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A Short Fictional Scenario

Based on the Biblical Prophecies

Time: 2355 hours

Location: U.S. Space Command Center/NORAD Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado
In the "Situation Tracking Room"

The large dark room resembled a movie theater auditorium. There was a short stage in the front of the room and a large illuminated screen with smaller screens above and below the main screen. There were no moving pictures, only an electronic computer map of the world displayed on the big screen. The smaller screens were radarscope returns focused on different parts of the world and the area of outer space near the Earth. The room had several computer terminals and desk. Nearly three dozen Air Force personnel manned the room on the graveyard shift this particular night.

It had been a rather uneventful evening so far. Most nights on the graveyard shifts were rather uneventful. Once in a while there would be a busy night, usually during the meteor shower seasons. This night promised to be no different. The officer-in-charge was a veteran Colonel from the old days of the Cold War. He had also seen action in the Gulf War. He had seen it all. Nothing was new for him, and nothing surprised him. That is until 2359 hours.

A young Air Force Captain stationed at his computer console was scanning the portion of outer space where planet Earth's orbit was heading. His duty was to utilize the deep sweep radar system to determine what, if any space objects might be headed into the planetary orbital pathway. At 2358 hours he spotted something. As the sweep came back around, the computer began pushing numbers and incoming data relevant to the onrushing object. The young Captain immediately pushed the red button on his console. Instantly the shrill sound of a siren and the flashing of a red light shattered the quiet room situated on the top of his console.

'Sir,' I have an incoming fastwalker' at 12 o'clock. Range. Point one A. U. Speed estimated at more than seven thousand miles per hour,' the Captain announced.

The Colonel looked up and over at the Captain's station. He turned to his aide, a Major, and nodded. "Major, transfer screen 22 to the big board and let's take a look."

The big screen switched from an Earth map to a radar scope plot, focusing into the darkness of deep space.

“Major, what do you make of this?” asked the Colonel.

The Major responded, “Colonel, I suppose it’s a meteorite or a meteor?”

“No, Major it just zigzagged, meteors and meteorites don’t do that.” The Colonel’s voice was harsh.

The Major was apologetic in his response, “I missed the last course adjustment sir, it went by all too fast. I’d say we have a UFO on our hands.”

“A true fastwalker?” queried the Colonel.

The Major hesitated for a moment as he looked at the incoming data stream coming in on the screen. “I think so, sir.” The Major’s voice did not seem to convey the usual certainty that was so characteristic of the Major.

“I think you may be right, Major.” Now the Colonel turned with his back to the ‘big board’ screen and shook his head, as if in disbelief. The room atmosphere shifted noticeably. Everyone in the room was now watching the big board’ screen. The roomed seemed so silent, except for the hum of computers and the air conditioning system. After a minute or so, the young Captain who first gave the alarm looked up from his terminal screen to advise the Colonel on a new development.

“Sir, Colonel sir.” The Captain’s voice seemed to show a hint of alarm, but deep down inside of himself, the Captain was more than alarmed. It just didn’t show externally in his well-disciplined appearance.

“Yes, Captain.” The Colonel responded quickly now, without looking at the Captain.

“I’m picking up more objects sir. They should show on the ‘big board’ in a few seconds, sir.” The Captain’s voice betrayed to others his own fear.

“Thank you, Captain. Transfer your screen mode to ‘live and direct’ on the big board’. I want to watch this without any download delays.” The Colonel now moved directly to the front and center of the big board located on the stage

platform. The new radar screen came into focus and the Colonel stepped up onto the platform, staring in disbelief at a growing number of objects now blipping onto the display. Everyone in the room stood transfixed at the big board' now. The mood in the room grew tense. This was no ordinary event. One unidentified object had grown to 7, then 14, and at the moment was 21. And more blips continued to appear. It seemed to be a first wave from an invading armada, all headed straight for planet Earth.

“Major, I think we have a problem. Get me the General on line. He should be home tonight. I think he’s gonna want to see this with his own eyes.” The

Colonel paused for a moment then turned and stepped back down to a nearby desk and reached to pick up a phone, turning back to face the big screen. “Holy cow, these objects are flying formations.., one, two, three, four... seven per format and there’s one, two, three, four, five, six, seven formations... that’s 49 objects on 7 formats, and that’s just the lead element of what appears to be a first wave of an invasion. People, let’s stay alert and not let our emotions get carried away in this.” The Colonel was speaking to everyone in the room, but he was not sure if anyone really comprehended his meaning. He wasn’t sure if it even mattered.

