatural.” Most sodomy laws in Western countries originated from a Christian worldview established from the Bible. The New Testament has been said to condemn sodomy.

Romans 1:26-28 ***“For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,***

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,”¹⁵⁶

The Apostle Paul makes the statement that God gave them over to degrading passions because “they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer.” How true this is in the United States among a majority of the people not acknowledging God any longer. It is as if God doesn’t exist. But, God is a patient God and judgment will come once the cup of iniquity becomes full. It is similar to the sign of the Tower of Babel. Man thinks that he is above God and wants to exult himself and proclaim his greatness in the world. But, God will make Himself known.

The Islamic nations of the Middle East and Africa have not legalized homosexual behavior. This is unlike the Christian nations of the world that have slowly legalized sodomy and homosexual behavior. Please take a look at the map on the opposite page which shows that nations in black have not legalized homosexual acts. It was during the Twentieth Century that North America has gradually decriminalized homosexual behavior. Most of the United States decriminalized the act after taking God out of the schools and declaring that there is no Creator. Does this not fit the case of God giving them over to degrading passions? This was caused by a nation where “they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer.” Will God use the Islamic nations to bring judgment to those who no longer acknowledge Him? We know from scripture that God will use our enemies to bring judgment and destruction to the land that disobeys His Laws. This nation no longer fears God but has lived in a time of grace and mercy. But, grace and mercy are only extended to the believers who have been justified and declared righteous through Christ’s blood of redemption. This mercy is not extended to the unrighteous and wicked; unless, they repent and turn from their evil ways.

We can now understand the significance of legalizing sodomy in this nation. The politically correct term is same-sex marriage. That is because sodomy has an illicit negative meaning. Christ told us in Matthew 24:12 “*Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold.*” But, the question remains will God bring judgment to this nation in the time of grace. Why did God destroy Sodom? Was it for wanting homosexual relationships with the men that came to Lot’s house or was it because of their wicked and sinful ways?

Genesis 19:5 ***“and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them.”***¹⁵⁷

Genesis 19:24 ***“Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,”***¹⁵⁶

From the passage in Genesis, we know that homosexual activities were at least one of the reasons why God judged the region of Jordan. In this region were the major cities of Sodom, Gomorrah and Zeborim. It is not that unusual to find support for homosexuality in the major cities in the United States such as San Francisco and

¹⁵⁶ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ro 1:26–28). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵⁷ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ge 19:5, Ge 19:24). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

New York City. If we look into the Jewish book of Jubilees we can find that there was much more wickedness going on in those cities. It says they were wicked and sinned exceedingly, because they defiled themselves and committed fornication in their flesh. So, God executed judgment on their places according to their uncleanness.

Jubilees 16:5-7 ***“And in this month the Lord executed his judgments on Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Zeboim, and all the region of the Jordan, and He burned them with fire and brimstone, and destroyed them until this day, even as I have declared unto thee all their works, that they are wicked and sinners exceedingly, and that they defile themselves and commit fornication in their flesh, and work uncleanness on the earth. And, in like manner, God will execute judgment on the places where they have done according to the uncleanness of the Sodomites, like unto the judgment of Sodom.”***¹⁵⁸



Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah by John Martin (1852)



*Vertical walls of perhaps Sodom southwest Dead Sea (GNU)
http://www.arkediscovery.com/sodom_&_gomorrah.htm*

This passage says “God *will execute judgment on the places where they have done... uncleanness of the Sodomites?*” which includes today’s cities. This should remind us of the brimstone used in the destruction of Sodom in Lot’s time.

Genesis 19:28 ***“and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace.”***¹⁵⁹

It was the city of Zoar that was saved from the Wrath of God during Lot’s day. Will there be cities saved during the judgment of this nation? If no judgment comes, then God would have to offer an apology to Sodom and Gomorrah for its destruction. Could God use fire and brimstone to judge the Sodomites of this nation? Will God use an asteroid, a comet or an atomic bomb to purge the wickedness from this land? We will see that God will use a comet as a warning for His coming judgment. God created the heavens to declare signs as well to the nations. God had used the Old Testament prophets to declare to the nation of Israel that judgment was coming and to fear the Lord. In the passage of scripture quoted by President Obama in Isaiah, God uses the Assyrians to conquer Israel. It was when *“they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer.”*

We have seen the Islamic terrorist’s attacks in this country. We do know that Iran is in the process of developing atomic weapons. We will later see there is a sign in the heavens in 2017 indicating war. Will God use atomic weapons and war against this nation as judgment for our evil and lawlessness? Lawlessness is making it lawful to do what is seen as an abomination in God’s eyes. We know for fact that God sees sodomy as evil and wicked and will allow it to occur during the time *“they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer.”* The Supreme Court has ruled for same-sex marriage in 2013. This has legalized sodomy and homoerotic behavior throughout this country.

¹⁵⁸ *Wesley Center for Applied Theology, c/o Northwest Nazarene University, Book of Jubilees*

¹⁵⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Ge 19:28). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.*

Sodomy Laws

The primary interpretation of the sin of sodomy is homoerotic sexual acts. It is connecting the Sodom narrative with Leviticus 18, which lists various sexual crimes, which according to verses 27 and 28 would result in the land being “defiled.” The primary word for sex is the Hebrew word *yáda’* used as “know” or the word “lie” used in Leviticus. Scholars disagree on what “know” is referring to. However, most of conservative Christianity interprets it to mean “sexual intercourse.” Supporting this argument is the use of *yáda’* denoting sex in Genesis. According to God there were additional sins in Sodom other than sodomy. It was not helping the poor and the needy.

Ezekiel 16:48-49 ***“As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “Sodom, your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.”***¹⁶⁰

On June 26, 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court in a 6-3 decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* struck or overturned the Texas same-sex sodomy law. It was ruled that this private sexual conduct is protected by the liberty rights implicit in the due process clause of the United States Constitution. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's concurring opinion argued that it violated “equal protection” a right under the Constitution's 14th Amendment. This decision invalidated all state sodomy laws insofar as they applied to conduct in private between consenting adults. It also overturned the 1986 ruling in *Bowers v. Hardwick* which upheld Georgia's sodomy law. In the 1950s, all states had some form of law criminalizing sodomy. It was in 1986 the United States Supreme Court ruled that nothing in the United States Constitution bars a state from prohibiting sodomy. Nevertheless, state legislators and state courts had started to repeal their sodomy laws. This repeal began with Illinois in 1961 and by 2003 only 10 states had laws prohibiting sodomy. Isaiah 5:20 says “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light...”

Sharia Law

Sharia Law is a complex Islamic system of moral codes that governs all aspects of Muslim life. More than just a set of laws, it is also the methodology through which Muslims live their daily lives by and search for the divine will of Allah. For devout Muslims, Sharia governs everything from the way they eat to how they treat animals and protect the environment, to how they do business, how they marry and how their estate is distributed after death. Sharia in its current modern day manifestation is a source of legislation or actual state law in many Muslim countries. The dictionary defined Sharia Law – “the code of law derived from the *Quran* (Koran) and from the teachings and example of Mohammed; under Islamic law there is no separation of church and state.”¹⁶¹

Sharia is for Muslims a divine law - the Law of Allah. But, it takes scholarly study of the Quran to articulate and elaborate that divine law in the form of legal rules. Those legal rules are called “*fiqh*” crafted by religious legal scholars with a self-conscious awareness of their own human fallibility. As a result, there are many “*fiqh*” schools of law. According to Islamic legal theory, no “*fiqh*” rule can demand obedience because every such rule is the product of human beings. Therefore, it is open to fallible interpretation. The concept of justice embodied in Sharia is different from that of secular Western law. Muslims believe the Sharia Law has been revealed by Allah. In Islam, the laws that govern human affairs are just one facet of a universal set of laws governing nature itself. Violations of Islamic law are offenses against God and nature, including one's own human nature. Crime in Islam is considered sin. Whatever crime is committed and whatever punishment is prescribed for that crime in this world, one must ultimately answer to God on the Day of Judgment.¹⁶²

¹⁶⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Eze 16:48–49). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶¹ *The Dictionary*, by Farlex, also found in the Encyclopedia and Wikipedia

¹⁶² Islamic Law – Legal Literature And Institutions, Jurisprudence: The "Sources" of the Law, The Modern Period

Homosexual acts are illegal under most interpretations of Sharia Law. However, the prescribed penalties differ from one “*fiqh*” school of jurisprudence to another. For example, these Muslim-majority countries may impose the death penalty for acts of sodomy and homosexual activities which include the countries of Iran, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Somalia. In contrast, in some Muslim majority countries such as Indonesia, Egypt and Iraq same-sex sexual acts are illegal, but there is no specific penalty. Nevertheless, in Turkey and Jordan homosexual acts between consenting individuals are legal. ¹⁶³

Many human rights activists and leading organizations have criticized the Islamic position and stance on human rights. In 2009, the journal *Free Inquiry* summarized this criticism in an editorial making the following statement: “*We are deeply concerned with the changes to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by a coalition of Islamic states within the United Nations that wishes to prohibit any criticism of religion and would thus protect Islam's limited view of human rights. In view of the conditions inside the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Syria, Bangladesh, Iraq, and Afghanistan, we should expect that at the top of their human rights agenda would be to rectify the legal inequality of women, the suppression of political dissent, the curtailment of free expression, the persecution of ethnic minorities and religious dissenters — in short, protecting their citizens from egregious human rights violations. Instead, they are worrying about protecting Islam.*” ¹⁶⁴

Several predominantly Muslim countries criticized the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for its perceived failure to take into account the cultural and religious context of non-Western countries. Iran claimed that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was a secular understanding of the Judeo-Christian traditions. The claim was that if it were to be implemented by Muslims it would trespass the Islamic law. Therefore in 1990, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, a group representing all Muslim majority nations, adopted the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights of the Islamic law.

It is because Sharia Law is against the Constitutional Rights of our nation that many objections have been voiced. It is because these freedoms and rights are expected by U.S. citizens. Warnings of a looming Islamic takeover have come from Republicans running for president. “*I believe Sharia is a mortal threat to the survival of freedom in the United States and in the world as we know it,*” Newt Gingrich said in July 2010 reported by Fox News.

Walid Phares, one of Romney’s key terrorism policy advisers and a Fox News regular during the Presidential Elections has been touting the “*mortal threat*” posed by Islam. Commenting on the danger of Sharia in 2012, he said, “*The most concerning to me is not the actual Sharia document. What is concerning to me are the networks that are using it.*” He explained, these networks are not only spreading Sharia but seeking to exert political influence at home and abroad. “*This influence that the Islamists have in the United States is an issue,*” he continued and said, “*and it should be an issue raised in the debate, including in this very hot presidential contest this year.*” It never did become a subject of debate ¹⁶⁵

The real mortal threat is war with the Islamic nations, who would like to force Sharia Law in the United States. The cry for Jihad or the Holy War is real amongst the Middle East countries. They would love to attack the Judeo-Christian nations of the world. They believe in a one-world religious conversion to Islam. In most interpretations of Sharia, conversion by Muslims to other religions or becoming non-religious, is strictly forbidden and is termed apostasy. Non-Muslims, however, are allowed to convert into Islam. Muslim theology equates apostasy to treason, and in some interpretations of Sharia, the penalty for apostasy is death. During the time of Muhammad, treason and apostasy were considered one and the same. However today, many scholars differentiate between treason and apostasy, believing that the punishment for apostasy is not death, while the punishment for treason is death.

¹⁶³ "[Laws: Iran, GayLawNet](#)". Gaylawnet.com.

¹⁶⁴ Paul Kurtz, [Austin Dacey](#), and Tom Flynn. "Defaming Human Rights". *Free Inquiry*. February/March 2009, Vol. 29, No. 2.

¹⁶⁵ [Abed Awad](#), June 13, 2012 | [This article appeared in the July 2-9, 2012 edition of The Nation.](#)

Islamic Enemies

God uses our enemies to bring judgment to a nation. The U.S. enemies have been identified through the terrorist attack of 9/11. Is it to humble this nation? Why is it time for judgment? This nation over the last 50 years has made it lawful to do what is seen as an abomination in God's sight. This has been interpreted by the courts to be our Constitutional Rights to pursue happiness and not God. We have chosen not to teach our children that there is either the true God of creation or there is an intelligent designer of the universe in which we live.

We have seen the enemies of Israel come and conquered them in their time of iniquity. We have found that the Islamic nations have higher moral values than that of the Christian nations. These nations have made it a women's right to kill an unborn baby. It has legalized abortion. In many states domesticated sodomy, which is called same-sex marriage has become legal. We know that God's Judgment came to the major cities of Sodom, Gomorrah and Zeborim. They remain desolate after thousands and thousands of years. We know that atomic warfare would leave our major targeted cities desolate for centuries as well. It is in our major cities that sodomy is prevalent. It is known that Pakistan has nuclear weapons and Iran is preparing nuclear weapons and both intend to use them. The United States has chosen not to remove this threat. Could God use the Islamic nations because their moral values exceed that of the world's so called Christian nations? Has the U.S. become the Sodom of the 21st Century? We know that God is a patient God who will wait until the cup of iniquity becomes full before He will judge a nation which has defiled the land. He gives this nation an opportunity to turn from its evil ways and to call upon the Lord. He promises to "*heal their land*" if we turn from our wicked ways. There was the second wake-up call upon this land with the financial collapse of 2008. This was caused by the over valuation of real estate in this nation which effected the world economy. Yet, there was no interpretation that this was judgment from the Almighty God. To confirm this, we need to look into the heavens. Is there additional warnings?

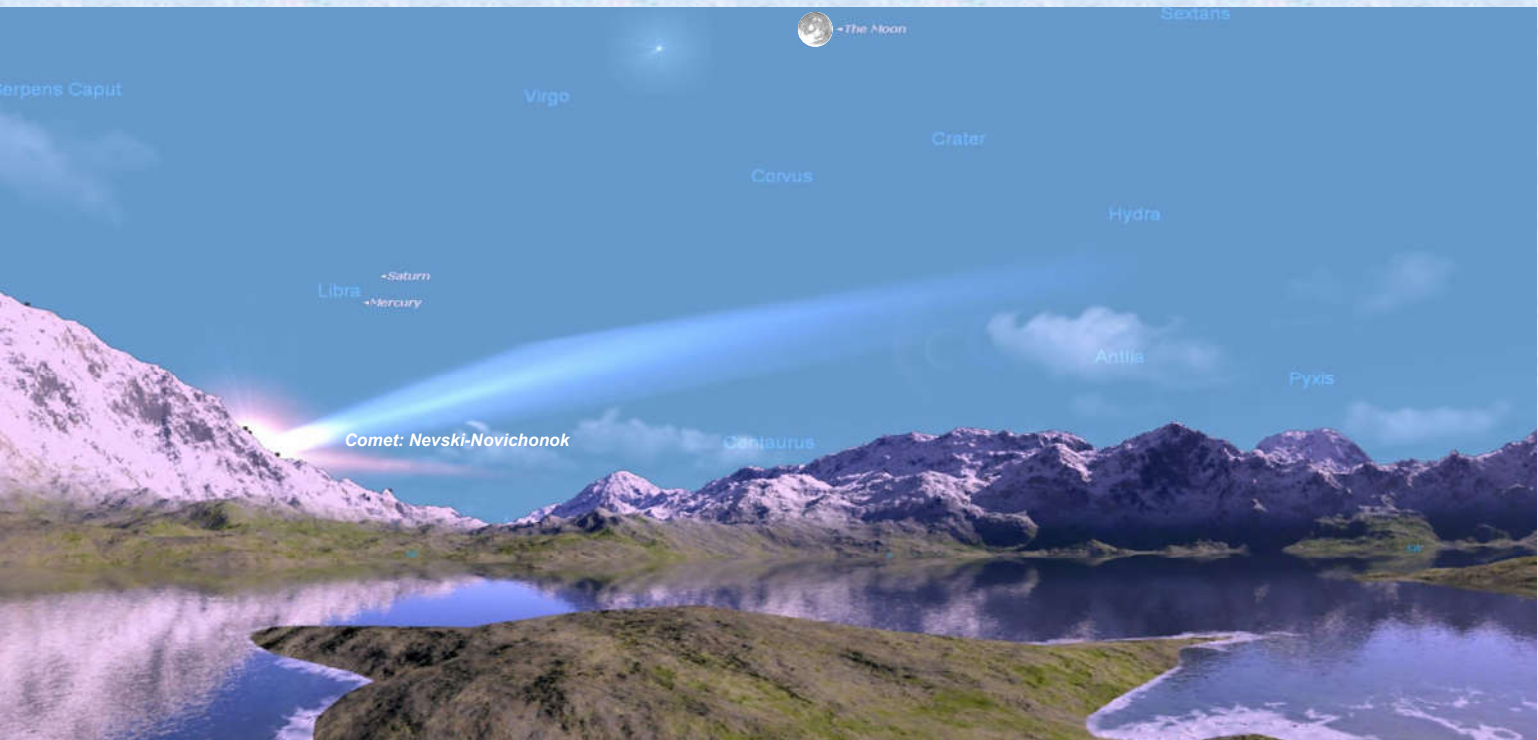
Comet – Warning Sign

Is there a warning sign in the heavens to the coming judgment? Comet Nevski-Novichonok is on its way in late 2013. The name of the comet is simply: C/2012 S1 - ISON. The addition of "ISON" after its name is used to identify the organization where its discovery was made - the Russia-based International Scientific Optical Network. The names of famous comets usually identify the astronomers who discovered them such as Comet Halley or Comet Swift-Tuttle. If that convention were followed it should be the Comet Nevski-Novichonok. ¹⁶⁶

