

# 2017 and the Great *SIGNS* in Heaven

Astonishing, stupefying heavenly signs portend and herald the end of this age and the coming of the Promised Messiah! Here is dumbfounding, mind-boggling information about the striking heavenly signs and omens that spell out the future of mankind and history's greatest event!

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This year is the Jewish Year 5777. It began at sunset on October 2 of 2016. It is unique and quite rare for there to be three sevens in the same year, as these three sevens will not be repeated for a thousand years from now (6,777).

The Biblical number 7 is linked to “completion” and is considered the highest sacred number in the Scripture. In Hebrew, each letter of the alphabet has a specific numerical value. The Hebrew alphabetical letter represented by the number seven, is called Zayin. It is noted by rabbinical sources, that this Hebrew letter Zayin, in both meaning and in its form, has three possible meanings concealed in the year 5,777.

First, the letter alludes to the “return of light” or exposing in the light what is concealed in the darkness.

A second interpretation related with Zayin [ז] is that the letter is in the form of a “sword,” implying that a battle or a war of some type may loom over this year, 5,777, which is parallel to the Gregorian year 2017. Oddly, the letter Zayin is one of the final Hebrew letters that when used as a final form in a sentence has a decorative crown that scribes create on the top of the letter, forming a crown on the head of the letter. The rabbinical interpretation is that it can represent the “crowning of a man.”

Does this pattern reveal that there is a strange Providence behind the rise of Donald Trump, perhaps in the same manner of Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus the King of Persia, who both fulfilled specific prophecies for their time that was linked with Israel and the Jews?

Donald Trump is the first Presidential candidate that said he will “officially” recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. It is amazing to see someone that is not

afraid to be politically incorrect, and buck a totally corrupt system. Is his rise to this point prophetic?

What is the significance of this new year, 5777?

There are three 7's in this Jewish year. Interestingly, the number '7' in Hebrew is the letter 'zayin' which represents both the number '7' and the word 'sword.'" 5777 is the year of supernatural grace for mercy, and also the year of clashing of swords. The Civil War in Syria, America launching a 60-salvo tomahawk missile attack on a Syrian airbase, the bellicose confrontation between the United States and North Korea, show the world is on the threshold of a potentially catastrophic war – possibly World War III. Will the Great Tribulation start this year – this coming fall?

The collision of kingdoms has already begun!

In other words, the world is entering a devastating period of WAR and clashing of swords! Ideologies are warring, and millions of people are being manipulated through media mind control: sound bites, political propaganda, talking heads, warlike neo-cons and politicians, and an onslaught of progressive liberal ideologies baked into our entertainment.

5777 is also the year of spiritual warfare. Jesus Christ declared to His disciples in words meant for all of us, "From the days of John the Baptist until now, they are pressing into the Realm of heaven – these eager souls are storming it!" (Matt.11:12, Moffat Translation).

Interestingly, the Bible tells us Noah's father Lamech lived to be 777 years old (Genesis 5:31). Historians tell us that 5 years after he died came the Flood.

The name Lamech means *to be low, to be humiliated*.

Since this is the year 5777, does this suggest that 5 years after 5777 the world will once again experience another Judgment, like the Flood? If so, then the present year 5777 is a turning point – a year of great prophetic significance!

It is of high interest that an ancient Jewish Rabbi Samuel had a vision in the year 1217 that culminated in 2017. In his vision Elijah told him that to add six Jubilees (300 years) to 1217 and the world would arrive at the year 1517, when the Turks captured Jerusalem. Then 8 Jubilees later (400 years) would bring us to 1917, when the British recaptured Jerusalem and passed the Balfour Declaration, allowing the Jews to resettle in Israel. One Jubilee later they would reoccupy Jerusalem – which they did in 1967, after the Six Day War, June 5-10. One Jubilee later – 2017 – would begin the time of the Messiah or Messianic end times.

We have arrived at that point in history.

### *The Great Eclipse*

A total solar eclipse is a relatively rare event for any given place. So, for an area to get not one, but *two*, total solar eclipses in just *seven* years is a truly remarkable occurrence!

