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Outline

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**THE FUTURE IN CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE
THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE ARE ON THE TABLE**

Part 1

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PURPOSE: *To examine the verses predicting each future event in sequence of its fulfillment.*

I. INTRODUCTION: *An Analysis of Events Influencing Prophecy.*

A. What pieces are on the table?

- 1. The Berlin Wall fell on Nov. 15, 1989. There must be a strong Germany in place, (Gomer).**
- 2. The rise of Iraq as a world force. (Babylon, Assyria, Mesopotamia, Chaldeans).**
- 3. The rise of Middle East as a world force (8% of population but 66% of world's oil or power).**
- 4. Communism in shambles (doesn't recognize the biblical doctrine of the selfishness of man) caused wrong alliances.**
- 5. Israel is in the land.**
- 6. Peace is transitory, a sense of false security. (While U.S. and Russia disarm, the Arab nations are stockpiling weapons.**

B. What pieces are not on the table?

- 1. The crisis to the United States capitalism.**
 - a. Capitalistic nations (England, U.S. etc.) used by God to evangelize the world. Colonization had it's positive and negative factors. What happens when they no longer evangelize?**
 - b. U.S. no longer a producing nation but a consuming nation.**
 - c. Will the U.S. have "capital" to be a capitalistic nation? (S & L, Banks, Junk bonds, Pacific Rim investments).**
 - d. Can "free trade" compete with the "discipline" of Japan and Germany?**
 - e. The existence of capitalism is built on commerce. The challenge to our two main waterways, i.e. Panama Canal and St. Lawrence Seaway.**
 - f. There will be a collapse of the world economy before Antichrist.**
- 2. The world leader will be an economist and public relations leader, not primarily a military leader.**
 - a. He will conquer financially, not militarily, Rev. 6:2. Why send in tanks when you can control a nations**

- money in another way? (The next Hitler).*
- b. He will control everyone because all must have the "number of the beast" to buy or sell. Rev. 13:17.*
 - 3. There seems to be five major groups of nations plus Israel mentioned in future prophecy.*
 - a. North African nations (Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia).*
 - b. Middle East nations (Iraq, Iran, Armenia).*
 - c. Nations to the north of Israel (Russia).*
 - d. The revived Roman Empire (nations surrounding the Mediterranean Sea.)*
 - e. The other nations of the world.*
 - 4. An empire like Rome will become powerful.*
 - 5. Major players who are not incidental Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, and Libya (Ezekiel 38:5), Armenia, (Togarmah) (Ezekiel 38:6), and Egypt.*

II. Future Events in Sequence

Event 1 - *Recognition of God's plan and purpose with gentiles. "And Jerusalem all be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled, Luke 21:24.*

Event 2 - *Recognition that God set the Jewish nation aside. "For if the casting away of them (Israel) be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be," Rom. 11:15.*

- a. Blinding*
- b. The Jewish nation will again be God's program, Rom 11:15.*
- c. Look for signs that God is awakening the Jews.*

Event 3 - *The progress of Christendom toward a climax, Matt. 13:1-52.*

Event 4 - *The progress of the church, Rev. 2:1-3:22.*

Event 5 - *Messianic movements, false Christ, and date-setters will arise and deceive many. "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ: and shall deceive many," Matt. 24:5.*

Event 6 - *The intensification of wars and their stressful rumors. "And ye shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars: See the ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet,"*

Matt. 24:6.

a. Wars will be greater.

b. News of wars will be spread wider than ever.

Event 7 - The intensification of natural disasters, that will influence economic stability. "There shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places," Matt 24:7.

Event 8 - The New Testament church will grow cold to evangelism, open to compromise and less effective in influencing cultures. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot," Rev. 3:15.

"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God," II Tim 3:1-4.

Event 9 - The New Testament church will compromise its doctrinal belief. "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrine of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy," I Tim. 4:1,2.

Event 10 - Culture will become synonymous with Christendom, but will not be N.T. Christianity. "Another parable He put forth to them, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.' Another parable He spoke to them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened,'" Matt. 13:31-33.

Event 11 - People will become accustomed to travel on a broader scale than ever before. "But you Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase," Daniel 12:4.

Event 12 - There will be a significant increase (explosion) of knowledge among people, Daniel 12:4.

Event 13 - Jews will return to the land of Palestine in unbelief Lev. 26:42, Ez. 36:24.

Event 14 - The Nation of Israel will once again be established as a political entity, Ez. 37:22.

Event 15 - The City of Jerusalem will again be declared the Capital of Israel, Ex. 36:38.

Event 16 -An obvious acceleration in apostasy (denial of God). "Let no one deceive you by any means; for the Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition," II Thess. 2:3.

