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WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS AND  
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

ANTICHRIST

AND THE END TIMES

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*Decoding the Antichrist and the End Times* puts many of the previously missed pieces of the end-time puzzle together. Biltz cuts through the fog of tradition and calcified false ideas, getting right to the heart of the biblical matter. This book reveals some critical and previously unknown keys that unlock the truth concerning the last days and the return of Yeshua. This is an exciting contribution to the study of eschatology that will greatly benefit all who long for His appearing.

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Pastor Mark Biltz's prophetic voice has now taken a brave and giant step forward in bringing the need for Christianity's reconciliation back to their Jewish roots as a clear end-times mandate. Pastor Mark's sincerity, boldness, and clear, yet encyclopedic, knowledge of that which is unknown to Christians will make it a true treasure for any follower of Jesus.

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This book is like sending fireworks into the night sky. As the world desperately looks for someone to bring order out of the chaos, we are ripe for a new Solomon to come on the scene and bring about peace in our time. But as Mark Biltz reveals with fresh insight, the pattern established by King Solomon may in fact be the pattern for the man called the Antichrist. This totally blew my mind. I cannot wait for the conversations this will spark when everyone reads it!

—RAY BENTLEY

AUTHOR AND PASTOR OF MARANATHA CHAPEL

What Mark Biltz does with this book really calls on Jews, Christians, and Muslims to come out of their devotion to tradition and instead walk the path to seek the truth, even if it challenges them. If you are at all interested in getting beyond what has been marketed to the blind masses as end-times theology and wanting to search deeper, then this book needs to be part of your library.

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*Decoding the Antichrist and the End Times* by Mark Biltz is the most important biblically documented work for this generation. Throughout history God foretold of events that would occur to the prophets in order to prepare the generations to come. With so much disinformation about end-time prophecy, Pastor Biltz cuts through the inaccurate biblical interpretation of past theologians to give us the simple,

unvarnished biblical truth. This book is a must-read to help us better understand the Hebraic roots of the Christian faith and the responsibility we have to test everything against His Word.

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Many know Pastor Mark's teaching as someone who understands times and seasons from a Hebraic lens. This new book applies that lens to end-time prophecies and conversations that are often muddied with abstract timelines and guesses about major players. I love the big-picture connections he makes about the seasons of history repeating themselves from a biblical perspective, and it reminds me of Isaiah saying that God is "declaring the end from the beginning" (Isa. 46:10). For those that have come to love Pastor Mark's foundational Hebrew and Torah-focused teachings, this book is sure to bring some great understanding.

—DOUG HERSHEY  
AUTHOR, *ISRAEL RISING*; AND FOUNDER, EZRA ADVENTURES

Mark Biltz's new book, *Decoding the Antichrist and the End Times*, takes the reader on a journey that explores age-old theories, myths, and misconceptions and presents Scripture as the key that unlocks the truth. Replacement theology, which is at its core anti-Semitic, is exposed through a historical perspective that is foundational for the spirit of antichrist to arise in the last days. This book is a must-read in the hour in which we live!

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Yeshua the Messiah appeared to him on his deathbed, and when he recovered, his life was forever changed! His latest book, *From Deception to the Truth, From Allah to God* (written under the pen name Sam Daniels), has helped many reach their Muslim friends with the truth.

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# FOREWORD

**I**F I WERE to tell you that Mark Biltz is a prophet, you may raise an eyebrow and perhaps doubt this assertion. From where do I draw this certainty? This is precisely what I'm about to tell you, and I point to the logic behind this thought.

Now, let's relax and define the terminology. I'm not claiming that we now need to position Mark Biltz somewhere between Isaiah and Jeremiah, or that he has a power of attorney signed by God, authorizing him to act on God's behalf. No, nothing like that, and yet time will tell if he is the "writing on the wall" of our era.