On August 21, 2017, America will be treated to its first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse in nearly 100 years. That's why we're calling it the NATIONAL ECLIPSE. From Oregon to South Carolina, the eclipse will trace a 67-mile-wide path across the country and millions of Americans will witness a once-in-a-lifetime event as the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun and day turns to night for up to almost three minutes.

An area spanning parts of Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky will be the nexus of the next two total solar eclipses to occur in the U.S., on August 21, 2017, and April 8, 2024. Because the 2017 eclipse travels across the country from northwest to southeast and the 2024 eclipse makes its way through the nation from southwest to northeast, the two paths cross each other and create a zone of overlapping totality of almost 9,000 square miles, or roughly the size of New Jersey (see [nationalclipse.com](http://nationalclipse.com)).

On August 21st, 2017, something is going to happen in the United States that has not happened since 1918. On that date, a total solar eclipse will be visible all the way from the east coast to the west coast.

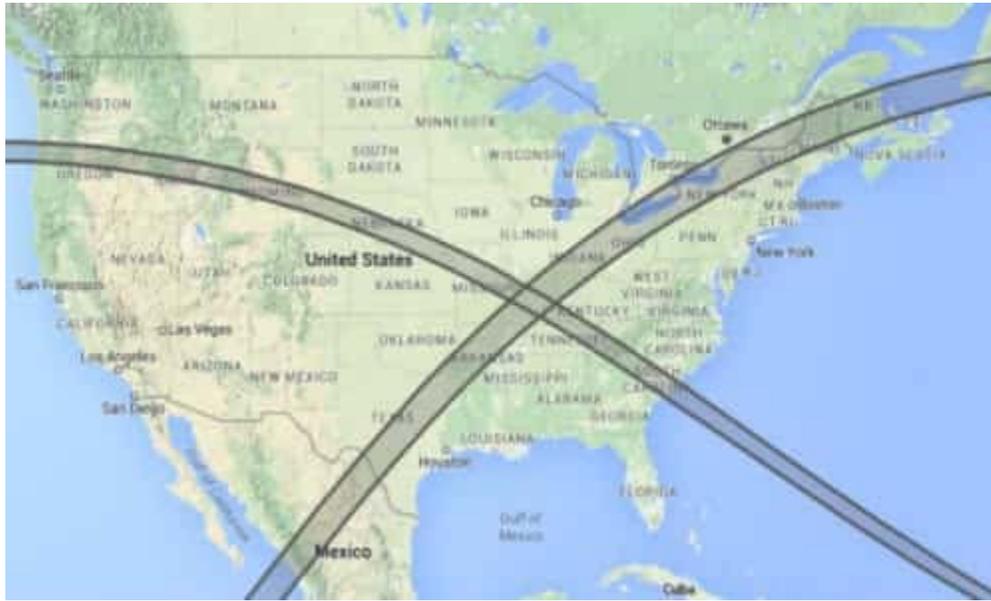
A total solar eclipse will cross the continental United States this summer, an event that hasn't happened in roughly a century.

Everyone will experience on Aug. 21 at least 60 percent of the sun being covered and the resulting semidarkness. Those within about a 60-mile wide diagonal line from the Pacific Northwest through South Carolina will see the sky go dark and feel the temperature drop. In some areas of the country, the darkness will last more than two minutes and 30 seconds.

Such wonders of nature largely were feared in older civilizations, and even while the mechanics of orbits crossing can be observed and predicted, they still make many people think of God today.

Incredibly, another rare solar eclipse of this nature will move across the country just seven years later in 2024. If you plot the projected courses of these two solar eclipses on a map, you will find that they form a giant "X" across the continental United States.

### *"X" Marks the Spot*



In the Scriptures, Jesus told us that “there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars” just prior to His return, and many are speculating about what this giant “X” might mean.

This will be the first time since 1918 that a total solar eclipse will be visible from the West Coast to the East Coast of the United States.

The most recent total solar eclipse visible in the United States occurred in 1979; however, it was only visible across the Pacific Northwest.

This is something that does not happen very often, and that is why it is so extraordinary that another solar eclipse will be visible in large portions of the nation just seven years later in 2024.

Does this spectacular event have prophetic meaning?

Pastor Mark Biltz, the man who discovered the “Blood Moons” phenomenon and a Christian who urges careful attention to heavenly signs, suggests there may be something more to the eclipse.

Such as a direct warning to the United States.