**THE FUTURE IN CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE
THE COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE NEXT
GREAT DAY**

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INTRODUCTION:

A. A coming period of time will last 7 years, Daniel 9:24-27. Each half will last 3 1/2 years, "last time, times and half a time" Rev. 13:14, "1260 days" Rev. 12:6, "42 months" Rev. 11:2.

B. This will be called, "Jacob's trouble," "great tribulation" Matt 24:15-22, "time of trouble," Dan. 12:1, hour of temptation, Rev. 3:10.

Event 17 - The appearance of Jesus Christ in the air with a shout and a sound of a trumpet "catch up."

a. "Come up hither," Rev. 4:1.

b. "For the Lord himself shall descent from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first," I Thess. 4:16.

c. "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:11.

Event 18 - Saved people will be transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

a. ***"Then we which are alive, and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord,"***

I Thess. 4:17.

b. ***"When he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is," I John 3:2.***

Event 19 - Christians who died in the church age will be resurrected.

a. ***"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, (for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed),"***
I Cor. 15:52.

b. ***"For if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again: even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus,"***
I Thess. 4:14.

Event 20 - God will remove His restraining influence against sin. "Only he who restrains will restrain, until he be taken out of the way," II Thess. 2:7.

Event 21 - Those remaining behind will be blinded spiritually so that they believe a lie.

"And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie," II Thess. 2:11.

IN HEAVEN

Event 22 - Believers will see the throne of God.

"Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne," Rev. 4:2.

Event 23 - Believers will hear worship to God.

"Saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is and is to come," Rev. 4:8.

Event 24 - Believers will say (sing) the Creation Psalm.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created," Rev. 4:11.

Event 25 - Christians in heaven will appear before the Bema Judgment Seat of Christ to be judged for their faithfulness. "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing," II Tim. 4:8.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether good or bad," II Cor. 5:10.

Event 26 - The "good works" of Christians will be tested by fire. "Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become manifest; for the day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward, I Cor. 3:12-15.

Event 27 - Christians will lay their rewards at the feet of Jesus as an act of worship in heaven. "The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne," Rev. 4:10.

Event 28 - The Bride (the church) will prepare for her marriage. "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints," Rev. 19:7-8.

Event 29 - The collapse of On Earth Christendom into apostasy, "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," II Thess. 2:3.

***Event 30 - A crisis in the world economy.
a. Does capitalism collapse because Christians disappear?
b. A world crisis prepares for a strong authoritative world leader who can solve the financial problems and get the world community back into operation.***

Event 31 - On earth God will remove spiritual blindness from Jews so they will be open to the gospel. "But their (Jews) minds were blinded, for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in their reading of the Old Testament . . . the veil is upon their heart," II Cor. 3:14,15.

Event 32 - God will pour out His Spirit on Jews so they will turn to Jesus as their Messiah. "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy," Joel 2:28.

Event 33 - The Gospel is spread throughout the world, 144,000 Jews are converted, probably through preaching in existing synagogues and temples, Rev. 7:1-8.

"And the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come," Matt. 24:14.

"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," Rev. 7:14.

Event 34 - The beginning of a great Gentile conversion movement throughout the world.

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands," Rev. 7:9.

THE COMING WORLD EMPEROR

Event 35 - There will arise a world ruler after the church is raptured. "Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name," Rev. 13:1.

Event 36 - The world ruler will have several names, "beast" Rev. 13:1, "man of sin" (lawless one), II Thess 2:3, "wicked one" II Thess 2:8, "little horn" Dan 7:8, "king of fierce countenance", Dan 8:23, "Son of Perdition" II Thess 2:3.

Event 37 - The world leader will be a Jew. "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers," Dan 11:37.

"But in his estate shall he honor the God of force; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold and silver," Dan. 11:38.

Event 38 - The world leader will come from the West (the area of the historic Roman Empire), Dan 7:24, Rev. 13:1.

"And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast," Rev. 17:12.

Event 39 - The identity of the world leader will not be known until after the rapture. "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," II Thess. 2:3.

Event 40 - The world leader will gain credibility by performing miracles. "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders," II Thess 2:9.

Event 41 - The world leader will promote a new religion.
a. Antichrist means substitute Christ.
b. The mystery of the gospel (Eph. 3:1-10) is replaced with the mystery of Babylon, Rev. 17:5.
c. The preaching of the gospel will be substituted with his great speaking, Rev. 13:5.
d. The worship of Christ will be substituted with the worship of the world leader, Rev. 13:12.
e. The Holy Spirit magnifies Christ, the False Prophet magnified the substitute Christ, Rev. 13:12-15.