A personal disclosure: In the most important writing of the Mishna, "The Ethics of the Fathers," our sages coined the expression "Make for yourself a Rav (a teacher); acquire for yourself a friend; and judge every person on the positive side."<sup>1</sup> Without diving too deep into this ethical/philosophical landmark of Jewish wisdom, we can sum it up this way: no matter how wise you are or how wise you think you are, you need to choose (make) for yourself a teacher, whom you'll trust spiritually and follow that person. It does not mean becoming the flat "follower" of Facebook terminology. It means a commitment to follow his leadership, teachings, and guidance. The important point is that you must put aside your pride or ego (the main stumbling points of meaningful learning in life) and make this person's teachings and counsel paramount to your own.

I "made for myself" Mark Biltz my rav, although he is a pastor by definition, a few years ago, after a painful conversation with him regarding King Solomon. Before this conversation, like many other Israelis, I admired King Solomon. My first reaction after

hearing Pastor Biltz was anger, disappointment, and distrust. I wondered, “How could I have missed all these horrible facts about King Solomon after so many years of studying and especially in Hebrew?” I realized later that what I “knew” was more so a state of mind than factual truth. This is true for many of us. We are, often unconsciously, entrenched in wrong doctrines and must revisit them from time to time, as *Decoding the Antichrist and the End Times* suggests. Painfully, I had to admit that everything Mark Biltz said was biblically correct. I also realized that the source of the pain was my pride. So I adjusted my previous “knowledge,” realizing that only donkeys never change their minds. Test this principle for yourself, and read afresh chapter 8, “Solomon: A Type of the Lawless One.” You may not be as shocked as I was, but you’ll definitely be surprised.

When you read this book, let yourself be open to the truth that might at first sound different from what you know. Intellectual decency is needed when learning from this book.

Let me get serious now and defend my assertion that Mark Biltz is a prophet.

This book is not like any other book. It rings some warning bells so loud that you can’t stay indifferent any longer. One of them is the use, or misuse, depending on what side of it one stands on, of artificial intelligence (AI) and its grave implications for us. Its potential to affect and even alter our minds and manipulate our beliefs is alarming. This may turn into the evil “young brother” of the famous “big brother,” introduced by George Orwell in his 1949 dystopian novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. This futuristic novel is set in the year 1984, when most people have become victims of perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance, and intense propaganda. If you look at today’s state of affairs, you can’t help but call this book prophetic. *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was listed as number 8 on BBC’s survey *The Big Read*. It still is one of the most important books of our era.

Another twentieth-century novel that dramatically predicted

today's realities is Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. Published in 1932, this novel depicts a futuristic World State of genetically modified citizens controlled by a government that creates predesigned human beings designated to have specific genetic qualities fit to meet the government's needs. So the government "genetically" manufactures, in special incubators, different kinds of humans, ranked as Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta types, whose IQ, physical strength, and other characteristics are predetermined and controlled. This landmark dystopian novel was also highly ranked as number 53 in the top 100 greatest novels of all time.

Today, besides secret human genetic modifications that may be conducted worldwide by governments, the first government-declared human gene-edited baby girl was just born in China in October 2018. Of course it was done to edit out HIV susceptibility in a particular gene, but gene editing is not entirely predictable and is known to have the potential to cut out and cause unexpected effects. Eerie, isn't it?

Why does *Decoding the Antichrist* and the *End Times* deserve to be placed at the same level as these two prophetic novels?

Mark Biltz's prediction of the possible use of AI and genetic engineering to produce the "perfect" antichrist is brilliant because it is based on solid logic rather than far-fetched hypotheses. The rationale behind his plausible prediction is overwhelming in its simplicity. The adversary (and in fact any enemy) will ultimately use the best possible weapon available to reach his goal, and as we all witness, the prophetic scenarios of both of the novels I mentioned are happening in front of our own eyes at a dramatic speed.

The difference is that while these two novels deal only with secular aspects, Mark Biltz is the first author in the world who made the links between today's eerie science and its more than likely use by the hands of the Antichrist or his shady operators. Throughout this book, and particularly in chapter 7, Mark Biltz shifts our focus away from the useless guesswork about the identity of the



Antichrist. We learn rather about his *modus operandi*. The most “successful” antichrist will be at best an impostor of the Messiah, Christ Himself. The closer his act will be, the greater his ultimate damage. There is no doubt that in order to deceive a sophisticated society such as ours, the Antichrist ought to be equipped with the most advanced technology available, hence the shocking possible prediction of Mark Biltz is viable, logical, and alarming as can be.

