

I WILL CAUSE THEM TO KNOW MINE HAND AND MY MIGHT JEREMIAH 16:21

# National Retribution ~ Jeremiah

# Ask for the Old Paths, Where is the Good Way Prophets and Kings, 410, 411.

And in addition to these wonderful pleadings, the Lord gave His erring people the very words with which they might turn to Him. They were to say: "Behold, we come unto Thee; for Thou art the Lord our God. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.... We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God."

The reformation under Josiah had cleansed the land of the idolatrous shrines, but the hearts of the multitude had not been transformed. The seeds of truth that had sprung up and given promise of an abundant harvest had been choked by thorns. Another such backsliding would be fatal; and the Lord sought to arouse the nation to a realization of their danger. Only as they should prove loyal to Jehovah could they hope for the divine favor and for prosperity.

Jeremiah called their attention repeatedly to the counsels given in Deuteronomy. More than any other of the prophets, he emphasized the teachings of the Mosaic law and showed how these might bring the highest spiritual blessing to the nation and to every individual heart. "Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein," he pleaded, "and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16.

On one occasion, by command of the Lord, the prophet took his position at one of the principal entrances to the city and there urged the importance of keeping holy the Sabbath day. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were in danger of losing sight of the sanctity of the Sabbath, and they were solemnly warned against following their secular pursuits on that day. A blessing was promised on condition of obedience. "If ye diligently hearken unto Me," the Lord declared, and "hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work therein; then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain forever." Jeremiah 17:24, 25.

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## OUR GOAL

I saw that we should not put off the coming of the Lord. Said the angel, "Prepare, prepare, for what is coming upon the earth. Let your works correspond with your faith." I saw that the mind must be staid upon God, and our influence should tell for God and his truth. We cannot honor God when we are careless and indifferent. We cannot glorify him when we are desponding. We must be in earnest and secure our soul's salvation, and try to save others. All importance should be attached to this, and everything besides should come in secondarily. Spiritual Gifts, volume 4b, 10.

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#### An Explanation ~ Part Two

We have several issues yet to address for the logical justification for this warning to be placed in the public record. Why would Islam strike Nashville in particular over any other place in the USA? There are prophetic answers for these questions, but there are points that first need to be defined concerning Jesus setting forth prophecies that contain an element of time. Jesus identifies Himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, and the beginning and the ending. The characteristic of who Jesus is must be rightly understood.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass. as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet

as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last. Revelation 1:8–17.

The prophet Isaiah provides a second testimony to Jesus being the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, and the beginning and the ending. In Isaiah 48:12 we are commanded to listen to Jesus because He is the first and last.

Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

Isaiah 41:4 associates His calling "the generations from the beginning" with Him being the first and the last.

Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he. Isaiah 41:4.

In Isaiah 44:6 Jesus uses the characteristics of the first and the last to identify that He is the only God. Only God can identify the end from the beginning!

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. Isaiah 44:1; 44:6.

When we consider this subject in conjunction with the context of the references in the Bible books of Revelation and Isaiah, we find profound characteristics of who and what Jesus Christ truly is. These characteristics are essential to understand to recognize Islam as the antagonist that strikes Nashville. After John is told to fear not, for Jesus is the first and the last, John is told to write something in a book.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter. Revelation 1:17–19.

The things which John wrote are the voice of Christ, for every word in the Bible is the voice of Christ. His Word accomplishes whatever it states, for His Word contains His creative power and it never fails. In connection with Christ identifying Himself as the first and the last, He instructs John to write "the things which thou hast seen." Those "things" were things that were in existence when John saw them, for they were defined as "the things which are." But through the power of God's Word, which is His creative power—it is identified if we are willing to see, that what he wrote in his time would also be "the things which shall be hereafter."

The history John recorded was his history, but it was also the history at the end; for what John recorded was the Word of God, which is Jesus, who is the first and the last and therefore, His Word illustrates the end of a thing with the beginning of a thing. Isaiah upholds this understanding when we look more closely at the context of his identification of Jesus as the first and the last.

Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The Lord of hosts is his name. I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another. Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. Isaiah 48:1–12.

Jesus illustrates the end of a thing with the beginning of a thing. Isaiah also identifies more specifically how He illustrates the end from the beginning in chapter forty-four.

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them. Isaiah 44:6, 7.

God illustrates the end with the beginning and he does this in conjunction with appointing "the ancient people." Thus, ancient Israel illustrates modern Israel; ancient Babylon represents modern Babylon; ancient Egypt symbolizes modern Egypt and ancient Islam typifies modern radical Islam. In Isaiah forty-one, Jesus informs us to listen! Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet. Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he. Isaiah 44:1–4.

Jesus here informs us to listen and judge what is represented by the fulfillment of His prophetic word. He is the One that called the generations (both ancient and modern) "from the beginning" for He is the first and the last. Then further in the chapter, He challenges mankind to do what only He can do, for what the first and last can do is what proves that He is God!

I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you. Isaiah 41:19-24.

When Jesus identifies Himself as the first and the last, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the ending, He is emphasizing that He is God and that the proof that He is God is provided by His and only His ability to set forth a history in the past that illustrates a history at the end. He accomplishes this by calling the ancient generations that will illustrate their modern counterparts. This is why He can state that as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. To understand the

Jesus illustrates the end of a thing with the beginning of a thing to identify Himself as God and demonstrate that there is no other God that can do this. He never changes and, in that regard, He often includes the element of time in the ancient warning messages that illustrate the final warning message at the end of the world. In Daniel chapter eight Jesus identifies Himself with another name that should be considered in terms of prophetic time.

role of modern radical Islam in end-time prophecy,

and especially in terms of July 18, 2020, requires

an understanding of the beginning of Islam, when it was appointed as an ancient generation. But

the history of the beginnings of Islam is worthless

if we do not understand that it was the First and

the Last that appointed Islam's beginnings thereby

illustrating Islam's end.

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:13, 14.

Here is a dialogue that is taking place between heavenly beings, that Daniel calls saints. There is "one saint speaking" and then "another saint" asks the first saint a question. Daniel calls that one saint that had been speaking "that certain saint which spake." The Hebrew word that is translated as "certain" is Palmoni, and its meaning in the marginal reference is "the numberer of secrets, or the wonderful numberer."

Jesus is that certain saint who is the wonderful numberer of secrets. It is this attribute of Jesus that is recognized when we consider the various truths He has set forth through the use of calendars, chronology, dates, and numbers. When He does reveal His secrets, they are for us and our children forever.

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29.

He revealed the secrets of Daniel 8:13, 14 to the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but they chose to set those secrets aside, though they were to be for their children forever. Those who keep those secrets are to be His covenant people.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant. Psalms 25:14.

Palmoni, who is Jesus, revealed two secrets in Daniel 8:13, 14 to the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those secrets were two time-prophecies, one extending from 457 BC until October 22, 1844, and the other extending from 677 BC to October 22, 1844. The duration of one was 2300 years and the other 2520 years. In agreement with the verse from Psalms 25:14, the Lord then entered into a covenant with the pioneer movement of Adventism and they became His modern Israel, chosen just as ancient Israel was chosen. Ancient Israel had two connected time prophecies that ended at the same point in time and modern Israel had two connected time prophecies that ended at the same point in time.

In Genesis fifteen Abraham identifies the prophecy fulfilled in the time of Moses as four hundred years, but Moses identifies it as four hundred and thirty years. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years. Genesis 15:13.

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:40, 41.

God also gave His modern Israel a prophet, though a female named Ellen White. The prophetess often affirmed that ancient Israel illustrated modern Israel in agreement with the character of Christ as the first and the last and that He appoints an ancient people at the beginning to illustrate the modern people at the end. When they publicly proclaimed the secrets of October 22, 1844, that Palmoni had given them, they suffered a disappointment when it was fulfilled. This disappointment was not because the prophecy was incorrect, but due to a misunderstanding of the event which they had predicted. The prophetess wrote the following about that disappointment, identifying that when the four hundred and thirty years of Moses' history was fulfilled, they also suffered a disappointment.

