THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES AND THE END OF DAYS

Our Father most holy we come before you on this Sabbath to glorify your name and study your word. Thank you for giving us all that we have and teaching us your way of everlasting life through Jesus Christ, Yeshua, your son. Send him soon to establish your coming kingdom and protect and deliver us from the dark days of pain and suffering that are coming. Bless your words given us today and incline our hearts and ears to receive your truth and instructions. Fill us with your spirit of love, understanding, and wisdom and help us to walk humbly with Christ as we strive to prepare for his coming. Thank you for calling us and for your great mercy. In Yeshua's name we pray and commit this service into your hands. Amen.

Greetings! I do care about the weekly and annual Sabbaths and keeping them on the appointed days according to God's calendar. God set up the calendar and gave it to Moses and the children of Israel. He reaffirmed it through Christ in the New Testament. I wish that everyone would get the basics on the same calendar days and all worship God in Spirit and in truth as the children of God. As children growing up, we go to school to learn our ABC's, the principles of reading, writing, and arithmetic—addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. Granted, it is unfortunate that some people never learn all the important basics about God's true calendar.

It is also a shame what has happened in our modern "progressive" educational system. God has been thrown out and the Ten Commandments and prayer has been forbidden in America's schools. The aim of public education is not to fill our young with knowledge and awaken their intelligence. Academic excellence is no longer pursued, but emphasizes that everyone gets a diploma regardless of performance. Educators fear offending the sensitivities and "hurting" the self-esteem of underachieving youngsters. Discipline is not exercised because of possible accusations of "child abuse." The importance of the institution of the traditional family has been shed as well. The children that are taught moral absolutes and universal truths based on Judeo-Christian teachings (the Bible), as they journey through life, will be able to exercise free will while clearly reasoning methodically and logically and be able to distinguish plainly between the divergent paths of right and wrong.

The Great Tribulation is coming and we do need to get prepared by doing all we can to get close to God and become zealous for the good things from above. It is wise not to be complacent or take everything for granted as the world does.

Something very significant happened on the tenth day of the 10^{th} month. The Bible has something to say about Tevet on the 10^{th} day of the 10^{th} month in **Ezekiel 24:1-2**. "Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day even of this same day: the king of Babylon

set himself against Jerusalem this day." Another verse talks about the importance of this day: **2 Kings 25:1**—"And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host against Jerusalem, and pitched against; and they built forts against it round about."

This year starts on the very day Nebuchadnezzar surrounded Jerusalem. In case you are not aware, this year, New Years begins on the 10 of Tevet of the Biblical calendar. Look at the very special biblical prophecy in **Zechariah 8:18-19**—"And the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'The <u>fast of</u> the **fourth month** and the <u>fast of</u> the **fifth** and the <u>fast of</u> the **seventh**, and the fast of the **tenth**, **shall be** (future) to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.' "These fast days are kept among the Jews in Israel, today. **Fast** of the,

- **9th of AV** the fifth month (July-August 30) **Tish B'AV**—the Romans burned down the 1st temple in 586 B.C.E. and the 2nd temple in 70 C.E.
- 4th of TISHRI Fast of the **seventh month** (Sept. -Oct. 30)—Fast of Gedaliah: Gedaliah was a Jew and the governor appointed by Nebuchadnezzar to rule over the remaining Jews left in the land who was assassinated, and great trouble came upon the Jewish people (loss of sovereignty).
- **10th day Tenth month** TEVET (Dec.-Jan. 30) of Tevet, the Hebrew calendar New Year's Day which happened to fall this year on January1, 2015 of the Roman calendar as well. This was the very day Nebuchadnezzar surrounded Jerusalem and began the siege.

All these fast days are going to be turned into joy and peace when Christ returns and delivers Israel. How we should yearn for that day. All these fast days have to do with the temple destruction in Jerusalem by king Nebuchadnezzar. Something is going to happen to turn these fast days into feast days as God says in the book of Zechariah.