### THE DEVASTATING JEWISH ANTICHRIST

The Jewish people do not really have a concept of the Antichrist, and therefore they are extremely vulnerable to his devastating effect. Attesting to this vulnerability is the devastation the Jewish world experienced about 350 years ago. It was so horrific that it almost caused the extinction of the entire European Jewish population. It wasn’t a war, nor was it caused by a plague. It was because of a “successful” false Messiah named Sabbatai Zevi. He was the Jewish Antichrist. Appearing first at an important Jewish studies center in Podolia, Poland (now Ukraine), he managed to deceive, within a short time, the vast majority of European Jewry. He was equipped with the most sophisticated weapon available at his time, just as Mark Biltz predicts the upcoming Antichrist will be. His weapon was the most revered sacred book for Jews at his time—the book of *Kabbalah*.

The culprit wasn’t the *Kabbalah* book itself. It was its deceitful misuse. This Jewish Antichrist came also equipped with a letter signed by the prophet Nathan of Gaza, the greatest kabbalah sage of that era. In his letter Nathan pointed out in the book of *Kabbalah*, by the use of acrostics, the letter combination that named Sabbatai Zevi “the Messiah of Israel.” This was enough to sweep into ecstasy, reportedly, hundreds of thousands of Jews from across Europe and among them an undisclosed number of Christians.

Propelled by the sudden fame and glory, he reported at the gate of the grand vizier Ahmed Köprülü in Turkey, and later, in

September of 1666, he presented the sultan Mehmed IV, the ruler of the Ottoman Empire who ruled the land of Israel at the time, a petition saying “Let my people go.” Apparently the sultan was not too impressed with this “new Moses” and offered him two options: to either convert to Islam or be hung by nightfall on a tall tree at his palace in Kushta, later Constantinople and today Istanbul. You can guess what his choice was. He left the palace and addressed his tens of thousands of followers who were waiting outside, eager to hear about the fulfillment of their long-awaited end-time prophecy—their return to the land of Israel, led by the King Messiah. Instead, they met their “Messiah of Israel” as a new convert to Islam. But the devastation did not end here; it had just begun. Misusing the book of *Kabbalah*, he proved by interpreting kabbalistic principles that I can’t discuss here that the door to salvation goes through desecrating anything that was considered holy to Jews. This “worked,” and soon a majority of Jews were performing any possible abomination against God, believing that this was the way to bring about salvation.

If you think that such a thing cannot happen again, and definitely not to Christians, be blessed in your innocence. It surely can! Think of the words of Bertrand Russell (1872–1970), one of the greatest philosophers of the twentieth century. In his famous *Essays in Skepticism*, he wrote: “Give me an adequate army, and I’ll make anyone believe exactly in what I want him to believe.” Yes, swaying people’s minds today is only a matter of adequate technology. You witness it daily, and as Mark Biltz warns, nobody is immune.

Today, this kind of deceit is attained by fake news. This is one target at which Mark Biltz is pointing his arrows. He talks about legalizing lawlessness. This is precisely what Sabbatai Zevi, the Jewish Antichrist, did to the Jewish people. This is exactly the spirit of the slogan used by the dystopian regime in George Orwell’s book to brainwash its citizens: “War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength.”

This is exactly what Mark Biltz is warning us from regarding the

new, upcoming Antichrist. I've been checking many resources, but it seems that this is the first time anyone establishes a direct link between the evil sides of modern technology and the smartest-of-all Antichrist, who might be even a bionic superhuman, an AI-operable entity that is bound to deceive us all. I view this work of Mark Biltz as an ammo box we can all use to be prepared. Really prepared. It is also a toolbox filled with the secret weapon: knowledge—the exact antithesis of the fake slogan “ignorance is strength.” Our ignorance will be the weapon of the smartest-of-all Antichrist. Bless the innocence of all among us who think that they know enough to cope with anything. No, they *can't*!

