

The Convergence – Tommy Settipani

With the recent United States Supreme Court decision to legalize same sex marriage and with the Islamic State continuing its march across the Middle East right into Egypt and the Sinai Peninsula, and with the announcing of the Iranian nuclear deal we are beginning to see the convergence of all the major signs that our Lord Jesus is about to return.

We are closing in fast on the last of the Blood Moons, signs in the sun and moon and this also happens to be a Shemitah year. If you are the average Christian who attends church regularly chances are you have not really been taught about the end times and eschatology! If you are a fan of Discerning the Times then you know where I am going with this major update.

All the end times signs that our Lord and King Jesus tells us about concerning the times prior to His return and also leading up to the 7 year Tribulation period including the first 4 seal judgments found in Revelation are all here and they are converging and melding together at a rapidly increasing rate.

We find what Jesus had to say concerning these times we are definitely living in places like Matthew chapter 24, Mark chapter 13 and Luke chapter 21.

I will try to show you today how some of these major topics are converging together at the time that we may just be receiving our last warning from our King to be ready and have our lamps burning with the power and fire of the Holy Spirit. We need to insure we are going about the work of the Kingdom at an even more frenetic pace because I really and truly believe our time is short for this existence.

We must begin to realize that two important things are driving our entry into these biblical times that the prophets of old looked forward to. First, we continue, as a world and specific to the United States, to shake our fist in the face of the Creator of everything. We can not expect His love to win out forever over His justice and more importantly His holiness. Second, we need to realize that God is on His own schedule and time table regarding the return of His Son and the events of the end times taking place.

This editorial is meant to provide everyone with an update on current world events but also to remind everyone how close we really are to the time of the end.

We will discuss the blood moons as a signal and major sign, the Shemitah and the fact that we are now nearing the end of this 7 year cycle and that Elul 29 is right around the corner. We will also discuss what is happening to America from a moral, spiritual and financial angle and where we are headed.

The last thing I will do is to provide you with an update on what the Jubilee year is and what it means in regard to showing that the convergence is real and that we are closer than most than most Christians think.

Let's start with a sure fire group of signs that God is using to signal the world that His return is really near: the Blood Moons.

Blood Moons

Pastor Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries, located in Washington state, has shared some remarkable discoveries on the blood red moon and Jewish feast connections.

Here are some of his findings:

There have been seven back to back blood red moons that have fallen on the first day of Passover and Sukkoth or the Feast of Tabernacles since 1 AD and we are currently in the middle of the eighth. The most recent began in April of 2014 and has continued here into 2015.



It is not a question now of whether these are significant or not. They are. It is not a question of whether these signs will occur they have and they are. It is a question truly of are they a signal or a warning from God that our time is short and things are about to take place in the heavens and on the earth that signal we are about to enter into unprecedented times or the end of days.

God declares the end from the beginning according to the Scriptures. We find this located in Isaiah 46:10 which says "I am God, there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose." To understand more about these blood moons and the sun being darkened I guess we need to look to Genesis to see if we can find anything related.

