

2068 The End ??? Feast # 5

Daniel 4:19-32; John 6:35-40

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Until then...chains & strings

The world seems to be going in the wrong direction...moving away from the worship of Jesus...even here in America. Churches are getting smaller, and closing. In many cases, ministries are downsizing. Abortion on the other hand, is expanding—over 4,000 every day, which is equal to what Hitler did to the Jewish people over 4 years—4,000 every day resulting in 6 million exterminated. Today, America leads the world in exterminations - now reaching 60 million - 10 times the number exterminated by Hitler ! Thank God that He forgives us as we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness !

What, if anything, is going to happen by 2068? Let's look into this by searching God's Word...and, let's be careful!!! Let's all remember that we are all in our own personal "End of Days." Even if the world goes on for another 1,000 years, we will either be with the Lord...or on our way to hell for those who deny Jesus.

Jesus tells us to "*Listen to Moses and the Prophets*" (**Luke 16:31**). But, because we are imperfect humans, as we read Moses and the prophets (their stories and predictions, and puzzles, in the Bible), we need to be prepared for what we may discover, but we should not go so far as to assume we actually, positively know for sure that something is going to happen on a certain date. This is because until the prophecy actually unfolds right in front of our eyes, it is still just a prophecy and subject to interpretation. There are almost 4,000 verses directly, or indirectly, concerned with prophecy in Scripture—300 concerning Jesus alone (which were all fulfilled). I don't claim to be a prophet. I do claim to read the Bible and pay attention to what God writes.

John 3:5-7 When it comes to our death in this life, and then, where we will spend our eternal life, and whether we will be saved by developing a personal relationship with God...be "*born again*", or not... it is God's intention not to lose a single person who is destined to be saved (**John 6:39, 10:28-30**).

Romans 3:10-12, 23 God's purpose is to get our attention...and if it takes time in jail and prison—a time out—then that is what may be used. In other words, in God's view, nothing is more important than us being as close to God as possible. If chains are needed to get our attention, then chains may be used. And, if it only takes a few strings pulling on us to draw us closer to God, then that is what God will use. Bottom line...none of us seeks after God on our own, which means that God will use some kind of attention getting device to draw us to Him and His ways. The book *Eden to Evil* explains why none of us seeks after God on our own.

We need to use God's Word—the Bible. We learn in **Romans 10:13-14, 17**, that we are brought to salvation by hearing the Word...the Bible...which leads us to Jesus. Today, in America, church based schools and home schools, which used to dominate education prior to WW 1, have been mostly replaced with government schools. 106 of the first 108 Universities in America were Christian Universities. But today, college has mostly gone agnostic—no Bibles. In our world today, God's Word has been hidden from many. The Bible and prayer have been banned in school since the 1950's by our government. And, therefore, many families grow up with no foundation at all in Jesus and the Bible. Furthermore, even if a person is aware of what the Bible says, they may choose to dismiss it because today we rely upon government to care for our needs...many feel they no longer need Jesus. In fact, government, today, dismisses the Bible. Our nation is walking away from God. God has been expelled from school. The Bible is dismissed as myth... not scientific (even though all science opposed to God and the Bible, like the "Big Bang," billions of years and "evolution", is ONLY "theory" -- see the book "*Science, Origins, & Ancient Civilizations*"—Target Truth Ministries.com.)

Amazingly...God's Word (the Bible), has proven to be undeniably correct over thousands of years. New discoveries are made each year that support the Bible. There are many prophecies which have come true, which is hard evidence that we should trust the Bible...not dismiss it.

