"BE AWARE" TERMINAL SEQUENCES & THE AGE OF GRACE A VITAL 21ST CENTURY APOCALYPTIC DOCUMENT

The word picture below tells one very little but the self analysis of your attention as a "Watchman" (a person aware of the great events to which history is moving) requires more than "I am 'a-mill' or 'post-mill' or 'pan-mill' believer. Obfustication won't cut it in these end-times. Current bible scholarship taken in the round has talked up a bible maze of symbols without the Ariadne thread of Christ's Passion Week and Enthronement Apocalyptic teaching. Augustine sent the church on a centuries-long detour with his view that we had reached the millennium. John Calvin largely ducked the prophetic issue merely citing the Roman Catholic Church as a bad bible Antichrist of "Babylon". Today's events demand better and call for what **Kierkegaard** called "a showerbath from on high" of love for and obedience to the critical teaching of our Lord, the apostles and early church fathers. These latter added their signature to the authentic evidential signs of Christ's coming centered on the Rapture and the Jewish wedding concept of pre-nuptials and the wedding feast mirroring the Rapture and our Lord's glorious return to Jerusalem.

This is a day when the world is uncertain And the power of the Atom unknown But a far greater Power up yonder Still watches and cares for His own.

Now search the prophetic file "Terminal sequences of this Age of Grace" for the "Prophetic awareness test" <aramaicbiblecompanion.uk>

Days shortened
Millennium Wars Elect 666
Antichrist Ten virgins Beast seven thunders Parousia Quick
Ten Virgins Goodman of the house False Prophet Beast
Thief in the night Tribes mourn
Eating drinking marrying giving away
Days of Noah Unknown hour Goodman of House
Sickle Gathering from 4 winds
Every wall falls Every island flees

Tribulation 1260 days Sign of Son
Two in bed one taken Sun moon darkened Stars fall Inasmuch
Two at mill one left This generation sees
Cities fall New heaven & earth Fig Tree Babylon

Wilderness Second Death Maranatha

PROPHETIC AWARENESS

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Below you are given a **self-test of prophetic awareness** which it is hoped will stimulate revamped interest in this important subject.

Think about it-we are not just told "We know not the hour" of Christ's appearing but His Didache is like a dual alarm clock-"Since you know not the day or hour watch"-watch in these last days and watch every day you live.

Ask the worshipper in the well padded fireproofed and safety linked church chair where we can find passages about our Lord's return. I believe not 1 in 100 would be familiar with Daniel 11-12, Ezekiel 38-9, Matthew 24, Mark 13 Luke 21, 1Thessalonians 4 & 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 4-19. Just take this test – advise it to friends –recognise kingdom/Messianic truth as the hinge on which gospel truth swings within the whole counsel of God. (Score 1-8...)

WITH HOW MANY PROPHETIC TERMS ARE YOU FAMILIAR?

I respectfully request that you undertake another test to check if the term "enlightened" Christian includes a competence that makes you *au fait* with more than a handful of the 50 words and phrases below which relate to our Lord's return. This is not about your knowledge of "doctrines of grace" or of bible texts

per se-it is about whether you have applied your mind to issues in respect of our Lord's return.

YOUR CHECKLIST AND SELF TEST.

How many of the following words and phrases can you understand and put in context? If 5 that's not you will agree that's not impressive, if 12 that's mediocre. The *au fait* (familiarity) "pass mark" is 25(50%) Here then is the selection: - Rapture, Tribulation, Thief in the night, Goodman of the house, False prophet, Antichrist, Abomination of desolation, Shortening of days, Deceit of the elect, Lightning from the east, Eagles and the corpse, Gathering from the four winds to high heaven, The fig tree, The generation that sees all things, The days of Noah, The "Lock out", Eating drinking marrying disrupted, One taken another left from bed & mill, The wise servant who feeds with truth, The rebel servant with teeth gnashing, The house cut in two, The ten virgins, Judgment of nations, Cities of the nations fall, Ten thunders, The judicial "inasmuch", Armageddon, Birthpangs, Behold I come quickly, Rosh(prince of the north), Forty two months or 1260 days, The woman & 2 great wings of an eagle12.14, The leopard lion bear & beast with 10 horns & 7 heads, The fatal wound, the mark on hand & head(is it 77 or 10, 616 or another number?), The way of the kings of the east, The Dragon beast & false prophet, Every island fleeing, Every wall & stair falling, Come out of her my people, Merchants lament 18.11, The beast from the sea, Babylon the harlot17.1-5, Four angels and death of 1/3rd of mankind 9.15, The gospel angel 14.6, Who is the "One who sat on the cloud" 14 14-16?, The beast & false prophet defeated 19.11, The thousand years 20.1,3,5,6,7, Second death 20.14-15, Bright & Morning Star 22.16, Seven seals, Seven trumpets, Seven vials, 24 bowls of incense, The little scroll. (Score ____) If your score disappoints do get into scripture, follow

related internet material to benefit, seek "prophetic

witness" sources or if you want to encourage this vital interest set up a ginger group to study the scriptures with particular reference to Ezekiel Daniel the prophetic discourses of our Lord in the gospels, the Thessalonian epistles and Peter's letters and of course the book of Revelation. The "literary" trend that imports literary critical tools to all of scripture must yield to the prophetic purpose of the bible. At the heart of scripture as infallible divine revelation are the incarnate redemptive first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Messianic rapture and return to which we are approaching at pace today. The call is to "stand under" the literal truth of prophecy not to "stand over" prophecy and declare it a maze of symbols we can generally well afford to discard.

REVELATION GROUNDPLAN EXPLAINED

The bulk of the book of Revelation viz. chapters 5-19 are future history (shall we venture to say of the 21nd century?)-in other words, history on the cusp of which the world now stands. This book has been symbolized, set aside, taken as a commentary on history from Christ till now or put in a Chinese box style expandable story as by the good John Wesley. Chapters 1-3 represent the Church in Asia Minor with our Lord's comments and also prefigure seven modulations of church emphases over the long era up until and inclusive of the end times.