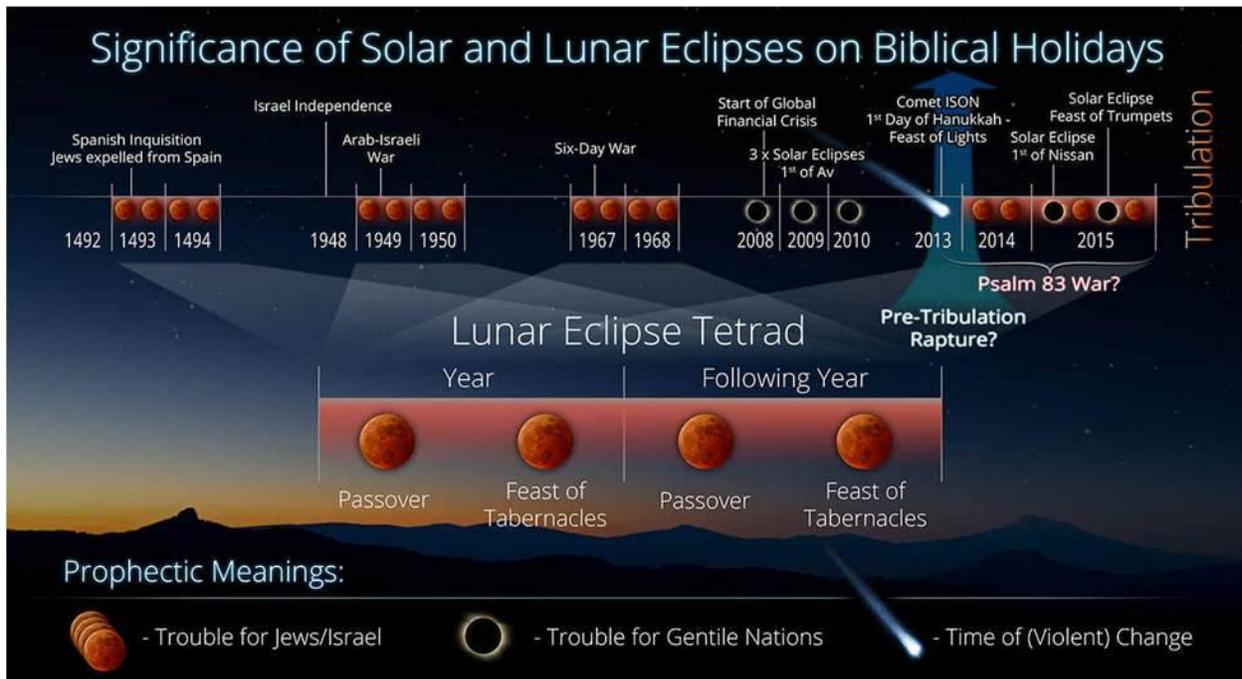
We find God’s calendar laid out in the books of the Torah. This is important to the concept of the blood moons occurring on Jewish feast days. This makes these events significant as we know that God says in Leviticus chapter 26 that God gave us the feast days as a remembrance.

The verse in Genesis coupled with the previous verse makes this all come together is found in chapter 1 verse 14 which says “let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs to mark seasons, days and years.”

Signs in the Hebrew is the word “owth” and it means to send signals. Times and seasons in the Hebrew is the word “moed” and it means divine appointments or feasts.

So just from the verses above you can see that these blood moons are in fact a signal from God. Know that it is up to us to whether to obey the warning and to try to understand what is being communicated.

For those of you who wrap their heads around science here are some interesting data points. Four blood moons in a row is called a tetrad. There were 0 tetrads in 1600s, 1700s and only 2 occurred in the 1900s and both of those were significant since the occurred on the Jewish feasts of Passover and Tabernacles and involved significant events with Israel, The first significant tetrad occurred in 1949 and 1950 and involved Israel becoming a nation in May of 1948. The second occurred in 1967 and 1968 and involved Israel recapturing Jerusalem. See the chart below for more details.



So you ask why is it important to know that God is sending us a signal. Well it all comes back to all the other prophetic Scriptures concerning the end times that make this real important. I will just focus on the end times “sun to be darkened and the moon turned to blood red” Scriptures. These are found in both the Old and New Testaments. The first is in Joel 2:30-32. It says “I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.³² And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.”

The other significant Scripture is of course found in the Olivet Discourse which is Jesus’ own words concerning the times leading up to His return. In Matthew 24: 29-34 it says “Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”³⁰ “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.³² “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it^[d] is near, right at the door.³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

Jesus is telling us that prior to His physical return to the earth that the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. The heavenly bodies will be shaken and then He will return in great power and glory. The generation that lives to see these signs will not pass away. I have personally been alive for two or the last three tetrads that also fell on feast days. Other Scriptures that reference these events are found in Luke 21:25 and Revelation 6:12

We are that generation Jesus is referring to in Matthew. We are about to see things occur on this planet and in the heavens that the Old Testament prophets would have loved to see. This also just happens to be only one of the main signs of convergence. On to the next one.

Let’s look closer at Matthew chapter 24 and the signs Jesus told us would occur prior to His return.

FYI As an additional note to this convergence sign we actually had an additional blood moon over America at the end of June right after the decision of the Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage. We will cover in more detail in the section on America.