Event 42 - The world leader initiates his movements with a "satanic pentecost" fire from heaven, Rev. 13:13.

Event 43 - The world leader will set up his headquarters in Babylon of Iraq, Rev. 17:5, 18:1,10.
a. The City of Babylon is the center for religions activity in the world, Rev. 17:5-7, 13-18.
b. The City of Babylon is the center of political activity in the world, Rev. 18:1-19.

Event 44 - The world leader will gain his power because he is an economist, an authority at public relations, and a statesmanship.
"His feet part of iron and part of clay," Dan 2:33.
"A mouth speaking great things," Dan. 7:8.
"He shall speak great words against the most High," Dan. 7:25.
"And shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods," Dan. 11:36.

Event 45 - Ten western nations will form some kind of confederacy which will resemble a re-constitution of the original Roman Empire, Rev. 13:1.

Event 46 - The world will recognize the world leader as one who has been raised from the dead. "I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast," Rev. 13:3.

a. The Roman Empire has been raised from the dead.

b. He personally is raised, i.e. Judas Iscariot, Nero, Hitler, Stalin, etc.

Event 47 - The false prophet will convince the world to worship the world leader because of the return to life. "And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed," Rev. 13:12.

Event 48 - The world leader will accept worship.

"He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god," Dan. 11:36.

"So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?'" Rev. 13:4.

Event 49 - People will make idols to the world leader.

"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," Rev. 13:14.

Event 50 - The world leader will persecute and kill those who refuse to worship him. "And it was granted to him to make war with the saints and overcome them," Rev. 13:7a.

Event 51 - The world leader will gain power over other nations beyond his ten nation base of power.

"And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation," Rev. 13:7b.

Event 52 - The world population will receive a "mark" or number for commercial reasons. "And 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," Rev. 13:16,17.

IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

Event 53 - Jerusalem will be re-established as the center of Jews, Rev. 11:8.

Event 54 - The world leader will sign a peace pack guaranteeing:

a. Seven years safety to Israel.

"We shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (sevens)," Dan 9:27.

b. Probably arrange for Islam to accept the removal of their mosque from the temple area.

c. Probably includes the free travel and trade in the world.

d. The temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem.

e. Allow sacrifices to be reinstated.

THE FUTURE IN CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE

THE TERMINATION OF PEACE

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Event 55 - During the first 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation the world government of the new Babylon will outwardly be religious, scientific, cultural, elegant, and peaceful, under the control of the world ruler, Rev. 12:1-15.

Event 56 - The world government will in reality be permeate by greed selfishness, pleasure, rivalries, constraint and moral wickedness, Rev. 17:1-6.

Event 57 - A scroll (the title deed of the world) will be presented in heaven to the Lamb, the only one worthy to open it.

"But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals,'" Rev. 5.5.

Event 58 - The rider of the white horse means economic domination of the world.

"And I looked, and behold, a white horse: and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him: and he went out conquering and to conquer," Rev. 6:2.

Event 59 - The rider of the red horse means peace is removed, although no war is fought.

"And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth," Rev. 6:4

Event 60 - The rider of the black horse means extreme famine (a controlled economy in the future will not succeed or communism has failed).

"When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, 'Come and see,' And I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand," Rev. 6:5.

Event 61 - The rider of the pale horse means a quarter of the planet dies.

"Behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth," Rev. 6:8.

Event 62 - Those who will not receive the mark of the world leader will die or they are killed.

Event 63 - The martyrs in heaven ask God to avenge their blood.

"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. 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?' And 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," Rev. 6:9-11.

Event 64 - The sixth seal signals a variety of unnatural cosmic disturbances, including a major earthquake, a darkened sun, and the appearance of the moon to be like blood.

"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," Rev. 6:12-13.

Event 65 - Many world leaders wish for death, but they survive.

"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 is come, and who is able to stand?'" Rev. 6:15-17.

Event 66 - The world leader breaks his peace pack with Israel.

"The he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate; Even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate," Dan. 9:27.

Event 67 - A pig is sacrificed in the temple of Jerusalem.

"Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place," Matt. 24:15.

Event 68 - A reign of terror and persecution is unleashed against Israel.

Event 69 - Jews in Jerusalem and the promise land retreat to the wilderness (Petra).

"Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand and two hundred and sixty days," Rev. 12:6.

Event 70 - The two Jewish witnesses are killed in Jerusalem and their bodies are left for all to see.

"Now when they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified," Rev. 11:7-8.

Event 71 - The death of these two witnesses will be widely celebrated in the world for three and a half days.