Chapters 4.1-18.24 contain 4 main sequence sections and **one meta tauta subsection**(7.9) introduced by the **META TAUTA** time signal of great events summed up under a set of 5 sevens. The text covers the entire period between the Rapture and the Revelation of the Messianic kingdom on earth. The "sequence device" is also used in the gospel of John though bible commentators have without exception failed to appreciate the fact. The Greek linguistic device is a mark of immediate sequence and as in the gospel where it divides 3 1/2 years so in Revelation it marks short phases in the last "heptad (7years) or 3 1/2 of years if that time is thus esteemed "shortened". Chapter 19.1-20.6 tells of heavenly joy and on earth of Christ riding gloriously to a triumphal consummation of His work on earth.

EXISTENTIAL 21ST CENTURY EVENTS SIGNALED IN REVELATION

The emergence of the 7head 10 horn European power with the qibbutz movement of Israelis complete and her newer settlements on Israel's mountains supplies a Mediterranean context. The proud rise of Rosh (Russia) with a leader determined to uplift her empire once more [Ezekiel38-9] provides a northern context. The proliferation of the gospel heralded digitally worldwide provides a worldwide context. These and numerous other events signal that the PAROUSIA

(our Lord's "visitation" to take His people to glory) is nigh and the advent clock is approaching the midnight hour or this highly secularized era. The important statement of Daniel 9.24 with 25-27 "Seventy sevens are decreed (from the decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus Nisan BC 445 -14 March as Passover was 13th) to Messiah the Prince on Julian year and 6 April AD 32 computes at 173,880 days[476X365] days with 116 days for leap years & 24 from 14 March-6April]-exactly 69 prophetic sevens or weeks as Gabriel stated who also referred to beyond 62 weeks 17BC-190th Olympiad-when games begun in 776 BC were first copied and held in Rome and the anointed Son would come to the Roman ruled world.) for your people and your holy city(Jerusalem) to finish transgression, to atone for wickedness to seal up the vision and prophecy. Sixty nine sevens it will be rebuilt in times of trouble. After 62 sevens the anointed one will be put to death Ominous and impactful events now in train are certain to re-direct European and world history with the result that it aligns more and more with the prophetic events of the scriptures of the Old and New Testament.

1 THE RAPTURE AND THE SMALL BOOK

(Chapter 5)In the last book of the bible we read of two other books along the way before the books of judgment-the small book [BIBLION) or sealed scroll [Chapter 7] and then the open scroll or perhaps

"bound book" (BIBLARIDION) [Chapter 10.1]. The "small book" contents are made known whilst the message of the rumbling thunders is concealed-yet did the angel proclaim "expedition". John did get hold of it and digested it and was told to spread the word concerning divine justice & judgment to every nation "every people & language". This we now have to examine –namely the last 1260 days of the secular scene that is beginning to disintegrate before our eyes in 2022.

The Lord God Almighty-at this vital juncture of the intersection of time and eternity- the rapture-cumapokalupsis - yielded to our Lord the small book written outside and inside-and after the 7th mention of the book $[\beta \iota \beta \lambda \iota o \nu]$ the majestic living creatures and 24 elders worshipped our Lord who is the Pantocrator[creator & sustainer of all]. But we see at the head of the "little book" era heavenly worship of the redeemed from the earth [the Rapture gloriously accomplished] with ostensibly two elements-praise (harp) and prayer (vial of incense) as the ultimate power and authority of Christ is acclaimed by the Amen of the highest beings. The worship is of the Lamb and the scene is celestial. Around the throne are assembled representatives of every nation and tribe and language and people- Please note that at the end of the church era the "gathered people in glory" are also at home with the Lamb (5.9)-an acknowledgment of the Rapture.

2 THE SEALS

(Chapter 6) The seals represent a twofold work-that of opening history and opening hearts. These events reach into the years of secular history and the historic "seals" begin with four riders on four horses-white red black and grey-green. The first seal speaks of a "white" (another less used meaning is "shining metal") and its rider heralds ongoing victory. This is the traditional "horse" of tyrants over the centuries The second holds a scimitar heralding religious conflict. The third heralds economic crisis. The fourth heralds fatalities by the broad sword of war laced with famine and biological agents FATALITIES TO 1/4 OF THE WORLD[at this point we meet up with events not yet seen]. The fifth seal signals martyrdom and by implication from the text a heavenly response to a final time of intensive martyrdom where we are allowed to hear the appeal of martyr spirits in heaven. Our Lord answers "Be patient till the full number of your fellow servants complete their testimony"6.10. The sixth heralds a world wide **SEISMIC SHAKE** or "EARTHQUAKE" of the earth [Isa13.13, Joel3.16, Haggai2.6, 21, Mt24.29, Mk13.25, Lk21.26, Heb12.26 and here-9 in all] with **blotting out of sun &** moon and fall of the earthly powers and satellites as fig **fruit loosing their link** to fig branches and roots on earth. [We have to note that this event is forward of today 2022 and that it is not a picture or symbol but a

future terrible event which by its very nature is demonstrably still future] This ends segment 2 of the book. The seventh seal must await the sinister awesome silence of 8.1 which introduces another level of judgment-the seven Shophar-trumpets. With these apocalyptic events we should link the "Shake" and "tsunamis" of Luke 21.25.

3 ISRAEL'S CONVERSION GATHERS PACE

(Chapter 7 1-8) This is **meta tauta segment 2** Following the text we find a short section featuring the most significant historic "latter day" conversion of Jews to Christ **Israel's long-promised conversion is under way** whilst governing angels are commanded by the angel of the church to limit vegetation imperiling of mankind.

4. RAPTURE IN THE FACE OF TRIBULATION

We next move to a **nine chapter long** *meta tauta* **segment 3[7.9-15.4**] with a series of long intermeshed visions and **events**. This segment opens with a retroreference to the elect of all nations before the throne-the Matthew 28.19 commission is envisaged as fulfilled based on the words "Who are these and whence came they?" John [circa 70 AD] could not answer. The Lord provided that answer-a reminder of Matthew 24 & Mark13 "**These came out of great tribulation**" Their huge number and international

diversity tells us the story better than to John. Their eternal service is during the continuance of "day & night" on earth-the Heptad or part of it lies ahead.

