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*Wherefore, prepare ye, **prepare ye, O my people: sanctify yourselves;**
gather ye together, **O ye people of my church,** upon the land of Zion...
Go ye out from Babylon. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord...*

*Yea, let the cry go forth among all people:
Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom;
behold an lo, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord...
And now the year of **my redeemed** is come.”*

D&C 133:4-5, 10, 52

*“Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they may have **the right to the tree of life**
and that they may enter the city [of New Jerusalem] by the gates.”*

Revelation 22:14 (ESV)

***Hearken, O ye people of my church,** to whom the kingdom has been given...
hearken unto my voice, lest death shall overtake you; in an hour when ye think not
the summer shall be past and the harvest ended, and your souls not saved.”*

D&C 45:1-2 (see also D&C 56:16-18; Jer. 8:7, 20)

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Wood Sculpture illustrating "The Great Sign" of Revelation 12, a heavenly sign above of a woman clothed with the Sun, the moon under her feet, with Twelve stars above her head, St. Michael and St. Gudula church, Brussels Belgium. Sculpture by Hendrik Frans Verbruggen, 1699 AD. Note that both the foot of the Christ child and Mary are upon the serpent's neck. The crescent moon is the modern symbol of Islam.

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Our need of *spiritual rebirth* or **redemption** is the primary theme of a *great sign* in 2017. It only comes from our Deliverer, Savior, Judge, and King - Jesus Christ! We are reminded of the theme of *the great sign* in the coming together of various heavenly signs, the Holy Days they fall on, and God's holy word in scripture. In Genesis 1:14 we learn that *the sun, moon, and stars* have three primary purposes beyond beauty and majesty; (1) The first listed purpose is that they are **signs** for us – a form of visual *prophecy*. (2) They also mark the Biblical *Holy Days* for us on God's calendar (translated as “*seasons*,” from the Hebrew “*moedim*”). Each of the Holy Days memorializes a portion of our Lord's important **redemptive** mission. They, along with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, help us *remember Him*. The Holy Days also provide the meaning behind the heavenly signs tied to them, especially when the sign occurs on one of them. And (3) the sun, moon, and stars also mark *time* on God's Bible *calendar* (days, months, years).¹ Time is running out for us to prepare for the return of *the Lord of the harvest*. Are we ready? Do we understand the meaning given us in heavens and the Holy Days? **Are we saved?**

The three fall Holy Days (Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles) all occur in the 7th *harvest* month of Tishri, at the end of calendar year. We must *not assume* we are **saved** or **redeemed** when we are not, as the great harvest of souls is near. Speaking to the Saints, the Lord said:

“Hearken, O ye people of **my church**, to whom the kingdom has been given; hearken ye and give ear to him who laid the foundation of the earth, who made the heavens and all the hosts thereof, and by whom all things were made which live, and move, and have a being. And again I say, *hearken unto my voice, lest death shall overtake you; in an hour when ye think not the summer shall be past, and the harvest ended, and your souls not saved*. Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him” (D&C 45:1-3, see also 56-14-16; Jer. 19-22).

Our **salvation** or **redemption** requires *saving* knowledge. The Prophet Joseph Smith repeatedly taught that, “*No man can be saved in ignorance*” – of God and His laws (D&C 131:6). The Prophet Hosea said:

“Therefore shalt thou fall in the day [of judgment], and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night...**My people** are *destroyed for lack of knowledge*: because thou hast rejected *knowledge*, I will also reject thee...seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God...” (Hosea 4:5-6).

Too many of the Saints are ignorant of what “**redemption**” is, of what the heavens and the Holy Days are expressing together, *and* what God is teaching us in His holy word. Fortunately, man cannot change the heavenly signs, but we can ignore them, or fail to understand their meaning in association with scripture. This occurs because of apathy, unbelief, idolatry, distraction, and a false belief that we are safe and “*saved*” when we are not.

Biblical prophecy speaks of destructive judgment coming in our day. God said many would be unaware of it, much like Noah's day. Many will be going about their business, oblivious to the unexpected and swift judgment that is coming – “**as a thief in the night**.” This paper is designed to counteract ignorance among the “*wise virgins*,” those “*watching*,” and encourage them to be “*born again*” in Christ - before “*the great and dreadful day of the Lord*” (Mal. 3 & 3 Ne. 24). This *rebirth*, known as **redemption**, will help save us, spiritually or physically or both. The *great sign* of 2017 heralds our potential to be *made new* in Christ on the Biblical New Year's Day (*Rosh Hashanah*, or Trumpets), and be among the **saved** prior to judgment day ten days later on *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement. Speaking to His disciples, the Lord said:

“Now learn a parable of *the fig tree*—When its branches are yet tender, and it begins to put forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh at hand; So likewise, **mine elect**, when they shall see all these things, they shall **know** that he is near, even at the doors; But of that day, and hour, no one knoweth; no, not the angels of God in heaven, but my Father only. **But as it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be also at the coming of the Son of Man; For it shall be with them, as it was in the days which were before the flood; for until the day that Noah entered into the ark they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage; And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be**” (JST Matthew 24:38-43).

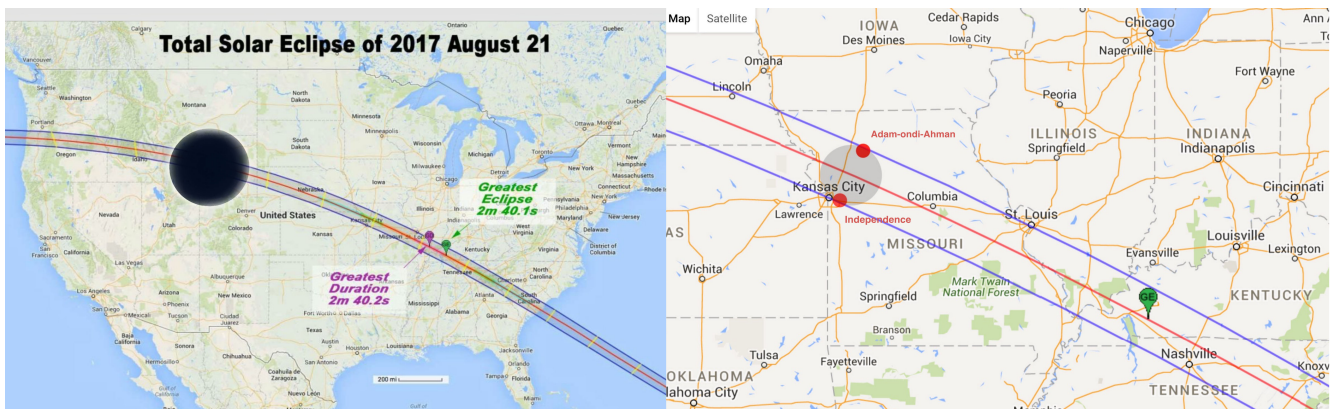
Noah is believed to have been born on *Rosh Hashanah*, New Year's Day prior to the exodus; the day he uncovered the Ark and saw dry land. It was a time of *renewal*. God has provided *the great sign* to help wake up those who are asleep, those who desire to be saved or made new. Our Lord said, “I make all things new” (Rev. 21:5).

Four Great Things There are *four signs* of special note in the fall of 2017, all tied to the concept of *renewal*, of our need to be *born again* in Christ. Each is associated with the word “*great*.” (1) There is “**the great American eclipse**,” a total solar eclipse occurring on August 21. It marked the first day of *Teshuvah*, a 40-day period of *repentance* prior to judgment

day - *the Day of Atonement*, when the judgment is *sealed* upon us (salvation or damnation). The eclipse appeared to move across all of North America, signaling the need of this Gentile nation to *repent* and be *renewed* in Christ; (2) There is also John the Revelator's "**great sign**" or "*wonder*" in the heavens. It occurs 33 days after the eclipse on September 23 of 2017 (*Rosh Hashanah*), and marks three *re-birth* events; the *birth of the man child*; that of *the kingdom of God* on the earth; and our need to be "born again" or *redeemed* at Christ's hands. The man child helps bring forth the later two. John's *great sign* is made up of at least two constellations - *Virgo* and *Leo* (and perhaps *Ophiuchus*). Together they make up the largest or "*greatest*" sign in scripture. There are two additional *great* things mostly forgotten in the Revelation 12 drama. One is (3) The **great red dragon**. He is waiting at the feet of the Virgin to devour *the man child* as soon as it is born; And (4) There is a second witness for John's *great sign* on Rosh Hashanah. It features **the Great Pyramid**, the only remaining "wonder" of the Ten Wonders of the World left on our planet. This massive stone monument has stood the test of time. It features 7 *different alignments of heavenly bodies to it*, on or very near Rosh Hashanah of 2017.

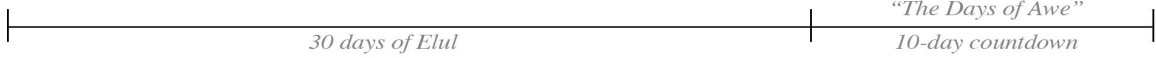
Note other uses of the word "**great**" in connection with the *great signs* of 2017. They include the sun as "*the greater light*" taken away in *the great American eclipse* (Gen. 1:16; Moses 2:16). There is also the coming "*great and dreadful day of the Lord*" (Matt. 4:5; D&C 110:14, 16, 128:17), which is the coming destruction of "*the great whore Babylon*" (Rev. 18:10, 16, 19), also known as "*the great and abominable church*" (1 Ne. 13:6, 22:23), and the "*great image*" of Daniel (Dan. 2:31). Prior to Christ's coming to this land 2000 years ago there was "*great darkness*," a "*great storm*," a "*great and terrible tempest*" and "*great destruction*" of "*great cities*" upon the land in 3 Nephi 8-11. It caused "*great mourning*." Three back-to-back hurricanes thus far (as of Sept. 9, 2017), beginning with Harvey, 4 days after the great American eclipse, reveals that we too are in for "*great storms*" before our Lord's second coming return. John addresses much more, including a coming "*great star*" or "*great mountain*" falling from heaven onto the earth on our day (Rev. 8:10). There will also be a "*great sword*" unleashed upon the wicked of the earth in coming war, as part of "*the red horse*" of the apocalypse in Revelation 6:4, when peace is taken from the earth. It is thought to signaled by three consecutive *blood-moons* in 2018-19, the first and last on *Tu B'Shevat*, which is the New Year's Day for trees (see Lev. 19:23-25; Duet. 20:19-20; Mat. 7:19, 21:19; Zech. 1:8-21). People are compared to trees throughout scripture. We are to "*bear fruit meet for the Father's kingdom*" (D&C 84:58). Unfruitful trees are cut down and cast into the fire.

A "*great reward*" awaits the righteous in heaven, those who bear fruit on the earth (Matt. 5:12; 3 Ne. 12:12). They must first be cleansed, *redeemed*, and given the promise of *eternal life* - "*the greatest of all the gifts of God*" (1 Ne. 15:36; D&C 6:13). Numerous scriptures attest to the *greatness* of God (Deut. 10:17; Ex. 18:11; Job 33:12; Psalm 77:13, 147:5; Isa. 12:6), and what the Lord calls, "*the great day* at the time of my coming" (D&C 34:8). It will be accompanied by the "*great trump*" on the Day of Atonement (see endnote 8, *The Three Jewish Trumpets*). There are other "*great*" references in scripture. One is when the Prophet Jonah was swallowed by a "*great fish*." This occurred before he preached repentance to those at Ninevah (Jonah 1:17). Jonah's preaching was preceded by a *great sign* in the heavens above Ninevah - a total solar eclipse (addressed hereafter). How, when, and why are **great signs** occurring in 2017?



A. Sign #1 - The Great American Eclipse - *The Black Sun of Monday August 21st is a total solar eclipse of sun by the moon.* As the earth rotates beneath this eclipse, its darkness covers all of North America, from Alaska to the tip of southern Mexico. It is an ominous omen of coming judgment. The central area of totality or greatest darkness (70 miles wide) creates a swath that appears to move from Oregon to South Carolina, as the earth turns beneath the eclipse counter-clockwise. This occurred on August 21st on our Gregorian calendar (a New Moon Conjunction day, an alignment of the earth, moon, and sun, where the moon is totally dark). Two days later is the first waxing crescent moon of *Elul* 1, the first day of the 6th Hebrew month on *the ancient Bible calendar*, or *Teshuvah* - day 1 of a 40-day **repentance** period. Judgment is then sealed upon us 40 days later on *the Day of Atonement*, the most holy of the seven annual Bible Holy Days.

Teshuvah - meaning “repent” or “turn” to the Lord Jesus in 40 days of *Sincere Repentance*



Day 1 of 6th month of **Elul** (meaning “Harvest”)
Start of Repentance Period
Great American Eclipse 2 days earlier

Day 1 of 7th month of Tishri
Rosh Hashanah / New Year’s Day
John’s Revelation 12

40th Day
Day of Atonement
 10th day of the 7th month



The Great American Eclipse, August 21st, 2017 from Rigby Idaho, near the center of the pathway across America. Left, totality & right the return of light after the total eclipse of the sun by the moon, photographs by the author

Elul 1 on the Bible calendar is August 23rd on our modern Gregorian calendar.² The word *Teshuvah* means to “repent” or “turn” to the Lord. This is exactly what we must do to be *spiritually reborn* in Christ – or be **redeemed**. Note the final countdown period in the last ten days of *repentance* after the *civil* New Year’s Day (our time of making resolutions to do better). Without being **redeemed**, we have no salvation! The 40 days of *repentance* end on *the Day of Atonement*, when the judgment for or against us is *sealed* (see endnotes 2, 5 & 11).

Heavenly perspective looking down upon the earth

Left, August 21, 2017 black sun or total solar eclipse shadow covers all of North America and moves from western Washington state to Florida. The red dot is the central area of the shadow illustrated at right; Right, this central eclipse shadow is some 70 miles across, and covers the area between Adam-ondi-Ahman to the north (left red dot) and Independence Missouri to the south (right red dot) at about 1:10 pm, when the eclipse is at Zenith, creating a more perfect circle over this area.

Looking down... Looking up...

The eclipse is at zenith at 12:30 pm, the darkest area of it between *Independence & Adam-ondi-Ahman*. Looking up, we see the black sun positioned very importantly at **Regulus in Leo**; the **King star in the King constellation**. Thus, this sign appears to be one of coming **judgment** of the King on this portion of His Kingdom and people, the Gentile nations of North America who have forsaken Him!

Looking up, we see that the great American eclipse originates directly at the *king star Regulus* (right shoulder star) in the *king constellation Leo* (the lion), suggesting that the darkness (judgment) originates from the King of kings and Judge over all, Jesus Christ – Creator of heaven and earth. Are we paying attention? Thirty-three days later *the great sign* follows. Note the four examples of past Elul 1 events on the original Bible calendar on the next page. Each precedes *Rosh Hashanah* - or the civil New Year’s Day - by one month. There then is the final countdown of ten days to the Day of Atonement.

Elul 1: Moses went up on Mt. Sinai for 40 days, making intercession for his people after the sinful golden calf incident.

Elul 1: Jonah preached to those at Nineveh beginning on day 1 of *Teshuvah*. *The Sign of Jonah* was given 2 months earlier (763 BC).

It was a total solar eclipse moving across what we call today northern Syria and Iraq.

Elul 1: Christ began his 40-day period of preparation in the wilderness prior to His important 3.5-year mission to redeem us.

Elul 1: God provides the Sign of Jonah to us in a total solar eclipse over North America (August 21 of 2017 AD).

The removal of light in an eclipse (of the sun or the moon) was seen as a *bad omen* in antiquity. Looking back 99 years, since the last total solar eclipse covering all of North America (June 8th of 1918), we see that 675,000 Americans died in a massive flu pandemic, whereas some 50 million people died of it worldwide. In that same year some 5,000 American soldiers lost their lives in the first major battle involving Americans in World War I. The U.S. entered that war which started July 28 of 1914. Three weeks later on *August 21st* of 1914, a total solar eclipse covered Eastern Europe. The area beneath this eclipse was Northern Europe and Asia (also Gentile nations). The darkness there signaled the fall of the German, Russian, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian empires. Is the empire of modern Babylon, led by the United States of America, about to end as well? Many believe this is the case, as John's *great sign* heralds the birth of the Kingdom of God on the earth. A great cleansing must first occur. We too must be cleansed and prepared *individually* for what is coming. We must be **redeemed** by our Savior and *Redeemer* Jesus Christ.

In scripture, darkness is tied to *ignorance*, *apostasy*, and *infidelity* to God (primarily idolatry and our rejection of God). In Jewish tradition, a *total solar eclipse* or *black sun* has specific ties to coming *judgment* upon *the Gentiles* (those using a solar calendar), and to the people residing beneath the sign (North America in 2017). A *total lunar eclipse* or *blood moon* has ties to *judgment* upon the Jewish people (as they use a lunar calendar). History reveals that the eight known blood-moon tetrads have all involved judgments upon Israel, primarily via *Islam*. Note in the introductory photograph of "*the great sign*" (a sculpture illustrating John's Revelation 12 sign that follows the great American eclipse 33 days later), that a *crescent moon* is under the feet of "*the man child*" Christ, and His mother. The crescent moon is the symbol of *Islam* worldwide. Much of the oppression upon the Jews associated with the eight blood-moon tetrads has ties to Islam.³ It will be defeated in the end. The reason for coming judgment upon the Gentiles is *idolatry* and other wickedness. We have gradually thrown Christ out of our nation and schools. Churches also reject, deny, and forsake God in many ways. The Book of Mormon points this out to us, stating, "Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ?" (Morm. 8:38).

In the ancient world, it was believed that the heavens above opened at the spring equinox, whereas at the fall equinox an opening was created to the underworld below (the dead and the past). These two opposing time periods coincide with the First Vision of Joseph Smith at or near the spring equinox (marking the *sacred* New Year), and the seven visits in row from the Angel Moroni (from the past, bringing a book from the past) - all on the fall equinox starting in 1823. The fall equinox is tied to *Rosh Hashanah*, the *civil* New Year, the day of the great sign in 2017. Thirty days prior to it was the great American eclipse. It may have marked the point at which "**the fulness of the Gentiles has come in,**" a "*fulness of wickedness*. It is a *great* heavenly sign sent to remind us of our *great* need to repent. All men everywhere must repent. That is the message of much of scripture. It and love for God and one another are the most significant ways we can prepare ourselves for all that lies ahead of us. God is in charge of everything else.

The Sign of Jonah

The *great* American eclipse has ties to the sign of Jonah. In Matthew 12 we read of the confrontation between Jewish leaders and the Lord Jesus. It came to a head when they accused Him of doing His miraculous works by Satan's power. He then warned them of the unpardonable sin. Jesus was making the point that the Kingdom of Heaven had come among them, and that they were going to be excluded from it if they persisted in their *rejection* of Him because of *unbelief*. His warning troubled them, yet they were still not convinced that He was the Messiah. They believed they were righteous. They had the Law of Moses, for example, and believed they lived it. The Pharisees then demanded a *sign* from Him. The Lord rebuked them for asking for another sign. He said they would be given one *sign*, "*the sign of Jonah*." It was a *sign* of His love for those who believe in Him. And it was sign of His great power - over death *and* the heavens He created. Part of this sign was a removal of light.

A *total solar eclipse* occurred on June 15 of 763 BC, in the northern areas of what we today call Syria and Iraq. This ominous black sun was well known in the ancient world, recorded on Sumerian cuneiform tablets. Two months after this ominous sign of warning, Jonah was sent by the Lord to preach repentance to the Gentile people who had seen it, those of Nineveh (today's Mosul in Iraq). They had fallen into great wickedness. Jonah was reluctant to do so, escaping instead onto a boat to Joppa. When a great storm came, he was thrown into the sea at his own request, after which he was miraculously brought forth onto dry land from the bowels of a great fish. He then went to Nineveh, preaching repentance for 40 days. He said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4). It is thought to have been Elul 1, the first day of the 40 days of *Teshuvah*. The Lord knew that the black sun would cause wonder and fear among the people. He also knew that it would help prepare the people to hear Jonah's message of repentance. God sent it two months before Jonah began preaching at Nineveh. The

king over the land and some 120,000 Gentiles in Nineveh all received his message, turning to the Lord. The same *great sign* is given to the *Gentiles* of America. Will we also turn to the Lord? We read in Chronicles 7:

“If **my people**, which are called by *my name*, shall *humble themselves*, and *pray*, and *seek my face*, and **turn** from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chron. 7:14).

In His day, the Lord chided the wicked Pharisees, His own people, for their continuing *unbelief*, despite being eyewitnesses to His many miracles. While addressing them, Jesus was notified that His mother and brothers were waiting to speak to Him outside. The Lord used their visit to make one final point. He said that, “whoever **does** the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother” (Mat. 12:48-50). Rather than being cruel to His family, the Lord was saying that since His own people and nation were *rejecting* Him, He was now turning to those who would believe. The true “family” of Christ was not unbelieving Israel, but any who would believe in Him among all the 70 races of the Gentiles.

This precious Promised Land was founded by believing Christians. God has once again sent “*the sign of Jonah*,” now to a people growing in *unbelief* and *idolatry*. The sign of His *power* was given the wicked Pharisees of His day, those who refused to accept one of their own and His mighty works. He was God, with power over the heavens *and* over death. Both were witnessed in connection with His final act of love in the atonement. Addressing His death at Passover, Pilate said there was *darkness* for *three* hours over the whole earth, from 12-noon to 3 pm - the final three hours our Lord hung on the cross (there was also *3 days* of darkness on this land in connection with His death (Mat. 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44). Pilate added that there was a blood moon through most of that same night.⁴ Our Lord rose triumphantly from the tomb and its darkness in the resurrection on the 3rd day. Few remember that Jesus provided a heavenly sign (the *removal of light*) while on the cross, in addition to His overcoming death in *the sign of Jonah*. It was a dramatic sign for the unbelieving Pharisees of His day. He was and *is* the Great Creator of heaven and earth, with *power* over life and death.

Jonah’s Sign & the Number 33 Darkness began over the west coast of Oregon at 10:16 am in the great American eclipse. Oregon is the **33**rd state of the USA. At this same moment darkness came upon Jerusalem (7:16 PM), as the sun sets below the horizon. Jesus Christ has been a stumbling block to both houses of Israel, leading to darkness (see Isa. 8:14, Judah in the east and those of Joseph in the west). This and other signs have been sent to return both houses back to God. The eclipse made last contact with the U.S.A. at South Carolina on the **33**rd parallel. It also occurred on day **233** of the year, taking 1 hour and **33** minutes to cross the entire country (beginning at 10:16 am in Oregon, ending 2:49 pm in South Carolina). It has been **99** years (3 x **33**) since the last U.S. eclipse went coast-to-coast in 1918, and with dire consequences. From September 23, 2017 (in connection with the later Rev. 12 sign) to the end of the year, December 31, 2017 is also **99** days (or 3 x **33**). Finally, there is **33** days from *the sign of Jonah* moving across all of North America to another sign sent of the Lord to us. It is the “*great sign*” recorded in Revelation, chapter 12. It is tied to the concept of spiritual rebirth. Some seven years later another total solar eclipse “crosses” it in 2024, and at an important place.

X Marks the Spot

The **setting** of the **crossing black suns** in 2017 & 2024 may be tied to the **sequence of events** of 3 Nephi chapters 3-6 just prior to **the Lord’s judgment**, then **visitation** to those at the Temple at Bountiful in America.

The **Tau** cross is a mark of **judgment**.

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Judgment in the Last Four Tau-Cross Eclipse Pathways, 1999 - 2034

Each crossing features two eclipses 2422 days apart (1st to 2nd eclipse) / **The #3 Cross is the chiasmic center** of the others

1. **The Seat of Satan** / Pergamon, Turkey / Christian martyr Antipas burned alive there because he would not worship a false God (Rev. 2:11-13) / Land of Gog & Magog (Nephilim giants)
2. Why the North Pole - Earth Axis ? / Though this may be the home of the Lost Ten Tribes inside the Earth (2 Esdras 13), there are also a number of HAARP antenna stations in the north (U.S., Europe, Russia). Five in Norway were completed in 2017.
3. **Modern Babylon** - New World Order headquarters for a time (Dan. 11:45) / Later this becomes the cleansed area of Adam-ondi-Ahman (north) & New Jerusalem Temple (south) / Site of the intersection of the New Madrid Fault Line with the St. Lawrence Rift Zone / Note that this is the chiasmic center crossing eclipse of the four...
4. **Land of Islam** - part of the Latter-day Beast that is totally destroyed (Obadiah 8-14, 17-18)

The Future Eclipse Cross or Tau Mark Another total solar eclipse will cover much of North America some **6.6** years later in 2024, its pathway of totality creating a cross-like *Tau* or *Tav* mark (meaning “*sign* or *seal*” in *judgment at the end*).⁵ The intersection area of these two combined eclipses is very near Adam-ondi-Ahman and Independence Missouri – the place of the future city of Zion and the New Jerusalem Temple. The two eclipses create a giant **sealing X**, marking this spot as a very sacred area in the future, destined for cleansing judgment first. It is the potential site of the Garden of Eden, where “the fall” of Adam and Eve took place. This event put the earth into a Telestial state. It will soon transition to a higher state, out of necessity. Article of Faith 10 states, “We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth;

and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.” To be renewed, the earth must first be cleansed. It was baptized in the great flood of Noah. Like us, it must now receive a baptism of fire.

Four sets of crossing eclipses have been identified from 1999 to 2034. They are tied to the oldest version of the 22nd letter *Tav* of the Hebrew alphabet was an **X** mark. Later Jewish Rabbis changed it to the current mark that resembles an **N** to separate this last letter from the Christian cross mark. The T or X mark is a *sealing mark of judgment*. It is placed on the foreheads of the 144,000 in D&C 77:11, and those preserved in Ezekiel 9. It is a sign that “*one has been weighed, measured, and is not found wanting.*” Such have passed their judgment in this life. It is a mark of the promise of eternal life (see endnotes 5 & 11). As we are *born again* in Christ, we have our sins remitted. We experience *the mighty change of heart*, receiving the *Holy Ghost* as our guide. We are thus made *new*. This is one of main messages of scripture, and especially the Book of Mormon. Too few have sought and received this important gift of *renewal*. It is the focus of John’s Revelation 12 sign – the *great sign*, occurring on the day of renewal – the *civil* New Year’s Day of the king, or Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 23rd, 2017.

