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Part one is the authors understanding of the way future events will come to pass. It is not ‘written in stone’ it is the culmination of years of study of biblical chronology and scripture. It is offered for consideration and prayer in the hope that, as we more and more seek God for understanding, the promise that the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and tell us things to come, as spoken by Jesus in John 16:13, will be manifest in the body of Christ.

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God’s masterplan of redemption is best understood with at least a rudimentary understanding of biblical chronology. Last orders relies to a great extent on this basic knowledge. This guide takes a complex subject and tries to make it simple.

**Author’s note –**

I have been involved in the study of biblical chronology for many years and interested and involved in teaching about the end times in many places. As time moves along I have been increasingly aware that the time left is shortening and that there are significant events, which could be worrying, to come. So I have tried to put together what I know from study and what I perceive from events so these things do not come as a surprise. And then to give a reasoned scriptural view of how to live life as the events unfold. My hope is that you will be strengthened in your walk with the Lord.
Which comes first...

Severe financial problems affecting:

a) The Euro
b) The dollar

... such that there is a world wide economic problem – leading to meltdown.

Trouble in the Middle East:

a) Israel, with or without US assistance, takes out (or tries to take out) Iran’s nuclear plants.
b) The surrounding Arab nations form a confederacy and attack Israel
c) Russia with allies attacks Israel

....such that there is major disruption, including to the world economy.

Important Note:

This booklet is not intended to be a dogmatic statement of fact. Rather it is a discussion document to be weighed and tested, to be prayed over, and maybe the spur for further revelation and study especially where dates are concerned. Particular care is required over prophetic matters which are not found explicitly in scripture - they are offered on the basis that they may be relevant to our understanding.
Part one:

**Last orders**

1) The bible gives information advising the reader of the last hour of the age in which we live.
2) The bible can be trusted to be accurate.
3) We can expect to understand the timing of matters.
4) Watch this space!!!!
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7) Their rule is likely to start in 2018.
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9) Time to speak up
10) Another ruler will emerge among the 10 (here referred to as the 11th)
11) The born again Christian population will be removed from the earth in what is known as the rapture
12) Chronology and signs show the rapture could occur in 2025 or before.
13) The 11th ruler who emerges will strike a peace treaty with Israel probably in 2026 or soon after)
14) The period known as ‘the Tribulation’ will commence.
15) The 10 rulers hand their ‘kingdom’ to antichrist as the 11th is now known
16) 2029 - probably the mid point of the tribulation
17) 2033 Return of Jesus Christ to end what is known as the Battle of Armageddon
18) 2033 Start of the millennial rule of Jesus Christ.
19) The glorious conclusion.

To fit in somewhere in the time plan:

20) At some point an Arab conspiracy is formed and attacks Israel.
21) At some point Russia with allies attacks Israel probably after the Arab conspiracy.
22) At some time the 666 mark system is introduced without which buying and selling is not possible - probably during the tribulation.

Part two:

_How to be as the events unfold_

Part three:

_The hitchhikers guide to chronology – a simple introduction._
Chapter 1

The bible gives information advising the reader of the last hour of the age in which we live.

The Book of Revelation is considered by many to be very difficult to interpret, yet its author, John, is instructed to ‘write the things which you have seen (in vision), and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this,’ (Chapter 1:19) It should be obvious that those who read his writings would expect to understand them – and the very title of the book means ‘clearly revealed.’

We can expect to understand because the Holy Spirit is here to lead us into all truth and to show us the things to come. (John 16:13)

So the Book of Revelation reveals what ‘was,’ in the time of John, and ‘what was yet to come.’ What ‘was’ in the time of John? - the rule of the Romans.

Now we need to back track to a vision given somewhere around 600BC to Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon. This vision was of a great statue which had a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, thighs of bronze and legs of iron with feet partly of iron and partly of clay. A stone cut without hands struck the image on its feet and it was completely destroyed. (Daniel chapter 2)

How does this fit? Well we know what the vision represented because Daniel gives Nebuchadnezzar the meaning:

The head of gold - that is you Nebuchadnezzar and your kingdom, Babylon,

The chest and arms of silver - after you another kingdom, which we know to be the Medes and Persians.

Then the thighs of bronze – the Greeks followed the Medes and Persians.

The legs of iron - Rome which was ruling at the time the Book of Revelation was written.
The feet partly iron and partly clay we will meet in chapter six – for the moment remember feet have toes - 10 of them.

What about the stone cut without hands, i.e. no human involvement. The interpretation given to Daniel states clearly that a Kingdom, set up by God Himself, will be established and it will destroy the previous kingdoms. The stone cut without hands which becomes a great mountain represents this Kingdom set up by God Himself. (2:44) So this vision is taking in all of future human history up to the point at which God’s own kingdom on earth is established.

All this is found in the Book of Daniel chapter 2.
Chapter 2
The bible can be trusted to be accurate.

In considering the last hour we are taking as our point of reference the Bible. So it is important to establish that we can trust the accuracy of what we read.

Paul writes to Timothy ‘all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.’ (2 Timothy 3:16-7)

 .......... however, whilst that is enough for a bible believer it would be discounted by a cynic - as the bible authenticating itself. So we need to find more evidence that the bible is accurate and trustworthy.

In Paul’s first letter to Timothy he makes a scientifically accurate statement that he could only have written through the inspiration of the Spirit – that God dwells in unapproachable light. Paul was probably thinking in terms of light being too bright to approach. He could not have known that light moved at such a speed that approaching it is not possible. This scientific fact is not discovered until centuries after his death! Light travels at 186,000 miles per second - when accelerated, and before it reaches this speed, matter disintegrates – God does dwell in unapproachable light.

In writing to the Ephesians Paul makes another statement - the growth of the body comes from the head. He is referring in particular to the body of Christ. Jesus is described as the head and born again believers as His body. In this scenario all growth of the body of Christ is determined by and from the head, Jesus Himself. We now know it true of the human body as well - growth is controlled by the pituitary gland in the head.

Job – understood to be the first book of the bible written down, states that the earth is suspended on nothing - we did not know that until satellites were sent up - previously there were all sorts of theories. For example the Hindu Vedas has the earth flat, flying in a saucer filled
with water. The saucer is balanced on the back of four elephants which in turn stand on a huge turtle which is swimming in a vast sea. Only the bible is trustworthy!

Job also states that the earth is round - again way before his time! Even today you get the odd ‘flat earther.’

The bible has proved to be historically accurate. Nothing in the bible has been proved to be untrue, and many things stated are proved right by archaeology as a visit to the British Museum will confirm.

The bible is prophetically accurate*. There are many prophecies in the bible, most of which have already come to pass. There are prophecies yet to be fulfilled – indeed this is all about one of them!

There is an interesting statement in Revelation 11 where at a future time two witnesses are preaching in Jerusalem and are slain. The scripture states that their bodies lay there for three and a half days and the whole world rejoices. In John’s day that could not possibly have taken place – it’s only with the advent of radio and television that it is possible for the whole world to get the information so quickly.

There are many prophecies surrounding the person of Jesus. Isaiah, Zechariah, Micah, Daniel, Amos and the Psalms record over 25 matters concerning His crucifixion alone. Every one was fulfilled.

In its original manuscripts we believe the bible to be completely accurate, without error or contradiction – God breathed through human channels.

* ‘Every prophecy of the bible’ by John Walvoord published by Chariot Victor Publishing contains masses and masses of examples.

There is also the matter of numbers – outside the scope of this work. Google Vernon Jenkins for his website and a wonderful revelation of the importance of numbers from the very first verse of the bible.
Chapter 3

We can expect to understand matters as we come closer to the culmination of time

Many people take the position that we are not expected to, neither can we, know the timing of the events at the culmination of the church age in which we now live. This is based on the scripture in Acts chapter 1:6-7

‘They asked Him saying, ‘Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ And he said to them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.’

However we must analyse the question - is this the time you will restore the kingdom to Israel? The question is limited in scope and the answer refers to the question. So that was not for the disciples to know. This is especially so as the disciples were to recognise and play their part in establishing the church age and not in the restoration of Israel which, though promised, is yet future.

In other places it is clear that we are expected to understand the times in which we live:

Luke 19:44 Jesus chastises the Pharisees for not recognising the time of their visitation - that refers to the time of His coming which was recognised by Magi** from the east (we refer to them as the wise men)

Daniel 12:4 - Daniel is told to shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end - which infers that at the time of the end all will be revealed.

Paul to the Thessalonians has this to say, ‘For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, ‘Peace and safety,’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.’ A simpler way of saying would be - in due time you will know. 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4
Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit: ‘However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth: for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.’ John 16:13

In the Old Testament there were the sons of Issachar who understood the times to know what Israel should do. I Chronicles 12:32.

We should expect to know and to understand the times in which we live.

** the Magi arrived in Jerusalem sometime after the birth of Jesus - possibly up to two years. When they rode into Jerusalem all the city was troubled (Matthew 2:3) So it is not three wizened old men on camels! The Magi were the priestly caste of the Medes, the Persians and the Babylonians - they were king makers. When Daniel the prophet was in Babylon he was appointed as their chief (2:48). It is extremely likely that he taught them what he knew and that it was handed down through the generations. So they would have known the expected arrival time of the Messiah through the 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel in chapter 9:24-27.

So when they saw His star (what was it? - we don’t know) its appearance was recognised by the Magi who immediately knew what it meant and where to go. They don’t follow the star all the way, it re-appears after their meeting with Herod. Travelling a long distance through rough terrain would have required a heavily armed escort – so it was most probably an armed contingent that arrived in Jerusalem, not only that, they were representatives of a very powerful neighbouring state and they were known as king makers.

No wonder Herod was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. (Matthew 2:3)

How totally appropriate for shepherds, representing the Jews, and Magi representing the gentiles, to be recorded bringing their worship to Jesus. (Especially shepherds from the fields around Bethlehem where the lambs were prepared for sacrifice in the temple.)
Chapter 4
Watch this space

There is a principle in the Old Testament that every 7 years debts are forgiven on the last day of the seventh or Sabbath year. It is found in Deuteronomy chapter 15 verses 1-6 where Israelites are instructed to release their brothers from debts on this day.

Quite remarkably this day, which is known as Elul 29 in the Modern Hebrew calendar, has seen a couple of signs in the financial realm in the very recent past. (Elul is the name of the Hebrew month.)

On September 17th 2001 the stock market recorded its biggest ever one day fall until ... (In the Modern Hebrew calendar that is Elul 29 5761.)

Then on 29th September 2008 the stock market recorded its biggest ever one day fall. That is 29 Elul 5768. Jonathan Kahn, in ‘The Harbinger,’ associates the two events with judgement on America for turning away from the ways of the Lord and not repenting thereof.

Understandably there was a lot of expectation that Elul 29 5775 would also see a significant event. However, whilst 2015 has been described by some as the worst year ever for investors with the Dow in negative territory, there wasn’t any one event on Elul 29 of the magnitude seen previously. So when we look forward we have to exercise caution - we do not know – we can only pray, seek the Lord to know what we should do.