Throughout history many comets have been stunning but few have been spectacular. Nevski-Novichonok is destined to be one of the best of all time. Discovered in September, 2012, it was found to be on a very close trajectory to the sun. In fact, it will seem to come close enough to graze the solar atmosphere. Several factors affect the brightness value. But, mainly it is the eventual proximity to the sun. This close separation will cause the warmth of the sun to heat up the ice and dust of the comet. The closest approach of the comet to the sun is called its "*perihelion*." Generally, the closer to the sun, the brighter the comet will be. Comet Nevski-Novichonok will have "*perihelion*" of about 680,000 miles above the surface of the sun. This is extremely close. The "*perihelion*" of Halley's Comet was 54 million miles. In 1997, Comet Hale-Bopp passed the sun with over 84 million miles of separation. It is expected to be brightest around the time it is closest to the sun. However, it may be less than 1° from the sun at its closest, which will make it difficult to see against the sun's glare. The solar wind which emanates from the sun will buffet the comet and carry off particles. These particles will form a tail beyond the comet. Many such tails are millions of miles long. Other comets have been called "*sun grazers*" because they pass close to the sun. Many of those don't survive the encounter. Perhaps Comet Nevski-Novichonok is large enough to escape unscathed. The Comet is likely to put on a show which might never be equaled. However, it needs to appear in the sky as a sword from heaven to earth to be viewed as a warning. We will see this occurring later. ¹⁶⁰

¹⁶⁶ Giovanni Sostero, Nick Howes, and Ernesto Guido (2012-09-24). "[New Comet: C/2012 S1 \(ISON\)](#)"

Because of the sun's glare, one of the best times to see the comet's tail is just at sunrise or sunset. The computer generated image is just at sunrise. But, on its path towards our sun there are other effects that can occur. As the object passes the giant planet, Jupiter, its gravity is affected. This can affect the subsequent orbits of the comet. Perhaps, this 2013 comet is taking a million years to orbit the sun. Jupiter may cause the orbit length to increase or decrease. Jupiter may also deflect the orbit. This is an unlikely possibility; but it has happened before. Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 was so affected and it soon crashed into the planet Jupiter. Comet Nevski-Novichonok is not likely to collide with the planet. However, its orbit may not be exactly stable after the 2013 close approach.



Comet Nevski-Novichonok on November 28, 2013 at sunrise over the Dead Sea

In October, the comet will pass through the constellation Leo, passing near Leo's brightest star Regulus and then passing near Mars in the night sky, and these brighter objects might make the comet easier to locate. In November, when the comet is brighter, it will sweep another bright star in our sky, Spica in the constellation Virgo, and another planet, Saturn. Around the time the comet reaches its perihelion on 28 November, it may become extremely bright if it remains intact, probably reaching a negative magnitude. It may briefly become brighter than the full Moon.

From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C/2012_S1

Is the trajectory or path the comet is on have some significance? It will first come in proximity to the star of Regulus, known as the king star, in the Constellation of Leo. We know that Leo, the lion symbolizes God's Wrath and Judgment. Comet Nevski-Novichonok next passes near the planet of Mars. We know that this "bloody red" planet represents war. As the comet becomes brighter, it approaches another bright star of Spica in the Constellation of Virgo. Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. This can be symbolic of Christianity. The comet finally passes near the planet of Saturn which we have learned represents land and harvest time. Could this be a warning from God? We know Halley's Comet was seen in 66 AD before the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. It is also known that if a comet is seen in the heavens it is considered a bad omen. The Nevski-Novichonok Comet is followed by four blood moons over Israel, which is an omen for the nation of Israel.

Is this comet a bad omen? The Islamic nations of the Middle East and Africa have not legalized homosexual acts. This is unlike the Christian nations of the world that have slowly legalized sodomy and homosexual behavior including same-sex marriage. We do know that the United States has been attacked before by Islamic terrorists. Was the 9/11 attack a forewarning by our enemies? We know Pakistan possesses plutonium nuclear weapons and Iran is preparing nuclear weapons to use against nations that do not believe in Islam. There is also a shout for "Jihad," a Holy War, against infidels. To Islamic faith, infidels include both Jews and Christians.

CHAPTER 11: ISRAEL – 2015



The Western Wall and the Mosque in Jerusalem (CCASA)

The nation of Israel is God’s chosen people. God had spoken to Abram and said He would make a great nation and bless him. That great nation is Israel derived from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons. Didn’t God tell Abram that he would bless those who bless him and curse those who curse him? Didn’t that blessing go on to the descendants of Abram? God extended the blessing when wrestling with Jacob and dislocating his hip.

Genesis 12:2-3 ***“And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”***¹⁶⁷

Most Christians believe that this blessing goes on to those nations who support the Jewish nation of Israel. It was the nations of England and the United States that first recognized the founding of Israel as a nation in 1948. The United States has been very supportive of Israel in the past. It has provided military training as well as equipment to Israel for defense of its land. This equipment has included fighter jets for its air force.

It wasn’t until the Obama administration that friction occurred between the two nations. President Obama made a grievous mistake in his first term in office by demanding a halt to the Israeli settlement building. Obama promptly flew to Cairo but not Jerusalem to cozy up to the Muslim world. It was in this most important capital of the Arab world that Obama demanded a halt to Israeli settlement building. This put Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas into an unsupported diplomatic role. With the passage of time, Obama owned up to his diplomatic mistake which possibly put the Israeli-Palestinian peace process on hold. Now, at the start of his second term, Obama has announced his trip to Israel, which happened on March 20, 2013. He planted a tree there. His visit was to improve his image in the eyes of some Israelis who suspect him as being pro-Palestinian. This would provide an opportunity for Israel and the U.S. to compare diplomatic issues at the highest level.

¹⁶⁷ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Ge 12:2–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Nevertheless, President Obama's nominee of Secretary of Defense brings to question Obama's true desires. Is the nomination of Chuck Hagel to Secretary of Defense a sign of what is to come? Chuck Hagel doesn't believe in sanctions for Iran. Hasn't Iran openly stated it will wipe Israel off the face of the earth? Republican Senator Lindsey Graham said Chuck Hagel "*seems clueless*" on U.S. policy toward Iran and he urged the Obama administration to reconsider its defense secretary nominee. Chuck Hagel says his positions on Israel has been "*completely distorted,*" though he acknowledges that "*I have also questioned some very cavalier attitudes taken about very complicated issues in the Middle East*" in the *Washington Post* - 01/08/2013. Is this a sign of weakness on the part of President Obama's nominee for defense secretary going to impact the future of the United States and Israel? We will see that President Obama's second term in office is even more important than his first regarding the nation of Israel. We know through heavenly signs that the years of 2014 and 2015 are significant to the nation of Israel. It is because there will be four blood moons seen in the heavens above Jerusalem - two on Passover and the others during the Feast of Tabernacles. These blood moon events will repeat themselves in 2015 after a total solar eclipse occurs in March 20, 2015. A partial eclipse at sunrise will occur on September 13, 2015 prior to the last blood moon. Total solar eclipses are considered a bad omen for surrounding nations. It brings darkness to the location in which it occurs. Therefore, its location is significant to the event. Blood moons are an omen for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. These blood moons and solar eclipses are determined by the heavenly ordinances at creation. They have been designed by God to occur on these exact dates and predicted by NASA.



Passover 4/15/14 Tabernacles 10/08/14 Eclipse 3/20/15 Passover 4/04/15 Tabernacles 9/28/15

There are three sets of blood moons or lunar eclipses that corresponded to significant events in the historic past. The Spanish Inquisition's final year of 1492 was the first in the most recent series of consecutive blood moons. This is when the Alhambra Decree ordered all remaining Jews who would not convert to Christianity to leave Spain. The Israeli 1948 War of Independence and the 1967 Israeli Six-Day War were the later events. All of these earthly events had back-to-back blood or red moons occur on the first day of Passover and Sukkot as well as the following year. Sukkot is a Hebrew word signifying the Feast of Tabernacles. The Passover Feast has significance to both the Jews and Christians. It was during the time of Passover that Christ instituted the Lord's Supper.

John 13:1 ***"Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."***¹⁶⁸

Mark 14:25 ***"Truly I say to you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."***¹⁶⁹

It was Moses in Exodus 12:21 that called the elders of Israel to sacrifice a lamb during Passover. How appropriate that the Lord's Supper first occurred during Passover. Christ is the ultimate Lamb of God that was slain. Sukkot סוכות or סכנות *sukkot*, *sukkos* is the Feast of Booths as referred to in the Bible or the Feast of Tabernacles. The Hebrew word *sukkot* is the plural of *sukkah* meaning "*booth or tabernacle.*" It is a biblical holiday celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Tishrei which occurs from late September to early October. The

¹⁶⁸ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Jn 13:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶⁹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 14:25). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

holiday lasts seven days. This holiday is one of the three biblically mandated festivals. There are two other festivals Shalosh on which Jews were commanded to make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem as well as the solemn holiday of Yom Kippur which is the Day of Atonement. However, the Feast of Tabernacles is unique.

Leviticus 23:34-35 ***“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast of Booths for seven days to the LORD. On the first day is a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work of any kind.”***¹⁷⁰

It is during the first day and eighth day of this feast that the sons of Israel shall not work or labor. It is one of the periods in which the Jewish people are most vulnerable to attack. The Islamic nations that surround Israel understand Old Testament Law. Would they use this to their advantage? Let us take a look at past blood moons and there surrounding events. This will help us understand the significance of the four blood moons.

Spanish Inquisition

The Spanish Inquisition was originally intended to ensure the orthodox beliefs of those who converted from Judaism and Islam. This regulation of the faith of the newly converted was made worse after the royal decrees issued in 1492 and 1501 ordered Jews and Muslims to convert or leave the country. As the Spanish Inquisition picked up its efforts, those involved became increasingly convinced that Spain's Jews were actively seducing the so called “*converses*” back into their old faith. It was no more real than other conspiracy theories. Ferdinand and Isabella were influenced by it. Both of the monarchs had Jewish friends. But, they also felt that it was their duty to their Christian subjects to take action and remove the danger.

The monarchs decided to introduce the Inquisition to Castile to discover and punish Jews with the concurrence of the Pope. Ferdinand II of Aragon pressured Pope Sixtus IV to agree to an Inquisition controlled by the monarchy. It was by suggesting withdrawal of military support at a time when the Turks were threatening Rome. Therefore, on November 1, 1478, Pope Sixtus IV published the Papal Bull, “*Exigit Sinceras Devotionis Affectus*.” It gave the monarchs exclusive authority to name the inquisitors in their lands. In 1483, Ferdinand appointed Tomas de Torquemada as inquisitor general for most of Spain. It was Torquemada's job to establish rules of evidence and procedure for the Inquisition as well as to set up branches in major cities. The Inquisition was extremely active between 1480 and 1530. Different sources give different estimates of the number of trials and executions in this period. Henry Kamen estimates about 2,000 were executed based on the documentation of the “*autos-da-fé*.” The great majority being executed were of Jewish origin.¹⁶⁵

Unfortunately, the problem only got worse. This was a direct result of the methods employed by the early Spanish Inquisition which strayed significantly from church standards. When the inquisitors arrived in a particular area they would announce an “*Edict of Grace*.” This was a 30-day period in which secret Jews could voluntarily come forward to confess their sin and do penance. This was also a time for others with information about Christians practicing Judaism in secret to make it known to the tribunal. Evidence that was used to identify a Jew included the absence of chimney smoke on Saturdays. This was considered to be a sign a Jewish family might secretly be honoring the Sabbath. Another sign might be the buying of many vegetables before Passover or the purchase of meat from a converted butcher. The court employed physical torture to extract confessions. Those found guilty after the 30-days grace period elapsed and could be burned at the stake. Opposition in the Catholic Church to the Spanish Inquisition only increased. Many church members pointed out that it was contrary to all accepted practices for heretics to be burned without being instructed in the faith.¹⁷¹

¹⁷⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Le 23:34–35). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷¹ Ben-Sasson, H.H., editor. *A History of the Jewish People*. Harvard University Press, 1976

The Inquisition also condemned sexual offence of sodomy which was based upon the *Canon Law*. This included cases of incidences, heterosexual and homosexual rape and other abnormal sexual activity. Civil authorities at times executed those convicted. In 1506 at Seville, the Inquisition made a special investigation into sodomy. This caused many to be arrested with many fugitives and burning of twelve persons. In 1509, the Suprema in Castile had determined and declared that sodomy crimes were not within the jurisdiction of the Inquisition. ¹⁷²

The Spanish people loved their Inquisition. That is why it lasted for so long. It was seen as guarding against error and heresy. It was protecting the faith of Spain and to ensure the favor of God. But, the world was changing. In time, Spain's empire faded away. By the mid-16th century, Spain was the wealthiest and most powerful country in Europe. King Philip II saw himself as the faithful defender of the Catholic Church. Less wealthy and less powerful were Europe's Protestant areas, including the Netherlands, northern Germany, and England. Wealth and power shifted to the north in particular to France and England. By the late 17th century, new ideas of religious tolerance were seen across Europe. Inquisitions of both Catholic and Protestant withered away. The Spanish stubbornly held on to theirs and for that they were ridiculed by many Europeans.

Americas – 1492

Christopher Columbus was a navigator and an admiral for Castile, which later became the modern country of Spain. He made four voyages to the Americas with his first in 1492, which resulted in what is considered by Europeans as the discovery of the Americas. The blood moon event also brought with it the voyage of Columbus in 1492. This discovery would later become the land of religious freedom. It came during the persecution of the Jews in Spain in the Castile region.

