

2 Billion Will Die

The only question is "When?"

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Author's note: This article is dedicated to explaining why I believe two billion people will die in the next 12 months.

Can I guarantee the time frame? No. Could it be 24 to 36 months? Possibly. But, in my opinion, the most likely time for the fulfillment of this ominous prophecy of the annihilation of one-third of the human race is the next 12 months.



The prophecy hits you in the face like a ton of bricks! "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for TO SLAY THE THIRD PART OF MEN." (Revelation 9:15)

My first reaction was...that can't really be what the prophecy says! To slay the third part of men? That would be two billion people dead! Surely not!

I checked the Greek. Sure enough...one-third of mankind. I checked several other translations—one-third of the human race; one-third of all the people on earth; one-third of humanity. They all said the same thing! A WAR IS JUST AHEAD THAT WILL KILL TWO BILLION HUMAN BEINGS!

There simply is no precedent!

So that we can understand the enormity of this prophecy, consider that, prior to the 20th century, there had never been a war with one million fatalities. In 1914, World War I broke out resulting in the death of 8.2 million human beings! They called it The Great War! Some said it would be the war to end all wars. But it wasn't.

Twenty short years later, the world was plunged into World War II. This time there were not 8.2 million killed.

This time—52 million! It was as though something had come unhinged within the human soul! Six thousand years of recorded human history and not one war with 1 million fatalities. Then, within 20 years of each other, two wars had claimed 8.2 million and 52 million lives. Even more ominous were the two mushroom clouds that towered over Hiroshima and Nagasaki as World War II came to its apocalyptic conclusion.

Fear around the globe was palpable. What would the next war produce...with these new weapons of mass destruction filling the arsenals of the world's nations? World leaders just refused to think the unthinkable. But it was frighteningly obvious that mankind now possessed the power to wipe all life off the face of the planet—many times over.

In a desperate attempt to insure that World War III would never happen, the nations of the world decided to create an organization designed to prevent war. They called it the United Nations. Though many small wars have raged around the globe since 1945, so far this new system of global governance has contributed to avoiding the nightmare scenario of World War III. All of us hope that the tenuous peace that has largely prevailed will

hold. But will it? No!

The prophecy is crystal clear. World War III is coming! This time, there won't be 8.2 million dead. There won't be 52 million dead. This time 2 billion human beings will be annihilated from the face of the earth! We are talking about 40 times the fatalities of World War II! It's almost impossible to comprehend, but it is going to happen. The only question is: "When?"

The war will start in Iraq!

According to Revelation 9:14, the prophesied war will originate from the area of the Euphrates River. The Euphrates River is located mostly in Iraq where the United States has 170,000 troops stationed at this present time. Since fighting is raging along the Euphrates today, we have to ask if the Sixth Trumpet War might already have begun.

A war that kills two billion people will obviously be a World War, making it World War III. James Woolsey, CIA Director during the Clinton administration, says that World War III began on 9/11. Thomas Friedman of the New York Times agrees with him. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich also believes that World War III started on 9/11. Finally, President Bush has added his voice to those who contend we are now in WW III. On May 6, 2006, he stated that the revolt of passengers on Flight 93 was, "The first counter-attack of World War III."

When does the Bible say this war will occur?

The Sixth Trumpet War must occur before the beginning of the great tribulation. The great tribulation is that three and one-half year period that will immediately precede the Battle of Armageddon. How do we know the Euphrates River War must happen before the great tribulation begins?

This prophesied war occurs in Revelation 9:13-21. Right after this in Revelation 10, the beginning of the great tribulation is recorded. In verse 5, an angel stands with one foot on the land and one foot on the water declaring that delay shall be no longer. Right after this, Revelation 11 describes the events of the final three and one-half years preceding the Battle of Armageddon. In Revelation 11:2, we are told that Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles for the next 42 months (3 ½ years). Then in Revelation 11:3, God's two witnesses begin their ministries, which continue for the next 1260 days (3 ½ years) until the end of the tribulation period.

At the end of Revelation 11, the two witnesses are killed, the last trumpet sounds, and the Battle of Armageddon takes place. It is at this time that Jesus Christ returns to earth to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

This same sequence of events is recorded in Daniel 12:1-7. An angel stands upon the waters and declares that there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that time, referring to the great tribulation. One asked the angel how long it would be until

all this was over. He answered, "Until a time, times, and an half" (3 ½ years).

Both of these accounts describe an angel declaring the beginning of a time of great tribulation, which will last for three and one-half years.

Within the next 12 months?

According to the biblical prophetic timeline given in scripture, four major prophetic fulfillments will occur at approximately the same time.