B. Sign #2 - The Great Sign in Heaven - *John’s JST Revelation 12 Sign occurs after sunset at 6:46 pm on Friday September 22nd in Jerusalem (sunset transitioning us to the 23rd on the Bible calendar)* In the book of Revelation, John the Revelator prophesied that a “*great sign*” or “*wonder*” would appear in heaven. It is the largest sign given in scripture and is made up of at least two primary constellations, in a 7-part configuration. John said:

“And there appeared a **great sign** in heaven, in the likeness of things on the earth; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars....And there appeared another sign in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman which was delivered, ready to devour her child after it was born” (Rev. 12:1 & 4; see also **D&C 88:92-93**).



1. The *great sign* is made up of two important constellations; **Leo** (Father) and **Virgo** (Mother). A third, **Ophiuchus** has ties to a deliverer - Michael-Adam. He is a type for a second Adam Jesus Christ. All “deliverers” are types for Christ.
2. The “woman” **Virgo** (and the other constellations) is **clothed with the sun** in America. As a result she and Leo are blocked from view by sunlight, *invisible* to the naked eye during the day (unless an eclipse or something else reveals them). A second meaning for her being “*clothed with the sun*” is the positioning of the sun against Virgo’s belly, marking a specific, limited time frame, along with the moon and other heavenly objects. The sun moves along the ecliptic path with the planets, all of them intersecting Leo, Virgo, and other constellations. In 3 BC, this was a 20-day limited period for the sun to be in proximity with Virgo’s belly. Rosh Hashanah is marked within this 20-day time frame, and within an even more limited 90-minute window just after sunset, when the moon was under Virgo’s feet. The moon moves faster against Virgo than other heavenly bodies because it is closer to the earth.
3. There is a **waxing crescent moon** (tied to the Holy Day *Rosh Hashanah*) again **under Virgo’s feet** in 2017, visible in Jerusalem. Once again it occurs at dusk, just after sunset on the 22nd, marking the beginning of the 23rd. Both “births” (Christ as “the man child” in the meridian of time, and *the man child* servant in 2017) thus occur at the same time (dusk), and on the opening eve of Rosh Hashanah. There is a very narrow window of time when this moon phase is beneath Virgo’s feet, and when all other parts of the sign are in place as well. This occurs at 8:46 UTC time - just after sunset (6:34 pm) in Jerusalem, or 6:46 pm (3:46 pm in Utah, 9 hours later). It is thus not visible here in America.

The crescent moon is under both *the man child's* right foot and that of *the woman*. Note too that the crescent moon Also intersects the serpent in the sculpture photograph (p. 2 and p. 8). It may signal that Islam (a primary enemy of Israel) will be defeated at some future point.

4. Above the head of **Virgo** is a **crown of 12 stars**, signifying either 12 stars above Virgo, marking Christ's birth in 3 BC,⁶ or in our day - the 9 brightest stars of **Leo**, with 3 "wandering stars" beneath it; Mercury, Mars, and Venus. The three planets in Leo are what sets *the great sign* apart in 2017, as the moon at Virgo's feet by itself is not rare.
5. **Jupiter, the king planet resides in the womb or belly of Virgo.** On her left hip is the bright star *Spica* (meaning "the seed" in "the ear of corn" or spring of wheat). On her right hip is the star *Heze* (meaning "*the branch*" of the Tree of Life). Both "*the seed*" of the woman, and "*the branch*" are tied to Christ (past) and the lead "man child" servant of Isaiah (future). The patriarchal blessing of Jacob upon Judah addresses the law giver – Christ - being born "between the feet" in Gen. 49:10. Jupiter stays in the belly of **Virgo** for a full human gestation period (9.5 months), which began in 2016-17, for a total of 294 days or 42 weeks (via retrograde motion). This is slightly longer than traditional human gestation. Jupiter exits the womb area of Virgo on Sept. 9 of 2017. In 3914 BC (the time of Adam and Eve) there was a similar arrangement of the great sign parts. Jupiter, however, was only within Virgo for only 144 days (a number tied to light, see the author's paper on the Great Pyramid). Jewish astronomers call Jupiter *Tsedek*, which means – "*righteousness*." Is is one of many names for Christ when capitalized, and one of a number of names for the Davidic servant when not capitalized. In Moses 7:62, two last-days servants are addressed. Note that "*righteousness*" is not capitalized. He is sent down to earth from heaven (after his ascension), whereas "*truth*" is sent forth out of the earth (see also endnote 13, Jupiter as Christ).
6. *Another sign* in the heavens is also given in Revelation 12:4. It is **the great red dragon**. It was Satan who inspired Herod to kill are male children in Israel below two years of age in hopes of destroying the "man child" Christ. Serpents are it found in constellations like Serpens, Draco, and Ophiuchus. In the later, Michael – Adam holds onto a great serpent near the feet of Virgo. There is also a red, dragon-like face present today at Virgo's feet, as seen in NASA's Sky Lab software. It has been removed from Google Sky. It is not clear what this red "face" really is.
7. John prophesied that **the great sign** and **the great red dragon** will "*appear in heaven*." Does this mean they will be visible to the naked eye, and if so where, Jerusalem, America, or somewhere else? Note that Virgo is "*clothed with the sun*" too. Does this mean it occurs during daylight hours when the constellations and stars are blocked by sunlight. A better scenario is that the sun rises in Virgo this time of year. Some suggest the sun will be darkened on this day, allowing both **the great sign** and **the great red dragon** (whatever it is) to become visible, while both are above the horizon. They believe a large heavenly body entering our solar system may eclipse the sun causing darkness on Rosh Hashanah of 2017, allowing John's *great sign* and *the great red dragon* to appear in daylight hours all over the world. This *great red dragon* may also bring about the great judgments of God in the book of Revelation naturally. Some believe this same heavenly body caused the three hours of darkness from 12-noon to 3pm when Christ was on the cross 2000 years ago. Gill Broussard and others believe that historical records, rock art, myths, and actions by our government to hide this returning planet from us, all point to its reality. I believe that such judgment may be a part of our future, but not at the Holy Day Rosh Hashanah of 2017.

Comet 67P Though not mentioned by John, astronomers have revealed that comet 67P has been in Virgo for two years. On Rosh Hashanah of 2017, it will be very close to the moon, drawing special attention to it as part of *the great sign*. Its name is tied to the year 1967, the year 50 years ago (a Jubilee) when the nation of Israel regained control over the city of Jerusalem, the year of one of eight known blood-moon tetrads, each of them tied to Israel. On Nov. 12 of 2014, the year of the first of four blood-moons (in the 2014-2015 tetrad), a European Space Agency probe landed on this asteroid or comet conducting research. Note all the markers that come together on Rosh Hashanah of 2017 - the day of "*the great sign*."

Spiritual Rebirth at Rosh Hashanah / Trumpets, Friday Sept. 22-23, 2017 (1 of 7 annual Holy Days, see endnotes 7 & 8)

Just after sunset on Friday Sept. 22nd of 2017 (6:46 pm) "**the Great Sign**" of Revelation 12 occurs in Jerusalem, marking:
the **birth** of the man child (Rev. 12:1),
and the **birth** of the kingdom of God on the earth (Rev. 12:1).

It is also the Biblical Holy Day *Rosh Hashanah* (a day of **renewal**). Note the other historic renewals occurring on this day according to ancient Jewish traditions (see the Talmud [*Rosh Hashanah* 10b-11a] and The Complete Artscroll Machzor).

It is believed to be the first day of **creation** (Gen. 1:1-5).

It was the first day of the year (the *civil New Year's Day*, Ex. 12:2) in the Lord's Bible calendar prior to the Exodus. It was thus the day in which all people were *advanced one year*, no matter when they were born; a time of **new beginnings**.

It appears to be **the birthday of Jesus Christ** (or 9/11-12 of 3 BC, see *The LDS April 6th Tradition*, www.7witnesses.com). His birth marked *renewal* for all on the earth and creation itself, and so too the births of other influential servants below.

It is believed to be the birthday of three great Patriarchs; (1) *Noah* (Gen. 8:13), and the day he removed the covering of the Ark,

beholding dry ground. It was thus the **rebirth** day of the earth after the flood; It is also believed to be the birthday of (2) *Abraham* and (3) *Jacob*.

It is believed to be the day three barren Matriarchs were remembered by the Lord and given children: *Sarah, Rachel, and Hannah*, also marking historic **renewal** as a turning point for Israel in the births of *Isaac, Joseph, and Samuel*.

It is the day tied to *trumpeting* for **kings**, celebrating their rule or *renewal* of their reign each year (1 Kings 1:34; 2 Kings 9:13, 11:11).

It is the day of **The Last Trump** by the 7th angel in Revelation; the day *the kingdoms of this world* become those of Christ. See 1 Cor. 15:52 and 1 Thess. 4:16-17. This trumpeting signals the warning sound that **the Kingdom of God** will soon be coming to the earth.

Soon after the 7 plagues of Revelation sweep the earth in cleansing judgment. Many believe this trumpeting marks the start of the 7 years of “Jacob’s trouble” (Jer. 30:7) in connection with the great American Eclipse that appeared 33 days previous.

It is the day of the **king’s sovereignty** over His creation or kingdom. Note the right foot of the man child (Christ) *atop the neck* of the serpent in the author’s photograph of the sculpture in Brussels Belgium illustrating John’s Revelation 12 sign (see Zech. 14:16).

It was the day Solomon was washed & anointed to become **king**, enthroned 14 days later on the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

It was the day Joseph of Egypt rose to **kingship** in Egypt after 12 years of captivity (Gen. 41:40; Psalm 81).

Rosh Hashanah is the “*hidden day*” that only the Father knows – the time for the Bridegroom to go get His Bride. It is thus the *wedding day* of the Bride and Bridegroom.

It is also the day of “*awakening blast*” or *trumpeting* – that we might “awake and arise to go out to meet the Bridegroom. This includes a memorial for the dead who will be raised up in **resurrection**.”

Saturday Sept. 23rd of 2017 is also the *fall equinox* in 2017. Rosh Hashanah is marked by the New Moon, or more specifically the first waxing crescent moon nearest the fall equinox. In 2017, this *day* (following *the great sign* the evening before) IS the fall equinox.

It is also the 1st day of the 7th *Sabbath* month (Tishri), the *civil* New Year’s Day, the day tied to “*the last trump*” (redemption)

It is also the 7th *day Sabbath* (a Saturday on the Gregorian calendar) in 2017.

It is also 3.5 years since the first blood-moon, in the 2014-15 blood-moon tetrad.

And it also the day Comet 67P is in conjunction with the moon in Virgo (it entered Virgo on the day of the last blood-moon).

This very special Holy Day – the day of the great sign of Revelation 12, occurs 33 days from the Great American Eclipse (Aug. 21st).

Four Possibilities Exist for how “the great sign” of Revelation 12 may become “visible”

As important as *Rosh Hashanah* and *the great sign* are, the significant meaning behind both remain *hidden* to most. The events of Adam-ondi-Ahman potentially tied to will also be *hidden* to most when they occur. We should remember that one of many names for *Rosh Hashanah* is “*the hidden day*.” The hidden events of Daniel 7:9-14 are thought to lead to the birth of the Kingdom of the God on earth in the last-days, when Michael – Adam collects keys from various dispensation heads and then gives them to Christ the Lord, King of kings. It is then that He is given an everlasting “dominion and glory, and a kingdom that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him” (Dan. 7:14). Some believe this may occur on Rosh Hashanah of 2017, or on this same day in another year. In either case, such an important gathering may occur outside of space and time as we know it, a “hidden day” to most. Only those invited to it or those prepared to see it in vision may behold the events explained in Daniel 7 and D&C 116 when they occur (see also D&C 107:53-57). Seeing the Revelation 12 Sign is also hidden to those outside of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Four possibilities exist for how it might be “seen.”

1. *Seen Over Jerusalem* Two thousand years ago *the great sign* marked Christ’s birth as *the man child*. It was seen over Jerusalem at dusk, just after sunset on Rosh Hashanah of 3 BC. The great sign of 2017 also occurs at dusk on Rosh Hashanah (just after sunset on Friday Sept. 22nd on our calendar). It is again visible over Jerusalem (but not America). Though faint because of residual light in the sky, the positioning of the moon under Virgo’s feet takes place as Leo and Virgo begin sink below the Jerusalem horizon at about 6:46 pm (sunset is 6:34 pm). In Utah, this positioning of the moon occurs at 3:46 pm, during daylight hours (9 hours time difference). Thus it is invisible to Americans.

2. *Those Searching, Watching* Those who love the Lord and look for Him in all things (Moses 6:63) may have already found Him in Revelation 12 and other *scriptures*, as this sign is visible in *Stellarium* - the free software program that allows us to view its simulated appearance on computers. Others have found the sign on the blogs and websites of Christian believers worldwide, even though *the great sign* may not be seen with the naked eye at their location on September 23, 2017, as Virgo is “*clothed with the sun*” in daylight hours for much of the western world.

3. *Seen in Vision* Some may spiritually “see” *the great sign* and / or the events tied to it in their “mind’s eye” or in vision. A primary event is the great gathering of servants at Adam-ondi-Ahman.

4. *The Great Red Dragon Enters our Solar System* Some suggest a fourth possibility, that John’s *great sign* on Sept. 23rd may include OR POINT TO a future, comet-like planet (one with a tail of debris) coming into our solar system, blocking the sun on this very day (or perhaps for 3 days), revealing *the great red dragon*, tied to the *future* birth of the Kingdom of God on the earth. Many call this sign Planet-X or “Wormwood.” Others call this planet Nemesis, one of three planets circling a small dwarf star, a companion star to our own sun. This whole solar system interfaces with our own, coming nearest the earth on April 11, 2024, the year when the great X is completed over Missouri (see Marshall Masters, www.yousa.com). According to Masters, it returns every 3600 years reaping great destructions on the earth. Graham Hancock in the Netflix series, *Ancient Apocalypse* suggests many of the world’s oldest pieces of stone architecture were created as

astronomical observatories to warn of the return of Nemesis, and its dragon or serpent-like tail of debris. With it, judgment comes naturally upon this land and the entire world via *the great red dragon*, and at times when man is fully ripened in sin and wickedness. Such destruction creates cleansing, paving the way for God’s kingdom here on earth.

The *great sign* occurs on the Holy Day *Rosh Hashanah* anciently (both times), pointing us to its main theme - our opportunity for spiritual **redemption** through Christ the Lord, when combined with our *repentance*. *The Day of Atonement* comes ten days after Rosh Hashanah, and is the Holy Day tied to *blood* (sprinkled, poured out, and smeared by the High Priest within the Holy of Holies of the temple for the people), and the sealing of God’s judgment upon God’s people. After these two Holy Days comes the most joyous one of them all, the celebration of the Great King of kings - the Bridegroom – with His Bride, at their public reception. All are invited to be part of it. This third joyous Holy Day is known as *the Feast of Tabernacles*, coming 5 days after the Day of Atonement – and at mid-month (full moon), when Christ is finally tabernacled with us. All three of these fall Holy Days are within 15 days of one another in the 7th Bible month of Tishri. The events tied to them are in connection with Christ’s return and will most likely be years apart, as other prophesies and heavenly markers are yet to occur.

The Meaning behind John’s Revelation 12 Sign

John’s Revelation 12 sign, like so many prophecies in the Bible, has dual fulfillment (past and future), layered meaning, and potential surprises. This is partly what makes it a “*great sign*.” As we have seen, the Holy Day *Rosh Hashanah* in 2017 is the day of *the great sign*. It is in the Holy Days where we find meaning tied to heavenly signs and events. Rosh Hashanah in 2017 signals **renewal** in *three births* in connection with the woman Virgo – the virgin; (1) the man child; (2) the kingdom of God; And (3) and us as servants. Its main theme is “**redemption**” through Christ’s atonement and resurrection in connection with our **repentance** – for us as servants, for all of the house of Israel, and any others who desire to come to God. Hereafter, this section of the paper is divided into three parts; (1) a discussion of what **redemption** is; (2) the significance of the Holy Day *Rosh Hashanah*; and (3) the *meaning behind John’s sign* - the woman, the man child, the great red dragon, etc.

1. What is Redemption? Much is given us in scripture relative to Christ’s role as our *great Deliverer* - our **Redeemer**. His whole focus was and is **redeeming** the house of Israel from *spiritual* and *physical death* in *the Atonement and the Resurrection*. Both “deaths” separate us from God. John’s revelation 12 *great sign* is given to motivate those who are watching – *the wise virgins* - to “*awake and arise and go out to meet the Bridegroom*,” or in other words, to wake up from our sleep (our ignorance, deception and sin - leading to both deaths), come out of Babylon, and be *saved* or **redeemed** before it is too late. The following scriptures and charts summarize well **redemption** at Christ’s hands and what it is – our *spiritual salvation* by being “**born again**” in Him, and *physical salvation* from death in the **resurrection**. Both have two parts. Our wonderful God has always delivered His people both *physically* and *spiritually*. He will do so again in our day, at least for those who love Him and turn to Him in *repentance*, placing their faith and trust in Him as their deliverer.

Spiritual Redemption Released from sin, sanctified in the baptism of fire by the blood of Jesus and receive the Holy Ghost (the 1st comforter). It is to be “*born again*” or made new in Christ Jesus - the first level of redemption, when sins are remitted and we receive the Holy Ghost. To be fully redeemed from the fall (of Adam and Eve, when they were expelled from God’s presence) is to re-enter God’s presence in this life as have many, like the brother of Jared (Ether 3:13).
Released from separation from God - to receive our Redeemer in this life (the 2nd comforter)

Physical Redemption Released from physical captivity, slavery, etc.
Released from death, being raised up in the resurrection of *the just*

Physical redemption involves two primary things; (1) liberating *deliverance* by God (and His servants like Moses) from captivity or slavery throughout scripture (see Ex. 6:5-8); And (2) *resurrection* of the spirit with the body, for both “*the just*” (or those “*justified*”) and “*the unjust*” (Mos. 15:22-27; Morm. 9:13-14; Hel. 14:15-17; D&C 76). All men and women, regardless of righteousness, will be resurrected (except the sons of perdition, who are not redeemed by Christ’s blood). There are three set aside times for future general *resurrection*, each associated with a different kingdom of glory (see D&C 76). There is (a) “the morning of the first resurrection” for “*the just*,” those who will inherit celestial glory; (b) There is also “the afternoon of the first resurrection” for those inheriting Terrestrial glory (also in the “*just*” category); (c) And there is a third and final resurrection at the end of the Millennium for “*the unjust*,” those who inherit Telestial glory. Some refer to the *first resurrection* as that which occurred at the resurrection of Christ. There are also individuals who are *resurrected* apart from these general resurrections as part of their missions (see endnote 22).

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| 1. Church of the Firstborn | Celestial - wise virgins | Love & worship God / Resurrected on the first morning | <i>The just</i> | D&C 76:50-70 |
| 2. Churches of men | Terrestrial - unwise virgins | Idolatry / Deceived by men’s craftiness / Res. 1 st afternoon | <i>The just</i> | D&C 76:71-80 |

3. Non-believers	Telestial - wicked	Reject God / Resurrected at the end of the Millennium	The unjust D&C 76:81-89, 98-107
4. Sons of Perdition	No glory - evil	Fight against God & His people, only ones not redeemed	The unjust D&C 76:28-30, 44

Spiritual death or the “second death” is *separation* from God. **Spiritual redemption** through Christ also involves two things; (1) being “*born again*” in Him, or as the Book of Mormon calls it, receiving “*the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost*” - the first comforter; And (2) being being completely **redeemed** from the fall as were the great Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph (sold into Egypt), and the Brother of Jared (Ether 3:13; 4:13-14, chap. 12), by returning to the presence of the Lord in this life and receiving Him as the Second Comforter. It is to become a fruit-bearing branch of the Tree of Life, to abide in Christ in His love and personal instruction. The first step in our *spiritual salvation* involves the sacrifice God requires – “*a broken heart and contrite spirit*” (3 Ne. 9:20).

“Wherefore, **redemption** cometh in and through the Holy Messiah; for he is full of grace and truth. Behold, he offereth himself a sacrifice for sin, to answer the ends of the law, unto all those who have **a broken heart and a contrite spirit**; and unto *none else* can the ends of the law be answered” (2 Ne. 2:6-7; see also verses 26-29 & 3 Ne. 9:20).

“For, said he [Alma], *I have repented of my sins*, and have been **redeemed** of the Lord; behold **I am born of the Spirit**. And the Lord said unto me: Marvel not that **all mankind**, yea, men and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, **must be born again; yea, born of God**, *changed from their carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness*, being **redeemed of God**, *becoming his sons and daughters*; And thus *they become new creatures*; and **unless they do this, they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God**. I say unto you, unless this be the case, they must be cast off; and this I know, because I was like to be cast off. Nevertheless, after wading through much tribulation, *repenting* nigh unto death, the Lord in mercy hath seen fit to snatch me out of an everlasting burning, and **I am born of God**. My soul hath been **redeemed** from the gall of bitterness and bonds of iniquity. I was in the darkest abyss; but now I behold the marvelous light of God. My soul was racked with eternal torment; but I am snatched, and my soul is pained no more” (Mos. 27:24-29; see also John 3:3-6).

Those who are spiritually begotten of Jesus Christ, are *born again* in Him (John 3:3-6), becoming His sons and daughters (Mos. 5). Their sins are fully *remitted*. They have a “*mighty change of heart*” and are *sanctified* by the cleansing power of Christ’s blood. They then receive *the Holy Ghost* as their guide. The Book of Mormon calls this event, “*the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost*” (see Mos. 27:24-28; 2 Ne. 31 and 32; Alma 5 and 36). Such become part of *the church of the Firstborn - the Kingdom of God on the earth* that will soon be established formally by God, the man child, and other servants. They are *justified* and will be resurrected on the morning of *the first resurrection* with all the “*just*.” If they stay on the path to the great Tree, they will be given the promise of *eternal life* and will inherit *celestial glory*.

The second level of **redemption** occurs when we finally make it to the Tree of Life, or into the joyous presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of our salvation. It requires great love for God, strong faith, and parting the veil of our fleshy bodies and our unbelief (see Ether 3:9-14; 4:14-18). It requires that we *prevail* with God as did Jacob at Peniel and *overcome the world* (endnotes 10 & 21). In the visions of Lehi and Nephi, *the rod of iron* was a necessary tool for guidance through the mists of darkness and other trials until one arrived at the Tree. It is *personal revelation* from Christ and the Holy Ghost (along with the words of holy scripture). God’s word to us individually in personal revelation is necessary to make it to the Tree of Life. We must “*feast*” on them and obey them. He and the Holy Ghost will tell us all things we need to do to make it to Him (see 2 Ne. 32:5). Thus being “*born again*” - and receiving the Holy Ghost - is an essential first step in making it to the Tree – that we might be completely **redeemed**, returning to the presence of the Lord in this life, reversing the effects of the Fall of Adam and Eve. We are no longer separated from God, the definition of “hell.” Instead we enter into the joyful “*rest*” of the Lord and come to **know** God (Mos. 26:21-28; JST Mat. 7:31-35, 25:10-11; D&C 132:22-24) and His great *love* for us. He then becomes our teacher, mentor, and Second Comforter thereafter. He later takes us into the glorious presence of Father and Mother in heaven. Man child servants are to receive Christ, abide in Him, and become empowered, fruit-bearing branches of the Tree of Life, that they might be actual witnesses of Him. All are invited to receive Him. Few remove their *unbelief* (having strong *faith* in Him) and develop the love *for Him* necessary to part the veil into His glorious presence. It is to *overcome the world* (our unbelief & the flesh), and *prevail*, as did Jacob and others in the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

To be “*saved*,” “*justified*” or receive **redemption** (the first or second level) we must know what it is, seek it, and obtain it by adhering the Lord’s five-word invitation to – “**repent** and **come unto me**.” Too many of the Saints are in group #2 in the listing on the previous page - unaware of their *unredeemed* or *unsaved* status (see endnote 18). Scripture tells us that “*few*” enter in at this gate and path and thus *few* make it to the tree. Jesus said to His disciples:

“Enter ye in at the strait gate; For strait is the gate, and narrow is **the way** that leads to **life**, and few there be that find it; but wide is the gate, and broad the is *the way* which leads to *death*, and many there be that travel therein, until the night cometh, wherein no man can work” (3 Ne. 27:33; see also Hel. 3:29, 3 Ne. 14:13-14, Jacob 6:11, 2 Ne. 9:41, 33:9; Mat. 7:14; D&C 132:22).

We are told in multiple places to *sanctify* ourselves before the coming of the Lord (D&C 88:68, 133:4), that through the washing of our robes through Christ's blood, we might be clean, to receive Christ here, the promise of eternal life, and to see and enter into the gates of heaven. Revelation 22:14 (ESV) states, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city [of New Jerusalem] by the gates."

The coming harvest of souls will be aided by God's last-days *man child* servants. They will certainly be called, cleansed, and chosen in this and other ways for their important missions. God tells us that His laborers will be *few* in number (Mat. 9:35-38), as many have been called, but *few* are chosen (D&C 121:34-40).

I was in the *unredeemed* group for most of my life, believing I was *saved* because of my works. I was in "the true church" after all, and was baptized at age 8, honored my church callings, and did temple work. Later, upon searching and feasting upon God's word, not just the words of men, I came to understand what **redemption** or *salvation* really was. I then applied these teachings to be "*born again*" as taught in the Bible and especially the Book of Mormon, where this important, forgotten doctrine is taught most clearly. It is part of *the doctrine of Christ* – part of "the plain and precious things" removed from the Bible. We must choose to be in group #1 above by receiving "*the mighty change of heart*," "*the Holy Ghost*," "*the testimony of Jesus*," and *the promise of eternal life*. We are then *sealed* to the living God (Mos. 5:15), becoming His sons and daughters, as were the people of King Benjamin (see Mosiah 5), and others in the Book of Mormon and the Bible.

Many of our Christian friends associate the *spiritual rebirth* required of believers and *the man child* – as signaled by John's Revelation 12 sign in 2017 - with what they call "*the rapture*," a physical rescue – the raising up of believers away from coming difficult trials, sent to refine us all. Some of them expect "*the rapture*" to occur on Sept. 23rd. They confuse being *raptured* with one of two things that many Latter-day Saints also misunderstand; (1) *the different resurrections* that will take place *physically*; And (2) how we *ascend* or are "*caught up*" spiritually into God's presence or "*rest*" in this life, via an *ascent-vision* experience (see endnotes 8, 10, 11, 18 & 21).

2. What is the Significance of the Holy Day Rosh Hashanah? This Holy Day is tied to *trumpeting* more than any other Holy Day. It marks *renewal* in the civil New Year's Day in the original Bible calendar, *and* the birth of the King Jesus Christ; John's *man child* in the meridian of time. He was born of a virgin who then brought forth *the kingdom of God* in the meridian of time. He came to **Redeem** us and make all things new (see Rev. 21:5). He was born just after sunset in the twilight of Rosh Hashanah of 3 BC (or 9/11-12 on our Gregorian calendar).⁷ Rosh Hashanah is also the day of John's *great sign* in 2017, occurring again at twilight over Jerusalem. It again marks the birth of a man child and the kingdom of God he helps bring forth.