There are no numerals in ancient Hebrew. Thus every word in Hebrew has a numerical as well as a linguistic value. Numerical values are represented by letters. The letters that make up the incoming Jewish year, 5775 happen to also spell an actual word, "*Tish'eh*", which means "turn towards, gaze at, regard, pay heed, consider, observe, notice, and look about." It is in the second person singular, as a command: "hey you, pay heed!" or as future tense: "you will pay heed." The other way the Jewish year is written is העשת'ה The additional ה represents 5,000. The word

This year is the year 2015 on the Roman calendar and the Hebrew year 5775. According to Hebrew reckoning, we are in the 5,000 to 6,000 years period since Adam was created and man has been living on this earth which lead up to the second coming of the Messiah and the millennial 1,000 period and reign of Christ.

Deuteronomy 36:2—"Remember the day of old, consider the year of many generations." This is a prophecy of the 6,000 year plan of Almighty God. The week has seven days, six of work and the seventh day is the Sabbath and a day of rest. The first six thousand years represent the period leading up to the Messiah. The creation week pictures the 6,000 year plan of God, where each literal "day" represents a thousand years in being fulfilled. **Psalm 90:4**—"for a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, when it is past." **2 Peter 3:8**—"One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." The Creation week pictures 7,000 years in which the final day depicts the millennial Sabbath day of rest when the Messiah returns and sets up the Messianic kingdom of God over the earth from Jerusalem and will rule for a thousand years.

In Hebrew, the letter *Hey* itself stands for the Godhead—God the Father Himself. E.W. Bullinger points out in his book, *Number in Scripture*, that "five is four plus one." Since four is the number of the world, adding 4 to the 1— then gives us 5, the number of redemption of the world – the redeeming grace of God the Father. Five is the number of redemption which comes only through the Messiah. So the letter *Heh* also refers to Yeshua, our Redeemer and Messiah for whom we are to look. The number seven, *Ayin* = 7 and is God's number and identity. In Hebrew, seven is *shevah*. It is from the root *savah*, "to be full or satisfied, have enough of." The word "seven" is the number that stamps with perfection and completeness that in connection with which it is used. On the seventh day of the Creation week God rested which is the weekly Sabbath day which stands for the millennial seventh day of rest—the Messianic kingdom of God ruling over the earth. God has also said for his people to set aside every seventh year as a Sabbatical year for the cancelling all debt and to let the land rest.

YHVH (*Yod Hey Vav Hey*) is the name of God in Hebrew. So, Hey (5) Zyin (7) Zyin (7) Hey (5) = 5775, this year and is the signature of God, something is being perfected or completed this year in getting ready for the coming of the Messiah. **2 Peter 1:21** –"for prophecy never cam be the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." God is telling his people to look up and behold. He is going to act, and doubly so (*Hey Zyin Zyin Hey*) in power and we are commanded to look twice and behold what He does. Look! God is going to work. Look again! Brethren, keep your eyes open, watch. We, God's people need to be ready in anticipation through earnest prayer. It is interesting that *Zyin* written in Hebrew language looks like a lightning bolt.

Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries found some interesting comments about December 31 and New Years. Israelis and numerous other European countries, such as Austria, Bosnia, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Switzerland and others refer to New Year's Eve as "Sylvester" which is named after the most anti-Semitic pope in history whose saint's day falls on December 31. When European Jews started to immigrate to the Land of Israel starting in the nineteenth century, the Jews already had Rosh Hashanah, but they still wanted to mark the changing of the secular year as in their old countries, so they continued to celebrate "Sylvester" and the name stuck. Sylvester is the day of the Feast of Pope Sylvester I, a saint who served as Pope of the Roman Catholic Church from 314 to 335 AD and oversaw both the First Council of Nicaea and Roman Emperor Constantine I's conversion to Christianity. Pope Sylvester convinced Constantine to prohibit Jews from living in Jerusalem, the year before the

Council of Nicea convened. During the council, the Pope arranged for the passage of varied anti-Semitic legislation.

On New Year's Day 1577 Pope Gregory XIII decreed that all Roman Jews, under pain of death, must listen attentively to the compulsory Catholic conversion sermon given in Roman synagogues after Friday night services. On New Year's Day 1578 Gregory signed into law a tax forcing Jews to pay for the support of a "House of Conversion" to convert Jews to Christianity. On New Year's 1581 Gregory ordered his troops to confiscate all sacred literature from the Roman Jewish community.

