



WHEN IS YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNING?

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This article will address the events that must occur before Yeshua (Jesus) returns to Earth to establish His millennium kingdom.

LUKE 21:8:

And Yeshua (Jesus) said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He’ and, ‘THE TIME HAS DRAWN NEAR.’ THEREFORE DO NOT GO AFTER THEM.”

Some false prophets have predicted the exact day of the return of Yeshua (Jesus), deceiving some believers, and anyone who has ever done so has either been unstudied in the word of God or a deceiver.

MATTHEW 24:36; MARK 13:32:

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

All preachers who have ever declared the exact date of Messiah’s (Christ’s) return are false prophets whose predictions should never have been believed in the first place. Scripture is crystal clear that no one, not even Yeshua (Jesus) Himself, knows the day or the hour of His return, but only the Father in heaven knows. How then can any mere mortal man defiantly proclaim that he knows the day of Yeshua’s (Jesus’) return?

There are yet many things that must happen, many prophecies yet to be fulfilled, before Messiah (Christ) will return. Anyone who proclaims that Yeshua (Jesus) could return today or tomorrow has not studied the prophetic events that Scripture declares must occur first before He returns.

THE FOLLOWING PROPETIC EVENTS MUST OCCUR BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS TO EARTH TO ESTABLISH HIS MILLENNIUM KINGDOM:

ISRAELI JEWS HAD TO BE GATHERERED FROM AMONG THE NATIONS AND BROUGHT BACK TO THEIR OWN LAND, ISRAEL. YESHUA (JESUS) MUST RETURN BEFORE THE GENERATION THAT WITNESSED ISRAEL BECOME A NATION DIES OFF (EZEKIEL 34:13, 37:21; LUKE 21:29-32).

EZEKIEL 37:21:

Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;”

LUKE 21:29-32:

Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, WHEN YOU SEE THESE THINGS HAPPENING, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, THIS GENERATION WILL BY NO MEANS PASS AWAY TILL ALL THINGS TAKE PLACE.”

The Jews of Israel (the fig tree) were gathered from all the nations and once again became a nation on May 14, 1948, in fulfillment of Scripture prophesy. The generation that saw Israel bud as a nation in the 1967 Six-Day War will not pass away before Yeshua (Jesus) returns. The return of Jews to their homeland of Israel, and Israel budding as a nation once again, set the clock in motion for the return of Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ).

The maximum time span of a generation of people is 120-years (Genesis 6:3). The latest date therefore, that Yeshua (Jesus) will return is up to 120-years after 1967, or 2087. Assuming that there will be more than a few centurion plus twenty-year-old witnesses to His return (of the generation that will not pass away) Yeshua (Jesus) will likely return some decades before 2068.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS MUST HAPPEN BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (MATTHEW 24:6; MARK 13:7; LUKE 21:9).

LUKE 21:9:

“But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, BUT THE END IS NOT YET.”

Many wars have been fought since those words of Yeshua (Jesus) were spoken. World Wars I and II have been waged. There have been rumors of war (or wars that have been avoided) such as the near war between Russia and the USA during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Many more wars will be fought before Yeshua (Jesus) returns. Yeshua (Jesus) will not return to prevent war, which must happen. Wars will not mark the end of the age or signal His return (Luke 21:9).

THE ‘FALLING AWAY’ MUST OCCUR AND GOD’S RESTRAINTS AGAINST THE LAWLESS, FOR THE SAKE OF THE SAINTS, MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4).

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4,7-8:

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of Yeshua Messiah (our Lord Jesus Christ) and OUR GATHERING TOGETHER TO HIM, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Messiah (Christ) had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for THAT DAY WILL NOT COME UNLESS THE FALLING AWAY comes first, and THE MAN OF SIN IS REVEALED, THE SON OF PERDITION, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that HE SITS AS GOD IN TEMPLE OF GOD, showing himself that he is God. ...

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; ONLY HE WHO NOW RESTRAINS WILL DO SO UNTIL HE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

The 'falling away' is currently well in progress. The falling away is a societal falling away of nations once governed by Judeo-Christian moral principles that have lost their way, transformed into secular godless societies. The falling away pertains to the Christianized Western nations that have known the true God, not the Gentile, Muslim, pagan, or secular nations that have never known the God of the Scriptures. A nation cannot 'fall away' from the truth, unless they were a nation that once knew the truth in the first place and received national blessings from God. When such nations 'fall away' from upholding the godly values that made them great nations, national curses follow.