5 PRAYER AND THE VESSEL WITH FIRE

(Chapter 8.6ff heavenly awe "thunders" event?) At length the delayed seventh seal accompanied by 1/2hour heavenly silence-no thunders –no praise-just a symbolic handing over of 7trumpets. **Prayer went on** and was offered by the mediating "angel". A vessel with **fire** was filled and thrust on earth to the sound of thunders voices (war cries) lightnings (aerial action) and an **EARTHQUAKE**. We are now in a section running from 8.6 to 11.19 akin to the "seals" where six war Shophars follow one upon another and seven after some space....We must be acutely aware of the lack of a Heptad or a"50th seven" reference in Revelation 5-10 so the events are promiscuously aligned and move from the End of the Church Age in Chapter 3 to developments at the end of the secular age under a variety of headings. Here are events as related to our Lord's heavenly dealings not least His response to prayer in heaven and on earth. Christ is both Lord of history, its development and its latter stages and of the church and its latter years of witness. His seals represent mainly our Lord's work gathering the elect (& Jewish believers) within the run up to the Rapture.

6 A WORLD POWER FALLS NUCLEAR WINTER FOLLOWS IN TIME-A SERIES OF WARS COME IN SEQUENCE

(Chapter 8.6 trumpets) As the trumpets find their context for the main after the "silence" and "earth shake" our attention in the first quarter of the 21st century must gravitate to them as wars that are or should become identifiable

So to the events section and the trumpets (1) Shophar 1 A type of hail that destroys $1/3^{rd}$ of all edible and green vegetation-the first effect of this ramping up of war by 7 levels is the acute effect on food supplies (2) Shophar 2 hits the sea and that exactly like a mountain[8.8] is cast "burning" into the sea- i.e. a mighty power falls—the result $1/3^{rd}$ of all sea power gone and 1/3rd of the created ones [another rendering "foreign ones living without(a siege)"] who had souls died. The international loss of life would be in tens to hundreds of thousands. We cannot easily pass the demise of this mountain. Our Lord spoke of faith that can thrust a mountain into the sea- a more irenic idiom-suggesting the dispersion of the kingdom of God among the gentiles. This "mountain" is another and modern state of enormous consequence. It is not the dragon-China; it is not the union of 7heads & ten horns-Europe-that continues. It is not Russia-it is protagonist no 1 in the Armageddon-it might be Britain or it might be

America-the Lord does not name it.(3) Shophar 3

involves "wormwood" which is expounded by the Ukrainian term "Chernobyl" i.e. radiation. The period involves nuclear exchange.(4)Angelic Shophar 4 with the effect of 1/3rd of daylight being affected means that $1/3^{rd}$ of the earth[the great "shaking" is made emphatic by stunning precise statistics of 1/3rd referring to plants, rivers, sea and men] suffered **nuclear winter**- Isaiah13 9-10 predicts just such an event when men would be "scarce as gold" as of "a day a month and a year" i.e. a specific date of initiation that the Spirit of God pre-records. A sign of divine judgment enters as another "angel" or "eagle" flies in "space" proclaiming judgment embedded in the gospel and that by satellite [confirmation that the message is received is found in 9.11,9,.13, 11.15]. It is couched in utmost "three woes" warning before the remaining shophars sound. (5) The fifth Shophar heralds a "star" falling and the angel of the abyss [Greek $\phi \rho \epsilon \alpha \rho$] of oil and hell [Satan] in terrible drama & devastation by "locust airplanes" [Apocalypse 9] with weaponised tails [using 'Scorpion' pin point accurate modern weaponry-John's term reflects a 'named' recent Roman catapult developed in his time-the actual word John uses for the tail weapons is "Stingers"] –under the god of war -they operated in a 5 month war [another stunning] precise war statistic). Men will desire to die rather than **live** in these days. The prophet Joel speaks of "all joy

come to its eventide"1.12 and at "seedtime" planting is ruined 1.17 "nations are in anguish-faces turn pale" 2.11. Joel says "who can endure it" and adds "Who knows the Lord may turn and relent!"-"He is gracious and compassionate and relents from sending calamity"2.13

(6) The sixth Shophar hailed the movement of two million eastern troops with mighty armour and accounting for 1.5-2billion deaths [1/3rd of mankind] but there is **a 66% escape rate of righteous persons in this pre-Armageddon scenario!** To elucidate on the eat west war thrust 2 million men are committed [a huge specific statistic]-the "horses" or tanks are painted dark blue & yellow-they send out fire [with missiles one must assume} that can melt to ashes. Their turrets can twist round like snakes.[OT quotes from Dt.32,17,Ps 115 4-7 & 135 15-17 with Daniel5.23may be referred to]The sins of the army nations include poisoning, klepto-fraud and evil slaying.

At this time of international despair and tragedy the 5th parenthesis of the Apocalypse occurs presenting the scene in heaven. It is the Lord –His face is radiant as the sun-His feet are those of the crucified [bronze-metal of suffering]. The angel placed His left foot on the land (Israel) and right on the seaback to the north-face toward Jerusalem. He "had" clothed Him with a cloud-already accomplished the rapture-A rainbow of mercy was on His head-He had the book-He is the Lamb-he lifted His hand and

the 7 thunders spoke. He swore "in" the eternal creating God "No lifetimes left or extended history" [cf. Daniel 12.7 where 3 ½ years remain]

7 THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK ELIJAH'S MINISTRY & SECOND WOE

(Chapter11)In this "events section" come now to a very short compounded period of 1260 days [and a retro-reference to 3 ½ years of previous running from the rapture] covering virtually the last days of our current history under the world order of the 21st century to which 45 days added by Daniel in Dan.12.12 are added when the world revisited by our Lord, reordered and miraculously renewed begins to live under unprecedented "blessing".

[Revelation chapter 11] begins with John pre-figuring the Jewish authority [represented by the 10 foot long lictor rod]-and plans for the temple alongside the "trampled sacrum" in Gentile [Moslem] hands proceed. Two heavenly witnesses appear on earth. This prefiguring can be nothing other than the long promised **re-appearance of Elijah** and another servant. It seems clear the Lord is again "choosing Jerusalem". That event is epoch making and puts paid to the old adage "no-one ever came back to tell us". Any who entertain notions that the book of Revelation has to do with a chronicle covering two thousand years has to cede that the events immediately subsequent and those which now follow in sequence are specific of express

developments and intervention of our Lord in the not too distant future. The type of armament in use fully confirms ultra modern and worldwide war settings.

