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PREFACE



THIS BOOK IS a sequel to Part One, *Unveiling the Mystery of the Last-Days*; if you have not yet read it before you decided to read this one, I suggest you do so, as you will not have had the necessary background information that is the foundation for understanding the research presented in this one. Therefore, before you proceed, I strongly recommend that you read Part One first.

In this book I use the following titles to describe the last-days time periods which are used interchangeably throughout:

- *Daniel's 70th Week* - the final seven years prior to Yeshua's return and includes the 'time of Jacob's trouble.'
- *The Time of Jacob's Trouble* - is the Great Tribulation period, the second half of Daniel's 70th week, and is particular to the *Jewish people in the land of Israel*.

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In a nutshell, Part One was research in the following areas:

- Solid proof from the Scriptures and retranslations of the original Hebrew/Aramaic of the Old Testament that the ‘revived Roman Empire’ is *not* the legs/feet/toes of the statue in Daniel 2, the fourth beast empire of Daniel 7, nor the earth beast of Revelation 13 and 17, which are all the same empire. This empire is in fact the present *Islamic Empire* of the Middle East, without a doubt. Hence, for decades prophecy teachers (unbeknown to them) have been teaching believers a skewed interpretation of the above passages, and as a result we have all been looking in the wrong direction—to the West—for the rise of this empire and are awaiting a Gentile-Roman antichrist leader to emerge from it. However, there is more than one antichrist and they will be from the Middle East.
- The history of the Middle East from the time Islam took over Jerusalem in 636 AD, and the following sobering facts: Islam has *continually* occupied Jerusalem and the Temple Mount since then; that these two prime pieces of real estate are the apple of Yahweh’s eye, are central to the last-days prophetic scenario, and that the continued rulership of Jerusalem is the key to the identification of the final empire.
- A revelation of the divine aspects of the Hebrew language at its foundational level—the ancient Hebrew Word Pictures (HWP) in the alphabet—and the overlooked fact that Hebrew words have multiple meanings that also must be included when translating passages. I truly believe that this information is the key to solving many of the presently vague passages in our Bibles.
- The present translations of the Bible, particularly the English, and the last-days interpretations of them to date, have had a western-Gentile bias and the Israel-centered nature of prophecy has been totally overlooked.

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- Extensive studies on the numbers associated with 666 (6, 60, 66, 600 and 666) revealed that the empire is definitely Islamic in character; it is associated with *two* beasts—Satan/Allah in Islam, and the *Jewish* antichrist who is the coming false messiah and man of sin. The number, 666, is also a picture of the judgment of sin.
- The Hebrew alphabet in the HWP reveals Yahweh’s plan of prophecy through Israel, whereas the Arabic alphabet exposes Satan’s plan of prophecy through Islam. The plan of Satan is also unveiled in a mathematical code within the Quran and rearranged Arabic alphabet associated with the numbers 19, 21, and 666. This was vividly portrayed in the intricate details of the 9/11 attacks, as well as Satan’s strategy to completely rule the world by 2020, which is the 19-year plan implemented at the same time as 9/11 in 2001.

THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS BOOK

This book is a little different; it is an extensive research presentation, both within and without the Scriptures, on the highly probable *timing* of the much anticipated events of the last-days. Section One presents the case that we can and are allowed to know the timing for the Great Tribulation (also called ‘the time of Jacob’s trouble’), Second Coming, and the beginning of the millennial kingdom. It is a fascinating debate that uses reason and contextual, scriptural proof highlighting the present erroneous teaching that we as believers are forbidden to know the approximate timing of our Lord’s return.

Section Two contrasts the various world calendars and reveals the *only* divine calendar ordained by Yahweh that reveals the true age of the world and His wonderful plan of redemption.

Section Three is a courageous stance that is in stark contrast to previous false predictions of the last days, for it is armed with substantial proof—including three *scientific* pieces of evidence—that is an exposé of eight fascinating and highly credible testimonies for these times.

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As with Part One, amazing things have been discovered that strongly indicate that Yeshua's arrival will be in the same year or close to the time when Satan/Allah plans his western-world takeover. Dates have not been predicted per se; they are actually the pre-ordained times that the Father has already set out in His plan of prophecy and are being unveiled—witnessed twice—hidden in the written Word, and displayed in the array of the heavenly timekeepers¹ for those with a strong enough passion to search them out as was quoted in Part One from Psalm 25:2,

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”

WE ARE DEFINITELY ALLOWED TO KNOW THE ‘TIMES’

This author believes we are *very* close to the Great Tribulation period; it is not 100 years, nor 50 years, nor even 20 years away; it is even closer than that, and we can know for sure and are *allowed to* know as the time rapidly approaches the time of the end.