The world financial system now stumbles from one crisis to another – particularly in the Eurozone. America, the world’s largest economy (until China takes over!) is in serious trouble, running both internal and external deficits on a scale no other nation could envisage. It ‘survives’ economically because the $ is the world’s reserve currency, but cracks are appearing, as other currencies attract the same favour as the dollar,
rich nations who want to spread the risk in their portfolios move funds around.

With the western nations resorting to printing money (£, $ and euro) on a grand scale, said to be to create liquidity, but in reality just to finance government deficits which are running at unsustainable levels, financial crises are not far away. With Britain voting to leave the European Union more uncertainty has been created -already reports of Italian and German banks in greater trouble.

Oil prices have collapsed and interest rates are in a couple of places in negative territory – strange times!
Chapter 5
What a malarkey!

Malarkey according to the Oxford English Dictionary means nonsense, its origin being unknown, though the word is said to have appeared around the 1920’s.

On the other hand Malachi is the name of the primate of the Irish church in the 1100’s. St Malachi, as he became known, is famous for producing a list of the popes who were yet to come right through to the very last. Analysis of his ‘prophetic’ list with the actual outcome reveals a great deal of accuracy.

At the time of writing the pope’s name is Benedict. Malachy stated he will retire and die shortly thereafter – nothing very spectacular about that except popes do not retire, they die in office. P.S. he has now retired and the last Pope has been elected.

Some scholars think that the document a forgery - but there have been 36 popes since the supposed date of the supposed forgery and the high level of accuracy remains.

St Malachi gives the next pope after Benedict as the very last pope and after him there will be the final judgement.

So we are faced with a choice is it Malachi or malarkey?

Another indicator of the times we live in.
Chapter 6

10 rulers will emerge and be authorised to rule for a short time.

In order to demonstrate this from the scripture we first visit Daniel chapter 2. We will see the emergence of 10 kings through two visions:

**Vision 1** Nebuchadnezzar, the king, had a dream – he couldn’t remember it but it troubled him so he called all the wise men of Babylon. He called the Magi (magicians in the text – should be translated Magi - it’s their name), the astrologers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to interpret the dream on penalty of death. Of course they could not give him the interpretation as he couldn’t tell them the dream! – so they were condemned to death.

But Daniel heard about it and asked for 24 hours – he then came to Nebuchadnezzar with the answer. ‘There is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. But for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the king and that you may know the thoughts of your heart. You O king were watching ..........

Nebuchadnezzar had seen future world history in the form of a statue.

Head of gold – that was Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom, Babylon

Chest and arms of silver - that was to be the Medes and Persians who indeed followed on.

Belly and thighs of bronze – Greece follows

Legs of iron its feet partly iron and partly clay – Rome.

The legs are described as ending in feet and toes partly iron and partly clay – it is here we first see the appearance of the 10 kings at the ‘end of time.’ (refer verses 43-44)
Then a stone was cut out ‘without hands,’ which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them into pieces ....... And no trace of them was found.

Daniel was made the ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon. Hence Daniel became the chief of the Magi.

**Vision 2**

In the reign of Belshazzar, after Nebuchadnezzar died, there was another vision - which links closely to the dream: Daniel sees 4 beasts:

First a lion representing Babylon

Second a bear representing Medo-Persia

Third a leopard with 4 wings representing Greece and.... Finally a beast most terrible with ten horns. From amongst them another horn, a little one, arises and three of the originals are plucked out by the roots.

So we have **10 kings** –first seen as 10 toes, now as horns, right at the end of the revelation of the future, just before God sets up His kingdom. Then seen as the terrible beast where 10 horns represent 10 kings as specified in Daniel chapter 7 verse 24.

**Now to Revelation:**

Chapter 17:12  *The 10 horns which you saw are 10 ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority (or permission) to rule for one hour as kings with the beast.* (as the 11th horn is now referred to).

**How long is an hour?**

Clearly not a literal hour, so we will work on the basis it’s a chronological hour - i.e. it expresses a length of time recognisable in a chronology.
From time to time the bible uses language in a representative way - so Peter says, ‘a day is as a thousand years.’ (2 Peter 3:8) Detailed bible study will show that can have a literal explanation - that is a day is as, or can be likened to, or used representing, a thousand years, rather than an ‘any old length of time.’

Using this principle, of representation, we can look at a Babylonian year. Nebuchadnezzar was sentenced to 7 times eating grass in Daniel 4:23. A Babylonian time or year is 360 days long – so Nebuchadnezzar’s sentence was 2520 days in length. In part 3 chapter 7 we examine the work of Grattan Guiness who charts dates using 1 day representing 1 year. In the famous 70 weeks prophecy where Daniel (chapter 9) is told your people have 70 x 7’s that is 490 the interpretation has been and is chronologically proven to be 490 years. So here we see 490 days representing 490 years. When one day can be said to represent a Babylonian year of 360 days, and those days can in turn represent years, then one hour would represent 15 days -then those days could be said to represent 15 years.

Authority to rule for 15 years makes sense and in terms of rulership is a short time – especially in relation to the kingdoms of the statue of Nebuchadnezzar’s vision.

It would be absolutely right to ask ourselves if there is any precedent for this line of thinking.

Here we want to refer to the work of A E Ware and F Paine who built on the pioneering work of Sir Edward Denny and Grattan Guiness in their study of chronology. In 1918 the 1st world war ended at 11am on 11th of November - 11 – 11 -11. It raised the question ‘Lord is this a sign?’ Ware and Paine believed that the Lord answered and said they had entered the ‘last hour’ 15 years later they were given warnings in advance that the end was indeed coming on 12th June 1933. (However, they did not know how to interpret ‘the end.’) Large advertisements were published in major national newspapers to this effect and to sound the warning. And public meetings were held.
Did anything happen? Yes, the world was in depression and a World Economic Conference was hosted in London to address the issue and find a solution. Virtually all the nations of the earth attended - 66 nations in all. The conference deliberately avoided calling on the Lord for deliverance and instead declared, ‘It is not beyond the wit of man to solve the crisis.’ We now understand that at that very time the Gentile nations (not individuals) were cut off from the favour of God represented by the olive tree * in Romans 11. (The Miracle of Time by F L Paine and published by Shiloah Ministries)

Another 15 years (one hour) later, 1948, Israel is reinstated as a nation.

* The olive tree.

So here we see the fulfilment of the warning given to the gentiles by Paul in Romans 11:22. Paul is relating the position - how gentiles have been grafted into the Olive Tree; Israel, the natural branches, having been cut off for unbelief. The root feeds the branches and God’s chosen race, the Jews, were intended to enjoy the ‘fatness’ the root provides. Israel was not the root, but were the natural branches and they were cut off for unbelief. At the conference the gentile nations had a wonderful opportunity to call upon the Lord – they missed it and were cut off from the root of fatness for unbelief.

So what does the Olive Tree represent - verse 17 states it as fatness. The root is the favour of God. Israel will be grafted in again (verse 23)
Chapter 7
Their rule is likely to start in 2018

There we go fixing dates!

We say ‘likely’ because when discussing the timing of events we can only work with what we know - we never know what we don’t know. So we cannot be dogmatic.

Nevertheless, we can give a reasoned argument for why it looks likely.

We now have some clear understanding of chronological history. Here we give a limited overview as a basis for looking forward.

One day can be likened to, or is as, one thousand years. (This is explicitly stated in 2 Peter 3:8) If we apply this principle to the days of creation we would expect a 7,000 year period to complete matters. The book of Revelation speaks of a 1,000 year period in chapter 20 - indeed to underline matters it repeats the ‘1,000 years’ 6 times. This period is known as ‘The Millennium,’ during which Jesus rules in person on the earth - which is restored to its condition before sin entered in through Adam.

We can also measure exactly 2,000 years before Israel and exactly 2,000 years when Israel was the favoured nation. So we can expect 2,000 years from the death of Jesus in 33 AD to the start of the millennium to complete the 6,000 years making a total of 7,000 years when we add in the millennium.

In the last chapter we saw that a Babylonian hour could be likened to 15 years and that at the end of the rule of the 10 kings, together with antichrist, the millennium would start. Therefore a simple calculation would have the 10 kings starting their rule by 2018 – that is 2033 minus 15. (Note of caution -we do not know what we do not know. So hold lightly, pray, and watch this space.)
In the last chapter we referred to the work of A E Ware and F Paine and how they saw a specific event in 1933. In their chronological studies they were able to arrive at this date by two different routes – important as the bible talks of God requiring things confirmed by two or three witnesses.

Can we arrive at 2033 by another route in order to provide the two witnesses we should expect. Indeed we can. Israel was established again as a nation in 1948, just one chronological hour after 1933. Previously, when Israel were taken out of their land they were exiled for 70 years in Babylon. The process of taking them into exile was not immediate, it took place over 19 years as detailed in part 3.

So we will suggest that God will give Israel back the 70 years whilst He restores them before future history moves on. 1948 plus 70 years brings us to 2018 when the next phase could be expected to commence. To complete the numbers we now add the 15 years rule of the 10 kings and we come to 2033.

Is there anything to confirm that this thinking might be correct? Yes indeed. As the process of going into exile took 19 years we could look at the process of Israel living again in the land starting in 1948 and add 19 years to see if we come to anything really specific, and we arrive at the year in which Israel won the 6 day war – 1967, gaining defensible borders and a significant part of her historical heritage.

We have arrived at 2033 by two very different routes. So there is evidence that our thinking could be along the right lines.

2033
Chapter 8
The 10 rulers seek to destroy the existing trading system referred to as ‘Babylon.’

Whilst Babylon may well encompass more than trade it is principally the merchants of the earth who are seen weeping and mourning over her demise in Revelation 18.

In Revelation 17 we see a harlot referred to as ‘Mystery Babylon’ and 18 sees a city referred to as ‘Babylon.’ There is no contradiction here as the two are so closely linked with each other – if you see the city you see the harlot, if you see the harlot you see the city. In fact we see the same regarding the bride of Christ – that is, both the body of born again believers, and the New Jerusalem are referred to as the bride – if you see the bride you see the city if you see the city you see the bride. Rather like Jesus saying if you see Me you have seen the Father – it is because they are so closely aligned.

It is clear from Revelation 17 that Babylon was empowered by fornication, filthiness and abominations, and that it was opposed to God’s people. The harlot is described as drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

The harlot and the city are destroyed (Revelation 17:16 and 18:9-24) It is God’s plan - it is He who puts these thoughts into the hearts of the 10 rulers and antichrist, that is clearly stated in 17:17.

In our day we can see increasing pressure coming against the power of trade - particularly in the case of the banking industry and globalisation. It is also becoming clear that Governments find it extremely difficult to collect taxes on the profits of global companies as they shift profits into tax free or low tax jurisdictions.
So it should be no surprise that the 10 rulers seek to destroy the system established in the world now known as ‘Babylon’ in the bible. Indeed it has to go to make way for the system that antichrist will introduce,
referred to as ‘the mark of the beast,’ in Revelation 13 verses 16-18. Without this mark no one will be able to buy or sell.