"The history of ancient Israel is a striking illustration of the past experience of the Adventist body. God led His people in the advent movement, even as He led the children of Israel from Egypt. In the great disappointment their faith was tested as was that of the Hebrews at the Red Sea. Had they still trusted to the guiding hand that had been with them in their past experience, they would have seen the salvation of God. If all who had labored unitedly in the work in 1844, had received the third angel's message and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. A flood of light would have been shed upon the world.

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Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work completed, and Christ would have come for the redemption of His people." *The Great Controversy*, 457.

Jesus appointed ancient Israel, His ancient chosen covenant people to illustrate modern Israel, His modern chosen covenant people. Just as ancient Israel rebelled against God, so too His modern chosen people rebelled and by the year 1863, they had begun a process of rejecting the secret truths that God had given them, which identified them as His covenant people. In 1863, they rejected the prophecy of Leviticus 26 that marks "seven times" representing 2520 years. That rebellion is illustrated at least three times in sacred history.

The first illustration is in the history of Moses, for those that God entered into a covenant with when they came out of Egypt rebelled and died while wandering in the wilderness for forty years—never to enter the Promised Land. Ellen White says this about Seventh-day Adventism:

"It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be thus delayed. God did not design that His people, Israel, should wander forty years in the wilderness. He promised to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there a holy, healthy, happy people. But those to whom it was first preached, went not in 'because of unbelief' (Hebrews 3:19). Their hearts were filled with murmuring, rebellion, and hatred, and He could not fulfill His covenant with them.

"For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years." *Selected Messages*, book 1, 68, 69.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church began wandering in the wilderness in 1863 and through

the following years continued to progress further and further into darkness and rebellion. Those living in Nashville, Tennessee, and who read this warning must understand this fact to understand the complete prediction that was given by Ellen White concerning the destruction of Nashville. In the prophecy, people in and around Nashville are awakened to the fact that there was a group who knew the attack would come but said nothing about it. This group is Seventh-day Adventists who have had the prophecy of Nashville in their possession for over a hundred years and also know full well that Ellen White predicted an attack from Islam that has already been fulfilled.

Ellen White identified that the Twin Towers of New York City were going to be brought down by a touch of God, and the prediction included that the buildings would be burned and that the fire departments would not have the ability to stop the fires.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church still profess with their lips that Ellen White was a biblical prophet, and they can identify many predictions that the Lord made through her as a prophetess that have been confirmed, but they have refused to show the world that she predicted September 11, 2001, and the attack on the Twin Towers. Their refusal to warn Nashville is the second modern warning associated with radical Islam that they have failed to proclaim. In the prediction of Nashville, there is identified a group that knew of the coming attack but said nothing. The following quotes are two of several instances where she comments on this prediction.

"While I was in Nashville, a scene was opened before me. A great ball of fire seemed to fall from heaven, and from it went forth flashes of light. When these flashes of light would strike a building, the building would burn like tinder. And then I heard someone say, 'I knew that this was coming. These are the judgments of God that I knew were coming.' 'You knew!' said another. 'You were my neighbor. Why did you not tell me that these things were coming? Why did you not warn others?" Manuscript 154, 1904.

Notice that she speaks of "our people" in the following passage. "Our people" in the context of Ellen White's dream are Seventh-day Adventists.

"When I was at Nashville, I had been speaking to the people, and in the night season, there was an immense ball of fire that came right from heaven and settled in Nashville. There were flames going out like arrows from that ball; houses were being consumed; houses were tottering and falling. Some of our people were standing there. 'It is just as we expected,' they said, 'we expected this.' Others were wringing their hands in agony and crying unto God for mercy. 'You knew it,' said they, 'you knew that this was coming, and never said a word to warn us!' They seemed as though they would almost tear them to pieces, to think they had never told them or given them any warning at all." *Manuscript 188*, 1905.