“But wait a minute,” you might be saying to yourself, “people have been saying for nearly two millennia that Jesus is returning soon, and nothing has ever happened. Many have even predicted the date when He will return and were wrong, so what makes you any different?”

My response to your question would be, “What you are saying is true, however, was the State of Israel in existence prior to the 1900s? The existence of the very name of ‘Israel,’ the same area as the biblical land in the Old Testament, is a prerequisite to the last-days events before His return—and Israel became a nation again in 1948, almost 65 years ago.”

And I continue, “What, may I ask, were the bases of the previous predictions about Yeshua's return which turned out to be false? Were they founded on anything substantial, such as scientific evidence, or on the divinely ordained feast-dates that are Israel's agricultural, historical, and prophetic calendar for the past, present, and future? Or what about

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the heavenly timekeepers, which are not just in the firmament to divide the day from the night? Those false predictors surely did not know that there are many dimensions of meaning behind the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and the number patterns in the Bible, presenting multitudes of clues hidden beneath the plain text of Scripture, that help to interpret the words of prophecy, as has been discovered in this research.”

You may respond with, “But isn’t it forbidden to want to know when Jesus is returning, or even to try to find out?”

And my final answer to you would be, “Show me one scripture—*in context*—that plainly states that, for I have found that the total opposite happens to be the truth.”

Most believers I have tried to share my findings with always have the same questions and doubts. Section One presents logical and intelligent reasoning to refute those false ideas we have been spoon-fed, and obliterates those doubts that so chastise the mind and stifle spiritual growth.

THE UNVEILING OF END-TIME PROPHECIES— HE IS AT THE DOOR, WAKE UP!

Part One presented many examples of the words of biblical end-time prophecies that are beginning to be understood in their true context—by the unveiling of the deeper meanings contained in the Hebrew alphabet, and by the more detailed interpretations of the original and divine language of the Old Testament.

Our Lord Yeshua is at the door. His scheduled year of arrival is closer than we all think, or want to believe. It is time to wake up from our slumber, accept the fact that the “Day of the Lord” is fast approaching . . . it is about to begin. Let’s be realistic about the time we are living in rather than being in complete denial, ignorance, or becoming depressed about it. We have to just accept the fact of the matter and embrace it wholeheartedly, as there is nothing to be afraid of—for what is promised to the believer is wonderful beyond our wildest dreams!

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TREASURES BEYOND IMAGINING

Unfortunately, so many believers sadly ignore the Bible or take it for granted. Would you believe that a little more than three centuries ago, a poor Welsh girl saved all of her hard-earned pennies for six years, and walked more than 100 miles—*barefooted*—in the hope of attaining just *one* precious Bible?² Would we do that today? Perhaps a new believer from a persecuted, Christian minority country such as Pakistan or China would, even under the threat of death. In Proverbs 2:2-5 we are instructed to:

“Incline your ear to wisdom ... apply your heart to understanding ... cry out for discernment ... if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.”

How many of us have that sort of attitude towards the most precious Treasure of treasures, and take the time to study and understand Yahweh's amazing character and intricate plan of prophecy? We need to be awakened to see the approaching urgency of our times and this is where this book hopes to step in. It is a thrill to share these findings with you, as I did in Part One, which to me has been a truly humbling and exhilarating experience, to glimpse into the wonders of our Creator's amazing mind and marvelous ways revealed in His magnificent masterpiece—His Word.

SECTION ONE:

FALSE PREDICTIONS

AND

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SELF-DESTRUCTION DISREPUTE AND DISSENSION IN CHRISTENDOM



AS WE KNOW, Yahweh foretells future events in His Word because He sees the end from the beginning, which is totally unique to His divine character. The role of fulfilled prophecy undeniably proves that He exists and that He keeps His promises. As we found in Part One, Satan is doing his utmost to fulfill his will from Isaiah 14 to destroy Yahweh’s reputation and render Him a liar and breaker of His covenants—just as he does. However, the Father is always many steps ahead of Satan because *He* is using *him* to bring prophecy to pass so that His Word concerning His Son and the nation of Israel will be completely fulfilled ... and then He will judge him in the end. So you see, Satan is even behind all of the events leading up to, and including, the Great Tribulation until the Messiah arrives, but as we know, Yeshua will checkmate Satan in his game plan when He returns. It is the perfect ‘Masterplan’; Satan cannot outwit the Creator, but he sure is trying all the tricks in his many books to do so.