When the European Union was founded some people thought this was the beginning of the emergence of the 10 rulers and were looking for it to be made up of 10 nations. History proves that is not the case. Who or what are the 10 kings or rulers – we don’t know.

There are signs that this thinking is around in the world though - in 1973 the ‘Club of Rome’ published a map of the world entitled ‘The 10 Kingdoms.’ (Later changed to 10 regions.) It split the world in 10 economic areas. [The Club of Rome is an informal organisation of world leaders with a New Age philosophy.]

We can be confident that 10 rulers will emerge, they may even start life as economic entities which turn political just like the European Union, because the bible is very clear on the point. It also seems very likely that they will have roots in Rome, just like the European Union – this is established by the details of Nebuchadnezzar’s statute and the statement in Daniel that the ‘prince who is to come’ (antichrist) is of the people who destroyed Jerusalem and the sanctuary. (Daniel 9:26) What we see in the earth today may be the forerunner of what is to come to fulfil the scripture.

Whatever, we can expect events to come round to this - 10 rulers will emerge and will be given authority for one hour which they will use to destroy the existing systems and to hand over to antichrist at some point.
Chapter 9
Time to speak up

When we see these things happen we know the return of Jesus is near. Soon it will be too late. Now our relatives, friends, acquaintances and indeed everyone needs to be given the chance to come to Jesus as saviour and Lord.

This is the time when the born again church should shine forth – as Jesus put it – ‘You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.’ (Matthew 5:14-16)

Now is the time to recognise that the culmination of all things rapidly approaches and the things of this world are going to pass away - so no longer any point in being taken up with worldly things and worldly pursuits. It is time for the gospel to be preached, talked, spoken, whispered, everywhere.

‘The Lord working with them, confirming the word through accompanying signs.’ (Mark 16:20)

Definitely the time for last orders for the born again church – the bride of Christ will very soon be complete and it will no longer be possible to become part of the bride.

We need to make a distinction between individuals and nations. The Lord would desire all men everywhere to be saved – though it is clear from scripture that does not happen due to the hardness of the hearts of men. Nations are dealt with at a different level – which is rather determined by their leadership. One can see nations, like the UK or USA becoming more and more ungodly at the national level, yet at the same time by the grace of God many individuals are saved out of them.
Chapter 10

Another ruler will emerge among the 10 (here referred to as the 11th)

When we allow the scripture to fill in the details we can see that 10 rulers are first given authority to rule for one hour - 15 years and that an 11th emerges after they are established. (Daniel 7:24-5.) in the process of emerging the 11th uproots three of the 10 rulers.

This 11th ruler is stated as speaking pompous words against the Most High, persecuting the saints (those who come to believe during the tribulation period) and intending to change times and law. So now we will refer to him as antichrist (being ‘instead of’ as well as ‘against.’)

The scripture also shows us that at some point in the 15 year period those remaining of the 10 rulers give their power and authority to antichrist (Revelation 17:17) so that he becomes the executive ruler exercising all power. We don’t know exactly when this happens but we do know that it is antichrist who signs the peace treaty with Israel defining the start of the period known as The Tribulation.

The nature of antichrist is disclosed in his number. Revelation 13:18 ‘Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast for it is the number of man: his number is 666.’ What can be meant by ‘calculate the number of the beast?’ 666 is 37 multiplied by 18 – so we can look closely at the two numbers to discern their meaning:

37 - this is the number that represents the wonderful inheritance that the Lord has for the believers. There are biblical indicators that this is so - for example Caleb, famous for gaining his inheritance in the promised land, is mentioned 37 times in scripture. For those who can see that there are numerical indicators in scripture the names of Jesus are multiples of 37 – that is the value, for all Greek letters have a numerical value, of the letters of His name are multiples of 37 - Jesus – the value of the letters is 888 which is 24 times 37. Christ – 1480 which is 40 times 37. Son of man 2960 which is 80 times 37. Our inheritance is of course all wrapped up in Jesus and we are described as His inheritance.
18 – this number is bondage, oppression, imprisonment – this is seen in Luke 13:16 has the example of the woman who was bound by Satan for 18 years.

So the calculation of the number of antichrist shows he is trying to prevent mankind coming into the inheritance through bondage and oppression. That is his nature - he is anti, which means instead of as well as against, Christ - and the Tribulation is the time he comes into his time of major influence.

The Tribulation is the name given to the final 7 years of time before Jesus returns to reign. It is split into two sections each of three and a half years. In the last period the earth is subject to terrifying judgements as the Lord tries to persuade the remaining people to turn to Him.

As the scripture says antichrist has power over the saints* only for 3.5 years (Daniel 7:25) there is a strong argument to establish that he does not come into full control in this way until after the rapture - otherwise God would have to do the impossible and go back on His promise to the church –the promise that born again believers have power over all the works of the enemy.

So the initial emergence of antichrist could be expected to be in the period after the rapture of the church and before the tribulation starts. During the period of the tribulation there will be many martyrs among those who come to believe through the work of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists specially appointed by God, as revealed in Revelation 7, and through other means.

* saints refers to believers of all time - not specifically to the church. So believers in the Old Testament are saints, believers in the church age are saints, those who come to believe in the tribulation are saints. The reference here cannot refer to the born again church as she will no longer be on the earth at this point.
Chapter 11

The born again population will be removed from the earth in what is known as the rapture

There are different views regarding the rapture of the church whilst the principle of it is generally accepted. It is very clear in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – ‘then those who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.’

The big question is when? Before the tribulation; in the middle of the tribulation; at the end of the tribulation; or what tribulation anyway?

We shall ignore the last of these as the scripture is abundantly clear on the question of tribulation - tribulation is in the world already and it will culminate in a specific period we call ‘The Tribulation.’

There are very good reasons why the rapture has to take place before The Tribulation some of which are listed below:

1) The believers are to eagerly look forward to the coming of Christ. As The Tribulation is a terrifying time of unparalleled difficulty on earth it does not make sense to expect the believers to look forward to the coming of Christ knowing that 7 years of mass martyrdom and extreme difficulty precede it.

2) The Tribulation is described as the time of God’s wrath. The church is saved from the wrath to come – Romans 5:17, 1 Thessalonians 1:10 where literally it says ‘Jesus snatches us to Himself from the wrath to come.’

3) The doctrine of Christ’s coming is comfort (1 Thessalonians 4:18) Not so if we have 7 years of The Tribulation beforehand!

4) John 14:1 ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.’ The Tribulation is described as the time of Jacob’s trouble in Jeremiah 30:7.

5) It is Jacob’s trouble (being the Jewish race) and it takes place after they are restored to their land. It is not the church’s trouble.
6) According to John 14:1-6 Jesus is preparing a place for us in His Father’s house – and He will come collect us and take us there. This is like a traditional Jewish wedding. The bridegroom collects his bride from her abode and takes her to the house he has prepared for her – this is Jesus, now preparing our place, then coming to collect us for the marriage in heaven, then returning to earth for the feast and celebration and to rule.

7) The period of The Tribulation is a return to the time of the Jews – whilst there will be gentiles on earth, the church is never mentioned in connection with The Tribulation, having left through the open door, as indicated in Revelation chapter 4, and in the word to the Philadelphian church in chapter 3.

8) The church has to be removed to see any need for 144,000 Jewish evangelists to be appointed.

9) The meaning of the prophecy of Daniel in chapter 9 verses 24-7, known as the seventy weeks prophecy, is lost if the church is still around - because the prophecy concerns Israel only. (Seventy weeks are appointed for your people) (Daniel. 9:24)

10) Blessed hope - Titus 2:13 - looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus. Not looking for 7 years of wrath.

11) The church has authority over all the works of the devil and therefore antichrist could not have power over members of the church. Daniel 7:25 states that saints are given into the hand of antichrist for 3.5 years. This cannot refer to the church as the church has authority over the works of satan and the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable (Romans 11:29). So it can only refer to those who come to belief during The Tribulation period - these believers are not part of the bride and have not been given authority over the works of the devil. (The word saints does not refer to the church alone - it is used of believers in every age.)

12) The church has historically believed in His imminent return at any time - this is only possible with a pre-tribulation rapture.
At the end of The Tribulation there is the separation referred to in Matthew 25 – the believers (those who have come to belief in The Tribulation and survived to the end) inherit the Kingdom – and live in the millennial rule of Jesus, whilst the unbelievers go into everlasting punishment. If the ‘rapture’ is left to the end of the Tribulation, and the believers all receive their immortal bodies at this point, then there are no ordinary human beings left. There have to be ordinary humans on earth in the millennium for Jesus, together with His bride, to rule over. In many places they are referred to as nations. Many old testament passages rely on their being a human population in the millennium for their fulfilment - Isaiah chapter 11 for example. This would not be possible, if the rapture occurred at the end of the tribulation, as all believers would have received glorified bodies and formed part of the bride – with unbelievers sent to perdition there would be no one left to rule over or to bear children!

We have said enough to demonstrate that the church rises to meet Jesus in the air before The Tribulation

Before we leave – there is a wonderful mathematic picture of the rapture in John 21.

The disciples have gone back to fishing. Jesus is on the beach. ‘Children have you any food?’ Jesus calls from the beach. ‘No’ is their reply. ‘Then cast the net on the right side of the boat’ – they do and they catch 153 large fish - so many the net is strained but not broken.

153 as a number can be expressed as 10 add 7, making 17 and multiply by 9 = 153.

Numbers have meaning in scripture - seven is the number representing spiritual perfection and 10 represents numeric completion – so the numerically complete and spiritually perfect ones are represented here. Taken by 9, being the last single digit, it represents the end when the net is brought to Jesus. All the spiritually perfect ones brought to Jesus at the end. It is a picture of the rapture.
Now we will consider ‘the net.’ In Greek each letter is also a number. The net has a numerical value of 1224 when one adds up the value of the letters. 1224 is 153 x 8 and 8, as a number, represents resurrection or rapture. What a picture of the born again ones at the rapture as the fish are taken out of the sea (often used to represent the peoples of the world – see Revelation 17:15 for example) straight to Jesus. And how absolutely marvellous is the scripture, truly God breathed.

(Note regarding 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

Some commentators see many believers going into apostasy because of this verse. However this thought requires Paul to be writing about believers rather than about the world population in general. The only other time the Greek word apostasia is used is in Acts 21:21 where many Hebrews have become believers and Paul has urged them to forsake Moses. Of course they should turn away from the law (Moses) as they needed to leave the Jewish rules and customs and fully take on Christ.

