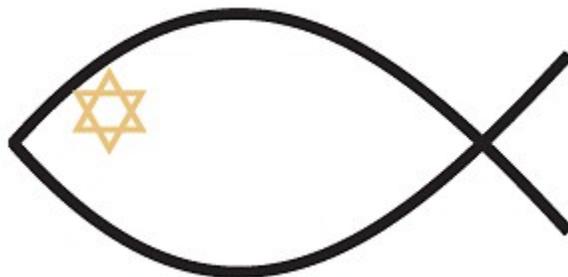


"Think not that I come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17

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"And When he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice" John 10:4

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When???

Update - At the time of the writing of this article (2007) many things that were valid. In over three years many things have changed. In that this is an article addressing future events, it is necessary to provide an update based on these changes. As a result of three additional years, additional information through study can be applied to the question of When will Messiah return.

Prior to proceeding with this article, I would like to emphatically state that this is **NOT** an article of prophecy, predicting when our Messiah will return, but an article of preparation. We need to be aware of His instructions to us and be aware of the signs that he conveyed to His talmadim.

We will look back at some of the past predictions as to when our Messiah would return. We will also explore some possibilities as to when He will return. The underlying focus of this article is to emphasize that His return is both close and can happen at any moment, but we need to be aware of the signs.

There are several theories as to when a "rapture" (removing of believers) and / or return will occur.

Theory	Description
Pre-Tribulation Theory	The "rapture" of the believers (church) will occur prior to the tribulation.
Mid Tribulation Theory	The "rapture" will occur midway through the tribulation.
Pre-wrath theory	The "rapture" will occur towards the latter part of the seven year period when the antichrist is revealed in the temple. After the sixth seal is opened
Post-Tribulation	The "rapture" occurs after the tribulation

Please note that the origins of the "rapture" theory are in question. Even though there is debate as to when it first surfaced. Here is a brief and recent history of supporters:

- 15 year old Scottish-Irish girl by the name of Margaret MacDonald had a vision around 1830 that was later published in 1861
- John Nelson Darby popularized the "secret rapture" during the 19th century
- William Eugene Blackstone wrote "Jesus is Coming" in 1908 where the word rapture was first used
- Popularized by Hal Lindsey's book "The Late Great Planet Earth" in the 1970s
- Further popularized by Tim LaHaye's "Left Behind" series of books and movies

The first believers of our Messiah as accounted in the Book of Acts didn't talk about a removal of believers, but focused on our Messiah's instructions in presenting God's Truth to the world. Focus wasn't lost on His promise to return. Through the centuries, the waters have been made cloudy by many outside of the Jewish community. Today it is considered fact that there will be an earlier exit for believers in Messiah. An escape from a period of great tribulation to come. How are we any different today, from the first Messianic believers and their persecution at the hands of the tyrannical Roman empire? One could say that those were times of great tribulation. When we look at the various theories of the "rapture", it in essence implies that our Messiah is actually returning twice. Nowhere in scripture does it state that our Messiah will return twice. Some have called this the "yoyo" theory.

When Marta is questioned by Yeshua regarding seeing her brother Lazarus again, after he has been dead for four days, Marta says:

"Yeshua said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Marta said, "I know that he will rise again at the Resurrection on the Last Day."" John 11:23 - 24

Yeshua's response is rather striking yet affirming:

"Yeshua said to her, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life! Whoever puts his trust in me will live, even if he dies; and everyone living and trusting in me will never die. Do you believe this?"" John 11:25 - 26

Her response to Yeshua's question:

"She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."" John 11:27

The concept of Messiah, resurrection and a time when this age will come to an end are fully Jewish ideas in that they are presented in the Tenach, through Torah and the Prophets, revealed to the people of Israel, for the purpose of being a light to the nations.

When taken out of context, scripture can be used to support just about any theory. The rapture theory takes into account the following:

- In the book of Revelation, up until chapter 4 the "church" is not mentioned until chapter 19, thus creating a premise for a removal of believers.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18 and 1 Corinthians 15:51 - 57 are used to refer to the catching away of believers.

When we look at the prophetic scripture leading up to Yeshua appearing on earth, specifically Daniel 9:27 - 29 and Isaiah 61:1 - 3, we have a better understanding, in context. Before Messiah came, there were many beliefs as to who he would be, when He would come and What He would do. The rapture debate is no different.

Compare the reading of the Haftorah portion by Yeshua in Luke 4:16 - 20 and the entire passage found in Isaiah 61:1 - 3. First from Luke:

"He stood up to read, and He was given the scroll of the prophet Yesha`yahu (Isaiah). Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

"The Spirit of ADONAI is upon me; therefore he has anointed me to announce Good News to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the imprisoned and renewed sight for the blind, to release those who have been crushed, to proclaim a year of the favor of ADONAI."

After closing the scroll and returning it to the shammash, he sat down; and the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. He started to speak to them: **"Today, as you heard it read, this passage of the Tanakh was fulfilled!"** Luke 4:16 - 21

Now the entire passage from Isaiah:

"The Spirit of Adonai ELOHIM is upon me, because ADONAI has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into light those bound in the dark; to proclaim the year of the favor of ADONAI and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, yes, provide for those in Tziyon who mourn, giving them garlands instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a heavy spirit, so that they will be called oaks of righteousness planted by ADONAI, in which he takes pride." Isaiah 61:1 - 3

Notice where Yeshua had stopped reading - "to proclaim the year of the favor of Adonai" separating "and the day of vengeance of our God". These are two very distinct and separate missions for Messiah. A year of favor and a day of vengeance.

A year of favor, in that He would be that final sacrifice for the remission of sin, for all who would believe and follow. Favor was given to those who most certainly didn't merit favor, but was granted to us.

The first part of Messiah's mission is complete. We await His return and the completion of the second part of His mission. Many have attempted to predict or forecast when His return would happen. For a rather complete list of failed predictions relating to the return of our Messiah, you may click on the following [link](#). There are a total of 61 documented incorrect predictions as to the return of our Messiah from this date, looking back. The table also includes three future predictions whereby the time has not yet come.

Here are a few of the more memorable predictions that failed to be fulfilled by our Messiah.