Castile, the precursor of Spain, had been somewhat slower than its neighbor Portugal to begin exploring the Atlantic. It was not until the late 15th century which followed after the unification of Castile and Aragon that exploration begun. It then became important to find new trade routes and colonies overseas. In 1492, the joint rulers of the nation decided to fund Christopher Columbus' expedition. It was their hope of finding a bypass to Portugal's lock on Africa and the Indian Ocean. It was a hope of reaching Asia by traveling west. ¹⁷³

On the evening of August 3, 1492, Columbus departed from Castilian Palos de la Frontera with three ships. The ships were property of Juan de la Cosa and the Pinzón brothers, Martín Alonso Pinzón and Vicente Yáñez Pinzón. The monarchs forced the Palos de la Frontera to contribute to the cost of the expedition. Columbus first sailed to the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Africa. The Canary Islands were ruled by the Crown of Castile and it was there they planned on restocking provisions and making repairs. ¹⁶⁷

Three days into the journey, on August 6, 1492, the rudder of the Pinta was broken and rendered the ship uncontrollable. The owners of the ship, Gomez Rascon and Christoval Quintero, were suspected of sabotage. It was because their ship had been pressed into service against their will. The captain of the Pinta, Martín Alonso Pinzón, was able to secure the rudder temporarily with cords until the Canary Islands could be reached on August 9, 1492. It was there that they made repairs to the Pinta and fixed the rudder. While securing provisions from the island, Columbus received word that three Portuguese merchant ships had been seen hovering near the island of El Hierro with the supposed intention of capturing him. However, on September 6, 1492 the westward voyage began without incident. ¹⁶⁸

¹⁷² Detailed account of repressions against "sodomy", related statistics and the profiles of defendants in Monter, *Frontiers of Heresy*

¹⁷³ Morison, Samuel Eliot, *Admiral of the Ocean Sea: The Life of Christopher Columbus* Boston, 1942

In his first journey, Columbus visited San Salvador in the Bahamas in which he was convinced was Japan. In his journeys he thought Cuba was China and he also found gold at Hispaniola. There was a little confusion relating this to the New World and not Asia. After 29 days out of sight of land, on October 7, 1492, the crew spotted “flocks of birds,” some of which the sailors determined to be field birds. Columbus changed course to follow their flight for land. Land was sighted at 2:00 in the morning on October 12, 1492 by a sailor named Rodrigo de Triana. Columbus called the island San Salvador, which in present day is the Bahamas or the Turks. Exactly which island in the Bahamas they landed has been an unresolved mystery. It was later thought to be San Salvador Island and it was named San Salvador in 1925 in the belief that it was truly Columbus's island in the Bahamas. ¹⁷⁴

Even though there was a hope of reaching Asia by traveling west, it turned out to be a disappointment. Nonetheless, this hope turned into the discovery of what is called the New World. This became the land of religious freedom for the pilgrims. Many Jews came to this country as well. In particular, the city of New York became home to many of them. Was this due to the fact they could worship God the way they thought was right in their Jewish traditions? This country was considered the “land of the free.”

Israeli War of Independence – 1948

The next set of blood moons occurred during the Israeli war of independence. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution recommending the implementation of a plan to partition Palestine into two states - one Arab and one Jewish. Each state would comprise three major sections which would be linked by crossroads. The Jews would get 56% of the land of which most was in the Negev Desert. This area would contain 498,000 Jews and 407,000 Arabs. The Palestinian Arabs would get 43% of this land. In consideration of its religious significance of the city of Jerusalem and including Bethlehem, with 100,000 of Jews and an equal number of Palestinian Arabs, was to become a “*Corpus Separatum*.” This area would be administered by the United Nations. The Jewish leadership accepted the partition plan without reservation. ¹⁷⁵

Nevertheless, the first large-scale assaults began on January 9, 1948, when approximately 1,000 Arabs attacked Jewish communities in northern Palestine. There were 100,000 British troops deployed in Palestine in two ground forces divisions, two independent infantry brigades, two mechanized regiments, and a number of RAF squadrons. The peak deployment was in July 1947, when 70,200 British troops were stationed in Palestine. By February, the British said so many Arabs had infiltrated, they lacked the forces to run them back. In fact, the British turned over bases and arms to Arab irregulars and the Arab Legion. During this period, the Arab and Jewish communities of Palestine clashed. This occurred while the British had the obligation to maintain order. The British organized their own withdrawal. Israel launched a series of military operations to drive out the Arab armies and secure the borders of Israel. Invasion of the West Bank might have brought into the borders of the State of Israel a massive Arab population it could not absorb. The Negev Desert was an empty space for expansion, so the main war effort shifted to Negev from early October. On May 4, 1948, the Arab Legion attacked Kfar Etzion. The defenders drove them back, but the Arab Legion returned a week later. After two days, the ill-equipped and outnumbered settlers were overwhelmed. Many defenders were massacred after they had surrendered. This occurred prior to the invasion by the regular Arab armies that followed Israel's declaration of independence. It finished on 14 May 1948 when the Jewish People's Council approved a proclamation which declared the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz Israel, to be later known as the State of Israel. ¹⁷⁶

¹⁷⁴ Clements R. Markham, ed., *A People's History Of The United States 1492-Present*, HarperCollins, 2001

¹⁷⁵ Itzhak Galnoor (1995). *The partition of Palestine: decision crossroads in the Zionist movement*. SUNY Press.

¹⁷⁶ Melvin I. Urofsky (January 1982). *A voice that spoke for justice: the life and times of Stephen S. Wise*. SUNY Press.

The Jews won their war of independence with minimal help from the West. In fact, they won despite efforts to undermine their military strength. There is no nation from the West during the Great Tribulation that comes to the support of the nation of Israel. Maybe, it is because this nation no longer exists as the United States of America during the Great Tribulation. History repeats itself.

Although the United States highly supported the partitioning resolution, the State Department did not want to provide the Jews with the means to defend themselves. Otherwise, undersecretary of State Robert Lovett argued, “*the Arabs might use arms of U.S. origin against Jews, or Jews might use them against Arabs.*” Consequently, on December 5, 1947, the U.S. imposed an arms embargo on the region. Many in the State Department saw the embargo as yet another means of obstructing the partitioning. President Truman nevertheless went along with it. He was hoping it would be a means of “*averting bloodshed.*”¹⁷⁷

The Arabs had no difficulty obtaining all the arms they needed. In fact, Jordan's Arab Legion was armed and trained by the British and led by a British officer. At the end of 1948 and beginning of 1949, British RAF planes flew with Egyptian squadrons over the Israel Egypt border. On January 7, 1949, Israeli planes shot down four of the British aircraft. The Jews, on the other hand, were forced to smuggle weapons, principally from Czechoslovakia into the country. When Israel declared its independence in May 1948, the army did not have a single cannon or tank. Its air force consisted of nine obsolete airplanes. How Israel could defeat its Arab enemies with so little weapons of war? But, it is just like in the Biblical accounts of Israel conquering its enemies. Could this be because Israel is God's chosen people on this earth?¹⁷³

Israeli Six-Day War – 1967

The next set of blood moons occurred in 1967 over Jerusalem. The Six-Day Israeli War was fought between June 5 and June 10, 1967 by Israel and the neighboring countries of Jordan, Syria and Egypt, which was known at the time as the United Arab Republic. The war began with Israel launching surprise bombing raids against Egyptian air-fields. This included an Israeli raid into the Jordanian controlled West Bank and an Israeli initiated aerial clashes over Syrian territory. Syrian artillery attacks against Israeli settlements in the vicinity of the border followed by Israeli response against Syrian positions in the Golan Heights. This included encroachments of increasing frequency into the demilitarized zones along the Syrian border. This resulted in Egypt blocking the Straits of Tiran and ordering the evacuation from the Sinai Peninsula. Within six days, Israel had won a decisive land war. Israeli forces had taken control of the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan, and the Golan Heights from Syria.¹⁷⁸

Israel consistently expressed a desire to negotiate with its neighbors. In an address to the U.N. General Assembly on October 10, 1960, Foreign Minister Golda Meir challenged Arab leaders to meet with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to negotiate a peace settlement. Nasser answered on October 15, saying that Israel was trying to deceive world opinion and made the statement that his country would never recognize the Jewish State. In 1963, the Arab League decided to introduce a new weapon in its war against Israel and a new Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The PLO formally came into being during a 1964 meeting of the first Palestinian Congress. The PLO's hostile and aggressive statements were matched by their deeds. Terrorist attacks by the group grew more frequent. In 1965, thirty-five raids were conducted against Israel. In 1966, the number increased to forty-one. In just the first four months of 1967, thirty-seven attacks were launched. The targets were always civilians. On May 22, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to all Israeli shipping and all ships bound for Eilat. This blockade

¹⁷⁷ *Foreign Relations of the United States 1947*, (DC: GPO, 1948), p. 1249.

¹⁷⁸ Maoz, Zeev (2009). *Defending the Holy Land: A Critical Analysis of Israel's Security and Foreign Policy*. University of Michigan Press

cut off Israel's only supply route with Asia and stopped the flow of oil from its main supplier which was Iran. In 1956, the United States gave Israel assurances that it recognized the Jewish State's right of access to the Straits of Tiran. In 1957, at the U.N.'s maritime powers declared that Israel had a right to transit the Strait. ¹⁷⁹

Nasser challenged Israel to fight almost daily "*Our basic objective will be the destruction of Israel.*" The Arab people want to fight, he said on May 27. The following day he added and said "*We will not accept any...coexistence with Israel....today the issue is not the establishment of peace between the Arab states and Israel.....the war with Israel is still in effect since 1948.*" The Arab verbal attacks were matched by the mobilization of Arab forces. Approximately 465,000 troops, more than 2,800 tanks, and 800 aircraft attacked Israel. By this time, Israeli forces had been on alert for three weeks. Israel country could not remain fully mobilized indefinitely. It could not allow its sea lane through the Gulf of Aqaba to be blockaded. Israel decided to preempt the expected Arab attack. To do this successfully, Israel needed the element of surprise. Had it waited for an Arab invasion, Israel would have been at a potentially catastrophic disadvantage. On June 5, Prime Minister Eshkol gave the order to attack Egypt. ¹⁸⁰

The United States tried to prevent the war through negotiations. However, the U.S. was not able to persuade Nasser or the other Arab states to cease their hostile statements and actions. Still, right before the war Johnson warned "*Israel will not be alone unless it decides to go alone.*" Then, when the war began the State Department announced the following: "*Our position is neutral in thought, word and deed.*" The Arabs were falsely accusing the United States of airlifting supplies to Israel. Johnson imposed an arms embargo on the region. While, France which was Israel's other main arms supplier also embargoed arms to Israel. By contrast, the Soviets were supplying massive amounts of arms to the Arabs. Simultaneously, the armies of Kuwait, Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Iraq were contributing troops and arms to the Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian army fronts. ¹⁷⁵

On June 5, 1967, Israel was indeed alone. But, its military commanders had conceived a brilliant war strategy. The entire Israeli air force, with the exception of just 12 fighters assigned to defend Israeli air space, took off at 7:14 in the morning with the intent of bombing Egyptian airfields. This was while the Egyptian pilots were eating breakfast. In less than 2 hours, roughly 300 Egyptian aircraft were destroyed. A few hours later, Israeli fighters attacked the Jordanian and Syrian air forces as well as one airfield in Iraq. By the end of the first day, nearly the entire Egyptian and Jordanian air forces and half the Syrians' had been destroyed on the ground.

The battle then moved to the ground and some of history's greatest tank battles were fought between Egyptian and Israeli armies in the blazing heat of the Sinai desert. After just six days of fighting, Israeli forces were in a position to march on Cairo, Damascus, and Amman. By this time, the principal objectives of capturing the Sinai and the Golan Heights had been accomplished. Israeli political leaders had no desire to fight in the Arab capitals. Furthermore, the Soviet Union had become increasingly alarmed by the Israeli advances and was threatening to intervene. At this point, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk advised the Israelis "*in the strongest possible terms*" to accept a cease-fire. On June 10, Israel did just that. The death toll on the Arab side was approximately 15,000 Egyptians, 2,500 Syrians, and 800 Jordanians. ¹⁸¹

According to all the military analysts, it was considered to be a lopsided match. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) consisted of 275,000 troops, compared to the 465,000 soldiers of the combined Iraqi, Syrian, Jordanian and Egyptian armies. The united Arab forces also had a decided edge with regards to weaponry and military equipment. They had more than double the amount of tanks, and close to four times the amount of combat

¹⁷⁹ Lyndon B. Johnson, *The Vantage Point: Perspectives of the Presidency 1963-1969*, (NY: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1971), p. 293.

¹⁸⁰ Yehuda Lukacs, *Documents on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 1967-1983*, (NY: Cambridge University Press, 1984)

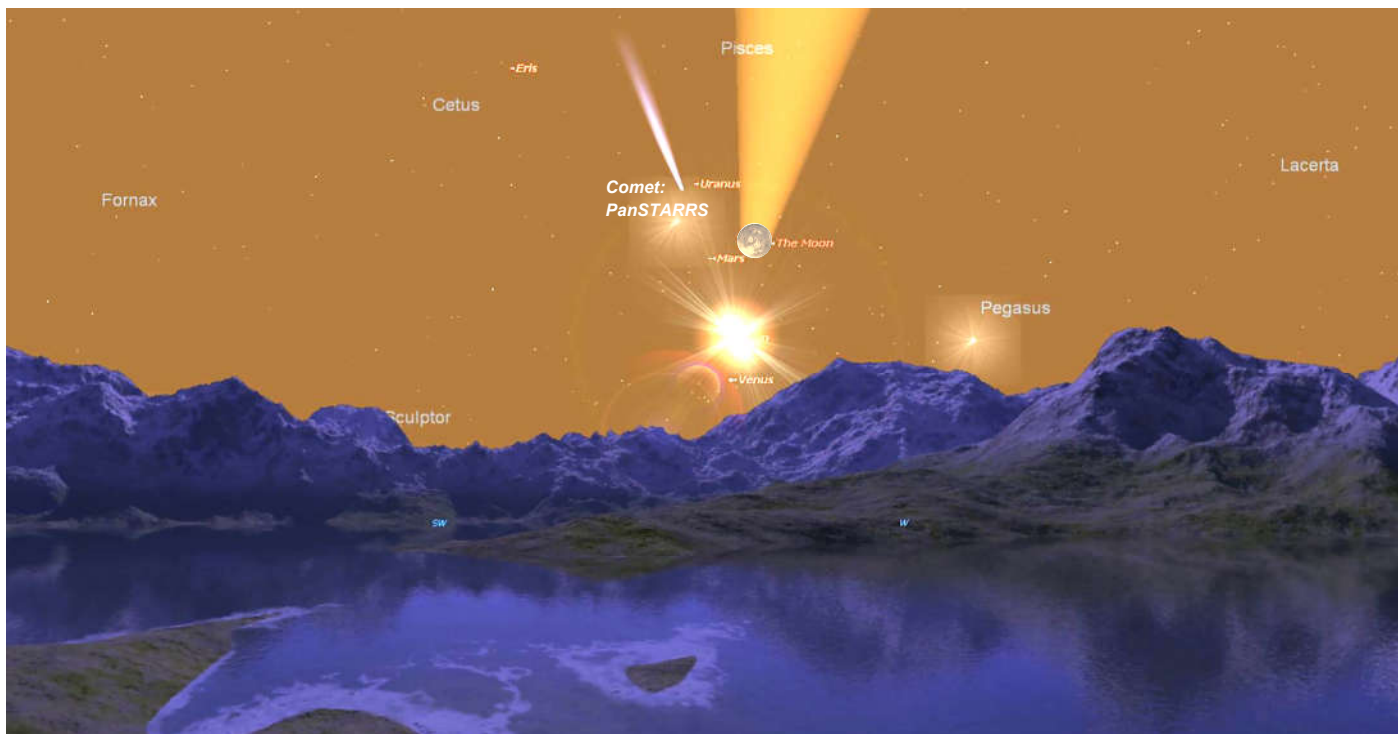
¹⁸¹ George Gruen, "The Refugees of Arab-Israeli Conflict," (NY: American Jewish Committee, March 1969)

aircraft. Yet, Israel defeated its enemies to the north, east and south of them. The United States, when it comes to defending Israel, wants to be neutral in its position. Is this in defiance of God? We as Christians do not believe in the same God as Islam, Allah. Yet, we as a nation do not want to take sides. Independent of the fact that the United States and France both cut off supplying arms, Israel still won the battle in six days. It is an astonishing defeat by a small nation over its overwhelming enemies. Whose side would you like to be on? Which God would you like to serve Allah or the Almighty God, the Creator of this universe?