The duration of Elijah's "sackcloth" ministry is 1260 days-he appears to be left in Jerusalem at the much like the angels who directed the apostles after our Lord's Ascension. The coming of Elijah is expressed by an Aramaic verb that shares its root with the Greek term "athlete" which means they come "to contest" with evil so they bring numerous welcome judgments on nations and represent the biggest ever divine intervention into the modern world. Their demise is achieved by the beast from the Abyss-the Satan dominated oil based power.

It becomes vital how near we are to the time when Shiloh comes in the Rapture and how close we are to the "World Shake" and therefore to the interposition scripture has affirmed since the prophet Malachi-2400 plus years ago. What I will say is that there could be no more welcome interposition before the Second Coming or Messianic era than this event. These prophets are the pen-ultimate answer to hold history as it comes of its hinges and when statesmen become unhinged. The world's TV channels will present to viewers Elijah and his fellow slain-the "second woe". Again we see this era as our own and the exigency of present history requires intervention. World powers that have felt judgment by lack of rain

by reservoirs turned red by miracle and by plagues will gloat at the deaths. Then they will see these prophets rise by divine power after 3 ½ days. "Come up here" was heard **and a cloud** of persons seen, 7000 died in a great earthquake reminiscent of our Lord's resurrection and associated with **the second woe** and the remnant glorified God.

8 THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

This delayed Shophar7 marks a vital "event section" which seems to qualify as Paul's "last trump" [1Thessalonians 4 16-17] is now sounded by the seventh angel and heavenly worship of the raptured ones is set forth in the 6th heavenly parenthesis before the Temple in heaven is opened.

The Jehovah Witnesses connect this to a date in their phoney modern history but it is associated with Christ's church in glory and links the redemption of Calvary and His Exodus with the redemption of the church and our Exodus. The ark-the Christ Manna and the Mighty rod of power and the unchangeable law of a righteous God is manifested with more might and awe than ever Sinai saw. This trumpet signals the future reign of our Lord-the bible says "He shall reign for ever and ever"-This is the Hallelujah Chorus (Revelation 11.15). John like Paul links the Trumpet to the Rapture.

We in the 21st century must take note of the heavenly parenthesis 6 which says "The nations were angry"

and the word "orgy" is used both of men and of God and in this context His judgment(in the context "judgment of nations") is noted as the business of the moment. This is retribution for "those that destroy the earth". This marks the judgment and nemesis of "destructive agents" on earth.

9 THE BELOVED WOMAN & HER GLORIOUS CHILD

In Chapter 12 –a further "events section" we have a statistic that is repeated-42 months and "a short time (καιρος), times and half a time" or $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. In the first instance the woman (Israel) fled into the wilderness (like Hagar) except that her child was not with her-He was caught up in the ascension to the throne of God. The initial response to Satan's fall and ire is the dispersion of the Jews who fled to the wilderness of the world-many found God had gone before and prepared them a place among the nationswhere over the centuries they settled despite terrible opposition-in Europe-in Russia-in the British Isles and in America. The dispersion was fraught with terrible human abuse but it enables latter day preservation of a people vital in the last days. We are told of a "war in heaven" when Michael (who stands for Israel) casts out the "accuser" from heaven and subsequently stands for the woman's interest on earth.

The events of Daniel 11 40-45 form a backcloth to these last days-a context in which a 21st century

power out of fear from events in the North and in the East sets out to "annihilate" many. The Ukrainian president spoke of "erasing" that is the effect. This latter day ruler will proceed in war and in heated rage to destroy(Shemaid אברים is associated with "destroying cities") and utterly extirpating (Haharim שבנים utterly destroy by plan)great numbers.

Here the 8th parenthesis aids our understanding in the church age. Those in heaven are given "stoles" which word in its Greek first meaning is a "war garment". Heaven rejoices on account of the "increase of power" and heaven supports those who overcome by "not loving their lives unto death and triumphed by blood".

The Jewish people under assault of the Devil and His accomplices among men but international help defended the Jews and he diverted his rage to the remnant of her Son (the Christians) who obey God triune and testify to Jesus.

The woman went to her place [Adam] which some have thought to be Petra—but there are no air flights there. [Edom was never the place of Israel but rather of Esau & Edom-the victor of Edom & Bozrah takes us back to David's victory over 18,000 in 8.13-14-Great David's greater Son will conquer Rosh and Israel's last enemies. The place is Israel as denoted by Joshua's victories but significantly larger] Her

place is Israel and Ben Gurion (Lod) airport is the destination and place of security.

10THE BEAST FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

(Chapter 13)We now read an "events section" most relevant and critical to 21st century terminal outworking. There are several incontrovertible reasons why this "beast" is without question the successor-cum-inheritor -beast of the E.U. after the Rapture. The first is that it arises out of the Mediterranean (John stood on Patmos or Mediterranean sands). The second is that it has 10 armies. There is currently no such Union with multiple leadership and numerous armies substantially formed can by extension from now be substituted. Some unfamiliar terms of the Apocalypse are construed by mood rather than understanding. The term "Beast" simply means "Empire" and the "heads" intimate "economic-political leadership" whereas "horns" represent military authority. The term 666 which has to do with the digital age and electronic money transfer was anciently unknown although all this is remarkably conveyed in this section under what we easily recognize as the European Union. Our present digital system recognizes the 666 digitised algorithm. Satan-the dragon with his partner Rosh had by Chapter 13 arrived at last in the Mediterranean at Tartus and modern Russia has achieved access to the Mediterranean by the Bosphorus and Dardanelles.

An historian considering the "head wound" could cite Germany as receiving a deadly wound in WWII although another understanding could well be that the pontifical state would be terribly wounded by the Rapture. Whichever that wounded state plays a lead role in the life of the *inheritor-Beast*. The text of the NIV "The *dragon* stood on the sand" is wrong-the Aramaic is "I (John) stood by the shore. Whether we take Arim to be "head" or "crown" the meaning is leaders as in "independent national leaders" in union. The big question of this section is "Who is like the beast and who can wage war against him?" Taking it that the designation is correct we shall soon prove if this "power" has earlier developed a track record before the 3 ½ years (Rev.13.5).