YEAR	PREDICTION
1967	When the city of Jerusalem was reclaimed by the Jews in 1967, prophecy watchers declared that the "Time of the Gentiles" had come to an end.
1988	The book, " <i>88 Reasons Why the Rapture is in 1988</i> ", came out only a few months before the event was to take place. What little time the book had, it used effectively. By the time the predicted dates, September 11-13, rolled around, whole churches were caught up in the excitement the book generated. I personally had friends who were measuring themselves for wings. In the dorm where we lived, my friends were also openly confronting all of the unsaved. It became my job to defuse situations. In one case, an accosted sinner was contemplating dispensary action against my now-distant friends. Finally, the days of destiny dawned and then set. No Jesus. The environment was not the same as Miller's 1844 failure. To my surprise, the taunting by the unsaved was very brief. I took it that people have very little understanding of the Bible, so they had nothing to taunt my friends with. I made one other interesting observation. Although the time for the rapture had been predicted to fall within a three-day window, September 11-13, my friends gave up hope on the morning of the 12th. I pointed out that they still had two days left, but they had been spooked, nonetheless
2000	<p>Numerology: If you divide 2,000 by 3, you will get the devil's number: 666.6666666666667.</p> <p>The names of the people and organizations that called for the return of Christ at the turn of the century is too long to be listed here. I would say that if there were a day on which Christ could not return, it must have been January 1, 2000. To come at an unknown time means to come at an unknown time. I think January 2, 2000 would have been a more likely day for Him to call His Church home--right after the big let down.</p> <p>On May 5, 2000, all of the planets were supposed to have been in alignment. This was said to cause the earth to suffer earthquakes, volcanic eruption, and various other nasty stuff. A similar alignment occurred in 1982 and nothing happened. People failed to realize that the other nine planets only exert a very tiny gravitational pull on the earth. If you were to add up the gravitational force from the rest of the planets, the total would only amount to a fraction of the tug the moon has on the earth.</p> <p>According to Michael Rood, the end times have a prophetically complicated connection to Israel's spring barley harvest. The Day of the Lord began on May 5, 2000. Rood's fall feast calendar called for the Russian Gog-Magog invasion of Israel to take place at sundown on October 28, 2000.</p>
A thorough list of past predictions can be found below.	

Be careful that you are not deceived by some teachings. As you can see from the list provided, there have been many incorrect predictions regarding Yeshua's return.

We ultimately won't know which "theory" is true until it actually happens. Ask anyone what they believe and they will likely tell you with some level of conviction. Ask them to support what they believe and you may not have that same level of conviction. Many have been spoon fed to believe a certain theory with compelling evidence conveyed by their teacher. In many cases, a Jewish context is missing from the presentation of scripture used to support a specific theory. When understood in its proper context, there is not a separate rapture and resurrection/return. I would convey that there is one return of Messiah that will bring forth an assembly of resurrected believers, and we who remain.

Yeshua warns us through one of His parables, "the sower and the seeds", regarding those who are on the rocky ground:

"The ones on rock are those who, when they hear the word, accept it with joy; but these have no root -- they go on trusting for awhile; but when a time of testing comes, they apostatize." Luke 8:13

Sha'ul warns us:

"But in connection with the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah and our gathering together to meet him, we ask you, brothers, not to be easily shaken in your thinking or anxious because of a spirit or a spoken message or a letter supposedly from us claiming that the Day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until after the Apostasy has come and the man who separates himself from Torah has been revealed, the one destined for doom. He will oppose himself to everything that people call a god or make an object of worship; he will put himself above them all, so that he will sit in the Temple of God and proclaim that he himself is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:1 - 4

What does Apostasy mean?

It is the rejection of one's beliefs. In rejecting what they once believed they will either turn towards something that opposes those beliefs, or simply reject what was once believed and not replace those beliefs with anything at all.

Many will fall away before our Messiah returns. Could the catalyst of this falling away from what they once believed be rooted in such teachings as a promised early exit that doesn't happen? In essence a pre-tribulation rapture that many are expecting, but what turns out to be going through great tribulation.

We need to be careful. False doctrine that has the appearance of truth will cause many to turn away.

"But when that day and hour will come, no one knows -- not the angels in heaven, not the Son, only the Father." Matthew 24:36

There have been many predictions made by many men, as to when our Messiah will return. Looking at all of the predictions up to this date, they have ALL been incorrect, further emphasizing our Messiah's statement that no man knows when He will return.

That doesn't mean that our Messiah has left us without signs of the events to come. To the contrary, there are signs already in place which indicate His return can happen at any moment, however, regardless of what theory you believe, there are still events yet to occur. One such sign that has occurred is the fig tree, otherwise known as the regathered Israel, which became a nation again in 1948:

"Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson: when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching. In the same way, when you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door. Yes! I tell you that this people will certainly not pass away before all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Matthew 24:32 - 35

You can also look at Israel as the valley of dry bones described by Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

"With the hand of ADONAI upon me, ADONAI carried me out by his Spirit and set me down in the middle of the valley, and it was full of bones. He had me pass by all around them - there were so many bones lying in the valley, and they were so dry! He asked me, "Human being, can these bones live?" I answered, "Adonai ELOHIM! Only you know that!" Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones! Say to them, 'Dry bones! Hear what ADONAI has to say! To these bones Adonai ELOHIM says, "I will make breath enter you, and you will live. I will attach ligaments to you, make flesh grow on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you. You will live, and you will know that I am ADONAI."'" So I prophesied as ordered; and while I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound; it was the bones coming together, each bone in its proper place. As I watched, ligaments grew on them, flesh appeared and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. Next he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath! Prophecy, human being! Say to the breath that Adonai ELOHIM says, 'Come from the four winds, breath; and breathe on these slain, so that they can live.'" So I prophesied as ordered, and the breath came into them, and they were alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army! Then he said to me, "Human being! These bones are the whole house of Isra'el; and they are saying, 'Our bones have dried up, our hope is gone, and we are completely cut off.' Therefore prophecy; say to

them that Adonai ELOHIM says, 'My people! I will open your graves and make you get up out of your graves, and I will bring you into the land of Isra'el. Then you will know that I am ADONAI - when I have opened your graves and made you get up out of your graves, my people! I will put my Spirit in you; and you will be alive. Then I will place you in your own land; and you will know that I, ADONAI, have spoken, and that I have done it,' says ADONAI."

In both prophecies, we have witnessed their fulfillment in the nation of Israel being regathered.

There have been many prophecies (predictions) as to our Messiah's return that precede 1948. They were all in error because the one primary piece was not yet in place - a regathered nation of Israel. Even after 1948, the regathered nation of Israel wasn't complete. The city of Jerusalem was a divided city. It wasn't until 1967, after the Yom Kippur war when the regathered nation of Israel regained complete control of the holy city of Jerusalem.

As we stand today, we have seen both prophecies of the valley of dry bones becoming alive again and the fig tree bring forth its leaves, regarding the regeneration of the people in the land of Israel. However, can we truly say that the fullness of Israel and bearing fruit in terms of Israel becoming a complete nation again is truly complete?