- The international community's adoption of a peace plan for the Middle East
- The building of Israel's temple on the Temple Mount
- Preparations being made for the implementation of the mark of the beast
- The Euphrates River War

If we can demonstrate that all four of these prophetic developments are occurring right now, then it becomes obvious that the time for the Euphrates River War has arrived! Please walk through the prophecies with me.

An international peace plan for the Middle East

Daniel 9:27 prophesies that the world community and the leader of the world community, the Antichrist, will confirm the Abrahamic covenant with many for seven years. The Abrahamic covenant is the promise God made to Abraham that the Promised Land would be given to his descendants. The passage is Genesis 15:18,

"In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"

This confirmation of the covenant will confirm Israel's right to exist in the Holy Land and will mark the beginning of the final seven years to Armageddon. Halfway through the final seven years, the Antichrist will order the stopping of animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount, which will have been resumed by then. He will then stand in the temple claiming to be God. This could mean he will claim to be the ultimate authority over the Temple Mount since it will have been placed under international supervision by then.

Does such an international peace plan exist?

In 2002, it was decided that Israelis and Palestinians simply could not make peace between themselves without international intervention. A new international alliance was formed called the Quartet. The alliance consisted of the United States, the European Union, Russia, and the United Nations. Its sole purpose of existence was to produce a peace plan for the Middle East and to oversee its adoption.

In April of 2003, the Quartet presented a peace plan to Israelis and Palestinians called the Roadmap for Peace. The Roadmap called for the determining of final borders between the Palestinians and the Israelis, settling the status of Jerusalem and settling the status of the Temple Mount.

In June of 2003, the Roadmap for Peace was adopted by Israelis and Palestinians at a signing ceremony that President Bush attended. Since that time, the international community has struggled to implement the Roadmap without success.

At the beginning of 2007, the White House announced that peace in the Middle East would be one of the premier goals of President Bush's final two years in office. A full-blown initiative to reach this goal was launched.

Meetings of the Quartet were held, and a steady stream of visits to the Middle East by high profile diplomats began. These included the new Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki Moon, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and European Union High Representative of Foreign Affairs Javier Solana.

In June of 2007, the Quartet upped the ante even farther. They appointed Tony Blair, the high-profile former prime minister of Great Britain, to be the special envoy to the Middle East. In July, President Bush announced his intention to host an international conference on the Middle East with the goal of bringing the implementation of the Roadmap for Peace to a successful conclusion.

Under the intense diplomatic pressure, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas agreed to begin meeting face-to-face bi-weekly. The purpose of these meetings was to pound out a general agreement on core issues for adoption at the peace conference, tentatively announced for November 15, 2007. Those core issues were defined as final borders, status of Palestinian refugees, the status of Jerusalem and the status of the Temple Mount.

If a general agreement can be attained before the conference on these core issues, then negotiators will flesh out the details of a final peace treaty within the six months after the conference. This would allow the signing of the treaty during the final year of the Bush administration. Will a peace agreement on the Middle East be achieved?

According to the prophecies of the Bible, some form of an agreement will be reached on the status of the Temple Mount. Revelation 11:1-2 states that a rebuilt Jewish temple will be under Jewish control while the outer court of the

temple will be under Gentile control. This arrangement will continue during the 42 months preceding the Battle of Armageddon.

Jesus also stated that Judea (the West Bank) would be a place of terrible tribulation during this same 42 months. This indicates that this area will be placed under the control of Israel's enemies.

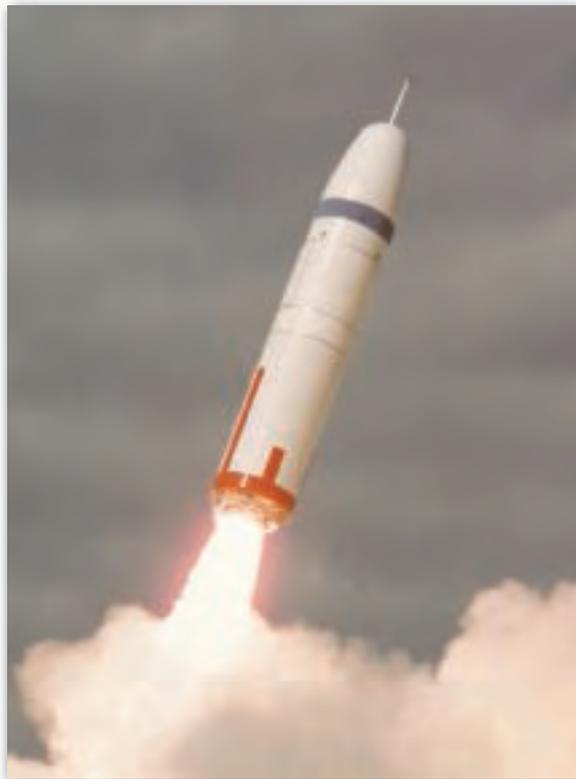
From these specific prophecies, we can conclude that a peace agreement will take place, and when this occurs, it will mark the beginning of the final seven years to Armageddon.