I want to recognize the brave stance Mark Biltz is taking when relying more and more on Hebrew. He is not using Hebrew as mere “decoration” in his book, as some do to gain “extra credit” among their readers. He uses Hebrew as the source of the most explicit authority of God's words. I'm sure that most people are aware of the shortcoming of all Bible translations. I can tell you that he has spent nights attempting to decipher the core meaning behind important Bible verses by learning them in Hebrew.

At last, I must say that I view Mark Biltz as a child—not just because he is still innocent and humble, and not because he resembles any next-door child. He is like the child in Hans Christian Andersen's famous tale, the child who is not afraid to point a finger and say out loud, “The king is naked.”

If some of Mark Biltz's words may be of concern to you, just consider the option to lay down for a moment some of your own “old absolute truths” and give him a chance to say his wise words openly. I can assure you, there isn't an ounce of conceitedness in him. He is as pure as that child and as wise as our most gifted Bible teachers. Rest assured that he speaks only in alignment with his firm love for God's Word.

I will recommend this book as a must-read to all my students, and remember, time will tell how prophetic this masterpiece is.

—DR. DANNY BEN-GIGI

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## INTRODUCTION

# WILL THE REAL ANTICHRIST PLEASE STAND UP?

**H**UMANITY IS DESPERATELY seeking someone with a strong hand to take the helm and bring about world peace. Some look for a strong leader who has the ability to compromise and appease every faction to stop all the madness. But what character traits are truly needed to navigate the strong currents of public opinion that shape the world we live in?

Life and history go through continually repeating cycles just as our seasons do. Because humanity is basically the same, these cycles repeat themselves with different characters and scenes. We can learn a lot about the end times when we understand these cycles, and that's what we will explore in this book.

For the past two thousand years people have been anxiously trying to analyze who the Antichrist might be and when he might be revealed. Many people have made preposterous claims about the revelation knowledge they received as to who the Antichrist really is, and of course they have always been wrong. If you're not careful, you can get caught up in the debate—or worse, you can be deceived.

To complicate matters, we now live in an era when, for the first time, we have the possibility of an artificial intelligence antichrist, a human-computer hybrid that will demand to be worshipped. Have you ever wondered if it's OK to have Alexa, Siri, and other forms of AI in your home? We know that the Bible says great deception is coming, so what is a concerned believer to do?

It's critical to understand the *modus operandi* of the Antichrist so you won't be deceived, and that's why I have researched the topic extensively and written this powerful book to answer questions such as the following:

- What does the Bible say about the Antichrist, his tactics, and his motivation?
- Will the Antichrist be a Muslim, a Jew, or a Christian—or something else?
- Will the Antichrist work through modern technology to take over?
- Does the Bible give us clues about the Antichrist and the end times?

I will begin with a historical perspective that answers the question of how we got to where we are today. The Bible talks about the antichrist spirit having been in the world for a very long time. It is a spirit of lawlessness.

Next we'll explore the end-time perspectives of the three different monotheistic faiths—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity—of which most believers are unaware. I found the comparisons to be very intriguing, so we will explore an overview of each one.

Beginning with the Jewish faith, you will discover how they believe there are two Messiahs coming, not just one. This was even John the Baptist's concern when he asked to see if Jesus was the Messiah or if there was another one coming. He didn't lack faith but was just wondering if there was another one coming as well!

Then we will look into the Islamic faith. I was surprised to find out they also have a version of an antichrist and a beast that rises up out of the earth. They even believe two different Jesus figures will arrive, one being the real Jesus and the other a fake Jesus.

Then we will touch on the Christian perspective of the end times

with a view that focuses on *what* will happen more than *when* it will happen.

This leads the way to the next chapter, where we will analyze the concept of replacement theology and its origins in Greek philosophy. Replacement theology actually began more than one hundred years before the “church” even existed. Replacement theology and Greek philosophy have affected, or skewed, our end-times view.

We will also take a short look at other theories about the Antichrist, such as AI and technology like Siri, Alexa, and Watson, which are creeping into our lives on a daily basis and changing our perspective of how things could possibly play out even in the next few years.