In the fourth century, the Sanhedrin (governing body of the Jews) was no longer allowed to meet, so Rabbi Hillel II constructed a mathematical calendar approximating the new moons in advance for Jews to use worldwide after the Diaspora. Thousands of Jews were murdered in the campaign. Pope Sylvester became a persecutor of the brethren and of God's church who kept the holy days at the same time the Jews do. He became a type of antichrist in his day as well as Emperor Constantine who embraced the world's definition of Christianity and rejected everything "Jewish".

Today another great apostasy is being worked up before our very eyes. We know we have to put our faith in Christ, God and His word. **1Timothy 4:1**—"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ..." **2 Thessalonians 2:3**—"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 the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." **Verses 4-17** speaks of the mystery of lawlessness already at work, the coming of the lawless one which "is according to the workings of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

1 John 2:18—"Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour." 1 John 2:22—"Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son." 1 John 4:3—"and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world." 2 John 1:7—"For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

This week, I received two emails regarding the calendar. I think this matter is significant and serious. One was from Nick Wood. The other fellow said there is always this controversy over the calendar. What difference does it make? Why should we even care? Why would the calendar

be that significant? There was a time when all Israel went by the visual new moon calendar, but now we are scattered around the whole world, so it is not significant today. He opines that "it will be significant in the Millennium after Christ returns and establishes the kingdom of God. Then it will be significant again."

What trash and faulty thinking! God is the Creator of all things and the God of Israel TODAY, YESTERDAY and FOREVER! Malachi 3:6—"For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob." God established His law, statutes and judgments forever. Exodus 3:15—"This is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations." God's calendar today is just as real as in the day of Christ and as it will be in the Millennium. God does not change. Jesus said in Matthew 4: 4 and Luke 4:4—"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.""

Nehemiah Gordon's response to Nick Wood regarding the sighting of the new moon in Jerusalem was forwarded to me. Nehemiah, a Karaite Jew is now saying there could be 28-day months. How can that be? The Jews themselves say in the Jewish Encyclopedia the moon orbits the earth in 29 ½ days and one orbit of the moon is a month. That being the case, how can a month be just 28 days? The truth is it can't be just 28 days, because it would be shortening the real orbit time of the moon. Anything less, would be declaring a false month, and a lie. The moon orbit is 29 ½ days, so the month has to be at least 29 days. On the other hand it could be thirty days because 29 ½ is right between 29 and 30. What happens, is that one month will be 29 days and another will be 30 so the months are alternated which averages out to 29 ½ days.

The Sanhedrin had charge of the calendar committee who observed the new moons and made computations through their knowledge of astronomy and celestial mathematics and had a back-up system to determine new moons based on the nineteen year time cycle. The *Talmud* and the *Mishna* record that the Sanhedrin used its astronomical calculations to check up on the new moon witnesses. Every nineteen years the sun, moon and stars return to the same position they were nineteen years previously called a nineteen year time cycle. Because of that astronomical truth discovered before the days of Moses, the Jews are able to forecast the new moons within a day or two of actual sighting a hundred to a thousand years in advance. They have always had that back-up system, so they could ascertain whether a real sighting was legitimate or not. But they would still wait for the sighting and calling for a new moon. There were times they had to go by what is called potential visibility, because if cloud cover was several days or months in a row and the new moon was not declared until it could be seen, the months would not reflect the set orbit of the moon, thus causing chaos to the year.

We must remember that the Pharisees sat in Moses Seat in doctrinal matters, not the Sadducees whose beliefs the Karaites follow. Although they observe and report the new moon sightings in Jerusalem correctly, the Karaites are incorrect regarding Pentecost and in other beliefs. Arthur Spear in his book and Nathan Boswick in his book on the calendar agree with a 29 ½ day orbit of the moon. Nick concludes, that it is simple common sense logic to postpone just one day if there is cloud cover so the moon is not seen on the 29th day. This I am in agreement with and believe that we must be very careful who we listen to. Make sure you hold fast to the faith once delivered and do not follow false prophets and be led astray.