The Lord entered into a covenant with ancient Israel as His chosen people when He brought them out of Egypt. Then He gave them His law and sanctuary. Jesus, the first and the last, appointed ancient Israel to illustrate His chosen people at the end of the world. In Numbers 14 the Lord broke His covenant with ancient Israel and entered into a covenant with the two spies who manifested faith. Those two faithful spies, Joshua and Caleb are the only adults of that rebellion that entered the Promised Land after the forty years of wandering in the wilderness. At the end of the world, God enters into a covenant with a people that are identified in the book of Revelation as the one hundred and forty-four thousand. Just as the rebels in the history of ancient Israel were passed by and the Lord then made a covenant with Joshua and Caleb, so too has the Seventh-day Adventist Church been passed by. They still profess to be His remnant people, but they have been illustrated by the rebels that died in the wilderness. A second witness to this fact is the Jewish church in the time when Jesus walked among men.

The time of Moses was the beginning of the Jewish

we find a covenant people that came out of Egypt only to be passed by as the covenant people as God entered into a new covenant with Joshua and Caleb. Understanding that Jesus illustrates the end of a thing with the beginning of a thing allows us to see that the history of Moses is repeated in the history of Christ, for the history of Christ illustrates the end of the Jewish church and the history of Moses illustrates the beginning. In the history of Christ, God was passing by the Jewish church, His former covenant people, and entering into covenant with the Christian church. The beginning and end of Israel as God's chosen people provide two witnesses of the history of modern Israel.
History and prophecy teach that the Roman Catholic Church dominated the world for twelve

church as God's chosen people and in that history,

Catholic Church dominated the world for twelve hundred and sixty years from 538 until 1798. This period of Catholic domination is directly referenced seven times in God's Word. The Roman Catholic Church is the beast whose mark of authority will be forced on all the world. Towards the end of that history which is called the Dark Ages, the Lord brought up a movement through Martin Luther and other reformers that is called the Protestant Reformation. There is only one correct definition of the word Protestant and it means to protest the Roman Catholic Church. By definition, if you are not protesting the Catholic Church, you are not a Protestant.

In the concluding history of the Dark Ages, the Lord entered into a covenant with the Protestant Reformers and they became His covenant people. In the history of the pioneer movement that produced the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Protestants were tested by the secret prophecies that had been revealed. The Protestant church rejected the truth of both the 2300- and 2520-year prophecies. Thus, when the Lord was entering into covenant with pioneer Adventism, He was passing by those who had previously been His chosen covenant people. Protestantism, in rejecting the secrets of the 2520and 2300-year prophecies, began to fulfill a role that is prophetically called apostate Protestantism.

Therefore, at the beginning and end of ancient Israel, and also at the beginning of modern Israel, Jesus illustrates that when He enters into a covenant with a people, He is simultaneously passing by the former covenant people. That former covenant people have had in its possession for over a hundred years a warning message for Nashville, Tennessee. Their silence on this warning illustrates their rebellion.

Ellen White identified September 11, 2001, though she did not provide the date. Consider some of her predictions concerning New York City that were written over one hundred years ago:

"Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we cannot imagine." The Review and Herald, July 5, 1906.

She knew that one day the massive structures of New York City would fall and that it would produce fearful scenes. She identified that at that time Revelation 18:1–3 would be fulfilled. Did anyone imagine the scenes of 9.11, in advance? She knew the great buildings there would be thrown down. She also said:

"On one occasion, when in New York City, I was in the night season called upon to behold

buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify their owners and builders. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. Those to whom these buildings belonged were not asking themselves: 'How can we best glorify God?' The Lord was not in their thoughts.