It only took a minute to reach the commanding General of the U.S. Space Command Center. In that space of time the number of unknown objects were growing and now almost doubling every few seconds. By the time the General answered the phone, the reported number of objects was measured in hundreds. It didn’t take the General long to reach the “situation room.” As he walked into the room he shook hands with the Colonel.

“Evenin’ Dave.” The General’s voice seemed casual; almost nonchalant compared to the mood that existed in the room.

“Good evening General.” The Colonel’s voice didn’t convey the real level of concern welling up inside himself. He knew all too well the ramifications and implications of what was developing out in space, but he didn’t want to let on to the others.

“Cut the crap, Dave. This is no time for pretensions.” The General glanced briefly at the big board’ and then turned back to the Colonel and said, “Wow, they’re not wasting any time are they? They’ve got the big board’ lit up like a Christmas tree. Course, I kinda thought it might happen tonight.”

“What do you mean, General?” The Colonel now walked the General up onto the stage platform as together they stared at the images flickering on the screen.

“Well”... the General paused for a moment looking keenly at the Colonel’s face. The General paused and deliberated for a moment in his mind, as to whether he should tell the Colonel something. “Ever since that mass disappearance of people all over the planet last week... well, I kinda figured they’d be back.”

The Colonel looked puzzled, and the General noticed the Colonel’s confusion. “Oh, that’s right, you’ve been on a month’s leave. I forgot that this was your first night back on duty. I take it that you were not briefed before coming on duty?”

“Briefed? Uhhh, no, no one briefed me on this,” replied the Colonel.

The General let out a short sigh, paused for a moment to consider whether or not he should say all that he knew. “We had a massive ‘fastwalker’ when the disappearance took place last Sunday afternoon. It was huge. We couldn’t quite get a fix on it, but one computer estimate put it as large as the moon. Some sort of artificial type of planet or space station I suppose. It came out from behind the moon, just like these little puppies are doin’ now. First it was there and then just as quickly it was gone. A follow up check and a recheck as well as further system tests showed no computer malfunctions. We even got a photo of it from the Hubble space telescope, but these objects we’re seeing now, we’ve seen ‘em before. We’ve even shot down a few of em.”

“General, with all due respect, these are not little ones sir. Some of these objects are several miles in diameter, with what appears to be fighters and bombers coming out from within these ships.” The Colonel didn’t quite understand the general’s line of reasoning about the size of the objects.

The General continued with his impromptu briefing, ignoring the Colonel’s comment. The General determined that it was necessary to tell the Colonel everything that he knew. “Yes sir, Dave, they didn’t bother leaving us a ransom note, they just took some of our best people.. .and now they’re comin’ back.. .to either get the rest of us, or kill us. Operation Angel’s Haarp briefing papers indicated that all of this would happen.” The General paused briefly then

continued as he slowly walked around the room with his hands clasped behind his back. "They said it would happen, coincidentally on the forty second day after the Jewish Passover. They just didn't know what year it would happen... but this year seemed most likely to them, but nobody was sure. Really though, nobody was sure or is sure about anything 'til now."

"General, what does the Jewish Passover have to do with it?" Now the Colonel's face was showing real confusion.

"Colonel, from what I'm told," the General took another long pause and then turned and stared directly into the Colonel's eyes and continued... "There are some evil forces trying to destroy this planet. The Jewish prophets foretold it. Some of our people have captured a few of these beings, but most died after capture without talking. One alien did survive and he talked. He told us what we needed to know. He told us that this event would come some day. He told us to be prepared and ready... that's why Project Haarp was developed. Hell, that's why the commies caved in... these guys in the saucers had a long talk with them too, and told 'em the facts of life."

The Colonel's face showed signs of astonishment and disbelief. The General just ignored it and continued on with this briefing. "You see Dave, it seems that these little fellows have been around quite a while.. .and they're not the only ones... there's at least 2 dozen or more species of intelligent life forms

and maybe more traversing our solar system... maybe a hundred different species just in this one galactic federation alone.. .and they told us during a summit that we held with their supreme commander that they invented all our religious leaders and all of our religions."