Sword in the Heavens – 2013

A comet is generally thought to be a bad omen and a forewarning. There are two comets that will arrive in 2013. The first is Pan-STARRS C/2011 L4 is a non-periodic comet discovered in June 2011. It is expected to be visible to the naked eye when it is near its perihelion (nearest point to the sun) on March 10, 2013. The comet will glow brighter than any comet in the past six years. For those in the Northern Hemisphere, this could be the brightest easy-to-view comet since the 1990s. The second comet, Nevski-Novichonok C/2012 S1, is on its way in late November 2013 which was discussed in the last chapter. Is this concept of being a bad omen a valid one or is it merely a superstitious tradition? You can draw your own conclusion from scripture in I Chronicles 21:16.

Much of what was prophesied by Christ in the Olivet Discourse relates to heavenly signs for the End Times. But, Christ predicts the destruction of the Temple. The Temple was dismantled to the extent that there was not one stone left upon another. Jerusalem's Temple was destroyed. Prior to those events, numerous warnings had been given, among them many miracles involving the Temple, which are documented in Josephus *Book of Antiquities*. In conjunction with these our miraculous events, the comet named today as Haley's made its appearance in 66 AD. Being a periodic visitor every 76 years, this would not have been particularly noteworthy. This spectacular display that year is duly recorded by the historian Josephus – “*stretched out over Jerusalem like a sword.*”



Pan-STARRS C/2011 L4 - Comet over Dead Sea on March 11, 2013

The *Pan-STARRS* comet is seen in the skies with the sun and moon radiating light. An eclipse is considered a bad omen as well as a comet in the skies. But, a solar eclipse is seen as a warning to the world and not to Israel. The comet's appearance at that time may have been a similar event to what is described in I Chronicles 21:16.

This passage of scripture describes the “*Lord standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand.*” Many Bible scholars including Josephus believe that a heavenly sign of a comet represents a drawn sword of God.

1 Chronicles 21:16 “*Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, covered with sackcloth, fell on their faces.*”¹⁸²

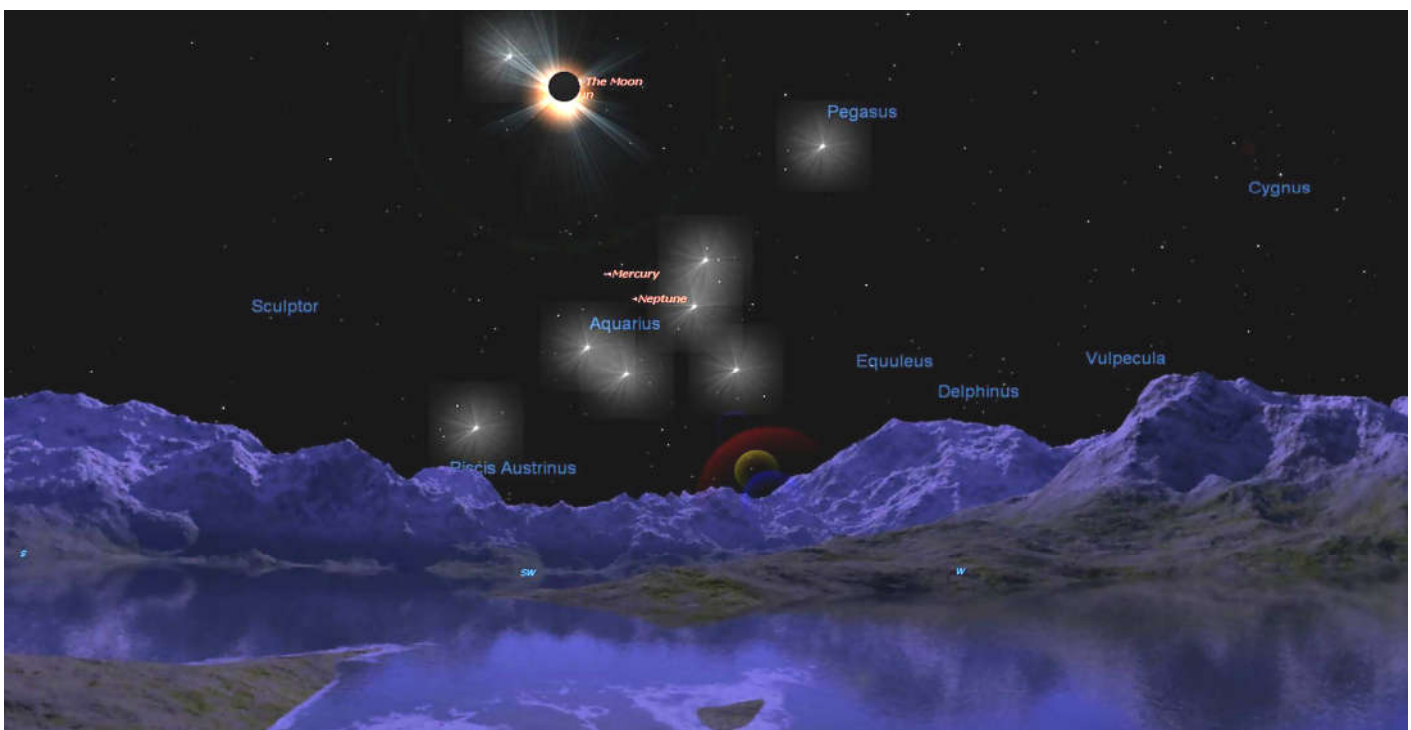
The angel had been in the process of slaughtering the Israelites because of David's sin of taking a census of the people. Seventy thousand of them died. Blood is required for payment or atonement of sin. Does a comet or sword symbolize bloody death? But, there is always justice for those who reject His mercy. Wrath will be poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth. These recent bright comets are stretched out over the land like drawn swords. Is this a forewarning? Is this a sign we need to turn from our wicked ways and fall to our faces?

Eclipses & Blood Moons – 2015

According to Jewish Rabbinic tradition, an eclipse should be interpreted according to the following:

- Solar Eclipse: *a bad omen for the world and a comet as a forewarning of the omen*
- Lunar Eclipse: *omen for Israel*
- Blood Moon at Lunar Eclipse: *omen for Israel and a comet as a forewarning of the omen*

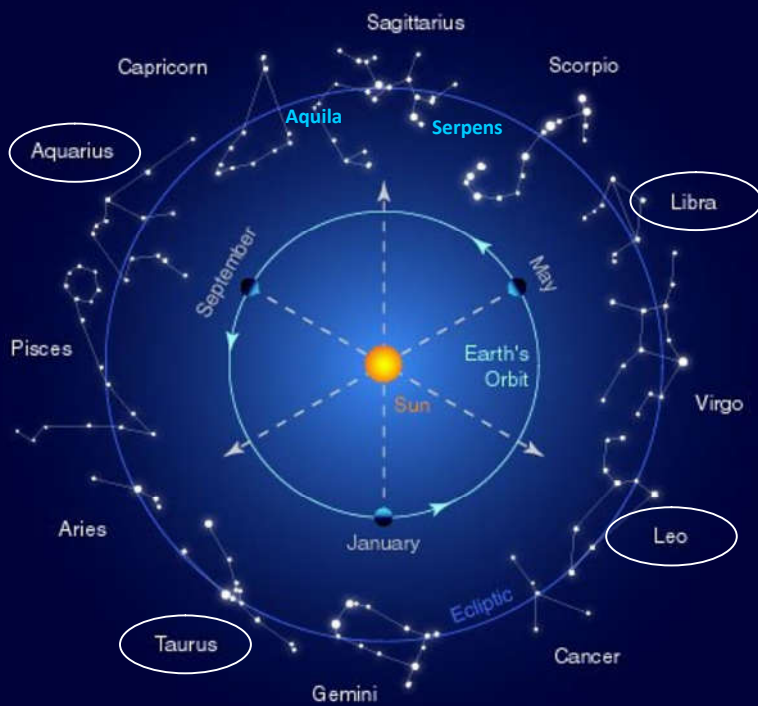
Blood moons are considered an omen for just the nation of Israel. We have looked at the significance of the past blood moons in the Six-Day War in 1967, Israel's independence in 1948 and the Spanish Inquisition in 1492. We have already seen two comets in the skies during 2013. They can be considered a warning of coming events. We know from history that the four blood moons in 2014 through 2015 will mark a significant event in time for the nation of Israel. We know that in 2015 there will be a total eclipse over the Middle East as seen below.



Total Eclipse on March 20, 2015 over the Dead Sea

¹⁸² *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (1 Ch 21:16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

A total eclipse is a bad sign for the world. It was during Christ's crucifixion that "darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour." Roman history records darkness over Jerusalem during that timeframe. So, what could this eclipse in 2015 possibly be? The Syrian Civil War began in 2011 and Syria has fired missiles against Israel in the past. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Middle East Persian dictator, wants to wipe another country off the face of the earth. Could it be by launching missiles? We also know that Ahmadinejad has had his people working on nuclear weapons for several years. His attitude is similar to that of Nasser during the Six-Day War. Should there be a preemptive strike? This is basically saying to undertake, initiate, deter or prevent a nuclear attack by Iran before all infidels both Christians and Jews are to be wiped off the face of this earth. Should we wait for this to happen? Is this the reason why there are numerous signs in the heavens forewarning of this event? Why is the nation of Israel so important to God? There were only twelve tribes making up a small nation. We need to understand the significance by looking into the heavens for the symbols of the tribes of Israel.



Twelve Constellations on the Ecliptic:

Northern Tribe of Dan – Symbol of Eagle, Serpent and Balance Scales. Eagle is the Constellation of Aquila. The Serpent is the Constellations of Serpens. The Scales of Justice is the Constellation of Libra.

Southern Tribe of Reuben – Symbol of a Man. A man pouring water is the Constellation of Aquarius. The water being poured out is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

Western Tribe of Ephraim – Symbol of a Bull. A Bull is represented in the Constellation of Taurus. The Bull is a Priestly Sacrifice.

Eastern Tribe of Judah – Symbol of a Lion. A Lion is represented in the Constellation of Leo. The Lion of Judah is Jesus Christ.

Twelve Constellations in the "Ecliptic-Circle"

There are twelve constellations in the heavens around the ecliptic-circle of the earth's orbit. Four of the twelve tribes have symbols from the constellations. These same symbols represent the four living creatures as seen in Revelation 4:7. Twelve is divinely given order or ordained for this world and not governmental perfection. There were twelve Apostles and twelve tribes of Israel. There are 12 months in a year and 12 hours of daytime and 12 hours at night. Isn't it intriguing to see that the heavens reflect the earthly? God sent His Son into this world to become our savior and redeemer, symbolized by Virgo. Christ came from the Tribe of Judah as in prophecy and by genealogy. Therefore, there is a reason for Israel to be His chosen people in this world. Christ will return to this earth as the Lion of Judah. Christ will reign upon this earth for a thousand years. Based upon history of the last four blood moons, we know that the years of 2014 and 2015 are significant for the nation of Israel. With the inclusion of a total solar eclipse over Jerusalem, it is referring to a bad omen for the world. Could it be that the United States doesn't come to the rescue of Israel in their time of need? If this occurs, it will be the third time we have not come to support them. Could this be the "Last Strain" in filling the cup of iniquity for the United States of America? Is the approval of President Barack Obama's nomination of Chuck Hagel to be the U.S. Defense Secretary a sign of a state of confusion? It appears that with lawlessness in the United States judgment must come. There seems to be no understanding of these "signs."

CHAPTER 12: JUDGMENT– 2017



The Great American Eagle – the symbol of power (CCASA)

When it rains most birds will head for shelter. But, the eagle is the only bird that in order to avoid the rain starts flying above the clouds. There is also an amazing tidbit about the eagle's eyesight. The eagle can probably identify a rabbit moving almost a mile away. That means that an eagle flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over open country could spot prey over an area of almost three square miles from a fixed position. No wonder God wants us to spread our wings and soar like eagles. Has the United States lost its vision and can no longer soar like an eagle? With its national pride, it thinks it can. Shall God prove this to be wrong? Why would God judge this powerful nation? Is it because this nation will not turn to God and humble itself? Will the “U.S. Eagle Fall”?

Judgment is about to come to the United States. This nation has killed and sacrificed over fifty million babies. The people and the courts of this land has made it lawful to do immoral acts and have immoral domesticated relationships based upon the rights and protective laws of the Constitution of the United States. In Leviticus, it outlines the Laws of Immoral Relations. But, this nation refuses to obey them or is simply ignorant of these Laws. Leviticus forewarns a nation that defiles its land by performing these evil acts that God will bring judgment upon it. How much more punishment will come to a nation that has made it lawful to do these immoral acts? Man's laws do not supersede God's Law. This is the state of lawlessness as seen by God. How much more punishment will come to a nation that makes these abominations lawful. Will the “U.S. Eagle Fall” due to our ignorance? Are we to obey God's ways during this dispensation of grace period?

Leviticus 18:24-26 ***“Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants.***

26 ‘But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you.’ ¹⁸³

¹⁸³ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Le 18:24–26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Did God create the HIV/AIDS (*acquired immunodeficiency syndrome*) virus to infect the individual that participates in homosexual acts? This is judgment of an individual for sinning. HIV is a retrovirus that primarily infects components of the human immune system. AIDS was first recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1981 and its cause was identified in the early part of the decade. The most frequent mode of transmission of HIV is through sexual contact with an infected person. In the United States, as of 2009, most sexual transmission occurred in men who have sex with men, with this population accounting for 64% of all new cases. HIV/AIDS is a global pandemic. As of 2010, approximately 34 million people have HIV worldwide. Of these approximately 16.8 million are women and 3.4 million are less than 15 years old. It resulted in about 1.8 million deaths in 2010, down from 3.1 million in 2001. HIV significantly shortens the life expectancy of a person who has been infected. Since its discovery, AIDS has caused nearly 30 million deaths. ¹⁸⁴

What will God do to judge a nation that makes it lawful to do such immoral acts? God makes the statement “*For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it.*”¹⁸³ Since, we know God is righteous in His acts then He must follow through with judgment. This nation has been around for approximately 240 years, since the Declaration of Independence dated July 4, 1776. But there has been a gradual departure from the truths this country was founded upon. This departure has taken five decades to fill the cup of iniquity.

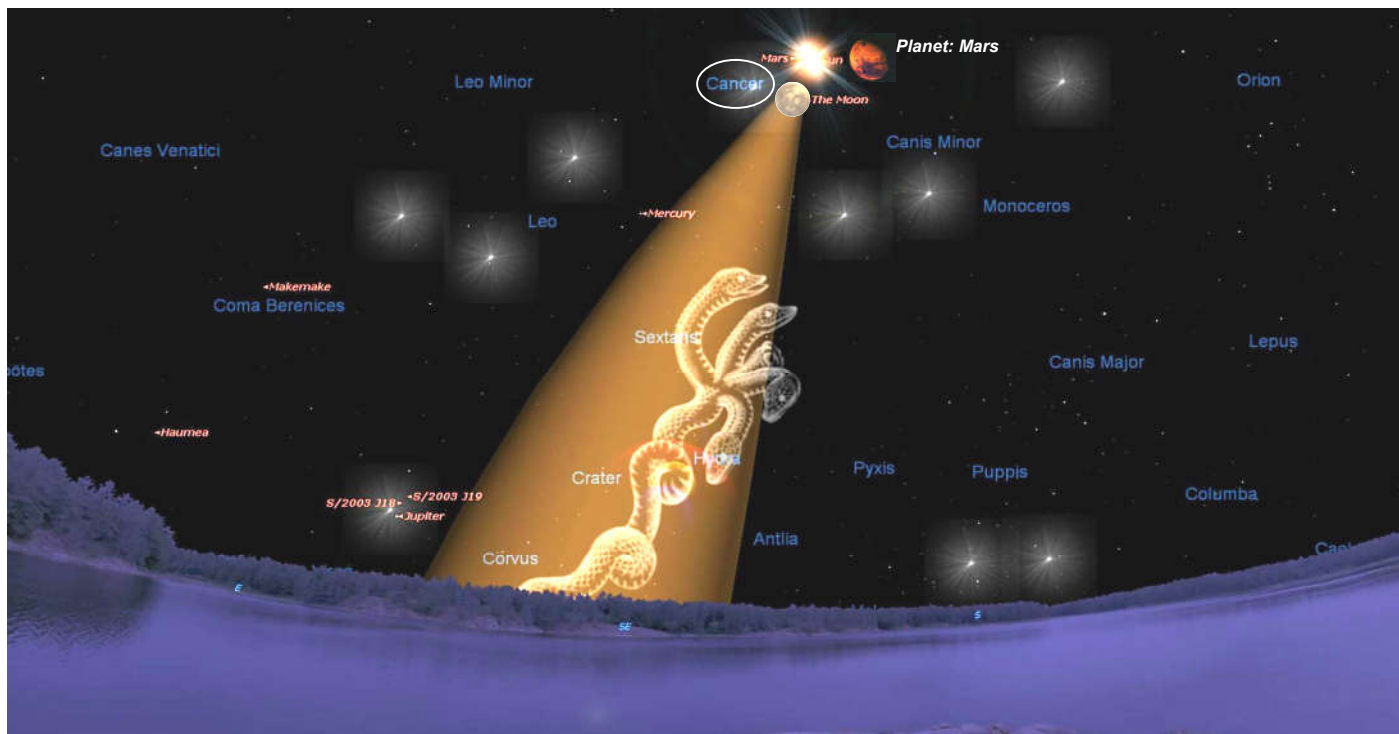
We have seen over fifty plus years in which the Supreme Court of this nation has made it lawful to do what is seen as an abomination by God. The Apostle Paul mentions this in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 “*For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.*” These laws started with taking God out of the schools to making it legal to kill unborn human life. Abortion is said to be protecting a women’s rights. What about the protection of the unspoken voice of a baby. All of these new laws are said to be for “*equal protection*” in the Amendments to the Constitution. We are in the process of making domesticated sodomy legal by allowing same-sex marriage to occur in this country. It is said to be the rights of an individual to pursue happiness and under the Constitution “*equal protection*” under the law. Did the founding fathers of this country believe this nation should pursue Laws of Immoral Relations? God’s Laws on these sexual issues are written down in the Bible and should be obeyed.

