

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE OF ROSH HASHANAH 1-2 TISHRI 5776 (SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2015) MONDAY – TUESDAY

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Note: “RH” stands for Rosh HaShanah. Biblical calendar years are counted from Rosh HaShanah to Rosh HaShanah.

1. 1260 DAYS OF THE TWO WITNESSES/42 MONTHS NATIONS TREAD ON JERUSALEM (Revelation 11:2-3)

1260 days from 10 Nisan 5772 (April 2, 2012) to Rosh HaShanah 1 Tishri 5776 (September 14, 2015) – Revelation 11:2-3

This timetable exactly fits to the day the period of time the Two Witnesses are to prophesy with God’s authority for 1260 days, coinciding with the period of time the nations tread on Jerusalem. There are exactly 42 complete Biblical lunar calendar months plus a partial month of 21 days (10-30 Nisan 5772/April 2-22, 2012) in this 1260-day period.

The start date of 10 Nisan is prophetically significant as the date the Passover lambs were selected (Exodus 12:3); Messiah Yeshua is the Lamb of God (John 1:29, 36). Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets) is the birth date of Messiah Yeshua (September 11, 3 BC) and also the expected date of His return.

It is very significant to have this line up of 1260 days from the prophetically significant dates 10 Nisan to 1 Tishri (Rosh HaShanah) because the number of days per year varies according to the Biblical calendar (353, 354, 355, 383, 384, 385).

2. SEVEN MONTHS FROM TISHRI 5776 (2015) TO NISAN 5776 (2016) (Ezekiel 39:12)

This timetable of 7 months exactly fits the period of time Ezekiel prophesies for burying the dead and cleansing the Land of Israel after the War of Gog-Magog/Armageddon.

This timetable is unique because there are usually 6 months from the month of Tishri to the month of Nisan. Only when a 13th “leap” month is added are there 7 months. This happens 7 times during the 19-year cycle of the Biblical calendar.

This timetable is significant because it links the Appointed Times of the Lord in the month of Tishri to the Appointed Times of the Lord in the month of Nisan.

Joel 2:15-17 refers to 10 Tishri, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement (“consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly”), as the day Messiah Yeshua comes out of the Heavenly bridal chamber with His Bride and returns to earth (Revelation 19). Therefore, we can count this period of time more specifically from 10 Tishri (September 23, 2015) to 10 Nisan 5776 (April 18, 2016) and link two prophetically significant dates on the Biblical calendar. (See #1 above for prophetic significance of 10 Nisan.)

3. ROSH HASHANAH 5776/2015 FITS THE PROPHETIC PATTERN OF A JUBILEE YEAR

God appointed the 50th year following seven Sabbatical cycles ($7 \times 7 = 49$ years) as the year of Jubilee, when the land was returned to its original owners and allowed to rest (Leviticus 25:8-13). The Jubilee year was proclaimed on the Day of Atonement (10 Tishri).

Messiah Yeshua began His public ministry on a Sabbath day, the Day of Atonement, and proclaimed the year of Jubilee (Luke 4:16-21 “proclaim the favorable year of the Lord” refers to the year of Jubilee; the Biblical Calendar shows that the Day of Atonement fell on a Saturday in AD 28, the year Yeshua began His ministry).

Messiah Yeshua can be expected to proclaim the year of Jubilee when He returns to Jerusalem and sets up God’s Kingdom on Earth.

God’s Prophetic Timetable is based upon the Sabbatical (seven-year) cycle, Jubilee-year cycle, and Appointed Times of the Lord. Although religious Jews do not currently count Jubilee years, we can see the prophetic pattern and timetable of the Jubilee-year cycle based upon key prophetic events in Israel’s modern history.

RH 1917/RH 1918 – JERUSALEM FREED FROM OVER 1000 YEARS OF ISLAMIC CONTROL

Allenby captured Jerusalem from the Ottoman Turks the day before Hanukkah began, December 9, 1917. The Ottoman Empire ruled Jerusalem 1517-1917; Jerusalem first fell under Islamic control in 638 and remained so except for a short period of time during the Crusader Period.

RH 1966/RH 1967 EAST JERUSALEM, JUDEA AND SAMARIA FREED FROM ISLAMIC CONTROL

Jerusalem reunited as a result of the Six-Day War in June 1967. East Jerusalem (Old City, Temple Mount, Mount of Olives), Judea, and Samaria freed from Jordanian (Islamic) control. These areas had come under Islamic control as a result of Arab nations attacking the newly established nation of Israel in 1948.