"And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them,

make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth," Rev. 11:10.

Event 72 - The two witnesses will be restored to life, bringing fear to those who witness their resurrection. "Now after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them," Rev. 11:11.

Event 73 - The two witnesses are caught up into heaven in the presence of their enemies. "And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 'Come up here.' And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them," Rev. 11:12.

Event 74 - Within an hour a devastating earthquake will destroy Jerusalem, killing 7,000 people. "In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand men were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven," Rev. 11:13.

Event 75 - A number of those converted under the preaching of the 144,000 evangelist will be martyred as the world ruler extends his terrorism world-wide. "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," Rev. 7:14.

Event 76 - The first trumpet means hail and lightning storms will set fires that will destroy vegetation. "The first angel sounded: and hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up," Rev. 8:7.

Event 77 - The second trumpet means fire will corrupt or pollute the oceans. "Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood; and third of all living creatures of the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed," Rev. 8:8,9.

Event 78 - The third trumpet means fresh water supply

will be corrupted leading to epidemic deaths.

"The third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water," Rev. 8:10.

Event 79 - *Light from the sun, moon and stars will be reduced by a third (perhaps because of forest fires and other causes to disrupt nature.)*

"The fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened; and a third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night," Rev. 8:12.

THE FUTURE IN CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE THE LAST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

Part 4

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Event 80 - *Israel will be accused by the world leader as the cause of the world's problems, thus justifying persecution of Jews.*

Event 81 - *An alliance of four nation-groups will merge for a retaliation attack on Israel (not Armageddon yet). "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O God, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops--many people are with you. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes," Ezekiel 38:2,3,5,6,8,16.*

Event 82 - *The four-nation groups will be:
1.) Russia, 2.) Europe, 3.) North Africa, 4.) The Middle East.*

Event 83 - *During the attack on Israel there will be a massive earthquake altering the relief of the land so that*

the attack is halted.

"And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,' says the Lord God, 'that My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy and in the fire of my wrath I have spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel,'" Ezekiel 38:18,19.

Event 84 - The armies will attack each other in their confusion.

"I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,' says the Lord God. 'Every man's sword will be against his brother,'" Ezekiel 38:21.

Event 85 - The attackers will encounter epidemic sickness, pain, hail, fire and brimstone. "And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone," Ezekiel 38:22.

Event 86 - Israel will soundly defeat the enemies by the intervention of God.

"You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured," Ezekiel 39:4.

Event 87 - Israel will capture and use their armaments and supplies.

"Surely it is coming, and it shall be done,' says the Lord God. 'This is the day of which I have spoken. Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons," Ezekiel 39:8-9.

Event 88 - Israel will take seven months to bury the dead left on the battle field.

"For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land," Ezekiel 39:12.

Event 89 - Burial details will be assigned throughout the land of Israel to find and bury the dead, Ezekiel 38:14-16.

Event 90 - The nations of the earth turn on Babylon because it led and inspired the ill-fated attack on Israel.

"And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will

hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose," Rev. 17:16-17.

Event 91 - The imminent fall of Babylon is celebrated in heaven.

"And another angel followed, saying, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,'" Rev. 14:8.

Event 92 - The false religion of Babylon (the apostate church) is destroyed (not the commercial center), Rev. 17:5-18.

Event 93 - Seven angels will appear in heaven with seven bowls of the wrath of God, Rev. 15:6-8.

Event 94 - A loud voice out of the temple will authorize the pouring out of the bowls of wrath upon the earth.

"Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, 'Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth,'" Rev. 16:1.

Event 95 - As the first bowl of judgment is poured out, all that possess the mark of the beast worshipped the Antichrist will be plagued with sores.

"So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image," Rev. 16:2.

Event 96 - As the second bowl of judgment is poured out, the rest of the sea will turn to blood and anything dependent upon the sea for its survival will die.

"Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died," Rev. 16:3.

Event 97 - As the third bowl of judgment is poured out, all the fresh water rivers and springs will also be turned to blood.

"Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood," Rev. 16:4.

Event 98 - As the fourth bowl of judgment is poured out, the sun will be intensified in its heat and scorches the population of the earth, Rev. 16:8.

Event 99 - Those who are scorched by the sun will not repent but rather blaspheme the name of God (Rev. 16:9).

Event 100 - As the fifth bowl of judgment is poured out on the throne of the world ruler, his kingdom will fall into darkness which will aggravate their suffering, Rev. 16:10,11.

Event 101 - As the sixth bowl of judgment is poured out on the Euphrates River, the river will be dried up completely enabling the armies of the east to march to Israel for the battle of Armageddon.

"Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared," Rev. 16:12.