This change or about face on the proven truth is one of the signs of the times in which we are living. This is one of the proofs that we are living in the last days. In reading **Matthew 24:5**, **Mark 13:6**, and **Luke 21:8** you find that the first number one proof that Jesus gave of the last days is—"Many will come in my name saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." **Matthew 24:11**—"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." **1 John 4:1**—"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Article—"Israel, Hamas, and Obama's Foreign Policy" – Caroline B. Glick. Short Bio: Caroline Glilck is the Deputy Managing Editor of the Jerusalem Post. In 1997 and 1998 she was an assistant foreign policy advisor to Benjamin Netanyahu, and from 1994 to 1996 she served the Israeli Defense Forces as Coordinator of Negotiations with the PLO. Caroline is the author of *The Israeli Solution: a One State Plan for Peace in the Middle East*. This article was originally published in *The Jerusalem Post*.

Especially for the last several years since the rising of the Arab Spring, President Obama's foreign policy has been supportive of the Muslim Brotherhood and the overthrowing of Kaddafi in Libya, Mubarak in Egypt, and supporting Assad in Syria and turned American policy totally around without most Americans realizing it.

Caroline Glick puts it clearly. "When US President Barack Obama phoned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Sunday night [July 27, 2014], in the middle of a security cabinet meeting, he ended any remaining double regarding his policy toward Israel and Hamas. He was consulting with his ministers how Israel should proceed in Gaza. Some said Israel should continue to limit Israel's forces to specific pinpoint operations aimed at destroying the tunnels of death that Hamas has dug throughout Gaza and into Israeli territory. Others argued that the only way to truly destroy the tunnels, and keep them destroyed is for Israel to retake control over the Gaza Strip. No ministers were recommending that Israel end its operations in Gaza completely. The longer our soldiers fight, the more we learn about the vast dimensions of Hamas's terror arsenal, and about the Muslim Brotherhood group's plans and strategy for using it to destabilize, demoralize and ultimately destroy Israeli society."

"But then the telephone rang. And Obama told Netanyahu that Israel must lose. He wants an unconditional 'humanitarian' cease-fire that will lead to a permanent one. And he *wants it now*. And by the way, the eventual terms of that cease-fire must include opening Hamas-controlled Gaza's borders with Egypt and Israel and ending Israel's maritime blockade of the Gaza coast. That is, the cease-fire must allow Hamas to rebuild its arsenal of death and destruction quickly, with U.S. political and financial support."

"Until Obama made the call, there was lingering doubt among some Israelis regarding his intentions. Some thought that Secretary of State John Kerry might have been acting of his own accord last Friday night [July 25] when he tried to force Israel to accept Hamas's cease-fire terms. But then Obama made his phone call and all doubts were dispelled. Obama is siding with Hamas, and its Muslim Brotherhood patrons in Qatar and Turkey, against Israel, and its Sunni Arab supporters – Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates. It is Obama who demands that Hamas have open borders so it can resupply, and receive millions of dollars –

starting with an immediate cash injection of \$47 million from U.S. tax payers—so it can pay North Korea for more missiles and import building materials to reconstruct its tunnels."

"The fact that the U.S.'s current preference is for genocidal, Jew-hating jihadists over the only liberal, pro-American stable U.S. ally in the Middle East is a White House position. The discovery that the Obama Administration is entirely in Hamas's corner hit all of Israel hard. But it hit the Left the hardest. Few on the Right, which recognized Obama's hostility from the outset of his presidency, were surprised. The Israeli Left went ballistic. *Haaretz*, the far-left broadsheet that has seldom taken issue with even the harshest rejections of Israel's right, went bananas after its reporter Barak Ravid received the details of Kerry's cease-fire agreement. Ravid said, 'What Kerry's draft spells for the internal Palestinian political arena crown Hamas and issues Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas with a death warrant.' The *Haaretz* is far more wedded to the PLO and President Mahmoud Abbas than to the government of Israel. Amos Harel of the *Haaretz* wrote the next day Kerry's pro-Hamas behavior convinced the Egyptians and other actors that the administration is 'continuing its secret love affairs with the Muslim Brotherhood in the region.'"