What we know from the tribulation period is that antichrist wants the world population to forsake God and His ways – this is apostasy. As this process of leaving the ways of God progresses, it is well under way in the world right now, the time becomes ripe for antichrist to be revealed. We see no reason to interpret this verse as meaning there will be a turning away of true born again believers – those who make up the bride of Christ. Indeed, true born again believers have the Holy Spirit dwelling inside their human spirit – and ‘that which is born of God cannot sin’ (1 John 3:9) so whilst at the natural level we may sin, nevertheless at the spiritual level we cannot and thus our eternal inheritance is safe and guaranteed.
Chronology and signs show the rapture is likely to occur around 2025

There is no reference in scripture to a specific date for the rapture of the church. We can use more general principles to provide a window of opportunity during which it shall surely come to pass. In an earlier chapter we saw broad chronological principles which led to the expectation that the millennium would commence in the year 2033. As The Tribulation is a 7 year period and the rapture must occur beforehand - then it must have taken place in or before 2026.

Now we are going to look at an event that took place in 2010 and captured the attention of the whole world. Maybe this is a sign – care and prayer are advised!

On October 13th 2010 33 miners were rescued in what has been termed a miracle rescue.

A very substantial rock fall in the San Jose gold and copper mine in Chile’s Atacama region had trapped 33 miners over 2,000 feet below ground. Various plans were made for the rescue attempt and plan B was successful. It was completed after 33 days of drilling with a drill provided by Centre Rock inc - that drill had a radius of 33 cm. The miners sent up a message, which in English, stated they were alive - all 33 of them – in Spanish the message contained 33 letters and spaces.

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The prevalence of the number 33 has led to some speculation - especially as it is a number often associated with both masonic and occult activities.

So looking at it with a biblical perspective:
On the surface it is associated with Jesus both in terms of the length of His life on earth and the year in which He died and was resurrected. Jesus is described as the first fruits and in terms of the born again church is the first to rise (be raptured).

So we could expect that the number 33 is associated with signs of deliverance - as Jesus delivers all who believe from God’s judgement and the expectation thereof.

Perhaps one of the most recognised signs from God is the rainbow which appeared to Noah and carried with it the promise that God would not flood the whole earth again. This occurs in Genesis 9:17 which is the 33rd mention of Noah.

The 33rd mention of each of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob carry elements which are signs – Abraham (Gen 20:18) The wombs of all the household of the Philistine king were closed - as a sign that God’s promise of offspring for Abraham was not to be fulfilled through the house of Abimilech.

Isaac (Gen 26:1-) In this passage God says his seed would be like the stars of heaven – the stars being the sign of Isaac’s many descendants.

Jacob (Gen 28:20-22) Jacob makes a vow and erects a stone pillar as a sign thereof.

In the New Testament the 33rd mention of Peter and of Paul also relate to signs:

Peter (Acts 10:18) Peter has just received the vision of clean and unclean animals – the sign that the Gentiles were to be included.

Paul (Acts 17:2) Paul is seen explaining the Old Testament signs.

So we can ask ourselves could the rescue of the 33 miners be used as a sign from God (it certainly appeared to be miraculous) and if so a sign of what.
Well the most obvious is that it is a sign of the rapture of the church – first they are all there – then they are rescued from utter darkness and taken to the surface where they are individually welcomed. This will be the believers experience in the rapture.

If we accept this proposition we can start to draw the conclusion that the rapture of the church could take place on or around the 13th October 2025**. That is one chronological hour (15 years) later than the miner’s rescue. (We have already seen in an earlier chapter how the Lord spoke to A E Ware and F Paine giving them a one hour, 15 year warning relating to the cutting off of the Gentile nations.)

** In the Hebrew calendar that day in 2025 will be Hoshana Rabba – this is the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles – on this day the Jews would pray particularly for salvation through Messiah. Hoshana Rabba means ‘Day of Great Hosanna.’

There is another aspect - the Feast of Trumpets is said by commentators to be relevant to the rapture of the church. In 2025 that falls on the 23rd September. The last day of the feast of tabernacles, on the 13th October, could be said to represent the matter completed. The 21 days represents the period from Tishri 1 to Tishri 22 as per the chronology. So perhaps we may expect the rapture on or about the 23rd September 2025

I cannot emphasise enough that this is speculative – but it is included so that it can be weighed and tested in prayer by readers.
Chapter 13
The 11th ruler who emerges will strike a peace treaty with Israel probably in 2026

Daniel 7:19-27 contains the description of the 4th beast of Daniel’s vision - that equates to the final stage of Nebuchadnezzar’s vision of the great statue.

In both 10 appear - in Daniels vision it is 10 horns and in Nebuchadnezzar’s it is 10 toes. The 10 are described as kings who arise from the beast which represented Rome. Revelation 17:10 picks up the same story – 10 kings arise who are given authority to rule for 1 hour (15 years).

Daniel fills in more detail - an 11th horn appears amongst the 10 and in so doing he subdues 3 kings. This 11th horn is described as being different from the first 10, speaking pompous words against the Most High (arrogantly anti Jesus).

We also know from Daniel that it is this person who strikes a peace treaty with Israel – that is found in chapter 9:26-7. Here the prince of the people who destroyed Jerusalem (the Romans) confirms a 7 year (expressed as one week in the prophecy of 70 weeks found in Daniel 9) covenant with Israel, but in the middle thereof he revokes it by bringing an end to sacrifices and offerings (in the Temple in Jerusalem which has been rebuilt by then) and by setting up the abomination therein.

So - 10 kings arise at or around 2018 to rule for 15 years. Part way into their rule the 11th emerges and comes to prominence (the 10 kings are of one mind they give their power and authority to the beast as he is known - Rev 17:13) so that he is in a position to sign a peace treaty with Israel – likely to be 2026, which signifies the start of The Tribulation.

Quoting from Daniel: ‘and after 62 weeks Messiah shall be cut off (fulfilled AD33) but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come (we call him antichrist) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary
(fulfilled by the Romans in AD70). And the end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then he (antichrist – the prince of the people who destroyed Jerusalem) shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 years). But in the middle of the week (after 3.5 years) he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate (thought to be a reference to antichrist setting up his own image to be worshipped in the temple). Even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.’
Chapter 14
The period known as ‘The Tribulation’ will commence.

Now that the church has been removed and the 11th horn, antichrist, is to some degree in position The Tribulation starts.

So the peace treaty with Israel marks the start of The Tribulation. Israel is likely to have been having a very rough time – we mentioned an Arab uprising as detailed in Psalm 83 and a Russian invasion told in Ezekiel 38 in the executive summary without putting them in date order - simply because we don’t yet know exactly where they fit. However, it makes a lot of sense for Israel to seek peace at any time – especially after such onslaught. But – in signing up with antichrist they are making a tragic error; for whilst they are looking for a messiah figure they choose exactly the wrong one and The Tribulation period commences.

The Tribulation is described in the scriptures as the period of God’s wrath, the time of Jacob’s Trouble. The Lord is preparing the way for the Millennial rule of Jesus here on earth.
First He has to bring judgement against all who have not been born again by believing in Jesus. Those who survive The Tribulation period are gathered before Jesus (Matthew 25:32-34) and a separation takes place. The sheep inherit the kingdom and the goats go to everlasting punishment. It is in the discourse about The Tribulation period, which starts in Matthew 24, that we are told no one will know the day or the hour - that is because the time of the tribulation is shortened, for if not, no flesh would survive. (Mark 13:19-20) There is a possible chronological link.

When Ware and Paine were given their insight into the timing of matters relating to the cutting off of the gentiles the Lord used the passage in John 21 where the disciples had gone fishing and caught nothing. They were 200 cubits (verse 8) from land when Jesus called them and they dragged the net full of fish to the shore. For Ware and Paine understood that this spoke of 200 days and indeed it was given them exactly 200 days before the World Economic Conference which sealed the fate of the
Gentile nations. Now in our analysis 200 days after the rapture (after the ‘net full of fish has been taken to Jesus) the Tribulation begins. 200 days would be May 1st 2026 which is the 15th anniversary of the death of Osama Bin Laden, an antichrist figure, and also the anniversary of the death of Adolf Hitler, another antichrist figure.

If this analysis is correct we could possibly expect the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and antichrist on May 1st 2026.
Chapter 15
The ten rulers hand their ‘kingdom’ to antichrist as the 11th is now known.

Very clearly stated in Revelation 17:12-18. The ten kings are of one mind to give their power and authority to the beast as antichrist is now called. Verse 12 tells us that they reign together so it looks like antichrist is given full executive power whilst the 10 kings continue in position as both are seen destroying the harlot – that is the corrupt economic/religious system the harlot represents.

Somewhere along the way, during the 15 years rule of the 10 kings, this appointment to power for the beast takes place and also 3 of the 10 kings are plucked up by the roots - so there will be some discord in the camp, as it were, in the process.

Jesus makes the statement in Matthew 12:25 that a kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. The harlot represents the working of iniquity through the ages. The kings and the merchants of the earth have all committed fornication with her - she is empowered by satanic power at work. She calls herself the Queen of Heaven. (Revelation 18:7

Antichrist is empowered by satan also – this is recorded in chapter 13 where the dragon (satan) gives power to the beast from the sea (antichrist) [sea is used to represent the peoples of the world]

There we have the Queen of heaven powered by satan destroyed by the 10 kings and the beast also powered by satan, though it is God who puts it into their hearts to do it.

So the satanic kingdom will be brought to desolation because it is divided against itself.

We have already established that The Tribulation is a 7 years period and the scripture makes mention of it in two halves – so there must be a midpoint.
Chapter 16
2029 – the mid point of ‘The Tribulation’

As we see The Tribulation starting in 2026 the mid point will come towards the end of 2029.

This is point at which the two witnesses of Revelation 11 will be killed - they will have been witnessing in Jerusalem for 1260 days (the first half of the Tribulation period) Their bodies lie in the street for 3.5 days whilst the world rejoices. This shows the extent to which the world is rejecting the Lord God.

The mid-point is significant because it seems to be at this point that antichrist sets up his own image in the rebuilt temple, after killing the two witnesses, and then he instructs the Jews to worship him. Now they are advised to flee as the worst period the world has ever, or will ever, see, in terms of the outpouring of God’s wrath, takes place. Judgement after judgement of increasing intensity are unleashed on the earth culminating in all the nations of the earth gathered together to war against Jesus as He is returning.

It is also likely that at the midpoint antichrist is given power over the saints. This power, described in Daniel 7:25, is given for a time, times and half a time - 3.5 years. – the second half of the Tribulation.

It should be noted that the judgements are God’s grace - they are sent so that man may see his error, turn, repent and be saved. You can see this from, for example, Revelation 16:9 ‘and still they did not repent and give Him glory.’ The judgements are an opportunity for man to think again - but they don’t, they blaspheme His name. Verse 11 ‘And did not repent of their deeds’ - another missed opportunity.

Another ‘last orders’ – as the age draws rapidly to its conclusion – after the dreadful judgements outlined in Revelation Christ will return and it will be too late to be saved.
Chapter 17
2033 Return of Jesus Christ to end the battle of Armageddon.

Armageddon will be the place where all the nations of the earth are gathered together
Revelation 16:12-16. (verse 14 in particular)

Jesus is seen returning to earth (19:11-16) with the armies of heaven clothed in fine linen - that’s the bride of Christ, she was seen being given the fine linen garments in chapter 19:8. Only Jesus ‘fights’ in the battle and is of course completely victorious.