Another feature of this power is its leopard bear's feet and lion's mouth by which one understands it has the watchfulness typical of America –the territory of Russia in a measure [and this is a not insignificant lead showing that states of the former USSR remain united with the *inheritor-beast* and the diplomacy of Great Britain-and the religious seat of Rome and it may even have under *the dragon* Chinese support it has in a word united nations of Europe and outside in a post-Rapture partnership.

That the historical context is post rapture is clear from the blasphemy of those "who live in heaven". The world quickly regroups and swallows the disruption of the Rapture unaware that just ahead is Messiah returning in great power and glory.

Meantime we are warned many will be held captive and many will die with the sword. Totalitarianism will have prevailed.

Another beast with two horns like a lamb but it hissed like a serpent. It is decidedly a mighty land power and involves two armies. Russia and China which figure in the final war as great armies and as land based powers. The lamb-like horns suggest that within a few years this military power could be a dangerous ram. The fact that its power is signaled by "making fire come down from heaven" i.e. its rocketry or nuclear arsenals (v13) and military displays of power. The "land power" will be totally free to exercise power alongside and in the face of the "sea power" and indeed the initiative to revive the pre-Rapture economic system would come from the Sino-Russian "power". The revival of the system was of an evil spiritual sort aj wr and gained its authority from fear and slavery & death.

The "mark" in Aramaic is ROSHMA which would appear to be "a cross" as used on the Eucharistic Bread .It is described as the number of a man.

Many have consulted Gematria to confirm a name and found the best results from "Hitler" and "The Pope" or *Vicar of Christ* (in the Latin). *No current autocratic leader's name conforms to the 666 number*

but the continuity titular papal state head embedded in **Rome Re-divivus** cannot be dismissed. That title would for a millennium have led readers to a fundamentally valid location answering to the ultimate geo political **Rome Redivivus successor-Beast.**

11 (Chapter 14) END OF BABYLON –SECULAR CARELESS WORLD ORDER

The holiest place in heaven has been opened-that on earth was opened by the death of Christ-we now ask "has our Lord died again?" It would seem that the number of those who should die is now in view and great world-changing events-even a new Gethsemane of mankind followed by a terrible Golgotha and thereafter happily a "fear not it is I "of the risen Christ's return.

This section extrapolates events that swamp or should we say "burn" the most sickening careless culture known since the days of drunken Belshazzar. It takes us through the last in a series of "eight event folios" we read within this long meta tauta segment(7.9-15.4) which deals in terminal truth and the lethal punishment of those complicit in the gravest inhumanity of the last years of secular history. The section begins with a long heavenly parenthesis (the 8th of 9 in this segment) –so let's return to our correspondent in glory!

The *parentheses* are essential to keep the focus of the church over the ages and especially in the last days. In this vision that stands alongside of history- the vision focuses our assurance that no empire can long stand because Christ is victor. This is a vital message because Babylon waxes great and Rosh (Ezekiel38-9) appears increasingly dominant. We need to know that the Lord shall rematch Christian and Jewish believers in glory and on earth. A modern example of this is the leadership of President Zelensky of Ukraine loved and adored by Gentiles worldwide. All of this crescendos in the "Song of Moses and the Lamb"-essentially one of Exodus-God's care of Israel and her saints and God's care of the church which by its martyr column is joined to the Lamb whose glorious Ascension Exodus was a prelude to their honoured homecoming. Those who sang and played were ever so near to the throne and to the Lamb and that for ever. What a signal privilege! O to think that there are Peter and Paul, James and John, Luther and Erasmus, Pope John23 and Sister Teresa, Billy Graham and the innumerable martyrs of the 20th century. Note that in their mouth was "nothing pseudo" -these are real these genuine children of God who have His name on their foreheads.

Leaving that felicity we catch sight of an angel in "middle heaven" –not space and not among the clouds but where satellites pass day on day. This "messenger" was at great speed ευαγγελισαι -the

Greek term tells of the messenger covering all the earth and disseminating the truth of the good news and coming judgment at what we might call "breakneck speed". It is a powerful last ditch call to worship the Creator.

A "different" αλλος messenger (An extension of the first satellite voyager) proclaims the fall of Babylon who made nations drunk with her maddening wine of sexual immorality. This give away phrase brings into sad but accurate relief the rottenness and carelessness of current society which is going on to share the judgment of Sodom.

A "different" third voyager messenger most solemnly warns that any taking the mark of the grossly immoral empire will suffer Βασανος trial in the judgment to follow witnessed by God and the holy angels and "fire from heaven". Like to the effect of the eruption at Sodom will be this terrible judgment on such persons and like the aftermath of its smoke and memory. The beautiful footnote reads. A heavenly voice commanded "Write, 'Blessed are the dead and those who have died in the long ages and the last days for they rest and their works are divinely recognized" and may even have finally promoted evangelism in the skies.

At this point our Lord makes a most significant appearance —not yet coming again-but manifesting that He occupies His throne among the Raptured

saints [sitting on a cloud]. An angel out of the holy place where prayer incense is literally shrieks "Thrust in your sickle". The Aramaic becomes absolutely vital here. This is -a "Sickle" indeed with the second meaning "schedule" and "codicil of a will or proclamation" but the termination state means the Alpha Omega sickle and the root of the word is means "unrolling" and "**ilight before barbarians**" so the demand is for the fast unrolling of the remainder of secular history and the terrible "flights" that are implicit in the brutal war of the time. The gathering was of "clusters" of vines and the winepress is equally described with a terminal state as the last winepress of History. We are confronted with the final gathering of forces and the last gruesome war which is described in one sentence. The blood came the bridle of the horses to the extent of 1,200 stadia (185metres X12,000 or **2200km square-1380 miles** square. [Armageddon's Megiddo to Cairo 642 km; to Beirut 440km; to Riyadh 1662 km; to New York 9,194 km; to London 3540 km; to Berlin 4121 km; to Rome 3650 km: to Istanbul 1924 km; to Kinshasa 7310km; to Tripoli 2691km] *This bloodbath of* humanity extends from Megiddo to a very considerable distance-for truly this is an event to call mankind in its last fling of evil to account. The spirits of billions are arrested by the eternal one with unprecedented expedition. This picture does not end

the world nor erase the nation of Israel but it harvests the disobedient to judgment and account.