Societal morality in the Western Christianized nations has been in a rapid state of decline during the last few decades. Today, there is much evil that is called good, and much good that is called evil (Isaiah 5:20). Abortion on demand - the death of innocent children in the womb, and homosexuality - including gay 'marriage,' have been embraced by Western society, while there is an ever-growing intolerance of traditional Judeo-Christian values. Any type of prayer or mention of God in public schools, on college campuses, or in other public (and sometimes private) places is heavily frowned upon or not allowed. Even the act of bringing a bible to school, to read in one's free time, is getting children in trouble with their school teachers in these end times.

THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON THE GREAT (AMERICA) MUST OCCUR BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (REVELATION 14:8, 18)

Russia and an alliance of many nations will first cripple America with an EMP attack (Jeremiah 51:32), then destroy America in one hour through a massive nuclear attack (Revelation 14:8, 18).

JEREMIAH 51:32:

The reeds they have burned with fire [THE ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS AND ELECTRIC GRID OF THE NATION HAVE BEEN FRIED BY EMPs - ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE BOMBS], and the [AMERICAN] soldiers are terrified.

REVELATION 18:19:

'Alas, alas, that great city [NATION], in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her [AMERICA'S] wealth! For in one hour she [AMERICA] is made desolate.'

The American saints will be taken in a rapture, before the nuclear bombs drop, and be presented to YHWH (the Lord) (Isaiah 18:5-7).

ISAIAH 18:5-7:

For before the harvest [BEFORE THE WORLDWIDE HARVEST (RAPTURE) OF THE SAINTS], when the bud [TIMING] is perfect and the sour grape [THE SIN OF HOMOSEXUALITY] is ripening in the flower [AMERICA], then He will both cut off the twigs [THE UNRIGHTEOUS] with pruning hooks and cut down and take away [RAPTURE] the branches [THE RIGHTEOUS]. They [THE UNRIGHTEOUS] will be left [BEHIND] together for the mountain birds of prey [REVELATION 18:2] and for the beasts of the earth. The birds of prey [REVELATION 18:2] will summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth will winter on them [EAT THEM].

In that time [OF THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON (AMERICA)] a present [THE RAPTURED AMERICAN SAINTS] will be brought to YHWH (the Lord) of hosts from a people tall and smooth-skinned [AMERICA], and from a people awesome from their beginning onward [AMERICA] - a nation powerful and trampling [AMERICA], whose land [AMERICA] the rivers divide - to the place of the name of YHWH (the Lord) of hosts, to Mount Zion [NEW JERUSALEM].

WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE AND THE COMPULSORY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARK OF THE BEAST MUST OCCUR BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (EZEKIEL 7:19; REVELATION 13:16-18, 20:4).

There destruction of America will cause a worldwide economic collapse that will usher in the new economic system of the Antimesiah (Antichrist).

REVELATION 13:16-18:

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, AND THAT NO ONE MAY BUY OR SELL EXCEPT ONE WHO HAS THE MARK or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

The technology for the mark is already here and is being further refined. Most pets sold in the USA and many Western nations are marked or 'chipped' with a computer-tracking device. It is just a matter of time and circumstance before the governments of the world, led by the Antimesiah (Antichrist), force impose the mark of the beast on the entire human population.

EZEKIEL 7:19:

They will throw their silver into the streets and their gold will be like refuse; Their silver and gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord;

There are many today who, fearing the inevitable economic collapse, believe that they can avoid it by investing in gold and silver to protect themselves. Their gold and silver will not be of any value when the Antimesiah (Antichrist) implements his new economic system requiring that they receive his mark. Gold and silver will become worthless assets.

THE TEMPLE OF GOD IN ISRAEL MUST BE REBUILT BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4)

Financial resources are in place and plans are well underway for the Temple to be rebuilt by Israeli Jews on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The problem and delay in rebuilding the Temple is not a money issue, but the fact that the Dome of the Rock, Muslims holiest shrine, currently stands at the platform of the Temple Mount.

One way or another, Scripture prophecy will be fulfilled. The Dome of the Rock will come down from the Temple Mount and be replaced with the Temple. The Dome of the Rock will either come down by Israelite Jews or by an act of God Himself (such an earthquake). Either that or the Israelite Jews will build their Temple on a nearby site, but that is unlikely.

