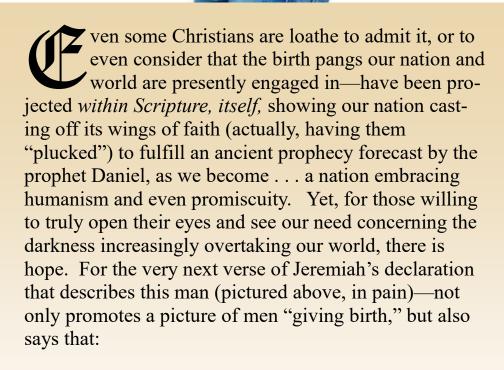


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... [we] shall be saved out of it.

Jeremiah 30:7

What does all of this mean, for us <u>now</u>, within these United States? What are these prophecies referring to and, do their images portend anything for those hoping forour generation to be the one that will actually see the coming of a truly new age, wherein "swords will be



Let us be ready...

turned into plowshares" and:

> ... their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

> > Isaiah 2:4

So, that we are heading for a world wherein:

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;

And a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6

?? Oh yes, we are heading in that direction. But first, we have some wings to finish plucking . . . This is not a pretty picture (at first) but a necessary one, even as giving birth is both necessary and, at first, painful. Yet as those who wish to land on the

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right side of history in the end—we must simply learn how to look beyond the abortion of bitterness now being "birthed" around us, to find our hope in God, Himself. For, like it or not, just as the invisible forces now governing our world and nation are best understood by persons of faith who find a fresh comfort in the holy Scriptures, so too, those of us who hope in the God of the Bible, can also find ourselves landing in that quiet place, where our God ultimately reigns

Forever!

Be blessed in Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

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The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man,

Daniel 7:4

BIRTH PANGS —FOR GOOD!

or those who have been following The UP-LOOK for the past several months, and have begun to understand the way the Bible's visions sometimes "overlap" within Jewish prophecywe are about to be rewarded for our diligence with a gem from the treasures found within the very heart of John's Apocalypse (more formally called *The Revela*tion of Jesus Christ). There are several ways to accomplish this venture, not the least of which is to simply leap from our opening text into the very center of John's Revelation to unveil the New World Order (NWO) -however, this would deny new readers some appreciation of just what an "overlap" is. Therefore, to facilitate an even greater appreciation of what we are now studying in prophecy, we will begin by establishing a definition for the beginning, as well as ending points, of some overlapping visions relating to our study of present day events—and our future.

To establish the starting point of these overlaps, we need only remind ourselves that the Revelation is of *Jesus Christ* who is the New Testament's

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"revelation" of redemption. In other words, John's Revelation deals with our New Testament era. It starts with letters to seven churches, which are a New Testament phenomena that were established by Christ, Himself. (If dealing with similar Jewish gatherings, the groups might be called "synagogues," which in some cases, were the very place where the gospel was originally introduced (Acts 13:14, 18:7,19 ...)). The end point of these "overlaps" will then be the point at which this present NT age ends: with the return of Jesus Christ to earth, as He begins to reign both physically and forcefully ("with a rod of iron" Rev. 19:15, Zech. 14:16-19). It is after Christ has reigned in that millennium, that there will be a new heaven & new earth (a truly new world order) wherein violence and mayhem will be no more (Rev. 21:1-4)!

Christ's forceful return at the close of this era, however, will be precipitated by what is sometimes described as "the cataclysm" or "the sign of His coming" and is referred to, not only in the New Testament, but within the Old, as well. For example, within the Old Testament, Isaiah notes:

holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth, From the terror of the LORD And the glory of His majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isaiah 2:19

Or, within Isaiah's 24th chapter, we discover the prophet describing a world that is so shaken by the LORD, that its very surface wrinkles as a prune (vs. 1) and turns on its side (vs. 20) so that in one sense, the stars appear to be falling from the sky as one looks upward (Isa. 34:4) and people begin to cry out to God in fear (vss. 17 & 18, see also Rev. 6:12-17...).

Within the New Testament Christ describes the same event within His Olivet discourse, noting that these same events will take place just prior to His returning:

²⁹ "Immediately after the

tribulation of those days the

sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather

It is after Christ has reigned in the millennium, that there will be a *truly* new world order...

together His elect from the four winds

Matthew 24:29-31

Please note the disturbance in the heavens, mentioned, just prior to Christ's returning (the underlining, in these quotes, is my own emphasis).