One can also see how Satan has been working *within* the ranks of Christendom to defeat the King of the universe by causing the increasing

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disrepute of Christians in the eyes of the world and the maximum amount of dissension among them from within. He is doing this to render believers ineffective with the Gospel and therefore less fruitful than they ought to be. Let's take a brief look at two self-destructive areas.

1. DISREPUTE IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD

The reputation of the Christian, who is the bearer of *the* truth and should be the only model of true godliness in the world, has been somewhat tarnished from the third century onwards because of the following reasons:

1. THE GRADUAL MOVING AWAY FROM THE HEBREW ORIGINS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE SCRIPTURES¹

Through the centuries Christian teaching and interpretation had a total divorce from its Hebraic or Jewish roots; this occurred particularly with the rise of Roman Catholicism in the fourth century, which is actually a mix of Greek and Roman paganism, Judaism, and a pinch of Christianity. The consequences of this have resulted in much anti-Semitism and the misinterpretation of the original Scriptures as was explained in Part One. We must remember that *true* Christianity is the *fulfilment* of Old Testament Judaism—the curtain was finally rent and the two, Jew and Gentile, became one.

(For further study on the history of Roman Catholicism, I highly recommend “A Woman Rides the Beast” by Dave Hunt - all of my statements regarding this brand of ‘Christianity’ are founded on the historical facts presented in this eye-opening master piece.)

2. THE REFORMATION

In the 1500s Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest, highlighted the erroneous teachings of the ‘Mother Church’ and began the separation of the Protestors from it.² The split still exists today, but in the eyes of many unbelievers, Roman Catholicism represents Christianity, but a little historical research reveals that it clearly is not. As we shall see shortly,

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there are many more reasons that reveal the startling fact that there is a mass delusion going on in the world concerning what is *true* Christianity.

3. DENOMINATIONS

Between the sixteenth and twenty-first centuries, Protestants split into 11 or more branches, each with their own brand of Christianity.³ In the eyes of the world, where no denomination agrees with another over certain interpretations of the Word, and where Christians have killed others in the name of Christ, particularly through Roman Catholicism, is it any wonder that unbelievers label Christians as hypocrites and their religion as a pack of lies?

4. THE SUDDEN RISE OF THE MAJOR CHRISTIAN CULTS IN THE EARLY 19th CENTURY⁴

Christian cults have brought even more confusion to the unbelieving world. They have added to the many seemingly unanswerable questions for the searching unbeliever, such as, “Which Christian belief system is the correct one, if any at all?” This is on top of the 50 flavors of the many other religions that have been imported into the western world, and the Catholic/Protestant divide. Cult groups whose members go door-to-door have unwittingly made householders ‘sick to death’ of religion by their incessant pedaling of their lies and poisoned literature.

5. THE EXPOSED SINS OF THOSE WHO DARE CALL THEMSELVES ‘CHRISTIAN’

In the last few decades, there have been increasing media confessions in the western world by those who have suffered sexual or physical abuse by “Christian” leaders. The erroneous teaching and vow of celibacy for priests is mostly to blame; the vow *and* the priest-hierarchy are both unbiblical practices and have inevitably led to sexual immorality and the gross abuse of innocent children. This practice has been destructive to the reputation of true believers, as they are inevitably painted with

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the same brush in the eyes of the world. Matthew 12:33 states, “a tree is known by its fruit,” yet the world only sees the fruit of hypocrisy, and the result inevitably, has been a very bad reputation.

6. THE SETTING OF DATES FOR THE SECOND COMING OF YESHUA

There have been about 220 dates set for the return of Yeshua, or the end of the world, since His ascension,⁵ and 95% of those have not come to pass, since the dates have come and gone and there is still no Temple in Israel, nor judgments on the par of the Book of Revelation. False predictions that do not materialize cast a darker shadow on the already tarnished perception of the Christian, both within Christianity and without. This will be discussed in greater detail in the following chapter.

The results of just these six activities within Christendom have done nothing but confuse the unbeliever and repel him from ever desiring to know the truth; a perfect weapon to keep him in spiritual darkness and increase the existing and future population of Hades.