“From a biblical point of view, a solar eclipse is meant as a sign from God,” Biltz told WND. “In Genesis 1:14, God declared this to be so. It is a sign that is beyond man’s control, something he can’t manipulate. Solar eclipses become biblically and prophetically significant and relevant when man understands their timing according to the biblical calendar and where they happen. Then we look for the patterns.”

He went on, “As the sun is larger than the moon, the sun represents the nations of the world and the moon represents the nation of Israel, as their calendar months are based on the cycle of the moon while the nations of the world follow the sun for their calendar. When there is a total solar eclipse, it is a warning to a specific nation or nations depending on its path.”

### *Ancient Nineveh*

Notice the story of Jonah and Nineveh from the Bible. Why did the people of Nineveh repent when Jonah preached their coming doom? In 765 BC a plague broke out in Nineveh where even the King was not able to go out to war, as was the custom. This was followed by a civil war and then another plague! An archaeological find of cuneiform tablets was found in the 19th century describing these historical events in Nineveh.

A famous eclipse mentioned in the tablets was known as the Bur-Sagale eclipse, which is verified by NASA as occurring on June 15th 763 BC. The path of totality was right over Nineveh. As God had declared the sun and the moon were for signs, and now the Ninevites saw the wrath of God coming again upon them even before Jonah arrived a couple months later. When Jonah arrived they were ripe for repentance! This was the first day of the month of Elul, which begins the month of repentance, according to the Rabbis. The first of Elul is when Jonah began prophesying for 40 days.

Now fast forward to another August 21st but this time in 1914. Just before the eclipse in August of 1914 we see the events of World War I begin! The path of totality of the eclipse was over Eastern Europe and the Ottoman Empire or Middle East – and included Nineveh once again! This eclipse foretold the destruction of the Ottoman Empire at the end of World War I and showed that God’s hand was orchestrating everything.

Amazingly, there was another total solar eclipse on June 8, 1918 that crossed over the United States from Washington State to Florida. This was just before the end of World War I that year. This path is roughly similar to the total solar eclipse coming this August 21, 2017; which was the last time a total eclipse crossed the nation from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

This Aug 21, 2017 we will see another total solar eclipse going over the United States. This is again at the *beginning the month of repentance or Elul!* Could God be giving us a warning that we need to repent as Nineveh or judgment will be coming upon the United States?

Biltz suggests such cataclysms may be in store for the United States, especially given the timing of the event. “Now, this Aug 21, 2017, we have a total solar eclipse going over the United States,” he noted. “This is again at the beginning the month of

repentance on the first of Elul! Could God be giving us a warning that we need to repent or judgment will be coming to the United States? The timing couldn't be clearer!"

We also find seven years later there will be another total solar eclipse running south to the Northeast across the United States on April 8th 2024 with St. Louis in the cross hairs between the two eclipses. April 8th is also significant because it is Nisan 1, the date of the Hebrew New Year, and the anniversary of the dedication of Moses' tabernacle, when God sent fire from heaven to His earthly abode. God reasserted Himself into the affairs of men with His glory coming to earth. It just so happens it was also the day Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu died, because they brought "strange fire" before the Lord!

### *Another Great Sign*

Says Biltz, "Another very significant sign in the heavens is happening right after this year's total solar eclipse on the first of Elul, beginning the month of repentance."

A month later, we find during the Days of Awe from Rosh Hashanah on Tishri 1 and Yom Kippur on Tishri 10, there will be a confirmation of celestial events as described in the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 12: 1-2 reads: "A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child. She cried out in pain, laboring to give birth."

Biltz declares: "The woman clothed with the sun is the constellation Virgo and represents the nation of Israel. The 12 stars represent the 12 tribes of Israel. Interestingly, the constellation Leo, the Lion, which is above Virgo, is made up of nine stars. The Lion represents specifically the tribe of Judah. It just so happens this year during the Days of Awe, three planets will join the constellation Leo making up 12 stars. Virgo will be clothed with the sun, and the moon will be under her feet, fulfilling this sign to precise detail!"

Biltz believes these are signs God is reinserting Himself into human history as prophecy becomes fulfilled as never before. Therefore, Biltz says, it is especially important for Christians to "learn from history" and lead a movement for repentance.