Shemitah:

In Leviticus chapter 25 God commands his people to not plant the fields in the seventh year. This is to be a Sabbath Year to rest and honor God. During this year all debts are to be forgiven, slaves set free, the land is to rest, and the economy of the land will be reduced. At the end of every seven years you shall grant a relinquishing of debts. This is the manner of the relinquishing: Every creditor that has loaned anything to his neighbor shall relinquish it. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother, because it is called the Lord's relinquishment.

This happened at the end of every seven years on Elul 29 – the day right before Rosh Hashanah on the Biblical calendar.

Shemitah Years can bring down economies, kingdoms or nations that do not follow God's will. If the people follow God's Laws the nation is blessed at this time; if not it can mean bad times for a nation.

So what does this have to do with us today?



Well, if you go back to the last day of the Shemitah year in 2001, you will find that there was an absolutely horrifying stock market crash.

On September 17th, 2001 (which was Elul 29 on the Jewish calendar), we witnessed the greatest one day stock market crash in U.S. history up to that time. The Dow fell an astounding [684 points](#), and it was a record that held for precisely seven years until the end of the next Shemitah year.

At the end of the next Shemitah year in 2008, another horrifying stock market crash took place. On September 29th, 2008 the Dow plummeted [777 points](#), which still today remains the greatest one day stock market crash of all time. It turns out that September 29th, 2008 corresponded with Elul 29 on the Jewish calendar – the precise day when the Bible calls for a releasing of debts.



So on the very last day of the last two Shemitah years, the stock market crashed so badly that it set a brand new all-time record.

And now we are in another Shemitah year. It began last September and it will end on September 13, 2015 just two short months from now.

Could it be possible that we will see another historic market crash?

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn has pointed that, according to his research, the worst of the worst usually happens at the end of the Shemitah year, not at the beginning. In fact, the last day of the year, Elul 29 on the Hebrew calendar, which will occur on Sept. 13, 2015, is the most dreaded day.

The next Elul 29 in a Shemitah year looms like a laser beam on Sept. 13, 2015. But it falls on a Sunday, when the markets will be closed.

Will there be a “trigger event” this time around like the 9/11 attacks in 2001? Or could the markets collapse by themselves on the Friday before Elul 29, which happens to be Sept. 11, 2015?

Even if nothing happens in the next two months, Cahn told WND in previous interviews that he doesn't believe America is escaping judgment minus widespread repentance. It will eventually come, he said.

If a once-Christian nation continues to go its own way toward secularism and other ungodly “isms,” the nation’s influence and standing in the world will dissipate and its economy will eventually collapse, Cahn believes.

He has repeatedly said it’s possible absolutely nothing could happen on or near Sept. 13 “because God can’t be put in a box.”

But eventually, whether it’s in 2015, 2016 or beyond, judgment will come, he says. Other warning signs appear in the heavens, with the four lunar eclipses and two solar eclipses over a span of 17 months, in accordance with the biblical feast days of Passover and Tabernacles. The first solar eclipse was on March 20, the exact center point of the Shemitah year, and the second will be on Elul 29 or Sept. 13.

The pattern revealed in “The Mystery of the Shemitah” is that the beginning of the Shemitah impact is often subtle, but leads to a dramatic climax.

“The beginning may mark a change in direction, even a foreshadow of what will come to a crescendo at the Shemitah end,” he said.

And this time around, far more people are paying attention. Back in 2001 and 2008, most Americans had absolutely no idea what a “Shemitah year” was. But now it is being talked about on some of the most prominent alternative news websites on the Internet.

Joseph Farah editor and founder of World Net Daily believes the date Sept. 13, 2015 bears close watching – though he is quick to admit he has no idea what, if anything, will happen in America.

“A clear pattern has been established,” he says. “I don’t believe it’s a coincidence what happened in America on Elul 29 in 2001 and 2008. It would be foolish to ignore the possibility that a greater judgment might be in the works – especially if America continues to move away from God and His Word.”

In Rabbi Jonathan Cahn's book ***The Mystery of the Shemitah*** he explains the many unique important events that have happened in American history on Shemitah Years.

Shemitah Year Events of the Twentieth Century: The rising up and the falling of empires.

1917- America rises to power ending World War I. The rising of the Communist State of the Soviet Union.