We need to understand the parallels between Sodom and Gomorrah and how they relate to the United States. Let us take a look at the history behind Sodom before its destruction. In Genesis chapter 14, Sodom and Gomorrah's political situation is described during the time biblical Lot was encamped around Sodom's territory. Genesis 13:13 indicates that at that time, “*the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.*” Sodom was ruled by king Bera and Gomorrah was ruled by king Birsha. Nevertheless, their kingship was not sovereign because all the Jordan river-plain was under Elamite rule for twelve years. The region of Elam was ruled by king Chedorlaomer. In the thirteenth year Elam’s kingship, the five kings of the Jordan river-plain aligned themselves to rebel against Elamite rule. These kings included those of Sodom and Gomorrah as well as their neighbors. The three kings were Shinab of Admah, Shemeber of Zeboiim, and the unnamed king of Bela which later became Zoar. In response, Elam's king Chedorlaomer, gathered additional forces from Shinar, Ellasar and Goyim to suppress this rebellion from the cities of the Jordan plain. It was a battle of four kings against five. They waged war in the valley of Siddim in the fourteenth year. The battle was brutal with heavy losses in the cities which finally resulted in their defeat.

Sodom and Gomorrah were spoiled of their goods and captives were taken including Lot. The tide of war turned when Lot's uncle Abram gathered an elite force of only three hundred and eighteen men from his household and slaughtered king Chedorlaomer's forces in Hobah and further north of Damascus. The success of his mission freed the cities of the plain from under Elam's rule. It also freed Lot from his captivity. But, Abram refused to take spoils and possessions from Sodom for fear they would say “*I have made Abram rich*” stated in Genesis 14:23.

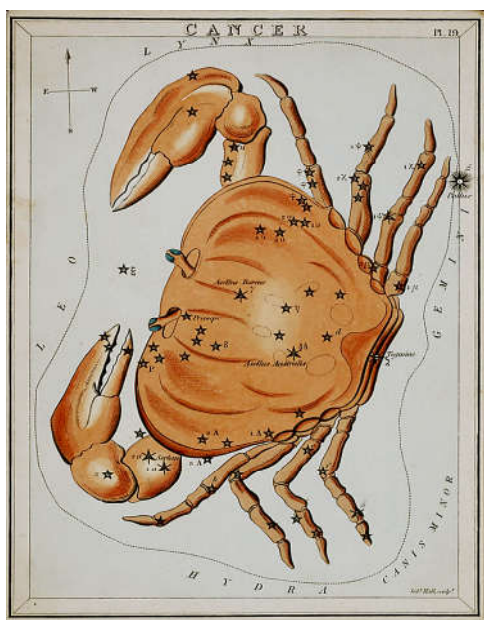
¹⁸⁴ ["HIV in the United States: An Overview". Center for Disease Control and Prevention. March 2012.](#)

It was to honor God. His actions demonstrated that his wealth came from God alone. In Genesis 15:1, Abram had a vision where the Lord said to him “*Your reward will be very great.*” We as a nation have forgotten how to give God the glory for our riches in this land. Therefore, there must be war in the land because of our evil ways.



July 2017 Sign of War above the United States – Coalesced sun and Mars in the heavens

The above image has two heavenly objects that are coalesced with the sun. It is the planet of Mars and the moon seen in the Constellation of Cancer. Let us next take a look at the Constellation of Cancer which represents a crab or a snapping turtle in Babylonian times. Cancer is one of the twelve constellations of the zodiac. Its name is Latin for crab and it is commonly represented by the ♋ symbol. Cancer is considered the “*Dark Sign.*”



Cancer depicted as Crab (J. Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Cancer:

The modern symbol for Cancer represents the pincers of a crab, but Cancer has been represented as various types of creatures, usually those living in the water, and always those with an exoskeleton.

In Babylonia the constellation had a name which can refer to both a crab and a snapping turtle. On boundary stones, the image of a turtle or tortoise appears quite regularly.

There also appears to be a strong connection between the Babylonian constellation and ideas of death and a passage to the underworld.

Cancer showing but few stars, and its brightest stars being of only 4th magnitude, Cancer was often considered the “*Dark Sign*”, described as black and without eyes. Dante, alluding to this faintness and position of the heavens, wrote in *Paradiso*: “*Then a light among them brightened, So that, if Cancer one such crystal had, winter would have a month of one sole day.*”

War & Judgment – 2017

Mars, the god of war, is the ruler over war. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war. The Romans copied the ancient Greeks, who named the fourth planet from the sun after their god of war, Ares. In different cultures, Mars represents masculinity and youth. Its symbol, a circle with an arrow pointing out to the upper right, is also used as a symbol for the male gender. This planet is associated with war as well as a symbol of man in general or mankind. It is known as the red planet which represents bloody war.



Mars - the red planet that symbolizes war (NASA)



The symbol, or glyph, of Mars is widely used as a symbol of the male. It shows the circle of spirit, directed outwards. It can represent mankind or man in general.

Mars is the planet of energy, action and desire. It is the survival instinct, and can be thought of as the "leftover" animal nature of man. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war, as befitting the red planet's bloody color. The Romans copied the ancient Greeks, who named the fourth planet from the sun after their god of war, Ares. Other civilizations also typically gave the planet names based on its color — for example, the Egyptians named it "Her Desher," meaning "the red one," while ancient Chinese astronomers dubbed it "the fire star." ¹⁸⁵

God created the heavens for signs and seasons. Everyday of every year the positions of the planets and stars in the heavens are uniquely given in time and space. It is possible to identify the day and year given a star map if you know the location on the earth of the generated map. We have learned that Cancer is considered a "Dark Sign." We also know that the planet of Mars represents bloody war. The sea is represented by constellations of both Hydra, the multi-headed *Leviathan* serpent of the sea, and by Cancer. Is this symbolic that the enemies will come by sea or that the coastal cities of this nation will be attacked? The first *Group of States* that have made it lawful for same-sex marriage are located on the northeast coast as well as the northwest coast of the United States. The major cities are where the majority of support for homosexual activity is located. The rural areas are

¹⁸⁵ [Astrology for the Millions \(Llewellyn's Classics of Astrology Library\)](#) by Grant Lewi

much more conservative in their beliefs that homosexuality is immoral. Weren't the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah located close to the Dead Sea? They both fully supported homosexuality. There was no fear of the Almighty God, the everlasting God and the Creator of this world.

The ruins of Sodom and Gomorrah have been discovered southeast of the Dead Sea. The modern names are Bab edh-Dhra, thought to be Sodom, and Numeira, thought to be Gomorrah. Both places were destroyed at the same time by an enormous destructive fire. The destruction debris was about three feet thick. What brought about this awful calamity? Startling discoveries in the cemetery at Bab edh-Dhra revealed the cause. Archaeologists found that buildings used to bury the dead were burned by a fire. The site of the present Dead Sea Works, a large operation for the extraction of Dead Sea minerals, is called "*Sdom*" (סדום) according to its traditional Arab name, *Khirbet as-sudūm*. Nearby is unique Mount Sodom (הר סדום in Hebrew) consisting mainly of salt. In the Plain of Sdom (מישור סדום) to the south, there are a few springs and two small agricultural villages.

Divine Judgment by God was then passed upon Sodom and Gomorrah along with two other neighboring cities that were completely consumed by fire and brimstone. Neighboring Zoar (Bela) was the only city to be spared during God's Judgment. Traditionally, Sodom and Gomorrah have become synonymous with immoral sin and their destruction a manifestation of God's Wrath. Sodom and Gomorrah have been used as metaphors for its evil and homosexuality, viewed as immoral behavior. It has given rise to words in several languages including the English word *sodomy*, used in so-called sodomy laws to describe sexual immoral acts. Will this empire fall because this nation has fallen into sin as well as its prideful ways? It refuses to humble itself before God.

The cities were completely consumed by fire and brimstone. How could God use our enemies to consume our cities with fire and brimstone? Could this be through the launching of nuclear weapons against our major coastal cities? The destroyed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah became desolate and abandoned for thousands of years. The World Trade Center Towers were rebuilt. However, if the cities were destroyed with a nuclear blast then the radiation would leave them for centuries as desolate landmarks. Would human life have any desire to live or work there if there was a nuclear blast? We know that our enemies are Islamic terrorists based upon the 9/11 attacks. We are aware that Pakistan and Iran have or will have nuclear weapons. We also know that Chuck Hagel doesn't believe in sanctions for Iran nor the protection of Israel. We know that God will use our enemies to bring judgment to a nation when its cup of iniquity has become full. To prevent war this nation needs to humble itself before God and turn from its wicked ways. What is man doing about preventing war in the world?

Preventing War

Pakistan has been harboring terrorists in their country for over a decade. Pakistan already possesses nuclear weapons and has for more than a decade tested nuclear weapons. On 28 May 1998 and a few weeks later Pakistan detonated five nuclear devices in the Ras Koh Hills in the Chagai district, Balochistan. This operation was named *Chagai-I* by Pakistan. It was carried out in an underground iron-steel tunnel having been constructed by provincial Martial Law Administrator General Rahimuddin Khan during the 1980s. The last test of Pakistan was conducted at the sandy Kharan Desert under a codename *Chagai-II*, also in Balochistan in 1998. Pakistan's fissionable material production takes place at Nilore, Kahuta, and Khushab/Jauharabad, where weapons-grade plutonium is made by the scientists. Pakistan thus became the 7th country in the world to successfully develop and test nuclear weapons.¹⁸⁶

¹⁸⁶ Armstrong, David; Joseph John Trento, National Security News Service. *America and the Islamic Bomb: The Deadly Compromise*. Steerforth Press, 2007

Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was informed that Pakistan has dispersed its nuclear weapons throughout the country. It would require an increase in security so that these weapons would not fall into terrorist hands. Her comments came as new satellite images suggested Pakistan is increasing its capacity to produce plutonium as a fuel for atomic bombs. The institute has also claimed that Pakistan has built two more nuclear reactors at Khoshab increasing the number of plutonium producing reactors to three. So, what has the United States done to protect its security against Pakistan? Isn't this a responsibility and decision of the Commander and Chief to protect this nation from its enemies? ¹⁸⁷

The President of the United States sent special trained forces into Pakistan to kill Osama bin Laden. Was this to gain revenge? Nevertheless, killing one man doesn't render the threat dormant. We went over to Iraq to seek and find weapons of mass-destruction but found none. However, we have known since the turn of the century that Pakistan possesses weapons of mass-destruction. Since the 9/11 attack, we have know the location of the terrorist training camps. We know where the fissionable material production is within Pakistan. The government of the United States selected to engage in war in both Afghanistan and Iraq. But not to engage in Pakistan, where the Islamic terrorist camps are and where the weapons of mass-destruction are known to be. Does this make sense logically? What is our country thinking? We with our tax dollars pay billions of dollars for intelligence. Do we not believe that this United States could come under nuclear attack? How could that be? We have seen who our enemies are in this world. We have been at war in Afghanistan, the neighbor of Pakistan. Should we have done something with Pakistan's nuclear weapons while we were there? Was this a political move?

At the "World Economic Forum in 2013," former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger addressed the ever growing world crisis. Kissinger spoke about Syria, nuclear proliferation, the Middle East in the aftermath of the Israel-Palestinian conflict and more.

On nuclear powers: *"Pakistan has demonstrated enormous sophistication in developing nuclear weapons and could become a source of proliferation in the region."*

The current conflict in Syria, Kissinger said, can be resolved if the U.S. and Russia were to sponsor an agreement that other countries would also back. It was another Islamic nation, Egypt, which intervened in the Israeli-Palestinian fighting. But, missiles continue to come from Syria to the land of Israel.

On Iran: *"The Iranians need to understand that if they keep using the negotiations to gain time to complete a nuclear program the situation will become extremely dangerous ... The danger is that nuclear weapons become almost conventional."* ¹⁸⁸

Kissinger sees Iran, Syria and Pakistan as potential threats to peace in this world. What has our government decided to do about these threats? Obama's administration seems to be ignoring the issues and has withdrawn its troops from the Middle East. With the sequester cuts that have taken effect on March 2013, it has cut 85 billion dollars in government funding. The important issue is the impact it will have on the U.S. Military with a 47 billion dollar cut. The Republican Party has allowed these cuts to come, since the Administration is not concerned about the U.S. growing deficit. The German government is so concerned about the U.S. deficit that it is taking its gold reserves back to its own country. German's gold reserves have been held in France, England and U.S. since World War II as part of the repatriation. Frankfurt is in the process of taking back 1,433 tons of gold held by England, 412 tons of gold in Paris as well as approximately 1650 tons of gold held by the U.S. ¹⁸⁹

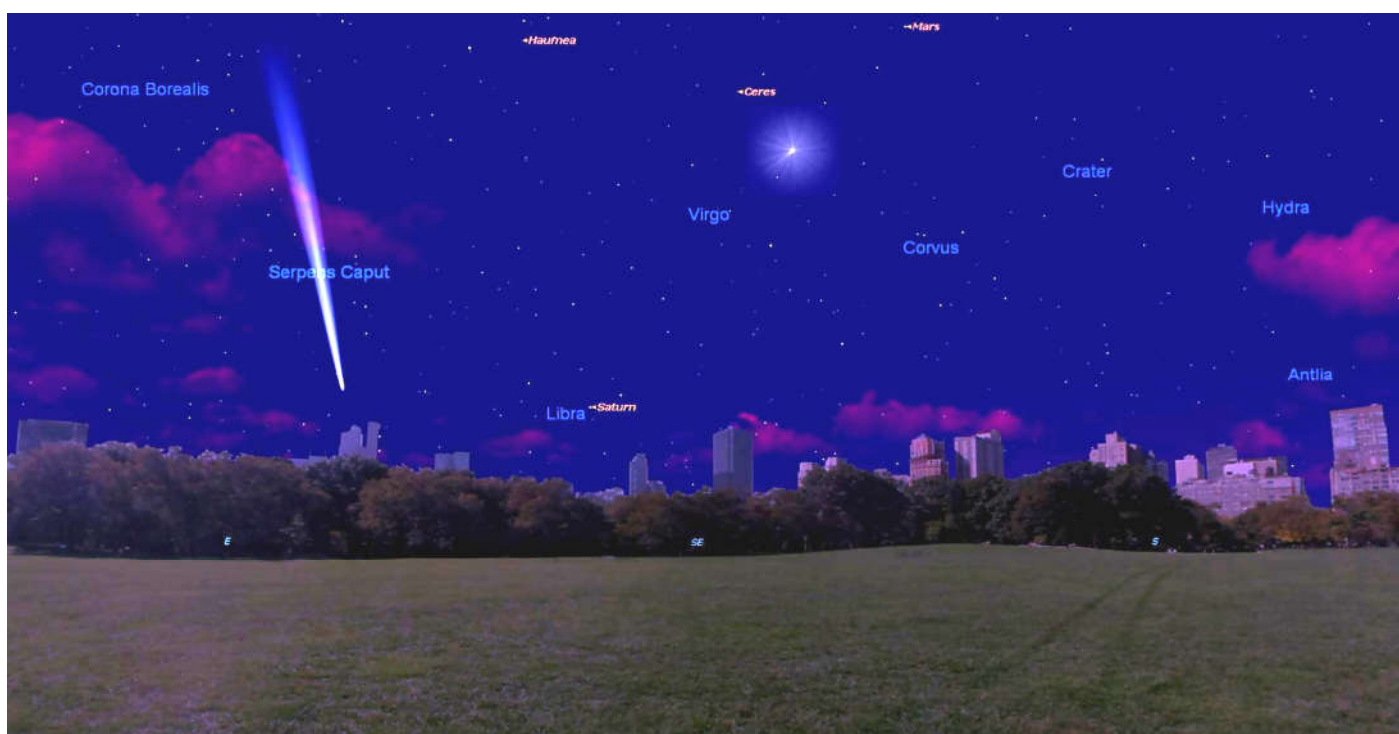
¹⁸⁷ "Pakistan Builds 2 More Reactors: ISIS". Apakistannews.com. 2009-04-24.