"As rattled as Israelis are over Obama's decision to support Hamas against Israel, Netanyahu made clear in his remarks Monday night that Israel has no choice but to keep fighting until Israel defeats this barbaric enemy. Netanyahu did not mention Obama, but it was obvious that he was respectfully refusing to hand Israel's head on a platter to Hamas's friend in the White House."

Glick says, "Americans are the ones who need to be most alarmed by what Obama's action on behalf of Hamas reveal about the general direction of American Middle East policy under his leadership. For the past five years, Obama's manifold failures of Middle East policies – from Iraq to Iran, Libya, Afghanistan, Egypt, Syria Israel, the Palestinian Authority and beyond – owe to a combination of Obama's personal disinterest in foreign affairs and his presumed preference for withdrawal and isolationism over engagement. Obama himself has often encouraged this perception with his endless golf games and his talk about fighting 'the war at home.'"

"Obama's open, public engagement in the war against Israel shows that *the popular assessment is wrong*. President Obama is as involved in the Middle East as all of his immediate predecessors were. He is personally leading U.S. policy on every front. Kerry is not an independent actor. The problem is that in every war, in every conflict and in every contest of wills that has occurred in the Middle East since Obama took office, he has sided with Iran and the Muslim Brotherhood, against America's allies. *Under Obama, America has switched sides*." This article makes this situation as plain as I have ever seen it. Satan, prince of the power of the air, rules the Republic from the White House. Now, we will see the world "catch hell".

Article—Islam/Muslim – Christian Forum; "The Great Tribulation" by Pete Waldo (3.15.14) **Matthew 24:21**—"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." The Greek word usually translated tribulation is "thlipsis." It appears 27 times in the New Testament and in every instance but one, it is in reference to the persecution of God's people. We all say it is coming and it is coming, rapidly. So where are we today?

"Today in Darfur and in the rest of the Sudan, armed Muslim jihadists attack the little Christian villages. The jihadists go into each hut, taking what they will and killing whom they wish. If they find a Christian pastor, they crucify him. If they find a Christian woman with a baby on her breast, they hack off the woman's breasts. The woman sits there crying, unable to feed her hungry child, soon to die of starvation. Their cattle have already been stolen, you see, so they don't have any cows or goats to milk. There are no Supermarkets where they can go to buy food, or any money to buy it with if there were."

"Over the last several years, over 2,000,000 Sudanese Christians and Animists have been slaughtered in the Sudan by Islamic jihadists – it's hard to get accurate figures from remote areas. But that's not bad enough to be classed as 'THE great tribulation' is it? Millions more have been martyred in other 3rd world countries. The Roman Empire killed a couple of million and the Catholic Church killed a couple of million more in the Middle Ages. Between 1939 and 1945 about 2,000,000 Christians and 6,000,000 Jews were murdered by the Nazis. A total of over 50,000,000 people were killed during WW II." Was that the Great Tribulation?

"In the old USSR, up to 8,000,000 Christians were murdered by the communists in labor camps in the Gulag Archipelago. Was that mass murder great tribulation? In the killing fields of Cambodia, the Communists killed over 1,500,000 Christians in atrocities unimaginable, making mountains of their skulls, grizzly piles that are still there today."

"If you are found to be a Christian by the religious police in Saudi Arabia, they behead you. In China and North Korea, untold millions have died for the sake of Christ. In fact, worldwide, about 30,000 Christians a week are being killed because they wouldn't deny Jesus as Lord. Just because God has spared the church in America and Europe, it does not mean it hasn't started. Have you ever seen a Christian killed? Have you seen someone tortured, heard their screams?" The writer says, "We know an evangelist in Nigeria, Mustafa by name, who has seen it all, many times. Muslims jihadists killed over 5,000 Christians in his city and burned their churches. The Jihadists tried to kill Mustafa, too, but the Lord hid him. I haven't heard from Mustafa for a couple of years so maybe they finally got him."

Waldo says, "While was visiting Columbia Bible College, I met an East African who was being led by the Lord to return to his country to start a much needed Christian orphanage. He said, 'I know I won't last more than a couple of years before the Muslims kill me,' but he is going to build that orphanage anyway. Don't you realize that it's just the mercy of God that the great tribulation hasn't come here yet: We should weep over the American church's ignorance and arrogance?"