4. RH 2015 LINKED TO RARE OCCURRENCE OF 4 TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSES (“BLOOD MOONS”) (Joel 2:31)

The prophet Joel describes the Bridegroom Yeshua and His Bride coming out of the Heavenly Bridal Chamber in association with the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), referred to as “a fast” and “solemn assembly” (Joel 2:15-16). The prophet Joel describes the moon turning to blood BEFORE the Day of the Lord (Joel 2:31). The moon takes on a reddish color during a total lunar eclipse.

Leading up to RH 5776/2015, there is a rare occurrence of 4 TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSES that coincide with Passover and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) in 2014 and 2015 (noted by C. Michas January 2007). (Note: “Blood moon” refers to the blood-red appearance of a total lunar eclipse.) This rare occurrence of 4 total lunar eclipses lining up with Passover and Sukkot in two consecutive years also occurred in association with two major prophetic events in Israel’s modern history: in 1949-1950, linking to the transfer of the Israeli government from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in January 1950 (*The Timetables of Jewish History*, Gribetz, p. 509), following the establishment of the modern nation of Israel in 1948; and in 1967-1968, linking to the restoration of the Temple Mount and East Jerusalem (including the Mount of Olives), Judea, and Samaria as a result of the June 1967 Six-Day War.¹

Based upon understanding the link between this celestial event precisely lining up with the prophetic timetable of the Appointed Times of the Lord (Passover and Sukkot) and AT THE SAME TIME linking to key historical events in the restoration of Jerusalem and the Land of Israel to the Jewish people, according to God’s promise, can we not expect a MAJOR EVENT to take place in association with the next time that this rare celestial lineup with Passover and Sukkot takes place: in RH 2015?

¹ Mark Biltz, pastor of El Shaddai Ministries, Bonney Lake, Washington. See “Blood Moon Eclipses: 2nd Coming in 2015?” World Net Daily, April 30, 2008, Joe Kovacs (<http://www.wnd.com/2008/04/63076/print/>).

As this rare celestial event coinciding with Passover and Sukkot was linked to the RESTORATION of the nation of Israel and the RESTORATION of the Temple Mount and East Jerusalem (including the Mount of Olives—the site of the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Messiah Yeshua) to the nation of Israel, perhaps RH 5776/2015 will mark the COMPLETED RESTORATION OF ISRAEL BY MESSIAH YESHUA HIMSELF WHEN HE RETURNS TO JERUSALEM AND ESTABLISHES THE MESSIANIC/MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

5. RH 2015 FITS THE PROPHETIC PATTERN OF JEWISH WEDDINGS ON TUESDAY (John 2:1)

RH 5776/September 14-15, 2015 falls on a Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday, the third day of the week, fits the pattern of the Cana wedding (John 2:1). According to Jewish tradition, Tuesday is considered an especially auspicious day for marriage based upon the third day of Creation being seen by God as “good” twice (Genesis 1:10, 12).²

6. RH 2015 FITS 42 MONTHS/1260 YEARS FOR THE 6TH HEAD OF THE BEAST TO HAVE AUTHORITY (Revelation 13:3-5)

We have identified the 6th Head of the Beast as the empire of Pagan Rome; the fatal wound as the fall of Rome and the Western Roman Empire in AD 476; and the healing of the 6th Head as the rise of Papal Rome to great power and authority in its place.

According to Revelation 13:5, Papal Rome would be given “authority to act for forty-two months”. Based on relating 42 months = 1260 days (Revelation 11:2-3)³ and understanding “a year for each day” (Ezekiel 4:6), this period of time = 1260 YEARS.

² http://www.myjewishlearning.com/life/Life_Events/Weddings/Liturgy_Ritual_and_Custom/Time_and_Place.shtml Excerpted from *Teaching Jewish Life Cycle: Insights and Activities*.