The trumpeting of Rosh Hashanah calls special attention to *renewal* through Christ in connection with His role as King and Judge over His kingdom on this day.⁸ Three special trumps in scripture tied to our **redemption** through Him include; "*the First Trump, the Last Trump, and the Great Trump*." The first is tied to the creation of Israel, the second to Israel's spiritual rebirth, and the third to the coming of the Lord to receive Israel as His bride. The events of Sept. 23rd of 2017 are believed to represent those tied to *the Last Trump*, or the middle one. Before our Lord comes at the third trump, much must be made ready. An "*elias*" like John the Baptist will come and prepare the way again for His return (see endnote 9). Thus, as marked by the Holy Day Rosh Hashanah of 2017, another *man child* will be "born" or rise up into his mission to help bring redemption to Israel (believers all around the world).

The *great sign* of Revelation 12 in 2017 appears in slightly different form than it did 2000 years ago at Christ's birth. And this time *the man child* represents special last-days "*servants*," including the lead servant of Isaiah, along with the 144,000 (see D&C 77:11). They have "the seal of the living God" in their foreheads. They assist the Lord in bringing forth the Millennial "*kingdom of God*." John's *great sign*, like many prophecies in scripture, thus appears two times (past and future) but in slightly different configuration, and both times on the Holy Day *Rosh Hashanah*.

The appearance of John's Revelation 12 sign 2000 years ago marked our Lord's **birth** as the Lamb of God, when He descended to this wicked earth in *mercy* to **redeem** us. Its appearance in 2017 features an invitation to all to be *born again* in Him, prior to His coming in *judgment* on the increasing wickedness here. He does so as the great judge and king over His kingdom, to cleanse the earth before He returns in glory. Isaiah stated that Zion will be redeemed in judgment (Isa. 1:27). Twelve regular stars made up Christ's birth sign in 3 BC (see endnote 6), whereas three "*wandering stars*" or planets (Mercury, Mars & Venus) are added to the 9 brightest stars of **Leo** in John's *great sign* in 2017. Both occurrences of *the great sign* are tied to a new *kingdom* and its *King*.

The "wise men" (priest-astronomers) were motivated to visit the Christ child at Bethlehem 2000 years ago by a different sign. It was dramatic conjunctions of Jupiter (the *king* planet) with Venus (the *virgin* planet), not John's *great sign*. Ernest L. Martin has convincing research on this in his excellent book, *The Star that Astonished the World*, ASK Publications.

3. What is the Meaning Behind the Individual Parts of the Great Sign? Like so many prophecies, especially in Isaiah, this prophetic sign in the heavens features dual prophetic fulfillments; one past and one future - and in connection with the woman, the man child, the great red dragon, and more.

Birth of the Man Child Jesus Christ
Rosh Hashanah (9/11 of 3 BC)

Birth of the Last-days Man Child – Servants
Rosh Hashanah, 9/23 of 2017

	<i>Single individuals</i>	<i>A Collective group for each but Leo & Ophiuchus</i>
Leo	The Father	The Bridegroom Jesus Christ, Father of Our Salvation
Virgo	Mary	The Bride - Body of Christian Believers / church of the Firstborn
Man Child	Son, Jesus Christ	The lead Servant & Other Last-days Servants
Great Red Dragon	Satan - Herod	Satan / New World Order Beast System / Islam
Ophiuchus	Michael-Adam	Michael-Adam, the Prince, the Ancient of Days

The Joseph Smith re-translation of Revelation 12 provides a number of important insights to John’s visionary sign, including additional verses, like verse 7, which provides hope. It states, “And the dragon prevailed **not** against Michael, neither the child, nor the woman which was *the church of God*, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth *the kingdom of our God* and his Christ” (JST Rev. 12:7). Note in verse 1 that Joseph added that *the great sign* is “*in likeness of things on the earth*” or in other words – “as above so below.” There are 5 primary figures in *the great sign*. They are:

1. **The Woman** (Mother) – *Bride of the Lamb or Bridegroom Jesus Christ in our Day* She is Virgo (the virgin) and is a representation of body of Christian believers from many faiths, including the greater *church of the Firstborn*, soon to come forth. Together they are the Bride of the Lamb or Bridegroom Jesus Christ. Those in the greater *church of the firstborn* have obtained “*the testimony of Jesus*” in this life (Rev. 12:11 & 17, see also D&C 76:51, 74 & 101). The woman travails in pain to bring forth **the man child**, which then helps to bring forth *the kingdom of God*.

Throughout scripture the Bride of Christ is His church of believers. They are valiant in their belief and have been “*born again*” in Christ. They and those who have come to know him personally are the five *wise virgins* in Matthew 25. They have “*oil in their lamps*” (meaning they have been *redeemed*, having been “*born again*.” In the Book of Mormon, this is known as receiving “*the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost*.” Such have been given the Holy Spirit or “*Ghost*” as their guide, that they might not be deceived, and that they might be led into God’s presence, receiving Him personally. Such are to enter the bridal chamber with the Bridegroom. The JST version of Matthew 25 tells us that the other five virgins (who were *not* wise) are shut out because they did not come to **know** Him. They did not take the Lord’s Book of Mormon invitation seriously - to “**repent** and **come unto me**.” As a result, they were not “*born again*” in Christ Jesus, a requirement to *see* and *enter* heaven, according to Christ’s own words in John 3:3-6. Those made new in Christ have received “*the mighty change of heart*.” They are cleansed, receive an endowment of power – the Holy Ghost (or first comforter).

They and those in the *church of the Firstborn* - those who have obtained “*the testimony of Jesus*,” are those who will be part of Zion and New Jerusalem in the Millennium. They will be of many different Christian faiths and persuasions. The *sole definition* for those embracing Christ’s *doctrine, gospel, and church* is the Lord’s own 5-word invitation, “**repent** and **come unto me**” (see **D&C 10:67**, see also 1 Ne. 10:18-19; 2 Ne. 9:23-24; 28:31-32; Jacob 1:7; Alma 5:33-34; D&C 93:1; 3 Ne. 9:14, 22, 51; 11:14; 12:19-20, 23-24; 27:5-21; 30:1-2). God said that anything *more* or *less* than this definition was not of Him! Thus, people of many different cultures, faiths, and traditions, will have heeded His call and come to **know** Him, entering the bridal chamber. Many have seen Him, feeling the marks of the atonement in His body. All of us are invited to do so, as did those gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem (Luke 24:36-53; Acts 1:3), and the 2500 people at Bountiful (3 Ne. 11:13-17). They sought for and obtained a sure witness of His reality! You can too. *Man child* servants must do so to be fully empowered.

2. **The Man Child** is a representation of the Lord in the meridian of time, born of the virgin Mary, and of the Lord’s last-days empowered *servants* in our day. Each servant is to obtain a valiant testimony of the reality of the Master Jesus Christ. One of them is a lead servant, the one addressed in much of Isaiah. There are others too. Many are translated (like John the Beloved or Revelator, and the three translated disciples of Christ in 3rd Nephi; Nephi, Timothy & Isaiah). Some last-days *man child* servants are named by God in scripture.⁹ Many among us will become special servants as well. Collectively, these servants will gather, teach, and succor *the remnant of Jacob*, those of believing blood, those who are heirs of salvation. D&C 88 is written to special last-days servants (see especially verses 77-98), as are the books of Revelation (see Rev. 1:1) and Isaiah. The servants are to help bring forth the Kingdom of God in the last-days. **The man child** does so, ruling all nations with “*the rod of iron*” or God’s revealed word. It is to be used by servants, along with scripture, as we learn in JST Rev. 2:26-27 and the tree of life vision of Lehi and Nephi in the Book of Mormon (3 Ne. 11:25). The *man child* servants eventually receive real *power* in the priesthood - *sealing power*. Many of the servants will be part of the 144,000. They will command the elements with words of power, according to God’s will. Note that after **the man child** is born (on Sept. 9 of 2017 Jupiter exits the womb area of Virgo), he is “caught up to God and His throne” (v. 3), perhaps implying that many *servants* have an *ascent-vision* experience, entering God’s presence, where they are *commissioned* and *empowered* by God Himself for their future missions (some believe this ascent is tied to the “translation” of *the man child* - like that of John the Beloved. Joseph Smith said “translated beings are designed for future missions,” TPJS, p. 191). Both types of individuals have “overcome the world”¹⁰ and Satan, doing so “by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their *testimony*; for they loved not their own lives, but kept *the testimony* even unto death” (v. 11). Both have obtained “*the testimony of Jesus*” – the promise of **eternal life**¹¹ and have the name and *sign* of God in their foreheads (see D&C 77:11). They are thus “*sealed*” His (Mos. 5:15). A *sealing* to God is the *sealing* we should be seeking, the *only* type of *sealing* addressed in scripture besides the sealing power

given servants like Nephi in Helaman 10 (see John 6:27; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13, 4:30; Rev. 7:3-4; Mos. 5:15; Hel. 10:7; Alma 34:35; D&C 1:8, 68:12, 76:51-54).



3. **The Great Red Dragon** is a representation of Satan (and his servants), and is positioned at the feet of the woman, waiting for the *man child* to be born, that he might devour him. The dragon was Satan’s influence upon Herod’s in Christ’s day. Today it is evil against Jews and Christians by radical *Islam*, and various forms of oppression originating in the New World Order and its secret combinations (see endnote 3). The man child and the woman have their right feet upon the neck of the great dragon. It rests on the *crescent moon* of Rosh Hashanah (the crescent moon is a symbol of Islam). The *great sign* is thus also a symbol of *victory* over Islam, Satan, and all darkness in the end. It is thus a symbol of hope.

An actual red dragon-like *form* exists at the womb area of Virgo today. It may be a distant binary star system. It was once visible in Google Sky, but is now visible only in NASA’s infrared imagery by way of skymap.org. Some believe *the great red dragon* of Revelation is *Wormwood*,¹² also known as *Planet X*, *Nibiru*, *the Winged Destroyer*, *Nemesis*, *the Great Red One*, etc. *Wormwood* the planet, comet, mountain, or star is addressed in Revelation 8:8-13. It causes widespread destruction, including turning 1/3 of the waters into “blood.” This was one of the ten plagues in Egypt, where the water there also turned to “blood,” perhaps red iron oxide from the debris-trail of Planet X. The earth may pass through this debris trail twice, causing fiery hail to fall upon us, like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, they who were immoral and cared not for the poor. A number of researchers suggest that “the winged destroyer” is one of seven planets orbiting a brown dwarf star system known as *Nemesis*. Its sun is perhaps a binary twin of our sun (76% of all stars are said to be binary twins). Planet X may make its appearance in the near future, some say on September 23. They believe it may eclipse our sun during daylight hours, allowing us to view John’s great sign in the heavens for perhaps three hours – like the darkness during our Lord’s last three hours on the cross. Without such an eclipse, *the great sign* may be invisible to most - as the sun “clothes” Virgo and other constellations. Only those “with eyes to see” may do so, as addressed in the three possibilities of page 6.

The return of Planet X or Wormwood from another solar system would cause *great* upheaval on earth, bringing natural judgments upon modern Babylon and the *great whore* (D&C 88:87-93). John referred to it as “**a great sign**” or “**wonder**” (as the Lord did in Luke 21:11). The word “*great*” is often tied to size. Planet X is thought to be 7 to 10 times larger than Earth, leading to a strong gravitational pull, which may cause earthquakes, tidal waves, great storms, and movement of our poles. Researcher Marshall Masters (www.yousa.com) and others believe it has periodically entered our solar system every 3600 years, causing great devastation in each visit. One of its names reflects this - “*the Winged Destroyer*.” According to some, it gives off red iron oxide dust in a long trail behind it, creating “*wings*” from some viewpoints. Its periodic appearance is believed to be the origin of the winged sun disk motifs of Egypt, Babylon, and other nations, and the cause of many miraculous catastrophic events in scripture, like the ten plagues of Egypt at the time of the Exodus, and the raining down of

fiery hail on the enemies of Joshua in connection with the day the sun stood still. John may be calling it “*Wormwood*” (in Rev. 8), a bringer of “*bitter calamity*” and “*bitter waters*,” in connection with the idolatry and wickedness of modern Babylon. The waters became red and bitter in Egypt, resembling blood (Ex. 7:17-21). If such events return in our day, I believe they will come later, farther into the 7 years of Jacob’s trouble. The woes of revelation ramp up in severity in an attempt to get the people to repent and turn to the Lord, until all is eventually consumed in the brightness and fiery glory of our Lord’s return.

4. **Michael - Adam** is a forgotten figure associated with John’s *great sign*. He may be found below Virgo in the constellation *Ophiuchus*, with a *serpent* in his arms (*Serpens*). We know Michael - Adam battles with and eventually defeats the serpent – Satan and his servants. The Prophet Daniel addressed an earthly leader in the last-days led by Satan. He is the “stout horn.” We read of Michael - Adam prevailing over *the dragon* in verse 7 of JST Revelation 12 and various other verses in scripture (is he God the Father?). In the Doctrine and Covenants we learn of his multiple names - that he **Michael** (the Arch Angel) is also **Adam**, “**the Ancient of Days**,” and “**the prince**” (D&C 27:11, 116:1, 138:38). He brings about *judgment* upon the final leader over the great last-days beast – *the stout horn* that oppresses the Saints and prevails over them. It is after his defeat that the Saints are given the kingdom. It then rolls forth as a “*stone without hands*,” knocking over the great last-days image. We read in Daniel 7:

“I beheld, and the same [stout] horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until **the Ancient of days** came, and *judgment* was given to *the saints of the most High*; and the time came that *the saints possessed the kingdom*... But *the judgment* [held by **the ancient of days**] shall sit, and they shall take away his [the stout horn’s] dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end” (Dan. 7:21-22, 26; Ezek. 39:1-12).

On earth, the beast (the last, fourth beast of Daniel) is a composite “beast” made up of some 10 nations including the United States (thought to be symbolized by *the eagle* in the book of 2nd Esdras chapter 13). The stout horn eventually takes out the other western leaders and then greatly oppresses Jews and Christians, including the Latter-day Saints. I believe he may be of Islamic background, perhaps the leader of Turkey. Michael-Adam’s triumph over dark forces is part of the scriptural statement, “*and the first shall be last*” (Matt. 20:16; 1 Ne. 13:40-42). Others will do so as well, including the “the mighty and strong one” of Isaiah. We can take solace in knowing that in the long run, *Michael-Adam, Christ, the man child and other servants*, and *the woman* - all prevail over *the dragon* (see JST Rev. 12:7). We read in Daniel:

“And there was given him [Christ] dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” (Dan. 7:14).

Adam-ondi-Ahman Accepting the keys and reports of various historic priesthood leaders at Adam-ondi-Ahman, Adam (God) then turns them over to Christ (His son). He is the great King and Judge over all the Earth (see Dan. 7:9-14). Spiritual events may have occurred outside of space and time the night of Friday Sept. 22nd. It may have involved last-days servants that will help bring in the millennium and the kingdom of God on earth. Like Creation itself, this spiritual event of 2017 may precede a physical gathering, when the events of scripture are fulfilled at Adam-ondi-Ahman. This area must first be cleansed, etc. One of the names for Rosh Hashanah is “*the hidden day*,” perhaps suggesting one reason why the *great sign* and the events of Adam-ondi-Ahman were not seen by so many.

The *woman* and *the man child* are illustrated in statues found at various European Cathedrals. In them both *the man child* and *the woman* have their right foot on the neck of the serpent, a symbol of **victory**. Though the heel of the foot of Christ was bruised in the atonement - by *the serpent* (a nail through Christ’s heel), the serpent’s head will ultimately be crushed by the Lord and His servants (Gen. 3:15). Michael-Adam completes this symbolism, along with Christ, the Great Deliverer, and His primary last-days servant – the Davidic servant or “man child.” Christ the Lord overcame sin, death, and hell for all of us in the atonement and the resurrection. He will come through for us again with His servants. The Lord Jesus is symbolized in most of the zodiac signs. They reveal various aspects of His mission of **redemption** for us all. Note the following scriptures tied to a travailing *women* giving **birth**, all centered on *the great sign* theme of **renewal**.

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, *Peace and safety*; then **sudden destruction cometh upon them**, as **travail upon a woman with child**; and *they shall not escape*. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should *overtake you as a thief*. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore *let us not sleep*, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thess. 5:1-6). The UN proclaimed Sept. 21, 2017 as “*the International Day of Peace*.” Will it fulfill this scripture?

“For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and **not of peace**. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth **travail with child**? wherefore do I see *every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail*, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for *that day is great*, so that none is like it: it is even *the time of Jacob’s trouble*, but **he shall be saved out of it**” (Jer. 30:5-7).

“The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid. The sorrows of a **travailing woman** shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children. **I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death:** O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes” (Hosea 13:12-14).

5. **Leo** (Father) - *Jesus Christ* (Yeshua) in our Day - *the Great Lion King and Judge* The Lord Jesus will eventually return to a prepared people on a cleansed Earth. He was once represented by the king planet Jupiter, born of the virgin Mary (Virgo) in the meridian of time.¹³ Today, Jesus is represented by the constellation **Leo the Lion** (of the tribe of Judah), positioned above *Virgo* in the 2017 great sign as the Bridegroom for the church or “bride” below. Some suggest *Virgo* is the *first* constellation in terms of timing and position, with the **Leo** being the *last*, a reflection of His return as King of kings.¹⁴ An often overlooked second witness for Christ as King is apparent in the seven heavenly alignments with *the Great Pyramid*, also occurring at Rosh Hashanah of 2017 (this is addressed hereafter in **C**). Our Lord is “the stone the builders rejected,” now the head of the corner (the capstone atop the Great Pyramid, the King of kings).

Only the Father knows when He as *the Bridegroom* has made all preparations necessary for His *Bride* (the church of believers, including the greater *church of the Firstborn*), and their marriage. This is another important reason why *Rosh Hashanah* is also called, “*the hidden day*” by Rabbis. The title, *Rosh Hashanah* means “head of the year.” It is the only Holy Day tied to the *New Moon*, visible later as the first waxing crescent moon, following either one or two days of the New Moon’s invisibility. This small waxing crescent represents “*the return of light*” after darkness. Two members of the San Hedrin, positioned at their secondary location atop the Mount of Olives, had to witness the first appearance of this crescent moon. It was the sign marking the first day of every month, and the first day of the New Year. Signal fires atop Olivet and other mountains signaled others of these important start days in the Bible calendar. In 2017, *Rosh Hashanah* is not only the first day of the *civil New Year* (of the coming King), but the weekly, 7th day **Sabbath** (a Saturday on our Gregorian calendar), and **the fall equinox** - a marker of coming darkness and death (judgment) in the fall of the year!

Your Redemption Draweth Nigh Scripture and the Holy Day it falls on, reveals that the theme of John’s *great sign* is **redemption** - of believers, their being “*born again*,” or “*made new*” in Christ, Jesus – receiving *salvation* at His hands. Many Christians believe this may be the day or time period of what they call “*the rapture*,” when they are caught up to God and His throne, as part of being *saved physically from the coming judgments* and trials that lie ahead. Many expect resurrection too. Scripture points to three kinds of transition that many Christians associate with being “*raptured*.”

Those <i>resurrected</i> from the dead in the morning of the First Resurrection	1 Cor. 15; D&C 101:31
Being “ <i>quicken</i> ed” while still alive	1 Thess. 4:17; D&C43:32, 88:96
Changed “ <i>in the twinkling of the eye</i> ” in the Millennium	D&C 63:51

A better explanation is that many servants and other committed believers will be caught up to God and His throne as part of being “*born again*” in Him. Some will have an *ascent-vision experience*. Others experience it later. To be born again is to be “**redeemed**” in the Book of Mormon - “*saved*.” Lehi ascended to God’s throne in the 6th verse of the 1st chapter of the Book of Mormon. He saw many things there in vision. His son Nephi wanted the same experience, and in chapter 11 of 1 Nephi we read about his visionary ascent. Such things are placed in scripture that we too might experience them. We must remove our *unbelief*, then seek, ask, and knock. *All mysteries* are available to us (see endnote 21).

Those who humbly approach God in repentance, and with the sacrifice He has chosen – “*a broken heart and a contrite spirit*” - then receive “*the mighty change of heart*” and “*the gift of the Holy Ghost*” (called the Holy Spirit by most Christians). Such are “*redeemed*” or “*saved*.” Many are blessed to “*see*” and “*enter*” heaven (John 3:3-6), as part of this experience, or thereafter. **Spiritual rebirth** is thus the primary theme tied to *the great sign* on *Rosh Hashanah* – the day of trumpeting – *the last trump* (see endnote 8). D&C 88 informs us that all will **see** “the great sign in heaven” (v. 93) and all nations shall **hear** the trumpeting tied to it (v. 94). Do these statements refer to John’s “great sign in heaven” of Sept. 23, 2017 or do they refer to the later “*grand sign of the coming of the Son of Man*”? I believe it refers to the later sign – of Christ’s actual return. John’s Revelation 12 sign is preceded by 33 days of repentance (of some 40 days in *Teshuvah*), concluding on *the Day of Atonement*. It comes ten days later – when the judgment is sealed. Note also JST Luke 21:25-28.

“And there shall be **signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;** and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then **look up**, and lift up your heads; for your **redemption draweth nigh**” (JST Luke 21:25-28). This appears to be the third or *Great Trump*, thought to occur on the Day of Atonement, the final part of our *redemption*.

Difficult trials are coming for most of us, whether we are spiritually **saved** or not. Few will escape them. The hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Jose and the wildfires in the west, are just the beginning. Earthquakes and war are coming. These and other

trials are needed to refine us, like gold in the fire – that we might be one, full of love for one another. Like so many things in this life, refinement comes the hard way, through life experience, testing, and time. Many Latter-day Saints and other Christians will be martyred, part of their sacrifice made in this life. The “*rapture*” is a hoped for escape from severe trials that many Christians desire and expect. It will not happen in the way they believe. Instead, there will be *spiritual salvation* as we “**repent and come unto Christ**,” being *born again* in Him (many will be physically saved too). Later we may be brought to heaven and “sealed His” (Mos. 5:15). Some scriptures do address physical safety and protection for some in places prepared by the Lord beforehand. This is apparent in JST Luke 17, for example. It provides hope via angels or “*eagles*” that take the righteous to places of refuge or safety, not to heaven. It was given to the Lord’s disciples in answer to their question about **where** the righteous would be taken when difficult circumstances arrive. He said to them:

“Wheresoever the body is gathered; or, in other words, whithersoever the saints are gathered, thither will **the eagles** be gathered together; or, thither will the remainder be gathered together. This he spake, signifying *the gathering of his saints*; and of *angels descending and gathering* the remainder unto them; the one from the bed, the other from the grinding, and the other from the field, whithersoever he listeth. For verily **there shall be new heavens, and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness. And there shall be no unclean thing; for the earth becoming old, even as a garment, having waxed in corruption, wherefore *it vanisheth away*, and the footstool remaineth **sanctified, cleansed from all sin**” (JST Luke 17:36-40). We too must be *sanctified*, cleansed from all sin, via being “*born again*.”

Note the following scriptures presenting a similar message of *salvation* or **redemption** - spiritual and/or physical.

“The *sun shall be turned into darkness*, and the *moon into blood*, before the **great and terrible day of the LORD** come. And it shall come to pass, that *whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered*: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in **the remnant whom the LORD shall call**” (Joel 2:31-32).

And I will shew **wonders** in heaven above, and **signs** in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: “The *sun shall be turned into darkness*, and the *moon into blood*, before the **great and notable day of the Lord** come: And it shall come to pass, that *whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved*” (Acts 2:19-20).

“That if thou shalt *confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus*, and shalt *believe in thine heart* that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved**. For with *the heart* man *believeth* unto righteousness; and with the *mouth confession* is made unto *salvation*” (Romans 10:9-10).

“The LORD hear thee in **the day of trouble**; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel. We will rejoice in **thy salvation**, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfill all thy petitions. Now know I that **the LORD saveth his anointed**; he will hear him from his holy heaven with **the saving strength** of his right hand. *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God*. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. **Save, LORD**: let the king hear us when we call” (Psalm 20:1-9 See also the promises of Psalm 91, JST Luke 17:36-40, and especially *1 Thessalonians 5:2-9*).

Many *servants* will be cleansed, rising up and serving as part of the “man child” classification, including the 144,000. They must first **awake** before they can arise. This is the reason for this paper and its companion “**Repent and Come unto Me**.” Redemption for the whole house of Israel, via awakened last-days servants (all part of the “man child”) is the primary message of “*the great sign*,” and the mostly unseen events taking place at Adam-ondi-Ahman. D&C 88 and the books of Revelation and Isaiah are written to the last-days servants. “Man child” servants must *awake*, be taken to heaven (“*arise*”), and there be commissioned and empowered. The whole earth must also be cleansed and prepared. Zion, New Jerusalem, and its Temple will then be established. The Great Pyramid in the midst of Egypt is a type for the New Jerusalem Temple, a structure built at the center of the land, and at the border of Upper and Lower Egypt (see Isaiah 19:19). America is modern-day Egypt in Isaiah a nation destined for cleansing. When all is completed on this land, Christ will return to His people. He came earlier in the meridian of time as *the Lamb of God*, the great sacrifice at Passover (spring equinox). His mission fulfilled 4 of the 7 annual Spring *Holy Days* (*Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, and Pentecost*). When He returns again, it will be in connection with the fall feasts (*Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles*), coming as a powerful Judge and King - to accept His kingdom and marry His Bride – the house of Israel and those who come to Christ with them (see the calendar summary on pages 27-28). After cleansing judgment upon the world, and the defeat of Satan and his servants, there will be a joyous marriage, honeymoon, and public celebration honoring the union of the Bridegroom and His Bride at *the Feast of Tabernacles*. It will be glorious.

Conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter at the Winter Solstice of 2018

As a later update to this paper (12/26/2018), it is also important to address a related heavenly sign occurring later in 2018, one tied to the coming forth of an important

servant to the prepare the way before the LORD. Following the longest night of the year in *the winter solstice* of 2018 (21st of December), the next day, the 22nd, there were three total signs tied to *coming greater light* in a special Servant, and then the LORD Himself. The first of these light-based signs was (1) The return of greater light in **longer days** on the 22nd of December, each lengthening thereafter until the summer solstice (longest day of the year); There was also (2) The Ursid **meteor shower**; And (3) The **conjunction of Mercury with Jupiter**, a symbol of the oneness of the Servant *with the LORD*. Day 22 of December 2018 was a 7th day *Saturday Sabbath*. It was also a *Lunar Sabbath*, marked by the *full moon*. Native Americans call this “a long night moon.” The number 22 is tied to “*judgment at the end*” throughout scripture, whereas 7 is tied to “*a fullness*” or “*completion*” of a time cycle.

