Ninety-five percent of the churches in the United States are not a threat to the Kingdom of darkness.
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THE LAST DAYS
PART SEVEN
CONCLUSION

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search out a matter.
Proverbs 25:2

The best and most Biblical based book I have read on the Last Days is *The False Prophet* by Ellis H. Skolfield. It has certainly changed my eschatology or study and beliefs about the final acts of history and the end of the world. My friend Howard McCaffety from Cleveland, Georgia, recommended this book to me. Until I read this book, I was not familiar with Skolfield. This author points out that we base most of our opinions about the Last Days on teachings hundreds of years old, and yet Daniel, the apocalyptic book of the Old Testament, says, *"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end…"*(Daniel 12:4a). Thus we have been taught things that could not be understood until 1967, the year, Skolfield shows conclusively to me, when the end days began. He writes in his book: *If the "Time of the End" began in 1967, and Daniel was sealed until the "Time of the End," then all views theorized out of Daniel before 1967 would at best be incomplete, and at worst heretical."* If his theories are right, and he backs up everything with the Word, so much of what we have been taught is indeed error. The fact that there are so many confusing doctrines about the Last Days, such as pre, mid, or post trib, shows that we have not gotten it figured out. These first two sections of this study are based on this Skolfield's book. In addition, I will comment on his ideas in the other sections, giving him credit of course for his opinions.

Just a side note: Unlike the book of Daniel, the Revelation of John the Apostle contains an interesting verse in Revelation 22:10: *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.* If this is true, perhaps we should see the book of Revelation as Jesus' solving the mysteries of the rest of the Bible and looking backwards at the rest of the Bible, instead of prophetically forward. Revelation 1:1: *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His*

servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John. As Skolfield puts it, "Revelation is not a mystery, but Jesus' solution of one."

Important Dates To Remember

606 BC: First Jewish Captivity

586 BC: The Babylonians conquered the Kingdom of Judah and overthrow Jerusalem in what is known as the Diaspora, exiling and dispersing the Jews from their homeland.

538 BC: Cyrus the Persian allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem.

70 AD: The Romans completely destroyed the Temple perfectly fulfilling the prophetic words of Jesus in Matthew 24:1-2: *Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them,* ***"Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."***

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688 AD: Moslems capture Jerusalem and build the Dome of the Rock, a memorial to Mohammed, on the sacred Jewish Temple Mount.

1948 AD: Thanks to Harry S. Truman's support, the nation of Israel was reborn on May 14th, 1948. This exact year can be calculated from Biblical prophecy using Ezekiel 4:3-6 and Leviticus 26:18. For more information, read Grant Jeffrey's *Armageddon: An Appointment with Destiny.* (Other interesting scriptures pertaining to this day are Isaiah 66:7-8 and Isaiah 11:12.)

1967 AD: Jerusalem was captured by the Israeli Army in a seven day war. From 688 AD to 1967 AD the Israelis' did not have control of their own capitol. This date is very significant because it might mark the beginning of that generation that will not pass (Matthew 24:34).

Time in Prophecy

A. Old Testament:

1. **Prophetic Day:** In Old Testament Prophecy a day=a year. Ezekiel 4:5-6-*For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of Judah forty years: I have appointed thee* ***each day for a year.***

   You may think that this is just pulling something out of a little known scripture, except for the fact that almost every scripture that indicates something is going to happen in so many days has happened in exactly the number of years for the number of days mentioned in the scripture, and I will give you examples of this later in this study.

2. **Time, Times, & Half a Time:** Daniel 12:7-*And…he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.* Time in scripture equals a 1000 years. Thus, *time, times, and an half*=2500 years.

3. **Season:** If a time =1000 years, a season is 1/4th of a time or 250 years. Daniel 7:11-12-*I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast* [Rome] *was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beast* [the Islamic Nations of the Middle East], *they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season of time.* (The beast were the Lion=Babylon; the Bear=Medo-Persian Empire; the Leopard=Greece; the Beast Strong and Terrible with 10 horns=Rome. These reigned and destroyed before the season and time referred to here.

4. Daniel used the **Hebrew calendar**, which was based on 360 days a year.

5. **The Solar Year** is 365.24 days, and the Solar year is what is used in the Greek New Testament. Therefore, all years in the Old Testament must be multiplied by .9857 to get the Solar Year.

B. New Testament

1. **The Solar year**, instead of the Hebrew year, is used.

2. **Day=1000 years**, and a 1000 years=a day. 2nd Peter 3:8-*But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.* [Note that the Lord created man and gave him dominion on the sixth day (Genesis 1:26). Many believe we are living at the end of the sixth Day when the Lord will come back to redeem His chosen few, and on the seventh day He will rest. Note that this is not a prophetic day, which equals a year, although it is in the Old Testament.]
3. **Prophetic Day in the New Testament**, particularly in Revelation, can also equal a year as in Revelation 11:2, which we will look at further along in this handout.

Testing the Above Time Formulas With Biblical Events

Skolfield shows where his theory accurately predicts Biblical events, which were prophesied sometimes thousands of years before the prophecies came true. I will list a few but encourage you to get the book for your own in depth exploration of his theories.

1. **Daniel 12:11:** *And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.* Nebuchadnezzar carried the Jews away to Babylon in 583BC (see Jeremiah 52:30), apparently leaving no purified priests in the land who could offer sacrifices. 1,290 years times .9857 solar years from 583 BC equals 688.66 AD. What happened on that date? The Moslem Kalifah, Abd el Malik ibn Marwan, built a memorial to Muhammad, the Dome of the Rock, on God's temple mount! **Therefore, according to Skolfield, the Abomination of Desolation is the Dome of the Rock.** Skolfield records the following: *Jerry Landay in his book, "The Dome of the Rock* (Newsweek, New York, NY, 1972) p.18, *records that when Khalifah Omar entered Jerusalem in 639 AD, he was met by Sophronius, Bishop of the Jerusalem Church, who showed him around the city. Seeing the temple mount (then in Rubble), Omar declared that he was going to build a memorial to Muhammad on the original site of the temple of God. Sophronius exclaimed in horror "Verily, this is the Abomination of Desolation as spoken by Daniel the prophet, and it now stands in the holy place." Though Sophronius was a very old man of about 80, Khalifah Omar*

put him in prison and to forced labor, the severities of which killed him."

2. **Revelation 11:2:** *But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure not; for it is given unto the Gentiles; and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.* We know without doubt from historical records that the Dome of the Rock was erected in 688 AD. 42 months = 1278.34 days. A day = a year. 1278 plus 688 AD would be 1967. What happened in 1967? Israel took back Jerusalem in the Seven Day War and has controlled it ever since. The court *without the temple* is the site of the Dome of the Rock, the Moslem Mosque, which actually stand on the site of the Court of the Gentiles, not the Inner Court and Holy of Holies. 1967 marked the end of the times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:21-24 excerpts: ***Then let them* [the Jews] *which are in Judaea flee…And they* [the Jews] *shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*)** Luke follows this passage a few verses later, in Luke 21:31-32: **So also ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is near at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all is fulfilled.** We believe that a Biblical generation is 70 years, although some scholars say it is 40 years. Thus, we can expect the Lord most likely to return sometimes between now and 2037. That is just 24 years maximum!
3. **Revelation 12:1-6:** *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man-child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God and to His throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.* The woman is Israel, and the twelve stars the

twelve tribes. The red dragon is Satan who conned one third of the angels to rebel with him. The man-child is Jesus. The wildernesses are the countries the Jews were dispersed to during the Christian era, after the takeover of Jerusalem by the Moslems. They were to stay dispersed for 1260 days. Before 688 AD both Christians and Jews could freely worship in Jerusalem and on the Temple Mount. In 688 AD the Moslems built the Dome of the Rock, which Skolfield says is the *Abomination of Desolation*. In 688 AD, when the Jews were dispersed, until 1260 days later, where days equal years, is the year 1948, the rebirth of Israel when the Jews could come from the wilderness back home to Israel.

4. **Daniel 9:24:** *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon the holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again and the wall, even in troublesome times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself and the people of the prince that shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.* In 444-445 BC Nehemiah rebuilds the gates. 7 weeks or 48.3 years from then the Old Testament Canon closed. 62 weeks or 427.7 years from that, the Messiah was "cut off" or crucified. The total time of this prop0hecy was 476 years.

NOTE: These were different calendars used in Biblical days. The Jewish year is based on the number of years since creation, the beginning calculated by the ages if people in Genesis. The Jewish year is 360 days and is based on the earth rotation on its axis (a day), the rotation of the moon around the earth (a month), and the rotation of the earth around the sun (a year).

The Roman calendar went through various changes starting with a 304-day year and later ending with a 365-day year, much like our own calendar. The calendar was initiated by Romulus in 753 BC. Each year was based on the number of years since the founding of Rome.

The Greek calendar went through so many changes that it is too complicated to discuss here except to make some general comments. It was a lunisolar calendar meaning it was based on both the moon and the sun. The New Year started in the Summer Solstice. The calendar had 354 days (11 days short of a solar calendar) so they added an extra month every 3 years.

The calendar most commonly used by the world now is a solar calendar and is based on the birth of Jesus and uses the terms *BC,* before Christ, and *AD*, annos domini, in the year of our Lord. Today politically correct *heathens* have come up with new terms: *BCE*=before the Common Era and *CE*=the Common Era. Of course everyone know when the Common Era began (i.e. with the birth of Jesus) but this is never acknowledged. Ironically, the modern calendar is supposedly a few years off because it is now generally thought that Jesus was actually born any time between 4 and 6 BC, not AD 1.

The Muslims start their dating from 622 AD when Muhammad migrated to Medina and was declared head of state and commander in chief of the first Islamic community of believers. Daniel 7:25: *He will speak against the most high and oppress his saints and try to change the set time and laws…*(NIV).

The Two Witnesses

Through the years many have speculated on the two witnesses of Revelation 11:3-13: (3) *And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. (4) These are the two olive trees and the two lamp stands standing before the God of the earth. (5) And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth and devoured their enemies; and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. (6) These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy; and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. (7) And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascended out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. (8)And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (9) And they of the peoples and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead*

bodies three days and a half, and shall not permit their dead bodies to be put in graves. (10) And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth. (11) And after three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them who saw them. (12) And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up here. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them. (13) And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand; and the remnant were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Some have said that these two witnesses are Enoch and Elijah, citing the fact that Enoch walked with God and was no more and Elijah was caught up in a chariot and taken to heaven. They say these two men never died before they went to heaven. Other cite the two witnesses as Moses, because he struck the waters of the Nile, and it turned to blood, and Elijah since he prayed and it did not rain for three years. Then he prayed, and it did, and both were prophets. Moses, however, could represent the Law and Elijah, the prophets. Some believe the two witnesses are the Old and New Testaments. Ellis Skolfield says that, using the day=year principle, these witnesses would have to live 1260 days, and no single human lives life that long in this age.

He looks at the two olive trees and two lamp stands. Four times in the Old Testament (Jeremiah 11:16, Isaiah 17:6, Isaiah 24:13, and Hosea 14:6), Israel is defined as an olive tree. Also, twice in the New Testament, Israel is called an olive tree (Romans 11:17, Romans 11:24) In Revelation 1:20 Jesus tells us specifically what the two lamp stands represent: ***The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden lamp stands. The seven stars are the angels*** [or messengers] ***of the seven churches; and the seven lamp stands which thou sawest are the seven churches.*** Therefore, the lamp stands represent the Christian Church. Skolfield believes the time of the two witnesses started in 688AD and went to 1948. He believes there is a remnant of genuine believers left…a few hairs hidden in the hem of the Lord's garment (Ezekiel 5:3).

Many have a real problem with Jews being one of the two witnesses. Skolfield says that they are those Jews who have a heart change by faith, and indeed the Old Testament and even the book of Hebrews is full of Jews who were counted righteous because of their faith. I prefer to see those in this group of Jewish witnesses, since the cross, as being Messianic Jews.

The Abomination of Desolation

We have already shown Skolfield's view of the Abomination of Desolation. The more traditional view is that the Antichrist will make peace with Israel. In the middle of his seven-year reign, he will go into the temple and into the Holy of Holies and declare that he is God. Others believe the Abomination was when different foreign powers captured Jerusalem and tried to set up false gods, such as a statue of Jupiter in the Temple.

The Antichrist or Beast

Daniel 11:36-39: *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall be honor with gold and silver and with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many and shall divide the land for gain.*

Revelation 13:1-8: *And I stood upon the sand of the sea and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns and upon his horns ten crowns and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as though it were wounded to death, and his deadly wound was healed, and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon who gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that*

dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

From these passages we learn that he will speak blasphemies against the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Apparently he will be Jewish since he did not regard the God of his fathers. Some believe he will be of the tribe of Dan. The tribe of Dan was the only tribe not mentioned in the listings of the twelve tribes of Revelation 7. Perhaps the Danites were cursed by God for their involement in idol worship on Mount Hermon. This tribe is described as a "serpent by the way." In addition J.R. Church in *Daniel Reveals the Bloodline of the Antichrist* believes the Antichrist will may have supernatural demonic powers and be descended from the Nephilim giants of which Goliath was one. The antichrist also might be homosexual since he has no desire for women. Maybe that is why the whole world is being groomed to accept the homosexual lifestyle. Paul writes of the Antichrist in 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-8 and calls him *that man of sin, the son of perdition, that Wicked…whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness if his coming.*

The Antichrist will hate Christians. We already see the world system being set-up slowly but surely to hate and persecute Christians. Revelation 13:7-8: *It was granted unto him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* (Note: If we had all been raptured away, who are these saints he is making war with.)

There is a teaching now that says the Antichrist will be a Moslem. They point out that there are indications that the Antichrist will come from the Roman Empire of which many of the Middle Eastern and current Islamic nations and Israel were a part.

The False Prophet

I believe the false prophet as spoken of in Revelation 16:13-*(And I saw three unclean spirits, like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, our of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet),* Revelation 19:20-*(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), and Revelation 20:10-(*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*), is the whole Islamic system created by the false prophet Muhammad. We will see increasingly that we are being called to fight against Islam through the weapons, mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, of our warfare. These weapons are not carnal but are spiritual and involve prayer, praise, fasting, confession, repentance, the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus, and the Word of God.

The Glory of the Coming Fullness of the Kingdom

(Isaiah 11 and 12)

1. All the animals will not longer eat each other or harm humans (ex. The wolf will dwell with the lamb. The lion will eat straw like the ox. Cows and bears will eat together.)
2. Children will no longer be afraid of wild animals (even putting their hands in the holes of formerly poisonous snakes) and will lead them.
3. There shall be no accidents or deaths.
4. Jesus will stand as the standard around which all nations will gather.
5. All men will look to Christ for safety and deliverance.
6. Jews will go as missionaries taking the Word of God from Jerusalem to all nations.
7. The nations shall seek Jesus.
8. There will be universal peace.
9. His rest, which he gives to us, will be glorious.
10. He will recover His Jewish remnant.
11. He will gather the outcasts of Israel.
12. The envy and pride of Ephraim shall depart.
13. The enemies of Judah will be cut off.
14. There will be a highway of holiness for the remnant of His people.
15. The righteous ones shall praise Him.
16. The Gentiles will seek Jesus and will bless the Jewish people.
17. There will be no fear.
18. The righteous will be full of joy.
19. The inhabitants of Zion will sing and cry out and shout the greatness of the Holy One in the midst of the remnant company.
20. His name will be exalted over all the earth.

A Final Note

The book of Job talks of a behemoth. Physically this was thought to have been a creature like the wooly mammoth elephant or the hippopotamus or rhinoceros. Spiritually it is a demonic set of beliefs or powers that are very difficult to defeat because of the enormity of the problem. In my parents' generation the behemoth was Communism. Although this behemoth has not been entire wiped out, it has been greatly reduced and wounded. Today the behemoth is Islam. We must stand up for Jesus and declare that He is the only way to salvation. We must oppose the demonic Muslim religion and demand that our leaders not put restrictions on Christians and not give in to the Sharia Law demands of the Muslims in this country or allow them to have certain exemptions because of their religion. Islam is a very violent religion that looks on every non-Moslem as an infidel who should be killed. In *The False Prophet* Ellis H. Skolfield writes, "*The bible plainly foretells that Islam will be the final enemy of the Church and Israel, so a major future war will be the final enemy of the Church and Israel, so a major future war against Islam is a certainty."*