Now the Colonel was dumbfounded. He stared down at the floor in disbelief, trying to comprehend all that he was now hearing. The General continued with his thoughts.... "Jesus.. .yup, they created him out of a test tube. Same for Moses, and Buddha, and Mohammed and on and on. They created our religions, our laws and us. Now, some of them have split into a rebel faction and started a civil war. According to these Federation ambassadors, they came to warn us about their outlaw rebels, whom they feared would come to attack planet Earth in order to take hostages and negotiate a peaceful settlement with the Federation. We humans here on planet Earth have somehow been caught in the middle of all this..

The General paused again for a moment. The Colonel looked back up at the General, still in shock at what he was hearing, but he knew that the General wouldn't make up such a story. The General noticed the Colonel's reactions before continuing with the final stunning piece of news, which somehow seemed like hope. "Now, from what I'm told, we can expect these friendly Federation forces to send us their long promised Messiah." The general paused momentarily to gauge the impact he was having. He then continued... "Sort of their Superman type of guy, who has the power to stop this kidnapping and butchery that's been going on for several decades now... like the human abductions and cattle mutilations associated with the flying saucer stories.. .yes they were true."

The room grew silent again. Everyone in the room had overheard what the General had told the Colonel. They too, were stunned at what they had just heard from the General.

"So what do we do now?" asked the Colonel.

"Colonel,".. .the General again paused for a long deliberate breath. He then turned around and looked directly at the big board' before looking down to a phone on a nearby desk... "It is time to call the President."

The scene shifts to Brussels, Belgium. There the President of the United States has been engaged in an emergency meeting with NATO leaders concerning the mass disappearance of millions of people on the prior Sunday. The White House Chief of Staff answered the phone and turned it over to the President... "It's for you, sir. U.S. Space Command Center in Colorado."

The President takes the phone... "Yes, General. Uh huh. I see." The room grew silent as the President listened intently to the voice on the other end of the

phone line. "You're sure it's an invasion force⁹ What? You are telling me that you can't even count them all? ...I see. Thank you, General. Stay in touch with the Chief, and uhh, standby to reroute a signal to the Operation Haarp Command Center." The President slowly replaced the phone in its cradle.

The President turned to his advisors. His face turned ashen. It was apparent to everyone in the room that the President was shaken by the news he'd just been given. The President somehow mustered up the resolve to convey to his six staffers in the room the news he had just received.

Gentlemen, the United States is coming under attack from some alien military force from outer space, just as we had feared. Our only hope for defense is our H.A.A.R.P. project. If it doesn't stop them, nothing can. The entire world future rests in our hands, and right now, mine have gone limp. I don't know what else to do."

The President's Chief of Staff spoke up... "Mr. President, let's turn on CNN and see what they're showing." The TV set is turned on and CNN coverage had just begun with an interruption of regular programming.

"CNN has just learned that UFOs have begun appearing all over the country. In all major cities and even in the rural areas. Here in Atlanta, incredibly huge saucer type objects are hovering over the city. It's all very eerie and reminiscent of the Hollywood movies about invasion from outer space. We are standing by with our Washington Bureau, but we are experiencing technical difficulty with our satellite link. Reports are coming in that, in some cities, the objects have begun to engage in warlike behavior.. .with beams of light reportedly destroying buildings in New York City. One unconfirmed report indicates that the Statue of Liberty has been destroyed."...

"Mr. President, we have the G-10 ambassadors in the next room waiting to meet with you sir. You **are** the leader of the 'free world' sir; you need to advise them about this. Hopefully we can unite the whole world to fight this invasion sir. They look up to you for leadership, guidance and inspiration. Go in there and reassure them." The President's Chief of Staff somehow evoked a fire within the President's soul. The President's mood changed to one of determination. He'd go in that next room, and rally the allies. He'd convince them, that he was the man to be followed. The whole human race needed a leader now, more than ever, and he figured he was the man for the job. The President rose up out of his chair and strode confidently through the door and into the next room, and on into destiny.

Chapter 1 America, The Babylon

Since the founding of America, Christian theologians have wondered what might be the role of America in the Biblical prophecies of the book of Revelation. In the 20th century, American theologians have held a traditional view that America was not mentioned or referenced in the book of specific prophecies known as the Apostle John's book of Revelation.

It was thought, that if America was referred to in any way or manner in Biblical prophecy, it was in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel. The prophet Ezekiel's book includes a symbolical reference, (or so it was thought) to the nation of Great Britain, where Ezekiel refers to, "the merchants of Tarshish with all the young lions." (Ez. 38:13). This passage was thought to refer to Tarshish as meaning Britain, and the young lions were thought to represent the former colonies of Britain...among them being, of course, the United States of America.