And...there is a prophecy for our time...for our children's time ! But first, let's look at a couple of prophecies from the past, and see how God gives us puzzles to explore...and how we might look at our time today, now that Jesus has come (as prophesized), and sacrificed Himself to save all of us who will trust in Him

and be “born again” (**John 3:1-7**), as prophesized. Please note that **these prophecies have been verified by historians.**

Daniel 9:25-26 - For us a Decade means 10 years. For the Jewish people a Week in prophecy is interpreted as 7 years. This is a prophecy of the restoral of Jerusalem (which had been destroyed), and the arrival of the Messiah--the Savior. **Daniel 9:25** gives this prophecy of the 62 weeks and the 7 weeks that will need to pass before these things happen. In 1894, Sir Robert Anderson determined that this prophecy had been fulfilled exactly to the very day! **Neh. 2:1-8** refers to the decree of Artaxerxes (March 14th, 445 B.C.), which allowed Israel to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. From that decree we must go forward 69 (62 + 7), weeks of years, or 483 years. Remember what Jesus said in **Luke 16:31**--“*Listen to Moses and the prophets.*”

On April 6th, 32 A.D., Jesus was welcomed as a Messiah by the people on the first day of Passover as He rode into Jerusalem on a Donkey **exactly** 69 weeks of years later--after the decree to rebuild the city! 173,880 days later, **exactly!** Jesus rode in on a donkey (the way kings and high priests would ride in that day). In **Luke 19:41-44**, Jesus remarked ...”*You did not recognize the time of your visitation*” -- meaning that the nation of Israel and its leaders did not recognize the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Another prophecy is in **Ezekiel 4:5-7** – Dr. Chuck Missler in 1998 determined how this prophecy was fulfilled. Because of Israel’s sin, this was the prophecy of Israel’s siege and fall, and then...in time, their eventual restoral as a nation again. The prophecy calls for 390 days (years), and 40 days (years) of suffering without the Jewish people having a land of their own...a nation of Israel. 430 years total. Beginning in 605 B.C., Israel was conquered by Babylon and was under their control for 70 years until the Romans conquered Babylon. Israel during this time (during this 70 years), failed to submit to God. Moses wrote what God said in the Torah in **Lev. 26:16-18**, that if Israel failed to submit to God, that their punishment would now be 7 times as much. There remained 360 years of punishment, and this period was now multiplied times 7. This means that Israel now faced **2,520 more years** of being in exile and without a country of their own. 907,200 days of suffering under another power. Remember what Jesus said in **Luke 16:31**--“*Listen to Moses and the prophets.*”

The Persian Cylinder of Cyrus, which is held in the London Museum, records the sieges of Israel and Jerusalem. And from the 1st siege of Israel (**2 Kings 24:1ff**), to the establishment of Israel as a nation again on May 14, 1948, this **exactly** fulfilled the 70 years, plus the 907,200 days--**exactly** to the very day! This prophecy, like Daniel’s, was also **exactly** fulfilled to the very day!

Jesus is prophesized to return to bring an end to this earth age and Satan’s domain. But, Satan’s plan is to convince us to ignore God, and ignore the Bible’s prophecies. Satan’s plan seems to be working in America.

Prophecy of Jesus’ Return:

In **Luke 21:29-32**, Jesus, Himself, gives us this prophecy of the generation which will, in the future, see His return. This generation (which sees these trees coming out of dormancy), will see the return of Christ. The fig tree coming out of dormancy is Israel after WWII. The fig tree is a common Jewish reference to Israel (**Joel 1:6-7; Hosea 9:10**). The other trees (other nations), coming out of dormancy also were established at the same time (Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Libya, Iran, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and many others). These were all part of the Byzantium and Ottoman empires from the time of the Roman Empire until WWI, and all became countries again around the same time as Israel. So... Jesus declares that the generation that sees this happen will see His return.

This means that once Jesus the Savior has come (and He has), ...and, once Israel is established as a nation again (and it has been), ...then God’s next move is to bring an end to this age of flesh sometime within this generation that sees Israel established (**Matt. 24:32-34**).

Are we that generation? From the very beginning, God has declared that He will strive with man (have patience with man), for only 120 years (**Genesis 6:3; Matt. 24:34-37**), that the coming will be like the days of Noah, where God declared 120 years as the maximum limit of time which God would have patience with man, meaning that God will give the world of mankind up to 120 years to show our love for Him. Some interpret this to be 120 years of age for a human being’s life (a generation). We know that there are some people who have lived beyond 120 years...even today. Therefore, this period of God striving with mankind for a maximum of

120 years probably refers to the period of His patience with the last generation...once everything is in place...Israel, Jerusalem, and God's sacrifice (Jesus), for us.