C. Sign #3 - The Great Pyramid and its 7 Alignments with the Heavens, also occurring on **Rosh Hashanah of 2017**

Note: This is shortened version of a more detailed paper on this subject. For the full paper on this topic, see *7 Heavenly Witnesses at the Great Pyramid, Rosh Hashanah 2017*, www.7witnesses.com

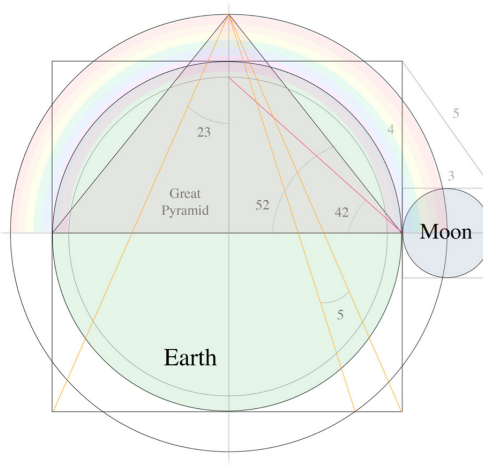
The Great Pyramid in Isaiah This great, stone structure was built to last through time for three purposes; (1) To memorialize our Lord and His mediating atonement through time; (2) As a mechanism to heal mother earth; And (3) As a special device assisting many in ascending to God (see endnote 21). It is thought to feature a “terrestrial” temple design put in place by Enoch (see Jewish historian Josephus). Enoch and Melchizedek and their translated cities may have used similar structures to aid translation. The New Jerusalem is expected to be “pyramidal” in some respects. Isaiah 19 addresses the Great Pyramid in Egypt. It is a type for the New Jerusalem in America in decline. Isaiah 19 prophetically addresses God smiting and then healing modern-day “Egypt” (America), due to wickedness throughout the land. The “smiting” involves famine, civil war, and invasion by foreign powers. There is civil war in verse 2, brought on by drought and famine in verse 5, along with the failure of various kinds of leaders in verses 11-14, then economic collapse in verse 15.

Chapter 19 later addresses the Great Pyramid using *temple* language. It is an “**altar**” and “**pillar**” and a “**sign**” and “**witness**” *to the Lord* in the land of Egypt, located at both its *midst* and its *border* (where upper and lower Egypt connect), describing the exact location of the Great Pyramid. Like prophetic scripture generally, the content of chapter 19 has dual symbolism (past and future), representing both the Great Pyramid in Egypt, and the New Jerusalem here, both residing at the center of their respective lands (note also that maps of a future North America feature the land divided in two [like upper and lower Egypt] – separated at the Mississippi River, perhaps by a great future earthquake, and other forces).

The Lord has instructed us in 3 Nephi 23:1-5 how to understand the cryptic prophesies of Isaiah, stating that what Isaiah has said, “*has been*” and “**shall be**.” In other words, there will be a historic, past fulfillment (ancient Egypt and Israel) and a prophetic future fulfillment (modern-day Egypt - America). Both “temples” are built *to the Lord* at the center of both lands. The Great Pyramid at Giza is the only remaining wonder of the Seven Wonders of the World left on earth. It was built at the center of Egypt, and at the border of Upper and Lower Egypt, before the flood, and to last through it. Seven different heavenly signs all reveal themselves on or very near *Rosh Hashanah* of 2017, the same date as “*the great sign*” in Revelation 12. Note the Hebrew parallelism in verses 19 and 20 below. It may also address the future New Jerusalem Temple at the center of a new, changed North America. Some suggest a portion of this temple will be pyramidal.

“In that day shall there be an **altar** *to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt*, and a **pillar** *at the border thereof to the LORD*. And it shall be for a **sign** and for a **witness** *unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt*: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and *he* [the Lord] *shall send them a saviour*, and a **great one**, and *he shall deliver them*” (Isa. 19:19-20).

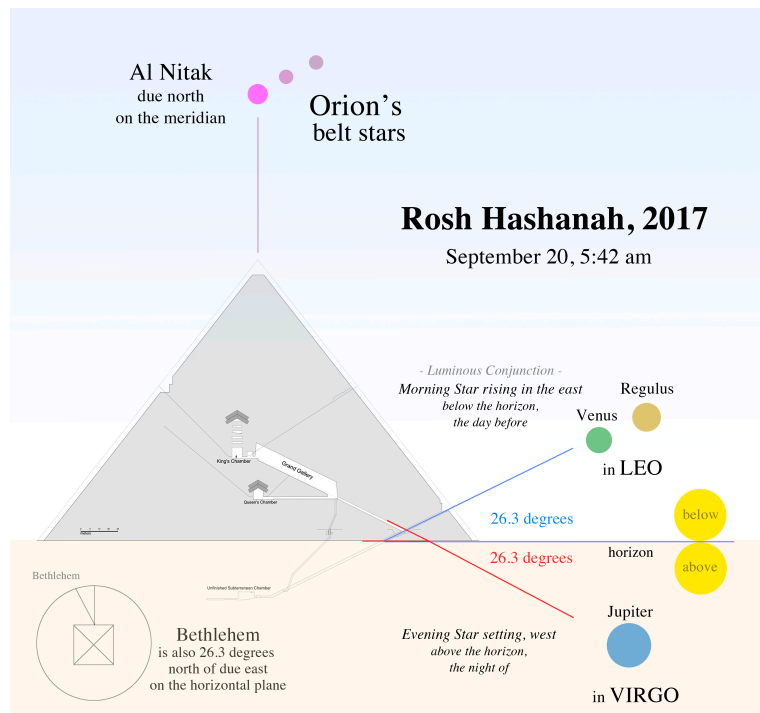
Note the 5 different sets of 2 or 3 witnesses for various items above, separated by the different colors. First, this *temple*-like structure is an “*altar*” and “*pillar*” built to serve as a “*sign*” or “*witness*” to and for “*the Lord*.” The Great Pyramid is located in “*Egypt*” and specifically “*in the midst of the land of Egypt*,” while also being “*at the border thereof*.” In later verses of chapter 19 modern-day Egypt (America) is smitten by the Lord, and then healed by Him (it may be split in two, at the Mississippi River). God sent Moses to Deliver Israel anciently. He was “*a savior*” and “*a great one*”. Today it will be a Native American “*choice seer*”, “*one mighty and strong*”. He is Isaiah’s end-times servant. He is the *man child*. Like Moses, he will possess a portion of God’s great power and will thus be “*mighty and strong*” (see D&C 85:7). The lower case letters suggest that this is not the Lord, but a special sent servant. Again we see Hebrew parallelism in the use of two words as witnesses for the same concept, here the coming of the Lord’s sent servant to help deliver His people from oppression of all kinds. The people, “*cry unto to the Lord*” for relief. The Lord responds by sending His right “*arm*,” the last-days servant to deliver the righteous from “*the oppressors*” (“*he shall deliver them*”).



Left: St. Peter's Basilica, Rome – four spiraling pillars forming a square below, with the great circular dome above; Middle: the geometry of squaring the circle brings forth the exact dimensions of the Great Pyramid, its height, width, slope angles, etc., along with the geometry of the rainbow; Right, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem.

The Great Pyramid has stood the test of time as a massive stone memorial to the Lord. The great prophet Isaiah reveals some of its significance to us. Many believe it was not built by Seth or Enoch to stand as a “*sign*” and “*witness to the Lord*” - as the great Creator, Judge, and King. It possesses unique geometry that is tied to the Lord's atonement, present in its squaring of the circle (*above center*), a illustration of the Lord's mediation between God in heaven above (the circle) and man on the earth below (the square). This geometry gives birth to measurements tied to the rainbow (the *angles* of the pyramid's four sides and four corners). It is the token of the Father's covenant with Enoch, Noah, and us (see JST Gen. 9).

The Great Pyramid withstood The Flood, its special geometry pointing to specific dates in time that lead to the coming of the Lord, Jesus, along with “a servant” and “a great one” (Moses anciently when the House of Israel was held captive in Egypt, and a Native American prophet in our day), and the Kingdom of God they establish in our day. The kick off date for the 7 signs at the Great Pyramid is once again on or near *Rosh Hashanah* of 2017. It believed to represent the start of the 7 years of tribulation for the Lord's people, also known as “*the time of Jacob's trouble*” (Jer. 30:6-7). It follows “*the fulness of the Gentiles coming in*” (their rejection of the *fulness* of the Gospel of Christ (3 Ne. 16:10), and Him personally, in rejecting His invitation to enter into *the fulness* of His glory (D&C 84:24). Following these seven years is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings (perhaps 2024 or beyond). There are set dates for these **signs**, but no set dates for the actual events they point to. The Father is totally in charge of them and when they will occur! It may be that we recognize the date of the event and what it means only *after* they occur. Thus understanding may come as “*signs shall follow them that believe*” (Mark 16:17; Ether 4:18, 12:6; D&C 58:64, 63:9, 68:10-11, 84:65). Faithful, patient, and righteous believers are rewarded with *understanding* and *wisdom*.



Four of the 7 alignments are present in this illustration. Missing are: (1) the 4 star shaft alignments, (2) the alignment of the Sphinx (or Lion) to the king constellation Leo in the east, and (3) to the king star Regulus

What are these seven heavenly signs tied to the Great Pyramid? What is their meaning? And why do they appear in connection with this Biblical Holy Day? For answers, we turn to the seven signs themselves. They include:

1. An Apex Alignment to Al Nitak in Orion at Meridian There is an *apex alignment* of the missing 5th cornerstone with the star Al Nitak (“the wounded one”) in the Constellation Orion, at dawn on the morning before Rosh Hashanah of 2017. Al Nitak’s position among the three belt stars of Orion is the same position as Great Pyramid in association with the other two pyramids, when the layout of Orion is transposed upon the Earth below. Al Nitak is thus the Great Pyramid. At the Lord’s birth, Al Nitak was at an angle of 51.51 degrees above the horizon from Bethlehem. This is the exact angle forming the second of two rainbows on the horizon, when light enters a water droplet prism (see 7 below). This is one more witness that Jesus was born on Rosh Hashanah rather than in the spring. He is the returning King.

2. Leo the Lion (Sphinx) Looks East – to Leo At this moment in time, the Sphinx or Lion (Leo) near the Great Pyramid looks directly east (equinox alignment), where the constellation Leo actually is. Leo is the King constellation. It is seen above the horizon at dawn the day before Rosh Hashanah.

3. Alignment to the King Star Regulus (vertical) Within Leo is the King star Regulus (the right shoulder star, the brightest star in this constellation). Regulus is at a 26.3-degree angle from the horizon below (or 26 minutes, 18 minutes, 9 seconds) on this date. This is one of four total alignments at 26.3 degrees found at the Great Pyramid. This angle is hereafter called *the Christ angle* (see Daniel Matson, <http://watchfortheday.org/signsoftheend/giza2024.html>).

4. Alignment of the Pyramid to the Birthplace of the King (horizontal) The same exact Christ angle of 26.3 degrees (east of due north) points to our Lord’s birthplace at the city of Bethlehem.

5. Alignment of the Ascending King’s Chamber Passageway to a Conjunction of Regulus & Venus in Leo Prior to dawn on the morning before Rosh Hashanah, the *King Star Regulus* is in *conjunction* with the *Bright and Morning Star - Venus* against the backdrop of the constellation Leo the lion (Revelation 2:28, 22:16 & 1 Peter 1:19). *Regulus* and *Venus* thus rise together “as a morning star” in the east above the horizon at the 26.3-degree Christ angle. The ascending passageway to the King’s chamber was built at the 26.3 degree Christ angle, so too the descending passageway to the pit. The King Star *Regulus* may represent Christ as *the ascended King Messiah ben David*, crowned King with His Queen wife (Mary) and potentially in connection with His mother Mary (women provide important support for Kingship rites anciently [mother, wife, sister, and daughter]). The Queen’s chamber may also be tied to the Bride of the Lamb who is waiting for His return. Note that the star “Sirius” (meaning “the prince”) is visible in the Queen’s chamber. The coming “Davidic” servant is in the sacred bloodline of “David” or Israel’s kings. He may be a “prince” crowned as a king in the Kingdom of God. The Lord Jesus will reign as King of kings over all.

6. Alignment of the Descending Passageway to the King Planet Jupiter in Virgo The Descending Passageway to the Pit (below ground level) aligns with the King Planet Jupiter against the constellation Virgo behind it, doing so at the time the sun has just risen above the horizon *the morning of Rosh Hashanah*. This passageway was built at the 26.3 degree Christ angle. The King planet Jupiter, below the horizon, may be a symbol of the suffering, wounded Christ (in the meridian of time) and his sent servant in our day who will also be “marred” or wounded. “Messiah ben Joseph” may be a type for them both. We know Christ *descended below all things* in coming to Earth to redeem us in the meridian of time. He then ascended above all things. Joseph of Egypt suffered for his family in imprisonment, then later rose to great power in Egypt, second in command under Pharaoh. Joseph the Native American prophet will soon rise up to help save his people (see 2 Nephi chapter 3). His mission may include suffering as well.

7. Alignment of the Pyramid’s Four Star Shafts to Significant Stars Just Before the Flood The four star shafts of the Great Pyramid (two in the King’s chamber and two in the Queen’s chamber, one south and one north) align with four significant stars in 2450 BC, about 100 years prior to God’s warning of the coming flood, given to Noah and his family in 2349 BC. The north shafts (1 each in the King and Queen’s chambers) point to the “undying stars” in the north that never set below the horizon, including the pole star around which all others revolve. The south shafts point to stars tied to the King (Al Nitak in Orion), and the Queen (Sirius, the Prime Meridian marker for time in ancient Egypt, now Greenwich England). The four shafts point to the following four stars:

The Two King’s Chamber Shafts - *appear to be tied to Christ defeating the serpent in the end-times*

Al Nitak (“wounded one”), 45 degrees - He will tread on the subtle one – the father of lies – the deceiver

Thuban or *Alpha Draconis* (“the subtle one” or “deceiver,” also *the Polar Star* at this point in time), 39.5 degrees

The Two Queen’s Chamber Shafts - *appear to be tied to the Bride of the Lamb who is waiting for the Prince, Jesus Christ*

Kochab (“waiting on Him who comes,” both “the prince” a latter-day “servant” and “the King of kings” Jesus

Sirius (the prince “of peace”) – the *Prime Meridian marker*

As stated previously, Enoch is believed to have built the Great Pyramid to withstand the flood, bearing witness of the Lord Jesus Christ as Creator, Judge, and King to the world over time through the measurements of *pure geometry* rather than art, symbols, or words (see endnote 1). The rainbow covenant God made with Enoch in Moses 7 is reflected in *the rainbow geometry* of the Great Pyramid. Its four sloped sides are at 51.51 degrees, whereas its four corners, where the sides meet are

41.51 degrees. These are the exact two angles of the double rainbow on the horizon – or “rainbow geometry.” The two rainbows are seen within it as sunlight intersects with water droplet prisms, forming the dispersion of 7 colors. The order of colors is reversed in the second, higher rainbow (at 51.51 degrees). Al Nitak in Orion was seen over Bethlehem at 51.51 degrees, and on the day of Christ’s birth - Rosh Hashanah (our 9/11) of 3BC. The apex of the pyramid aligns with Al Nitak at meridian or zenith on Rosh Hashanah of 2017.

In addition to Isaiah 19:19-20, Jeremiah 32:20 also addresses the Great Pyramid, stating, “...the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name, Great in counsel, and mighty in work...Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day; And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror” (Jer. 32:18-21). Isaiah’s description of the Great Pyramid includes its location and that its purpose is to serve as a *witness* for Christ, doing so on what is believed to be His birthday.

The seven astronomical alignments to the Great Pyramid on Rosh Hashanah point us to an eighth alignment, that of heavenly things above mirroring earthly things of below. There is Virgo (land of Israel nearby), Leo (the Sphinx), the Milky Way (the life giving Nile River), and Orion (the 3 pyramids mirroring the layout of its 3 belt stars). These wondrous things collectively serve as a second witness for John’s *great sign* in 2017. They witness the greatness and glory of our Creator, King, Savior, and Judge, Jesus Christ. He is returning. For more on this important structure, including its unique squared-circle geometry that illustrates the atonement of Christ in graphic form, see *7 Heavenly Witnesses at the Great Pyramid, Rosh Hashanah 2017*, www.7witnesses.com

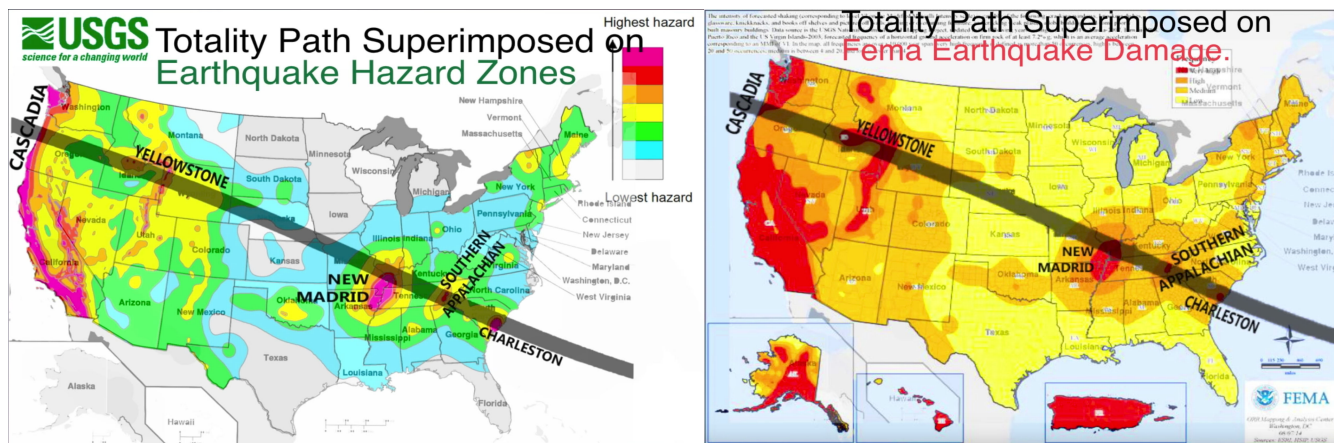
Why Coming Judgments on Gentiles & the Saints?

Originally founded as a Christian nation, a large portion of the American people – the Gentiles - are steadily moving away from *the Light and Life of the world* – Jesus Christ and His teachings. Idolatry and immorality are at an all-time high on this land, led by our Supreme Court, which is forcing the ways of the wicked elite upon the people, further polluting this precious, Promised Land (Lev. 18:22-30). Some 60 million abortions (a form of child sacrifice) have been performed since the Roe versus Wade decision was passed by the Supreme Court in 1973. Materialism, lack of concern for the poor and needy, and great division between races, political parties, and others, are all increasing. Secret combinations are also firmly in place in government, schools, and churches, all for the sake of gain and control. While organized Christianity is diminishing in America and throughout Europe, believers are increasing in Russia, China, and many third world nations. Scripture states that heavenly signs like those we have seen from 2014 – 2017 mark the time when “*the fulness of the Gentiles comes in*” - a *fulness* of **wickedness** that includes rejecting the Lord Jesus and His ways. With this rejection, *the fulness of His gospel* is taken from the Gentiles and given to others who will embrace it, including the Lamanite remnant of Lehi on this land (1 Ne. 15:11-24), and Jews and others in the Old World.¹⁵ We read in JST Luke 21:25:

“In the generation in which the times of *the Gentiles shall be fulfilled*, there shall be **signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars** [3 years of heavenly signs – *blood moons and black suns*, etc., from 2014-17]; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, **like the sea and the waves roaring**” (for more “*fulness*” scriptures, see endnote 15).

The pathway of the great American eclipse ended in the Atlantic Ocean, the origin area of four hurricanes hitting North America after it. In them the sea is “*roaring*.” In 1894 Rabbi Moshe ben Yisrael Benyamin wrote that when a solar eclipse occurs at the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul, “It is a bad sign for the other nations [Gentiles], bringing great damage to the kings of the East, and bringing **great storms**.” As of Sept. 8, 2017, Harvey, Katia, Irma, and Jose have or will wreck havoc on this land. Harvey was the first of these, hitting Texas 4 days after the *great American eclipse*.

Note also that the the **70**-mile swath of “*totality*” or greatest darkness in this eclipse covers three major earthquakes zones in the United States (next page); (1) the *Cascadia zone* on west coast, (2) the *Yellowstone zone* in the intermountain area, and (3) the *New Madrid zone* in the midwest, along with other areas of concern. The number 70 is uniquely tied to the Gentile nations, and a time set-aside for them and others to come to God in *repentance*.¹⁶



Coming Indignation on that Day The prophecy of 1 Thessalonians 5 is about to be fulfilled. The United Nations, President Obama, and other world leaders have embraced the false notion that the Iran nuclear deal will bring peace and safety to the troubled Middle East and the world. A total of **70** nations met in Paris on January 15 of 2017 to discuss how to put pressure on Israel so that it will return to the borders established in 1967. Earlier in 2002, four entities came together for similar purposes; the United Nations, the United States, Russia, and the European Union. They may be *the four horns of Revelation 6*, humbled by God for their stance against Israel, clearly stated in scripture (see Gen. 12:3; Isa. 60:12; Joel 3:1-2; 1 Ne. 22:14). An “*International Day of Peace*” has been established by the United Nations to be held on September 21st of 2017 (in New York City - the headquarters of the United Nations). This is just two days before *the great sign*. Note the phrases in this prophecy with ties to similar language in Revelation 12.

“For yourselves know perfectly that *the day of the Lord* so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, *Peace and safety*; then *sudden destruction* cometh upon them, as **travail upon a woman with child**; and they shall not escape” (1 Thess. 5:3).

Modern Babylon will be destroyed at some point, whether on Sept. 23, or later in the seven year’s of Jacob’s trouble. God controls the timing, but we have been given *the great signs* (see 2 Ne. 25:15; D&C 1:16, 64:24; **88:87-93**; Rev. 17:5, 18:2). God’s *indignation* upon Babylon apparently occurs in *one hour* of great judgment upon a major port city (see Rev. 17 & 18). It could be a “dirty bomb” in New York City. It could be the raining down of fiery hail from heaven, encountered in the debris-trail of Wormwood or Planet X. This would bring “bitter calamity” to New York City, perhaps the capital city of “*the great whore Babylon*” in Revelation 18:10, 17-21. The only way to “*flee this wrath*” of stones (and other judgments sent of God) is to run to God in humble submission, crying out for His mercy beforehand. It was a single *stone* from David’s pouch that brought down the great Goliath. The debris-trail of Wormwood will have billions of such stones.

Judgment Upon the Saints Many on this land have *not* been faithful to the Bridegroom Jesus Christ, including many of the Saints, they who *profess* to know His name. In 3rd Nephi 23:1-3, the Lord commanded us to diligently search Isaiah. Twenty-one chapters of Isaiah are found in the Book of Mormon - the founding document of Mormonism. Isaiah’s primary message is to *believers*, including **the Saints** and others who are in need of *repentance*. The reason is *idolatry*, along with our injustice to one another, and our covenant breaking. In D&C 112, the Lord stated that *judgment* will come upon *His house first*, and specifically upon those who have *professed to know Him and but have not known Him* (see JST Matt. 25:10-11). Note how the Lord addresses this and other *darkness* in the following verses.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, *darkness* covereth the earth, and *gross darkness* the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before my face. Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth, a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation; and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord. **And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth**, saith the Lord; **First** among those among you, saith the Lord, **who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house, saith the Lord**” (D&C 112:23-26).

Condemnation D&C 84:49-61 informs us that we the Saints are under *condemnation* for not understanding and taking the Book of Mormon message seriously. Too few know what its primary message is. In it the Lord repeats a simple five-word phrase - “**repent** and **come unto me.**” These words are a *literal invitation* to remove ourselves from Babylon and its ways, and come to **know** the Lord Jesus, our Savior, Judge, and King. He is a merciful *and* loving God. He is also just Judge and King. Like the wicked Jews of His day, too many Saints believe they are saved when they are not (D&C 45:2; 56:16; Jer. 8:20). The message of the Book of Mormon - **repentance** - is not for other people, but us; those who are to diligently search

God's word, feasting upon it. His merciful 5-word invitation summarizes the essence of what He calls "my doctrine," "my gospel," and "my church" in the book (see 1 Ne. 10:18-19; 2 Ne. 9:23-24; 28:31-32; Jacob 1:7; Alma 5:33-34; Mor. 7:34; D&C 10:67-68; 93:1; 3 Ne. 9:14, 22, 51; 11:14; 12:19-20, 23-24; 27:5-21; 30:1-2). He has stated that only those founded upon Him as **THE ROCK** and **His doctrine, gospel, and church** will not be swept away when the rains, winds, and floods come! So He says repeatedly in scripture. We must act, as the storms are coming!

Too few have grasped this message and come to the Lord in real, heartfelt repentance, seeking **redemption** or salvation at his hands (the theme of *the great sign*). Too many Saints assume they have *salvation* because of their works, or because leaders are not preaching repentance. The following scriptures address how many of us as Saints, like the ancient Israelites, have *rejected, denied, and forsaken* the Lord Jesus Christ (including the fulness of His glorious "rest"), in favor of looking to men (the Brethren) for light instead. This is a form of modern *idolatry*, leading to *cursing* (2 Ne. 4:34). The Lord Jesus said we are to raise **Him up as our light** before all men, and the things He did (3 Ne. 18:24). Men who lift themselves up as lights practice priestcraft (2 Ne. 26:29-31). Salvation comes only through Christ Jesus! There is *no other way* (2 Ne. 31:21). Note just two of many scriptures tied this modern form of idolatry.

"**Cursed** is he that putteth his **trust** in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the precepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost. Wo be unto **the Gentiles**, saith the Lord God of Hosts! For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out mine arm unto them from day to day, **they will deny me**; nevertheless, I will be merciful unto them, saith the Lord God, **if they will repent and come unto me**; for mine arm is lengthened out all the day long, saith the Lord God of Hosts" (2 Ne. 28:31-32, see also 2 Ne. 4:34).