In 756, the Papacy was established FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A TEMPORAL RULER as a result of the Donation of Pepin, territories donated to the Pope by the Frankish king, Pepin (the Short). Pepin confirmed his donations in Rome in 756.⁴

756 + 1260 years = 2016 → Falls in the period RH 2015/RH 2016

This also marked an end to Italian territory held by the Byzantine/Eastern Roman Empire (7th Head of the Beast.) The Lombards conquered the Exarchate of Ravenna, the main seat of Byzantine government, in 753. As representative of the Eastern Roman emperor, the Eastern Orthodox Patriarch had held territorial power over this land.⁵ Pope Stephen II enlisted the help of Pepin in recovering this territory but rather than return it to the Eastern Roman emperor, Pepin gave it to the Pope. In this way, the Papacy gained control over land in Italy and became independent of the Eastern Roman emperor, who from the time of Constantine had claimed leadership of the Christian Church.

Revelation Chapter 18 shows the destruction of Papal Rome that ends the earthly authority of the Papacy.

7. RH 2015 FITS YESHUA'S WORDS "YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DAY NOR THE HOUR" (Matthew 25:13)

In the parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13), Messiah Yeshua speaks to believers and warns them to remain alert for His coming, saying "you do not know the day nor the hour". Knowing that key Biblical prophetic events follow the prophetic timetable of the Appointed Times of the Lord, Yeshua's statement takes on remarkable meaning. There is only one Appointed Time of the Lord that begins during the New Moon, Rosh HaShanah. In Biblical times, the sighting of the New Moon required two witnesses and

³ Revelation 11:2-3 refers to 1260 days or 42 months when the Two Witnesses prophesy and the nations tread on Jerusalem.

⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donation_of_Pepin (Wikipedia, "Donation of Pepin").

⁵ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donation_of_Pepin (Wikipedia, "Donation of Pepin").

its precise time was unknown until confirmed. This is why Rosh Hashanah is a two-day Biblical festival according to the calculated Biblical calendar. Therefore, we can expect Yeshua to return during Rosh HaShanah, just as He came the first time, with His birth during Rosh HaShanah.

Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets) is associated with judgment of the whole world, coronation of the king, God's kingship, and the fall harvest.⁶ This Appointed Time of the Lord therefore fits the prophetic picture of the return of Yeshua as King Messiah to judge the world. It also fits the time of the Rapture when believers receive their resurrection bodies, those in Heaven and those alive on Earth who are "caught up" into Heaven (1 Corinthians 15:50-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).

8. RH 2015 FITS DANIEL'S TIMETABLE FOR THE DOME OF THE ROCK TO EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE (Daniel 12:11-12)

1290 days = 1290 years (Ezekiel 4:6 "a year for each day") + 45 years = 1335 years

Daniel 12 describes a total period of 1335 years that begins with THE ABOMINATION being set up and culminates in the END OF THE AGE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE MESSIANIC AGE.

If the Dome of the Rock is the abomination on the Temple Mount, then this time period starts when construction on the Dome began in 687⁷ and ends with Ezekiel's Temple standing in its place. The Dome of the Rock is an Islamic shrine standing in the place where Solomon's Temple once stood, over the site of the Holy of Holies (verified by Leen Ritmeyer in his book, *The Quest: Revealing the Temple Mount in Jerusalem*). As a shrine to a false god (Allah), it is certainly an abomination to the God.

⁶ Ellen Frankel and Betsy Platkin Teutsch, *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Symbols*, p. 140.

⁷ The completion date is 691. Some sources give 687, others 688, as the start date, therefore fitting RH 687/RH 688.

Counting 1290 years from the start date of 687 brings us to 1977, the year that Jewish settlements began to be constructed in Judea and Samaria, a very significant prophetic event. Adding another 45 years brings us to 2022. (REVISED March 4, 2012: This sentence should read "... 1977, a key year regarding Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria... ". See REV-193 Part 3 "Prophetic Significance of Rosh Hashanah 2015 & Related Current Events 2012" for details about the prophetic importance of the year 1977.)

A 7-year period follows the War of Gog-Magog/Armageddon (Ezekiel 39:9), during which time the Land of Israel is cleansed of dead bodies and the weapons are burned. In addition, understanding that it took 7 years for Solomon's Temple to be built, and assuming this pattern holds for the building of Ezekiel's Temple, 7 years are subtracted from 2022. This brings us to 2015.

If Messiah Yeshua returns RH 2015, the abomination of the Dome of the Rock will certainly be removed from the Temple Mount and be replaced with Ezekiel's Temple over the site of the original Temple.