Event 102 - At this point, demons will influence the nations of the world to once again attempt an invasion of Israel a major source for the battle of Armageddon.

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon," Rev. 16:13,14,16.

Event 103 - As the seventh bowl of judgment, a massive world-wide earthquake destroying most of the world's major cities and radically altering the world relief map, Rev. 16:17-21.

Event 104 - Commercial Babylon will be completely destroyed within an hour by God.

"For in one hour is she made desolate," Rev. 18:19.

Event 105 - The destruction of commercial Babylon will be mourned by the other leaders and nations of the world, Rev. 18:9-19.

Event 106 - The commercial (consumer) aspect of the world empire crumbles.

"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore," Rev. 18:11.

Event 107 - The collapse of commercial Babylon also marks the collapse of the center of demonism.

"And he cried mightily with a loud voice saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird," Rev. 18:2.

Event 108 - God will directly destroy commercial Babylon.

"Therefore her plagues will come in one day-death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her," Rev. 18:8.

Event 109 - The fall of Babylon will be celebrated in heaven as the judgment of God upon her for her murders of the saints.

"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her," Rev. 18:20.

Event 110 - Israel will again be invaded, this time by the vast armies from the far east in alliance with what remains of the other world powers, Rev. 16:12, (the scope of the Battle of Armageddon).

Event 111 - This alliance of nations will capture the city of Jerusalem and take about half the city into captivity.

"For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city," Zech. 14:2.

Event 112 - An announcement will be made that the world's kingdoms are now the exclusive possession of the Lord and His Christ.

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever," Rev. 11:15.

Event 113 - In the celebration of this announcement in heaven, the lost ark of the covenant will be revealed in the temple of God in heaven.

"Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail," Rev. 11:19.

Event 114 - An angel will fly over the earth preaching the everlasting gospel and calling on people to fear God and worship Him.

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth-to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people - saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water," Rev. 14:6,7.

Event 115 - One like the Son of Man will appear in heaven in His regal glory sitting on a white cloud as He prepares to return to the earth in judgment.

"And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle," Rev. 14:14.

Event 116 - The Antichrist will be startled by the sign of the Son of Man in heaven and apparently retreat to Megiddo.

Event 117 - The Lord will return to battle the nations.

"Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle," Zech. 14:3.

Event 118 - Jesus will return to earth on a white horse leading the army of heaven into battle.

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war," Rev. 19:11.

Event 119 - The saints return with Christ (along with angels) to fight in His army.

"And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses," Rev. 19:14.

Event 120 - The destruction is so vast that blood runs up to the horses' bridles.

"And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs," Rev. 14:20.

Event 121 - When the feet of Jesus touch earth on the Mount of Olives, the Mount will be split in two creating

an immense valley which will join two seas.

"And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south," Zech. 14:4.

Event 122 - *The world leader and his false prophet will be captured in battle and thrown into the lake of fire. "Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone," Rev. 19:20.*

Event 123 - *The unbelievers involved in the attack on Jerusalem will be killed in battle, Rev. 19:21.*

Event 124 - *There will be a physical resurrection of saved Old Testament Saints. "At that time Michael shall stand up. The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt," Dan. 12:1,2.*

Event 125 - *The nations not joining in attacking Israel will be judged in accordance with their treatment of the Jews. "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats," Matt. 25:31-32.*

Event 126 - *Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit. "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set*

a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while," Rev. 20:1-3.

Event 127 - The earth will be purged with fire.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up," II Pet. 3:10.

THE FUTURE IN CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE THE PEACEFUL PLANET

Part 5

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Event 128 - The beginning of a 1000 years of peace on the earth.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and the Word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years," Revelations 20:4.

Event 129 - The curse will be removed from the earth and the planet will be glorified.

"Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God," Romans 8:21.

Event 130 - Jews will recognize Jesus as their Messiah, the One they rejected.

"What are these wounds in your hands? Then He will answer 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends,'" Zechariah 13:6.

Event 131 - Israel will become the head of the nations of the world.

"And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail," Deut. 28:13.

Event 132 - The Lord will dwell in Jerusalem which is again the capital city of Israel.

"Thus says the Lord: 'I will return to Zion, And

dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the Lord of hosts, the Holy Mountain," Zechariah 8:3.

Event 133 - The Gentile (sheep) nations left on the planet will enjoy the blessing of the Lord.

"Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you,"" Zechariah 8:23.

Event 134 - The Gentile nations will recognize Israel.

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it," Isaiah 2:2.

Event 135 - The Throne of David will be re-established in Jerusalem.

"David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them," Ezekiel 37:24.

Event 136 - The King of Kings will receive His kingdom.