"I thought: 'Oh, that those who are thus investing their means could see their course as God sees it! They are piling up magnificent buildings, but how foolish in the sight of the Ruler of the universe is their planning and devising. They are not studying with all the powers of heart and mind how they may glorify God. They have lost sight of this, the first duty of man.'

"As these lofty buildings went up, the owners rejoiced with ambitious pride that they had money to use in gratifying self and provoking the envy of their neighbors. Much of the money that they thus invested had been obtained through exaction, through grinding down the poor. They forgot that in heaven an account of every business transaction is kept; every unjust deal, every fraudulent act, is there recorded. The time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point that the Lord will not permit them to pass, and they will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah.

"The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: 'They are perfectly safe.' But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.

"I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that had been strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God. No material can be

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used in the erection of buildings that will preserve

them from destruction when God's appointed time comes to send retribution on men for their disregard of His law and for their selfish ambition.

"There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them." *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 9, 12, 13.

This passage was written almost a century before 9.11, and it even speaks to the financial problems that followed in the wake of 9.11, when it states that the leadership of not only the USA, but even the world would be "struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis." The Twin Towers were supposedly fire-proof, but God knew better, and "the fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction" for the "firemen were unable to operate the engines."

We will now return to an earlier thought. Why Islam? Why the USA? Why Nashville? Most professed Christians are aware that the book of Revelation identifies a time where the entire world will be forced to accept the mark of the beast under pain of death and financial persecution. There are a variety of incorrect applications for what the mark of the beast represents, and who the beast is that is represented by the mark, but there is only a very little commentary about what it is that allows the world to come together and agree to allow this mark to be enforced on all the earth. There certainly does not seem to be any subject that is currently on planet earth today that the majority of nations would all promote together. Revelation thirteen informs us it is the beast with the lamb-like horns that forces the earth to accept the mark.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of

the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. Revelation 13:11–18.

The beast with the two horns like a lamb, who will speak like a dragon, deceives "them that dwell on the earth" and commands them to establish an image to the beast and cause "all" to receive the mark of the beast. The beast with lamb-like horns is the USA which ends up in the position to exercise authority over all the world. The Bible and the Bible only identifies an issue that brings all mankind into a unified state. That issue is radical Islam. Jesus appointed ancient Islam to illustrate modern radical Islam. The father of Islam is Ishmael and he is first addressed in the Bible in Genesis.

And the angel of the Lord said unto her [Ishmael's mother, Hagar], Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. Genesis 16:11,12.

The first book in the Bible is Genesis, and the word "genesis" means beginnings. The ancient people that Christ appoints begin in the book of Genesis, and although it would not be until the seventh century that the false prophet Mohammed would introduce the religion which we call Islam, Mohammed, and his followers consider Ishmael as their ancient father. The passage says of Ishmael that his hand would be against every man. The correct reading of the Koran identifies that it is the sacred responsibility of every Moslem to bring every man in the world into subjection to the teachings outlined in the Koran. Islam's hand is against every man, and they are identified as the issue that brings all mankind together against them.

A metaphor used around the world is that "when America sneezes, the world catches a cold." When Nashville is struck by radical Islam on July 18<sup>th</sup>, the entire world will be thrown into an economic crisis that has never before been witnessed. Then, every man's hand in the world will be seeking to retaliate against modern Ishmael. Islam is the prophetic issue that brings about a global government.

The verse stated that Ishmael would be a "wild man" and the Hebrew word that is translated in the Bible as "wild man" is the word that identifies "the wild Arabian ass." The "ass" becomes a prophetic symbol for Islam from that point forward in the Bible. The verse also states that Ishmael will dwell in the presence of all his brethren. Biblically, there is no justification for arguing that there are different degrees of the Islamic religion, for the spirit of Ishmael is represented in the entire religion.

The earlier question at this point remains unanswered, "Why would Islam strike Nashville in particular over any other place in the USA?" To understand this requires an understanding of the USA in Bible prophecy. If that can be understood, the logic for Nashville can be ascertained.