This short chapter 15 brings us to the **fifth meta tauta segment of the book** where we move into a still more critical judgment phase and a re-casting of the fall of Babylon as to its impact on world trade and civilization.

"The final response of God's wrath" is an expression that should attract awe. John introduces this especially profound event to which he dedicates detail in what is our chapter 15-short as it is it is profound.

He refers to the heavenly scene centered on a "crystal sea mingled with fire". Crystal is sand compounded by heat and "ruby glass" as we well understand is valued. The saints who died because they would not take the mark of the beast were risen above the desperate earthly events from which they were delivered by death. There belonged to them stringed instruments of God's-that is to say 'they entered heaven where the main preoccupation is song and unity of joy and fellowship and a means by which the human hand and voice and mind can be related in unison of happiness. Their song was about "exodus" from the world's Egypt and by the same painful route as the Lamb's "exodus" which He accomplished at Jerusalem. They found themselves in the highest company and full acceptance at the highest throne.

The Greek word παντοκρατωρ [Pantocrator] is used of the Lord in their song. It carries the twin meaning of "creator" and "victor/sustainer" in Greek and in Aramaic [Ahid kol-holding all i.e. preventing world ruin] This reference is one of six in the book to the "Pantocrator" describing the Lord in His straightness or righteous acting within the complications and human menace of men to hold His world from disaster. These who suffered immediately prior on earth at the hands of the prevailing power are spelling out loud and clear a message for the church today.

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for year to come
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home

The song carries a prophecy embedded in solemn worship. It speaks of "all nations" coming to obedient worship at the feet of Jehovah dim our Lord.

When the solemn transfer of the seven vials from the "Living Creature" (one of four) to the seven angels clad in linen or byssus was complete the holy place of the dwelling of God in heaven was filled with glorious cloud that prohibited approach or appeal. This last judgment would before its outpouring know absolutely no appeal.

This short chapter as much as states that the tie for appeal for leniency or reversal of the last seven

judgments (and each must be appreciated in particular) to appreciate the "straightness" and righteousness of God as "King of nations".

The angels were precious and had golden girdles – their work was difficult but they were faithful. The vessels were precious because they set right gross wrongs though at a breathtaking price. The joy we must balance against this is that the "wrath" of God has been ended just as the suffering of the cross was ended and the price of nations fully paid.

13 **BOWLS OF WRATH**

Here in Chapter 16 as in Exodus 25.29 the bowls for pouring out offerings were made of gold. In Matthew23.25 they are distinguished from cups and should be thought of as dishes or open bowls with raised rim with the function of holding food or blood offered.

The seven angels were told as the Aramaic reads to "weigh in the balance" **1**, [the word "bowl" is also a weight-each would weigh 50 staters—the value of 200day's wages and the combined value would be 4 years wages-in a sense the wickedness of centuries will be paid in under 4 years] and pour out pour or spread abroad *** seven bowls of the hot anger of God upon the earth.

Bowl one This bowl resulted in "bad ulcerous excruciating cancer" באבעב באנאלא

Bowl two This bowl was poured on the sea and the sea became suddenly dead. The term is used of instant death-and that of every creature-an irreversible ecological disaster.

Bowl three This bowl was poured in the "rivers" and "springs" of water. Aramaic adds a na [in Greek

Omega/Alpha to the words indicating an "end" to their value-so consuming them lead to "Blood" disorder. The angel of the waters made a comment "You who are "living" are righteous and

"gracious" who have adjudged because they have shed the blood of the prophets and saints-you have given them blood to drink and they are worthy of it. This is long delayed but balanced reciprocal justice indeed kind when contrasted to the death of martyrs. And I heard (response) from the altar saying "Yes Jehovah Strong one-You who sustains everything-and your judgments/punishments are righteous.

Bowl four The bowl was poured on the sun and it was given it to occasion the sons of men to pass out or scorch them. It scorched men with great heat and they blasphemed the name of Him who had absolute authority where over these last plagues in [last]

and they did not repent or glorify Him.

Bowl five The fifth angel poured his bowl over the throne of the beast and his kingdom became final

darkness [note another final and they were gnawing or chewing their tongues in pain. And they blasphemed the God of heaven due to their pains and cancerous sores but they repented not of their works.

Bowl six The sixth angel poured his bowl over the Great River Euphrates that the way of the kings of the East might be "blessed". The word and really means "good" or "happy" as in "good morning". The idea is of a "fine highway".

John saw in the vision three frogs from the mouth of the sea serpent and the mouth of the beast and the mouth of the false prophet three spirits unclean as frogs. They are demon possessed spirits who toil to prepare or form and build and by function create celestial signs.

These go to "the habitable world". Gesenius writing on lbt "habitable" assures that it is widely used as hyperbole of the "world of Babylon" or "the Roman world" so these agents are making a bid for the remainder of the world that is suitable for life. This gives creditable grounds for seeing this as a new engagement for the extreme times of Revelation16.14 promoted by emissaries who vie for the support of rulers of the time to join a massive war engagement where the protagonist is God who is holding all things together [the Pantocrator-used of Christ in 1.8,2.8,11.17,16.7,16.14,19.6]and it would appear

that Israel is the nation He is intent on defending(cf Daniel12.1). Since the **Kings of the sunrise** have been mentioned as in the line up enabled by the Lord it would appear that a **Prophet orientated religious POWET** and the **economic beast** that rose earlier together with the **dragon** [The Chinese imperial emperor spoke of "lung"-one of the Chinese zodiac signs. The serpent like dragon of strength and Chinese parents even today have a proverb "We hope our son will become a dragon" [i.e. powerful]. The legend traces back to the founder of the nation Yandi was born when his mother was supposedly telepathically pregnant by a mighty spirittantalisingly like the biblical record of incest with fallen angels].