"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair on His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;" Daniel 7:9.

Event 137 - Jesus will sit on the throne of David.

"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end," Luke 1:33.

Event 138 - David will rule as a vice-regent.

"Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever," Ezekiel 37:25.

Event 139 - The apostles will rule the twelve tribes of Israel under David.

"So Jesus said unto them, 'Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel,' Matthew 19:28.

Event 140 - Others will be appointed and given spheres of influence.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. . . And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years," Revelation 20:4.

Event 141 - The kingdom will last a thousand years.

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years," Rev. 20:6.

Event 142 - The church will reign with Christ during this period.

"And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth," Revelation 5:10.

Event 143 - No one will die during the duration of this kingdom.

"No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed," Isaiah 65:20.

Event 144 - Children will be born during the kingdom (Ezek. 47:22)

Event 145 - People will be engaged in meaningful work during the kingdom age (Isa. 62:8, 9; 65:21-23; Ezek. 48:18-19).

Event 146 - The topography of Israel will be changed to include a new river (Ezek. 47:1-12), a new land (Ezek. 47:13,14) and a new city (Ezek. 48:15-20).

Event 147 - A new much larger temple will be built during the millennium (Ezek. 43:1-17).

Event 148 - Memorial sacrifices will be offered in the temple.

"And He said to me, 'Son of man, thus says the Lord God: 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it,'" Ezekiel 43:18.

Event 149 - The Shekinah cloud will return to this temple (Ezek. 43:1-5).

Event 150 - A river will flow out from the new temple.

"And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur," Zechariah 14:8.

Event 151 - There will be an increase in solar light and prosperity.

"Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended," Isaiah 60:20.

Event 152 - The world will speak a universal language.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you,"' Zechariah 8:23.

Event 153 - The religious calendar of Israel will once again be observed and the feasts of Israel will be kept (Ezek. 45:18-25).

Event 154 - At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be loosed briefly.

"Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison," Revelation 20:7.

Event 155 - Satan will be allowed to tempt people to rebel against the rule of Jesus Christ.

Event 156 - Those living in peace but not believers in Christ will gather in battle against Him.

"They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city,"

Revelation 20:9.

Event 157 - Those who challenge the peace of the kingdom will be destroyed by the fire of God. "And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them," Revelation 20:9.

Event 158 - Satan will be captured and cast into the lake of fire.

"And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever," Revelation 20:10.

Event 159 - All the unsaved dead will be brought before the Great White Throne to be judged.

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them," Revelation 20:11.

Event 160 - Everyone who is presently in hell will be cast into the lake of fire.

"Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death," Revelation 20:14.

Event 161 - All whose names are not recorded in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire.

"And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire," Revelation 20:15.

Event 162 - The book of works will determine the severity of punishment.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books," Revelation 20:12.

Event 163 - There will be a new heaven and a new earth established to replace the former heaven and earth.

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its

fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations," Revelations 22:1-2.

IRAQ IN PROPHECY (Part I)

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A. INTRODUCTION

- 1. Iraq is the second most mentioned nation in Bible after Israel. (Mesopotamia, Babylon, Assyria, Ninevah, Chaldees, etc.)**
- 2. Saddam Hussein calls himself Nebuchadnezzar.**
- 3. The name Iraq is a recent name and Baghdad is a modern City.**

B. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 1. The Garden of Eden was in Iraq, Gen. 2:8-14.**
 - a. The Euphrates "the river" (2:14) and Tigris (Hiddekel).**
 - b. Land of Havilah (2:11), land of sand.**
- 2. The Sumerians - the oldest known civilization was in Iraq.**
 - a. Mesopotamia, "Land between the rivers."**
 - b. Hammarabi 1728 - 1686 B.C., library, legal system, plumbing, etc.**
- 3. Noah's heritage returned to Iraq, Tower of Babel, Gen. 11:1-9.**
 - a. Land of Shinar (9:2) is Babylon.**
 - b. Tower of Babel (Ziggurat or pyramid) outside old Babylon.**
 - c. Babel means confusion.**
- 4. Abraham - born in Ur of Iraq, Gen. 11:31.**
 - a. Ur was Capital of the Sumerian City-State.**
 - b. Chaldee was a tribe in Southern Iraq.**
 - c. Father of Jews, Christians, Muslims.**
 - d. Wife of Isaac and Jacob from Iraq. (Gen. 24:4, 28:1, 2.**
- 5. Assyria, Northern Iraq.**
 - a. A vicious people.**
 - b. Ninevah the Capital City (Tigris river), Jonah - repentance, Nahum, message of judgment.**
 - c. Captured the 10 Northern tribes of Israel, 722 B.C.**
 - d. Couldn't capture Jerusalem, 701 B.C.**
 - e. Ninevah fell to Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar, 612 B.C.**
- 6. Babylon, Southern Iraq**
 - a. The City Babylon is the second most mentioned City in the Bible after Jerusalem.**
 - b. City-State of Babylon on Euphrates River, hanging gardens, blue.**
 - c. Nebuchadnezzar, first ruler of the known world.**
 - d. Captured Jerusalem 606 B.C. Daniel, 597 B.C. Ezekiel, 586 B.C., destroyed.**
 - e. Three Hebrew children in fiery furnace, brick kiln.**