"For **my people** have committed two evils; **they have forsaken me** the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, *broken cisterns* [imperfect, broken men], *that can hold no water*" (Jer. 2:13; see also 1 Sam. 8:5-7; Psalm 118:8).

Instead of the sweet waters of Shiloah that go softly, many will be given the *bitter waters* and calamity of **Wormwood**,¹⁷ those waters that go swiftly in judgment.

"Forasmuch as *this people* refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even *the king of Assyria*, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks" (Isaiah 8:6-7).

The scriptures hereafter address one of the primary ways many Saints continue to reject Christ and His "fulness" today. They also explain our **unredeemed** (*unsaved*) status as a people, and how distant we are from the unity and love needed to establish Zion, where there will be peace, protection, and prosperity. It can only occur when we individually receive "*the mighty change of heart*" needed to live in unity with one another. Only then can we really love one another, with changed, purified hearts. This necessary change is to be "*born again*" **in Christ** (not our works, programs, or churches). We must be made new, with no desire to do evil. To remedy our unsaved status, we must be willing to conform to the first and great commandment - to love God with all our heart, might, mind, and strength. And then love one another. All else is based on these two great commandments. With them - and real *repentance* - we will be made new and can *see* and *enter* heaven.

Provocation & Condemnation: *Read the following scriptures for understanding...*

1. **JST Exodus 34:1-2** – The Israelites reject God & His "rest" at Sinai, and instead choose Moses to mediate for them.
2. **JST Hebrews chapters 3 & 4** – God's provocation is caused by the Israelites rejecting God's invitation to enter His glorious "rest" at Sinai. The Lord has invited us to do the same.
3. **D&C 84:23-27, 47-57** - We provoke God today by rejecting Him and the fulness of His rest and glory (D&C 84:24). Our condemnation comes for not valuing the Book of Mormon message enough to diligently search and understand its primary message, which is the invitation to "**repent**," be "*born again*," and literally "**come to Christ**" (He says "**come unto me**", see the author's paper by the same name, www.7witnesses.com).
4. **Jacob 1:6-8** – The Prophet Jacob also invites us to avoid provoking God, by not rejecting Him and His fulness.
5. **Mosiah 13:13-14, 25-35** – Too many are overly concerned with "*the deadness of the law*" versus being "*alive in Christ*" (see 2 Nephi 25:25-29).
6. **2 Nephi 2:3-11, 15-16, 27-28** - The two trees of the Garden of Eden represent *the doctrine of the two ways*, life or death, God or Satan. We can be sealed to one or the other (Mos. 5:15 or Alma 34:35).
7. **Moroni 6:4** - We fall if we are not "wrought upon by the Holy Ghost." It is where we are "*nourished* by the good

word of God.” We receive the Holy Ghost only after we are “*born again*” in Christ Jesus. Too few of the Saints understand, have sought, and finally experienced “*the mighty change of heart*” taught in the Book of Mormon. It is known in the non-LDS Christian world as being “*born again*.” The Book of Mormon references it as *the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost*. We were invited to receive the gift and *power* of the Holy Ghost in our confirmation. Few have progressed to the point where they have actually received this *power*. Without this fiery, cleansing event we have no redemption (we are not saved), and thus we are without the companionship of the Holy Ghost.

True religion and worship means repenting and coming to our Redeemer Jesus Christ before the trouble comes, doing so with *a broken heart and contrite spirit*. This is the *sacrifice* He requires of us (see 3 Ne. 9:20; 2 Ne. 2:6-7). He desires our whole heart, and wants a *relationship* with us, not *religion*. Five of the “*virgins*” in JST Matthew 25:10-11 were not *wise*. They did not acquire “*oil*” in their lamps (the Holy Ghost), as they did not grasp “**the way of salvation**” and the manner in which it and the Holy Ghost are obtained.¹⁸ Even though they were “*virgins*” the unwise virgins were shut out of the Bridal chamber when the Bridegroom came. The reason was elementary - they did not come to “**know**” Him! Do you **know** Him? See also JST Mat. 7:31-35, Mosiah 26:21-28 and D&C 132:22-24.

A Full Restoration of All Things

Though not discussed in great detail hereafter, this paper concludes with “*the full restoration of all things*” as addressed in scripture. This restoration of “*all things*” features at least ten things, including “**a new heavens and new earth**,” one that may have existed at the Creation (D&C 133:24). All things will be restored to their “*proper order*” (Alma 41:4; 127:8; 132:40, 45). God’s word repeatedly informs us of this coming *full restoration*. It may include the following ten things.

1. The most important restoration promised throughout the Bible and the Book of Mormon, is that of the **scattered house of Israel being restored to God** (1 Ne. 15:13-15, 2 Ne. 30:8; D&C 45:17), and *specifically their return to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ* (1 Ne. 15:13-15; D&C 3:16). All Israel is invited to come to a knowledge of *His doctrine, His gospel, and His church* – the “*true church*” (2 Ne. 9:2; Alma 42:2; D&C 10:62-70), *not* the gain-seeking churches of this world (see 1 Ne. 22:23). The Book of Mormon was written specifically to the Lamanites here, and to Jews and Gentiles (note this order present on the Title Page). The posterity of Joseph through Lehi on this land is invited to return to Christ, their Savior. They are the children of the Lamanites and Nephites remaining here (Nephites, Jacobites, Josephites, Zoramites, Lamanites, Lemuelites & Ishmaelites, D&C 3:17-18; 10:45-70). Jews and Gentiles are also invited to receive Christ the Lord.

2. **The rightful heirs of Jacob must also be restored to their two covenant lands east and west** (after they are cleansed). The posterity of Judah in the east will be restored to the land of Israel given Abraham anciently (Gen 13:14-17), whereas the posterity of Joseph in the west will inherit America (2 Ne. 10:10-11; D&C 109:21; Ether 13:8-12). This will include lands promised the remnant of Joseph of Egypt through Lehi and his posterity on this land (JST 48; 2 Ne. 3), those taken from the Native American remnant by early inhabitants of this land, mostly from Europe.

3. **The lost ten tribes** will also be fully restored to the house of Israel and their promised blessings. John the Beloved (also known as John the Revelator) will have a special role in helping them gather to the Lord. He is an “*Elias*” for Christ as well, and “*will restore all things*” (see D&C 77:9 & 14). The lost ten tribes will return from their place in the north to also rescue believers on this land from the “*stout horn*,” he who leads the beast in oppressing the Saints and other Christians here, and those of Judah in the east. The lost Ten Tribes appear to be “*the lion*” that comes out of the wood to destroy *the eagle* (those on this land embracing the ways of “*the beast*,” see 2 Esdras 13). There will also be a full restoration of lost and *promised blessings* to all those who love and honor the Lord (D&C 109:21).

4. There will be a full restoration of God’s written **word** or what He calls “*the fulness of my scriptures*” (D&C 42:12, 15, 56 & 59). We will have John the Baptist’s full testimony of the Lord, for example (D&C 93:18), and that many other witnesses, some stored away in the earth.

5. There will also be a full restoration of God’s greater **law** in “*the Law of Consecration* – the law of love (D&C 42:2).

6. With the fulness of God’s *word* and *law* as a foundation, and with proven righteousness and obedience, those prepared will then be given a full restoration of real **power** in the priesthood, or the “*fulness of priesthood*,” complete with *the sealing power* (D&C 124:28) and all the gifts of the Spirit.

7. Once the earth is cleansed, and Zion is created here (by us living the higher law and keeping all of God’s commandments), **Enoch’s Zion** will also be restored to this Terrestrial earth (JST Gen. 9).

8. There is also the restoration known as **resurrection**, where all God’s children (excepting those who are sons and daughters of perdition) will have their *spirits restored to their bodies* in one of three resurrections (2 Ne. 9:12, 30:5, Hel. 15:11; D&C 138:17).

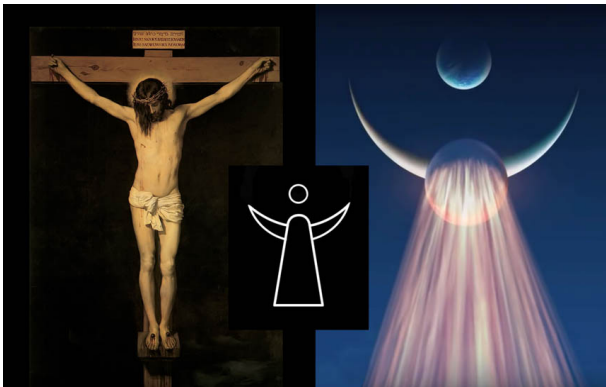
9. One of the most *blessed* restorations is that where our Savior, Judge, and King restores us personally to *full fellowship* with Father and Mother. We must receive the Lord Jesus first, however, as *the heavenly gift* (Ether 12:8, see also Ether chapters 13-14, Morm. 9:6-14; Mor. 7:38). Great love for them and great faith in them are traits we must first develop.

10. Before Christ comes again, a last *great sign* is given – “*the grand sign of the coming of the Son of Man*.” It may be tied to one final *restoration* that has been mostly forgotten - *the return of Earth to its original state*, and to *its original setting*

near God's dwelling place (perhaps at the center of the Milky Way). The heavenly judgments coming soon upon the earth will be part of this two-part *restoration*. There will be one great landmass in the near future, with the waters gathered to the north again (D&C 133:24). Besides a *new earth*, there will be a *new heaven* (Isa. 65:17, 66:22). This may include a new configuration of planets, perhaps resembling that present at Creation, when the Earth was close to God's throne near Kolob. Residing closer to the light of God will aid our healing, wellbeing, and further progression (Isa. 60:19-20; Rev. 21:23, 22:5). We will live longer and be healthier (D&C 38:18, 59:3). This "polar configuration" may resemble the Tau cross sealing mark.

Grand Sign of the Coming of the Son of Man

Coming changes to us, earth, and the heavens, appear to coincide with the last *sign* given us before Christ comes again. Joseph Smith called it, "*the grand sign of the coming of the Son of Man*." Some believe this sign has ties to a new configuration of planets that mirror the cross or the sealing Tau mark of Christ, one reflecting our sealing to Him as the Father of our salvation (see endnotes 5 & 19). This sealing occurs in our **redemption**.



This ancient relationship of planets was recorded all around the world by many cultures in their rock art, symbols, history, and myths (see endnote 19). Some refer to it as the "polar configuration" (their grouped position above the earth, drawing the oceans together at the north pole). Emmanuel Velikovsky, David Talbot, Gill Broussard, Anthony Larson, and others have addressed periodic cataclysmic events bringing about rapid changes to earth in the past.¹⁹ Similar changes are expected again before the Lord's return. They are thought to bring forth *a new heavens and a new earth*, perhaps like that of old. Note the related scriptures hereafter.

"For all old things shall pass away, and *all things shall become new*, even **the heaven and the earth**, and *all the fulness*

thereof, both men and beasts, the fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea" (D&C 29:24, see also Isa. 65:17, 66:22).

"He shall command *the great deep*, and **it shall be driven back into the north countries**, and the islands shall become one land; And the land of Jerusalem and the land of Zion shall be **turned back into their own place**, and **the earth shall be like as it was in the days before it was divided**...and an highway shall be cast up in the midst of the great deep" (D&C 133:23-24, 27).

"Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, *Where is the promise of his coming?* for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God *the heavens were of old*, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men*. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that *all should come to repentance*. But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**; in the which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise**, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that *all these things shall be dissolved*, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of **the day of God**, *wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?* Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that *ye look for such things, be diligent* that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless"(2 Peter 3:3-14).

Chapter 13 of the book of Ether adds clarifying detail in connection with the house of Joseph.

"Wherefore, **the remnant of the house of Joseph** shall be built upon this land; and *it shall be a land of their inheritance*; and **they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord**, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and *they shall no more be confounded, until the end come when the earth shall pass away*. **And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth; and they shall be like unto the old save the old have passed away, and all things have become new**. And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they who dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; and *they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, who were of the*

house of Israel. And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old; and the inhabitants thereof, blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who were **scattered and gathered** in from the four quarters of the earth, *and from the north countries*, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father, Abraham. And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith, there are **they who were first, who shall be last; and there are they who were last, who shall be first**" (Ether 13:8-12).

The Great & Dreadful Day: Coming Woes

The earth was baptized by *water* in the great flood. **Fire** will be the next type of cleansing for her, mirroring our need to be baptized by **fire** too – that we might be **redeemed**. If we are to "*abide the day*" of Christ's return - a fiery day, we must return to the Lord and His ordinances first. Though taken in clear ways from the Bible, *the plain and precious things* are presented to us in the Book of Mormon. They include our need for: 1. Faith, 2. Repentance, 3. Baptism, 4. Baptism by fire and Holy Ghost, and 5. Holding to the iron rod until we finally get to the Tree of Life. The return to the Lord and what He calls "mine ordinances is the message of Malachi 3 and 4:7, and specifically 3 Ne. 24:7.

Cleansing by fire is coming. Falling stars or comets are mentioned in six of the eight scriptures addressing black suns and blood moons in the last-days. They are the "*fig's cast down*" by the Lord in **indignation**. They bring cleansing *fire* as mentioned frequently in the last-days judgments. *Fiery hail* burned Sodom and Gomorrah. Like those two ancient cities, our nation has embraced immorality *and* turned away the poor, both of which brought *fiery* judgment on the people of these cities. If a heavenly body like Planet X enters our solar system in the near future, it could bring with it a tail of debris that would become *fiery hail* and *brimstone*, when earth travels through it. Note this potential scenario in just a few of the many prophecies of our day. Two are from Isaiah. The Lord commanded us to diligently search his words in 3 Ne. 23:1-3.

"And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew **the lighting** down of his arm, with the **indignation of his anger**, and with **the flame of a devouring fire**, with *scattering, and tempest, and hailstones*" (Isa. 30:30).

"Come, my people, *enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast*" (Isa. 26:20). Isaiah tells us that, "Zion [too] shall be redeemed with *judgment*, and her converts with righteousness" (Isaiah 1:27).

Speaking of this coming *great and dreadful day* of the Lord, when in *one hour Babylon the great* is destroyed, He said:

"But before that *great day* shall come, **the sun shall be darkened**, and *the moon be turned into blood*; and *the stars shall refuse their shining*, and **some shall fall**, and **great destructions await the wicked**" (D&C 34:9; see also **D&C 29:14 & 45:37-52**). The *man child* servants are to "minister among the Gentiles for the last time" and "prepare the Saints for *the hour of judgment* which is to come. That their souls may escape the wrath of God, the desolation of abomination which awaits the wicked" (see D&C 88:81-96).

"And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and **I will rain upon him**, and *upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone*" (Ezek. 38:22). "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and **the sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and *the moon became as blood*; And **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind**" (Rev. 6:12-13).

"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen **the treasures of the hail**, *Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?*" (Job 38:22-23).

Of particular interest are coming judgments and changes tied to three great "woes" in John's Revelation. They not only bring cleansing, but they may also bring about a return to the polar configuration, where the great waters will "*be driven back into the north countries*" (D&C 133:23). These massive future natural changes will come in connection with *trumpeting*, earthquakes, fiery hail, plagues, and more, all thought to be associated with the approach of a star, planet, or comet - perhaps three separate encounters. John stated that there would be a:

"*great mountain burning with fire...cast into the sea*" (Rev. 8:7-8). Note that a *third part* of the trees are burnt up and a *third part* of the sea turns to blood. **One third** of the landmass of the earth *and* of its water is contained in the western hemisphere, the area of North and South America humbled as the earth passes through the debris-trail of Planet X.

"**there fell a great star from heaven**" (Rev. 8:10).

"*he saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth*" (9:1).

“And there **fell upon men a great hail out of heaven**, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of **the plague of the hail**; for the plague thereof was exceeding great” (Rev. 16:21).

John gave one of these *great stars* the name “wormwood” (Rev. 8:11), meaning “bitter calamity.” It has close connection to judgment pronounced upon those *unfaithful* to the Bridegroom, as the bitter herb wormwood (mixed with other ingredients) was given to brides in antiquity suspected of being **unfaithful** to their husbands (see the following 7 scriptures: Deut. 29:18; Jer. 9:13-15; Jer. 23:14-15; Lam. 3:15; Prov. 5:3-4, Amos 4:6-8, and Rev. 8:10-11, and the author’s paper, *The Bitter Waters of Wormwood*, www.7witnesses.com). Broussard suggests that this “bitter calamity” occurs when the earth passes through the debris trail of Planet X two times, separated by five months (or 150 days, the number of days Noah and his family were in the Ark). John addressed this coming *fiery hail*, stating that some stones weigh as much as a talent (70 pounds, Rev. 16:21). *Fiery hail* from heaven – like that raining down upon Sodom and Gomorrah - is one of the last judgments addressed in Revelation, causing widespread, purifying fire to cleanse the earth. As expressed before, the best place to run when these judgments occur - is **to the Lord**, calling out to Him for mercy and deliverance (see Joel 2:31-32; Acts 2:19-20; Rom. 10:9-10, as found on p. 8). Those who have been *redeemed* by Him may abide the day.

The Music of the Spheres The coming judgments are all accompanied by *trumpeting* in the book of Revelation. Some of the trumpeting may occur naturally, like that heard in association with great thunder and lightning at Sinai in the book of Exodus. There we read of, “the voice of a *trumpet* exceeding loud...waxing louder and louder” (Ex. 19:16-19). The Lord said that trumpeting will occur again in our day (see D&C 29:13). Velikovsky and many others believe similar sounds can occur with the close approach of large heavenly bodies, caused by electromagnetic oscillations between them, a type of music, tone, voice, or “trumpeting.” Many said they heard trumpeting in the heavens in 2016 (see YouTube).

The Return of the Lord

One Last Grand Sign Some claim that Joseph Smith was a false prophet because his prophecies about the coming of the Son of Man did not occur, including one tied to Joseph Smith being 85 years old in 1890, the date he would see Christ if he lived to that age (see D&C 130). Most are unaware that Christ did come in 1890, but it wasn’t His second coming, nor was it to the Saints in Utah. Instead He came to visit Native Americans gathered at Walker Lake, Nevada, an event widely reported across the country in 1890 (see the book, *The Remnant Awakens* [4th ed], by the author, www.digitalegend.com)

The phrase “**Son of Man**” is a special title used by the Lord some 77 times in the four gospels, and only for Himself (it originates in Daniel 7:13-14). It’s more complete form it is “**the Son of Man of Holiness**,” where God the Father is “**the Man of Holiness**.” Speaking of His return, He said:

“And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of **the coming of the Son of Man**. And **they shall see signs and wonders**, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the *earth beneath*. And they shall behold *blood*, and *fire*, and *vapors of smoke*. And before the day of the Lord shall come, the sun shall be darkened [black sun], and the moon be turned into blood [red or blood moon], and the stars fall from heaven [Earth moved and/or comets]. And **the remnant** shall be gathered unto this place; And then **they shall look for me**, and, behold, I will come; and they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory; with all the holy angels; and *he that watches not for me shall be cut off*...**For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived**—verily I say unto you, *they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day. And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance*” (See D&C 45:39-44, 57-58).

There will be one last grand or *great sign* given at the actual return of our Lord. Matthew stated, “As the light of the morning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, and covereth the whole earth, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be” (JS Matt 1:26). In D&C 88 the Lord addressed this final great heavenly sign, stating, “And immediately there shall appear a *great sign* in heaven, and all people shall *see* it together” (D&C 88:93). Joseph Smith Matthew says, “**after the tribulation of those days** [is this the 7 years of Jacob’s trouble starting in 2017?], and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, then shall appear **the sign of the son of Man in heaven**” (JSM 1:36). Joseph Smith, speaking of this last great sign during his last General Conference address, just prior to his death (April 6, 1843), said:

“then will appear **one grand sign of the Son of Man in heaven**. But what will the world do? They will say it is a planet, a comet, etc. *But the Son of Man will come as the sign of the coming of the Son of Man which will be as the light of the morning cometh out of the east*” (all will *see* it [D&C 88:93], and all will *hear* it [D&C 88:94]).

This last grand sign appears to be the actual coming of the Lord. Joseph said it will *look* like a coming comet or planet - to some. The light of the morning coming out of the east will apparently be the light and power accompanying Jesus and His great entourage as they appear to the world in *fiery* glory. The Saints who are alive at this time will be *quicken*ed and caught

up to meet Him at this time (D&C 88:96). This is the real “*rapture*.” When the general public sees this brilliant light from the east, rather than recognize it as the coming of the Lord, many will think it is a natural heavenly phenomenon, such as a comet or nearing planet. Addressing false claims by one who thought he saw this sign, the Prophet Joseph quoted the famous statement from Amos, “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7), indicating that when the sign is given, the Lord’s servants and those faithful to Him will know that it is Him and that His long-expected arrival has come.

Conclusion

The Great Day of the Lord The *great sign* of 2017 reminds us that *the great and dreadful day of the Lord* is coming. We must **repent** and be ready by being **redeemed** or saved spiritually. This is the primary theme of *the great sign* and its three “births” (the man child, the kingdom of God, and us). Only our Lord’s miraculous power can preserve us from fiery hail, atomic bombs, and roving gangs. John’s “*great sign*” on September 23rd of 2017 will be seen in Jerusalem at 6:46 pm, and by those here who have “*eyes to see*” as detailed in the four choices presented on page 6. Because it is hidden to most, it may be like the future *grand “sign of the coming of the Son of man,”* addressed by Joseph Smith, in that - only those looking for Christ, those prepared - will see it. Each of us are to be reborn in Christ. It, the birth of the man child, and the kingdom of God on the earth (at Adam-ondi-Ahman) are all *spiritual* events. The Adam-ondi-Ahman gathering will most likely occur outside of space and time, most likely in vision for those prepared or invited to witness it, or be part of it.

When Christ comes later, publically at the Second Coming, scripture tells us that all will see something together. Some will see what they believe is an approaching planet or comet, one that will cause the earth to burn. The righteous will recognize who and what it is. They will be lifted up to meet the Lord. This is the “*rapture*” so many misinterpret. The wicked, however, will be burned at His glorious coming.

One thing is sure. It is no coincidence that *John’s great sign* occurs on the Holy Day **Trumpets** or *Rosh Hashanah* in 2017 (the first day of the 7th Sabbath month in God’s Bible calendar). In 2017, *Rosh Hashanah* occurs when our current president and vice president have names tied to this day of *trumpeting* (TrumpPence). President Trump’s first day in office was the 7th day, in the 7 month, of his 70th year, *and* in the Hebrew year 777.²⁰ *Rosh Hashanah* occurs on the 1st day of the 7th Sabbath month. It is the *civil* New Year’s day of the coming King. It is the lone Holy Day tied to *trumpeting* in connection with His future coming – but first in *judgment* upon his kingdom. Later there will be a joyous reunion with His bride and invited guests at the wedding party on the Feast of Tabernacles. All of us are invited to attend. To enter in with Him, we need only repent, and come to Him with a broken heart and contrite spirit. This is the requirement for **redemption** as taught us in the Book of Mormon and the Bible – to have all our sins be *remitted*. This sanctification only comes by way of Jesus Christ, His atonement, and our *repentance*. We then become His sons and daughters (see Mosiah 5).

Before our joyous reunion with Him at Tabernacles can occur (Christ tabernacled with us), more prophetic scripture must be fulfilled. After *Rosh Hashanah*, there will be the day of blood in *the Day of Atonement* (Yom Kippur), when God’s judgment is *sealed* upon us. Following this is the most joyous of all the Holy Days, *the Feast of Tabernacles* (Sukkot) – the public reception after our marriage and honeymoon with Christ is completed. The trumpeting on *Rosh Hashanah* of 2017 marks our need for **redemption** (sanctification). It follows the sign of the great American eclipse. Both are tied to the coming 7 years of *Jacob’s trouble* – a tribulation period for Jews and Christians worldwide prior to the second coming of Christ. He will yet gather and deliver His people, something He has always done throughout scripture. He is a God of love and mercy, as well as justice and judgment. He will deliver all those who are *not* appointed unto death – all those *who call on Him in the hour of need*. This is part of the message of Joel 2:31-32, Acts 2:19-20, Rom. 10:9-10, Psalm 20:1-9, and Psalm 91 (one of my personal favorites). Two more are JST Luke 17:36-40 and 1 Thessalonians 5:2-9. In Luke, Jesus informs His disciples about angels in the last days that gather believers to prepared places of safety. It is called, “*the parable of the eagles*.” It is worth repeating:

“And they answered and said unto him, **Where, Lord, shall they be taken?** And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is gathered; or, in other words, whithersoever the saints are gathered, thither will the eagles be gathered together; or, thither will the remainder be gathered together. This he spake, signifying **the gathering of his saints;** and of **angels descending and gathering the remainder unto them;** the one from the bed, the other from the grinding, and the other from the field, whithersoever he listeth. For verily there shall be **new heavens, and a new earth,** wherein dwelleth righteousness. And there shall be no unclean thing; for the earth becoming old, even as a garment, having waxed in corruption, wherefore it vanisheth away, and the footstool remaineth sanctified, cleansed from all sin” (JST Luke 17:36-40).

Note Paul’s *prophecy* of 1 Thessalonians 5:2-9, given again as well, in potential connection with *the United Nations* (headquarters in New York City), their plans to punish the nation of Israel, *and* its ties to “the great sign” of Revelation 12, quoted more fully.

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of **the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night**. For **when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them**, as *travail upon a woman with child*; and *they shall not escape*. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake **you as a thief**. *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day*: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. **Therefore let us not sleep, as do others**; but *let us watch and be sober*. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, *putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation*. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, **but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ...**”

It is time to remove ourselves from Babylon and its lies and deceptions – “the strong delusion” of 2 Thess. 2:11. We must also remove our *idolatry* and *unbelief* and seek to obtain real salvation, that available only in Christ Jesus. We must come to love and trust the only one who can **redeem** us, the Lord Jesus. We must have full faith, confidence, and trust in Him as our *Great Deliverer* – and come to Him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit in real repentance. He is the gate. There is no other way (2 Ne. 9:41). He sent *the great signs* of 2017 to awaken us, and others to this opportunity and need.

Our Lord is mighty to save His people - at least those that *turn* to Him in humility and with their whole heart. The righteous need not fear for all that is coming, including *the great and dreadful day* of the Lord’s redemption and judgment. It will be *great* for those who love Him, but *dreadful* for the rebellious. The *wise virgins* have only to heed His merciful five-word invitation. He has said it over and over...

“Repent and come unto me.”