Note that Jesus also says these days will be shortened (**Matt. 24:21-22**), which means no one knows the year of Jesus' return, but we are to keep watch!

Once Israel is established as a nation again...then the clock is set for the last 120 year period before the end (**Gen. 6:3; Matt. 24:37**). Israel was not a nation for 2,590 years! When did Israel become a nation again? 1948! 120 years after 1948 is...2068.

Other passages of God's Word also point us to this period of time we are now living in :

After 2 days (2,000 years since Jesus), then the 3rd day – the next 1,000 years...the Millennium.

* **Exodus 19:3-4** – “*eagle's wings*” – God provides protection for His chosen. The eagle is the natural enemy of the serpent.

In **Revelation 12:13-14**, we read that Israel will again be protected in the end-times. Note the reference to “*eagle's wings*.”

* **Exodus 19:5** – “*a treasure*” – Israel is His chosen, His treasure. The KJV reads “peculiar.”

In **Matthew 13:44**, we read that Jesus paid the price 2,000 years ago. And, He is coming back soon to claim His *treasure* (**Rev. 19**). In **1 Peter 2:9**, we are told to be a “peculiar” people.

* **Exodus 19:10 & 14** – “*wash their clothes*” – Israel was to wash their clothes. In other words, get ready to meet God. It is their action, their responsibility, to wash, to prepare to meet God.

In the end-times, in **Revelation 19:7-8**, we read that the bride (the church), has made herself ready. The fine *clothes* are the acts of the saints (the believers). We are called to salvation by God. God does the leading. Our acts won't save us – Jesus saves us. But, we are to prepare to meet Jesus. God's message is to be about His work, to make ourselves ready, to prepare to meet Jesus.

* **Exodus 19:9, 16** – “*cloud*” – God will be in the cloud.

We read in **Acts 1:6-11; Revelation 1:7, 14:14-20; and Matthew 24:30-31**, that in the end-times Jesus will return in the *clouds*, that every eye will see Him, that this is a day of **harvest**, the **harvest** of souls. Clouds are symbolic of the host of heaven accompanying Jesus/God.

* **Exodus 19:12-13 & 16 & 19** – “*trumpet*”- The trumpet is actually a shofar (or a ram's horn), and for Israel, it announces the time to assemble to meet God.

We read in **1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Matthew 24:30-31; and Rev. 16:1-21**, that in the end-times, the resurrection will be announced by the *trumpet*, and the **harvest** will begin—the **harvest** of souls (Feast # 5). Feast 5 is known as the Feast of Trumpets...the Final **Harvest Feast**, and New Years Day.

* **Ex. 19:9-17** – 2 days to prepare (2,000 years), and the 3rd day meet the Lord (next 1,000 years).

Moses, chosen by God to be the deliverer of Israel from Egypt, was sent to tell pharaoh to let God's people worship God, and Israel was given 2 days to prepare to meet God...on the 3rd day.

Here in the story of the Exodus, (**Ex. 19**), we find many links to the last day, “*the Day of the Lord,*” and Jesus coming to us – foretold by Moses being sent to free Israel.

* **Exodus 19:11 & 15-16** – “*the third day*” – in the third day, God came. This “meeting of God” occurs during the third day. There are two days to prepare (**verse 10**). This is not like Christ's resurrection, which occurred “after” three days and three nights in the tomb (ask for Message on “**The Fourth Day**” @ Target Truth Ministries.com). This “meeting of God,” takes place at the beginning of the third day, and this day of God's appearing to Israel in the Exodus on Mt. Sinai was a day of “shock and awe” when He appeared.

In the end-times, the “Day of the Lord” (judgment day, the end of this earth age), is also described by God as “shock and awe” (**Rev. 19**), and occurs at the beginning of the 3rd day. God uses the two days, and the third day, as many Hebrew prophets write of “days” (**2 Peter 3:8** – a day is as a thousand years). This could then mean that the two days for Israel to prepare to meet God, are equivalent to the 2,000 years we (the Christian Church), have been preparing for the return of Jesus. And, the morning of the third day (the beginning of the next 1,000 years—the millennium), will be “the Day of the Lord,” the judgment and the resurrection (which means it could be any time now. We are about to enter the third day—the third millennium since Jesus).