The possibility should not be ruled out that the Antimesiah (Antichrist) could soon come on the world scene and make a peace agreement between the Jews and Muslims that would include the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. The Jews would like this and see him as their Messiah, if he could make a peace treaty that gave them added security and allowed them to rebuild their Temple. In back-room political dealings with the Muslim powers, who would theoretically go along with this peace pact, he (the Antimesiah / Antichrist) could assure them (the Palestinians and other Muslim leaders) that he will double-cross Israel and make war to annihilate the Jews. The Palestinians would therefore willingly approve of this peace agreement deal, even if it meant the tearing down of their Dome of the Rock mosque. The desire of the Palestinians and their neighboring Muslim countries to wipe Israel off the map is stronger to them than any religious shrine that they may claim to hold sacred.

THE MAN OF SIN / SON OF PERDITION / ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST) MUST BE REVEALED BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4,7-8).

The identification of the world leader known as the Antimesiah (Antichrist) will not be a mystery or a matter of guesswork. There are many antimesiahs (antichrists) living among us today, such as U.S. President Barack Obama, who are paving the way for the arrival of the Antimesiah (Antichrist) (Matthew 24:24; 1 John 2:18). Believers will be able to positively identify the man of sin / the man of perdition / the Antimesiah (Antichrist) because He will be the popular charismatic world leader who will declare himself to be God and will seat himself in the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem, Israel, as God.

God will remove Himself from restraining evil in the world. An unrestrained Antimesiah (Antichrist), led by Satan, will unleash complete evil, destruction, and lawlessness upon the world (2 Thessalonians 2:7-8).

THE GATHERING TOGETHER TO HIM IN THE CLOUDS (THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD SAINTS AND WORLDWIDE RAPTURE OF LIVING BELIEVERS) MUST OCCUR BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17; 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4).

The gathering to Him in the clouds (the resurrection of the dead saints and rapture of believers) must occur before that Day (the Day of His return) comes.

THE TIME OF THE GENTILE NATIONS, A TIME THE WORLD IS NOT GOVERNED, POLICED, OR RULED BY AMERICA AND HER ALLIES MUST OCCUR BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (EZEKIEL 30:3).

EZEKIEL 30:3:

For the day is near; Even the day of YHWH (the Lord) is near; It will be a day of clouds, THE TIME OF THE GENTILES.

Before Yeshua (Jesus) returns, the Gentile nations will be ruling the Earth. America (the hammer of the Earth) will have fallen by then, having been destroyed as the world superpower (Jeremiah 50:23). The Gentile nations will include the nations that have historically not been Christian nations: Russia, China, and a conglomerate of Middle East and African Muslim nations.

THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST) WILL ERECT AN IMAGE OF HIMSELF AND DEMAND THAT THE WORLD WORSHIP HIS IMAGE BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (REVELATION 13:14-15, 14:9-11, 15:2, 16:2, 19:20, 20:4).

REVELATION 13:14-15:

And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to MAKE AN IMAGE TO THE BEAST who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the IMAGE OF THE BEAST, that the IMAGE OF THE BEAST should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the IMAGE OF THE BEAST to be killed.

Much of the left-behind world will be deceived and will worship the image of the beast. Many of those who don't worship the beast's image will be killed. The Judaic Jews will reject the Antimesiah (Antichrist) as their Messiah, because he will make an image of himself, a clone, and demand that the world worship his image. (Revelation 13:14-15, 14:9-11, 15:2, 16:2, 19:20, 20:4). The Hebrews (Jews) learned their lesson from the golden calf incident at Mt. Sinai and will not worship an image of God (Exodus 32).

THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST) WILL RULE FROM THE TEMPLE IN ISRAEL FOR A LITTLE LESS THAN 3 ½ YEARS (ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY DAYS) BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (DANIEL 11:31, 12:11-12; MATTHEW 24:15; MARK 13:14).

DANIEL 11:31:

And military forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

DANIEL 12:11-12:

And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

The abomination of desolation, the abomination (Antimessiah / Antichrist) that brings desolation (through nuclear warfare), will use military force to drive the Israelite Jews from their sanctuary fortress (their Temple in Jerusalem where they will be offering daily animal sacrifices). The Antimessiah (Antichrist) will sit as God in the Israeli Temple acting as God for 1,290 days (Daniel 11:31, 12:11-12). Jews who come to be believers during those tribulation years, reject the Antimessiah (Antichrist), and are able to survive will be blessed to see the return of Yeshua (Jesus) 45-days or so (1290-days + 45-days = 1,335-days) after the Antimessiah (Antichrist) leaves the Temple (Daniel 12:11-12).