1917- The defeat of Germany. The fall of the Czar of Russia. The fall of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire. The fall of the Turkish-Ottoman Empire.

1938- German Nazis attack Jewish businesses and burn Jewish Synagogues on Kristallnacht (the Night of Broken Glass.)

1945- Nazi Germany is defeated. The Atomic bomb is dropped on Japan thus ending World War II. Japan signs peace treaty the same week of the end of the Shemitah year.

1945- The United States becomes a military super power. The U.S. dollar becomes the world standard currency. The United States is the richest country in the world, and the world's largest lender nation.

1973- The United States Supreme Court declares that America's can kill their unborn babies.

1973- The World Trade Center is completed which is a symbol of Americas economic strength.

1973- America loses its first war to Vietnam. Nixon takes America off the Gold standard. This sets in motion the decline of the U.S. dollar.

1980- The U.S. Supreme Court bans the posting of the Ten Commandments in Public Schools. Thus God is now completely banned from our public schools in America.

2001- The World Trade Center buildings (the symbols of America's economic strength) are destroyed by an Islamic terrorist attack. One week later Wall Street has one of its greatest collapses on the last day of the Jewish Shemitah Year.

2008- Exactly seven years later, Wall Street suffers its largest decline. America is now the world's largest debtor nation.

2014-2015- In September of 2014 we started a new Shemitah Year. This happens in connection with a Tetrad of 4 Blood Moons which all occur on Jewish feast days. As the United States has turned away from God and endorsed many sins, it is very possible that God's judgment will fall on America during this year of the Shemitah.

A Once in Two Millennial Event!

How often does a Tetrad of Blood Moons all fall on Jewish feast days and in a Shemitah Year occur? This has happened only 10 times in 2,000 years. This is the first time in 2,000 years that a Tetrad of four Blood Moons has occurred all on Jewish feast days and in a Shemitah Year! An unprecedented and supernatural event to say the least!

What could this mean for our future?

The Bible states that God created the Sun, Moon and stars to be signs to mankind. Because of the past history of important events happening during these special times, of Shemitahs and Tetrads, we would be prudent to be watchful. The period 2014-2015 is an extremely rare intersection of celestial events with religious observances. Many are saying this is a celestial sign post, that some very important event is about to occur from our creator. This could mean we are entering the End Times and starting the Tribulation in which the rise of the Anti-Christ happens. Others say it means the return of Christ. To support these ideas the Bible says the Jews from around the world will return to their homeland Israel which happened in 1948. It is prophesied the End Times will occur within one generation of the establishment of the Jewish state which means the time is near. Others will say it means God's judgment on the nations of Earth. Since America is turning away from the teachings of the Bible, many Christian leaders are warning us, that we will likely face God's judgment during this time. This judgment will cause much suffering and destruction across America. America's unrepentant nature mirrors the Israelites of the Old Testament and God punished them

severely for their sins. Current events seem to be moving us to a new world conflict which might be World War III. If so, will this usher in the prophesied battle of Armageddon? Time will tell, but it is safe to say, be prepared for some major event to happen soon.

Talk of world war

Many world leaders, political figures, and major media and business personalities, including Pope Francis and billionaire George Soros, have recently been quoted in the mainstream media as declaring that we are now “on the verge of another world war.”

James Dobson, John Hagee, NRB President Jerry Johnson, Matt Staver of Liberty Counsel, Franklin Graham of Samaritan’s Purse and others have joined the chorus of Christian leaders who recently signed [a document](#) warning that if America goes forth with redefining marriage, there will be consequences. They have pledged to engage in civil disobedience if the ruling comes down in favor of same-sex marriage. [The petition](#) has now been signed by more than 43,000 Americans.

“The unthinkable is now being called ‘mainstream’ and ‘normal,’” Gallups said.

The year 2016 could be more pivotal than 2015 if it is indeed the “super Shemitah.” This is what the Bible describes as the “year of Jubilee.” This occurs once every seven Shemitah cycles, in the 50th year, when all slaves were freed and land returned to its original owners.