The Hebrew prophets also wrote in **Hosea 6:1-3**, that after two days, in *the third day*, He will raise us up.

In **Luke 3:31-33**, Jesus told the Pharisees to tell King Herod that for two days He must perform miracles, and prepare, and that *on the third day* He would reach His goal (Jerusalem—His death, and the Resurrection).

In **John 2:1-6** [right after **John 1:51**, where Jesus states *we will see the Son of Man* (Jesus)], we read that on the third day was the marriage. This is one of those curious references – “*on the third day*,” because scholars don’t seem to know exactly what the author was referring to—third day from what? Some believe the third day is a reference to Tuesday—the third day of the week after the Saturday Sabbath, and that is why Tuesday is the traditional desired day for Jewish people to have a wedding. We know that the “marriage,” of course, is the reference to the Last Day, and the Resurrection / Rapture (**Rev. 19:6-9**), where the groom (Jesus) joins with His bride (the believers-the church). So, the “third” day probably refers to the beginning of the millennium after 2,000 years since Jesus. So...we have ...

Hosea 6:1-3 – after 2 days, raise us up on the 3rd day (the millennium).

Luke 13:31-33 – 2 days of miracles and forgiveness, and 3rd day attain the goal (millennium).

John 2:1-6 – on the 3rd day a wedding - water transformed into wine, and the “bride” in paradise (millennium)..

How about the numbers 6 and 7 ?

After 6 days (6,000 years since creation), then the 7th day of rest (the millennium).

Several places in Scripture point to the numbers 6, and 7, as foretelling of the end of this age, and the beginning of the Millennium. **Ezek. 46:1-6** states that God’s house (Paradise), is to be shut for 6 days, and open on the 7th. Also, in **Jer. 34:12-14**, those who owe a debt (enslaved and in bondage due to debt—like our debt due to sin), must serve 6 years, and then be set free in the 7th year.

Because of the events of the Exodus with Moses, Israel celebrates the 7 Feasts, given by God to them, every single year. The key to being prepared to see Jesus’ return, is to understand that Jesus (God in the flesh), is fulfilling each of these Feasts of Israel. Ask for **Feasts of Israel Study** at Target Truth Ministries.com. These 7 Feasts celebrate God’s promise of deliverance to the promised land with Moses.

John 1:29, 36 Jesus fulfilled the Passover Feasts when He entered Jerusalem on Passover (**Feast # 1**), selected to be sacrificed at the same exact time as the lambs were being selected—4 days before the sacrifice (**Ex. 12:3-8**). Jesus is referred to as the “*Lamb of God*.” Jesus entered Jerusalem on the first day of the Passover – “selected” 4 days before His death—then sacrificed at the same time as the lambs for Passover. For more details on Passover including how Jesus was able to be the lamb sacrificed, while also sharing the Passover meal with His disciples on Passover, see the book “**Revelation, Apostasy, End-Times & This Generation**” @ Target Truth Ministries.com.

John 6:35 The next Feast—Unleavened Bread—**Feast # 2**, remembers how Israel had to wrap the bread in linen for the journey out of Egypt with Moses to a promised new life, and it was on this feast when Jesus’ body was wrapped in linen and placed in the tomb at the same exact time of the Feast of Unleavened Bread in order to prepare for our new life to come. Jesus called Himself “*the Bread of Life*” (**Ex. 12:14-20**).

1 Corin. 15:20 The Son of God...Jesus, then rose from death on the next **Feast # 3**—Feast of Firstfruits – the **Early Harvest Feast**, at the same exact time of the Early Harvest Feast # 3--Sunday. Jesus was called the “*firstfruit*.”