If you dare, you may also note the same context within passages denoting what is commonly called the rapture of the saints within the Pauline epistles, for an example, from a spiritual angle:

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up

together with them in the

clouds to meet the Lord in the air. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

r elsewhere, from a more literal, and visible perspective, Christ is described as bursting forth as a "thief in the night" (1 Thes. 5:2) —which Peter says we should look forward to, with reverence and holy living, as things on this planet "heat up":

will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat;

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

2 Peter 3:10-11

It is quite popular, within the West where we still enjoy (to a large degree) the freedom of religion, to teach that the above event will take place before we lose these freedoms (i.e. before great trial and great tribulation). However, to say that the Lord will one day remove the body of professing believers from our world just before that trial—would be like God forecasting a great plague (or famine, as with Joseph in Egypt) and then having all of the doctors, nurses, and trained paramedics purposely removed from the neighborhood just before He knows tragedy is about to strike!

Does that sound like the God of the Bible? NO! And such teaching only points to the warning given by Christ regarding virgins going to sleep, just prior to the wake-up call that must take place just prior to His appearing (Matt. 25:1-10). —To which, the apostle enjoins;

² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes <u>as a thief</u> <u>in the night</u>. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then

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THANK GOD

FOR

"MORE"!

⁶ Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 49:6

hank God for more: more than our western world, more than our own back yard, and more than the little circle of friends that crowd our normal consciousness. For God is bigger, much bigger, than our myopic view of the world: bigger than our personal "tribe" or clanbigger than our temporal limitations.

Yet, God also pays abundant attention to the little things.

Maybe it is because I feel indebted to the people of the Middle East, and understand the nature of spiritual warfare, that I do not think it unusual for many within our present world to find themselves fighting against one particular "tribe" and nation in the belly-button of our world, today. After all, it only seems natural for the enemy of God (the devil) to marshal all the forces at his disposal to attack God's chosen people and family. As for why I feel personally indebted to these people: it is because I am so very grateful for their providing me with the Holy Bible. After all, even the New Testament was written by Jews!

On the other hand, some elements and

treasures of history are too great to be owned by one individual, as was true with the original printers of the King James Bible, Robert Barker & Martin Lucas, whose first printed edition was nick-named the "Wicked Bible" –because of a typographical error, in which the word "not" was left out of the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt [not] commit adultery"! Thus, it would seem, destiny conspired to deny them copyright to the most widely published and influential book in history of the world

In a similar way, I actually believe that the advent of the Messiah was too large an event to be exclusively claimed or commandeered by any one person, or people (as our opening text implies): its launching started the greatest movement humankind ever experienced—often among those who finding themselves to be the most common, and often the most needy, among us. As Jesus Himself said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13) —And today this same tradition continues, it would seem, as many who should know much better, again become just a little too familiar with God, while secretly deciding that, "God does know . . . " that He has been holding out on us (Genesis 3:4-6)!

Is this what God intended, all along: that humanity should be hopelessly locked in a quest to find fulfillment in the forbidden and unknown corners of our personal worship experience? Are we to be forever seeking some new ceremony, some new tradition, some new law that will finally give us the "understanding" of an unknown quantity that will bring us fulfillment . . . or was it actually there in the Garden all along, while

Adam and Eve ignored God's gentle calling to tender hearts?

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:8

I wonder what it "sounded like" to hear God walking in the Garden. Scripture does not say that God actually "appeared" to Adam and Eve (as He did to Abraham, many years later, for example -within Genesis 18, with Sodom in view in the nearby valley . . .). I wonder what it was like to "hear" God walking in Paradise. Was it not, originally, a comforting experience? Did God's approach, in their past, not bring comfort and joy, anticipation and relief, within their experience of living in the Garden, along with their Creator? Had they conferred together on that new thing they had just discovered on the way, in the Garden? And then after eating what was forbidden, had it suddenly occurred to them that, after all, all they needed to do-to discover the answer to some mystery that had suddenly confronted them . . . was to ask Father about it?

'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:3

But now, they immediately sensed, they had closed the door to the heart of God, and . . . to the Tree of Life, forever, it would seem. So that Adam and Eve must feel compelled to sew fig leaves together and, somehow, seek to mull around and use up their time, perhaps, in the shadows of the Garden while "escaping" from the Light. So that, now, the Father would have to take the initiative at rejoining His lost prodigals:

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:9

And the mere mouse of the man that he once was, answered the Father timidly:

So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Genesis 3:10

Now Paradise would be lost, forever, if that snake in the grass were to have his way. But the Father knew better, although forced to impose sanctions upon His wayward ones, while cursing the ground for their sakes, and setting a flaming sword to guard the tree of Life (Gen. 3:17-24) —lest, approaching that tree, Adam and his mate should damn themselves to the fate that the demons already had experienced: of a living death, without any hope of redemption. For