Nebuchednezzar's vision of Great Image, Daniel 2:31-45.

Head	Gold	Babylon (Iraq)	Nebuchadnezzar
Arms	Silver	Media-Persia (Iraq)	Cyrus
Belly	Brass	Greece	Alexander
Legs	Iron	Rome	Caesar
10 Toes	Iron & Clay	Revived Rome	False Christ

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C. BABYLON - THE CENTER OF THE APOSTATE CHURCH, Rev.17

- 1. Tower of Babel originally a substitute religion.**
 - a. A tower to (unto) heaven, Gen. 11:4.**
 - b. 153' high and 400' base of dried brick.**
 - c. Seven levels to correspond to seven known planets (black-Saturn, orange-Jupiter, etc.)**
 - d. Zodiac (astrology) at top.**
 - e. Nimrod (to Rebel) motivator of substitute religion, Gen. 10:8-10.**

- 2. Satan always wanted a substitute religion.**
 - a. "I will be like the most high," Is. 14:14.**
 - b. "The man of sin be revealed, the son of pediton...who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God,...so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God," II Thess. 2:3, 4.**
 - c. Substitute Trinity, Satan, antichrist, and false prophet.**

- 3. Future Babylon is the Apostate church.**
 - a. Called, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH, Rev. 17:5.**
 - b. Babylon associated with the Beast (antichrist) and the Revived Roman Empire of 10 Nations, Rev. 17:3, 12.**
 - c. Merger of Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, etc.**
 - d. The religious glue is supernatural signs and wonders. (not Roman Catholic, or doctrine) "The beast that was, and is not, and yet is," Rev. 17:8. "His deadly wound was healed and all the world wondered at him," Rev. 13:3. "So that he maketh fire to come down out of heavens," Rev. 13:13 (Satanic Pentecost).**

- 4. Babylon is literally going to be re-built.**

- a. ***The City stands for a movement, as a literal Wall Street stands for economic movement.***
 - b. ***The Euphrates is symbolic separation between Eastern and Western culture. Babylon symbolizes the merger of East and West Religions.***
 - c. ***Babylon is the head quarters of antichrist, as Jerusalem is center for Christ.***
 - d. ***Antichrist will attempt to unite China (Orient) with the West, Rev. 16:12.***
 - e. ***Zechariah's vision of the Ephah (three peck basket) being carried to Babylon. It predicted a return of wickedness and commerce to Babylon, Zech. 5:5-11.***
- 5. *Bible Predictions about Babylon never fulfilled.***
- a. ***Isaiah predicted her judgment like Sodom and Gomorrah, Is. 13:19.***
 - b. ***The judgment predicted against Babylon in Jeremiah 51 is similar to Rev. 17. See words, golden cup waters, nations, (law of double fulfillment).***
 - c. ***Babylon is destroyed during the Day of the Lord (Tribulation), Is. 13:6.***
 - d. ***Bricks from Babylon used in other cities, contrary to Jer. 51:26.***
 - e. ***Israel will enter into her rest (Millennium) after destruction of Babylon, Is. 14:4 ff.***
- 6. *Is the hostility with Iraq a Sign of Christ Coming?***
- a. ***No one can predict the exact time, Matt. 24:36.***
 - b. ***The gathering storm - events that are to happen immediately after Christ's return are already falling into place before He returns: (1) Israel's return to land, (2) Apostate church, (3) Animosity toward Israel. (4) International world-wide governance.***
 - c. ***The church will be raptured out before antichrist rules the world from Babylon.***
- 7. *Babylon (Iraq) in the Tribulation.***
- a. ***Antichrist will arrange for the governments of the world to sign a protective agreement with Israel.***
 - b. ***The temple will be rebuilt on the original site in Jerusalem.***
 - c. ***The City of Babylon would be rebuilt on its original site.***
 - d. ***The apostate church would be the vehicle to join the peoples (as well as their rulers) into a world-wide confederation.***
 - e. ***Antichrist would be the first person since Nebuchadnezzar to rule the known-civilized world.***