¹⁸⁸ Kim Hjelmggaard, USA TODAY 8:39a.m. EST January 24, 2013, and Robert Morley, The Philadelphia Trumpet, April 2013

The decisions made during Obama's second term in office will have a drastic effect on the future of the United States. These effects could include its financial viability as a nation as well as its security against Islamic radical terrorist attacks. These Islamic terrorists will not hesitate to use nuclear weapons. How could this country ignore for decades the nuclear threat that exists from Pakistan? If a logical decision was made the first priority should have been Pakistan and not Iraq and Afghanistan that we invaded. Pakistan is the land of Islamic terrorist training and the land that has weapons of mass-destruction which are in the form of nuclear weapons. Most Islamic countries have limited range missiles that can easily reach 300 mile targets. International waters are usually after 12 nautical miles from the shores. Even if that distance were increased by a factor of ten, these missiles could reach our major coastal cities on both the west and east coasts of the United States. Most of our naval ships have been deployed into the Persian Gulf region. If Islamic terrorist were to attack the U.S. naval bases where repairs are made, then it would jeopardize the ongoing viability of our naval force. This includes our aircraft carrier fleet as well. A prime example is the Naval Station at Norfolk which can easily be reached by a missile attack off the coast of Virginia. Our nation's Capital in Washington D.C. is also in range of these limited range missiles. The major cities of New York and Boston are very reachable as well. Both Washington D.C. and New York City came under attack previously in 9/11. Could this be a forewarning of the likely targets that the Islamic nation would again attack with nuclear weapons of war?

Forewarning of the Sword

The Israelites were being slaughtered because of David's sin of taking a census of the people. Could this sword that is stretched out from the earth to heaven be for the United States and not for the nation of Israel? In 1 Chronicles 21:16, it says *"Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem."* We know that God judges other wicked nations that were around Israel. If we look at the picture of the Comet Nevski-Novichonok over New York City, it looks more like a drawn sword than when it appears over Jerusalem. Should this be interpreted as a forewarning to this nation of the coming judgment? This empire has fallen into sin and lawlessness. Lawlessness came through the Supreme Court's ruling of equal protection for homosexuals and women's rights to kill human beings in the womb. The Supreme Court in 2005 ruled that we could not teach our children about intelligent design. Will this nation be surprised about the coming events when the Creator has put signs in the heavens? Is that intelligent design?

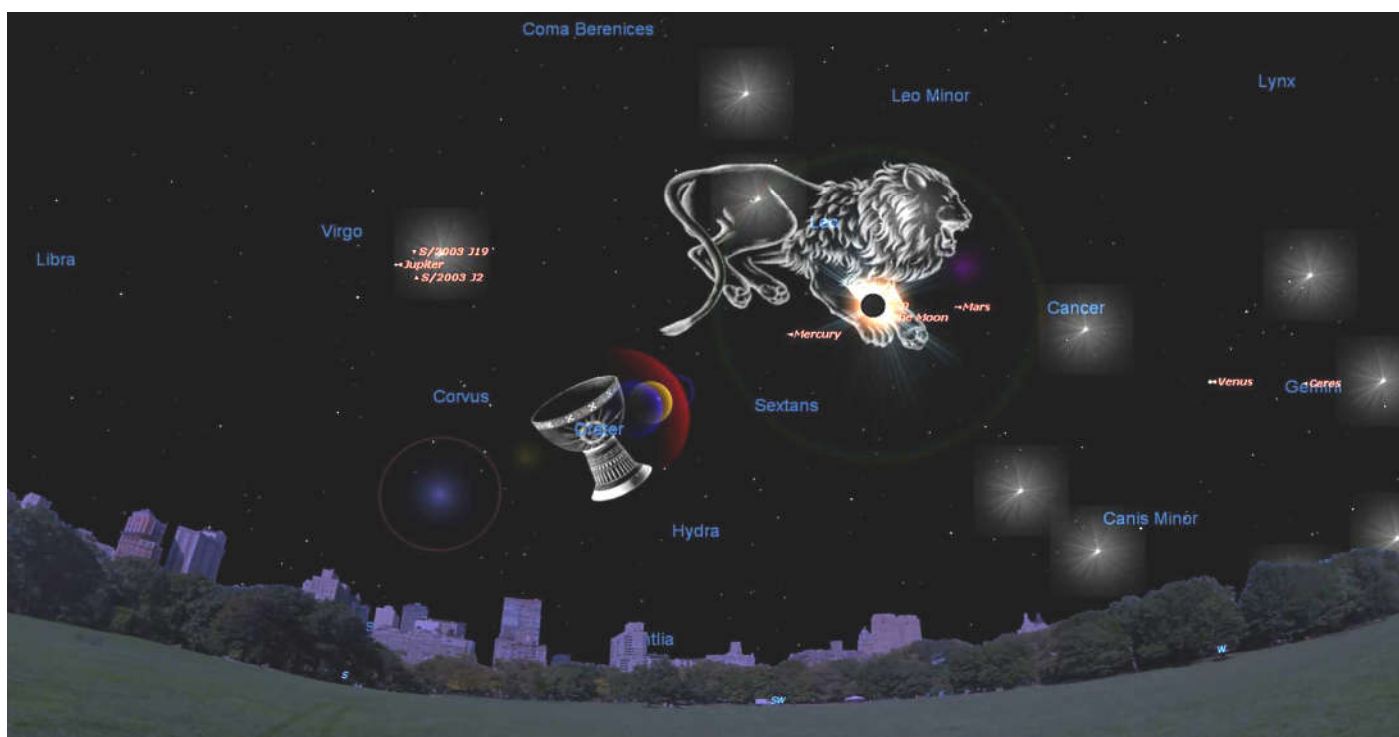


December 9, 2013 Comet Nevski-Novichonok over New York City – Sword in the Sky – Forewarning of Coming Judgment

We know Halley's Comet was seen in 66 AD before the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. This occurred four years prior to the destruction. This Comet Nevski-Novichonok appears in the sky four years prior to the sign of war as seen in the previous picture in this chapter. In Biblical numerology the meaning of four relates to this world. Let us take a look at the trajectory or path, the comet is on. It will first come in proximity to the star of Regulus, known as the king star, in the Constellation of Leo. We know that Leo, the lion symbolizes God's Wrath and Judgment. Comet Nevski-Novichonok next passes near the planet of Mars. We know that this "bloody red" planet represents war when it is coalesced with the sun and moon. We see the sign of war in 2017 over the United States. As the comet becomes brighter it approaches another bright star of Spica in the Constellation of Virgo. Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin, which can symbolize Christianity. The comet finally passes near the planet of Saturn which we have learned represents land and harvest time.

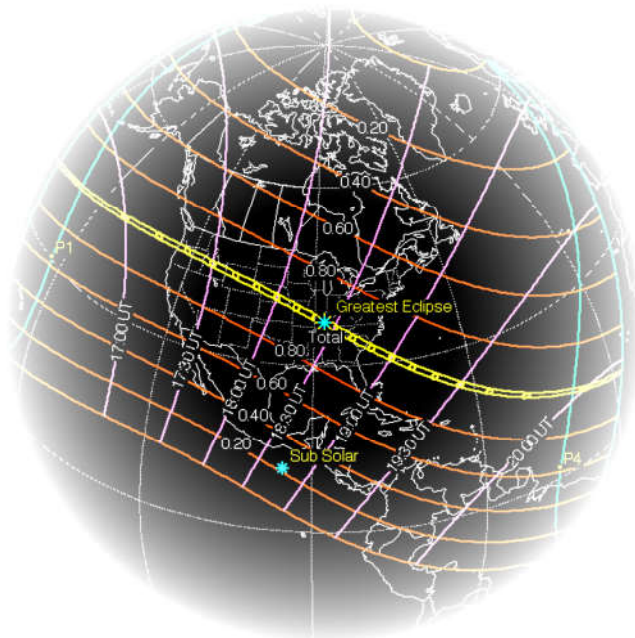
The Islamic nations of the Middle East and Africa have not legalized homosexual acts. This is unlike the Christian nations of the world that have slowly legalized sodomy and homosexual behavior including same-sex marriage. We do know that the United States has been attacked before by Islamic terrorists. There is also a shout for "Jihad," a Moslem holy war, against infidels. Infidels include both Jews and Christian to the Islamic faith. Will there be cities saved during the judgment of this nation? If no judgment comes, how could God be considered righteous in the destruction Sodom and Gomorrah? Will it be through fire and brimstone that God will judge the Sodomites of this nation? Will God use an asteroid, a comet or an atomic bomb to purge the wickedness from this land? We have seen that God will use a comet as a warning for His coming judgment. God created the heavens to declare signs to the nations. God had used the Old Testament prophets to declare to the nation of Israel that judgment was coming and to fear the Lord. In the Isaiah 9:10 passage of scripture quoted by President Obama, God used the Assyrians to conquer Israel during the time they did not acknowledge or seek God. It is the lawlessness of this nation that will result in the "U.S. Eagle Falling." Deuteronomy 23:14 says "Since the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see anything indecent among you or He will turn away from you." This nation must not do "anything indecent" or God will no longer provide protection from its enemies.

Total Eclipse - Darkness



August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse from Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans viewed from New York City – Sign of God's Wrath

A total solar eclipse will take place on Monday, August 21, 2017. A solar eclipse is when the moon passes between earth and the sun, thereby totally or partially obscuring the image of the sun for viewers on earth. A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon's apparent diameter is the same size as the sun, blocking all direct sunlight, turning “*day into darkness.*” Totality occurs in a narrow path across the surface of the earth, while a partial solar eclipse will be visible over a region thousands of miles wide. This will result in darkness over the United States. The yellow strip on the globe marks the path of the total eclipse over the United States. The path seems to identify the states along the east and west coast that have adopted same-sex marriage laws.



August 21, 2017 Total Eclipse over the United States (NASA)

U.S. Solar Eclipse in 2017:

The August 2017 eclipse will be the first with a path of totality crossing the USA's Pacific coast and Atlantic coast since 1918. The path of totality of the Solar eclipse of 2017 passes through the city and states of Columbia, South Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; Columbia, Missouri; Grand Island, Nebraska; Casper, Wyoming; Stanley, Idaho and Salem, Oregon.

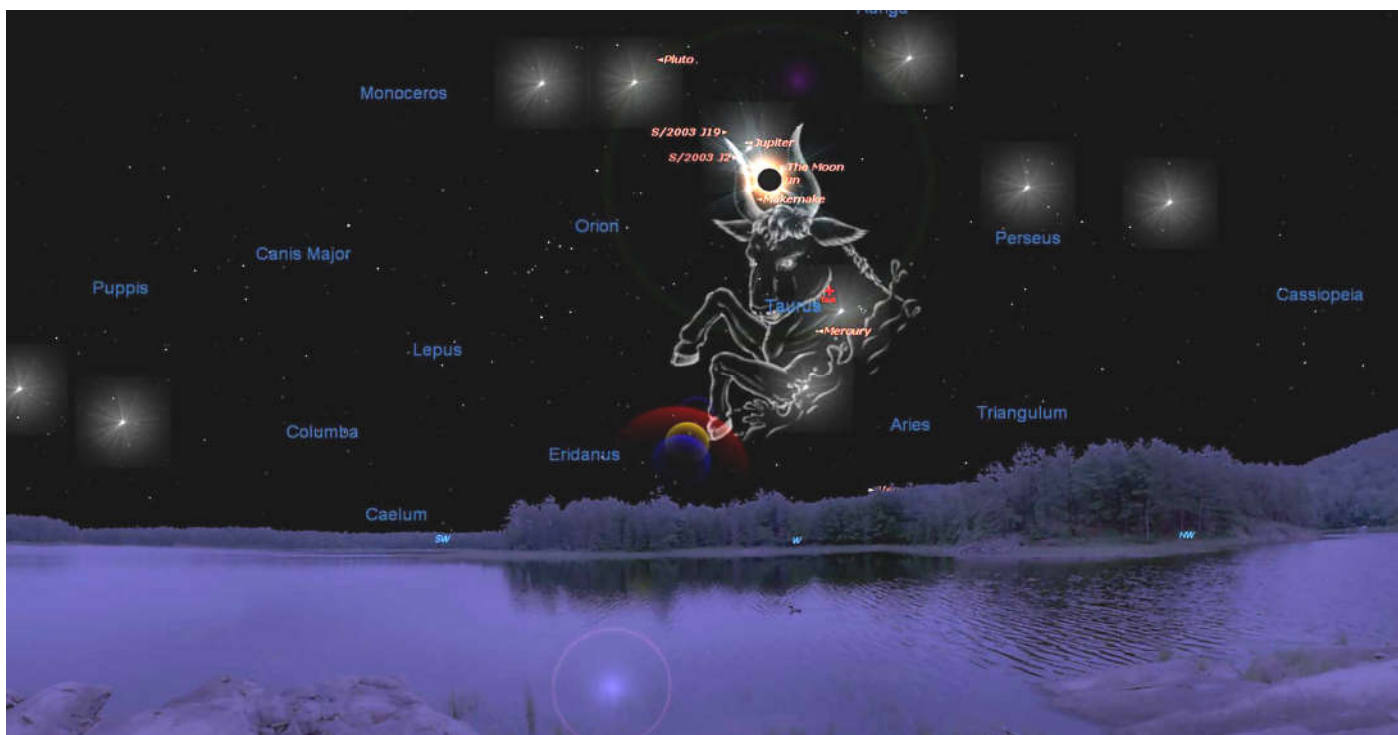
The Solar eclipse of August 12, 2045 will have a very similar path of totality over the USA, about 250 miles to the southwest, also crossing the USA's Pacific coast and Atlantic coast; however, duration of totality will last over twice as long.

The coastal states to the north of the yellow line (see page 86 for a list of states) have legalized domesticated sodomy in their states. Is this proof that our God is an all-knowing God? A day of darkness is described for the End Times by the Prophet Zephaniah. It is described as a day of wrath, a day of distress, a day of destruction and desolation. We know from the image of the solar eclipse that the sun and the moon are held with the paws of the Lion. The Lion is symbolic of God's Wrath. A day of darkness is associated with the Great Tribulation.