2. DISSENSION FROM WITHIN

Within Christendom there have been huge chasms which have resulted in mainly two things:

1. THE ADVENT OF DENOMINATIONS

Denominations, or sects, have been caused by the differing opinions about what certain verses in the Bible mean,⁶ and how Christianity and its services should be practiced.⁷ The Apostle Paul said that divisions caused by someone's view are actually unbiblical; in 1 Corinthians 1:13 he asks, “Is Christ divided?” In the end, if we don't even agree with each other on the interpretations of Scripture, how then can we convince the world that what we have is worth having at all?

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2. INCORRECT BIBLICAL INTERPRETATIONS

Erroneous interpretations of the Scriptures, particularly in the area of last-days prophecies as we have seen in Part One, are the root causes of major problems within the Body of Yeshua that we are experiencing today, such as:

A. Looking for the fulfilment of prophecies in the wrong places:

Our present English translations of the original languages of the Old Testament—Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek—are greatly lacking; this lack is partly to blame for the wrong conclusion that the fourth and final beast empire is the revived Roman Empire. The translators, as good as they were, only chose one of the many meanings for the Hebrew words in the Old Testament, which rendered the passages vague and easier to manipulate, and interpretations have been made to fit western-Gentile historical and modern developments.

B. Extra-biblical laws and prohibitions that bind the believer and stifle spiritual growth:

Incorrect interpretations inadvertently add man-made laws when a verse is taken completely out of its context and made to mean something that was not intended. One such example is the interpretation of Hebrews 10:24-5:

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (emphasis mine)

Some believers have taken the italicized section, stopped there, and made up a ‘law’ concerning compulsory church attendance. The context of the verse is *exhorting one another to godliness and coming together especially as the Day approaches*. “The Day” is the ‘Day of the Lord’ or the Great Tribulation period; hence it is for the encouragement

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of the believer, particularly in the Last Days, because judgment for *Israel* is approaching, so it is particular to the *Jewish/Gentile believer in Israel* nearing the Great Tribulation period. Too many believers are so bound with the notion that they won't be blessed if they don't go to church or have backslidden for not attending services, all because of this extra-biblical law that was derived from an out-of-context interpretation.

CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT

The context of a verse is the understanding of its correct background, time frame, and cultural setting, and one really needs to study the passages before and after a verse to ascertain it. Reading a verse in isolation will lead to *reading into the text*, and then the meaning of it becomes a *pretext* and not the true interpretation at all. Unfortunately, this has been one of the major methods of interpretation in mainstream Christendom to date. Part One used many examples of understanding verses in their true contexts.

Chapter Three will be devoted to two other out-of-context verses that have caused untold damage in the spiritual lives of believers. The first, found in Luke 21 and the parallel verse in Matthew 24, has contributed to the disrepute of Christians in both the world and in the eyes of each other, and it has partly been to blame for the majority of us not seeing how close we are to the end. The second, also in Matthew 24 and its parallel in Mark 13, has caused the erroneous prohibition of believers to delve deep into the Word, and to ask Yahweh for clarity on the understanding of how much time is left before His return. We have been led to believe that it is a sin to want to know and to try to find out, and have turned it into another extra-biblical law. Hence, some of those who have the desire to know no doubt have been discouraged and are afraid of trespassing in areas they have been taught are forbidden.

It can be clearly seen that the results of these two causes of dissension are complete confusion and fear *within* the ranks of Christendom. It all boils down to one common denominator for the root cause and that

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is *the misinterpretation of the Word of Yahweh*, which leads us on to the following two chapters about how this has extinguished the flame of desire for the true understanding of the rapidly approaching time of the end, and the great anticipation for the day when we will finally meet our Lord face to face.

SUMMARY

- Satan is behind ALL of our world systems and the fulfilment of prophecies in the Bible, especially the end-time scenario. However Yahweh is using him to bring *His* purposes to pass through Israel, and for His Son.
- Satan is trying to thwart the purposes of Yahweh in Christendom by causing the disrepute of the Christian witness in the eyes of the world, and by creating the dissension of believers within its ranks.
- The disrepute of Christians leads to unbelievers shutting their hearts and ears to the truth.
- Dissension contributes to out-of-context interpretation which leads to the development of unbiblical laws and prohibitions on the believer. This stifles growth and the desire to search out the truth in the area of endtime prophecies.
- The context of a verse is studying the passages before and after it to get the background, time frame, and cultural setting in perspective, and must be attained before its interpretation.
- Both disrepute and dissension are caused by the misinterpretation of Scripture. This can be overcome by seeking Yahweh for wisdom, understanding the Hebraic interpretations, and a knowledge of history. These will lead to interpreting Scripture in its true and intended context.