The building of Israel's temple on the Temple Mount

We have two specific prophecies that describe a temple standing on the Temple Mount three and one-half years before Armageddon. II

Thessalonians 2:3-4 states that the man of sin, the Antichrist, will sit in the temple of God, claiming to be God. This is the event known as the abomination of desolation, which occurs three and one-half years before Armageddon. It's obvious that the Antichrist cannot sit in a temple if there isn't one. Revelation 11:1-2 describes the measuring of a temple on the Temple Mount 42 months before Armageddon and the Second Coming. Of course, a temple couldn't possibly be measured if none existed.

Since both of these prophecies foretell that a temple will exist three and one-half years before Armageddon, we know for certain that the temple has to be built prior to this time.



Trident I C-4 Nuclear Ballistic Missile Launch
Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

When will the temple be built?

When Israel's First Temple was completed in 968 BC, King

Solomon offered an animal sacrifice at the dedication. After this, daily sacrifices were offered as mandated by scripture. When the Second Temple was completed in 516 BC, again the daily sacrifices were instituted.

When the Third Temple is completed, sacrifices will be offered again. How do we know this? The Bible prophecies that the Antichrist will cause the sacrifice and the oblation to stop. You can't stop sacrifices that are not in progress.

Why will the Antichrist stop the sacrifices?

Imagine the cameras of CNN and other news services honing in on the little lamb being offered for the morning sacrifice and then another little lamb being sacrificed that evening. In our present animal rights climate, how long will

it take for the animal rights activists to begin marching with placards: ANIMALS HAVE RIGHTS TOO! BARBARISM IN THE 21st CENTURY! It won't take long.

We know that the sacrifices are stopped in the midst of the final seven years (Daniel 9:27). From this we can conclude that the building of the temple will be completed not too long before this midway point.

How close are we to the building of the Third Temple?

For many years, the Temple Institute in Jerusalem has been preparing the furniture and the utensils of the temple in anticipation of the time when the temple will be rebuilt. Within the last two years, the Institute has announced that these preparations are now complete.

On October 13, 2004, the Jewish Sanhedrin was reborn after being disbanded for 1,600 years. The Sanhedrin was Israel's supreme court in biblical times. It was the Sanhedrin that put Jesus and many of the apostles on trial.

At the Sanhedrin's monthly meeting in June of 2005, they decided it was time to begin the rebuilding of the temple. Since the Israeli government does not allow Jewish religious activity on the Temple Mount, it was decided that the temple would be built off-site, in the same way that Solomon's temple was built off-site and then assembled on the Temple Mount. The decision was made to prefabricate the building of the temple for quick assembly once permission is granted by the government to construct it.

On March 22, 2007, an article appeared in the Religion News Service announcing the Sanhedrin's plan to offer a Passover Sacrifice. They planned to sacrifice sheep on the Temple Mount on the day before the Passover, which was to start at sundown April 2. "If the government will not resist, we will do it," said Rabbi Dov Stein, a member of the Sanhedrin.

The Sanhedrin bought a herd of 12 sheep, 110-150 pounds each, from a farm in southern Israel. "Anyone wanting to eat of the sacrifice can pay seven shekels (\$1.67) for an 8-10 gram slice, the minimum required by Jewish law," Stein said.

The only thing standing between Israel and the prophesied rebuilding of her temple is an agreement on the status of the Temple Mount, which the Roadmap for Peace calls for.

Preparations for the mark of the beast

Preparations for the mark of the beast must take place in the first three and one-half years of the final seven, since the mark will be implemented during the reign of the Antichrist, which takes place during the last three and a half years.