8. **The Destruction of Babylon (Iraq).**
 - a. **Internal, "habitation of demons and the cage of unclean spirits" Rev. 18:2 (my translation). "According to her `works" Rev. 18:6. "Her plague came in one day, death and mourning and famines; and she should be utterly burned with fire," Rev. 18:8.**
 - b. **External, destroyed by the beast.**
 - c. **The nations and businessmen grieve Babylon's judgment, Rev. 17:9-15.**
 - d. **The mass of people, "The waters which thou sawest --- are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues," Rev. 17:15. The description ends with tongues.**

IRAQ IN PROPHECY (Part III)

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A. Signs: The Gathering Storm

1. **Ezekiel 37:1-28: The return of Israel to the land.**
2. **II Thess. 2:3-4: The apostate church**
3. **Rev. 13:15-17: Internationalism**
4. **Empirical causes: Pollution and population explosion**
5. **(?) The rise of Iraq to power**

B. Event influencing Iraq at the rapture

1. **The antichrist is revealed, II Thess. 2:3**
 - a. **Signs and wonders, II Thess 2:9, Rev. 13:13**
 - b. **Ability to communicate, Rev. 13:5-6**
2. **People blinded concerning disappearance of Christians, II Thess. 2:11**
3. **The apostate church is established at Babylon, Rev. 17:1-8**
 - a. **It's power is the vast multitudes, Rev. 17:15**
 - b. **Worships the antichrist, Rev. 13:8,15**
 - c. **The literal City of Babylon is rebuilt.**
 - d. **A center of demon power, Rev. 18:1**
 - e. **Babylon is the counter headquarters to Jerusalem.**
 - f. **Center for Ecclesiastical Babylon**

*(apostate church) and commercial
Babylon (world empire?)*

- 4. The apostate church is the catalyst of international unity.**
 - a. Attracts 10 nations, Dan. 2:36-45, Rev. 17:9-13.**
 - b. Other nations are supportive, Rev. 13:7**
 - c. Consumerism is controlled by "a mark in their right hand," Rev. 13:16**
 - d. The world supply of oil could be the leverage?**

- 5. Antichrist makes a non-aggressive treaty with Israel.**
 - a. Last for 7 years, Dan. 9:27**
 - b. Israel will secure the temple site, Rev. 11:1-2**
 - c. Two witnesses will preach in Jerusalem, Rev. 11:3**
 - d. 144,000 Jewish evangelists will be sent to preach, Rev. 7:1-8**
 - e. Massive outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Joel 2:28-32**
 - f. Vast number saved from every ethnic group and nation, Rev. 7:9-17**

- 6. Antichrist breaks the treaty with Israel.**
 - a. Offers a pig in the temple, Matt. 24:15**
 - b. Israel is persecuted and flees to wilderness, Rev. 12:11-17.**
 - c. Those converted under preaching of the 144,000 are martyred, Rev. 7:14.**

- 7. The world government at commercial Babylon will be publicly portrayed as religious, scientific, cultured, elegant, prosperous and peaceful. But within are international tensions and distrust; the people are driven by pleasure, sexual desires, force and rebellion.**

- 8. Commercial Babylon turns on Ecclesiastical Babylon and destroys her, Rev. 17:16.**
 - a. The apostate church loses her influence.**
 - b. God uses the extremity of man to carry out His purpose, Rev. 17:17.**

- c. *Hatred of Israel will produce an alliance of Russia, North Africa (Egypt) and the Middle East to attack Israel (The battle of Gog and Magog), Ez. 38:1-21.*
 - d. *Because of their defeat commercial Babylon turns on Ecclesiastical Babylon, Rev. 17:17-18.*
9. *Preparation for Armageddon.
Nations are drawn against Israel by demon influence, Rev. 16:14-16.*
10. *Commercial Babylon is destroyed in one hour, Rev. 18:10,16-21.*
- a. *The destruction is similar to Sodom and Gomorrah, Is. 13:1*
 - b. *Merchants mourn over Babylon, Rev. 18:11,15 because their source (oil) of luxury living is no longer available.*
11. *Euphrates River is dried up, Rev. 16:12.*
12. *The actual battle of Armageddon.*
- a. *Jerusalem is taken, Zech. 14:2*
 - b. *Antichrist startled by sign of the Son of Man in heaven, (Matt. 24:30), and retreats to Megiddo.*
 - c. *When the feet of Jesus touch the Mount of Olives, it will split creating a river, Zech. 14:4*
 - d. *The attackers will be slain, Rev. 19:21*
 - e. *Antichrist and the False Prophet will be cast to Hell (gehenna), Rev. 19:20.*