Following this we will jump into the Scriptures to see how Solomon is not to be our model for the Messiah but actually the model for the one who appears righteous but actually leads us away from the Messiah! This may come as a shock, but I will allow the Scriptures themselves to tell you the amazing story of Solomon’s lawlessness and how he was the number one narcissist of all time. He was full of arrogance, thumbed his nose at God, and was totally consumed with himself, as you will see.

We will then take a fresh look at Matthew 24 through a Hebraic lens. The Bible tells us there is nothing new under the sun, and that which has happened is that which will happen again. We will find this is totally applicable when it comes to Matthew 24. While it speaks of end-time events, we will discover it is actually about many aspects of Hanukkah happening all over again! You will learn not only that Hanukkah is very biblical, having been prophesied to come in the Book of Daniel, but also that aspects of Purim will be repeated during the end times!

We are currently reliving some aspects of the times of Purim, which we read about in the Book of Esther. Much like today, it was a time of legalized lawlessness. It was as if the government would just legalize that which is illegal, and then everything would be morally OK. If it couldn’t legalize it, it would change the definition of *illegal*

to fit the political/moral agenda that it desired. The term *legal* would no longer hold its own moral weight. Sound familiar?

In the Book of Esther we find everything was “done according to the law.” The murder of 6 million people was legalized by changing the definition of *human*. It was occurring during the time of Esther, and it has repeated itself in modern history. Look at the Holocaust. Delegitimizing and demonizing the Jewish people led to their deaths.

I felt it was of the utmost importance for the times we are living in right now to create a profile and look at the *modus operandi* of the Antichrist rather than just try to figure out who he might be. There are no bonus points for being the first one to figure out who he is. Of bigger concern is knowing his tactics and his motivation. Will we know when he has left his fingerprints? This is a much better approach so you won’t be deceived. We will also be looking for the handprints of the Almighty.

The problem was that most Gentiles had no foundation in biblical truth and were totally immersed in the Greek philosophy of their day, following either the Epicurean or the Stoic philosophers, as mentioned by the apostle Paul in the Book of Acts. For the Stoics the big question was, What is truth? This is the question that Pilate asked. This is still one of the biggest problems existing in the church today—the death grip of the Greek philosophical mind-set that has permeated all of Western civilization and the church for the past two thousand years. We follow Plato’s thinking more than Peter’s.

Then we will go on an adventure in looking at how all the feasts of the Lord were shadows of what was to come when Messiah arrived. The spring feasts were the shadows of Messiah’s first coming, and the fall feasts are shadows of His second coming. This is why it is so much more important to know who the Messiah is than to know who the Antichrist will be! It is just like the saying “The best way to recognize counterfeit money is by handling only real money.”



## **WHY THIS BOOK AT THIS TIME?**

God says there is a powerful delusion coming. Too often Christians get caught up in trying to figure out the date of the rapture or who the Antichrist is, and they end up arguing with other Christians over when everything will take place, which doesn't accomplish anything for the kingdom. They think having the right answer is their ticket to heaven. I would rather be ready for Messiah's coming and wrong on the timing than be right on the timing and not be prepared!

I don't believe the Antichrist will come looking like Satan but will manifest himself as a messenger of light or a truth bearer. Can there be more than one truth? This sounds familiar, like right from the Garden of Eden! Our enemy loves to take the truth and twist it or pervert it ever so slightly. This is why the deception will be so strong, because there will be so much truth in it. The devil already has the world deceived, and now he will go after those who believe in the God of Israel by poisoning the truth. If someone offered you a glass of 100 percent purified water with a teaspoon of arsenic in it, would you drink it?

The problem today is even worse—people are now drinking 100 percent arsenic with a teaspoon of purified water and calling it good and the absolute truth! The Bible warned us of these days when people will call evil good and good evil. We live in a day of total lawlessness, and we are barraged by it every single day. Today society still holds to the idea that everyone can have his or her own truth and there is no universal truth. Here is an absolute truth for you: the Bible states that God declared the end from the beginning. If you want to know about the end times, you have to start with Genesis—it's all encoded there!