In our time line this will be sometime around spring in 2033. But because the time is shortened, as we saw in Mark 13:19-20, it is not possible to know the day or the hour just as Jesus stated to the disciples in Matthew 24:36.
Chapter 18
2033 Start of the millennial rule of Jesus Christ.

The battle over, satan is bound for 1,000 years and thrown into the bottomless pit.

Jesus will rule with His bride.

Israel will be the chief nation on earth restored to the full boundaries promised to her by God in Old Testament passages.

The spirit will be poured out on all flesh for at this point in time all on the earth will be believers.

Jesus and His bride dwell in the New Jerusalem, - found in Revelation 21:9-27, the city is described in glowing and glorious terms. It needs no light because Jesus is its light, it has no temple for the Lord god Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. There shall be no more curse. We shall see Him face to face. The bride lives there and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it.

Note:
New Jerusalem seems to appear twice - from verse 9 to 27 it is described in such a way as to indicate that New Jerusalem is brought to earth and we dwell there. Then going back to verses 1 to 8 New Jerusalem is seen in its eternal state when the new heaven and the earth have appeared - that is after the millennial rule of Christ.
Chapter 19
The glorious conclusion

The millennium is ......

A time of complete restoration of the earth.

A time of perfect government.

A time of peace throughout the earth.

‘The wolf will lie with the lamb and the nursing child will play by the cobra’s hole and the little child will put his hand in the vipers den - but there shall be no hurt for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea’. From Isaiah 11

‘Behold days are coming, says the Lord, when the ploughman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine and all the hills shall flow with it.’ Amos 9:13 – stated to come after the restoration of Israel.

‘For the gentiles shall seek Him and His resting place shall be glorious.’ Isaiah 11:10
To be fitted in somewhere in the time plan:

Chapter 20
The Arab conspiracy

Psalm 83 records a conspiracy by the following peoples forming a confederacy against the Lord:

Edom,
Ishmaelites
Moab
Hagrites
Gebal
Ammon
Amalek
Philistia
Tyre
Assyria.

Whilst some of these nations have ceased to be we can identify the lands they represent as follows;

Palestinians
Lebanese
Syrians
Jordanians
Saudi’s
Egyptians.

......... that completely surrounds Israel and it is thought to be unfulfilled at the present time. It is likely to come before the Russian invasion - and could be the excuse for it!

Recent events referred to as the ‘Arab Spring’ have brought more fundamentalist Islamists to power so this is becoming more likely. Watch this space for trouble in Jordan - seemingly untouched or very little affected as this manuscript is written. Turkey seems to be moving towards a more Islamic state – with upheavals along the way.
Chapter 21
The Russian invasion

Ezekiel 38 has a prophecy said to be fulfilled in the latter years. Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal together with Persia, Ethiopia and Libya, Gomer and the House of Togarmouth come against Israel. Again some of these names have disappeared but we can identify the lands. Russia ...

With the following Islamic nations:

Turkey

Iran

Somalia

Sudan

Armenia.

(Notice the immediate neighbours of Israel are missing - possibly because they were completely routed when they formed a confederacy and attacked Israel as per the previous chapter.)

When?

There are different viewpoints and not enough information to be dogmatic about it.

Seemingly it is not the Battle known as Armageddon, which is right at the end of the Tribulation – that requires all the nations of the world to be gathered against Israel then turning against the returning Messiah.
We have already referred to this number – the number of the beast, the number of man in rebellion against the Lord. Antichrist brings into the world of trade a system which requires anyone buying or selling to have this mark on their right hand or their forehead. The scripture details the 666 system in Revelation 13 - it is in the context of the time when antichrist is given power over the saints - so it would appear that it is brought in some time after the rapture of the church and in the period we call the tribulation – sometime between 2026 and 2033.

Those faced with taking the mark are making a fundamental decision either for the Lord or for antichrist.

There are some interesting elements buried in the numbers. 666 broken down to its factors is 37 x 18.

37 represents our inheritance as part of God’s covenant. 18 represents bondage bought about by Satan. (See Luke 13:16)

So we can see the push behind antichrist - he brings people into bondage such that they do not receive the blessings intended for them.

The tribulation period lasts for 2520 days – again the factors - this time 70 x 36. Seventy represents the nations (See Genesis 10) and 36 is associated with adversaries – this is a period when God in His grace is calling the nations back to Himself – ‘make a choice Me or the adversary!’

Antichrist is given particular power over the saints for 42 months – that is 1260 days. 42 is the number of antichrist. 42 x 18 (1260) is antichrist bringing people into bondage.
Part two

So what do we do?

How to be as the events unfold and as encroaching tide envelopes the world.

‘Without faith it is impossible to please God.’ – Hebrews 11:6

So here is our main clue to how to live in these coming times - by faith - but faith is much mis-understood and we need to get a clear understanding of just exactly what it means to ‘live by faith.’

The first essential is to be born again - that is very clearly stated by Jesus in John 3. You are not a Christian unless you are born again. Jesus explains it - you must be born of water and of the Spirit. Born of water is normal human birth – i.e. in the womb we are in water. Born of the Spirit is that rebirth of the human spirit brought about when we believe in Jesus. Many believe that there is also a filling with the Holy Spirit where one is fully surrendered to the Spirit - usually but not exclusively accompanied by the gift of speaking in tongues. This is what Jesus referred to and was the disciples experience at Pentecost. (Acts 2)

Four essentials to the life of faith.

We will examine the four basic fundamentals needed to work out a life of faith.

First essential:

Hope / confidence / trust - these are dealt with together because they refer to the same thing. That unshakeable certainty that God is good and that He has good desires and good plans for those who are His by being born again.

How does this hope, this degree of trust, arise. It comes by revelation of what Jesus accomplished at Calvary. That total victory over sin and sickness. (Isaiah 53 where Jesus bears our grieves [literally sicknesses] and
where the iniquity of us all was laid on Him) That by Him becoming poor we may become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9) All our needs are already met in Him – freedom from sin, fullness of provision for health and for our needs.

Revelation comes by the Holy Spirit revealing to us the truth - its His job as described by Jesus in John 16:13. We can pray ‘Holy Spirit lead me into all truth’ - because in so doing we are agreeing with scripture and showing that we want all truth, and progressively, as we continue to seek more and more, so we receive more and more revelation.

Hope is fulfilled in me when I am absolutely certain of what Jesus has accomplished for me, when I am fully certain of my eternal inheritance, when I know for sure that the plans God has for me are better than any plans I might conceive.

The process of revelation is greatly helped by bible study and meditation. As we study the scriptures that confirm these truths and as we meditate upon them, seeking the Spirit to lead us into all truth, so revelation will be forthcoming.

Then we can come into a position of total trust in the Lord – rather like Paul who was able to say ‘for me to live is Christ and to die is gain.’ He clearly had complete trust in God and complete hope in his eternal future.

So what does this mean in practice - it means we can be completely certain of our salvation, we can be completely certain that Jesus has accomplished everything necessary for our health and for our needs. All we need to access the benefits of what He has done is faith…..

**The second essential:**

Faith – ‘comes by hearing and hearing by the [spoken or quickened] word of God.’ (Romans 10:17) This is the rhema word of God - Jesus said we need this as well as our daily bread in Matthew 4:4: ‘Man does not live by bread alone but by every [rhema] word of God.’
[The Greek *rhema* is a little phrase or saying as differentiated from the Greek *logos* which is the whole revelation of God]

Faith comes not by our effort, not by our understanding of the word (logos) but by that which God quickens to us personally – that is by us hearing His particular message for the moment or the situation.

Faith cannot be worked up -this is where there is much misunderstanding.

Faith does not come by continued repetition of part of the logos – this is also where there is much misunderstanding.

Faith is received when we ‘come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need’. (Hebrews 4:16) Whilst Jesus has accomplished everything necessary on our behalf it is received by grace rather than by right. ‘For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.’ Ephesians 2:8.

So when we have a need we can account it accomplished in Jesus and receive it by faith and patience. Hebrews 6:12. The promises of God are inherited through faith and patience. It is God’s plan that patience is involved in the process of receiving the fullness of what He has accomplished (here referred to as promises) because patience has a work to do in perfecting us. James 1:4

Got a need - come to the throne of grace in the certainty that Jesus has accomplished everything for life and Godliness on your behalf and listen for that response as the Lord reveals His strategy through the rhema word to you - be patient, it’s by grace.

When God speaks, reveals His word, faith comes - faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word [rhema] of God.

The Hebrews 11:1 is fulfilled – ‘Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.’ Your hope, your certainty of what
was accomplished by Jesus, but yet unseen (Romans 8:25) now manifests as faith. God has spoken it will come to pass, maybe immediately, maybe after a while as patience does its work. Faith is the substance, the evidence of what is not (yet) seen.

**The third essential:**

**Rest** - we cannot make God act, we cannot heal the sick, we cannot accomplish anything of eternal worth our of our own strength

It is important to realise that we have to come to rest. *There remains a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to same example of disobedience.*' Hebrews 4:9-11. Here the writer refers to the unbelief of the Israelites as they came out of Egypt, using it as a warning to us. The Israelites did not trust God to take them into the promised land inhabited by giants and walled cities even though they had been miraculously delivered from the hand of Pharaoh and fed and watered on their journey in the wilderness.

We sometimes face the equivalent of giants and walled cities in life. Hope / trust / confidence tells us we have the victory bought and paid for by Jesus. Faith gives us the strategy – just as Joshua received the strategy, as he heard God speak to him, when after 40 years Israel did enter the promised land. [But failed at Ai when attempting to do things in their own strength, without reference to God - i.e. no faith because God had not spoken until after their failure – then God speaks as Joshua asks Him about it – followed by success as God’s strategy is implemented, Joshua chapter 7]

Rest is a question of division between soul and spirit. Our soul, that’s our mind, our will, our emotions, is likened to the joints, ie. Our actions; whereas spirit is likened to marrow - that is the part of the body that produces blood and ‘life is in blood,’ in Hebrews 4:12  Our calling is to
rest, not to rely on our own thinking our own strength but to rest and to flow in life as directed by the spirit.

This is contrary to a world which teaches us to strive, teaches us that nothing comes except by effort, teaches us to plan and to scheme to achieve and to survive. Whereas Jesus has accomplished all that is necessary for life and godliness and has prepared good works for us to walk in them – Ephesians 2:10. That is where we will find we can take His yoke upon us for His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Matthew 11:29-30. But … there is an enemy …

**The fourth essential:**

**Be strong in battle.** We are told clearly that the enemy seeks to steal, to kill, and to destroy (John 10:10) and that he prowls around like a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8).

We are told to resist him steadfast in the faith (1 Peter 5:9) and that he will flee from us as we do (James 4:7).

It is no good thinking the devil in inactive, indeed 1 Peter 5:9 makes it clear that our brotherhood in the world ‘suffers’ the same opposition from the devil. Rather we should seek to discern what spirits are at work in accordance with 1 Corinthians 12:10, and to exercise authority over their works.