Is Israel truly complete?

When you examine the boundaries of the land given to Abraham, you will notice that the current state of Israel is far from the promised boundaries.

"That day ADONAI made a covenant with Avram: "I have given this land to your descendants - from the Vadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River - the territory of the Keni, the K'nizi, the Kadmoni, the Hitti, the P'rizi, the Refa'im, the Emori, the Kena'ani, the Girgashi and the Y'vusi." Genesis 15:18 - 21

Additional information regarding this land promised by Adonai can be found in Numbers 34 and Joshua 13.

There is still more to come...

What is The Importance of Israel?

Israel, a nation created by God through one man - Abraham, whose covenant is eternal. Even though the nation has fallen away, blinded from the truth of Messiah, in part by God and in part as a result of the current presentation through the church being unrecognizable to the Jewish eye. Although God has revealed the truth to thousands of Jewish people regarding Messiah, there are still many blinded by this truth.

First, what many in the church believe as Israel being replaced by the church is simply false:

"In that case, I say, isn't it that God has repudiated his people?" Heaven forbid! For I myself am a son of Isra'el, from the seed of Avraham, u of the tribe of Binyamin. God has not repudiated his people, v whom he chose in advance. Or don't you know what the Tanakh says about Eliyahu? He pleads with God against Isra'el, "ADONAI, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars, and I'm the only one left, and now they want to kill me too!" But what is God's answer to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not knelt down to Ba'al." It's the same way in the present age: there is a remnant, chosen by grace. (Now if it is by grace, it is accordingly not based on legalistic works; if it were otherwise, grace would no longer be grace.)" Romans 11:1 - 6

The blindness placed upon the nation by God is mentioned in Romans 11:

"What follows is that Isra'el has not attained the goal for which she is striving. The ones chosen have obtained it, but the rest have been made stonelike, just as the Tanakh says, "God has given them a spirit of dullness eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear, right down to the present day." And David says, "Let their dining table become for them a snare and a trap, a pitfall and a punishment. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see, with their

backs bent continually." Romans 11:7- 10

It is there for a reason and is temporary:

"In that case, I say, isn't it that they have stumbled with the result that they have permanently fallen away?" Heaven forbid! Quite the contrary, it is by means of their stumbling that the deliverance has come to the Gentiles, in order to provoke them to jealousy. a Moreover, if their stumbling is bringing riches to the world - that is, if Isra'el's being placed temporarily in a condition less favored than that of the Gentiles is bringing riches to the latter - how much greater riches will Isra'el in its fullness bring them!" Romans 11:11 - 12

"For, brothers, I want you to understand this truth which God formerly concealed but has now revealed, so that you won't imagine you know more than you actually do. It is that stoniness, to a degree, has come upon Isra'el, until the Gentile world enters in its fullness." Romans 11:25

They are a people that when our Messiah does return, all Israel shall be saved.

"and that it is in this way that all Isra'el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, "Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer; he will turn away ungodliness from Ya'akov 27 and this will be my covenant with them, . . . when I take away their sins."" Romans 11:26 - 27

However, as mentioned above, there are thousands of Jewish people that have come to accept Yeshua as Messiah, just as thousands did after His resurrection.

Let us look further into the parable of the fig tree, whereby our Messiah states "**this generation shall not pass, till all these things are fulfilled.**" Just how long is a generation that our Messiah is talking about?

How do we define a generation?

Let us look at two scenarios found in God's Word that could relate to the time frame of a generation:

1. 40 years - it took 40 years for the generation that came out of Egypt to be replaced by the generation that would enter into the promised land. It took 40 years to replace an old generation with a new generation.

"ADONAI's anger blazed up on that day; and he swore, 'None of the people aged twenty or more who came out of Egypt will see the land I swore to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov; because they haven't followed me unreservedly - except Kalev the son of Y'funeh the K'nizi and Y'hoshua the son of Nun, because they have followed ADONAI unreservedly.' Thus ADONAI's anger blazed against Isra'el, so that he made them wander here and there in the desert forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of ADONAI had died out." Numbers 32:10 - 13

"because the people of Isra'el walked forty years in the desert until the whole nation, that is, the fighting men who had left Egypt, had died out; because they had not heeded what ADONAI said. ADONAI had sworn that he would not allow them to see the land which ADONAI swore to their ancestors that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey." Joshua 5:6

2. 70 to 80 years - Psalm 90 "A Prayer of Moses" states that a lifetime is between 70 and 80 years. " The span of our life is seventy years, or if we are strong, eighty; yet at best it is toil and sorrow, over in a moment, and then we are gone." Psalm 90:10

Now that we have identified two possible scenarios of generation length, what will this generation see after the nation of Israel has been regathered into its fullness? Specifically all things stated in Matthew 24:4 - 28 that precede

Our Messiah telling of the parable of the fig tree:

"Yeshua replied: "Watch out! Don't let anyone fool you! For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. You will hear the noise of wars nearby and the news of wars far off; see to it that you don't become frightened. Such things must happen, but the end is yet to come. For peoples will fight each other, nations will fight each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various parts of the world; all this is but the beginning of the 'birth pains.' At that time you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and put to death, and all peoples will hate you because of me. At that time many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other, many false prophets will appear and fool many people; and many people's love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah. But whoever holds out till the end will be delivered. And this Good News about the Kingdom will be announced throughout the whole world as a witness to all the Goyim. It is then that the end will come."

Matthew 24:4 - 14

Where Are We At?

There have been many wars and rumors of war throughout the centuries. There have been famines, pestilences and earth quakes in various places. Could it be that we are going through the beginning of sorrows? There is currently a great deal of hatred in the world for believers in Messiah - both Jewish and non-Jewish. Are we to the point where it is all nations? We could be getting close. Regarding hatred for the Jewish people, it has been ongoing. Recent activities regarding peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, have escalated the animosity towards Israel from the world community.