He urges, "I recommend believers unite in fasting and praying for our nation," he said. "This eclipse is just before the month of Elul, which is known as the month of repentance before the Fall Feasts."

Mark Biltz concludes, "This begins the same time Moses went back up the mount to make atonement for the sin of the golden calf, coming down on Yom Kippur. This is the same time frame Jonah went to Nineveh telling them to repent before judgment would fall on Yom Kippur!"

Does this mean that the United States has 40 days to repent by Yom Kippur, or else divine judgment will be meted out on her, during this coming year?

This second unique heavenly sign, a month after the solar eclipse this year, occurs during the Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Between Rosh Hashanah on Tishri 1 and Yom Kippur on Tishri 10, this sign will be an amazing confirmation of celestial events as described in the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 12:1-2 describes a great sign seen in heaven of a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child. She cried out in pain, laboring to give birth. Let's study this sign.

The woman clothed with the sun is the constellation Virgo and represents the nation of Israel. The 12 stars represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Interestingly the constellation Leo, the Lion, which is above Virgo is made up of 9 stars. The Lion represents specifically the tribe of Judah. It just so happens this year during the Days of Awe three planets will join the constellation Leo making up 12 stars! Virgo will be clothed with the sun and the moon will be under her feet fulfilling this sign to precise detail!

On September 23, 2017 a sign will form in the heavens that fits the description of Revelation 12 to a "t." According to computer models, this is the only time this sign will occur in all human history.

Notice again:

We read in Revelation 12, "Now a *great sign appeared in heaven*: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. (Rev.12:1-2). This very sign in the heavens will appear on September 23 this year!

The woman is Israel and the twelve stars are the twelve tribes of Israel. The child is Jesus Christ the Messiah. This sign plays out in the heavens on September 23, 2017 when the sun goes down in Israel and the constellation Virgo arises in the evening sky, with the crescent new moon on the horizon.

The "woman" depicted here is the constellation Virgo, the "Virgin," a symbol of Israel (also the Church of God – Galatians 6:16). The man-child is Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, as we learn in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The garland of twelve stars at her head are the heavenly stars which will be the nine stars of the constellation Leo, the Lion, dominated by the king star Regulus, along with three of the planets – Mercury, Mars and Venus.