We can exercise authority over the works of Satan because all authority has been given to Jesus and we are in Him and He is in us. It is part of standing firm.

Paul writing to the Ephesians in chapter 6 put it like this, ‘Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day
and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness and having shod your feet with the gospel of peace, above all taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word (rhema) of God.’

The outcome - reign in life

We are expected, even destined to reign in life, as we receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, through the One Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:17) It comes through hope - that certainty of what Jesus has accomplished; through faith – that receiving of strategy by hearing God speak; through rest – flowing in the works prepared for us as revealed by the Spirit and through standing firm and not being robbed by the enemy.

This will be essential to us in the days ahead. Days we know will contain difficult times. Now is the time for believers to mature into ‘tall trees,’ sheltering the plantation as the storm breaks loose. Here we are quoting from a prophetic warning given to Gunnar Olson in 1985 just before the inauguration of the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC).

‘This is the time when this new thing shall be done. It is a plantation which is clean and pure. I see great trees and many smaller trees and bushes. The big trees will protect the plantation when the storm is breaking loose. This is a shelter for many people. No one will be able to touch what I am now doing. The enemies will try and destroy, but I will hit them on their fingers. They will not succeed. Here is neither high nor low, only Jesus. The Lord will use these for many remarkable miracles. The trees and the bushes are full of fruit and berries containing great power.’

There is a shaking to come – we have seen that there are events to come to pass that will shake and surprise the world at large. We are not to be
shaken by these events rather we are to be those who, through our relationship with the Lord, will do valiantly. (From Psalm 60:12)
Part three

‘Hitchhikers’ guide to chronology.

( So called because the first time this was taught was in Northern Ireland and it was likened to getting a lift towards one’s destination. In the book ‘The hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy ‘a mighty computer is asked ‘what is the meaning of life?’ – after a very prolonged period of activity the computer spits out the answer ‘42.’ Whilst this may seem to have no relevance, it is worth noticing in passing that 42 is the number associated with antichrist – 42 months being his reign. Coincidence?)

When we study time, God’s masterplan for the ages becomes apparent.

The Lord God gave the sun and the moon so that days and years could be measured – Genesis 1:14:18.

Jesus was very critical of those who were not aware of the times in which they lived –

‘He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red, and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.'

Matthew 16:2-3

"For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Luke 19:43-44

The Lord knows the end from the beginning:

‘Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.'

Isaiah 42:9
From these few references we can see that God has provided for the measurement of time, that He knows its precise dimensions, and that we are expected to be aware of the significance of the time in which we live.

This section is aimed at making a complex subject simple enough for every believer. Therefore it does not go into the depths that are available to the very scholarly, but it does give us all an awareness of these times in which we live.
Chapter 1
Simple beginnings

We have to start at the very simplest of beginnings:

**A day**
The earth rotates on its own axis. For the purposes of our discussion the sun is stationary – giving out its great light. As the earth rotates different parts of it are in the light at different times. Because the earth rotates in an anticlockwise direction when viewed from the northern hemisphere the east received the light from the sun first. We call one rotation of the earth in relation to the sun a day.

**A year**
At the same time as the earth is rotating on its own axis, it is also circling round the sun. It takes 365 and a quarter days to make one trip round the sun. So we call this a solar year. Our calendar is based on a solar year of 365.25 days. When four quarter days have accumulated we add in an extra day. We call the year which includes the extra day a ‘leap year.’

Our calendar has undergone some revision in its history – finally it was revised by Pope Gregory in 1582, so our calendar is known as the Gregorian Calendar.

Later on we shall see that it is possible to measure a year in other ways – that is why we refer to this as a solar year – i.e. one measured by the sun.
Chapter 2
Some definitions

We have already defined a day and a year – now we are going to define some more important items in our study:

A chronology

A chronology is a list of things in sequence of time.

For example, in the chronology of the author

- 1945  Born
- 1946  Walked
- 1950  Went to infant school
- 1952  Went to junior school
- 1956  Went to high school
- 1961  First job – articled clerk to an accountant in London
- 1963  Engaged to Marion
- 1964  Married
- 1968  Second child born – a daughter.
- 1971  Third child - another daughter

.......and so on.

Notice that this list only records certain events that I have chosen to include. A chronology need not be a continual sequence of every event. It is a selective list of things which can be very selective or can include everything, depending on the criteria set.

So a chronology is a selective list in sequence of time.

A calendar

A system by which the beginning, length and subdivision of years is fixed.

We have already met the calendar we use – the Gregorian Calendar.
Before the Gregorian calendar came into use the common calendar was called the Julian calendar after Julius Caesar who introduced it.

**Lunar calendar**

A calendar using the moon as its instrument of measurement. The moon takes 29 and a half days to complete one circuit of the earth. A lunar year, of 12 months, therefore has 354 days in it.

**Intercalation**

The insertion of an extra period of time for calendar correction. The simplest example has already been quoted – we add in 1 extra day every four years to keep our Gregorian Calendar in line with the sun.

Israel had a lunar calendar until the Exodus.

Because a lunar calendar consists of 354 days, it was necessary to add in extra days if one wants to keep the calendar in line with the seasons, because seasons are related to the sun. When the Lord told Israel to start keeping feasts based on agriculture, which meant that the seasons had to be at the same each year – you can only keep first fruits when the first of the harvest is ready!

So Israel adopted a luni-solar calendar by intercalating an extra month every two or three years.
Chapter 3
Early church expectations

From the writings of some of the early church fathers, we know that they understood that the seven days of creation week indicated that in God’s plan, this world would last for 7,000 years.

The first quotation is from ‘The Epistle of Barnabas’ and the second from Hippolytus.

‘Even in the beginning of creation He makes mention of the sabbath, and God made in six days the works of His hands and He finished them on the sixth day and He rested on the seventh day and sanctified it. Consider my children what that signifies, in 6,000 years the Lord will bring all things to an end. For with Him one day is as 1,000 years as Himself testifieth saying “Behold this day shall be a thousand years” therefore children in 6 days, that is 6,000 years shall all things be accomplished.’

‘6,000 years must needs be fulfilled that the sabbath may come, even the rest, that Holy day on which God rested from all His work. The sabbath then is a type and image of the future kingdom of the saints, when they will reign with Christ after His coming down from heaven as John declares it in the apocalypse.’

We do not seek to consider these early church writings on the same level as scripture – but, at this stage, merely to show that some early church thought expected man to enjoy 7,000 years of existence on this earth.

Here is another – this time foreseeing 6,000 years before things come to an end and change:

‘For in so many days as this world was made, in so many thousand years shall it be concluded …. In six days created things were completed; it is evident that, therefore, they will come to an end after 6,000 years.’

What Irenaeus thought would happen after 6,000 years is not clear from this quotation.
Scripture

There is some scriptural basis for the link made by our forefathers:

‘For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.’

Psalm 90:4

‘But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.’

2 Peter 3:8

It would be easy for us to dismiss the link our predecessors made as too fundamental and too speculative. Yet, if we are going to be sound and intelligent students, then we would at least bear it in mind in our deliberations.

We are conditioned into thinking that the earth has been around for many millions of years by the ‘Theory of Evolution.’ Virtually all our education and all expression in the media are based on this theory – theory, not fact, for there is no genuine scientific evidence to prove it. Indeed there is a growing body of Christians, whose work is in science, who show that the geological evidence points to creation and a worldwide flood. Others, working in various fields, also show that evolution is just not possible in many scientific disciplines.*

Not only that, the theory goes absolutely contrary to scripture which declares that God created man in His image, that man, using his free will, fell into sin – then needing forgiveness and redemption.

* A great deal of excellent material is available from:

Creation Science Foundation
50 Brecon Avenue
Portsmouth PO6 2AW

See also ‘The Case for a Creator’ by Lee Strobel. Published by Zondervan, where an unbelieving journalist is challenged to seek out the truth of creation and is converted in the process as he interviews leading scientists.
In the author’s own view the earth is found to be in existence already in Geneses chapter one verse one. As the earth had become without form and void and darkness covered the face of the deep God made a separation of the waters He then, over 6 literal days, created what we know as the earth. See chapter 11 for more.

What you believe about creation is not critical to the study of time. What we are learning here is that the early church fathers anticipated there would be 6,000 years for the earth before the millennium.
Chapter 4
The discovery of the Chronology of God’s purpose of redemption

In the early 1800’s Sir Edward Denny, a member of the Brethren and a well known author, discovered the ‘Chronology of Redemption.’ We would ‘expand’ the name to be ‘God’s purpose of redemption’ to make it clear that the process of redemption still goes on today and into the future. We would have preferred to call it the chronology of God’s favour – as favour has a lot to do with it. God’s favour created man in the first place. Sin scuppered the plan so a plan of redemption was needed. Even then it was God’s favour to choose Israel and God’s favour to choose the Gentiles when Israel rejected the Messiah. It is God’s favour to choose those He foreknew to form the bride for His Son. Eternity will be full of the favour of God.

Let us remind ourselves that a chronology is a selective list in sequence of time. So Sir Edward Denny discovered that there is a selective sequence which measures forgiveness and redemption. He made the discovery as he pondered and prayed about understanding the following passage:

‘Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’

Matthew 18:21-22

Sir Edward Denny was led to consider that there might be a link between ‘forgiveness’ and the number 490 (70 x 7).

He then wondered what was meant by 70 x 7, why not 80 x 8 – or any other number. Was this just a random expression used by Jesus, or was there a deeper meaning?

Then he was led by the Spirit of God to another passage of scripture which brought revelation…..
Chapter 5
The unique features of the Chronology of God’s purpose of Redemption

...... the passage Sir Edward came to was this:

Jubilee cycles

‘And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.

'Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine.

'For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field. 'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession.’

Leviticus 25:8-13

So here was an immediate link – 49 years was given until the jubilee – a time when debt was forgiven and land redeemed. 490 years of Matthew’s gospel was the same as 10 of these jubilee cycles.

Then he realised that there was something unusual – the jubilee was to be sounded on the 10th day of the seventh month and was to last one year – but look it was starting half way through an existing year – the tenth day of the seventh month. If the jubilee lasted one year, then it would end half way through the first year of the next cycle like this:
Year 47 | Year 48 | Year 49 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3
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End of the 7th cycle of 7 years | Year 50 | Start of the 1st cycle of the next 49

Year 50 did not exist on its own – it ran concurrently with the last half of the last year of one cycle, and the first half of the first year of the next cycle.

One of the unique features of the chronology of God’s purpose of redemption was discovered – in man’s experience, and therefore in the chronology of his existence, he lived for 49 years but in God’s reckoning He was counting 50 years in the chronology of His purpose of redemption.

Sir Edward Denny also came to realise that 10 jubilee cycles, that is 500 years in redemption chronology, was a significant period, highlighted in the scripture. Details in the appendix.

**The Lord’s method of counting had another hidden facet...**

The second unique feature of the chronology of God’s purpose of redemption is the fact that God does not count some periods of time at all.