The Year of Jubilee – 2015 + 2016

To understand the Year of Jubilee... one must first be familiar with the Sabbatical Year, which is observed every seventh year (Exodus 23:11; Leviticus 25:20; Deuteronomy 15:9; Nehemiah. 10:31). **The Sabbatical Year...** is also known as the “Year of Release,” because farming as well as debt payments were released (discontinued) for the year (Deuteronomy 15:1-2; 31:10). This was initiated at the closing of the Feast of Atonement. **Year of Jubilee’...** timing was to years (50) what the timing of Feast of Weeks (Shavuot / Pentecost) is to days (50)...the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot / Pentecost) occurs on the 50th day; i.e. the day after seven weeks, plus 1 day after Passover. The Year of Jubilee occurs every 50th year; the year after seven Sabbatical years (49 years) according to Leviticus 25:8-11. The Year of Jubilee begins at the end of 7 Sabbatical years of 7 years, and at the end of the Feast of Atonement / Yom Kippur per Leviticus 25:9. Jewish historian, Josephus believed that the word denoted “liberty!” (Antiquities of the Jews 3.12.3)

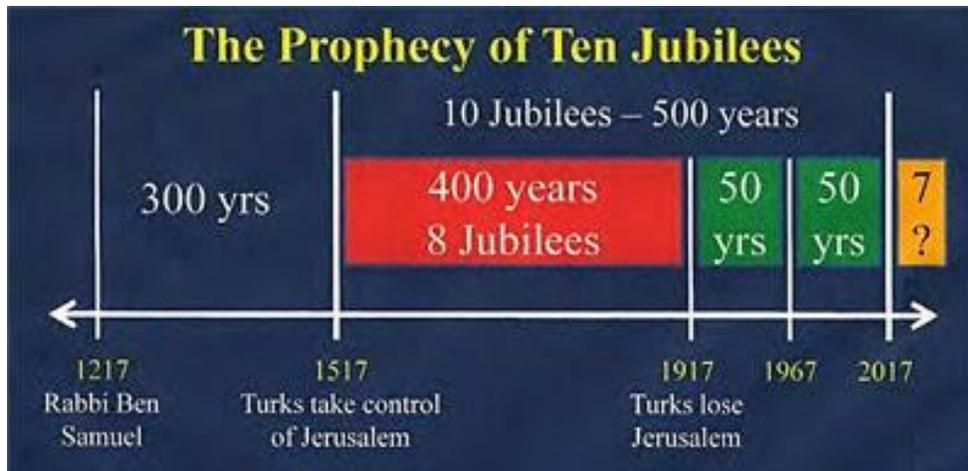
So then what is a Jubilee Year...? By adding together seven cycles of seven years, we count a total of 49 years. Therefore, the year of Jubilee is the 50th year as noted by the following verses... “You are also to count off seven Sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, **so that you have the time of the seven Sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years**. You shall then **sound a ram’s horn** abroad on the tenth day

of the **seventh month; on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)** you shall sound a horn all through your land. You shall **thus consecrate the fiftieth year** and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. **It shall be a jubilee for you**, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family,” Leviticus. 25:8-10.

The English word “jubilee” comes from the Hebrew word “yovel” meaning a “trumpet or ram’s horn.” These rams’ horns were blown on the Day of Atonement to announce the start of the year of jubilee... The word jubilee should not be confused with the word jubilation which comes from a Latin word meaning to rejoice. The year of jubilee was no doubt a time of great jubilation, but the similarities of the two words are (at least humanly speaking) a coincidence. For many years before the Exodus, the Israelites had been slaves in the land of Egypt, without freedom and without possessions. When they reached the land of Canaan, Joshua divided the land among their tribes and their families... so that each had his own inheritance.

Every adult male among them became a land owner. This land was a permanent possession that could never depart from his family. If a man became poor he could sell part or all of his land... but only temporarily. It would always revert to him or his descendants at the “Year of Jubilee.” If he became even poorer and was unable to pay his debts, he could sell himself into slavery, and work to pay off his debts. Again that slavery could only ever be temporary. When the great “Day of Atonement” in the “Year of Jubilee” came he became a free man once again and repossessed his inheritance. The most unusual observance that God commanded the Israelites through Moses was... the keeping of the Year of Jubilee. **For most people this celebration occurred only once in their life time and for many not even that, as it occurred ...only once every 50 years.** At this year of jubilee all Israelites who had sold themselves into slavery were set free... and all land that had been sold reverted to its original owner. This meant that the Israelites could not ever be in permanent slavery; nor could any Israelite permanently lose his inheritance!