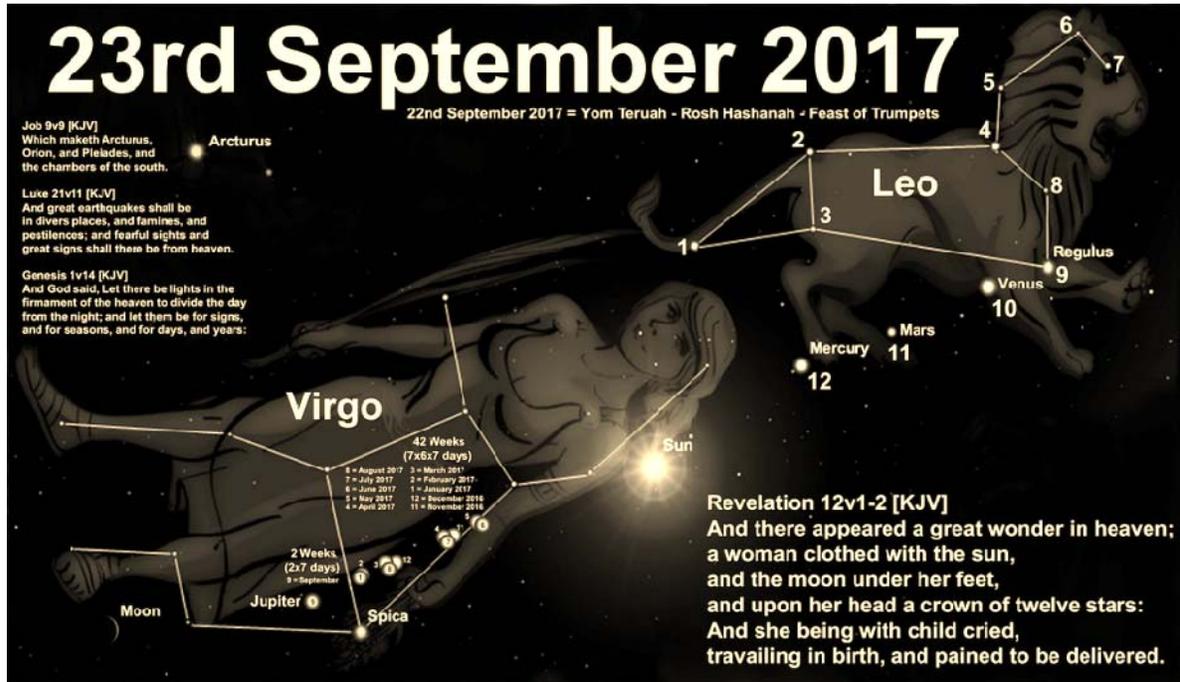


At the feet of the Virgin is the Moon, and the Sun at her shoulder, thus fulfilling the description of John. Interestingly, the Feast of Trumpets occurs on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, according to the new moon calendar, the day before the sign occurs. It is called also Rosh Hoshanah, or Yom Teruah, which means “Day of Blowing, the Awakening Blast, the Day of Shouting, or Crying Out.” Jupiter, the king of planets, a type of Christ, is in her womb for the preceding nine and one half months – the term of gestation – and ready to come out of the womb and be “born”, exiting from the Virgin, going through “birth pangs.”

Virgo, the virgin, is clothed by the sun from mid-September to early October. September 23, 2017 meets these requirements.

The next requirement is that the moon must be under the feet of Virgo. With the sun in Virgo and her feet to the east, the moon must be a few days past new moon. Since the Hebrew Calendar is lunar and the Feast of Trumpets (September 21, 2017) is on the new moon, September 23-25 places the moon in the correct position.

This happens every year on the Hebrew Calendar as long as the new moon did not occur too early or too late in relation to the equinox, which would put the sun too high or low in Virgo. Here it is perfect. The requirement of the moon and sun narrows it down to a few days of the year. The rest of the parts of the sign must then coincide with this time if we are able to observe this sign.



On September 23, 2017, four planets in the vicinity that complete the sign and its ultimate uniqueness. Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Jupiter all play their parts.

Above the head of Virgo is the constellation Leo. In Leo at this time there will be Mars, Venus, and Mercury. With Leo being a constellation of nine principle stars, the three wandering stars make it twelve at this time. Thus the garland of twelve stars is upon the woman. For three planets to be in Leo at this time with all of the other preconditions makes this rare. Combined with the final piece of the picture below is what makes this sign difficult if not nearly impossible to replicate anywhere close to the time in which we live. How rare is it? A search 150 years before and 150 years after September 23, 2017 produced no results.

The final piece of the sign is Jupiter. Jupiter was known by the Jews as the planet of the Messiah. Jupiter enters the sign of Virgo on August 27, 2016, which coincides with a close conjunction of Venus. The next such close conjunction with these two brightest planets is 49 years later. Jupiter itself enters Virgo about every 12 years. The August 27, 2016 conjunction comes exactly 400 days before Yom Kippur 2017. Yom Kippur always ends Teshuvah, which is a 40 day season of repentance.

Does Jupiter and Venus mark a ten-fold application (400 days) needed at that time?

Jupiter will have spent those 400 days in Virgo. As the sign of Revelation 12 forms on September 23, 2017, Jupiter is now in the womb of Virgo and is about to be born. Remember, the meaning of Tribulation refers to the period of labor pains before and during birth. In other words, the world is going to go through a period of birth pangs and delivery which will result in the birth of the divine Messianic Kingdom.

This sign then seems to herald the “birth pangs” of the Messianic Kingdom – the final seven years of “Great Tribulation” which will close this age – the “Crisis at the Close,” as Moffatt calls it – the worst time of trouble in all human human history.

### ***Jupiter – a King Is Born***

On November 20, 2016, Jupiter (the King planet) entered into the body (womb) of the constellation Virgo (the virgin). Jupiter, due its retrograde motion, will have spent the next 9 ½ months within the womb of Virgo. This length of time corresponds with the gestation period of a normal late-term baby.

Fittingly, Jupiter, like Christ, is known for its prominent stripes that cover the whole planet. Christ was beaten with a cat-o-nine-tails whip causing great stripes on His body (compare Isaiah 53:5, John 19:1). Its Great Red Spot is reminiscent of Christ’s spear wound from the Roman spear as He hung upon the cross (John 20:27).

After 9 ½ months, Jupiter exits out of the womb of Virgo. Upon Jupiter’s exit (birth), on September 23, 2017, we see the constellation Virgo, as Revelation 12 describes, with the sun rise directly behind it (the woman clothed with the sun). At the feet of Virgo, we find the moon. And upon her head we find a crown of twelve stars, formed by the usual nine stars of the constellation Leo with the addition of the planets Mercury, Venus, and Mars.

That is a truly remarkable and unique series of events with a startling degree of concurrence with the vision of Revelation 12. This astronomical sign, in all its particulars, is unique in the history of mankind. How rare is this Revelation 12 Sign in the Heavens? It occurs only once in 5,932 years. The last time it happened was in 3915 BC., during the life-time of Adam and Eve when they walked the Earth.

We now know, through modern technology, that the precise alignment of stars taking place on September 23, 2017, has never before taken place during the time of man – an awesome thought to contemplate.

It is right after Tishri 1, the Jewish Rosh Hashanah, or New Year’s Day, according to the Civil (Creation) Calendar, an annual Sabbath or Holy Day. Tishri 1 is Friday, Sept.22, according to the New Moon calendar. The Great Sign will fall on September 23, the weekly Sabbath. It is also the day of the Fall Equinox.

Is it possible then that when Jupiter leaves Virgo—the moment of intense “BIRTH PANGS” – that the Great Tribulation will then really begin in earnest?

The next sign following in the Mazzeroth (the Zodiac) is the scales of Libra – representing “Judgment,” being weighed in the balances.

It all lines up, prophetically speaking.

However, let us go back 1260 days from the sign of Revelation 12, occurring on August 23, 2017, to the day of the first lunar eclipse of the Tetrad of 2014-2015, on Passover that year.

The eclipse of April 15, 2014 occurred at a specific place in the heavens. As a time marker that points to the sign of Revelation 12, it should also have some significance. This eclipse on Passover 2014 occurred right next to the star of Spica in Virgo. Jesus’ own body was sacrificed for us on Passover. He was the Seed of the Woman. He was the ear of grain that must die that life may abound. “Spica” in Hebrew is “Zerah” meaning “seed”—the “Seed of the Woman.” It is the same word as found in the promises of Genesis.

It is fitting then that this sign of the lunar eclipse points to the sign of Revelation 12, which speaks of the Messiah’s birth, but also to Jesus’ coming back to earth.

The sign of Revelation 12 is a mighty “sign in the heavens” warning us all that the Tribulation is coming very quickly, just as is depicted in the sign itself with the virgin (Israel and the Church) about to go through great tribulation.

Our time is short. Revelation 12 explains it line by line:

“Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

“And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 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. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days” (Rev.12:1-6).

Notice that the woman “fled into the wilderness” because of persecution which arose after Christ ascended to heaven.

### *Satan Thrown Out of Heaven*

Then what happens?

“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! *Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time*” (vs.7-12).

Immediately following this “great sign” in heaven is WAR in heaven, and Satan is catapulted to the earth, where in rage he begins to attack God’s people – Israel and the Church, with vehement rage and fury – the Great Tribulation!

The requirements of this amazing heavenly sign make it extremely rare. The year 2017 is the only year in which it coincides with the final generation—our generation – the generation of the re-establishment of the nation of Israel!

By default, it must be a sign that precedes the Tribulation and signs are a warning of what is soon coming. But all too often, sadly, the heavenly sign of Revelation 12 is glossed over and not looked at as an actual visible sign that can be observed and should be understood.

This year is the year 5777 in the Hebrew calendar. 54 is the number of grace and 7 is the number of perfection, and 3 “7s” indicates “completion”. Thus the Biblical numeric meaning of 5777 is “perfect grace made complete” or “the completion of the period of grace.”

Does this mean the period of grace is now over, and now will begin the seventieth week of Daniel’s end-time prophecy, the final seven years of Great Tribulation and Judgment?

Truly this year is a most incredible and remarkable year in terms of Bible prophecy! The signs are truly spectacular – mind-boggling, stupefying – and utterly astounding!