Zephaniah 1:15 *A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness,*¹⁸⁹

If one was to describe a nuclear blast, one would use the same words as a day of destruction, desolation, darkness and gloom. Is this God's way of showing mankind that they should fear the Lord? This judgment may cause this nation to split in two. Those who believe the Bible is the ultimate truth from God and those who want to preserve their protective and equal rights. Those are the rights of lawlessness which the Supreme Court has upheld as our Constitutional Rights. Even though, these individual rights may be seen as an abomination in God's sight. Will this judgment result in us either pursuing lawlessness or seeking God? History seems to repeat itself. The last time the United States had a coast-to-coast eclipse was in June 8, 1918. The 1918 eclipse was not shadowed by the Lion. It occurred above the Constellation of Taurus, the bull. The moon and the sun appear between the horns of the bull. It also appears below the planet of Jupiter, which is the Messianic Star. Jupiter is called the king planet and it represents Christ the Lord.

¹⁸⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Zep 1:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



June 8, 1918 Total Solar Eclipse as viewed above Southern California

This is not the apparent Wrath of God as seen in the heavens on August 21, 2017. We need to look at history to see what occurred prior to and after the eclipse of 1918. It was World War I. World War I (WWI) was a global war that was centered in Europe. It began on July 28, 1914 and lasted until November 11, 1918. It was our pride that kept us from initially going to war. It was followed by the Great Depression that lasted from 1929 - 1941.

At the outbreak of the war, the United States pursued a policy of non-intervention trying to avoid conflict. However, when a German U-boat sank the British liner *RMS Lusitania* on May 7, 1915, there were 128 Americans among the dead. President Woodrow Wilson insisted that "*America is too proud to fight*" but demanded an end to attacks on passenger ships. Germany complied. Wilson also repeatedly warned that the United States would not tolerate unrestricted submarine warfare which was in violation of international law. Wilson was narrowly reelected in 1916 as his supporters emphasized "*he kept us out of war.*" On January 1917, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare realizing it would mean American entry. The German Foreign Minister in the Zimmermann Telegram invited Mexico to join the war as Germany's ally against the United States. In return, the Germans would finance Mexico's war and help it recover the territories of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. After the sinking of seven U.S. merchant ships by submarines Wilson changed his mind. Wilson called for war on Germany which the U.S. Congress declared on April 6, 1917.¹⁹⁰

The United States was never formally a member of the Allies but became a self-styled "*Associated Power.*" The United States had a small army and wasn't prepared for War. But, after the passage of the Selective Service Act it drafted 2.8 million men. By the summer 1918, it was sending 10,000 fresh soldiers to France everyday. Germany had miscalculated, believing it would be many more months before American soldiers would arrive and that their arrival could be stopped by U-boats. United States intervention in the war as well as the Wilson administration itself became deeply unpopular. Congress passed laws to preserve U.S. neutrality in any future conflict.¹⁹¹

¹⁹⁰ Roger Chickering, Stig Förster, Bernd Greiner, German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) (2005). "*A world at total war: global conflict and the politics of destruction, 1937–1945*". Cambridge University Press.

¹⁹¹ "*Selective Service System: History and Records*". Sss.gov.

In the Treaty of Versailles the so-called “*war guilt*” clause of Article 231 declared Germany and its allies responsible for all “*loss and damage*” suffered by the Allies during the war and provided the basis for reparations. The total compensation demanded was 132 billion gold marks which were far more than the total German gold reserves. The economic problems the repayments brought German resentment based upon the undue burden. It is usually cited as one of the more significant factors that led to the end of the Weimar Republic and the beginning of the dictatorship of Adolf Hitler. After Germany's defeat in World War II, repayment of the debt was not immediately resumed. Nevertheless, Germany finished paying off the reparations on October 2010. It is now in the process of transferring 3,500 tons of gold held by France, England and the U.S. back to Frankfurt. ¹⁹²

Great Depression

The U.S. Government needed to raise money in preparation for their participation in World War I. To accomplish it the U.S. Government raised taxes. The United States also raised money by selling “*Liberty Bonds*.” Americans bought the bonds to help the United States pay for the war. Later, they were paid back the value of their bonds plus interest. By the end of the war, the U.S. debt was more than 25 billion dollars. Following World War I was the Great Depression. It was a decade after the war that a severe worldwide economic depression occurred. The timing of the Great Depression varied across nations. In most countries it started in 1929 and lasted until the late middle 1940s. It was the longest most widespread and deepest depression of the 20th century. In the 21st century, the Great Depression is commonly used as an example of how far the world's economy can decline. The depression originated in the U.S. around September 4, 1929 which was after the fall in stock market prices. It became worldwide news when the U.S. stock market crash of October 29, 1929 became known as Black Tuesday. The Great Depression had devastating effects in countries rich and poor. Personal income, tax revenue, profits and prices all dropped. It affected international trade which plunged by more than 50%. Unemployment in the U.S. rose to over 25% and in some countries rose as high as one-third of the employed population. Cities all around the world were hit hard, especially those dependent on heavy industry. Construction was virtually halted in many countries. Farming and rural areas suffered as crop prices fell by approximately 60%. This was due to plummeting demand. There were few alternate sources for jobs. Jobs were dependent on industries such as cropping, mining and logging which suffered the most in business. ¹⁹³

The Wall Street Crash of 1929 and the ensuing Great Depression led to government efforts to restart the economy and help its victims. Nevertheless, recovery was very slow. The depth of the Great Depression was in 1933 and recovery was rapid until the recession of 1938 proved a major setback. There were no major new industries in the 1930s that were big enough to drive growth the way autos, electricity and construction had done in the previous decade. Finally, the GDP surpassed 1929 levels in 1940. ¹⁹³

The recovery of the world's financial systems tended to be quicker during the Great Depression of the 1930s as compared to the late-2000 recession. If we contrast the 1930s with the financial crisis of 2008, it is clear that the U.S. dollar on the gold standard was completely different in comparison to the free-floating U.S. dollar currency we have today. In 2008, gold went through the roof exceeding one-thousand dollars per ounce. Both currencies in 1929 and 2008 were the U.S. dollar. We have experienced inflation since the financial crisis of 2008. While the situation was much different in the 1930s, it was where deflation set in on the economy. Unlike, the deflation of the early 1930s the U.S. economy currently appears to be in a trap. This trap is where monetary policy is unable to stimulate the economy back to health. Where many of us may feel we are living through a Great Depression based upon the national unemployment rate, we are simply not living in the 1930s.

¹⁹² "Germany finishes paying WWI reparations, ending century of guilt". *Christian Science Monitor*. 4 October 2010.

¹⁹³ Schultz, Stanley K. (1999). "Crashing Hopes: The Great Depression". *American History 102: Civil War to the Present*.

The Future – 2045

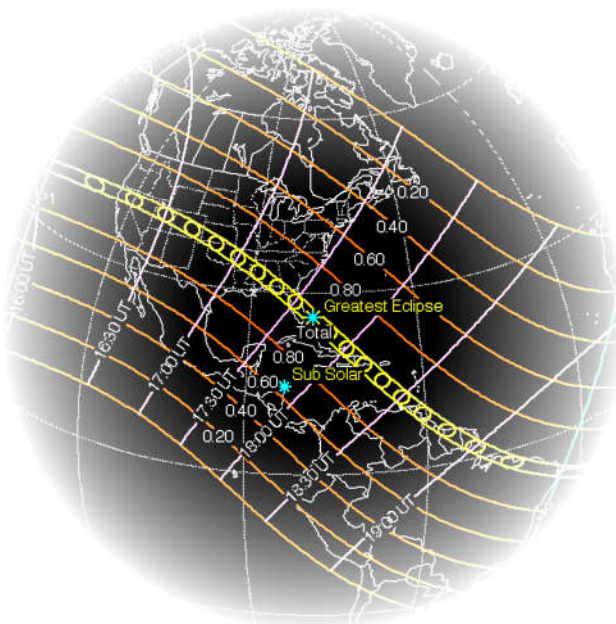
We have looked at the past coast-to-coast eclipse in 1918 and saw that it brought with it war which was followed by the Great Depression. This occurred even though the sign in the heavens was not Leo, the Lion, which symbolizes God's Wrath. Could it get worse than the Great Depression? Could it mark the collapse of the U.S. due to debt? We know that in 2017, there is also a sign of war in the heavens (page 107). We know Israel with its blood moons has significance. We have seen that the United States people like to stay neutral and not participate in conflict. The Obama Administration has pulled out troops from both Afghanistan and Iraq. President Obama has also elected not to participate in the Syrian Civil War and has let the nation of Egypt to negotiate a temporary peace between Israel and the Islamic nation. Obama has not been supportive of Israel, the only nation in the Middle East that serves the same God as Christianity. Obama claims to be Christian but his actions say otherwise to the world. Will it be his actions in his second-term in office that takes this nation into war and judgment?

Let us next take a look at the eclipse that will occur after the 2017 coast-to-coast total solar eclipse. We can determine through the heavenly ordinances when this will occur. In Job 38:33, God asked him "*Do you know the ordinances of the heaven or fix their rule over the earth*"? We now understand the mathematical laws of the heavens and can now determine when and where it will occur. It will occur on August 12, 2045 over America.

U.S. Solar Eclipse in 2045:

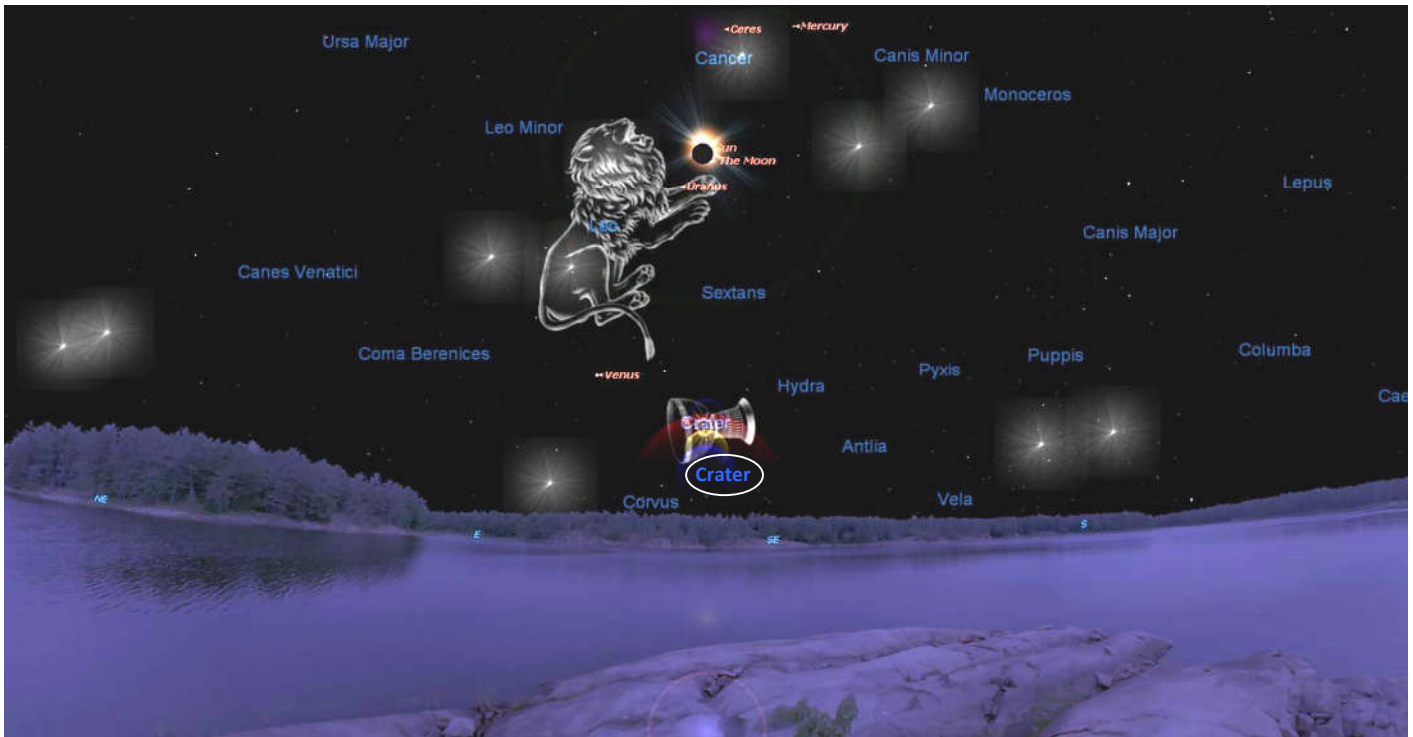
A total solar eclipse will occur on August 12, 2045. It will be the fourth longest eclipse of the 21st century with a magnitude of 1.0774 occurring just one hour before perigee. It will be visible throughout much of the continental United States, with a path of totality running through northern California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

The Solar eclipse of August 21, 2017 will have a very similar path of totality over the USA, about 250 miles to the northeast, also crossing the USA's Pacific coast and Atlantic coast.



August 12, 2045 Total Eclipse over the United States (NASA)

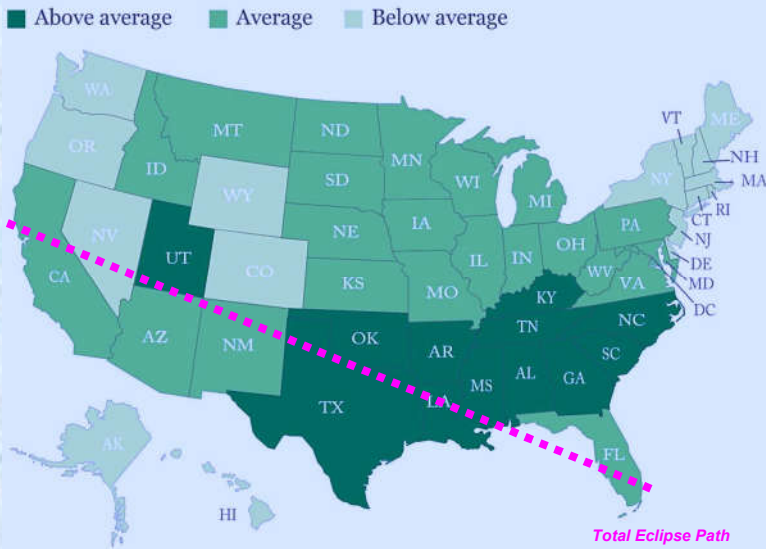
The 2045 eclipse will be on a similar path to the one in 2017 except that it will be 250 miles south of the previous eclipse. The path of totality of this eclipse will be seen over many major cities, including Reno, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, Nassau, and Santo Domingo. It will follow approximately four prophetic weeks from the other eclipse in 2017. It is 28 years later. This is four times the length of time of the Tribulation period during the End Times. A prophetic week is seven years. Seven in Biblical numerology signifies completeness. It is a wonder to see this alignment with prophetic time. It is to be the fourth longest eclipse of the 21st century. The product of 4 x 7 is equal to 28. Four has the Biblical numerology significance of this world. Is this significant to world completeness? Does this judgment affect the complete world as the 2008 crisis did? We know from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "*there is an appointed time for everything, and there is a time for every event under heaven*" It later makes the statement that there is "*a time for war and a time for peace.*" Is there a sign in the heavens that mark the beginning of peace or that God's Wrath has been fulfilled? We shall look at the heavenly event over the United States and see if there is significance to the sign.