Acts 1:6-8, **Acts 2:1-4, 32-33**, Jesus said the Holy Spirit would come to Jesus’ followers ...and Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, also appeared on **Feast # 4** to His disciples at the same exact time of Pentecost...Feast # 4—which celebrates the **Long Harvest** to come at the beginning of the summer. We have been in that long harvest period since Jesus’ time.

The end of this world will come with the final harvest of souls...I believe to coincide with Israel’s Final Harvest Feast - # 5, in that final year...whatever year it is. These Feasts were given by God to Moses to keep for all time. The first 4 Feasts of Israel have already been fulfilled by Jesus...fulfilled exactly to the very day by Jesus (ask for **Feasts of Israel Study** at Target Truth Ministries.com).

The 5th Feast is called the “Final Harvest” Feast – and also the “Feast of Trumpets” – and also “New Year’s Day”. Now that God has provided the Messiah’s birth, as well as the blood sacrifice payment made for

all those who trust in Jesus to be restored if they become “born again” (**John 3:1-7**)...and now that the nation of Israel, as well as many other nations, have been restored (Israel and all these other nations being restored in 1948)...well...God’s chosen nation, and the world, are now being given one last chance before the final judgment (**final harvest**), of Jesus’ return—one generation...a generation beginning in 1948, and ending sometime before, or by 2068 - this date being the absolute *maximum period* of God’s patience with mankind--120 years after 1948.

Today, we are now in that long harvest of souls – within the 120 year period of the generation after 1948. Jesus, one-by-one is fulfilling the 7 Feasts given by God to Moses. Jesus said He will return to harvest the world—perhaps at the **Final Harvest** period, at some year in the near future at the time of the **Final Harvest Feast (# 5)**. Feast # 5 is called “The **Final Harvest**”, and...it is also called “**New Year’s Day**” when the **books of life are opened** – which points directly to the Millennium—a new day begins with the millennium. And, ironically, Feast # 5 is the only Feast of Israel which no one knows the day or hour it should be celebrated—remember Jesus’ words—**Matt. 25:13**. This is because this Feast is picked by observing the dark moon...and the moon stays dark for 2 ½ days...so the Rabbi’s pick one...not knowing the exact one. So...will Jesus return some year at Feast # 5 ? And remember...Jesus said it will be sooner than 2068 –time shortened (**Matt. 24:22**).

Matthew 24:15-16 and **Mark 13:14**, tells us that the Holy Place (the Temple / Tabernacle), will be established before the end of time. And...two witnesses will be at the Holy Place 3 ½ years prior to the end (**Rev. 11:1-3**—ask for Message **2 Witnesses & 9th of AV Late July / Early August** - at **Target Truth Ministries**).

Tied in with this... the last days are described as the days of the Locusts (**Rev. 9:1-3**), and the 2 Witnesses which are killed during the last days (**Rev. 11:1-12**), are resurrected at the end of the 5 months that the locusts are active (after Woe 2 – **Rev. 11**)...which is from May to September / October...which is coincidentally when the **Final Harvest Feast (# 5)**, occurs...late September / early October (order the **Book of Chronologies & Time Charts** at **Target Truth Ministries.com**).

Actually, as I first wrote about this in 2018, Israel was already preparing the Holy Place. The Holy Place (a Tabernacle tent), is ready to set up on any day right now...as soon as it can be determined where the exact location of the first Temple was in the city of David.

The Tabernacle...the tent of offering (which Israel used to begin sacrifices at the time of David...before the stone building could be erected and established), is ready to go right now. In other words, Israel can establish the Holy Place in one day! So, likewise, this prophecy of the abomination of the Temple can happen very soon—perhaps any year now! Certainly by 2068. Also...Israel’s two previous temples were both destroyed on the 9th of AV—late July / early August. Perhaps this 3rd Temple will also be destroyed on the 9th of AV, thus giving Israel “eyes to see” just before Feast # 5 in late September / early October. See **3rd Temple & 4th** and **9th of AV** at **Target Truth Ministries.com**.