"For there will be trouble then worse than there has ever been from the beginning of the world until now, and there will be nothing like it again! Indeed, if the length of this time had not been limited, no one would survive; but for the sake of those who have been chosen, its length will be limited. "At that time, if someone says to you, 'Look! Here's the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' don't believe him. For there will appear false Messiahs and false prophets performing great miracles -- amazing things! -- so as to fool even the chosen, if possible. There! I have told you in advance! So if people say to you, 'Listen! He's out in the desert!' don't go; or, 'Look! He's hidden away in a secret room!' don't believe it. For when the Son of Man does come, it will be like lightning that flashes out of the east and fills the sky to the western horizon. Wherever there's a dead body, that's where you find the vultures." Matthew 24:21 - 28

Beware of the false messiahs and false prophets that our Messiah warns about in verse 24. Here is a sample of some of the more recent claimants:

Menachem Mendel Schneerson (1902-1994), a Lubavitch rabbi who tried to "prepare the way" for the Messiah; some followers believe him to be the Messiah.
Jung Myung Seok (b. 1945), claims to be the Second Coming of Christ, founder of Providence Church, and fugitive wanted for rape among other crimes.
James Warren (Jim) Jones (1931-1978) In 1978 Jim Jones forced 913 of his followers to commit mass suicide at his enclave The Peoples Temple in Jonestown, northern Guyana.
David Koresh (Vernon Wayne Howell) (1959-1993), leader of the Branch Davidians.
Pastor Apollo C. Quiboloy (b. 1950) claims that Jesus replaced the Father, the Father replaced the Spirit, so Pastor Apollo now replaces Jesus. He is called "His Appointed Son" by thousands in the Philippines and now in other countries.
A thorough list of past claimants to be messiah is included at the end of this article

Regardless of the time, what should we be doing to make ourselves aware of where we are in this future account given by our Messiah?

KEEP YOUR EYES FOCUSED ON ISRAEL

- Watch for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. As our Messiah states:

"So when you see the abomination that causes devastation spoken about through the prophet Dani'el standing in the Holy Place" (let the reader understand the allusion), "that will be the time for those in Y'hudah to escape to the hills. If someone is on the roof, he must not go down to gather his belongings from his house; if someone is in the field, he must not turn back to get his coat. What a terrible time it will be for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Pray that you will not have to escape in winter or on Shabbat" Matthew 24:15 - 20

When the Temple is completed, the "abomination of desolation" otherwise known as the anti-messiah will be able to fulfill this prophecy spoken of by Daniel and referenced by our Messiah. Therefore, keep your eye focused on Jerusalem and the construction of the third temple.

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- Watch for nations coming against Israel, as mentioned in Ezekiel 38, specifically Magog (Russia) her allies - Persia, Ethiopia and Libya. (Ethiopia and Libya are not the African nations that we know of today, but refer to the nations surrounding Persia, today known as Iran)

"The word of ADONAI came to me: "Human being, turn your face toward Gog (of the land of Magog), chief prince of Meshekh and Tuval; and prophesy against him. Say that Adonai ELOHIM says, 'I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshekh and Tuval. I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with all your army, horses and horsemen, all completely equipped, a great horde with breastplates and shields, all wielding swords. Paras (Persia...today's Iran), Ethiopia and Put (Libya) are with them, all with breastplates and helmets; Gomer with all its troops; the house of Togarmah in the far reaches of the north, with all its troops - many peoples are with you. Prepare yourself, get ready, you and all your crowd gathered around you; and take charge of them." Ezekiel 38:1 - 7

Could this be the predicted third world war...Russia, Iran and other Arab nations come against Israel, bring America and other western nations into the conflict, defending Israel? **For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:** Matthew 24:7

(Updated) - There are many who have interpreted the battle that Israel will have with Gog and Magog as Russia and Iran...myself included. Through additional research, I now ask...

Who is Gog?

Many consider Gog to be the nation of Russia in that it is geographically north of Israel and considered to be an ally to Iran. Is Gog a nation, or will it be a person? In verse 2, Ezekiel depicts Gog as the chief prince of Meshekh and Tuval. The influence of this person will bring many nations together with a common purpose - the elimination of Israel and the Jewish people. Could Gog be who is known as the anti-christ?

As a unique nation, separated by God and His Word from the other nations and their humanistic and / or pagan ways, have had many enemies. Will Gog, who is the prince of Meshekh and Tuval (Persia) be the one who leads an axis of the enemies against Israel? For some additional insight, we look at Psalm 83:

1 A song. A psalm of Asaf: God, don't remain silent! Don't stay quiet, God, or still;

2 because here are your enemies, causing an uproar; those who hate you are raising their heads,

3 craftily conspiring against your people, consulting together against those you treasure.

4 They say, "Come, let's wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Isra'el be remembered no more!"

There is a plot by Israel's enemies to destroy the nation and eliminate the people from the face of the earth. The hatred towards the nation of Israel is a fact. Radical Islam will not rest with a peace treaty, but until Israel has been destroyed. Does this sound at all familiar to the mission of the third reich?

5 With one mind they plot their schemes; the covenant they have made is against you

6 the tents of Edom and the Yishma'elim (Ishmalites), Mo'av (Moab) and the Hagrim (Hagarenes),

7 G'val (Geba), 'Amon (Ammon) and 'Amalek, P'leshet (Philistines) with those living in Tzor; (Selah)

8 Ashur too is allied with them, to reinforce the descendants of Lot.

Other countries will follow the lead of gog. Who are these other nations mentioned above. They are familiar from our bibles, but how do they relate in today's geography?

Ashur	Located in present day Iraq
Moab	Located in Southwest Jordan
Edom	Located in Jordan
Ammon	Located in Jordan
Geba	Present day Lebanon
Amalek	Nomadic tribe that bordered present day Egypt
Philistine	Well documented and long standing enemy of the Jewish people
Tyre	Present day Lebanon
Ishmalites	One of the seven nations that came from Hagar
Hagarenes	Descendents of Hagar, Abraham's second wife who bore Ishmael, and comprised seven other nations: Ishmael, Zimran, Ishbak, Shuah, Medan, Midian and Jokshan

9 Do to them as you did to Midyan, to Sisra and Yavin at Vadi Kishon

10 they were destroyed at 'Ein-Dor and became manure for the ground.

11 Make their leaders like 'Orev and Ze'ev, all their princes like Zevach and Tzalmuna,

12 who said, "Let's take possession of God's meadows for ourselves."

13 My God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff driven by the wind.

14 Like fire burning up the forest, like a flame that sets the mountains ablaze,

15 drive them away with your storm, terrify them with your tempest.

16 Fill their faces with shame, so that they will seek your name, ADONAI.

17 Let them be ashamed and fearful forever; yes, let them perish in disgrace.

18 Let them know that you alone, whose name is ADONAI, are the Most High over all the earth.

Ultimately, the victory will be Adonai's.

In 2007, America was still a staunch supporter of Israel. It is amazing what has changed (up to 2010), The primary catalyst initiating this change was the election of new leadership. Keep in mind that new leadership was the wind that filled the sails of a media bias that has existed for decades. A country that is a beacon of democracy in the middle east, in stark contrast to the other countries, led by dictators and monarchies, is being presented as the villain. Using their means and technology to defend itself, Israel, is being depicted as the bully in the playground. The winds have changed, whereby, for Israel to expect support from America is no longer a guarantee, and the possibility that all nations (including America) will come against Israel is now possible.