I WONDER WHAT IT "SOUNDED LIKE," TO HEAR GOD WALKING IN THE GARDEN.

one day, far in the future, God knew it would be true that:

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise [would share] in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Did you catch that? As one Christian brother once said to me, "God is very sneaky!" In other words, God purposely allowed Adam to die, so that one day He could open a "back door" (or blow open a Door to Life, in the front – Jn. 10:7, 14:6) to allow Adam back into the Garden. But, oh, the pain and agony that would be necessary for such a redemption—and what a laborious process would such require, while

issuing a carefully crafted plan to insure that Adam's descendants fully appreciated, and more fully understood, just what it was that they were being offered.

or the road back to Paradise would necessarily require more than mere form and ceremony, since what was lost was so much more than a ceremony, itself. Yes, the Lord did immediately slay animals, to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness: immediately demonstrating the seriousness of their offense, as it resulted in the death others (in this case, of animals). For the life (or Life) is in the blood (Lev. 17:11) but the point made, even there, was not mere ceremony, but of reconciliation and covering brought about by the substitution of another, in death.

sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart-These, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 51:16-17

But sin, and death, and the grave—these were all things that had been truly foreign to Adam, in the Garden. He was created with a "Ph. D" in living. It was to LIFE that he had awakened in the Garden that first morning to behold the Father with the eyes of his heart. Now, he would have to go back to kindergarten and learn the basics of mortality, and be schooled in the value of the incredible treasure that he had lost: through innumerable tests and failures, daily being baptized in stumbling and faltering, until ultimately a family would be called forth from Abraham—a friend of God, to finally understand that the tree of "knowledge" is not, after all . . . the tree of Life. After the Lord had called their name "Adam" (mankind – Gen. 5:2)—and had become one of us as the "Son of man," not to redeem angels, but ourselves, who were made in His image (Gen. 1:26, (Matt. 18:11, Daniel

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sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do,

1 Thessalonians 5:2-6

In other words, we are not to delude ourselves about avoiding the "birthpangs" that we are even now starting to experience.

Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

Galatians 4:16

ut I have promised (or implied) that we will now unveil an overlap that lays the groundwork for seeing our post modern era within the Scriptures, by simply making use of the two end points, outlined above; of Christ's **coming into the world**— and of His returning to earth at the close-out of this age. To accomplish this allow me to boldly state that in the 12th chapter of John's revelation is the opening page of a magnificent overlap pointing in vibrant symbols to Israel as a woman with twelve stars (vs. 1- each star symbolizing one of Israel's tribes, similar to Joseph's dream in Gen. 37:9) —giving birth to the male Child, whom Herod tried to destroy (vs. 4) and who later ascended to heaven (as in Acts 1:8-11). Thus:

She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Revelation 12:5

Again, this "male Child" is none other that the Lord Jesus, who will soon return to earth as described in the close of this overlap (chapter 19,

vs. 15) in John's Revelation!

Selah. Pause and calmly think of the above.

Of course, I have rattled cages not a few with all this talk of "overlaps"!! Why, if all of this is true... what of the rest of the 12th chapter of Revelation?? How does it lead into the 13th where we are about to unveil the operation of the (so called) New World Order? (For that you will have to read my book. Forgive the shameless plug!) For now, however, we must content ourselves

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Jesus, who will soon return to earth (!!)

with plunging back into the Old Testament.

Our "plunge" will now allow us to turn to the "Revelation" of the OT and begin to unwrap Daniel's seventh chapter where we will see virtual mirror images reflected between John's thirteenth chapter and Daniel's seventh. First notice, if you will, the WORLD WIDE SCOPE of these two prophecies. First from Daniel's text:

Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, . . . four great beasts came up from the sea, . . . The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

Daniel 7:2-4

Now, let us turn to John's

vision, in his thirteenth chapter:

I Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ...his mouth like the mouth of a lion

Revelation 13:1,2

The sea itself, an angel explains, represents the waters where Mystery Babylon foments her evil as, "the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth" (Rev. 17:5) representing the swirling wickedness among all the peoples of the earth (vs. 15). It is also interesting to note, when looking at our world as we presently understand it to exist (as a globe, covered mostly by water, with its continents arising from the oceans) –that the visions just quoted eerily reflect a modern day presentation of our global communities, as seen from outer space

But what of this "lion with eagles wings" that has its wings plucked? Buckle your seat belts, especially if you are a person seeking to limit God's activity to the scope of a prophet's personal understanding. —For what if God, through the use of symbols, wished to *bypass* the prophet's understanding of his personal world (2 Peter 1:21) . . . to project into the future, and reveal *our* world???