Sure, people have been saying that we have been living in the last days for a long time, and the skeptics always say the doomsayers are proved wrong. The problem can be in your definition of the *last days*. The apostle John in his first epistle categorically states that he was living in the last days. If he was living in the last days two thousand

years ago, how much more are we now! We are in the last of the last days. The Bible states that a day with the Lord is as a thousand years, so as far as God is concerned it has only been two days since Jesus lived. We are at the door of this third day, which has great prophetic significance, according to the Bible.

In Exodus 19 we find God telling Moses to be ready for the “third day,” as that is when He will come down in the sight of all the people. In Hosea, at the end of chapter 5, it states that God is going to be like a lion to the nation of Israel, tearing it into pieces, and then He will go away (v. 14). This is exactly what happened in AD 70 when the temple was destroyed and Israel was scattered among the nations. Then the Lord states, “I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face” (v. 15).

Then comes the prophecy in chapter 6 that they repent, and then it declares that “after two days he will revive us” (v. 2), which is exactly what happened when Israel came back on the stage of history in 1948. Following that we find the phrase “In the third day he will raise us up and we shall live in his sight.” This speaks of when the resurrection of the dead will take place and the Lord will be King over all the earth for the millennial reign. I believe we are approaching this third day now—wahoo!

The apostle Peter in his second epistle warned us that in our day there would be mockers who would say, “Where is the promise of his coming?” (2 Pet. 3:4). In his second epistle the apostle John states that even during his time there were many antichrists. His list of antichrists was made of those who thought that Jesus’ physical body wasn’t real but just *appeared* real. This is why the apostle John stated in his second epistle:

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ *is come in the flesh*. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

—2 JOHN 1:7, EMPHASIS ADDED

Now, he was not saying that whoever denies that Jesus literally walked the planet is an antichrist; his comment was directed to those people who follow the teaching that Jesus had no real physicality when He did walk the planet. These are the ones to whom he is referring.

So one thing we know for sure from the reading of the apostle John is that antichrists come and go over the years. I'm sure there have been thousands of antichrists over the last two thousand years, and many are probably walking around the earth at the same time today. If you find one, you can add him to the list! The fact that there are many antichrists tells us of the prime importance in knowing the profile more than knowing the specific individual so we won't be deceived.

The purpose of this book is to help you know the big picture of what has happened historically, what is unfolding in front of our eyes at this very moment, and what the future holds concerning both the Messiah and the Antichrist based on the unfolding purposes of God. Isaiah 25 tells us that a time is coming when God will remove the veil from over all nations (v. 7).

In the Book of Revelation, God warns the church that it is blind and it doesn't even realize it, much like in John chapter 9 when Jesus warned the religious leaders of His day that they were blind yet they were claiming they could see. The New Testament plainly states that we see through a glass darkly and only know in part (1 Cor. 13:12). In Romans 11, Paul states that Israel is also blinded in part. This is a play on the text from Genesis 48:8–10, where it says Israel saw his two grandsons in verse 8, and then in verse 10 it says his eyes were dim and he couldn't see!

At the time, he was about to bless not only his grandkids from a Gentile mother, grafting them into the olive tree of Israel, but his own children as well. I believe this tells us that both groups, Christians and Jews, still to this day see through a glass darkly and only know in part. The first group to humble itself and look out of both lenses will be able to see the clear picture!

I turned my life over to the Lord over forty years ago, and for the last twenty-five years I have been peering through both lenses, Jewish and Christian. My heartfelt cry is to prepare God's people for what is coming very soon. We need to be rooted and grounded in biblical truth and not caught up in all the madness of our society that is being pushed upon us by the media.

As I mentioned, we will look into the story of Purim later. We do know, though, the famous question that Mordecai asked Esther: "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14, NKJV).

When you pause to think about it, you could have lived in any time period of history, but God chose you for such a time as this. The best is always saved for last. You have been chosen to live during the most prophetic times of all history! Let us begin our journey together as we better prepare ourselves for our time.

**PART I**

**EXPLORING THEORIES, MYTHS,  
AND MISCONCEPTIONS**

## A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

**I** HAVE HEARD IT said that “we learn from history that we do not learn from history.”<sup>1</sup> The other quote that has always struck a chord with me is “history is written by the winners.”<sup>2</sup> Even today there are many revisionists who want to rewrite history from their own perspective. Each of us becomes personally attached to the version of events we were taught.