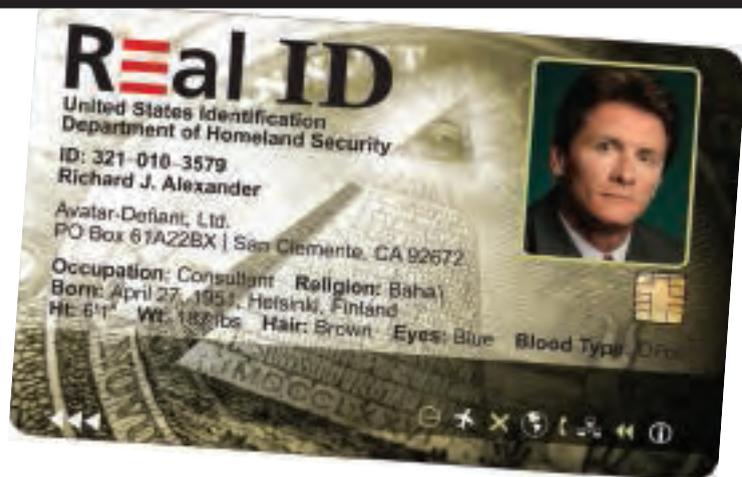
The prophecy states:

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16-17

Economic sanctions are the favorite tool of the United Nations against those states that will not submit to the edicts of the world community. When sanctions are levied against a nation, as is now being done to Iran, the member nations of the UN agree to not trade with that nation. The goal is to create such economic pressure that the offending nation will submit to the will of the world government structure.

This same practice of sanctions will be used by the world government during the great tribulation. However, it will not only be used against nations, but also against individuals.

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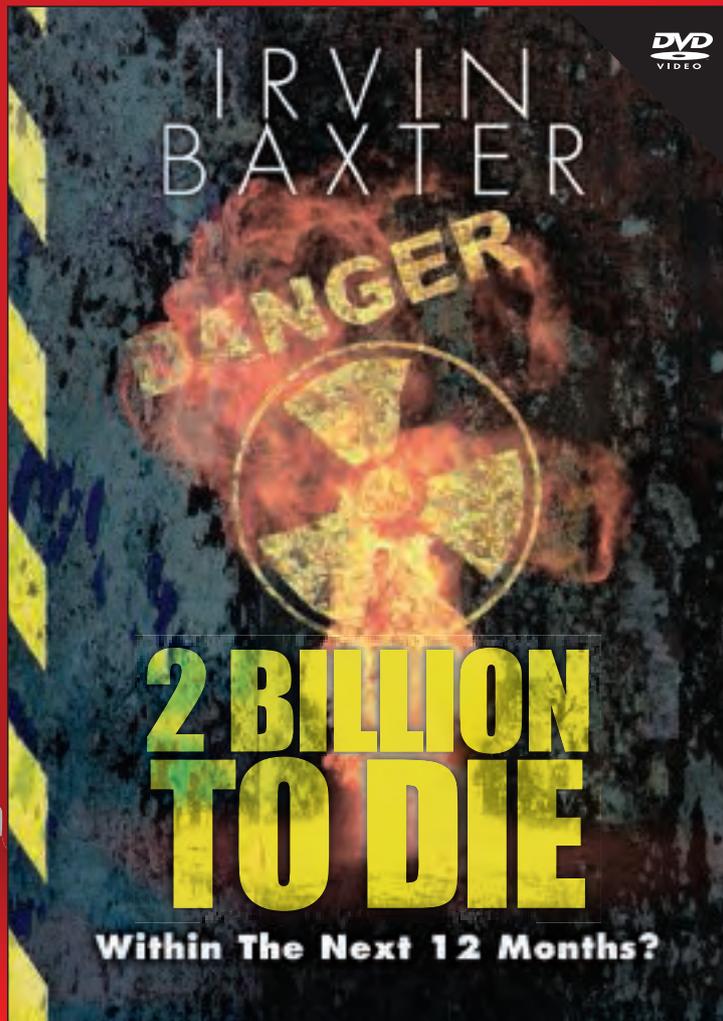
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The Antichrist will control the people of the world during the great tribulation by forcing every person on earth to worship him (pledge allegiance to him). Those who do will be given a mark or a number permitting them to participate in the economy of the world. Those who refuse will be sanctioned economically by denying them the "privilege" of buying and selling. Only since the invention of the computer and the birth of the Internet has such a system of worldwide economic control been possible.

The system is being set up now!

On May 11, 2005, President Bush signed the Real ID Act. This law, advocated by the 9/11 Commission, was designed to give the government control over every person in the United States. The rationale behind this huge suspension of freedom was that the only way to spot terrorists is to be able to track and control everybody.

The Real ID Act mandates that every American have a national ID card obtained from their state Bureau of Motor Vehicles, by May 11, 2008. Coded into this card will be your birth certificate, your number (SS number), your digitized picture, and your biometric identification (fingerprint or eyescan).

It is rather sobering that the prophecy states the mark will be in the hand or the forehead. Our fingerprints are on our hands, and our eyes are in our foreheads. Too close for comfort, isn't it!