The Prophecy of Jubilees by Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel... Ludwig Schneider of Israel Today magazine has translated Judah Ben Samuel (1140-1217) work into English. “...According to this article, Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel was a top Talmudic scholar in Germany. Just before he died in the year 1217 he prophesied that the Ottoman Turks would rule over the holy city of Jerusalem for eight jubilees. That is 400 years (8 x 50). The Ottoman Turks did take control of Jerusalem 300 years after the Rabbi’s death in 1517 and as according to the prophecy, the Ottoman Turks then lost Jerusalem 400 years later in 1917. It was during WWI that British General Edmund Allenby walked into Jerusalem on Hanukkah without firing a shot in 1917. The timing of this with the holiday and the ease at which it occurred indeed make this moment of history extremely significant... The Rabbi then went on to say that after the eight jubilees, the ninth jubilee would have Jerusalem being a no-man’s-land, which it was from 1917 to 1967 until the Six-Day-War. The Rabbi’s prophecy then stated that in the tenth Jubilee that Jerusalem would be controlled by Israel and then the Messianic end times would begin. That would then bring the time to 2017.” Very interesting...!



The “Jubilee” (Jovel) “Shemithah Year for Jerusalem... Numerous prophecies centre on Jerusalem. It was foretold that Jerusalem would be conquered by Gentiles: “Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled,” Luke 21:24. This prophecy was given by Yeshua (Jesus) and started to come to pass in 70 AD when Jerusalem was conquered by the Romans and all the Jews were either killed, died of starvation, or were sold into slavery. In 638 AD, the Muslims conquered Jerusalem and, apart from a brief interval by the Crusaders, held it until 1917 when the Allied Forces under General Allenby delivered the city.

The Prophecy of Jerusalem's Deliverance in 1917... The prophet Daniel, speaking about the future of his hometown Jerusalem, gave the following remarkable prophecy: “Blessed is he that waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days...” Daniel 12:4-12. The year 1335 corresponds to the year 1917, the exact year when the Turks handed over the City of Jerusalem to the British. The prophet Haggai even prophesied the exact day of the deliverance... the 9th of December (Haggai 12:15-18), and Isaiah foretold the manner in which Jerusalem would be with the help of airplanes (Isaiah 31:5).

The Prophecy of Jerusalem's Deliverance in 1967... Ever since the foundation of the state of Israel in 1948, the Arab nations have refused to accept Israel as an independent state and were waiting to defeat Israel. In spite of catching the Israelis off guard by attacking them on a Sabbath day in June, 1967, and in spite of out-numbering them by at least 50 to 1, the Arabs suffered complete defeat in just six days. In less than three hours the Israeli air force destroyed 300 Egyptian aircraft on the ground. **But, the most significant fact of the war was that the Old City of Jerusalem, which was until then in the hands of Jordan, came back into Jewish possession.** Thus, once again, amazing Bible prophecies were fulfilled. As unlikely as it was, many Christians were not taken by surprise by the outcome of the Six Day War. Two different prophecies pointed to the year 1967 for the deliverance of Jerusalem; **Daniel's 2,300 Year Prophecy**; “How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, **unto two thousand and three hundred days**; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed,” Daniel 8:13-14. Reading the context this prophecy was

given in, it speaks about a ram with two horns (Media and Persia; Daniel 8:20, and a rough goat, Greece; Daniel 8:21). "And I saw him (the goat) come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand," Daniel 8:7. This part of the prophecy was fulfilled when **Alexander the Great**, with an army of 35,000 Greeks and Macedonians, crossed the Dardanelles into Asia Minor in 334 BC and defeated the vast Persian Empire. From that time on, Israel would always be "**trodden down by Gentiles,**" or under the control of foreign nations. However, Daniel prophesied that the sanctuary (Jerusalem) would be trodden down only for 2,300 days. Applying the Biblical time scale; one day = one year; Ezekiel 4:6, and bearing in mind that there is no date **0 AD**, we arrive exactly at 1967!