I can’t help but think of the prophecy in Jeremiah 16 that states the nations will come from the ends of the earth saying that their fathers have inherited lies (v. 19). I have always felt that true believers really want to know what the Bible has to say more than what any individual or denomination has to say. The Bible has to be our foundation.

With that said, we must also realize that the best way to understand any book is by consulting the original language in which it was written. If you take a piece of literature and translate it from Hebrew to Greek to Spanish to Latin to English, you have to know something is going to be lost. When I spoke in Taiwan, I asked where the Chinese got their Bible translation from, and they told me from English. It surprised me that they had not gotten it directly from the Hebrew or Greek, which would make more sense, in my opinion!

Many today believe our media is biased. If that’s the case, isn’t it possible the translators were as well? And even if they weren’t biased, mistakes could have happened. After all, they were only human, and people aren’t perfect.

Keeping that in mind, let's touch on just a few improperly translated Hebrew words to give us some perspective. When you think of the English word *seasons*, what do you think of? What comes to mind when you think of the word *feast*? Did you know both of these English words come from the same Hebrew word? How can the Hebrew word that means winter, spring, summer, or fall also mean a lot of food?

This is what happened in Genesis 1:14 when it says God created the sun and moon for "seasons" and in Leviticus 23 when the same word is translated as the "feasts" of the Lord. A more accurate translation into English for both would be "appointed times." This is directly referring to God's calendar!

The Islamic religion has its appointed times based solely on the moon. The Christian calendar comes from Roman times, and Christian religious holidays are based solely on the sun. The biblical calendar as stated in Genesis was to be based on both the sun and the moon. This is why the holidays God told Moses to celebrate were based on both the sun and the moon. Both the sun and the moon were to be God's witnesses in heaven.

God has a daily planner, so to speak, and both Moses and David had to do everything according to the pattern given to them by the Spirit. They were to celebrate specific events during specific days, months, and years according to God's calendar. Over and over it was stated that everything had to be done according to the pattern.

I believe it is wise for us to follow the pattern that God has laid out! We must remember that God states there is nothing new under the sun. History will repeat itself but from different vantage points in the hope that humanity in general and each of us in particular will finally understand what God is trying to teach us.

Each one of God's feasts was a pattern of what would happen prophetically, not only to the day but also to the very hour of what was to come. In Revelation it states that the Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world. That means Passover was planned from creation! The Father predetermined what day His Son was going to

die, what hour He would pass, even what songs were to be sung at His funeral!

This is incredible! Why do you think the Messiah died on Passover? Why was He bound to the cross at the time of the morning sacrifice? Why did He die at the time of the evening sacrifice? Why did God have King David write Psalms 113–118 one thousand years earlier and cause them to be the very hymns that were sung three times every Passover?

God sets the pattern, and that is why everything about Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven follows the timing of the spring feasts. Messiah died on Passover, He was buried on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, He rose on the Feast of Firstfruits, and the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). Everything happened according to the pattern.

I believe that in the very same way, the events predicted for the end times will happen according to the pattern of the fall feasts to the very days! I am not setting dates, as we have no idea what year, but if you don't recognize the pattern, there is a good chance you will be caught unaware as to when and how they will unfold.

You know what it is like when a gear has a missing or broken tooth. Because the church has been operating on the wrong calendar for two thousand years, we no longer see the pattern. Did you know that a few years ago Easter was celebrated a month before Passover? How can you celebrate the resurrection a month before Jesus died? If we celebrated His death as the New Testament tells us to, and we do it on the day God tells us to, we would celebrate His resurrection at the correct time!

People may say, "What difference does it make?" Ask your spouse if you can celebrate your anniversary or his or her birthday on the wrong day every year, and see what he or she thinks! The bigger problem is that we don't know what we don't know. If you don't realize there is a pattern, you will easily be caught unaware.