# We intend to post two different letters to the citizens of Nashville, Tennessee before July 18, 2020. This is the first of two. The second letter will be in the May 2020 edition of *Future News*.

#### Dear Citizen of Nashville,

We are under conviction to not only tell you but to provide evidence that on July 18, 2020, Islam is going to detonate a nuclear device in Nashville, Tennessee. Our problem with trying to warn you of this event is that it requires information on a handful of subjects that you may or may not have any inclination to consider. Therefore, our intent in this letter is to identify the warning we feel under obligation to provide, and then give you a brief explanation of how this warning can be demonstrated to be valid. Hopefully, the overview of these issues will prompt you to go to www.july18. news where the defense of each of these issues is presented fully.

The subjects all have a relation to Bible prophecy and all of them are interconnected. The United States of America is one theme which is prophetically the sixth kingdom of Bible prophecy yet different from the kingdoms of world history. Another subject is the kingdom succeeding the USA, the seventh kingdom of Bible prophecy, which is the United Nations. As the USA ends its history as the sixth kingdom and the world transcends into the seventh kingdom of the United Nations, Bible prophecy specifies that Donald Trump is the final president of the USA. President Trump has been typified by many biblical leaders and is marked in God's Word. His presidency and his struggle with the Democratic Party is also a subject of prophecy and provides the backdrop for another matter that is marked prophetically, that of another civil war in the USA. This reality is fairly easy to recognize. As citizens of the USA, the intensity of division that is taking place between liberal and conservative Americans is manifested daily in the news.

With these dynamics identified in God's Word, we also find that Islam is a specific and well-documented subject of Bible prophecy. Its role (Genesis 16:12) is to bring all men on planet earth together to combat them. Islam is the issue that pushes the world into a one-world government as the world attempts to address the escalating warfare brought by the Islamic religion. That war, which is the Third World War, begins in earnest when Islam strikes the USA again, as on 9/11, but now with a nuclear weapon on July 18, 2020. To uphold a date such as this, it is necessary to consider and apply biblical chronology. The USA, the United Nations, President Trump, Islam, and biblical chronology are all subjects that must be examined to recognize the validity of this warning.

Of the many prophetic lines that address President Trump, there is one other that should be considered as well, and that is the line of Russia and its current leader Vladimir Putin. The Bible book of Daniel identifies a specific struggle for control of the world that takes place between Russia (Putin) and the USA (Trump). Another world power-player that Bible prophecy addresses in this struggle and is prophetically portrayed as working behind the scenes is the Roman Catholic Church.

The warning message that we are identifying speaks to the political struggle between Russia, the USA, and the United Nations, but it also addresses a religious power struggle between Islam, Catholicism, Protestantism, and the backslidden Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Seventh-day Adventist Church was given prophetic light through the writings of Ellen G. White, which they have chosen to hide under a bushel rather than fulfill their responsibility. That responsibility included giving this very warning message; for it is from the writings of the prophetess they claim to believe and accept that Nashville is marked as being destroyed by a ball of fire, and her description easily fits the description of a nuclear weapon.

Nashville was not the only city Ellen G. White identified would be struck by catastrophe. Over a hundred years ago, she spoke of the time when the "great buildings of New York City" would be destroyed. She identified, among other things, that when this occurred, the fire engines would not be able to put out the fires because they were rendered inoperable.

The warning we are providing consists of both religious and political elements that require some deep considerations. With this in mind, we have created a website where we make a biblical defense for all of these seemingly absurd claims, that those who wish to take warning may do so. It is certainly our hope that you will avail yourself of the information we are offering before it is too late, but whether you hear or not, this letter is being sent so that we might fulfill our responsibility as watchmen, for to not do so would mean that the blood of all those that perish in the upcoming nuclear strike would be required of our souls.

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 3:17–21.

This passage is not being inserted to infer that we are prophets, for we are not. This passage, though, applies to any Bible believer, and it is included so you might understand why we have inserted ourselves into your daily life. For more information please visit www.july18.news.

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