The year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25:10) **was marked by the fact that all the properties and possessions were given back to their original owners**, should they have lost them in the meantime. Slaves would be set free; in short, it was a time to "proclaim liberty." Calculating from the year 1917, the next year of Jubilee was to be 1967!

Is it mere coincidence that Jerusalem was again delivered in that year? IF we are starting from the Capture of Jerusalem in 1967 making 1966 the 49th year 1 Jubilee thereafter = (7 counts of 7 Years = 49 YEARS): 1966 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 = **2015** (1973 1980 1987 1994 2001 2008 2015). Since AD 70, Old Jerusalem had not been under Jewish sovereignty until 1967. **The liberation of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967 is the key pivotal point in modern history related to the Bible prophecy and the End Times.**

Yeshua (Jesus) indicated in Matthew 24:32-34 that there would be a time when the "fig tree" (Judah / the Jews), would bring forth leaves... and that this generation should see the return of Christ. **We are presently living in that time!** The founding of the State of Israel in 1948 and the deliverance of Jerusalem in 1917 and 1967 are all signs of the fig tree putting forth leaves. Yeshua (Jesus) will indeed return soon, intervening in the coming final nuclear war and establishing His kingdom on earth which will exist for a thousand years. The signs can already be seen. Are you ready?

The number 70 is a prophetic number. Daniel the prophet spoke of 70 sevens that must be fulfilled in order for redemption to come. **The 70th Jubilee Shemitah of "2015" is extra significant!** This Jubilee Shemitah of 2015 will mark the beginning of a prophetic series of events that could ultimately culminate seven Years later... at the **SECOND COMING** of Christ (however only God knows the time and date) when ALL real estate of the planet will be returned to its original owner, the Creator, the **ULTIMATE** manifestation of the Shemitah.

In the years **5774 (2014) - 5775 (2015)**... we will have four lunar eclipses. With the number four there is always a fifth associated with the four. Therefore, with our four lunar eclipses we will see one solar eclipse between these four. Rabbi's say that it's like the four fingers of the hand, the thumb is like the four, yet it is materially different having

only one joint rather than two and being opposable instead of inline. This teaches us that the solar eclipse is related to the lunar eclipses, yet it is materially different.

Jews have a (bracha) blessing for everything that brings benefit. No... they do not have a blessing for this event and therefore don't say a blessing for an eclipse. The Hebrew word meaning for eclipse gives the answer away... "Likui" "defect." The Torah (first five Books of the Bible) states, that an eclipse ("Likui" / "defect") of the sun is a bad sign for the world; a lunar eclipse is a bad sign for Israel. Being associated with bad signs the eclipse was not assigned a blessing. The blessing said by the Jewish people after a "new moon, cannot be said during or after an eclipse as the moon is already "waning" at that point. The moon is associated with the children of Israel. Like the moon, the fortunes of Israel "wax and wane" sometimes there will be darkness and sometimes Israel will shine bright. Just as the moon waxes and wanes, so too does Israel go through stages of light and darkness with the constant knowledge that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Wrap-Up

Well it all could be a coincidence right? It all may just be that all of us Christians are whacked out of our minds? Well what if we are not? Are you willing to risk everything on thinking those of us who are Christians are dead wrong?

If we are right then you were prepared and ready.....but if you are wrong you are more than likely dead. If we are wrong well we will have lots of food, water and extra supplies to use up, but if you are wrong you will be asking me for food and water!

As a Christian I think we need to be prepared both physically and spiritually. We need to have lots of extra food, water, supplies and money around and we also need to get our spiritual house in order with God. We need to ask Him to forgive us of our sins and ask Him into our hearts. We need to have our lamps burning brightly and be on the ready as the bridegroom can return at any time just like the wise virgins in Matthew chapter 25.

These are not the thoughts of some unlearned, unwise men. These are the thoughts of some of the most brilliant men of God.

We are told by the Lord not to be caught unaware. We should not be ignorant to the signs. Jesus himself chastised the Pharisees for not reading the signs prior to His first coming. In 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 we are told not to be caught sleeping and that we should not be caught by surprise like a thief since we should be aware of the signs and the seasons we are living in!

Keep looking up!