See D&C 10:67-68; 1 Ne. 10:18-19; 2 Ne. 9:23-24; 28:31-32; Jacob 1:7; Alma 5:33-34; Mor. 7:34; D&C 93:1; 3 Ne. 9:14, 22, 51; 11:14; 12:19-20, 23-24; 27:5-21; 30:1-2

Summary: Signs & the 7 Annual Holy Days Calendar

The spring Holy Days have been fulfilled. They include:

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| 1. <i>Passover</i> | Christ’s Passover Sacrifice as the Lamb of God in Jerusalem |
| 2. <i>Feast of Unleavened Bread</i> | His burial |
| 3. <i>Firstfruits</i> | His Resurrection |
| 4. <i>Pentecost</i> | Empowerment of His servants via the Holy Spirit |

Fulfillment of the Fall Holy Days Begins in 2017

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| <i>Teshuvah</i> - day 1/ Total Solar Eclipse / Aug. 21
<i>Judgment on Babylon - Gentiles / USA</i>
2 nd <i>Black sun intersects at Adam-ondi-Ahman</i>
/ April 8, 2024 | Elul 1 - the 1 st day of the 6 th month (the great American eclipse)
(which begins the 40 days of repentance)
Nisan 1, 1 st day of 1 st month, Sacred New Year’s Day (Tav <i>judgment</i> mark - X)
<i>Great earthquake, arrival of Wormwood, etc.? / Zion Established?</i> |
| 5. Rosh Hashanah / Rev. 12 Great Sign / Sept. 23
<i>Birth of the man child and the Kingdom of God</i> | Tishri 1, 1 st day of the 7 th month, the Civil New Year’s Day (<i>Lunar calendar</i>)
There are also 7 heavenly alignments at the Great Pyramid on or near this day,
including the church of the Firstborn |
| 6. The Day of Atonement , 2017 | Tishri 10, Friday Sept. 29 th sunset to Saturday Sept. 30 th sunset (1 “day”) |
| 7. The Feast of Tabernacles , 2017 | Tishri 15-22, Wednesday Oct. 4 th sunset to Wednesday Oct. 11 th sunset (8 “days”) |

Prophesying of the final **generation** before His return in the last-days, Jesus said that, “this *generation* shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled.” The definition of a *generation* in the Bible is tied to three different time periods culminating in 2017. These include 120 years, 100 years, and 70 years. There is also the unique “Jubilee” (a year of “*restoration*”) tied to 50-year periods. Note how 2017 fulfills each of these special time periods below. The year 2017 on the Hebrew calendar (which is **5777**) appears to be the end of *grace* (symbolized in the number 5), and the end of our personal *preparation* time for what is coming in the year **5777** (2017), as the number 7 (3 witnesses in **5777**) is tied to “*completion*” (a complete cycle of time). Many believe *the two great signs* in 2017 mark the beginning of coming war and *great tribulation* - in the start of the 7 years of *Jacob’s trouble* (Jer. 30:7).

- 2017 less 120 years brings us to the first Zionist Congress of 1897.
- 2017 less 100 years brings us to 1917, the year of the Balfour Declaration for Israel.
- 2017 less 70 years is 1947, the year when the UN General Assembly voted to create the State of Israel.
- 2017 less 50 years is when the capital city Jerusalem was recaptured and returned to Israel.
- 2017 is also believed to be the 120th jubilee from Adam and Eve
- And the 70th Jubilee since Joshua and Israel entered the Promised Land of Canaan
- And the 40th Jubilee since Christ's death
- 2017 is also believed to coincide with the 70th week of Daniel in Daniel 9

<i>Man child ascends to God's throne in heaven</i>	May start Sept. 9 – 23? / Ascension & empowerment of special Servants
<i>Great red dragon seeks to devour the child & others</i>	Post Sept. 23 rd / Satan ramps up attacks on Christians & Jews
<i>Believers go into the wilderness</i>	Post Sept. 23 rd / Place prepared for many believers
<i>Seven Years of Tribulation begins</i>	Post Sept. 23 rd / Tribulation, testing, refinement, etc.
<i>New temple built in Jerusalem</i>	???
<i>Lamanite remnant of Lehi converted in a day</i>	???
<i>Ten Tribes return and help cleanse America</i>	???
<i>Zion established in a cleansed America</i>	???
<i>The return of the Lord Jesus Christ</i>	2024 or beyond ???

End Notes

¹ **Creation Versus Organizing** In addition to Genesis, there are two clarifying accounts of the *creation* on the 4th day, all featuring God's placement of the sun, moon, and stars in the heavens. They are found in Moses 2:14-19 (which is the Joseph Smith's re-translation of Genesis) and Abraham 4:14-19. In the Abraham account, the term "creation" is changed to the word *order*, *organizing*, or *organization* of existing *matter* in space or a specific kingdom. The "organizing is carried out by "the Gods" who command the elements, which have intelligence and choice. "And the Gods watched those things which they had *ordered* until they *obeyed*" (Abraham 4:18).

² **Elul 1 is August 23rd of 2017** Elul 1 of 2017 on the Hebrew Calendar is August 23 on our Gregorian calendar, based on *observation* of the *New Moon* phase – *the first visible waxing crescent moon* following the *New Moon Conjunction* phase. The total solar eclipse of 2017 precedes this waxing crescent by two days. Such eclipses can only occur on the invisible moon phase known as *the New Moon Conjunction* (these occur every month, but can vary in length from 1 to 2 days). Rosh Hashanah of 2017 follows a 2-day New Moon Conjunction phase (August 21 and 22), as marked by the first waxing crescent moon, beginning the night of August 22nd. The Hebrew calendar then transitions to the 23rd at sunset of the 22nd.

It is believed that prior to the Flood, each month in the original Bible calendar was consistently **30** days long, so 12 months equaled **360** days in a **year**. After the flood the lunar month became more erratic in its duration (as the moon was slightly closer to the earth). Our months today average **29.5** days long (some months are 28 days long, others 29, 30 or 31 days), thus our year is also longer at 365.242 days (this requires a leap year to occasionally reconcile the erratic moon cycle with the consistent sun cycle).

For consistency sake (a consistent 7-day business week), the modern Gregorian calendar is no longer tied to visual observation of the moon, but is based on calculation so that there is always a 7-day week. Because of this, our months can start on any moon phase, not just the first waxing crescent following the New Moon Conjunction. God's Bible calendar makes us of both the sun and the moon (see Gen. 1:14). The first waxing crescent moon always started the new month. Periodic additional months were added to align the months with the solar year, after the Flood. For more on the original Bible calendar versus today's calendar, see Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ, by the author, www.digitalegend.com

³ **Israel & the 8 Blood-Moon Tetrads** Solar eclipses are often tied to coming judgment upon *the Gentiles* (they use a solar, pagan calendar), whereas the Lord's people use God's Bible calendar, a calendar using both the sun *and the moon* (see Gen. 1:14). Thus lunar eclipses, especially blood-moon eclipses are tied to Israel (those of "*believing blood*" through the seed of Abraham, and Joseph and Lehi on this land). There have been 62 known blood-moon tetrads, but only 8 of them have fallen on the Biblical Holy Days (Passover and Tabernacles over 2 consecutive years). In scripture the number **8** is associated with **renewal** or **a new beginning** – the theme of *the great sign* in 2017. Many believe the ominous black suns and red or blood moons of the *eighth* Tetrad mark the coming of the new Millennium, but not until *after* the coming trails addressed by Isaiah and other prophets. A patterned theme running through the eight Tetrads, are attempts by Israel's enemies – primarily *Islam* - to destroy God's people - Jews *and* Christians (see especially #'s 6 - 8). The last three Tetrads have clear ties to Israel's enemies and her final "**restoration**" to the Lord. **(1)** The first of these in 1949-50 marked Israel's *return* to her covenant *homeland*; **(2)** the second Tetrad in 1967-68 marked the *return* of their capital city *Jerusalem* to them, and **(3)** the third in 2014-15 appears to herald the eventual *rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple*, amid Daniel's "troubles times." These troubles include collapse of the Great Whore Babylon (the U.S.), via famine, pestilence, and war. The *eight* blood-moon tetrads are:

1. **Blood Moon Tetrad of 162 - 63 AD** This was the time of the Great Plague and the Jewish Diaspora (their dispersion throughout parts of the ancient world). Eventually they found refuge in various nations of the world.

2. **Blood Moon Tetrad of 796 - 96 AD** *Muslims* attempted to conquer the world at this time. Millions of Jews and Christians were killed in a variety of wars. Charlemagne finally repelled the *Muslims*.

3. **Blood Moon Tetrad of 842 - 43 AD** *Muslims* conquered the Holy Roman Empire and again millions of Jews and Christians were martyred.

4. **Blood Moon Tetrad of 860 - 61 AD** *Muslims* once again attempted to conquer the world, with many Jews and Christians killed once again. They were finally defeated in Europe.

5. **Blood-moon Tetrad of 1493 - 94 / The Jews are banished from Spain** The Spanish Inquisition began around 1478 and lasted through 1530. Though officially started by Catholic Pope Sixtus IV, it soon became a tool of the Spanish Monarchy to control its subjects. Its main purpose was forced control of Catholic doctrine upon mostly Jews, and some *Muslims* converted to the Catholic faith. Later its focus became control of Protestants. Secrecy, unknown accusers, and confiscation of wealth were early corruptions within it. Many were accused simply because they were not liked, the Jews being a favorite target. Many associate torture with forced confessions in the Spanish Inquisition, though it is believed that only 2-3% of those accused were tortured and killed, a total of 3-5,000 people during its 50 most intense years. Torture and executions began in 1481 with six people burned alive. By 1483 Jews were forced out of Andalusia. Ten years later, on July 30 (the 9th of Av) of 1493, Jews in all of Spain were forced to leave the country by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. It was called "the Alhambra decree." Numbers of those forced out range from 200,000 to 40,000 Jews. Thousands died in the exodus. A year

earlier on August 3 of 1492, Christopher Columbus left Spain with three ships. Then on October 12 he discovered land, now called the Bahamas. The discovery of a new land of liberty was an act of mercy by God. America eventually became a home for many of the five million Jews worldwide. God inspired the constitution of this land (see D&C 101:80). Columbus wrote the following in his diary: "In the *same month* [July] in which their Majesties (Ferdinand and Isabella) issued the edict that all Jews should be driven out of the kingdom and its territories, in the same month they gave me the order to undertake with sufficient men my expedition of discovery to the Indies." There was *one* blood moon *before* the Spanish decree (Passover of 1493) and *three after it* (the last just over *one year later*).

6. *Blood-moon Tetrad of 1949 - 50 / Israel Returns to Her Covenant Land* According to scripture, *a new land for the covenant people, and their gathering to it is a sign that the Father's covenant is about to be fulfilled* (3 Nephi chap. 21, 29:4, 9). Note that the Tetrad of 1949-50 came *after* both World War II ended (4-5 years), and after Israel was declared a nation officially (1-2 years). The butchering in the horrific Holocaust of World War II finally ended on September 2nd of 1945. Three years later on *May 14 of 1948*, Israel was declared a nation and given a homeland where they could officially gather. This is **2,520 years** (360-days each) since their Babylonian captivity in 537 BC (25.20 inches is the sacred cubit, the measure of *God's arm*). The German Nation is responsible for World War I and II, and potentially a part of a coming war in the near future. World War II brought us the Holocaust, where some six million Jews were taken and slaughtered by the Nazi's throughout parts of Europe. Many Germanic people are believed to be the descendants of ancient Syria and its war-like people. Relatively few are aware that *Islamic* soldiers joined the Nazi's to kill Jews at this time in what was called "*the Final Solution*." The *Muslim* effort in World War II was led by the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. He joined with Hitler and the SS in 1941 to eradicate Jews throughout Europe. This alliance began earlier with another German leader, Kaiser Wilhelm II. Some of these ties continue today. The Grand Mufti (the highest religious and civil authority in Islam) was one of the founders and leaders of the *Muslim Brotherhood*, an organization that continues to gain greater strength today. Pres. Obama saw to it that this organization receive many millions of dollars from the U.S.

7. *Blood-moon Tetrad of 1967 - 68 / Israel Re-takes her capital city Jerusalem* The Six-Days War of 1967 was also accompanied by a blood-moon Tetrad. It was a potential **Jubilee Year**, when lands were "*restored*" or returned to their rightful owner anciently, when parts of Israel *were* recaptured in 1967, specifically Gaza, the Golan Heights, the West Bank, and the east portion of **Jerusalem**. In this short, important war (June 5 - 10), Israel gained control over *lands* held by the surrounding Muslim nations of Egypt, Jordan, and Syria, who sought to overcome Israel and destroy her. The Promised Land, specifically *the Holy City was re-taken*, including the Temple Mount. The *shofar* or *trumpet* was sounded (tied to the Jubilee Year) near the Western Wall by soldier and Rabbi Sholmo Goren. He was 50 years old, born in the year of the last Jubilee, 1917, when Israel was granted a homeland to gather to. After some 2000 years, the Jews were finally able to worship at the Western Wall again. Immediately after the 1967 victory, Israeli leader Moshe Dayan gave away the newly liberated Temple Mount to the Islamic Waqf, an error haunting to the Jewish nation to this day. There was one blood-moon that came before the war (Passover 1967). The remaining three blood-moons came *after* it.

8. *Blood-moon Tetrad of 2014 - 15 / The Temple Rebuilt Amidst Jacob's Seven Troubled Years* The *eighth* Tetrad appears to accompany war again, and the rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple, both prior to our Lord's return and His millennial reign. The temple is built amid Daniel's final "week," a seven-year countdown of "*troublesome times*" in the last-days (Dan. 9:25-27). **The final, eighth Tetrad** of this century signals trouble, and then **a new beginning**. It begins on this land with famine, economic collapse, civil war, and invasion of our country (see Isaiah 19). War then engulfs the world prior to our Lord's return. One man of God, Sadhu, believes the anti-Christ will arise from Germany. A temporary peace agreement may be sent forth, a decree allowing the Jews to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, similar to when the Jews returned from Babylon anciently to build the Temple of Zerubbabel - at the *decree* of Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:11-28). Daniel's prophecy appears to be type for the same thing occurring in our day, when a modern-day "Cyrus" (the Lord's last-days "man child" servant) rebuilds the temple in Jerusalem amidst troublesome times. The prophetic books of Daniel, Revelation, and Isaiah feature single prophecies with dual fulfillment involving *Israel, the temple, and a future deliverer* for her. In speaking of the book of Isaiah, our Lord in 3 Ne. 23:1-3 said that, "all things that he [Isaiah] spake **have been and shall be**." The rebuilding of the temple, perhaps in-between a limited war (Psalm 83), and then a worldwide war appears to be one of them (Dan. 9). Israel now has a homeland to gather to (the 1949-50 Tetrad). The capital city Jerusalem has been recaptured (the 1967-68 Tetrad). Concluding events include Babylon's economic collapse beginning in America, war on Israel, and the rebuilding of a new temple is amidst it (the 2014-15 Tetrad).

This information was taken from the author's book, *Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ*, pps. 33-36.

⁴ **Eclipse at the Crucifixion** The *eclipse of the sun* potentially caused by Planet X (or another great heavenly body, see endnote 12) at Christ's crucifixion is thus also tied to "*the sign of Jonah*" given of the Lord to wicked Pharisees of His day. In one 4th century report of Pontius Pilate to Tiberius, Pilate claimed the darkness had started at the sixth hour, covered the whole world, and during the subsequent evening the full moon resembled blood for the entire night. See Roberts, Donaldson & Coxe (1896), Volume VIII, "The Report of Pontius Pilate," pps. 462-463. Jonah's call to those of Nineveh to repent was for the 40 days of Teshuvah, is reflected in the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for the start of His mission, and that of Moses atop Sinai prior to receiving the 2nd set of commandments for his people. It should be remembered that there was also a great earthquake at the time of Christ's death, the temple veil tore, and many rose from the dead and appeared to others (see Matt. 27:45-56, Mark 15:33-41, Luke 23:44-49, 3 Ne. 23:9). Great earthquakes are thought to accompany the return of Planet X.

⁵ **The Tau or Tav Judgment Mark** According to Joe Sampson, "By shape, *Tav* in its earliest form is the cross (an X) and is considered as the sign, mark or token. In the Book of Ezekiel the angels of heaven in judgment, fly through the streets of Jerusalem and mark the righteous with the cross (or *Tau* mark) on the forehead. These will be spared from destruction...It is the token that they have passed their *judgment* and are not found...wanting. It is also an ideographic motif of the scales of justice and mercy, symbolized by its cross design (a T-shape cross), implying division" (Joe Sampson, *Written by the Finger of God*, Wellspring Publishing, pps. 272-79).

#/Gematria	Hebrew Letter	Meaning/Graphic	#/Gematria	Hebrew Letter	Meaning/Graphic
1	Aleph A	God	12 (30)	Lamed L	Justice / Governance
2	Beth B	Mother [house, creation]	13 (40)	Mem M	Messiah

3	Gimal	G	Cycle	14 (50)	Nun	N	Angel / new governance
4	Dalet	D	Mortality	15 (60)	Samekh	S	Resurrection
5	Hei	H	Life / Covenant	16 (70)	Ayin	-	Deliverance [gentiles]
6	Vav	O	Nail [structure]	17 (80)	Peh	P	Voice
7	Zayin	Z	Time [spiritual perfection]	18 (90)	Tzadhe	Ts	Devotion
8	Cheth	CH	Gate [renewal] - <i>life</i>	19 (100)	Koph	K, Q	Mercy
9	Tet	T	Serpent (judgment & creation)	20 (200)	Resh	R	Scythe
10	Yod	Y	Spirit [complete]	21 (300)	Shin	S, Sh	Womb
11 (20)	Kaph	K	Palm	22 (400)	Tav	T, Th	Sign or Seal of Judgment [at the end]

Anciently there were no written numbers in Hebrew. Letters were assigned numerical values. Thus A was 1, B was 2 and so on - every letter carrying numerical and symbolic value. Numbers in scripture and sacred architecture have symbolic meaning beyond simple computation. The number 22 throughout scripture has ties to God's judgment. The chart above represents the author's condensed number and letter symbolism tied to Joe Sampson's research on Joseph Smith's Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar, much of it created by W. W. Phelps and Joseph Smith.

Many believe the actual cross of Christ was in a T shape, created by lashing the crossbeam He carried to the Mount of Olives - to a tree there which He was crucified on. It was one way Roman soldiers saved wood by re-using trees over and over again for crucifixions (see chap. 7, *Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ*, by the author, www.digitalegend.com).

A Sign In Genesis 1:14, God said the sun, moon, and stars were first "signs" for us, as well as *seasons* (meaning Holy Days - the Hebrew *moedim*), as well as a marker for *time* - as in *days* and *years*. Note that the meaning of the 22nd letter **Tav** above is "**sign**." Note too that the numeric symbolism for Tav is 400. It is not a coincidence that the sun is 400 times larger to us on earth than the moon. It is also 400 times farther away. Both the sun and the moon appear to be the same size from our earthly perspective, allowing for perfect solar and lunar eclipses of each other, or as heavenly "**signs**" for us.

Seal of the Living God According to Taylor, when Christ met many of the Native American remnant on this land for the first time, He often did so at sunrise and from the east. He also greeted them with the word "Aho." It was a covenant greeting expressing that He came in a covenant of peace. It also expressed His identity as God and that He had died for them in the atonement. Using these three letters and checking them against those of Joseph Smith's Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar, we get:

AHO **A** = God **H** = Life (no death - a covenant of peace) **□** = Nail

Great Lakes area Native Americans continue to greet each other raising their right arm to the square and saying "Aho." Jesus Christ died that we might live! In scripture the Tav or Tau mark is placed on the foreheads of righteous followers via angels, and is the opposite of the mark of the beast or Satan. One "angel" possessing this seal is John the Beloved or Revelator (see D&C 77:9 & 14). He may also be the writer with an inkhorn at his side in Ezekiel 9 (some believe he is Uriel, the angel over the "Earth"). He and other angels may *mark* the 144,000 in their foreheads prior to coming destruction upon the wicked of the earth. The mark provides protection from the destroying angel, and perhaps God's coming judgments. It is given to those who are "heirs of salvation" (D&C 7). Others are destroyed, as we saw in Ezekiel 9. The righteous ones were those who "sighed" at the wickedness surrounding them. The wicked were idolators. See chap. 6, *The Messiah Remnant and the Two Seals*, in *The Remnant Awakens*, by the author, www.digitalegend.com

The Cross of Christ is the Gate or Door to Salvation



Greek or Roman **T** Phoenician **+** Older Hebrew **×**

Native American **T** - Doorway



Egyptian **☩**



The Duat or Court scene in the Hall of the Two Maats, from the Joseph Smith Papyrus IIIA-B

Note the T or Tau-shaped measuring scales of justice below Thoth (or Enoch) as recorder behind the waiting monster, set to devour the guilty. This scale is thought to mirror the shape of Christ's cross or "tree" of life at the crucifixion. The heart rather than the brain at right is being weighed against a feather at left.

Osiris (Christ) as judge sits on the throne to the left.

⁶ **The 12 Stars of Leo at Christ's Birth** Unlike the great sign in 2017, which features the 9 brightest stars of *Leo*, and 3 wandering stars beneath it (which are the 3 planets, Mercury, Mars, and Venus), a very similar sign marked Christ's birth **just after sunset** (at *twilight*) on Rosh Hashanah of 3 BC (9/11 - 12 [Sept. 11-12]). The great sign of 2017, also on Rosh Hashanah, is visible over Jerusalem in Stellarium **just after sunset** (or *twilight*) on Sept. 23rd of 2017. It features 12 stars above Virgo (without planets). They are called by astronomical terminology: (1) Pi, (2) Nu, (3) Beta, (4) Sigma, (5) Chi, and (6) Iota. These six stars form the southern hemisphere around the head of Virgo. Then there is: (7) Theta, (8) Star 60, (9) Delta, (10) Star 93, (11) Beta (the 2nd magnitude star), and (12) Omicron. These last six stars form the northern hemisphere around the head of Virgo. All are visible and could have been seen by observers on earth in Christ's day (see *Norton's Star Atlas*, and Ernest L. Martin, *The Star that Astonished the World*, ASK Publications, p. 98).

⁷ **Is Christ's Birthday Rosh Hashanah?** For a more complete discussion of why *Rosh Hashanah* or *Trumpets* (the day of **renewal**, the day of the coming of the king - and the *civil New Year's Day*) is most likely Christ's birthday, see *The LDS April 6th Tradition*, by the author, www.7witnesses.com See also the book, *Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ*, by the author,

www.digitalegend.com, and THE authoritative book on this subject, as marked by the Bethlehem star (the conjunction of Jupiter and Venus), see Ernest L. Martin, *The Star that Astonished the World*, ASK Publications.

⁸ **Rosh Hashanah** Rosh HaShanah is one of the seven annual Biblical Holy Days. It is uniquely tied to trumpeting, inaugurated the King's rule over his kingdom. It is marked by the first waxing crescent moon, following the New Moon nearest the fall equinox. Rosh Hashanah is the first day of the 7th Sabbath month of Tishri (with 3 Holy Days in it – *Trumpets*, *Day of Atonement*, and *Tabernacles*). It follows a 2-day New Moon in 2017 (the 21st and 22nd of September). Every month on God's Bible calendar started with a New Moon, as does the first day of the civil New Year, which is Rosh Hashanah (see also endnote 7). Some also call this special Holy Day "Trumpets" or incorrectly "the Feast of Trumpets," as technically this Holy Day it is not a *feast* day. It is a special renewal day, tied to trumpeting and kingship. Christ is the King of kings, born on this day!

In 2017, September 23rd is Rosh Hashanah - the day of *the great sign* – a day of renewal. Just after sunset in Jerusalem on the night of the 22nd on our Gregorian calendar, the waxing crescent moon is visible below Virgo's feet in the free software program Stellarium, and with all the other relevant signs (such as the three planets below Leo). This occurs at 8:46 UTC time in this program, which is 1:46 pm Utah time. We also see there that the luminance level of the moon is 6.4 magnitude at this time (a percentage). A magnitude of 6.2 is required to see the crescent moon via the naked eye. Genesis 1:5 informs us that a "day" in the Bible is defined by the following phrase, "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Thus sunset one day to sunset the next day is the length of the day. And thus, just after sundown (at the time of stars "twinkling" or twilight) on September 22 (when John's great sign is visible), we have the beginning of the next day - September 23rd. It is Rosh Hashanah. This day in 2017 is also the fall equinox, and the Hebrew 7th day Sabbath – a Saturday on our Gregorian calendar. This very important Biblical Holy Day is uniquely tied to *trumpeting*. This author believes the Lord Jesus was born on this day of trumpeting (see previous endnote). Christ's birth and the great sign of 2017 are both at *the twinkling time*.

Rosh Hashanah is also believed to be the Holy Day when the Bridegroom Jesus goes to get His bride (the church) in the middle of the night (midnight) and marry her. It was at midnight when God freed the captive Israelites from Egyptian slavery. It was the first Passover. His blood paid the price for Israel in the Atonement as he was the sacrificial Lamb. We as the bride are to "awake and arise" and go out to meet the Bridegroom.

Rosh Hashanah (meaning "head of the year") has other names too. One of them is YOM TERUAH, the Day of the Sounding of the shofar (or the day of the awakening blast). On Rosh Hashanah it is imperative for every person to hear (Shema) or the shofar. The mitzvah (Biblical commandment) of the shofar is to HEAR the shofar being blown, rather than actually to blow it yourself, hence the blessing for the shofar, "to hear the sound of the shofar." Additional names for Rosh Hashanah include:

1. *Rosh Hashanah* (head of the year, **civil New Year**)
2. *Teshuvah* (**repentance**)
3. *Yom HaZikkaron* (the day of remembrance)
4. *Yom Teruah* (**day of the awakening blast**)
5. *Yom HaDin* (the day of **judgment**, the day of vengeance, etc.)
6. *Kiddushin / Nesu'in* (the **wedding** ceremony)
7. *HaMelech* (coronation of the Messiah or **king** - Solomon was washed and anointed to be king on this day)
8. *Yom HaKeseh* (**the hidden day** – only the Father knows when His son the Bridegroom has made all preparations necessary for His bride – a place prepared for her.)

Teruah means "an awakening blast." Rosh HaShanah is associated with the theme "to awake," as "awake and arise" to go out and meet the Bridegroom (see D&C 130). Teruah is also translated as "shout" (as in go out to meet the Bridegroom). There are three "shouts" given when dedicating an LDS temple. Moroni stands atop our temples with a trumpet, calling all to "awake and arise."

In I Thessalonians 4:16-17 it is written, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT, with the voice of the archangel and with the TRUMP (shofar) of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

In I Corinthians 15:51-52 it is written, "Behold, I show you a mystery (sod = deeper spiritual meaning), we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, *in the twinkling of an eye*, at THE LAST TRUMP: for the TRUMPET (shofar) shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed."