The lion, then, within our present day terminology, will represent Great Britain.[®] Great Britain had a famous colony which largely retained her language and culture and became a world super power. That super power's symbol is . . . the lofty eagle: The United States of America: having the wings of an eagle as well as English roots. But wait, there is more: for these wings (which represent wings of faith (Isa. 40:31)) are plucked, and within a double statement (yielding a double witness, to emphasize a truth) he sees that this symbol "was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it" (vs. 4). Thus, by two statements:

- 1. of being made to stand like a man, and,
- 2. a man's heart being given to it his vision emphasizes the new reality now dominating this country: of a humanistic element within its heart overcoming (and plucking out) its wings of faith, in a general sense, while embracing a proud humanistic (and often atheistic) view within its public & political matters.

But wait! There is still more, for when this national symbol is now transferred into John's vision of the final world order over which the Antichrist is to reign—that final beast, NWO (or national federation of states—like the UN?) it will now have . . . "the mouth of a lion" (Rev. 13:2). In other words, prophecy projects the US as a key leader and "speaker" in the final world federation.

Do you see any fulfillment here—and a big problem??

Here, allow let me help you perceive the chaos that might result, if what you have just observed from Scripture is indeed a description of our nation at the end of the age. Have you paid attention to Mr. Trump's speeches at the UN recently? He has been singing the praises of religious liberty and national sovereignty?!

MR. TRUMP YOU AP-PEAR TO BE GOING TO-TALLY AGAINST THE GRAIN! Are you trying to "re-attach" our wings of faith? Are you trying to resist the wheels of judgment . . . or seeking to extend our time of grace?

No wonder the spiritual birth pangs!!!

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7:13)).

16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 2:16-17

"Propitiation" –now there's a mouthful. Whatever does it mean? It means that someone (or Someone) had to pay for Adam's disobedience. That's what it meant, down through the centuries, as a river of blood flowed from sacrificial alters, as well as from the hands of murderers; ultimately hammering blessed hands to a Cross beam (Ps. 22:16, Zech. 13:6), as a multitude of other offenders continue to hope that the other tree will ultimately bring a knowledge of Life, while continuing to run from Him in a descent into death. And, wonder of wonders! As was said earlier, this aid that the Messiah would make available to Adam's descendants was not made available to angels! Those who fell from their lofty position, yet remain fallen. Thus, we who were created lower than they, may yet be restored—if we but humble ourselves, and if we will but admit that Adam really was very, very, very wrong to listen to that snake-in-the grass who lied to our ancestors in the Garden.

And what would be the seal, and evidence, of this true restoration of soul, to Adam's descendants? It would be a true change of heart.

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of

flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26

Or, as the Messiah would put it so simply to a Jewish Rabbi, who came to Him one night, hoping to get "the inside scoop" on what would make the messianic kingdom so different from those raised up before Him. Jesus said simply,

..., "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3

Yes, how wonderful to know, my fellow descendents of Adam and Eve, that we can start all over again, because of Messiah! We can be "born again" if we but repent and turn from our sins—simply because Messiah has taken our place, now, as an everlasting sacrifice, upon the Cross.

21 For [the Father] made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Wow! Now that is a very big deal! Regaining Paradise is not about us finally finding the solution to life, in a secret knowledge of good and evil, but about simply turning back to the Father, who loves us, and Who has paid the penalty for our treachery, and banishment from His Presence. So that Jesus invites each of us:

who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

God gave us life in the Garden, now offers us more: of Himself.

Amen.

What Must I do?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."

Acts 16:31



If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9,10

In Other Words

Acknowledge: your need

—as a sinner (Romans 3:23, II Cor. 5:14-15)

Accept: His work on the Cross —to be your Savior

Confess: your acceptance of His lordship over you.

Live for Him: with your new life!

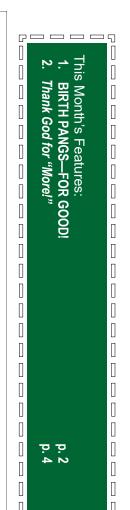
For the scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed."

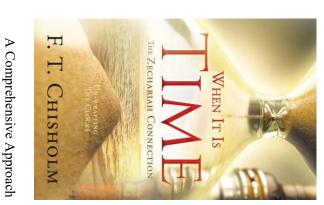
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