What is not fully conveyed by the media, regarding Israel is that Arabs living in the land of Israel have more rights and higher quality of living than those living in Arab nations.

Campaign promises to the Jewish community, stating its continued support for Israel appears to be political double speak. The actions of this administration do not follow the words conveyed. Increased support by this administration for the muslim nations that surround Israel, and the label of diplomacy in the disguise of brokering peace regarding the Palestinian question that would favor land being obtained from Israel for a new Palestinian nation is entirely contrary to the promises made at the time of the election in 2008.

Who is fooling whom?

Muslim leaders will not be satisfied with a piece of land for the Palestinians. Their ultimate goal is for the complete elimination of Israel and the Jewish people from the face of the earth.

This is spiritual warfare. Eliminate the Jewish people and the Word of Adonai becomes irrelevant. The Word of Adonai establishes the nation Israel. The Word of Adonai conveys covenants between Him and the people of Israel. These covenants include Messiah Yeshua. In establishing a people to be His representative in this fallen world, a light to the nations, the people of Israel have been chosen by Adonai, and thus given the responsibility to show the truth of Adonai to the nations.

Eliminate the Jewish people and you nullify the covenants of Adonai, thus bringing victory for Ha Satan. This plan to eliminate the seed of Abraham has been attempted for centuries by the adversary going as far back as the garden.

"I will put animosity between you and the woman, and between your descendant and her descendant; he will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15

The battle of spiritual warfare between Adonai and Ha Satan has raged on and will continue to, until Messiah returns to Israel and establishes His throne before all mankind. He will rule from Jerusalem. In order for that to happen, there has to be a Jerusalem and a Jewish people for Him to return to.

Is the battle to come the tribulation or the Wrath of God, in the form of judgment that He will pour out on all those who have come against Him. This is a topic for another article. Needless to say, if you are one who is looking for an early exit, you might be extremely disappointed.

What Do We Do Until Then?

Until then, our Messiah warns us directly and through parables to be prepared:

"So stay alert, because you don't know on what day your Lord will come. But you do know this: had the owner of the house known when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you too must always be ready, for the Son of Man will come when you are not expecting him." Matthew 24:42 - 44

"The Kingdom of Heaven at that time will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible. The foolish ones took lamps with them but no oil, whereas the others took flasks of oil with their lamps. Now the bridegroom was late, so they all went to sleep. It was the middle of the night when the cry rang out, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out to meet him!' The girls all woke up and prepared their lamps for lighting. The foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both you and us. Go to the oil dealers and buy some for yourselves.' But as they were going off to buy, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut. Later, the other bridesmaids came. 'Sir! Sir!' they cried, 'Let us in!' But he answered, 'Indeed! I tell you, I don't know you!' So stay alert, because you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:1 - 13

Our Messiah clearly states that no one knows the day or hour in which He will return, except the Father. As believers, we are to press on in this walk of faith that we have both chosen and been chosen for. Are you doing what He has called you to do?

If you are interested in learning more about Yeshua's return, you will want to read our article on [Rosh Hashanah](#).

Is your lamp stand full?

Are you ready for when the Bridegroom comes?

Do Not be deceived!!!

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Color Type	Indication
Blue	Bible Text
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Black	General Text

Past "Predictions" Messiah's Return

Year	Prediction
53 AD	Even before all the books of the Bible were written, there was talk that Christ's return had already taken place. The Thessalonians panicked on Paul when they heard a rumor that the day of the Lord was at hand, and they had missed the rapture.
500	A Roman priest living in the second century predicted Christ would return in 500 AD, based on the dimensions of Noah's ark.
1000	This year goes down as one of the most heightened periods of hysteria over the return of Christ. All members of society seemed affected by the prediction that Jesus was coming back at the start of the new millennium. None of the events required by the Bible were transpiring at that time; the magic of the number 1000 was the sole reason for the expectation. During concluding months of 999 AD, everyone was on his best behavior; worldly goods were sold and given to the poor; swarms of pilgrims headed east to meet the Lord at Jerusalem; buildings went unrepaired; crops were left unplanted; and criminals were set free from jails. When the year 999 AD turned into 1000 AD, nothing happened.
1033	This year was cited as the beginning of the millennium because it marked 1,000 years since Christ's crucifixion.
1186	The "Letter of Toledo" warned everyone to hide in the caves and mountains. The world was reportedly to be destroyed with only a few spared.
1420	The Taborites of Czechoslovakia predicted every city would be annihilated by fire. Only five mountain strongholds would be saved.
1524-1526	Muntzer, a leader of German peasants, announced that the return of Christ was near. After Muntzer and his men destroyed the high and mighty, the Lord would supposedly return. This belief led to an uneven battle against government troops. He was strategically outnumbered. Muntzer claimed to have had a vision from God in which the Lord promised that He would catch the cannonballs of the enemy in the sleeves of His cloak. The prediction within the vision turned out to be false when Muntzer and his followers were mowed down by cannon fire.
1534	A repeat of the Muntzer affair occurred a few years later. This time, Jan Matthys took over the city of Munster. The city was to be the only one spared from destruction. The inhabitants of Munster, chased out by Matthys and his men, regrouped and lay siege to the city. Within a year, everyone in the city was dead.
1650-1660	The Fifth Monarchy Men looked for Jesus to establish a theocracy. They took up arms and tried to seize England by force. The movement died when the British monarchy was restored in 1660.
1666	For the citizens of London, 1666 was not a banner year. A bubonic plague outbreak killed 100,000 and the Great Fire of London struck the same year. The world seemed at an end to most Londoners. The fact that the year ended with the Beast's number—666--didn't help matters.
1809	Mary Bateman, who specialized in fortune telling, had a magic chicken that laid eggs with end-time messages on them. One message said that Christ was coming. The uproar she created ended when an unannounced visitor caught her forcing an egg into the hen's oviduct. Mary later was hanged for poisoning a wealthy client. History does not record whether the offended chicken attended the hanging.
1814	Spiritualist Joanna Southcott made the startling claim that she, by virgin birth, would produce the second Jesus Christ. Her abdomen began to swell and so did the crowds of people around her. The time for the birth came and passed; she died soon after. An autopsy revealed she had experienced a false pregnancy.