The Three Jewish Trumpets The Book of Revelation speaks of seven angels blowing their trumpets in connection with last-days judgments. The voice of the seventh angel is technically not "the last trump" (Rev. 11:15). In Judaism, there are three trumpets (shofarim or shofar) that have a name; "the first trump, the last trump, and the great trump." Each is tied to a specific Holy Day on the Jewish calendar. They mark major events in the *redemptive* plan of God.

(1) The first of these is called "the first trump" and is blown on *Pentecost* or **Shavuot** (Exodus 19:19). It was when God gave the Torah at Mount Sinai. It is tied to the *birth of the kingdom of Israel*, after the Exodus out of Egypt. In Exodus 19:18-19 it is written, "And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked *greatly*. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice." God was associated with blowing the trumpet (shofar) on Mount Sinai in Exodus 19:19. It is *supernatural* to blow the shofar and for the sound to "wax louder and louder." It is *natural* when you blow the shofar to lose your wind, thus the sound of the shofar will wane as this happens. On Mount Sinai, the trumpeting sound "waxed louder and louder."

It was also the time when God betrothed Himself (or became "engaged") to Israel at Mount Sinai (entering into a covenant relationship with her, the Bride of Christ), after He delivered the House of Jacob or Israel from Egyptian bondage. God *redeemed* Israel physically and desired to redeem her spiritually, but she refused the offer to enter into His holy presence on Sinai. They instead choose the mortal man Moses lead them (see JST Ex. 34:1-2; D&C 84:23-27). Like the Israelites at Sinai, most of the Saints today choose "the Brethren" to guide them and be their lights, when they could have God, the light of the world - as their mentor and Second Comforter. They have chosen "broken cisterns" - "the arm of flesh" (2 Ne. 4:34) to lead them instead of "the fountain of living waters" Jesus Christ (see Jer. 2:13). This is to *forsake, deny, and reject* God's invitation to "repent and come unto me." Setting up men as our light is a form of idolatry that often leads to priestcraft (2 Ne. 26:29; 3 Ne. 18:24).

(2) The second trump is called “*the last trump*” and is synonymous with *Trumpets* or **Rosh HaShanah**. It is tied to being *spiritually reborn*. The “*last trump*” name has reference to the last of 100 trumpet blasts to be blown on this special day. The shofar (ram’s horn) was seen as playing a significant role in the *redemption*, the day of *renewal*. The 40 days of repentance prior to this Holy Day are meant to lead us to “*redemption*” or as the Book of Mormon calls it, *the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost* (covered in the author’s paper, *Repent and Come unto Me*). In Leviticus 23:24 we read, “Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.” (See also Num. 29:1, and Theodore Gaster, *Festivals of the Jewish Year*, chapter on Rosh HaShanah, and Herman Kieval, *The High Holy Days*, Vol. I, Rosh HaShanah, Chap. 5 on the shofar, footnote 11). The “second trump” of Mosiah 26:25 (Dan. 12:2) is referring to the second resurrection day, at the end of the Millennium, when the wicked who knew not God are resurrected, those of *telestial glory*.

(3) The third and final trump is called “*the great trump*,” or “*the trump of God*.” It is the one blown on the *Day of Atonement* or **Yom Kippur**, which will herald the return of the Messiah Jesus Christ (Yeshua) back to earth. In Matthew 24:31, Immediately after the tribulation of those days...and then shall appear *the sign of the Son of man* in heaven...and he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet (this is “the great trump”). In 1 Thess. 4:16 we read, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with *the trump of God*: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

Many Christians mistakenly associate Rosh Hashanah with resurrection or “the rapture” because of 1 Cor 15:52. There we read, “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at *the last trump*: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” This is thought to actually point to the very last trump of the three trumps which is “*the great trump*” of the *Day of Atonement* or **Yom Kippur**, thought to be *the great day*, when Christ returns at the Second Coming, setting foot on the Mount of Olives. This holy mountain is the forgotten setting of the temple’s 3rd altar, “the sin offering altar” at or near the location of the red heifer sacrifice. This is the setting in Jerusalem for our Lord’s Atonement, both Gethsemane and the cross (see chap. 7, *Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ*, by the author). Although God does remember the dead on *Rosh Hashanah*, they are not *resurrected* on this day, but instead on the Day of Atonement, the day of His public return to earth. See also endnote 22.

⁹ **Special Last-days Man Child Servants**

One of the “*mysteries of the kingdom*” is that there will be special “*servants*” sent by the Lord in the last-days to help bring in the Kingdom of the God. They may come from outside the established leadership, as many have in the past (Christ, John the Baptist, Samuel the Lamanite, and others). There are many scriptures addressing one or more of them, especially Isaiah, which we have been commanded to diligently search by the Lord Himself (3 Ne. 23:1-3). He stated, “For I will send my servant unto you who are blind; yea, a messenger to *open the eyes of the blind*, and unstop *the ears of the deaf*; And they shall be made perfect notwithstanding their blindness, *if they will hearken unto the messenger, the Lord’s servant*” (JST Isaiah 42:19-20).

Who is this special last-day’s “man child” servant? What does he accomplish? He and others prepare the way for Christ’s return. I believe he is a Native American servant, a descendant of Joseph of Egypt through Lehi on this land. He and Native Americans with him clean up the mess in this part of the Lord’s vineyard (they save and destroy – like lions through a sheep fold). They gather Israel (physically and spiritually). They help prune the trees (the rest of the servants and others among the bride of Christ) that they “might bear fruit meet for the Father’s kingdom” (D&C 84:58). They protect and care for the remnant of Jacob (believing Israel and others who come to Christ). They transport the remnant to places of refuge and to Zion. They help restore all things. And they help battle increasingly powerful darkness in our day (mortal and non-mortal).

Most non-Latter-day Saint Christians (and those “asleep” among the Saints and the last-days servants) are unaware of this *servant*, even though he is addressed throughout much of scripture (but especially Isaiah and 2 Nephi 3, there are 21 chapters of Isaiah in the Book of Mormon). Those Saints who have been obedient to Lord in His commandment that we *diligently search Isaiah* (3 Ne. 23:1-3) have been alerted to *at least one* of the special last-days “*man child*” servants, He even speaks to us there. Many call Him the Davidic servant (in the bloodline of Israel’s kings through David). Too many have been deceived by modern chapter headings in the LDS version of Isaiah, which states that this servant is Christ. We must let scripture say what it says, with the help of the Spirit, without the arm of flesh directing us away from truth. There is also more than one special last-days “*servant*.” Two will minister in Jerusalem, for example. For brevity sake, I will address only the basics of this “*mystery*” here. There is much more information available in my books and those of Avraham Gileadi and others. Some of these special, last-days “*man child*” servants include:

1. Isaiah’s lead servant (unidentified by name) is the primary “*man child*” servant. He ministers to those of Israel *east* and *west*. He is of the royal bloodline of the House of Israel through Manasseh and Judah. See 2 Nephi 3. He is a “choice seer” and “one mighty and strong”. Like Joseph of Egypt, he helps save the whole House of Israel.
2. John the Beloved primarily ministers to the Ten Tribes in the *north* (translated). See D&C 77:9 & 14.
3. Translated beings like Nephi, Timothy & Isaiah of 3 Nephi primarily minister to Lehi’s descendants on this land in the *west*
4. The “144,000 sealed in their foreheads” (see D&C 77:11) will minister to believers among the posterity of Jacob *worldwide*

elias	ensign	<i>Eliakim</i>	one mighty and strong
wonderful (Pele)	restorer	gatherer	angel of the Lord’s presence / Israel “soldier of God”
son	father	man-Child	stone cut out of the mountain without hands
arm / hand	rod	beloved	staff of authority
whip	arrow	leader	royal <i>diadem</i> in the hand of thy God
governor / law giver	counselor	tried stone	fiery flying serpent, viper
servant	prophet	<i>Cyrus</i>	covenant of the people
witness	judge	righteousness	crown of glory in the hand of the Lord
voice / mouth	nail	rock of Israel	prince , prince of peace
chosen	salvation	The Branch	sure foundation
great One	mine elect	Root of Jesse	counsel of the Lord of hosts
deliverer	east wind	commander	precious cornerstone

savior-intercessor bird of prey ravenous Bird light, fire, furnace, lamp that burneth

Other name-titles like “*arm, whip, restorer*” and “*one mighty and strong*” address various characteristics possessed by this servant, based on his actions. Capitalization of names and name-titles is reserved for the Lord Jesus (or the Father). Thus, name-titles like “*savior*” and “*a great one*” in Isaiah 19:19-20 appear to be tied to the latter-day “*man child*” servant that relieves those held captive in the last-days. He is a “*deliverer*” like Moses of old in this regard. He is also “*mighty and strong*,” in that he possesses great power in the priesthood, sealing power, which makes him able to defeat the enemy and move mountains with powerful spoken words. There is much hope in this servant and these specific verses in Isaiah 19. Note the 50 names on the previous page, all found in Isaiah alone. There are more name-titles in the Old Testament, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Book of Mormon. John the Beloved (D&C 77:9&14) and Joseph (of Egypt, 2 Ne. 3:24) are two latter-day servants named by the Lord in scripture. There is much confusion among us relative to them, and the identity of other special servants, including the two that will serve in Jerusalem (the two anointed ones, two olive trees, two servants, etc., see Zech. 4). I have addressed this topic in my “Last-days Servants” lecture posted on www.7witnesses.com

Some today believe Joseph Smith is the future “Joseph” of 2 Nephi 3. Five early leaders believed he was to be a future Indian leader in their writings (Oliver Cowdery, Parley and Orson Pratt, David Whitmer, and Spencer Kimball [Oct. 1947 Gen. Conf. address]). Note also that the footnote for 2 Ne. 3:24 once read, “Joseph the Indian prophet.” It was later changed to Joseph Smith in 1909. I have addressed this Indian leader in detail in the book, *The Remnant Awakens* (4th ed.).

Individual and Group As discussed earlier, there are three primary figures described in John’s Revelation 12 sign; *the woman, the man child, and the great red dragon*. Each of them represents a single individual (in the past) and a group of people (in the future, our day). There is thus a historic (past) and prophetic (future) fulfillment for this and many other scriptures.

Symbol in JST Rev. 12	Individual	Group
<i>woman</i>	Mary the Mother of Christ (past)	Bride of the Lamb / church of believers
<i>man child</i>	Jesus Christ (past)	Servants / Company of Josephs / 144,000 / others
<i>great red dragon</i>	Satan / Herod	Servants of Satan / Sons of Perdition / Beast, anti-Christ & false prophet / new world order / one-world church, etc.

Name-Titles for Special Servants in Scripture

the man child (JST Revelation 12; Isa. 66:7)	my friends (D&C 84:63; 88:117; 93:45; Isa. 41:8)
saviors of men (D&C 101:9; Obadiah 1:21)	my servants (Jacob 5:61, 70, 72, 75; D&C 77:9, 11; 101:55)
sons of God (Job 38:7)	the 144,000 (D&C 77:11) / <i>sealed</i> in their foreheads
a remnant (Isa. 10:21; Ether 13:6; D&C 45:43)	Nazorean / Nazarites (Acts 24.5, Num. 6) / guard, preserve, keep
just men <i>made</i> perfect (the justified, D&C 76:69)	the company of the spirits of the just (Heb. 12:23)
laborers in the last kingdom (D&C 88:74)	my warriors (D&C 101:55)
sowers of the seed (D&C 86:2)	sent ones (“ <i>mine apostles</i> ” to gather disciples, D&C 84)
sanctified ones (Isa. 13:3)	the elect of God (D&C 84:34)
those of the church of the Firstborn (D&C 76:	those in the house of God (D&C 76:136)
mighty men of valor (Judges 6:12)	those in the school of the prophets (D&C 88:136)
my mighty ones (Isa. 13:3)	strong ones (of Zion, D&C 90:36) / mighty and strong ones
my young men (D&C 101:55)	the strength of mine house (D&C 101:55)
messengers (D&C 124:26; 129:4)	a light (for The LIGHT, Christ)
lawful heirs hid in Christ with God (D&C 86:9)	elders with clean garments (D&C 88:85)
high priests of the holy order (D&C 77:11)	priests of the most high, order of Melchizedek (D&C 76:57)
a company of Josephs	male missionaries

¹⁰ **Overcoming the World** In the Book of Revelation, John mentions the word “overcometh” eight times. The first seven are aligned with each of seven angels of seven churches. They appear to represent our eternal progression and begin with “overcoming” in the first estate and progress through to the eighth state. Each level contains a promised reward that is received *after* “overcoming.” The eighth use of “overcometh” is reserved for the final portion of Revelation after the bridegroom returns. The first seven levels of “overcoming” are presented by chapter 3 of Revelation. The eighth promise tied to “overcoming” is not given until the end of Revelation, where we as the Bride are presented to the Bridegroom. The eight levels of overcoming are:

1. Revelation 2:7 “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”
2. Revelation 2:11 “He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”
3. Revelation 2:17 “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”
4. Revelation 2:26-28 “And to him who overcometh, and keepeth my commandments unto the end, will I give power over many kingdoms; And he shall rule them with the word of God; and they shall be in his hands as the vessels of clay in the hands of a potter; and he shall govern them by faith, with equity and justice, even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star.”
5. Revelation 3:5 “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”
6. Revelation 3:12 “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.”
7. Revelation 3:21 “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”
8. Revelation 21:7 “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

¹¹ ***Sealed Up to Eternal Life*** The word “seal” or “sealing” is used sparsely in scripture (see John 6:27; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13, 4:30; Rev. 7:3-4; Mos. 5:15; Hel. 10:7; Alma 34:35; D&C 1:8, 68:12, and 76:51-54). In each case, it is tied to **the promise of eternal life**, or being *sealed up to eternal life*. Nowhere is it tied to a marriage ceremony, or to connecting mortal family lines on earth together. Instead, it is the “**great promise**” that we will receive **eternal life**, which only the Lord Jesus can give us – as the Father of our salvation. It is Him who “*redeems*” or “*saves*” us. We are “*sealed his*” (Mos. 5:15). It is the greatest of all the gifts of God. So he has said, “And, if you keep my commandments and endure to the end you shall have **eternal life**, which gift is *the greatest* of all the gifts of God... Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who created the heavens and the earth, a light which cannot be hid in darkness” (D&C 14:7, 9). To be sealed to Christ is to have eternal life. It is to have “*the testimony of Jesus*” telling us so. It is the opposite of being sealed to Satan (Alma 34:35). For more on *the promise of eternal life*, see the author’s paper, *The Testimony of Jesus*, www.7witnesses.com

¹² ***Planet X, Nibiru, Wormwood, the Winged Destroyer, etc.*** There is growing evidence suggesting Planet X is real, and that God may use it and other natural things to bring judgment upon the wicked (past and future). The earth may then begin moving to a new location nearer to God. Planet X is believed to be one of seven planets orbiting a brown dwarf star system. Some refer to this system as the Nemesis System, a potential binary star twin with our sun. Some 76% of all stars are believed to be binary star systems. The research of Marshall Masters (www.yousa.com) and David Meade are good places to look for evidence on Planet X. Meade, a former U.S. government insider connects the dots between billions of dollars spent (and missing from the Pentagon budget) and the building of 130 underground places of refuge for the elite, all to protect themselves from an approaching winged “destroyer.” His book, *Planet X –the 2017 Arrival* provides insights.

Some of the miraculous events of scripture may be tied to a periodically returning Planet X (see below and endnote 17). Meade said he began his research of Planet X by simply following the money, the loss of money in the Pentagon “black budget.” On the day before the 9/11 attack, Donald Rumsfeld announced the loss of 2.2 trillion dollars from the Pentagon budget. Meade and others believe this was only the tip of the iceberg in funding for 130 underground bases, refuge centers of safety for the elite, using taxpayers money. The reason for the bases is knowledge of Planet X or Wormwood and its coming destruction. It is estimated that 1-2 trillion dollars has been spent on these bases in the 70’s and 80’s.

Meade and others like Marshall Masters reveal that the approach of Planet X has been known since the 1950’s when its discovery created a great stir among astronomers. Using IRIS satellite imagery in 1982, NASA, discovered a large new planet and then later retracted this information. Proof is found today in (1) historical records kept by ancient cultures, especially China, (2) by modern observation, and (3) by insider reports given of credible people like Father Malachi Martin of the Vatican and others. Twenty years ago in 1997 Martin stated, “we are looking for an object in space that will approach us in about 20 years.” Before his death in 1999, Martin hinted at something like imminent extraterrestrial contact more than once. While on Coast to Coast AM radio in 1997, Art Bell asked Martin why the Vatican was heavily invested in the study of deep space at the Mt Graham Observatory. As a retired professor of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Martin was uniquely qualified to hold secret information pertaining to VATT. Martin’s answer ignited a firestorm of interest among Christian and secular UFOlogists when he replied, “Because the mentality...amongst those who [are] at the...highest levels of Vatican administration and geopolitics, know...what’s going on in space, and what’s approaching us, could be of great import in the next five years, ten years” (see Thomas Horn and Chris Putnam, *Exo-Vaticana: Petrus Romanus, Project LUCIFER and the Vatican’s Astonishing Plan for the Arrival of An Alien Savior*, Defender).

Some suggested Rosh Hashanah of 2017 would be that time – when it would eclipse our sun to reveal the “*great sign*.” It did not happen. It is my opinion that because *Rosh Hashanah* represents a time to repent, that the great judgments brought upon us by Planet X and other heavenly events may all be part of the seven years of Jacob’s Trouble. They may culminate in greatest measure at *the Day of Atonement* (a future day, not necessarily Sept. 29-30 of 2017) - a day of blood, when the judgment is sealed, perhaps 3.5 years later, followed by the return of the Lord somewhere after 2024, in connection with *the Feast of Tabernacles*. The Lord is in charge of the timing of all coming events, so these represent possibilities only. We need to keep looking for additional heavenly signs. Our primary duty, however, is to draw ever closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer!

Most will not be able to see Planet X because it is viewed from the southern hemisphere. It will also come upon us from a position underneath us, perhaps as “*a thief in the night*.” It is being viewed and tracked using infrared telescopes, like that operated jointly by NASA and the Catholic church. Their infrared telescope is named LUCIFER. It is set up on Mount Graham in Arizona to track the approach of Planet X, along with the Hubble Telescope, and various satellites.

Most large governments of the world are familiar with it. Ours is one of the most secretive about it. Broussard believes one Naval Observatory astronomer, a Mr. Robert Harrington, was murdered in 1993 for sharing information about it. He called it “*an intruder*” in a 1990 interview. Two U.S. satellites were launched to study it; Pioneer 11 in 1973 and Voyager 2 in 1977. Both surveyed the same exact area of space, and from the same angle relative to the position of Planet X at that time. Both were the same distance from the area of space tracked for their data gathering. In a NASA press release in 1992, it stated that, “*Unexplained deviations in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune point to a large outer solar system body of 4 to 8 earth masses*” (aka Planet X). Harrington died in an unexpected, suspicious death in 1993. Other astronomers have since studied it, some at the South Pole. Many knowledgeable insiders have relocated their homes upon retirement to the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas and Missouri. The CIA and other intelligence groups have created a second headquarters in Denver for the coming trouble that this planet is expected to cause (great destruction in earthquakes, fiery hail in meteorites, civil unrest, EMP’s, famine, pollution of waters, etc.). Disinformation in stories like global warming are given to distract the average person from it and what our government has been covering up (see also endnote 17).

¹³ ***Jupiter as Christ*** The king planet Jupiter has many similarities to Christ. Its conjunctions with Venus against Regulus (the king star of Leo, the king constellation) created the bright light that looked like a *new star* to the Magi, motivating them to visit the new King, recently born in Bethlehem. The gestation of Jupiter in Virgo will be complete on September 9 of 2017, after 9.5 months there. Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system (1300 earths can fit inside it). It is covered in stripes, just as Christ was after His scourging by Roman soldiers (“with His stripes we are healed,” Isa. 53:5). Jupiter has a prominent “wound” called “the *Great Red Spot*” that mirrors Jesus’ own

spear wound (both on the lower left side). Jupiter's size and gravity pulls in many blows from comets and asteroids that would otherwise hit the earth. A recent photograph by NASA reveals that Jupiter is crowned with a magnificent glowing halo (see <https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/thumbnails/image/hs-2016-24-a-print-new.jpg>). It is the 5th planet from the sun, rotating around it every 12 years. It is 365 million miles from earth at the closest point of its elliptical orbit around the sun. The *man child* servants will rise up first as a type for Christ before our Lord finally returns as the King of kings. For more on this planet in connection with the Lord Jesus and His birth, see *Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ*, by the author, www.digitalegend.com

As mentioned earlier, Jewish astronomers call Jupiter *Tsedek*, which means – “*righteousness*.” Is is one of many names for Christ when capitalized, and one of a number of names for the Davidic servant when not capitalized. In Moses 7:62 two last-days servants are addressed. Note that “*righteousness*” is not capitalized. He is sent down to earth from heaven (after his ascension), whereas “*truth*” is sent forth out of the earth.

¹⁴ ***Virgo First, Leo Last*** In the period of Jesus' birthday (Rosh Hashanah, 3 BC, twilight), the sun entered in its annual course through the heavens into the head position of the woman about August 13, and exited from her feet about October 2. The sun was “clothing” or “adorning” the woman at mid-body position for some 20 days only in 3 BC (August 27 – Sept. 15). The moon was beneath her feet for only 90 minutes, from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm on Sept. 11 (now becoming the 12th just after sunset, the new “day” of Bible calendar). According to Bullinger and Seiss, Virgo is the constellation of headship for all 12 zodiac signs. Leo will be the last, as Christ is proclaimed King of kings at Adam-ondi-Ahman and thereafter. The tribe of Judah (the Lion) was positioned around the Tabernacle directly east of its entrance. Thus, half the tribe of Judah was south, the other half north of the east/west line from the Holy of Holies through the court of Israel, and then eastward through the camp of Israel (in this case, Judah), to encounter the altar outside the camp where the red heifer was burnt to ashes. Thus the Bible zodiac began with the 15th degree of Leo (of Judah), signifying that the first constellation to be met in this celestial story would have been the head of Virgo the Virgin, occupying the last 10 degrees of Leo the lion.

See Ernest L. Martin, *The Star that Astonished the World*, ASK Publications, p. 99.

¹⁵ ***The Fulness of the Gentiles Has Come In*** According to the Prophet Joseph Smith, the angel who visited him on Rosh Hashanah of 1823 said, “*the fulness of the Gentiles was soon to come in.*” This angel (Nephi or Moroni) quoted some 40 scriptures to Joseph that night in connection with this and other prophecies (see Val's paper, *The 40 Scriptures Given Joseph Smith on Rosh Hashanah, 1823*). Note the following scriptures tied to the time when the Gentiles reach a “fulness” of wickedness.

“a remnant be scattered among all nations; But they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until *the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled*... And when *the times of the Gentiles is come in*, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fulness of my gospel; But *they receive it not; for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men*... And before the day of the Lord shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon be turned into blood, and the stars fall from heaven. And the remnant shall be gathered unto this place (D&C 45:24-25, 28-29, 42-43)

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be *ignorant* of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that *blindness* in part is happened to Israel, until *the fulness of the Gentiles be come in*” (Rom. 11:25).

“In the generation in which the times of *the Gentiles shall be fulfilled*, there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars [3 years of heavenly signs, 2014-17]; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, like the sea and the waves roaring” (JST Luke 21:25).

“Hearken, O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say: Hearken ye people from afar; and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together. For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated. *And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow*; for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed. And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days. And they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them. Behold, this is mine authority, and the authority of my servants” (D&C 1:1-6).

A Remnant Will Return, Others Will be Cut Off The Apostle Paul spoke of “a remnant” of Israel to return to the Lord in the last-days in Romans 11. The “remnant” are all those of the family of Jacob. On this land it is the Gentiles (associated with the Saints [D&C 109:60]), and the Lamanite ancestors of Lehi and his youngest son Joseph remaining here. It is a message for the Gentiles Saints today. Many among the Latter-day Saint “remnant” have been *blind* or *slumbering* for too long. They are invited to “*awake and arise*” and go out to meet the Bridegroom before it is too late. Those who do not come to *know* Him will be shut out from His presence (see JST Matt. 25:10-11). The Saints have had many stumbling blocks in their path or “*the way of salvation*.” They include polygamy, Brigham Young, and Joseph Smith. Scripture tells us that, “*the way is Christ Jesus. There is no other way* (2 Ne. 31:21). The Lord Himself has been a stumbling block for both houses of Israel (Judah and Joseph). So says Isaiah (see Isa. 8:14). He said *our* greatest sin today is idolatry! Christ was a stumbling block to the Jews, as they looked to their Rabbi's in the meridian of time rather than the living God who was then among them. The Latter-day Saints are no different. Too many look to the Brethren for their guidance, rather than Christ the Lord. It is for this reason that many do not see Mormons as Christians. In both cases (the Jews and the Mormons), mortal leaders - the arm of flesh, have been raised up as lights before the people, rather than lifting up Christ the Lord as their living God. He is the light and life of the world, our Savior, Judge, and King. He said that He is the light that is to be raised up before men, and the things He did (see 3 Nephi 18:24). There are two places in 2nd Nephi where we learn that this form of *idolatry* causes *cursings* to come upon us!

“O Lord, I have **trusted** in thee, and I will **trust** in thee forever. I will not put my **trust** in the arm of flesh; for I know that **cursed** is he that putteth his **trust** in the arm of flesh. Yea, **cursed** is he that putteth his **trust** in man or maketh flesh his arm” (2 Ne. 4:34).

“**Cursed** is he that putteth his **trust** in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the precepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost. Wo be unto **the Gentiles**, saith the Lord God of Hosts! For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out mine arm unto them from day to day, **they will deny me**; nevertheless, I will be merciful unto them, saith the Lord God, **if they will repent and come unto me**; for mine arm is lengthened out all the day long, saith the Lord God of Hosts” (2 Ne. 28:31-32).

The Lord has lamented this rejection in favor of men in multiple places in the Bible.

“For **my people** have committed two evils; **they have forsaken me** *the fountain of living waters*, and hewed them out cisterns, *broken cisterns* [imperfect, broken men], *that can hold no water*” (Jer. 2:13).

“And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: **for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them**” (1 Sam. 8:5-7).

“It is better to trust in the LORD *than to put confidence in man*” (Psalm 118:8, the exact chiasmic center scripture of the Bible).