Again, we need to remind ourselves of the nature of the chronology we are considering – it is called the chronology of God’s purpose of
redemption. Therefore, the fact that there are periods of time that God does not count, is not so strange after all.

**Judgement**

Israel had been warned of the consequences of disobedience to their God. One of those consequences was that they would be ruled over by foreign kings or peoples. This is part of God’s judgement of His people and certainly not redemption.

There are quite a lot of periods like this – periods which God does not count at all.

*For example here is a list of the situation during the period from the Exodus to Solomon’s Temple*

During this period Israel were ruled by judges. When they were disobedient to God they fell under the rulership of foreign kings.

**Table showing the years of rule for the period Exodus to The Temple.**

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**Total years** 490 131

Add jubilee years 10 500

**Redemption years** 500

The years when Israel is ruled by foreigners are not reckoned in the Chronology of redemption as they represent periods of judgement.

Our table accounts for 500 years, in the appendix we list other periods which will account for other 500 year periods. In total 2,000 years of Jewish history is accounted for in this way in the chronology of redemption.
Chapter 6  
How long is a bible year?

The question sounds simple, but it has given rise to different opinions.

A basic bible year is a lunar year of 354 days. This is achieved by having the length of a month alternate between 29 days and 30 days.

The earliest biblical mention of dates is found in Genesis:

‘In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.’

Genesis 7:11

‘And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.
And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.’

Genesis 8:13-16

From these two scriptures we can see that Noah was in the ark for 1 year and 11 days.

Here is a link between the biblical lunar calendar of 354 days and the solar calendar of 365 days. i.e. Noah was in the ark 1 solar year – that is 1 bible year plus 11 days.

Feasts based on agriculture are introduced.

However, after the Exodus, Israel are commanded to keep feasts based on agriculture. Therefore it becomes essential that the calendar is lined up with the seasons. (A calendar based on a 354 day year has its dates
getting earlier and earlier in the seasons until after 16 years they are at the exact opposite position)

For this period - that is from the Exodus until Jesus, a bible year is 365 days.

**The law is fulfilled in Jesus**
The law finds its fulfilment in Jesus Christ. Israel is ‘cut off’ (albeit temporarily), the bible year reverts to 354 days.

**Footnote.**

Some commentators have given the length of a bible year as 360 days. They base this opinion on the fact that Nebuchadnezzar had to spend 2520 days eating grass. That is 7 ‘times’ of 360 days each. However, we are demonstrating that a bible year is 354 days in length, except in the period from the Exodus to Jesus. In later pages we will see that 2520 is particularly relevant to gentile nations. Nowhere in scripture is 360 days called a year – it is only referred to as a ‘time.’ 360 days is a Babylonian year.
Chapter 7  
Signposts to the re-establishment of Israel

Dr Grattan Guiness, an eminent astronomer and writer, proposed in his work in the 19th century, 4 dates which would point to the re-establishment of Israel, based on the account of Nebuchadnezzar’s dreams found in the book of Daniel.

The first dream

Found in the second chapter of Daniel, is the account of the dream of the ‘great statue,’ and its interpretation. For our purposes here all we need to know is that this statue represents gentile nations which will rise in the earth as explained in verses 24 – 45.

The first and greatest of these nations is Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.

The second dream

Found in Daniel chapter 4, this dream is of a great tree cut down, with the stump left in the ground. The interpretation is clearly given – Nebuchadnezzar is the tree. 7 times must pass over him before he is restored.

It was Nebuchadnezzar who took Israel into captivity in Babylon. This process was accomplished in 4 main stages over a 19 year period.

Dr Grattan Guiness proposed that, just as there were four stages in the captivity, there would be four signposts to Israel’s re-establishment. He further proposed that these stages would take place 2520 (360 x 7) years later.

So his proposal was:

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* The ‘Balfour declaration’ was a statement of British Government policy contained in a letter from Balfour, the Foreign Secretary, to Lord Rothschild. This statement gave British Government approval to the Jews being re-established in their historic land.
Chapter 8  
What about the Gentile Nations

We know from many Old Testament scriptures that the calling of Israel is to be the chief nation of the earth. We also know of their disobedience and their rejection of the Messiah when He came.

However, the New Testament tells us that their ‘fall’ is not irrevocable. If we read through Romans 11 we find Paul telling us:

God has not cast away His people who He foreknew.

Israel has stumbled but not irrevocably fallen.

Israel has been cut off from the root of fatness of the ‘Olive Tree.’

Salvation came to the Gentiles to provoke Israel to jealousy.

Gentiles were grafted into the ‘Olive Tree.’

Israel is beloved of God and His gift and calling (to them) are irrevocable.

And......

Gentiles are warned to stay in God’s goodness or be cut off.

We have already seen that Gentile Nations were given dominion in the earth – starting with Babylon. We have also seen that it was proposed that the dominion would be transferred to a restored Israel.

**Meaning of ‘Olive Tree.’**

Paul uses the symbol of the Olive Tree. The symbol is that of the flow of the blessing and favour of God – that which makes fat. It is right to think that Israel’s natural position is in the cultivated Olive Tree – for God chose Israel for His purposes and blessing. The Gentile Nations, wild though they were, have been grafted into and made co-participators of that flow of God’s fundamental goodness.
(Some commentators treat Israel as being the Olive Tree – this is an overstatement not supported by the text and causes many misunderstandings of end time theology, and of the relative position of Israel and the church. Israel are ‘natural’ branches and the text explicitly describes the root as ‘fatness.’ – that is the flow of blessing and favour)

At this point we are going to recap a little and add in some more information.

Chronology of God’s purpose of redemption
• We are studying the chronology God uses for His master plan of redemption of the earth.
• We saw that the early church Fathers expected there to be 7,000 years of time for mankind – based on treating the 7 days of the creation account as a type.
• We have seen that the chronology of God’s purpose of redemption has some unique features:
  1. It adds extra ‘jubilee’ years although they run concurrently with other years.
  2. It does not count at all ‘unreckoned’ periods.
  3. It takes the length of a year as 354 days except between the Exodus and Jesus, when it takes 365¼ days.

• We can see from Revelation 20 that the scripture talks of a period of time lasting one thousand years – when Christ reigns on earth. (verses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7)
• Putting all of this together, gives rise to the expectation that the history of the earth will, in some way, reveal 6,000 years before that reign of Christ.
Now for the miracle of time

It has now been discovered that 6,000 years, of redemption chronology, end on exactly the same day as 6,000 years of another biblical chronology - the chronology of man, which uses the solar calendar. (In the chronology of man there is one unreckoned period lasting 7 years, spanning the ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus.)

For 6,000 solar years of 365¼ days each to conclude on exactly the same day as 6,000 years of the chronology of God’s purpose of redemption, with its unique method of accounting, is astonishing.

In the next chapter we will see how this comes together.....
Chapter 9
The climax of the ‘Times of the Gentiles’

A group of bible students in England noticed certain events:

The Balfour Declaration was a signal to them of the coming restoration of Israel

The end of the First World War at 11 am on 11th day of the 11th Month of 1918 raised the question, ‘Lord is this circumstance or are you speaking something in this?’

In response they believed the Lord was saying that it was the end of the 11th hour – i.e. in some way there was just one more ‘hour’ to go. Later they received specific warning from God 200 days and again 40 days before the event. Public meetings were held after widespread publicity in the Daily Press. Their interpretation of what was about to happen did not manifest in the way they expected. It appeared to them that the warning was the end of Christendom – however they later understood it to be the cutting off of the Gentile Nations from the root of favour and fatness of the Olive Tree as warned by Paul. (Romans 11:22)

The two warnings pointed exactly to 12th June 1933. That was the opening date of the World Economic Conference held in London with virtually every nation in existence at that time represented. The object of the conference, attended by 66 nations and 600 delegates and dubbed ‘The Second Tower of Babel,’ was to address the worldwide economic depression.

With every nation represented, it was a unique opportunity for the nations to call upon the Lord to help them and to deliver them from the economic woes that had befallen them. King George V of England opened the conference at 3pm. We understand that he wanted to open in prayer, asking the Lord for help for the nations, but was over-ruled by the politicians.
This unique and wonderful opportunity to call upon the grace of God was completely missed. Whilst the conference passed off on earth with no particular conclusion except,

‘It is not beyond the wit of man to solve this crisis,’ in heaven the events were carefully noted and the Gentile Nations slipped out of the goodness of God and were ‘cut off’ from the Olive Tree of favour.

So now we have:

• The Times of the Gentiles, as established by Dr Gattan Guiness, ending in 1933
• 6,000 solar years ending on 12th June 1933
• 6,000 years of the chronology of God’s purpose of redemption ending on 12th June 1933 (God having given 200 days and then 40 days warning of the position.
• The World Economic Conference opening on the very day.

Result

The Gentile Nations are cut off from the Olive Tree root of fatness as warned by Paul in Romans 11:22.

Further confirmation

If it were needed further confirmation came a little later.

We calculated in bible years to arrive at the end of the chronology of redemption on 12th June – and that is correct – for the chronology counts in round years.

If we were to do the same calculation in astronomical years we would have to make an adjustment. A bible year is 354 days long. An exactly accurate astronomical lunar year is 354.36705555555 days long.

We need to add an extra 6,198 times .36705555555 to get to an astronomical calculation.
The answer to our arithmetic is to add 2275 days to 12\textsuperscript{th} June 1933. When we do this we arrive at

3\textsuperscript{rd} September 1939

A day cemented in history as the start of the Second World War.

As the First World War was a warning to the gentile nations that the 11\textsuperscript{th} hour had passed, the second world war was a sign that midnight had passed – exactly to the day.

There is no way of being absolutely certain that the meaning of 12\textsuperscript{th} June 1933 is being correctly interpreted. However in addition to the remarkable sign of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} World War:

- There is nothing else noted and expected to climax at that time.
- This is the understanding of those involved in the revelation aspects of events.
- The warning to gentile nations from Paul in Romans 11.
- Chronology confirms the working out of the dates exactly.
- Prophetic scripture sees the end of the Gentile rule:
  1) In the collapse of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. 2) In the destruction of the harlot in Revelation 17. 3) In the destruction of Babylon in Revelation 18.
- Spirituality in the most christianised nations has reduced enormously. Ethical and moral standards have dropped alarmingly
- Ungodly practices have become the norm and are increasing rapidly Paul confirms in Romans 11 that God is able to graft Israel in again. The re-emergence of Israel is exactly what one would expect after the cutting off of Gentile Nations.
- The signs of world politics today point to a coming peace deal with Israel and upon failure of that, the nations coming together against Israel.
Chapter 10
What comes next?

Let us accept the proposal that 6000 years of man’s history ended and that the Gentile Nations were ‘cut off’ on 12th June 1933 and ask, ‘What would we expect to happen next from our bible knowledge?’

Many commentators and ‘prophets’ had been expecting Israel to re-emerge as a nation. This is because there are many promises, made by God to Israel, yet to be fulfilled. Some see the church as replacing Israel in God’s purposes which is quite wrong as reference to Romans 11 shows us that Israel is to be grafted in again.