Here is interposed the Rapture watchword of the Lord. "Look, I come as a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and is clothed, not going naked with his shame exposed". There is here a disguised reference to the sexual laxity and indulgence that is the opposite of spiritual readiness. It is incredible that in such impending war signals immorality would flout with effrontery. This warning and indeed the beginnings of the calls to war whilst repeated here for the attention of the church in all ages clearly have emerged in the earlier story of the Apocalypse.

The great armies bring themselves together to a battlefield called in **Hebrew "Armageddon"**-the traditional Valley of Megiddo.

Bowl seven The seventh angel poured his bowl on the "air" and the great voice from the throne before the Holy Place of God in heaven declared "awh" like ywh "it has happened" [the latter base word meaning "It is sad"]

Twinned with this aerial disaster were mighty "thunders" and the accompanying effects would suggest a mighty nuclear exchange or a massive meteor and stellar event. It is instructive to know there are 7 recognized nuclear countries USA UK Russia France China India Pakistan North Korea (Israel is unlisted!).

Immediately subsequent **a violent earthquake** occurred greater than ever had happened since man came to be on the earth. The city of Jerusalem divided into three parts and **the cities of the nations fell** and Babylon was remembered to give her the cup of the wine of the heat of the wrath of God. This is the first of 3 mentions of the judgment of Babylon. **Every island fled and the mountains or boundaries were not found.**

"Hailstones the weight of a talent fell on men" *The* weight of each was 6 5/7th stones-just shy of one hundred weight. The nuclear nuke weighs just on one hundred weight so "as if a talent" could feature the use of small devastating tactical nuclear weapons.

Nuclear winter itself plunges the earth into sub zero temperatures reducing global temperature to between 15 & 25 celsius. Men cursed God because of the weight of the "hail" . The seventh bowl brings about the most serious circumstances for life on earth seen since the creation and must be the core of the Tribulation.

14a BABYLON 1 THE HARLOT CITY ON THE BEAST

(Chapter 17) The positioning of this section after such devastation does not mean that it is historically after the previous chapter-it is rather another snapshot of the period and may have inglorious links with events even before the tribulation period. Babylon was not built in a day!

One of the seven angels spoke angel to man with easy language-in Aramaic one should imagine-saying "Come let me show you the judgment of the great whore that sat on many waters with whom the rulers of the earth that settled down /organized

[κατοικουντης] the earth fornicated and were made drunk from her wine of adultery". And he brought me away \square [to extract from an era or setting]in the Spirit into the wilderness.

the beast with seven heads and ten horns. In Roma times Rome with its 7 hills and 10 legions might suffice to explain this vision but this woman is in "the wilderness" stand or "devastation" of the end-times when the trumpets were sounding and the Rapture taking place. The influence of the empire she would steer would be earth wide. Quite a priestess she has gold gilded raiment emblazoned with precious stones. Yet notably she displays "pearls" which speak of "beauty through pain" which luster her checkered history.

Her cup was full of "defilements" [cf Jeremiah 2.23 & 17.9]. Above or between her eyes was written "Mystery A Babylon Great Mother of harlots and of filth of the earth.[אוֹי יוֹניי is in Aramaic "Master of secrets". This woman was "initiated" and "made privy" to the secrets of leaders worldwide and embedded at a high level with leaders of the deep state of the latter day and the order of secrecy under which they operated. Her regalia betokened her *involvement* As in Matthew 8.24 when the disciples had to review what kind of man our Lord was so John astonished with astonishment [An Aramaic expression proving the language her used was not *Greek!* had to revise his first appreciation of this beautiful woman and this foundation mystery and rottenness she represented.

A most perplexing and bemusing statement followed "The beast that you saw that had been and is not is coming out of the sea and is going far away to destruction and the inhabitants of earth will be amazed.

The angel qualified "world citizens" and added "Those whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will wonder". It may be that such as know about sin and the deception of Eve would well understand this latter day deception of the whole world and its spiritual lead. The angel expounds "The seven heads are seven 'rulers'"-there are two identifications-one at Christ's first coming-one at His second. There are the first century six Julius Caesar, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero.....Vespasian who sacked Jerusalem. Then there are the powers to which Daniel alluded-Assyria Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Constantinople /Holy Roman empire(2 legs) and the toes "Rome Redivivus" or Europe's union retrenched post Rapture. The "ten-toed" or 10 horned empire of the last days is prophesied to last a little time 🏎

The dragon and the beast that produced it or introduced it and is annihilated or disappears and yet it exists –that is the "eighth" and it is from the "seven" and it goes away to destruction. *The destruction is of course the "desert" symbol.*

The ten horns are ten whose kingdom like the "Toes of Daniel's statue" have not yet received "absolute power" but they will gain absolute authority exactly like the earlier "emperors" for one hour. This hour is noted here for the fourth time-their authority will be in the Rapture-cum-Tribulation 31/2years-a short time.

These being "one" will give their legislative/decree authority to the beast. They will contest with the Lamb and He will conquer them because He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings and (king) of his people called chosen and faithful.

And he said "the waters" upon which the harlot sat are multitudes people & languages. This is a multilingual Euro-world empire.

The military "horns" will hate desolate and make her naked and devour her and burn her skeleton.

It will be God who promotes the end of the last politico economic empire of the world—that will become the pleasure of the ten leaders and it is the pleasure and will of God as expressed in prophecy. Finally the keystone of the prophecy is placed-the woman is a city [cities anciently had personality] which exists for itself as mistress of the kings of the earth.

14b BABYLON 2 PROCLAMATION EXODE WOES AND MILLSTONE DOOM

(Chapter 18) A META TAUTA SEGMENT NO.6 A different angel comes from heaven to shed light for the earth on events. He "taught thoroughly"-it was like a new dawn נהא under his first proclamation(1)"Babylon the Great is fallen fallen-it is become the home of demons and the final "safe- haven" station of every final impure and hated or ugly spirit. With the mixed wine of her fornication nations & rulers of the earth fornicated with her–and with the (military) power of her fornication earth's business men became wealthy. I heard another voice from heaven that said "spring or surge forth And from her my people lest you share her sins and receive from her plagues. Her sins have "stuck with" (being like leprosy or glue שבה) heaven and God has "moved as a plough" to deal with them-"set sail" against them אבי

The angel gives direction "As she has paid double pay her double in return for her deeds n the cup mixed for her. Pay her double for glorifying & exalting herself such suffering and sorrow that she mixed double in her cup for she said I am a queen not a widow and I shall not mourn. While this was proclaimed long ago it covers centuries of state religious practice and its unhappiest time is marked by the Rapture when

though bereaved of true saints she continues on earth with abandon.