THE JUDAIC JEWS OF ISRAEL MUST COME TO BELIEVE IN YESHUA (JESUS) BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (EZEKIEL 39:27-28).

EZEKIEL 39:27-28:

When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, AND I AM HALLOWED IN THEM IN THE SIGHT OF MANY NATIONS, then they shall know that I am YHWH (the Lord) their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.

MATTHEW 23:38-39; LUKE 13:35:

“Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He [YESHUA / JESUS] who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

The Judaic Messiah-denying Jewish people will come to believe in Yeshua (Jesus) as their Messiah and Savior during the tribulation years. It is then that they will openly worship and call upon Yeshua (Jesus) as their Messiah and Savior in the sight of many nations (Ezekiel 39:27-28).

THE WORLD WILL EXPERIENCE NUCLEAR WAR AND WILL BE AT THE BRINK OF TOTAL ANNIHILATION (NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED) BEFORE YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS (ISAIAH 17:1; JEREMIAH 50-51; EZEKIEL 30:7; MATTHEW 24:22; MARK 13:20; REVELATION 18).

The Antimessiah (Antichrist) is also referred to as the abomination of desolation (Daniel 11:31, 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14). He is the abomination (who calls himself God) that brings desolation (through nuclear warfare).

Damascus, Syria will cease to be a city and become a ruinous heap (Isaiah 17:1). Many other cities and countries will be destroyed through desolation (nuclear warfare) during the reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist) (Ezekiel 30:7).

Babylon the great (America), will be completely destroyed in one hour by arrows that bring fire (intercontinental ballistic nuclear missiles) from the north (Russia) (Jeremiah 50-51, Revelation 18).

MATTHEW 24:22; MARK 13:20:

“And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.”

Yeshua (Jesus) will return to shorten the days of man's rule, to prevent the total annihilation of all human life - for the sake of the elect Jews of Israel (Matthew 24:22; Mark 13:20).

SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS OF YESHUA'S (JESUS') IMMINENT RETURN
(EZEKIEL 32:7; JOEL 2:10,31, 3:15; MATTHEW 24:29; MARK 13:24; LUKE 21:25;
ACTS 2:20; REVELATION 6:12, 8:12)

JOEL 2:31; ACTS 2:20:

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of YHWH (the Lord).

A blood Moon is a total lunar eclipse in which a full Moon passes directly behind the Earth leaving the Moon with just enough light to appear red in the wake of the Earth's shadow.

WHEN WILL YESHUA (JESUS) RETURN?

Previous prophecies fulfilled have occurred during tetrad (sets of four) blood moons. Assuming God does not intervene and realign the heavenly bodies Himself, to cause the Moon to turn to blood and the Sun to not give its light, and allows the Sun, Earth and Moon to travel on their projected courses; future tetrad sets of blood Moons are set to occur in 2032-2033, 2043-2044, 2050-2051, 2061-2062, 2072-2073 and 2090-2091.

As previously stated in this article, Yeshua (Jesus) must return before the generation that witnessed Israel become a nation dies off; the absolute latest date 2068. That would therefore rule out His return occurring following the blood Moons of 2072-2073 and 2090-2091.

A prediction, based on the signs of the times and the upcoming signs in the heavens, of Yeshua Messiah's (Jesus Christ's) return to Earth to establish His millennium kingdom will be in the year 2051. The other aforementioned prophecies cited in this article must occur before He returns. It may well be that the blood Moons of 2044 will mark the rise of the Antichrist and then 7-years later in 2051 Yeshua (Jesus) will return. Perhaps upwards of 10-years prior to the Antichrist, Babylon the great (America) will be destroyed around the time of the tetrad blood moons concluding in 2033. This is conjecture based on the fact that there are 7-years between 2044 and 2051, which would correspond perfectly with a 7-year reign of the Antichrist, followed up by the return of Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) to Earth to establish His millennium kingdom.

LUKE 21:36:

“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

As more and more Scripture prophecy is fulfilled, the imminent year of His return will become more evident. As believers, we are to watch for the signs of the times and the signs in the heavens, and pray that we are counted worthy to escape the tribulation events (through the rapture) that will come to pass.