## JEWISH VS. GRECO-ROMAN THOUGHT

Historically, how did the church get off the biblical pattern? Sadly it was mostly due to anti-Semitism. The early church fathers wanted nothing to do with anything that even hinted of anything Jewish. They didn't realize the Jewish calendar was biblical! Constantine took the church completely off the biblical calendar and put it on the pagan Roman calendar, and we have been stuck there ever since.

Many are convinced that biblical history and prophecy have to be looked at from a Greco-Roman mind-set rather than a Hebrew mind-set. They see prophecy as a checklist of events that happen once and are considered fulfilled rather than something that would be repeated on different levels.

I'll discuss this more in depth in later chapters, but the early church fathers' thinking was rooted in Greek philosophy rather than the Hebrew Scriptures because that was all they knew. To complicate things, some of the Jewish laws were intertwined with biblical laws, and consequently the baby would often get thrown out with the bathwater. The animosity between Jews and Gentiles was felt both ways, for the most part. Neither group had a corner on righteousness.

Unlike the Greco-Roman mind-set, according to the Hebrew mind-set that which has happened before will happen again. (See Ecclesiastes 1:9.) Jewish thinking believes prophecies have multiple fulfillments. I believe this as well.

The Feast of Tabernacles, one of the fall feasts of the Lord, is an example. (Notice I didn't say "one of the fall feasts of the Jews." These are the Lord's feasts or appointed times.) I believe the pattern of this feast was set in the Garden of Eden when God first tabernacled with man. It was fulfilled when Moses built the tabernacle, it was fulfilled again when Messiah was born, it was fulfilled again in John chapter 7, it will be fulfilled during the millennial reign, and it will be fulfilled again with the new heavens and the new earth. Each time a different aspect comes into view.

I will be reminding you throughout this book that the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 1:9, “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.”

Sometimes when I speak about this, it’s like people continually bang their heads on a wall like a robot stuck in a corner, saying, “Does not compute.” I hope to say this enough that you can get out of the stuck mode and move on. In much Christian theology people see all the prophecies as already fulfilled, not realizing there will be a round two or a round three. It is so important to realize why we need to grasp the fall feasts in particular with more depth, because they are the prophetic shadow of what is yet to come.

A famous Jewish sage known as Ramban (Nachmanides) said that the deeds of the fathers are a sign of what will happen to their children.<sup>3</sup> In other words, history repeats itself. We need to put a different set of glasses on as we read the Bible, realizing why we don’t learn from history, especially when it continually repeats itself.

I firmly believe both groups see through a glass darkly and only know in part. What is important is for both groups to humble themselves and take a look through the other’s lens to see the whole picture. If we are to understand the signs of the times and the end of the age as given throughout the Scriptures, we must understand the patterns God has set forth and rid ourselves of preconceived notions concerning them.

Anti-Semitism within the church has caused a type of blindness within it. Too often we write off biblical events instead of seeing the patterns God is trying to reveal. A couple of examples are Hanukkah and Purim. Both are very biblical and a pattern for what will happen in the last days, but too few Christians know anything about their significance. They write them off as just being Jewish events and don’t even give a second thought to their prophetic significance in our day.

Christians need to grasp that even Hanukkah and Purim are very biblical holidays. Both are mentioned in the Bible and have

tremendous spiritual and prophetic significance regarding what happened originally, and aspects will be repeated in the future.

The story of Purim is found in the Book of Esther. It is all about the ethnic cleansing of the Jewish people. This is repeated all throughout history, including our most recent history. Haman is much like Hitler; I'll explain more about this in later chapters.

In the story of Hanukkah, Antiochus doesn't necessarily want to kill all the Jews; he just wants them all to assimilate. Of course if they don't, they will be killed. So do you think the Antichrist will be more like Haman or Antiochus?

We need to understand the signs of the times and where we are today, such as the historical significance of the first Zionist Congress 120 years ago, the Balfour Declaration 100 years ago, the nation of Israel resurrected on the world scene 70 years ago, the recapturing of Jerusalem 50 years ago, the advance of computers and AI, and the lawless society we live in, as it was in the days of Noah and Lot. So let's jump in and take a look at the end times from the perspective of the three different monotheistic faiths.

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