Israel re-emerges

So it was no surprise, to those who were taking the bible as the inspired word of God, and rightly dividing between God’s purposes for Israel, and His purposes for the church, to see Israel re-emerge in 1948.

Jesus reigns on earth

We have already touched upon the fact that Israel re-emerges for judgement and refining and then to be Chief of the Nations in the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ.

However what happens from 1948 on........

Here we have to speculate a little.

Clearly the church is still around, witnessing, evangelising, being salt and light in the community and fulfilling its commission.

Equally clearly Israel has been re-established as a nation – even though there has been tremendous opposition.

Time seems to just march merrily on as if there is no end.

But, if we take note of current events we can see that there is increasing pressure on Israel from the rest of the world to give up its God given land
to the Palestinians. It does not need much imagination to see that eventually the Nations of the world will fulfil biblical prophecy, and try to enforce their will against Israel, and specifically against Jerusalem.

So we see…

The world heading towards the very things scripture foretells. How long before God’s wrath is poured out in ‘Tribulation?’ We simply do not know for certain - but we can apply reason to what we know and read the signs and come up with the suggestions you have already read – for prayer, for consideration so that we seek more and more understanding so that things do not come upon us unaware.

The captivity of Israel in Babylon took four stages over a 19 year period and lasted for 70 years. It is possible that the current period of time might reflect those same time scales.

1967 (19 years after 1948) saw Israel back in the Old City of Jerusalem. So perhaps this whole period of time lasts 70 years.

If this period of time, that is the regathering of Israel - its judgement and refinement, lasts 70 years, then we could speculate that time moves on to 2018 (1948 plus 19 years) and that at that time the next phase comes into play.

We cannot expect to know in complete detail - scripture has this to say.....

‘He has made everything suited to its time; also, He has given human beings an awareness of eternity; but in such a way that they can’t fully comprehend, from beginning to end, the things God does.’

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (Complete Jewish Bible –D Stern)

Nevertheless, even though we will not be able to understand everything, we are expected to be aware of the times as Jesus directed in Matthew 16.
Meanwhile we expect things to get more troubled as God shakes the Nations and prepares for His final judgement. For the believer this a wonderful time of expectation – for we know that our deliverance is coming soon:

‘For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ,’

Titus 2:11-13

This is the time for the church to shine with the knowledge and the glory of the Lord like never before. As the world gets darker the light shines more brightly – there are still many to be saved, ‘snatched from the fire’ as it were.

”Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16
We have been able to see the plan of time through the ages, up to the present day and on into the coming millennial rule of Jesus Christ. So let’s put this into the context of a masterplan.

Created in darkness??

At the very start of scripture (Genesis 1:2) we find the earth without form, void and darkness covering the waters that covered the earth. Yet Isaiah 45:18 says that God did not create the earth ‘in vain’ or literally ‘without form.’ It goes on to say that God ‘formed’ or fashioned the earth to be inhabited.

Job (38:4-7) tells us that the angels shouted for joy when God laid the foundations of the earth.

So it appears that something happened between the period when the foundations of the earth were laid, when the earth did have form – causing unbridled joy in the angelic host, and the state in which we find it in Genesis 1:2.

When one puts the whole scriptural record together, it seems very likely that the earth was originally formed as a mineral garden and given to Lucifer as his domain. Lucifer (here called the king of Tyre) was the chief of the angelic host (the anointed cherub) and is found in Ezekiel 28 ‘walking to and fro in the midst of the fiery stones.’

We know from other scripture that Lucifer rebelled against God – Isaiah 14 records the five ‘I will’ statements Lucifer made in his innermost being. Lucifer fell from grace, had his light switched off (Lucifer means ‘light bearer’) and was thereafter called satan.

So it is not much of a surprise to find satan’s domain covered in water (judgement) and darkness.
The plan of redemption – stage 1

So God has a plan to redeem the earth – He re-furbished the earth and puts man there with the instruction to take dominion over every living creature.

[It does not matter whether one agrees with all the scenario outlined here, but one thing is undeniable – God said to Adam, ‘have dominion over all the earth.’ (Genesis 1:26)]

Sin raises its ugly head.

Regretfully, Adam and Eve fell to the wiles of satan appearing to them in the form of a serpent. It certainly appears that he did not want to lose control of the earth to man.

In fact we find satan ‘boasting’ that the earth is his in the first chapter of Job. Here satan tells God ‘I have been going to and fro on the earth and walking back and forth on it’ – that’s an idiom for ownership.

The plan of redemption – stage 2

Now that man has fallen into sin the plan of redemption must first redeem man. We have seen the outline of the plan:

a) An age of conscience – let man ‘as it were,’ find his way through. (2000 years). Sin increased and increased which led to ........

The plan of redemption - stage 3

b) An age of national witness – Israel, the nation, chosen by God as His witness on earth, looking for a coming redeemer, the Messiah. (2000 years) Israel, as a nation are not an effective witness leading to ...............
The plan of redemption - stage 4

c) The coming of the Messiah to deal with sin, His rejection by Israel.
   Jesus died to deal with sin and its penalty for every single human being who places his or her trust in the sacrifice of His life in exchange for theirs. His rejection by Israel led to..............

d) The age of favour for gentile nations. (2000 years)
   The gentile nations fail to stay in God’s favour which led to ..........

The plan of redemption – stage 5

e) An undisclosed period time whilst Israel is re-gathered as a nation – possibly 70 years followed by 15 years rule of the 10 kings.

f) Judgement on a sinful world. (The Great Tribulation) Which leads to .............

The plan of redemption – stage 6

g) Jesus returns to earth to set up personal rule. (1000 years.)
   The earth is fully redeemed during the millennial reign of Jesus – Isaiah 11 has some of the description – the wolf will lie with the lamb, the nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, they shall not hurt or destroy on My holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God - - - perfection.

   Which leads to ---------

The plan of redemption – stage 7

   Sin in humans born during this millennial reign of Jesus still has to be dealt with. A rebellion is unleashed as satan is
allowed one more time to deceive the nations. Unbelievers are destroyed by fire. The earth has experienced a prolonged period of perfect rulership under Jesus so now all that can be redeemed has been redeemed and ........

The completion of the redemption of the earth.

h) Eternity beckons – the old heaven and earth pass away and a new heaven and earth appear. Now God dwells with mankind – no sin, no tears, nothing which defiles – perfect redemption.

God’s masterplan is complete:

All those who placed their trust in Jesus the Messiah – whether before He came to earth in person, whilst He was (and will be again in the future) on earth in person, or during the current age when we look for glorious appearing – have had the penalty of sin removed, and have been granted eternal life. Redemption is available for all who will receive it by recognizing the need for a personal redeemer and the efficacy of the sacrifice of Jesus’ life.

Redemption is complete – eternity can come with its new heaven and new earth.

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Appendix

The analysis of time to Jesus death can be shown in summary like this:

Period:

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**Total 4000**

From our table we see 4,000 years in the Chronology of Redemption from creation to the death of Jesus. This is beautifully pictured in the Exodus story. The sacrificial lamb had to be set aside for 4 days before slaughter. Likewise the Lamb of God was set apart from the beginning of creation for 4,000 years – one day is like a thousand years.

We have already seen the detailed breakdown of the period from the Exodus to the dedication of Solomon’s Temple in chapter 5.

Here are the other periods.........
The first period is from Adam to Abram.
There was no law at this time so we refer to it as ‘The age of conscience.’
(Law did not come in until Moses, but man had the capacity to know
good and evil and is expected to deny sin. Genesis 4:7)

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<td>Abraham born when Terah is 130</td>
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Deduct an unreckoned period from
The death of Abel to the birth of Seth

Birth of Seth restarts the redemption plan.

Add 40 jubilee years
This is the first ‘grand cycle’ of 2,000 years in the chronology of redemption. We have called this period the ‘age of conscience.’

**Let’s take a look at the second cycle**

*From Abraham to the Exodus - 500 years*

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**Years elapsed**

505

Deduct unreckoned period when Abraham goes into Hagar until Isaac is born.

-15 (Hagar not part of redemption plan.)

**Total years**

490

Add jubilees

10

Redemption chronology years

500
### Solomon’s temple to Artaxerxes decree - 500 years

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* Scripture allocates an extra year due to the adoption of non-accession year dating – an alternative method of dating the reign of kings adopted in some countries.

** Jehoshaphat also reigned jointly with Asa for 3 years hence 25 years in scripture.

*** The Babylonian captivity starts part way through his reign with Israel taken in stages over 19 years

*Artaxerxes to Death of Jesus Christ*

This is the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24. That is 490 years. Add jubilees 10. Total redemption chronology years 500.

**Summary**

Here are the four periods covering the time of Israel in summary:

a) Abraham to the Exodus 500 years
b) Exodus to Solomon’s temple 500 years
c) Solomon’s temple to Artaxerxes 500 years
d) Artaxerxes to Jesus 500 years

Total 2000 years

This period is known as the Age of Israel – the second ‘grand cycle’ of chronology.
To bring us up to date:

The death of Jesus occurred in AD 33. The chronology reverted to a biblical 354 day year.

2,000 years of redemption chronology equate to 1900 solar years. 

[The calculation goes like this - deduct jubilees – we then have 1960 actual years.]

1960 actual bible years of 354 days is 693,840 days. Divide by 365.25 days gives 1900 solar years.]

So 2,000 years of Redemption Chronology end in 1933. i.e. AD 33 plus 1900 solar years.

This is the third ‘grand cycle’ of redemption chronology.

During this period of time God’s favour has rested on gentile nations – those that would receive it.

One day is as 1,000 years.

The proposition of the early church writers has now been proved – one day does represent 1,000 years.

We have seen  
2000 years from Adam to Abram – the ‘Age of conscience.’

2000 years the ‘Age of Israel’

2000 years the ‘Age of Gentile favour’

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Total 6000

Still to come 1000 years as per Revelation 20.

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Grand Total 7000

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That leaves the question - what are we living in right now in redemption chronology. The answer is an unreckoned period. The Age of the Gentile is over, Israel is being re-gathered ready to come into its destiny and calling as chief nation. But the world has to pass through judgement and refinement — an unreckoned period.

The chronological facts we have revealed can be checked by reference to the position of the moon and calculating back in lunations. The revealed chronology synchronises with a number of known dates.

We are left considering the proposal that God will use 70 years from 1948 to regather Israel before the ‘one hour’ rule of the 10 kings starts in 2018 followed by the return of Christ in 2033, 2,000 years after His death and resurrection.

The book ‘The hitchhikers guide to the galaxy’ asked the question ‘What is the meaning of life’ and after years of computer machinations came up with the answer 42. Strange but not so strange when we consider that the world basically does not want Jesus but prefers darkness to light – 42 as a biblical number is associated with antichrist. Israel will choose antichrist for a peace treaty, many today choose the way of the world and the way of antichrist rather than the way of salvation.

The choice is yours.