Grafted Back into the Tree of Life “And now, the thing which our father meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural branches through the fulness of the Gentiles, is, that in the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea, for the space of many years, and many generations after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fulness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed—And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of Israel, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord; and then shall they know and come to the knowledge of their forefathers, and also to the knowledge of the gospel of their Redeemer, which was ministered unto their fathers by him; wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer and the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved. And then at that day will they not rejoice and give praise unto their everlasting God, their rock and their salvation? Yea, at that day, will they not receive the strength and nourishment from the true vine? Yea, will they not come unto the true fold of God? Behold, I say unto you, Yea; they shall be remembered again among the house of Israel; they shall be grafted in, being a natural branch of the olive tree, into the true olive tree” (1 Ne. 15:13-15).

“My heart hath been weighed down with sorrow from time to time, for I have feared, lest for the hardness of your hearts the Lord your God should come out in the fulness of his wrath upon you, that ye be cut off and destroyed forever” (1 Ne. 1:17).

“And now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fulness of his wrath shall come upon them. And the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity. For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God. And it is not until the fulness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are swept off. And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God—that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come, that ye may not bring down the fulness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done. Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written” (Ether 2:9-12).

¹⁶ **The Number 70 and the Gentiles** The number 70 in scripture typically has reference to *Gentile* nations and peoples (like the 70 nations that met on Jan. 15, 2017 to discuss dividing up the land of Israel, returning it to the borders of 1967). The strange number of sacrificial bullocks—70 in all—refers to ‘the seventy nations’ of heathendom” or the Gentiles. This is *5 times* the number slain at Passover. The number 70 appears tied to the Gentiles, which will come from many foreign nations to worship the king in the Millennium, as part of the final in-gathering of all nations and people (see Zech. 14:16). There were some 70 different languages present at the Tower of Babel (Gen. 10-11). The modern-day LDS Seventy, under the direction of the Twelve, take the “good news” message to the gentile nations. The fulness of the Gentiles (mostly Ephraim) has come in, but the time of Judah is now, as “the first shall be last and the last shall be first.” Hosea 5:14 and 6:1-3 state that both Judah and Joseph are torn and smitten, and that they will later be healed and bound up. They will be “revived” after two days and raised up to live in the Lord’s sight. Scripture tells us a “day” to the Lord is a thousand years in some scriptures. Thus, after 2000 years, Judah must return to the Messiah. Christ is the only hope for *all* the house of Israel. Both tribes will finally be united in Him (Ezek. 37:16-19, 22). A last-days man child servant, “one like unto Moses” will lead in their reunion (Ezek. 37:24-27), all in preparation Christ’s return. It is believed that 2017 is the 70th Jubilee since Joshua and Israel entered the Promised Land of Canaan (see also p. 20 for other ties to 2017). Note also Daniel’s 3 sets of 70-year prophecies for the Last-days, many involving the Gentiles. They include:

1. **70** prophetic **Sabbatical Year** cycles were set prior to the *first* coming of Jesus Christ (70 x 7).
2. **70** prophetic **Jubilee Year** cycles were set prior to Christ’s *second* coming and that of His sent “Elias” (70 x 49).
3. **70** years was the length of time Daniel and the Israelites were held *captive* by the Babylonians. This was because Israel refused to obey the law of “*the year of release*” or “Shemitah,” by not relieving oppression of their fellow man - in not freeing slaves nor giving the land *rest* for **70** years (7 decades).

¹⁷ **Wormwood and its Judgment** Wormwood is a term in scripture closely tied to idolatry and being unfaithful to the Bridegroom Jesus Christ. In John’s book of Revelation, “Wormwood” is the name of a “great star,” an object of judgment destroying one third of the earth’s *fresh water supplies* in rivers and springs in the last days (Rev. 8:10-11). Drought (the Lord taking away water), followed by famine, is a typical method in scripture to bring about repentance. Wormwood comes in judgment bringing “bitter waters” and “bitter calamity.” Without water, especially *living waters* of Christ, we are in deep trouble.

Some believe Wormwood may be Planet X, a massive planet 7 to 10 times the size of earth. The Anonymous author of the blog Pure Revelations retranslates Revelation 8:10-12 as follows. “And the third angel *started*, and there came a great *planet* from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, *and it sucked up and defiled the rivers and waters of the earth*. And the name of the planet is called Wormwood (*Taste of Death*). And the third part of the waters *became dead*; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel *started*, and the third part of the *sunlight was blocked*, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise (*smoke and darkness*)” (Rev. 8:10-12).

There are **seven** total “Wormwood” scriptures in the Bible (some tied to “the waters of gall”). They include: (1) Deut. 29:18; (2) Jer. 9:13-15; (3) Jer. 23:14-15; (4) Lam. 3:15; (5) Prov. 5:3-4, (6) Amos 4:6-8, and (7) Rev. 8:10-11. The word “wormwood” means “*bitter calamity*” and “*sorrow*,” resulting from heaven-sent *judgment* upon Israel for her *unfaithfulness* to God.

When idolatrous Israel was unfaithful to the Bridegroom Jehovah in the Bible, she was compared to a *whore*, going after other gods. In the Old Testament, as addressed earlier, “wormwood” was a watery mixture taken internally by brides suspected of *unfaithfulness* to their husbands (Deut. 29). It was made from the bitter herb *wormwood*, mixed with dirt from off the floor of the temple and *living water* from the Gihon Spring. Note the context of the following three wormwood scriptures once again.

1. Wormwood is “bitter calamity” or *sorrowful judgment* sent from heaven upon the wicked (Jer. 23:14-15)
2. Wormwood was the bitter herb used in a bitter water mixture for testing a brides’ faithfulness to her husband (Deut. 29). The Bridegroom is Christ and the Bride is the church (the community of believers under covenant with God).
3. Wormwood is the name of the “star” destroying one third of the earth’s fresh water in the last days (Rev. 8:10-11)

In addition to the bride Israel (and the modern Gentile Christian church), Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah also address *unfaithfulness* among the leaders of “churches” generally. Jeremiah does so in connection with wormwood. “I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit *adultery*, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as *Sodom*, and the inhabitants thereof as *Gomorrah*. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with *wormwood*, and make them drink *the water of gall*: for from *the prophets of Jerusalem* is profaneness gone forth into all the land” (Jer. 23, 14-15). Fiery hail was sent down upon Sodom and Gomorrah, the kind of hail that many believe we will receive from Planet X.

Third-Part Darkening of the Sun, Moon, & Stars In addition to comets mentioned in six of the eight scriptures addressing blood moons and black suns in the last-days, John, in the book of Revelation addresses seven angels pouring out God’s wrath on a wicked earth. One of these is the darkening of the sun, moon, and stars - and by a “*third part*.” “And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise” (Rev. 8:12). Some natural disasters addressed by Isaiah, Daniel, and John, may be caused heavenly judgments such as Planet X entering our solar system (see endnote 12). Other heavenly signs include the removal of the rainbow and a coming night without darkness.

Removal of the Rainbow The *rainbow* is the token of God’s covenant with Enoch, renewed with Noah and all the covenant people (JST Gen. 9). In his inspired translation of Genesis, the Prophet Joseph Smith stated; “I have asked of the Lord concerning His coming; and while asking the Lord, He *gave a sign* and said, ‘In the days of Noah I set a bow in the heavens as a sign and token that in any year that the bow should be seen the Lord would not come; but there should be seed time and harvest during that year: but whenever you see the bow withdrawn, it shall be a token that there shall be famine, pestilence, and great distress among the nations, and that the coming of the Messiah is not far distant.’” He later added, “The Lord hath set the bow in the cloud for a sign that while it shall be seen, seed time and harvest, summer and winter shall not fail; but when it shall disappear, woe to that generation, for behold the end cometh quickly” (TPJS pps. 305, 340-41). The pattern of darkness before light is also part of seeing God, evident in the visionary experiences of Moses and Joseph Smith, for example, who endured darkness of Satan prior to experiencing God’s light.

A Night without Darkness As we have seen, lesser light signs (eclipses of the sun and moon) are tied to *judgment*. Three scriptures reveal that *greater light* in connection with a night without darkness, can also be tied to *judgment*. These are found in Joshua 10:12-14 (see also Jasher 88:63), Helaman 14:3-4, and Zechariah 14:7 – a future day). Two of these are tied to the first and second coming of the Lord. *All three are tied to judgment on Israel’s enemies the night of the luminous event*. Some suggest the earth stopped rotating, or slowed down, causing daylight to remain. Others claim a comet lit up the night sky. The greater light allowed enemies to be defeated by Joshua and the *right arm* of the Lord while the miraculous daylight lasted. In two of the three scriptures, God utilized and will utilize again - hailstones sent down from the heavens to destroy Israel’s enemies. Greater light along with destructive power upon the wicked *will* be seen again in the last days (Rev. 16:21). This appears to be a luminous sign accompanying Christ’s return in judgment at the last-days war in the Valley of Judgment or “Jehoshaphat”) – believed to be the Kidron Valley in Jerusalem (between the Temple Mount and the Mount of Olives). It is on the Mount of Olives that Christ will stand when He comes again, when it divides north to south and east to west.

¹⁸ *Half of the Virgins are Unredeemed* The great harvest of souls is right around the corner, yet it appears that half or more of active, temple-worthy Latter-day Saints are **unredeemed**, or “*not saved*.” Most of them are unaware of their *unsaved* condition. Though good people, they lack *saving knowledge*. They appear to be “*the unwise virgins*” of JST Matthew 25:10-11, those who have not received the Holy Ghost (*oil in their lamps*) because they did not seek and obtain the fiery baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many of them *profess* to know the Lord but do not **know** Him. Many have been distracted by the false teachings and traditions of men in men’s programs and churches, rather than the light available in the holy word of God in personal revelation and what He calls “*the fulness of my scriptures*” (D&C 42:12, 15, 56 & 59), which is the full JST version of the Bible combined with the Book of Mormon. D&C 76 tells us that these *unwise* or *unjust* individuals are those who, “received **not** *the testimony of Jesus* in the flesh, but afterwards received it. These are they who are honorable men of the earth, who were *blinded by the craftiness of men*” (vs. 74-75). Too many of the Saints are blind or asleep, believing they are saved in their works (temple work, church callings, home teaching, good deeds, etc.), when the word of God clearly informs us that only Christ Jesus can **redeem** us through His atonement and resurrection and our *sincere repentance*. God said we must be “*born again*” in Him (John 3:3-6), becoming His sons and daughters, and be “*sealed*” His (Mosiah 5). “*Salvation*” involves 5 steps.

1. **Faith** in and love for the Lord Jesus Christ - our *redeemer*, faith “*unto repentance*” (Alma 34:15-16).
2. Heartfelt **repentance** must occur prior to baptism, that apparent in a *broken heart and contrite spirit* (the sacrifice He requires of us, see 2 Ne. 2:6-7, 3 Ne. 9:20; Mor. 6:1-3)
3. Our **baptism** must be “*unto repentance*” (see Mos. 26:22; Alma 5:62, 7:14; Hel. 5:17, 19; 3 Ne. 1:23; 7:25-26) and be done by someone of authority, one who has been sanctified (born again) and authorized by God to baptize you. Alma the elder, formally of King Noah’s church, was re-baptized. He had others of the church re-baptized as part of a general reformation (see Alma 5:62).
4. We must receive the **baptism by fire and the Holy Ghost** to see or enter heaven. So said Christ in John 3:3-6. In this event we are cleansed and *redeemed*. We can then be given the Gift of the Holy Ghost as our guide (the first comforter). God gives it (D&C

33:15; 3 Ne. 9:20; 12:1; 2 Ne. 31:12; 3 Ne. 11:35; JST Mat. 3:38; JST Luke 3:16; JST John 1:28; 15:26) or one of His chosen, sent servants, *one who has also been sanctified* (see Mor. 2:2). Joseph Smith said, “The baptism of water, without the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost attending it, is of no use... They are necessarily and inseparably connected. An individual must be born of water and the spirit in order to get into the kingdom of God” (HC, 6:316). He added, “You might as well baptize a bag of sand as a man, if not done in view of *the remission of sins and getting of the Holy Ghost*. Baptism by water is but half a baptism, and is good for nothing without the other half—that is, the baptism of [fire and] the Holy Ghost.” See also Mos. 27:24-27; 2 Ne. 31:17-18, 32:2-6.

5. We must then hold onto *the rod of iron* (revelation from God and the Holy Ghost), which tells us all things which we must do thereafter (2 Ne. 32:5) to eventually **arrive at the Tree of Life**, there to receive *the promise of eternal life* from Christ, the Father of our salvation (endnote 11), with eventual entrance into His glorious *rest*. He later takes us into the holy presence of Father and Mother in heaven. To receive Christ in this life is to receive “*the heavenly gift*” (Ether 12:8) and His love, counsel, and instruction as the Second Comforter. It will occur if we truly believe it is possible (**faith**), then act on this child-like belief with trust, having real **love** for God more than any other thing. There we experience greater love and joy that at any point in our lives, with a desire to “*sing the song of redeeming love*” (Rev. 5:9; Alma 26:13; Mos. 5:11, 26; D&C 84:98-102); a desire to praise, worship, and speak in tongues, joining with the choirs and concourses of heaven above.

Two Churches – Two Ways The Book of Mormon teaches us, “there are save *two churches only*” (1 Ne. 14:10); *the church of the Firstborn* - the virgin bride of Christ (as defined by D&C 10:67-68, 1828), and those of “*the great and abominable church*” (1 Ne. 22:23), which are the churches of men set up to “*get gain*.” There can be no compromises in Christ’s doctrine, gospel, and church. Mormon, Moroni, and Nephi saw our day and our need as Saints for repentance and a full conversion to Christ. Moroni asks us a number of questions, “why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain? Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God... why have ye polluted the holy church of God... why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ... Why do ye... suffer the hungry, and the needy, and naked, and the sick and the afflicted to pass by your, and notice them not? Why do ye build up your secret combinations to get gain” (Mormon 8:33, 38, 39-40). We must instead build upon the Rock who is Jesus Christ to be saved. There is no other way.

Salvation comes because we love, believe, and trust in the Lord & have FAITH unto REPENTANCE “And thus **he** shall bring **salvation** to all those who shall believe on his name; this being the intent of this last sacrifice, to bring about the bowels of mercy, which overpowereth justice, and bringeth about means unto men that they may have **faith unto repentance**. And thus mercy can satisfy the demands of justice, and encircles them in the arms of safety, while **he that exercises no faith unto repentance** is exposed to the whole law of the demands of justice; therefore only unto him that has **faith unto repentance** is brought about the great and eternal plan of **redemption**” (Alma 34:15-16).

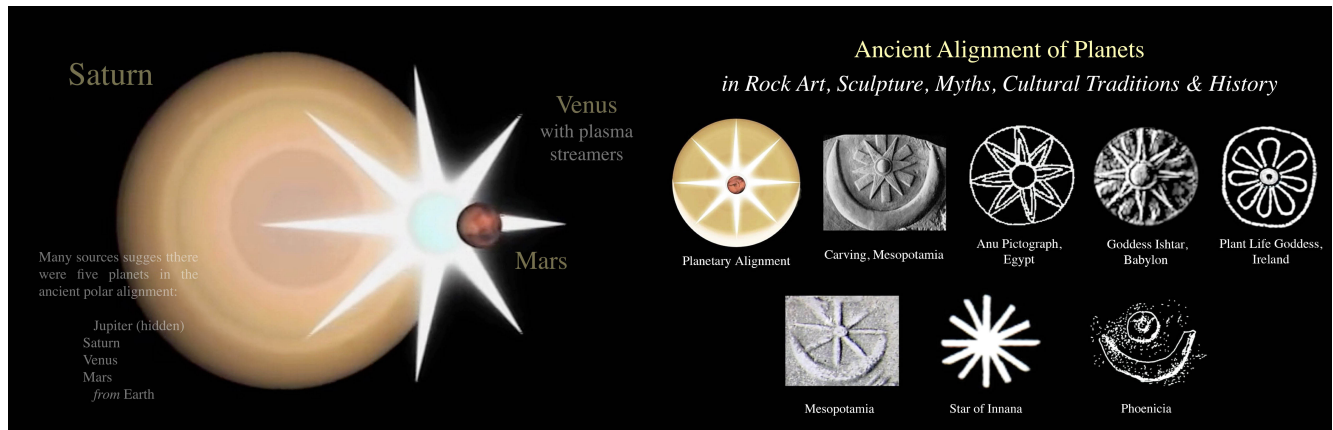
We must be BAPTIZED unto REPENTANCE & learn to hear the voice of the Lord in Revelation “And **he that will hear my voice shall be my sheep**; and him shall ye receive into the church, and him will I also receive. For behold, this is my church; *whosoever is baptized shall be baptized unto repentance*. And whomsoever ye receive shall **believe in my name**; and *him will I freely forgive*. For it is I that taketh upon me the sins of the world; for it is I that hath created them; and it is I that granteth unto him that believeth unto the end a place at my right hand. For behold, in my name are they called; and **if they know me** they shall come forth, and shall have a place eternally at my right hand. And it shall come to pass that when *the second trump* shall sound then shall *they that never knew me come forth and shall stand before me*. And then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, that I am their **Redeemer**; but they would not be **redeemed**” (Mos. 26:21-26).

Those BORN AGAIN are part of the FIRST RESURRECTION “And now, the **resurrection** of all the prophets, and all those that have believed in their words, or all those that have kept the commandments of God, shall come forth in the first resurrection; therefore, they are *the first resurrection*. They are raised to dwell with God who has **redeemed** them; thus they have **eternal life** through Christ, who has broken the bands of death. And these are those who have part in *the first resurrection*; and these are they that have died before Christ came, in their ignorance, not having salvation declared unto them. And thus the Lord bringeth about the *restoration* of these; and they have a part in *the first resurrection*, or have **eternal life**, being **redeemed** by the Lord. And little children also have **eternal life**. But behold, and fear, and tremble before God, for ye ought to tremble; for the Lord **redeemeth** none such that rebel against him and die in their sins; yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, that have *wilfully rebelled against God*, that have known the commandments of God, and would not keep them; these are they that have *no part in the first resurrection*. Therefore ought ye not to tremble? For salvation cometh to none such; for the Lord hath redeemed none such; yea, neither can the Lord redeem such; for he cannot deny himself; for he cannot deny justice when it has its claim (Mos. 15:22-27). Other good “redemption” scriptures include, Ex. 6:6; Isa. 51:11, 52:3, 63:4 (D&C 133:52), Mos. 15:23; D&C 29:44, 76:85, 124:124.

¹⁹ *Signs potentially associated with the Grand Sign of the Coming of the Son of Man* Researchers including Emmanuel Velikovskiy, Anthony Larson, and Kipley Farr suggest that the *judgments* upon the Egyptians at the time of the Exodus (the Ten Plagues), that of the 185,000 Assyrians at the time of King Hezekiah, and that of Joshua and the enemies of Israel the day “the sun stood still,” may have originated in the heavens from God, our Creator and Judge. They were experienced in other parts of the world too, as recorded in rock art, historical records, myth, religion and the traditions of many nations. David Talbot’s Youtube videos (listed farther below) help us understand this, using rock art (upper right) and ancient myths as historical proofs, pointing to an ancient “polar configuration” of planets above the earth, drawing the oceans there. Some tie the periodic return of a heavenly body like Planet X to these judgments and various miraculous events in scripture. They were part of many natural catastrophes on earth, resulting from dramatic changes in the heavens – primarily *our planet’s close encounter with other planets*, including perhaps Venus, Mars, and Saturn. The results of these encounters were violent storms, fiery hail as meteorites, massive earthquakes, lightning, plasma discharges with dramatic visual displays, and more, all tied to the proximity of other astral bodies with Earth, and the powerful forces tied to them (see #15 in Sarah Menet’s near death experience – “**a comet-like planet** *nears the earth, causing earthquakes*).

Rock art, historical records, and myths all reveal that our “heavens” were once very different anciently than they are now (see 2 Pet. 3:3-7 and the illustrations below). John in Revelation 6:12-14 addresses coming global changes that **mirror** those of the past. He stated, that “**every**” mountain and island will be moved again out of their place, that stars will fall, and that there will be *a new heaven and earth*,

suggesting massive upheavals are once again in store for us (Ether 13:9 may suggest a return to the original “heavens” as at the Creation). Descriptions of these judgments match those of the Ten Plagues of ancient Egypt, for example (see endnotes 131 and 33, in the author’s book, *Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ*).



Note John’s wording in chapters 8 and 9 of Revelation; “A great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea” (Rev. 8:8); “there fell a great star from heaven” (Rev. 8:10); And “I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth” (Rev. 9:1). The Book of Revelation and Isaiah and other Old Testament books are prophecy for our day. Many of the coming judgments are *natural ones* resulting from *changes in the heavens*, specifically two; (1) a close encounter with “Wormwood” (potentially Planet X) and other comets, and their debris trails, leading to destructive meteor showers and more; And (2) the return of planetary bodies to the places they once resided (according to ancient records, rock art, myths, etc.), in a stationary position at Earth’s polar north (see D&C 84:118-19). The gravitational pull of this northern position resulted in the seas accumulating there, released later at the time of Peleg in massive flooding, like that at the time of Noah. Prophecy reveals these waters will return to the northern region again, the land also coming together in future great earthquakes, etc. (D&C 133:23-24). These and many other “*signs*” are tied to Earth’s history, myth, and scripture, and to the Prophet Joseph Smith’s description of a “*grand sign*”, that of “*the coming of the Son of Man*” (Mat. 24:33, 36). There will also be the return of the lost Ten Tribes and the City of Enoch – that there might be a full “*restoration of all things*” in the later-days in connection with the return of our Lord. See Emmanuel Velikovsky, *Worlds in Collision*, and Anthony Larson, *The Prophecy Trilogy*, volumes I-III. See also the following YouTube videos:

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| Symbols of an Alien Sky | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7EAITcZFWY |
| The Lightning Scarred Planet Mars | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rV1e5_tB6Y |
| Bull of Heaven | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5O_gSguEMO |
| The Inverted Ship of Night (Egypt) | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNCZHNGC-UE |
| The Electric Universe | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AUA7XSOTvA |

²⁰ **More on Pres. Trump** There are more ties to Donald Trump and the number 7. He was born exactly 700 days before Israel became a nation. Israel was 77 days old exactly 777 days after Donald Trump was born. Israel’s 70th birthday will come exactly 700 days after Trump’s 70th birthday. Donald Trump won the election on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s 7th year, 7th month and 7th day in office. Something is about to be made complete.

²¹ **The Ascent-Vision** Throughout scripture we read of *blessed* individuals who have the opportunity to see God, often upon His throne in heaven. It can happen to you too. It begins with desire to *know* God, and loving Him with our whole heart. We must normally be *sanctified* first, by the Lord’s blood and our heartfelt *repentance* – after we are *redeemed* (born again). The process of coming to the Lord in this life (normally to His throne in heaven) may be organized into five steps (see endnotes 11 & 18, D&C 93:1).

Awake & Arise The simple and sacred (plain and precious) pattern given us throughout God’s word – of **how we come unto Christ** – is in *vision* – an *ascent vision* in connection with *heartfelt mighty prayer*. This is evident in the experiences of Enoch, Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, John the Beloved, Lehi, Nephi, Joseph Smith, and many others, including those who believe among us today. If we believe, we can do the same. Visions make use of “*the eye of faith*.” It is the method wherein most pluck the sweet fruit from **the Tree of Life** (see Alma 32:40-43). It is a spiritual experience, one in which God’s Spirit comes upon us. With it we are *transfigured* or *quicken*ed, allowing us to endure God’s presence as a weak mortal and be taken **to Him** in the world of glory. It is to be “*caught up unto God and His throne*” or “*caught away*” – “*on eagles wings*” to Him (1 Ne. 1:8, 11:1; D&C 76:113-19, 124:99; Ex. 19:4; Isa. 40:31; 2 Cor. 12:1-4; JST Rev. 12:14). He may also present Himself to us here. The heavenly ascent to God is much more common, however. Each of us has been invited to “*awake and arise*” and go out to meet the Bridegroom. To do so we must *awake*, or come out of Babylon first, and then **repent**, be baptized, be **born again**, and then come to the Lord, literally - via mighty, *faith-filled prayer*, resulting in vision. We do so by “*arising*” in the *heavenly ascent*. King Benjamin hints at going to God in heaven. He explains that those who become our Lord’s sons and daughters (Mos. 5 & 27:25-28) are “*taken to heaven*” and “**sealed his**” (Mos. 5:15).

The Book of Mormon is manual for this experience, and in receiving *redemption first* (the theme of John’s *great sign* in 2017), more commonly called the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. Receiving God personally in this life thereafter, typically occurs via an *ascent-vision experience*. Though a great mystery to many, this is how we see Him, in *vision* or *revelation* and according to His will, timing, and way (see Ether 3:9-14; 4:14-18). Lehi ascended into God’s presence in the 6th verse of the first chapter of the Book of Mormon. He then taught His family much of what He learned there. Nephi *believed* his father and desired the same visionary experience (see 1 Ne. 11:1).

Because he “believed” and had great faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, he had a similar vision. The patterns for how this can occur is given us in God’s word as we diligently search it. We too can “ascend on eagle’s wings” into God’s holy presence. First seek to be *redeemed* of God, to be purified in His holy blood by being “born again” in Him, receiving “the mighty change in heart.” Next, remove all *unbelief*. Have faith like a little child. The desire of *our heart* (to know God) and its *purity* help us receive these things. We can then experience the incredible *love* of God first hand. For more on this topic, see the author’s paper *Repent and Come Unto Me*, pps. 16-20, and *Visions, and How to Have Them*, www.7witnesses.com.

²² *Additional Resurrection* Another form of “*resurrection*” addressed as a mystery in limited scriptures is returning to earth for additional experience, growth, progression, or service. The Lord Jesus (Mosiah 15:1), John the Baptist (JSH 1:36-39; Mark 1:1-4; JST Mark 9:3; Luke 1:17 & 76; JST Mat. 17:10-14; JST John 1:22-28; D&C 110:13-16), and others (including many of “the great and noble,” Abr. 3:22-28) are believed to have done this. Some refer to it as “multiple mortalities. Those who have progressed to a certain level have no more need to return, but may choose to do so out of love for others, including family. Christ is the perfect example of this. He attained the level of God, then descended here to *redeem* us – because of love for us and Father and Mother. In the Book of Mormon this return, a type of “*resurrection*” is signaled by the phrase “*to go no more out.*” See *Alma* 7:25 , 29:17, 34:36; *Hel.* 3:30, 3 *Ne.* 28:40; *Acts* 13:34; *Rev.* 3:12 & *John* 3:3-10, and the author’s paper *To Go No More Out*.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FShq64J_nY Judgment of hurricanes following the great American eclipse

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jT_sgLwrcTs Faith versus fear when the great war comes

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