"Do a billion saints have to die for the Lord before we recognize that they did so during 'THE great tribulation'? If it was you being tortured to death or being burned at the stake, wouldn't that your great tribulation? Nah the rest of the church would just close its eyes to your persecution and keep on singing 'Happy, happy, happy' because when the REAL great tribulation get's here, 'we're going to be raptured out of here because we pew-warmers know THE great tribulation isn't for us, it for the lost while we're up in heaven.' Really?" the writer says, "God help us."

2 Timothy 3:12—"Yea and ALL that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." That verse doesn't resonate very well in most churches today. It would be well, if we opened our eyes to what is happening around the world today and realize that our county who used to defend Christians is not doing it anymore. Obama is a Marxist Muslim in stealth mode who does not care for Christians—an antichrist (antichristian) and the *son of perdition*. **Luke 21:24**—"And they (the Jews/Israel) shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Look at history. Jerusalem was trodden down of the Gentiles in the days of king Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C. - 604 B.C. in the first captivity when the temple was destroyed. It was later trodden down by Antiochus Epiphanes176 -164 BC, and trodden down by the Romans during the time of Christ until it was again destroyed by Titus and Vespasian in 70 AD. Then Jews were banished from Jerusalem during the time of the anti-Semite Pope Sylvester in the days of Emperor Constantine, 325 AD. The Jews did not return until the Balfour Declaration in WW I, when Great Britain and General Allenby conquered Jerusalem. Then in 1948 the state of Israel was established and Jerusalem was captured by the Jews in 1967 during the Six Day War. Jerusalem had been trodden down by the Gentiles until 1967. Now the Jews are back but the Temple Mount is still trodden down by the Gentiles—by the Arabs, their Al Aqsa Mosque along with the Dome of the Rock and their security forces Jordanian/Palestinian-led *waqf*.

Christ said in **Luke 21:24**—"And they (the Jews) will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles *until* the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." Were those times of the Gentiles fulfilled in 1967 when the Jews once again took over Jerusalem and the Old City and the Temple Mount? The Temple Mount belongs to the Jews, but they haven't occupied it. Is it possible that the time of the Gentiles is now over?

What time are we in now? **Daniel 12:5-9**—"I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, 'How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?' Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished. Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, 'My lord, what shall be the end of these things?' And he said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.'"

The time is stated as $3\frac{1}{2}$ times. A time is a prophetic year being fulfilled. This equals $3\frac{1}{2}$ prophetic years. From the time of the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, it will be 1, 290 days. **Verses 12-13**—"Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. But as for you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days." We are in the time of the end is the final week of Daniel's prophecy in Daniel 9:27—the 7 days. A day equals a prophetic year being fulfilled. Three and one-half times equals $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, or half the prophetic week. If that time starts

from 2015, seven days would lead us to 2022. If it started on 2014, it would lead us to 2021. We are getting very, very close to the end. Revelation 6 talks about the 5th seal of the prophecies of the end-time being fulfilled.

Revelation 6:9-20—"When he opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?' Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed."

Revelation 6:12-17—"I looked when He opened the **sixth seal**, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?' "

The coming of Christ will occur at the end of these days. This is the time of the end. **Revelation 10:5**—"The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, **that there should be delay no longer**, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets."

In **Ezekiel 7:1-4**—Ezekiel says judgment on Israel is near. The word of the LORD came to him, saying, "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord God to the land of Israel: 'An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land. Now the end has come upon you, and I will send my anger against you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations. My eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity; but I will repay your ways, and your abominations will be in your midst. **Then you shall know that I am the Lord!**"

Verses 10-12, 14—"Behold, the day! Behold, it has come! Doom has gone out; the rod has blossomed, Pride has budded. Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, none of their multitude, none of them; nor shall there be wailing for them. The time has come, the day draws near. They have blown the trumpet and made everyone ready, but no one goes to battle."

Brethren, we are living at the time of the end and God says that there will be no more delay. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Praise your glorious name which is exalted above all blessing and praise! Amen!