Israel is, as I write this in 2018, trying to identify the exact spot where the Temple / Tabernacle should be erected. By the way...the exact spot is in the “City of David”...not the traditional so called “Temple Mount.” And...the historic site Israeli archeologists are today excavating is...get this...a vacant abandoned piece of land in the old city of David...and they have discovered a pool of running water at this site ! As you will recall, the Temple required a pool of running water for the blood sacrifices. Only God could have prepared all this.

If “*This Generation*” that Jesus referred to is prophesied to end no later than 2068, then, we would expect to see the “Tabernacle” erected no later than 2061, which is 6 + years (2,300 days – **Dan. 8:14**), before the absolute end of “*this generation*.” Of course, we must remember that Jesus said He would shorten the time (**Matt. 24**), meaning that if the “Tabernacle” is erected in ...let’s say...2044, that we should expect the end possibly to be no more than 2,300 days later—in 2050...and possibly even sooner if Jesus shortens the 2,300 days also. Perhaps the “Temple” is not a structure at all. Remember what Paul said in 1 Corin. 3:16-17...we today are the “Temple of God.”

Whatever year is the end, it will culminate with the **5th feast**, which is called “The **Final Harvest**”...which is the next feast for Jesus to fulfill ! Are we ready ?

Are you, or your children, or grandchildren prepared to meet the Creator and Redeemer when Feast 5 takes place this year? Could the next Feast # 5 be the last day? The final harvest could be sooner than anyone imagines ! **See any locusts out there ?**

This is a pretty bold position to take in looking at the future. I only suggest we consider the prophecies and consider our urgent need to trust in Jesus, or...watch the world continue to ignore Jesus. Remember, Jesus said we should listen to Moses and the prophets (**Luke 16:31**). And, we know that God speaks to us in various riddles, and puzzles, and parables (**Numb. 12:8; Isa. 45:15**).

By the way...Islam has a date of **2076** for the end. And...Islam announced in the year 2,000 that the final Imam has already been born. And...Islam believes its' prophets ! So...get ready !

Israel celebrates 7 Feasts during every year. Some might wonder...what about Feasts 6 and 7 ? Doesn't Jesus have to fulfill these too? The answer is **YES!** **Feast # 6** (atonement), is when the books of life are closed...after 10 days of Feast 5, which will finally end in darkness [10 days being symbolic of the 1,000 years of the **Millennium** - leading to the darkness (judgement) which begins with Feast # 6]. During the Millennium (Feast # 5), the books of life remain open, but the books of life will be closed at the very end with the arrival of Feast # 6 and 7, and all those who still deny Jesus will then be sent to Hell...darkness. The **7th Feast** celebrates Israel finally arriving in the **Promised Land**...and will, in the future, represent our arrival in the **New Heaven & Earth**, where Jesus will reign as our Savior forever. For the Jewish people this feast of Ingathering, or Tabernacles (Feast # 7), celebrates the end of their 40 years of waiting to go into the Promised Land, and then finally going into the Promised Land and the harvest which awaited them. You'll recall that in **Numbers 13:25**, that God had given Israel 40 days to scout out their Promised Land, but Israel would not *trust* in God to provide, so God condemned Israel to wait one year outside the Promised Land for each day they were allowed to see the land (**Numb. 14:33-34**). In the Promised Land, Solomon dedicated the Temple of God during this Feast # 7 of Ingathering, or Tabernacles, because it represents Israel's arrival to the Promised Land (**1 Kings 8:1-32**) (ask for Study **The 7 Feasts of Israel**...**Target Truth Ministries.com**). This 7th Feast, for those who trust in Jesus and are saved, represents our arrival in the Promised Land...the New Heaven and Earth.

So, Jesus will fulfill **all 7** of the Feasts given by God for Israel to remember every year.

Ironically, the world seems to be going in the wrong direction...moving away from the worship of Jesus - even here in America. This is our call from the Bible to get even more serious about spreading the Good News...sharing the message of salvation and eternal life with Jesus...or...eternal darkness without Jesus. And, we need to share the "Good News" with all the people...especially those NOT attending church. I want everyone to know!

Jesus is returning...and we shouldn't be surprised ! **1 Thess. 4:16-18**.