The key to total control

The Real ID Act requires that each state place all this information into the database of the BMV. Furthermore, the state is then required to link its database with the databases of the other 49 states—creating a national database. Once every person's information is placed into the national database, the federal government can then access your records at the push of a button!

Furthermore, without a national ID card, a person won't be able to board an airplane, open a bank account or access any service requiring approved federal ID.

Without your ID card, you can't buy or sell

Sec. 707 of Homeland Security's Immigration Bill reveals exactly what proponents of big government intend to do. Section 707 is titled: Report on social security card-based employment eligibility verification.

(A) A requirement that social security cards that are made of a durable plastic or similar material and that include an encrypted, machine-readable electronic identification strip and a digital photograph of the individual to whom the card is issued, be issued to each individual (whether or not a United States citizen).

(B) The creation of a unified database to be maintained by the Department of Homeland Security and comprised of data from the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security specifying the work

authorization of individuals (including both United States citizens and non-citizens) for the purpose of conducting employment eligibility verification.

(C) A requirement that all employers verify the employment eligibility of all new hires using the social security cards described in subparagraph (A) and a phone, electronic card-reading, or other mechanism to seek verification of employment eligibility through the use of the unified database described in subparagraph (B).

This bill would have required you to have a national ID or else you would have been unable to hold a job in America! No job? No buying and selling! The administration and Homeland Security pushed for the passage of the Immigration Bill with all of their might. Thankfully, it went down to defeat. However, the danger is not past.

In spite of this decisive defeat, Homeland Security is determined to enforce its system of total control over the populace through its national ID scheme. The Real ID Act is still law and due to be implemented starting May 11, 2008. You can be sure that Homeland Security fully intends to find another way to require a national ID as a condition of employment.

Realizing that the implementation of the national ID would spell the end of freedom, as we have known it, many states are moving to reverse the Real ID Act. Seven states have now passed laws against its implementation. Twenty-seven others have either passed resolutions against it or have introduced bills against it in their state legislatures.

The government is justifying this obsession with control by contending that the security of the nation requires it. However, we must not forget that control and freedom are opposite terms. If we are controlled, we are not free.

What's behind the Real ID?

CNET news disclosed on October 26, 2005 what's behind this drive for the implementation of a national ID. The International Civil Aviation Organization, a United Nations agency, has set "globally interoperable" standards for identification documents. So what we are really witnessing is not just the setting up of a national ID. We are actually experiencing the establishment of a global ID system.

Great Britain is also in the process of establishing a national ID card. George Bush and Tony Blair agreed that Britain's cards would be readable on America's card-reading machines and America's cards would be readable on Britain's machines. Then the other 26 nations in the EU decided they should make their ID cards compatible with Britain's ID cards; thus they will also be compatible with our cards. Consequently, the national ID will now be good in the U.S. and throughout Europe! You get the idea. The national ID is quickly being transformed into a global ID.

Will the national ID become the mark of the beast?

All of the elements needed for establishing the prophesied mark of the beast are present in the requirements of the Real ID Act. The only thing that would have to be added would be some type of pledge of allegiance to the Antichrist or to his one-world government. If the Real ID Act is not repealed, it appears almost certain that it will ultimately become the mark of the beast.

The entire world is preparing for the mark

Out of 193 nations on earth, 188 of them either have a national ID card or are in the process of implementing one. The only nations without a national ID are Mexico, Ireland, Congo, New Zealand, and the Philippines.



Soldiers position their bridge erection boats against the current as they remove an assault float bridge from the Euphrates River near Al Qaim; Photo courtesy of U.S. Army; Lee Harshman

The Euphrates River War



Marines conduct an early morning patrol down the Euphrates River; Photo Courtesy of U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps / Brian M. Henner

Is the mechanism for the mark of the beast being put in place right now? Obviously!

The Euphrates River War

The fourth prophecy that will be fulfilled just before the final three and one-half years begins is the Euphrates River War. Obviously, this prophecy does not even require discussion. The fact that it is in process of fulfillment at this moment is self-evident. The United States has 170,000 troops fighting up and down the Euphrates at this present time.

The checklist:

- International peace plan for the Middle East
- Building of Israel's temple

- Preparing for the mark of the beast
- War fought along the Euphrates River

Since all four of these prophetic fulfillments are in progress right now, it appears certain that the present Euphrates River War is the Euphrates River War of Revelation 9:13-21. If this is true, then we know that two billion people will die before this war comes to its culmination.

President Bush has about one year left of his term. Since this is his war and considering that he has the temperament to participate in such a war, it certainly seems probable that the prophesied apocalypse will occur while he is yet in office.

If these things prove to be true, then two billion human beings will die in the next 12 months! God help us all!