August 12, 2045 Total Eclipse over the United States from Coast-to-Coast – sign of God’s Wrath and Judgment

We see the Constellations of Leo and Crater are both below the eclipse in the heavens. We have seen that Leo, the Lion above the sign in the heavens after the Great Flood of Noah’s day. The Wrath of God occurred for the first time in Noah’s day with the Great Flood upon the earth. God makes a covenant to never again destroy the earth with water. Even though the land had been cursed prior to the Flood, the Flood itself changed the earth and its atmosphere. Now, the scripture tells us the earth and heavens are reserved for fire for the Day of Judgment. This judgment will occur after the Millennial Reign of Christ and at the White Throne Judgment. We know that during the Great Tribulation there is no great nation from the west that supports Israel during the End Times. We know that there will be a southern king, who will come from an Islamic alliance of nations. This alliance will be made up of nations from the Old Persian Empire. We know that the northern king, who comes from the United European nation, will conquer the “well-fortified” city of the south. Nevertheless, there is an absence of any great nation from the west. Please see the Book entitled “*Heavenly Signs II – Grand Design for the Rapture*” to get a better understanding of the End Times. Does this prophecy mean the United States will collapse? The scripture is silent about this fact. But, the scripture is clear on the destruction of the major cities of Sodom, Gomorrah and Zeborim. These major cities were left desolate and have never been rebuilt for thousands and thousands of years. This destruction by fire was from God for their homosexual acts. What would leave our major cities where there is immoral behavior as desolate as the city of Sodom? Could it be an atomic bomb that is released from Islamic terrorist nations? If there was a nuclear blast in our major cities, it would leave the cities desolated for centuries. When the land has been defiled, then God will not protect us from our enemies. We know our enemies are Islamic terrorists because of the 9/11 attacks on our nation – a forewarning. What does Crater represent as a bowl? In Revelation 16:1 it says “*Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.*” Notice that the Constellation of Crater, the bowl is just above the earth. The bowl seems to be tipped further down to the earth than in the 2017 New York image on page 112. Does this symbolize that it has been completely poured out or is this a sign of further judgment on the earth? Because the Lion is below the eclipse and the event has the number of world completeness, could this mark the end? There is “*a time for war and a time for peace.*” Could this mark the beginning of peace after 28 years of tribulation or the beginning of a split in this nation? Has this nation financially collapsed due to the overwhelming debt? Will this nation go back to independent states or is it split into two between the north and south similar to this divided nation during the Civil War. Will it be divided because of Biblical beliefs or due to financial collapse of this nation?

This eclipse mirrors that of 2017. Is this a reminder from God to the past judgments that have occurred over the last 28 years? The path that the 2045 takes across the United States brings a split between the north and the south. It appears that states that border on Mexico have some significance to the event. Is this region saved from financial failure by Mexico? It seems to cut a path that reminds us of the Bible Belt Region. It is an area chiefly in the southern United States whose inhabitants are believed to hold allegiance to the literal accuracy of the Bible.



Religious States in America (2011, Gallup Poll)

Bible Belt & Religious States:

A solar eclipse that occurs on August 12, 2045 will mark a path which seems to divide the land. It appears to reflect on the Bible Belt region of America. The term Bible Belt is used informally by journalists who suggest that religious conservatives allow their religion to influence politics, science, and education. We have seen how this nation has been turned away from these Biblical Truths by deception and through its Constitutional Rights.

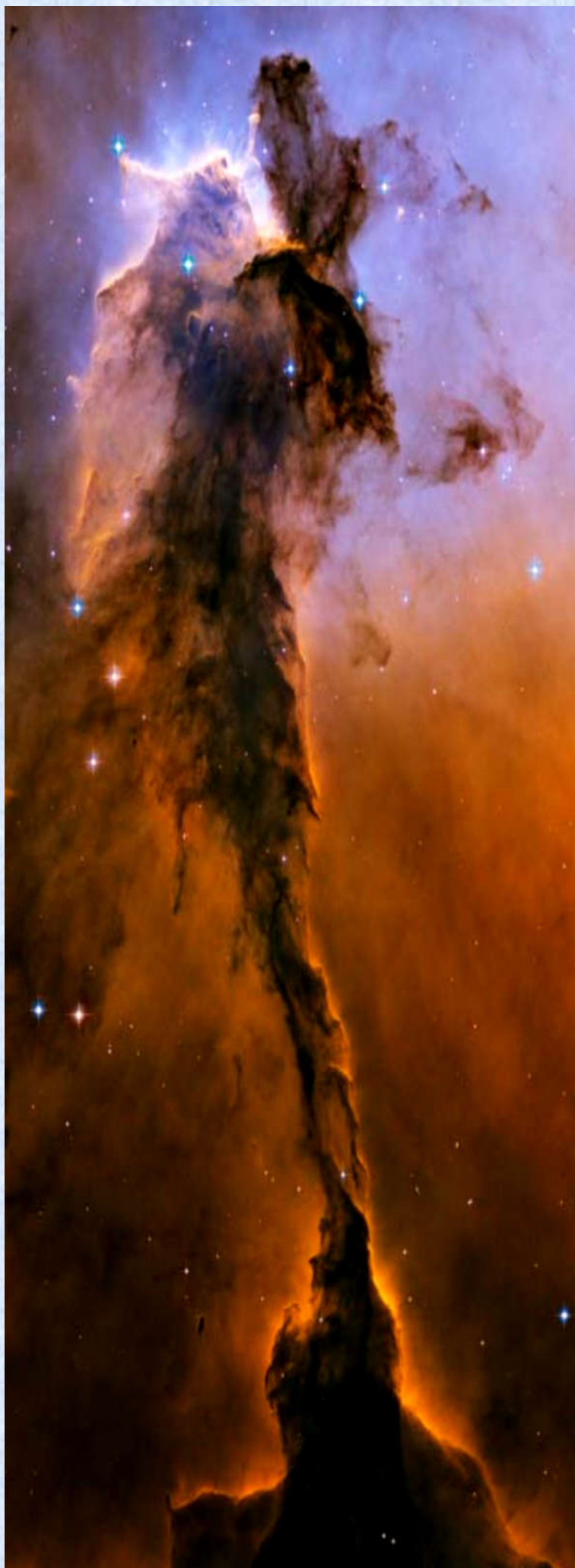
The perilous time that starts in 2017 is a reminder of the Great Tribulation to come. Is it to bring a turning of a new generation to believe in God? God let the Israelites live in the desert for 40 years, so that the sinful generation would die and a new generation would enter the promise land. Will this nation humble itself and turn from its wicked ways after this period of judgment and perilous times. Does it take 28 years, until the old generation dies off, who are considered old fashioned in the beliefs that marriage is between a man and a woman. It is the younger generation that condones homosexuality. But, each of us can turn from our wicked ways and be saved from the Wrath of God. It is by accepting Christ as your personal savior and Lord in your life. The word “*wrath*” occurs eight times in the book of Revelation. All eight occurrences are followed after the opening of the Sixth Seal. Isn’t it intriguing that angels initiate all the Trumpet Judgments and the Bowl Judgments of God. We know that Sodom was destroyed by fire and never restored because of its homosexuality and their lack in giving to the poor. This nation is legalizing sodomy and homoerotic behavior. Does this nation turn its back against the nation of Israel in 2014 to 2015? We do know that the cup of iniquity must become full by 2017 to see this heavenly sign of God’s Wrath. This sign is symbolized by the Constellations of Leo and Crater. The Lion of Judah represents Christ and the Wrath of God. While the Bowls of Crater represent the pouring-out of God’s Wrath. What can save us from wrath? It is through His blood that believers are justified as righteous. Call upon His name and be saved. In Romans 5:9 it states “*.....having been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God, through Him.*” God says that He will discipline those whom He loves. This is a time for repentance and turning back to God. God will seal and protect those who believe in Him and from His Wrath. This is just like Jacob telling his household in Genesis 35:2 “*Put away the foreign gods which are among you and purify yourselves....*” God put his protection around them “*As they journeyed, there was a great terror upon the cities...*” Jacob buried and hid their idols under the oak tree in Shechem. God protected Jacob and his household from their enemies when he moved to Bethel. In Ephesians 5:6, the Apostle Paul also warns us not to be deceived. This nation has been deceived over the last fifty years by making it lawful to do evil that is seen as an abomination by God. Colossians 3:5-6 says “*Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience.*” We cannot serve two masters – evil and righteousness. It requires us to turn from our evil ways and bury our idols as Jacob did. These idols could be our desires for lust, passion for money and pride in this world.

The believer is saved from God's Wrath which is stated by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians and the Romans. The Great Roman Empire used an Eagle emblem, which fell because of its corruption. This is very similar to the corruption that has occurred in the U.S. Government. But, the Roman Empire didn't have their Constitutional Rights to make it lawful to sin in the eyes of the Lord. We have seen over the past fifty years how this nation has used these Constitutional Amendments to make it lawful to sin against God. The Apostle Paul forewarns us not to be deceived by the world into thinking it is "OK" as a nation to do what is considered an abomination by God. It is obvious to see from reading God's word that this is seen as an abomination. Leviticus 18 declares the immoralities that have turned this nation into lawlessness. We know why Sodom was destroyed due to its immoralities. We know that the Wrath of God will come to the "sons of disobedience." Jonah's trip to Nineveh caused them to repent of their wickedness. Nineveh was saved from being overthrown, described in Jonah 3:1-10. If the End Times reflect Genesis running in reverse order then the U.S. is now living in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Justices of the U.S. have made it lawful to do what is seen as an abomination by God. The destruction of Sodom occurred 380 years after the Great Flood. The Flood relates to the cosmic disturbances in the heavens during the opening of the Sixth Seal. Prior to the Flood, Enoch was translated and taken to heaven. This relates to the Rapture of His Bride from this earth. This will be followed by God's final Seven Trumpet Judgments and His Reign. We have used heavenly signs to align with chronological events in the history of this nation. We have seen three signs of the serpent representing deception. We know that the dragon and the serpent are symbolic representations of Satan. The constellations of Leo and Crater symbolize God's Wrath. This earth was ultimately created by and for Christ to reign upon it. This, without a doubt, proves there must be an Almighty God, the Creator, who has had a plan for this earth, since the beginning of time. God's creation also included a plan of salvation for those who believe in Christ as their personal savior and Lord in their life. His promise is that you "will not be disappointed."

What a humbling experience it is to see God's foreknowledge and hand at work from the time of creation to the present. Christ can save you from His Wrath. Call upon the Lord and be saved in Christ.

- Mel Gable

Eagle Has Risen and the "U.S. Eagle Falls" - Eagle Nebula (NASA)



About the Author



Romans 10:9-11

*“.....if you confess with your mouth Jesus (Christ) as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he (she) confesses, resulting in salvation.
11 For the Scripture says, WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”*

Romans 5:9

“...having been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God, through Him.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

“And My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Mel Gable is just a simple bond-servant of Christ, who has known his Lord and Savior for more than fifty years. He understood for the first time that there was meaning to heavenly signs. It came with the birth of Christ and how the Magi saw the Bethlehem Star. The Magi understood that this was a sign of the Messiah, the King, and they came to worship Him and give Him gifts. This book is a journey of discovery of the heavenly signs seen over the United States and how they have influenced this nation into being deceived. These acts will result in judgment of this lawless nation and the “Eagle” will fall.

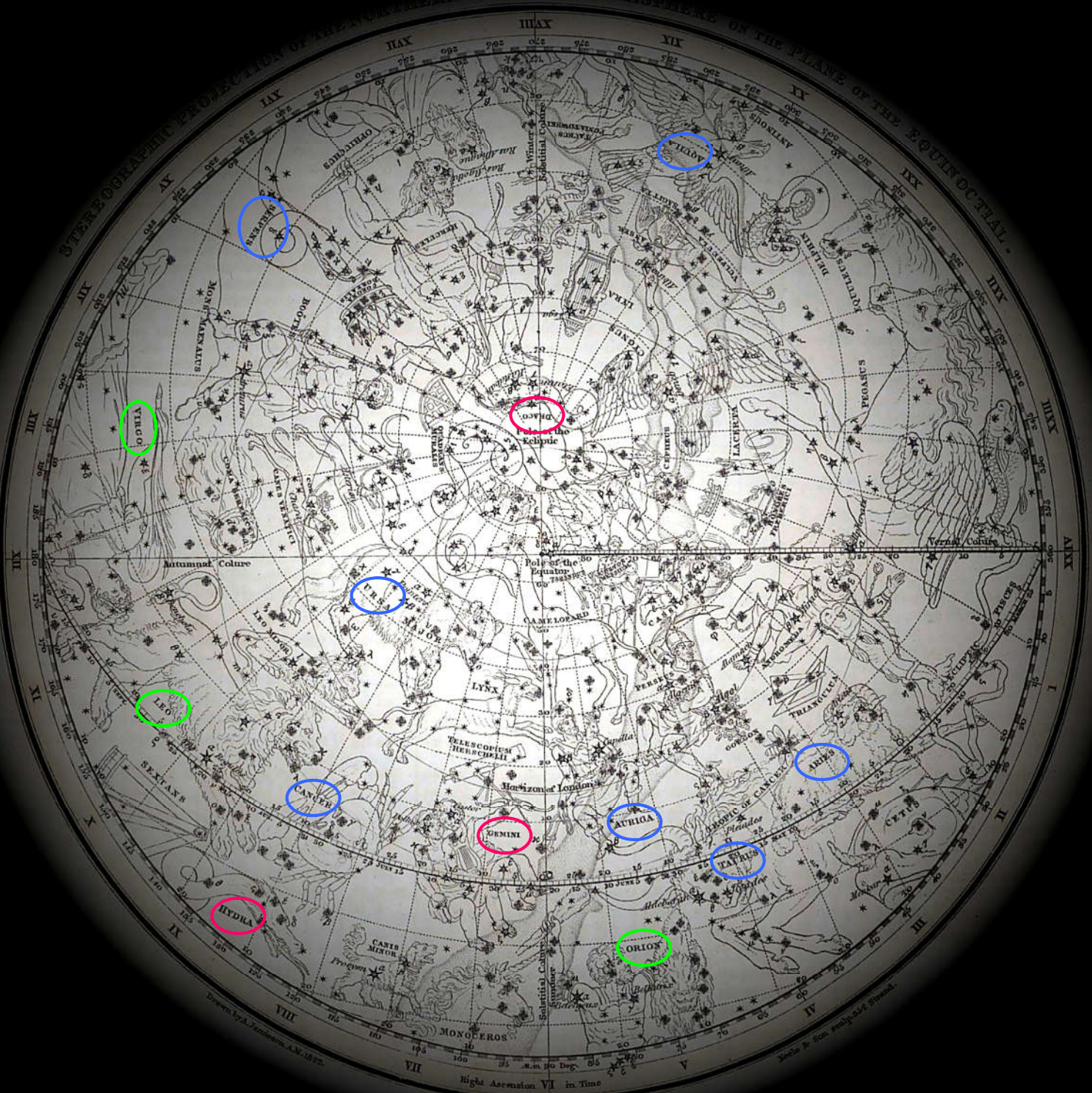
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Isaiah 40:31 *“Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.”*

Psalms 19:1 *“The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”* ¹⁹⁴

¹⁹⁴ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update* (Ro 10:9-11, 5:9, 2Ch 7:14, Is 40:31, Ps 19:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Star Constellation Maps



Constellations in prophecy around the center of Draco - Northern Hemisphere (Alexander Jamieson, 1822)

The beginning of this heavenly star cycle occurs with the Constellation of Virgo and ends with the Constellation of Leo. This represents the “*Grand Design*” for this world by God from the beginning of creation. In the center of the circle is Draco, the dragon, who is ready to deceive the entire world. Leo, the Lion’s paws are on the head of the serpent Hydra ready to strike the serpent’s head. This is mentioned in Genesis 3:15 where the Lord said to the serpent “*He (Christ) shall bruise you (serpent) on the head (fatal).*” Satan will undoubtedly be conquered by Christ.

Star Constellation Maps



Constellations in prophecy – Southern Hemisphere (Alexander Jamieson, 1822)

Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. Christ is the Lamb of God; who is our Savior and Shepherd. The “*True Shepherd or Heavenly Shepherd*” is symbolized by the Constellation of Orion. He became the “*suffering servant*” and the ultimate sacrifice for atonement. It ends with Leo representing the Lion of Judah; who is Christ, the Messiah. This represents Christ’s Second Coming and His Judgment, which is symbolized by Libra, the scales of justice. At the “*End*,” Christ will become the King of Kings and Lord of Lords on this renewed earth.

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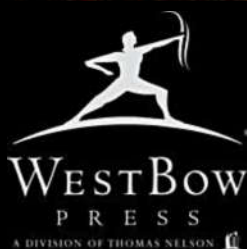
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