1836	John Wesley wrote that "the time, times and half a time" of Revelation 12:14 were 1058-1836, "when Christ should come" (A. M. Morris, <i>The Prophecies Unveiled</i> , p. 361).
1843-1844	William Miller was the founder of an end-times movement that was so prominent it received its own name, Millerism. From his studies of the Bible, Miller determined that the second coming would happen sometime between 1843-1844. A spectacular meteor shower in 1833 gave the movement a good push forward. The buildup of anticipation continued until March 21, 1844, when Miller's one-year timetable ran out. Some followers set another date--Oct 22, 1844. This too failed, collapsing the movement. One follower described the days after the failed predictions: "The world made merry over the old Prophet's predicament. The taunts and jeers of the 'scoffers' were well-nigh unbearable."
1859	Rev. Thomas Parker, a Massachusetts minister, looked for the millennium to start about 1859.
1881	Someone called Mother Shipton had, 400 years earlier, claimed that the world would end in 1881. A controversy hangs over the Shipton writings as to whether or not publishers doctored the text. If the date was wrong, should it matter anyway?
1910	The revisit of Halley's comet was, for many, an indication of the Lord's second coming. The earth actually passed through the gaseous tail of the comet. One enterprising man sold comet pills to people for protection against the effects of the toxic gases.
1914	Charles Russell, after being exposed to the teachings of William Miller, founded his own organization that evolved into the Jehovah's Witnesses. In 1914, Russell predicted the return of Jesus Christ.
1918	In 1918, new math didn't help the Witnesses from striking out again.
1925	The Witnesses had no better luck in 1925. They already possessed the title of "Most Wrong Predictions." They would expand upon it in the years to come.
1941	Once again, Jehovah's Witnesses believed that Armageddon was due. Before the end of 1941, the end of all things was predicted.
1967	When the city of Jerusalem was reclaimed by the Jews in 1967, prophecy watchers declared that the "Time of the Gentiles" had come to an end.
1970	The True Light Church of Christ made its claim to fame by incorrectly forecasting the return of Jesus. A number of church members had quit their livelihoods ahead of the promised advent.
1973	A comet that turned out to be a visual disappointment nonetheless compelled one preacher to announce that it would be a sign of the Lord's return.
1975	The Jehovah's Witnesses were back at it in 1975. The failure of the forecast did not affect the growth of the movement. The <i>Watchtower</i> magazine, a major Witness periodical, has over 13 million subscribers.
1977	We all remember the killer bee scare of the late 1970's. One prophecy prognosticator linked the bees to Revelation 9:3-12. After 20 years of progression, the bees are still in Texas. I'm beginning to think of them as the killer snails.
1981	One author boldly declared that the rapture would occur before December 31, 1981, based on Christian prophecy, astronomy, and a dash of ecological fatalism. He pegged the date to Jesus' promised return to earth a generation after Israel's rebirth. He also made references to the "Jupiter Effect," a planetary alignment occurring every 179 years that supposedly could lead to earthquakes and nuclear plant meltdowns.
1982	It was all going to end in 1982, when the planets lined up and created magnetic forces that would bring Armageddon to the earth.

	<p>A group called the Tara Centers placed full-page advertisements in many major newspapers for the weekend of April 24-25, 1982, announcing: "The Christ is Now Here!" They predicted that He was to make himself known "within the next two months." After the date passed, they said that the delay was only because the "consciousness of the human race was not quite right..." Boy, all these years and we're still not ready.</p>
1984	<p>The Jehovah's Witnesses made sure, in 1984, that no one else would be able to top their record of most wrong doomsday predictions. The Witnesses' record currently holds at nine. The years are: 1874, 1878, 1881, 1910, 1914, 1918, 1925, 1975, and 1984. Lately, the JW's are claiming they're out of the prediction business, but it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks. They'll be back.</p>
1987	<p>The Harmonic Convergence was planned for August 16-17, 1987, and several New Age events were also to occur at that time. The second coming of the serpent god of peace and the Hopi dance awakening were two examples.</p>
1988	<p>The book, <i>88 Reasons Why the Rapture is in 1988</i>, came out only a few months before the event was to take place. What little time the book had, it used effectively. By the time the predicted dates, September 11-13, rolled around, whole churches were caught up in the excitement the book generated. I personally had friends who were measuring themselves for wings. In the dorm where we lived, my friends were also openly confronting all of the unsaved. It became my job to defuse situations. In one case, an accosted sinner was contemplating dispensary action against my now-distant friends. Finally, the days of destiny dawned and then set. No Jesus. The environment was not the same as Miller's 1844 failure. To my surprise, the taunting by the unsaved was very brief. I took it that people have very little understanding of the Bible, so they had nothing to taunt my friends with. I made one other interesting observation. Although the time for the rapture had been predicted to fall within a three-day window, September 11-13, my friends gave up hope on the morning of the 12th. I pointed out that they still had two days left, but they had been spooked, nonetheless</p>
1989	<p>After the passing of the deadline in <i>88 Reasons</i>, the author, Edgar Whisenant, came out with a new book called <i>89 Reasons Why the Rapture is in 1989</i>. This book sold only a fraction of the number of copies his prior release had sold.</p>
1991	<p>A group in Australia predicted Jesus would return through the Sydney Harbor at 9 a.m., March 31, 1991.</p> <p>Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan proclaimed the Gulf War would be "the War of Armageddon ... the final War."</p> <p>Menachem Schneerson, a Russian-born rabbi, called for the Messiah to come by September 9, 1991, the start of the Jewish New Year.</p>
1992	<p>A Korean group called Mission for the Coming Days had the Korea Church an uproar in the fall of 1992. They foresaw October 28, 1992 as the date for the rapture. Numerology was the basis for the date. Several camera shots that left ghostly images on pictures were thought to be a supernatural confirmation of the date.</p>
1993	<p>If the year 2000 is the end of the 6,000-year cycle, then the rapture must take place in 1993, because you would need seven years of the tribulation. This was the thinking of a number of prophecy writers.</p>
1994	<p>In the book, <i>1994: The Year of Destiny</i>, F. M. Riley foretold of God's plan to rapture His people. The name of his ministry is "The Last Call," and he operates out of Missouri.</p> <p>Pastor John Hinkle of Christ Church in Los Angeles caused quite a stir when he announced</p>

	<p>he had received a vision from God that warned of apocalyptic event on June 9, 1994. Hinkle, quoting God, said, "On Thursday June the 9th, I will rip the evil out of this world." At the time, I knew Hinkle's vision didn't match up with Scripture. From a proper reading of Bible prophecy, the only thing that God could possibly rip from the earth would be the Christian Church, and I don't think God would refer to the Church as "evil." Some people tried to interpret Hinkle's unscriptural vision to mean that God would the rip evil out of our hearts when He raptured us. Well, the date came and went with no heart surgery or rapture.</p> <p>Harold Camping, in his book <i>Are You Ready?</i>, predicted the Lord would return in September 1994. The book was full of numerology that added up to 1994 as the date of Christ's return.</p> <p>After promising they would not make anymore end time predictions, the Jehovah's Witnesses fell off the wagon and proclaimed 1994 as the conclusion of an 80-year generation; the year 1914 was the starting point.</p>
<p>1996</p>	<p>This year had a special month, according to one author who foresaw September as the time for our Lord's return. The Church Age will last 2,000 years from the time of Christ's birth in 4 BC.</p> <p>California psychic Sheldon Nidle predicted the end would come with the convergence of 16 million space ships and a host of angels upon the earth on December 17, 1996. Nidle explained the passing of the date by claiming the angels placed us in a holographic projection to preserve us and give us a second chance.</p>
<p>1997</p>	<p>In regard to 1997, I received several e-mail messages that pointed to this as the year when Jesus would return for His church. Two of the more widely known time frames were Monte Judah's prediction that the tribulation would begin in February/March and another prediction based on numerology and the Psalms that targeted May 14 as the date of the rapture.</p> <p>When Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat signed their peace pact on the White House lawn on September 13, 1993, some saw the events as the beginning of tribulation. With the signing of the peace agreement, Daniel's 1,260-day countdown was underway. By adding 1,260 days to September 1993, you arrive at February 24, 1997.</p> <p>Stan Johnson of the Prophecy Club saw a "90 percent" chance that the tribulation would start September 12, 1997. He based his conclusion on several end-time signs: that would be Jesus' 2,000th birthday and it would also be the Day of Atonement, although it wouldn't be what is currently the Jewish Day of Atonement. Further supporting evidence came from Romanian pastor Dumitru Duduman. In several heavenly visions, Dumitru claimed to have seen the Book of Life. In one of his earlier visions, there were several pages yet to be completed. In his last vision, he noticed the Book of Life only had one page left. Doing some rough calculating, Johnson and friends figured the latest time frame for the completion of the book would have to be September 1997.</p>
<p>1998</p>	<p>Numerology: Because 666 times three equals 1998, some people point to this year as being prophetically significant. Someone called me long distance just so he could pass on to me this earth-shattering news.</p> <p>A Taiwanese cult operating out of Garland, Texas predicted Christ would return on March 31 of 1998. The group's leader, Heng-ming Chen, announced God would return and then invite the cult members aboard a UFO. The group abandoned their prediction when a</p>

	<p>precursor event failed to take place. The cult's leader had said that God would appear on every channel 18 of every TV in the world. Maybe God realized at the last minute, the Playboy Network was channel 18 on several cable systems, and He didn't want to have Christians watching a porn channel.</p> <p>On April 30, 1998, Israel was to turn 50 and many believed this birthday would mark the beginning of the tribulation. The reasoning behind this date has to do with God's age requirement for the priesthood, which is between 30-50.</p> <p>1998 Marilyn Agee, in her book, <i>The End of the Age</i>, had her sights set on May 31, 1998. This date was to conclude the 6,000-year cycle from the time of Adam. Agee looked for the rapture to take place on Pentecost, which is also known as "the Feast of Weeks." Another indicator of this date was the fact that the Holy Spirit did not descend upon the apostles until 50 days after Christ's resurrection. Israel was born in 1948; add the 50 days as years and you come up with. After her May 31 rapture date failed, Agee, unable to face up to her error, continued her date setting by using various Scripture references to point to June 7, 14, 21 and about 10 other dates.</p>
1999	<p>Well, you can't call Marilyn Agee a quitter. After bombing out badly several time in 1998, Marilyn set a new date for the rapture: May 21 or 22 of this year.</p> <p>TV newscaster-turned-psychic Charles Criswell King had said in 1968 that the world as we know it would cease to exist on August 18, 1999.</p> <p>Philip Berg, a rabbi at the Kabbalah Learning Center in New York, proclaimed that the end might arrive on September 11, 1999, when "a ball of fire will descend . . . destroying almost all of mankind, all vegetation, all forms of life."</p>
2000	<p>Numerology: If you divide 2,000 by 3, you will get the devil's number: 666.6666666666667.</p> <p>The names of the people and organizations that called for the return of Christ at the turn of the century is too long to be listed here. I would say that if there were a day on which Christ could not return, it must have been January 1, 2000. To come at an unknown time means to come at an unknown time. I think January 2, 2000 would have been a more likely day for Him to call His Church home--right after the big let down.</p> <p>On May 5, 2000, all of the planets were supposed to have been in alignment. This was said to cause the earth to suffer earthquakes, volcanic eruption, and various other nasty stuff. A similar alignment occurred in 1982 and nothing happened. People failed to realize that the other nine planets only exert a very tiny gravitational pull on the earth. If you were to add up the gravitational force from the rest of the planets, the total would only amount to a fraction of the tug the moon has on the earth.</p> <p>According to Michael Rood, the end times have a prophetically complicated connection to Israel's spring barley harvest. The Day of the Lord began on May 5, 2000. Rood's fall feast calendar called for the Russian Gog-Magog invasion of Israel to take place at sundown on October 28, 2000.</p>
2000-2001	<p>Dr. Dale SumburĖru looked for March 22, 1997 to be "the date when all the dramatic events leading through the tribulation to the return of Christ should begin" The actual date of Christ's return could be somewhere between July 2000 and March 2001. Dr. SumburĖru is more general about the timing of Christ's second coming than most writers. He states, "The day the Lord returns is currently unknown because He said [Jesus] these days are cut short and it is not yet clear by how much and in what manner they are cut short. If the</p>

	above assumptions are not correct, my margin of error would be in weeks, or perhaps months."
2002	Priests from Cuba's Afro-Caribbean Yoruba religion predicted a dramatic year of tragedy and crisis for the world in 2002, ranging from coups and war to disease and flooding.
2004	This date for Jesus' return is based upon psalmology, numerology, the biblical 360 days per year, Jewish holidays, and "biblical astronomy." To figure out this date, you'll need a calculator, a slide rule, and plenty of scratch paper.
2011-2018	For the past several decades, Jack Van Impe has hinted at nearly every year as being the time for the rapture. Normally, he has only gone out one or two years from the current calendar year. However, Jack's latest projection for the rapture goes out several years. His new math uses 51 years as the length of a generation. If you add 51 years to 1967, the year Israel recaptured Jerusalem, you get 2018. Once you subtract the seven-year tribulation period, you arrive at 2011.
2012	New Age writers cite Mayan and Aztec calendars that predict the end of the age on December 21, 2012.
2060	Sir Isaac Newton, Britain's greatest scientist, spent 50 years and wrote 4,500 pages trying to predict when the end of the world was coming. The most definitive date he set for the apocalypse, which he scribbled on a scrap of paper, was 2060.

False Messiahs / False Christs

Those Who Claimed to be the Jewish Messiah
Judas of Galilee(?), son of Hezekiah/Ezekias, member of the Zealots faction who led a bloody revolt against a Roman census in AD 6.
Simon (ca. 4 BC), a former slave of Herod the Great who rebelled.
Athronges (ca. 3 BC)
Theudas (? - 46), who attempted a short-lived revolt against the Romans before being slain.
"Egyptian Prophet", c.55, (an allusion to Moses), with 30,000 unarmed Jews doing The Exodus reenactment massacred by Procurator Antonius Felix
Menahem ben Judah (?), allegedly son of Judas of Galilee, partook in a revolt against Agrippa II before being slain by a rival Zealot leader.
Simon bar Kokhba (?- ca. 135), founded a short-lived Jewish state before being defeated in the Second Jewish-Roman War
Moses of Crete (?), who in about 440-470, convinced the Jews of Crete to attempt to walk into the sea to return to Israel; he disappeared after that disaster.
Ishak ben Ya'kub Obadiah Abu Isa al-Isfahani (684-705), who led a revolt in Persia against the Umayyad Caliph 'Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan.
Yudghan (?), a disciple of Abu 'Isa who continued the faith after Isa was slain.
Serene (?), who around 720 claimed to be the Messiah and advocated expulsion of Muslims and relaxing various rabbinic laws before being arrested; he then recanted.
David Alroy (?), born in Kurdistan, who around 1160 agitated against the caliph before being assassinated.
Nissim ben Abraham (?), active around 1295.
Moses Botarel of Cisneros (?), active around 1413; claimed to be a sorcerer able to combine the names of God.
Asher Lemlein (?), a German near Venice who proclaimed himself a forerunner of the Messiah in 1502.
David Reubeni (1490-1541?) and Solomon Molcho (1500-1532), adventurers who travelled in Portugal, Italy, and Turkey; Molcho was eventually burned at the stake by the Pope.
A mostly unknown Czech Jew from around the 1650s.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sabbatai Zevi (1626-1676), an Ottoman Jew who claimed to be the Messiah, but then converted to Islam; still has followers today in the Donmeh.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barukhia Russo (Osman Baba), successor of Sabbatai Zevi.• Jacob Querido (?-1690), claimed to be the new incarnation of Sabbatai; later converted to Islam and led the Donmeh.• Miguel Cardoso (1630-1706), another successor of Sabbatai who claimed to be the "Messiah ben Ephraim."• Mordecai Mokia (1650-1729), "the Rebuker," another person who proclaimed himself Messiah after Sabbatai's death.• Lobe Prossnitz (?-1750), a proven fraud who nevertheless attained some following amongst former followers of Sabbatai, calling himself the "Messiah ben Joseph."

Jacob Joseph Frank (1726-1791), who claimed to be the reincarnation of King David and preached a synthesis of Christianity and Judaism.

Menachem Mendel Schneerson (1902-1994), a Lubavitch rabbi who tried to "prepare the way" for the Messiah; some followers believe him to be the Messiah

Those Who Claimed to be the Second Coming of Messiah

Simon Magus, mid first century

Montanus, who claimed to be the promised Paraclete, mid second century

Adalbert, a bishop who claimed miraculous powers circa 744; he was excommunicated by the Pope.

Tanchelm of Antwerp (ca. 1110), who violently opposed the sacrament and the Eucharist.

Ann Lee (1736-1784), a central figure to the Shakers who thought she "embodied all the perfections of God" in female form.

John Nichols Thom (1799-1838), a Cornish tax rebel.

Hong Xiuquan of China (1812-1864), claimed to be the younger brother of Jesus.

Baha'u'llah (1817-1892), born Shiite, he claimed to be the promised one of all religions, and founded the Baha i Faith.

Halie Selassie of Ethiopia (1892-1975), Messiah of the Rastafari movement. Never claimed himself to be messiah, but was proclaimed by Leonard Howell, amongst others.

Georges Ernest Roux (1903-1981), the "Christ of Montfavet," founder of the Eglise Chretienne Universelle.

Sun Myung Moon (b. 1920), founder of the Unification Church. Claims he is the Second Coming of Christ^[4].

Yahweh ben Yahweh (1935-2007), born as Hulon Mitchell, Jr., a black nationalist and separatist who created the Nation of Yahweh and allegedly orchestrated the murder of dozens of persons.

Iesu Matayoshi (b. 1944), in 1997 he established the World Economic Community Party based on his conviction that he is God and the Christ.

Jung Myung Seok (b. 1945), claims to be the Second Coming of Christ, founder of Providence Church, and fugitive wanted for rape among other crimes

Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda (b. 1946), Puerto Rican preacher who has claimed to be "the Man Jesus Christ", who is indwelled with the same spirit that dwelled in Jesus. Founder of the Growing in grace" ministries.

Inri Cristo (b. 1948) of Curitiba, Brazil, a claimant to be the second Jesus.

David Icke (b. 1952), of Great Britain, has described himself as "the son of God," and a "channel for the Christ spirit."

David Koresh (Vernon Wayne Howell) (1959-1993), leader of the Branch Davidians.

Maria Devi Christos (b. 1960), founder of the Great White Brotherhood.

Sergei Torop (b. 1961) who started to call himself "Vissarion," founder of the Church of the Last Testament and the spiritual community Ecopolis Tiberkul in Southern Siberia.

David Shayler (b. 1965) ("Righteous Chav") who declared himself the Messiah in 2007.

James L. Robison (b. 1972) claimed to be the Messiah throughout the year 2007

Pastor Apollo C. Quiboloy (b. 1950) claims that Jesus replaced the Father, the Father replaced the Spirit, so

Pastor Apollo now replaces Jesus. He is called "His Appointed Son" by thousands in the Philippines and now in other countries.

Marshall Applewhite and Bonnie Nettles led the "Heaven's Gate" New Age cult in which some male members underwent voluntary castration. The cult's end coincided with the appearance of the Hale-Bopp Comet in 1997, when Applewhite convinced 39 followers to commit suicide so that their souls could take a ride on a spaceship which they thought was hiding behind the comet.

James Warren (Jim) Jones (1931-1978) In 1978 Jim Jones forced 913 of his followers to commit mass suicide at his enclave The Peoples Temple in Jonestown, northern Guyana.