For this in one day there will come upon her plagues death and sorrow and starvation and she will burn in fire because the Lord Jehovah who judges her is powerful. This itemized judgment falls on the false church and empty culture of the last days. The rulers of the earth who fornicated with her will weep and wail when they see the smoke of her burning. When they stand "gazing towards" her in support of her appeal to help Let they will say 'woe, woe, woe Babylon the great city—the mighty city for your sentence of judgment has come in a single Let hour' The merchants of the earth will weep and grieve for her and no one buys their delivery or cargo Let again.

CARGO Gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, byssus or linen, regal purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all types of wood, fragrance, every vessel of ivory and every vessel of precious wood, brass iron and marble-these cargoes. Added cargo of cinnamon spices ointments and frankincense, wine, oil, fine wheat flour, sheep and horses, first to last in composite structured vehicles where and the bodies and souls of men.

There is evidence of modern slavery and evidence that this latter day economic giant prejudiced the eternal welfare of souls. Your music that you loved is

gone from you and everything luxurious and splendid is gone from you and you will never see them again. [The Greek confuses the singular and plural in v14] And the emporium merchants who grew rich from her will not find these things. They will stand in opposition for fear of her punishment while weeping and lamenting. Clearly a serious economic blow to the world economy has wrong footed the merchants and they have to take a hit to business.

They will **proclaim(2)** "Alas, alas, the Great City that word fine linen scarlet and purple and gilt with gold and precious stones and pearls—for in one hour the wealth is overthrown or pulled down its

And just the same is true of every ship navigator and every long distance traveler by ship to destinations that are the last word and everyone who toiled hard at sea anchored a long distance off. They lamented her when they saw the smoke of her burning and they were saying "Who compares with the Great City?"

They cast cloaks [not 'ALL'' but 'dust'' but 'dust'' cloaks''] over their heads and shouted as they wept and lamented saying 'Alas, alas-that great city by which those who had ships in the sea became wealthy -her unique magnificence is destroyed in one hour. Rejoice over her you heavens and saints, apostles and prophets because God has judged your judgment from her. The meaning is-God has endorsed what you said

about her. The heavenly ones who had lived through earlier centuries from the apostles were well aware of the Roman world and its rotten core and their predictions of her fall had come to pass.

And a single mighty angel from among angels took a great stone as a millstone and cast it into the sea and **proclaimed (3)** "In this manner with violence Babylon the Great City will be cast down and never remembered again.

So over and over again the Lord states that the city founded 753BC will not endure or be equaled or be found xx-absent through the subsequent

millennium. The heart of the last spiritual and economic Empire-the glorious "eternal city" of 2700 years will be gone for ever like sweet Clementine though more bitterly mourned

The sound of violins and trumpets and select singers and of summoning or "public crying out" [as in edicts of emperors and bulls of pontiffs] will not be heard in you again. The light of a lamp or candle will not again appear in you-the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride(making marriage oaths) will not be heard in you again because your merchants are the "has beens" of the earth's great and your sorceries or dumbness or murders or magic chants who you have deceived all nations. And in her was found the blood of the preachers and holy ones who were murdered on earth. This terrible indictment rests over

the city of Rome as a Damocles Sword for *inter alia* the enormities of Claudius, Nero, Hadrian, Domitian and the 16th century persecution of Waldensians and the Inquisition. Much as one would love to sidestep its significance God's **threefold edict** pronounces an irreversible sentence sure as the Ides of March.

14c BABYLON (3)THE BEAST & BABYLON FALL-HALLELUJAH

(Chapter 19) The book of Revelation began with a History of the church in the first century and shadows of the long history until today's Philadelphia and the emerging Laodicea-the politically aligned church. Scripture and the book of Revelation in particular ends its commentary on **anno domine** history with an outright edict of judgment of church and state at the heart of Europe received with three heavenly Hallelujahs. The Church should be careful about citing the prayers of saints in heaven-they are not sympathetic. This chapter demands closure of the practice.

- 1. Hallelujah for the condemnation of the great prostitute
- 2. The 24 elders and 4 living creatures confirmed their unambiguous wholehearted support affirming it by a great "Amen Hallelujah"
- 3. A voice from the throne of God-where the Lord called on every servant great and small to consent and a voice like thunder responded Hallelujah "The wedding of the Lamb has come

and **the bride** (the true born again saints) has made herself ready.

John was told to write "Blessed are **those called** to the wedding supper and he added "These are the authentic words of God"-REVELATION 19.9

The angel who cautioned the kneeling John gives solemn warning to worship God alone-another directive that was unrecognized and reflects badly on branches of the worldly church over long ages and even on the apostate practice of the profane *substitute host*.

The final victory of the **Pantocrator** (creator sustainer and victory) sums up and climaxes the story of this wonderful book revealed to God's saints in the **ADVENT OF CHRIST.** "I saw heaven open and a white horse and the rider called 'faithful and true'-His headed multi crowned-not a triple crown but a multi crown. His eyes blazed with judgment fire and strangely his name was "unknown" (certainly to those nations about to face judgment)[cf Psalm110 5-7]. Heaven's armies-incredible military saints in white linen join with consent compliance adherence are as written in the Aramaic original to "kill" those belonging to the nations fielded against the Lamb. An angel followed up summoning the carrion birds and a clear up. The beast and false prophet are arrayed and the field is Armageddon-a flashback to earlier records in part13. With the capture and dispatch of the beast

and false prophet to the Lake of fire the times of the Gentiles and the last vain war of the unfaithful comes to a speedy end. Earth is purged and the setting for the millennium and Christ's Shepherd rule signalled "by a staff ** of iron ** is complete.[Iron was invented and used in the great pre-flood war in ** Methuselah* is [the dart comes] time and David in Psalm 2.9 spoke of the "iron rule" of Christ when no compromise of righteousness will ever enable sin to run riot again and the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

MARANATHA EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS!