

## **A Brief History of Israel** **{God's Chosen People}**



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"Israel is the very embodiment of Jewish continuity: It is the only nation on earth that inhabits the same land, bears the same name, speaks the same language, and worships the same God that it did 3,000 years ago. You dig the soil and you find pottery from Davidic times, coins from Bar Kokhba, and 2,000-year-old scrolls written in a script remarkably like the one that today advertises ice cream at the corner candy store."

Charles Krauthammer

## **I. History of Israel Begins With Gods Covenant with Abraham-2000 BC**

### **Genesis 12:2**

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

### **Israel's Purpose**

Israel was never considered a sole recipient of God's blessings, but rather, a channel for God's blessings to all mankind

### **Genesis 12:3**

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed

### **Isaiah 49:6**

9:6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

## **Israel Receives Its Name**

### **Genesis 32:28**

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

8 The name Israel (means – a prevailing prince with God). It is the name given to Abraham's grandson Jacob after he wrestled with God at Jabbock and prevailed in prayer.

## Enmity with the Arabs

⌘ Hagar and Ishmael

### Genesis 16:1-4

1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence comest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

12 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.

⌘ Sarah and Issac

### Genesis 21:2-13

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the *same* day that Isaac was weaned.

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed.

## The Ishmaelites (Arabs) Become the Enemy of Israel

### Psalms 83: 1-6

- 2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.  
3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.  
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.  
5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:  
6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

## The Land of Israel

### Genesis 12:1

1Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

### Genesis 15:18

18In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

THE LAND IS TO NEVER BE SOLD

### Leviticus 25:23

23The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me.

THE LAND IS NOT TO BE DIVIDED

### Joel 3:2

2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

- ⌘ God promised the land of Israel also known as Canaan to his chosen people through his unconditional covenant with Abraham. There can be no doubt that the land of Israel as well as parts of what is now Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia were promised to Gods people the Jews.
- ⌘ A land called 'Palestine' did not exist when God made a covenant with Abraham and Abraham's descendants, the Jews, and it does not exist today. The land was called Canaan, now called Israel

## The Patriarchs

- ⌘ Abraham –father of Issac, known for his great faith and the father of many nations.
- ⌘ Issac – son of Abraham, father of Jacob and Esau.
- ⌘ Jacob (Israel) son of Issac, wrestled with God at Jabbock and prevailed in prayer. Received the name Israel from which the nation of Israel would receive its name. Father of the 12 tribes of Israel.

## The 12 Tribes

- ⌘ **Reuben** – firstborn, 12,000 sealed during tribulation.
- ⌘ **Simeon** – imprisoned by Joseph in Egypt as guarantee that Benjamin, Joseph’s younger brother would be brought to him. 12,000 sealed during tribulation
- ⌘ **Levi** – priestly tribe, did not receive a territory, tribe of Moses and Aaron, 12,000 sealed during tribulation
- ⌘ **Judah** – shall be praised of his brethren. Tribe of King David, King Solomon, Jesus the Messiah. 12,000 sealed during tribulation

## Genesis 49:8-12

8 Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

- ⌘ **Zebulun** – shall dwell toward the seashore, 12,000 sealed during tribulation
- ⌘ **Issachar** – described as a beast of burden who would submit to forced labor, 12,000 sealed during tribulation.
- ⌘ **Dan** – tribe of Samson, King Jeroboam built pagan temple in land of Dan, and set up golden calf to be worshipped. Denounced by prophet Amos “they shall fall and never rise up again” Not mentioned as one of the tribes to have 12,000 sealed during tribulation.
- ⌘ **Gad** – means ‘good fortune’ 12,000 sealed during tribulation.
- ⌘ **Asher** – means ‘happy’ 12,000 sealed during tribulation
- ⌘ **Naphtali** – praised for bravery in Song of Deborah. 12,000 sealed during tribulation
- ⌘ **Joseph (Ephraim & Manasseh)** – Ephraim the younger was to rule over the older Manasseh. Ephraim means ‘fruitful’ not listed a one of the 12,000 sealed during the tribulation. Manasseh means ‘to forget’ and is listed a one of the 12,000 sealed during the tribulation. Tribe of Joseph, also 12,000 sealed.
- ⌘ **Benjamin** – 12<sup>th</sup> and youngest son of Jacob. Tribe of King Saul, prophet Jeremiah and of the Apostle Paul. Name means ‘son of my right hand’. 12,000 sealed during tribulation.

## Revelation 7:4

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

## Israel Established As a Country (Approx. 1406 BC)

- ⌘ Joshua leads Israelites into land of Canaan and begins conquering land and establishes Israel as a nation for the first time in history.

## Joshua 11:15, 16, 23

15 As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

- ℵ Israel first ruled by Judges.
- ℵ Saul becomes 1<sup>st</sup> King
- ℵ David becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> King
- ℵ Solomon becomes 3<sup>rd</sup> King and builds temple.

## **Israel Becomes a Divided Kingdom (926 BC)**

- ℵ Shortly after the reign of Solomon the kingdom becomes divided. The southern kingdom, called Judah, includes the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. The northern kingdom retains the name of Israel. The two kingdoms are often at war with each other.

\*Southern Kingdom = Judah, Benjamin

\*Northern Kingdom = Other 10 tribes

### **I Kings 12:3-4, 13-14**

3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents

## **Assyria Conquers Israel (721 BC)**

- ℵ The Assyrians torture and decapitate many. They force 10 of the 12 tribes out of Israel and bring in foreigners. In 612 BC the Assyrians are conquered by the Babylonians.

## **Babylon Conquers Judah (597 BC)**

- ℵ Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian army attack Judah and take more Jews as captives to Babylon, fulfilling prophecies by Jeremiah, Ezekiel and other prophets of the Bible. Ezekiel, who is one of the captives taken to Babylon, explains that God is allowing Babylon to punish Judah because the people have been unfaithful to God. God promises through his prophets to restore the exiles to their homeland after the time of punishment is over.

## **Babylon Destroys Jerusalem and Temple**

- ⌘ The Babylonians destroy Jerusalem and the Temple that Solomon had built. More Jews are taken as captives to Babylon.

## **Temple Rebuilt (536 BC)**

- ⌘ Some of the Jews who had been exiled in Babylon return to Judah and begin work in about 536 BC to rebuild the Temple, which had been destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC. These events are described in the Bible's books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

## **Greeks Rule Over Israel (333BC)**

- ⌘ The Greeks, under the leadership of Alexander the Great, defeated Persian armies in Macedonia in 333 BC. This marks the end of the Persian Empire. The Grecian Empire expands greatly in the following years.
- ⌘ Greek ruler Antiochus Epiphanes ruled Syria from about 175 BC to about 164 BC. He reigned over Judah and tried to destroy the Jewish religion and copies of the Torah, which is another name for the first five books of the Bible. He also defiled the Temple in Jerusalem.

## **Romans Take Control of Israel (63BC)**

- ⌘ After a civil war had broken out in the land of Israel between Pharisees and Sadducees, a Roman general named Pompey arrived and helped the Pharisees defeat the Sadducees in Jerusalem. Then, Rome helped itself to the land of Israel, incorporating it into the Roman Empire.

## **II. History of Israel 1800's - Today**

### **Zionist Movement Begins (late 1800's)**

- ⌘ The Zionist movement gained momentum during the late 1800s among Jews living in Europe. They began a quest to re-establish an independent Israel

### **British Gain Control of Israel (1917)**

- ⌘ During World War I, British forces defeated the Turks and gained control of the Biblical land of Israel, which also is known as Palestine. The League of Nations granted the United Kingdom a mandate over Palestine in 1922. Prior to British rule, the land had been controlled by the Turks as part of the Ottoman Empire for about 400 years.

## **6 Million Jews Killed by Nazis (1933 – 1944)**

- ⌘ During the 1930s and 1940s, Jews in Germany endure intense persecution. About six million Jews died during World War II, due to a program of state-sponsored extermination by Nazi Germany that targeted Jews and other groups of people. The event becomes known as the Holocaust. The pressure to re-establish a Jewish homeland intensifies.

## **Israel Declares Independence ( 1948)**

- ⌘ On May 14, 1948, Israel declares independence. This is the first time in 2900 years that Israel is both a sovereign and united nation. During that same day, the United States issued a statement recognizing Israel's sovereignty.

### **Deuteronomy 30:3**

3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

## **Arab-Israeli Wars (1948-1973)**

A day after the declaration of independence of the State of Israel, armies of five Arab countries, Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon and Iraq, invaded Israel. This marked the beginning of the War of Independence. Arab states have jointly waged four full scale wars against Israel:

1948 War of Independence – Victory. Israel gained 22% more territory.

1956 Sinai War – Victory. Israel captured Gaza Strip, Sinai Peninsula, but withdrew under pressure from U.S.

1967 Six Day War –Victory. Israel captured 42,0000 sq. miles of territory.

1973 Yom Kippur War – Victory. Regained all land lost at start of war and fought to within 65 miles of Egypt's capital Cairo and to within 35 miles of Syria capital Damascus.

Despite the numerical superiority of the Arab armies, Israel defended itself each time and won. After each war Israeli army withdrew from most of the areas it captured. \*Israel is outnumbered 271,000,000 to 5,000,000

### **Isaiah 41:11**

11Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

## **Israel.. A Burdensome Stone**

### **Zechariah 12:2-3**

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.

3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it

### **What Jews Believe (Judaism)**

1. God exists
2. God is one and unique
3. God is incorporeal (bodily, material)
4. God is eternal
5. Prayer is to be directed to G-d alone and to no other
6. The words of the prophets are true
7. Moses' prophecies are true, and Moses was the greatest of the prophets
8. The Written Torah (first 5 books of the Bible) and Oral Torah (teachings now contained in the Talmud and other writings) were given to Moses
9. There will be no other Torah
10. God knows the thoughts and deeds of men
11. God will reward the good and punish the wicked
12. \*The Messiah will come
13. The dead will be resurrected

\*The Jewish view of the Messiah (Mashiach, the anointed one) is very different from the Christian view. mashiach will be a great political leader descended from King David (Jeremiah 23:5). The mashiach is often referred to as "mashiach ben David" (mashiach, son of David). He will be well-versed in Jewish law, and observant of its commandments (Isaiah 11:2-5). He will be a charismatic leader, inspiring others to follow his example. He will be a great military leader, who will win battles for Israel. He will be a great judge, who makes righteous decisions (Jeremiah 33:15). But above all, he will be a human being, not a god, demi-god or other supernatural being.

### **The Written Torah (the law)**

- ⌘ The first five books of the Old Testament 'Genesis – Deuteronomy. To Jews there is no 'Old Testament'



## The Oral Torah (The Talmud)

- ⌘ A tradition explaining what the scriptures mean and how to interpret them and apply the Laws. Orthodox Jews believe God taught the Oral Torah to Moses, and he taught it to others, down to the present day.

## III. Israel and Gods Appointed Feast.

### Leviticus 23: 2, 4

2Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts.

Feast *Heb, moed* = appointed time.

4These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Spring Feasts: (J) = Judaism

- ⌘ Passover : (J) Liberation from slavery in Egypt, death angel pass over. (Fulfilled) Jesus offered Himself as the sinless lamb of God, liberation from the slavery of satan and sin.
- ⌘ Unleavened Bread: (J) Deliverance from bondage in Egypt and repentance and putting away of sin. (Fulfilled) Jesus like the unleavened bread is without sin.
- ⌘ First fruits: (J) bringing to the priest the first fruits of the harvest. (Fulfilled) Jesus offered Himself to the Father in Heaven as the first fruit of those born of the dead in resurrection and full payment for the sins of the world.
- ⌘ Pentecost: (J) commemorating the giving of the law. (Fulfilled) Holy Spirit came in power exactly 50 days from first fruits. 1000's saved and birth of the Church.

Fall Feasts: (J) = Judaism

- ⌘ Trumpets: (J) since 2<sup>nd</sup> century celebrated a the Jewish New Year, do no work. (NOT fulfilled rapture of the church \ 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ.)
- ⌘ Day of Atonement: (J) High Priest makes atonement for himself and the people of Israel. (Fulfilled) Jesus death on the cross atoned for the sins of the world and makes access to the Father, free to everybody at any time.
- ⌘ Tabernacles: (J) Harvest is brought in, feast of joy. (NOT fulfilled) Jesus returns, harvest is gathered.

## **IV. Israel's Appointed Times (Feasts) the Sun and Moon For Signs (Post Rapture of the Church)**

### **Genesis 1:14**

14And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

The below signs point to the coming DAY OF THE LORD

### **Luke 21:25**

25And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

### **Joel 2:31**

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

### **Joel 3:15**

15The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

### **Mark 13:24**

24But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

### **Revelation 6:12**

12And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

### **Isaiah 13:9-10**

9Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

### **Isaiah 24:23**

23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

**Acts 2:20**

20The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

**Matthew 24:29-31**

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:  
30And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.  
31And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**Luke 21:25-27**

25And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;  
26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.  
27And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

**Past Signs Given for Israel at her ‘Appointed Times’.**

Notes:

A tetrad is a rare event and consists of patterns of 4. Lunar tetrads are events of 4 consecutive lunar eclipses occurring on Gods Feast Days (appointed times) in particular years. \* These events are so rare that there have been only 4 since the time of Christ.

What distinguishes eclipses for signs given by God from ordinary eclipses – The LORDS eclipses will appear at specifically appointed times.

**LUNAR TETRADS: PAST**

1493-1494

April 2, 1493	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
September 25, 1493	Sukkoth	Total Lunar Eclipse
March 22, 1494	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
September 15, 1494	Sukkoth	Total Lunar Eclipse

Historical events: Jews expelled from Spain during inquisition. Jews begin returning to land of Israel.

1949-1950

April 13, 1949	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
October 7, 1949	Tabernacles	Total Lunar Eclipse
April 2, 1950	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
September 26, 1950	Tabernacles	Total Lunar Eclipse

Historical events: Israel's War of Independence and rebirth as a nation. It should be noted here that even though Israel declared themselves a nation in 1948, The first permanent government takes office on Jan 25, 1949. Israel had a transitional government in 1948. In this way the tetrad can tie to the year 1949 for the first elected office of that year and the birth year still be 1948.

1967-1968

April 24 1967	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
October 18, 1967	Tabernacles	Total Lunar Eclipse
April 13, 1968	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
October 6, 1968	Tabernacles	Total Lunar Eclipse

Historical events: Israel fought 6 day war, regained control of Jerusalem for first time in nearly 2000 yrs.

LUNAR TETRADS: FUTURE

2013-2014

April 15, 2014	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
October 8, 2014	Tabernacles	Total Lunar Eclipse
April 4, 2015	Passover	Total Lunar Eclipse
September 28, 2015	Tabernacles	Total Lunar Eclipse

Possible events tied to the coming tetrads:

Restart of the building of the temple and daily sacrifices.

Start of Tribulation

Abomination of Desolation

\*NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE AND THAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE

NASA data indicates that the Lunar tetrad of 2014 -2015 will be the last such lunar occurrence for nearly 600 years.

#### SOLAR ECLIPSES 2015

March 20, 2015	Nissan 1	Total Solar Eclipse
September 13, 2015	Rosh Hashanah	Total Solar Eclipse

\*Nissan 1 – First day of Jewish biblical calendar, marks beginning of 7 month feast cycle.

\*Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets) foreshadows resurrection of the dead, 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ.

According to NASA data there will be no similar pattern of SOLAR\LUNAR eclipses occurring on Gods FEAST DAYS (Appointed Times) for at least 1000 yrs.

{It is important to note that Israel is the center of all prophesy and when God starts dealing with Israel the events surrounding His dealing with her should be of interest. The Church will not be around to see many of these events concerning the signs of the sun and moon as the rapture will have occurred. However it is interesting to note that by these signs we may note the season in which the rapture might take place. }

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#### **Revelation 22:20**

**20He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly.** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

AMEN