The context of this reference in Ezekiel is that of an alliance of nations that would come to Israel's defense just before the nation of "Cog", (interpreted by many to be Russia) invades Israel in what many have mistakenly called the coming battle of Armageddon. While the object of this book is strictly to identify America in prophecy, we should note without going into detail, that such views concerning Cog and Armageddon are flawed. So too, is the narrow view that America's role is much greater and more prominent. Ezekiel's reference may or may not be referring to Great Britain at all, but even if it does refer to Britain and her colonies, America is not to be among the young lions coming to Israel's defense.

Other prophecy scholars in the post WWII era put forth the view that America was simply not mentioned in Bible prophecy. Such a view leads to a logical question of, Why not? Why is America left out? It is a question that many prophecy scholars have pondered over, and has triggered many a debate within theological circles. If the Bible has no mention of America, then why is America left out?

Theologians who believe that America is left out of prophecy can only respond to the question of why, with a theory that America will simply:

1. cease to exist
2. will exist, but be an isolationist country, and not be involved
3. will exist, but no longer be a military/economic power

Now the first idea might be valid if the prophecies of the last days' were still far off and not showing signs of immediate fulfillment within the next few short years. The Biblical prophecy time clock started to catch scholar's attention when, in 1948, Israel was restored to nationhood and its homeland. Also of note, in June of 1967, Israel recaptured all of Jerusalem, which until the 6-day war of 1967 had been a divided city with Israel controlling but a portion of the city. On June 6~ 1967, Israeli soldiers took control of the remainder of the city, and for the first time in nearly 2,000 years, and really for the first time in nearly 2,700 years, Jerusalem was under independent Jewish authority. No longer was the city under some form of colonialism or gentile domination.

Those events started the prophetic timetable ticking. We see that in a prophecy revealed by Jesus in Matthew 24: 32-34, in which he stated the case with the symbolism of Israel's symbol, of the fig tree. The fig tree puts forth its branches and bears fruit. This was a reference to Israel being restored back to her homeland and growing up. Verse 34 states that the generation which witnesses this, will not pass away until "all these things be fulfilled." This is a reference to the final prophecies that will occur just before His Second Coming, when He will return to reign as the World-King of the Earth, from the throne of David in Jerusalem.

IF, the generation that witnessed the rebirth of Israel is not going to pass away until HE returns, then we have a distinct time limit set in place with the clock beginning to tick on May 15th 1948 when Israel was reborn as a nation. That sets a time parameter on all the rest of the future prophecies. So that, now we can ask; Is America still existing in 2048, or perhaps even to the year 2068 as an outer parameter... if the generation means those being born in the year 1948.. .and living to be 100 or 120 years of age? If we narrow that time scope to be those who were coming of age as adults in 1948, then that time parameter narrows substantially. If we narrow the time parameter to 40 years (or 50 years for a Jubilee period).., and mark it from either 1948 or 1967 (when Israel got back all of Jerusalem) then we come to a time frame between 1998 and 2007.

Should we expect America to exist in this shorter time frame? If so, then shouldn't America still be a potent power in world affairs? In other words, if prophetic events are *imminent*, and they are, shouldn't we expect America to be mentioned in the Biblical prophecies? Or will America be isolationist oriented and ignore the events in the Middle East? Is that what we can expect out of America? Is American foreign policy showing signs of such isolationism even now? Hardly.

Whether a Republican or a Democrat, whether a conservative or a liberal occupies the White House, no president will stand by and watch Israel be destroyed by a coalition of Arab armies. In point of fact, America's role in the Middle East has been growing year by year since 1948. Indeed, we are more active now in brokering peace all over the world than we ever have been. Do you remember Bosnia? Somalia? Haiti? Panama? Granada? Those nations are where we sent our troops, with "meals on wheels" socialism for the masses.

We are now more active than ever before in world affairs and leadership. To say that America will be in isolationism during the key 7 years of Tribulation would be to ignore trends and the compositional ideology of those in power in this country. America will not be allowed to revert to isolationism. If the events of Biblical prophecies were to be fulfilled in the next few years, then we would expect America to be mentioned in the prophecies. If America is not in isolation, then perhaps option #3 as we mentioned earlier will come into play.

Option #3 is that America will lose its military and economic power and status. This is a more plausible possibility. However, if the prophecies are to occur in the next few years, it is hard to conceive that America will in effect "fall off the radar screen" of world prominence due to a natural decline of its economy or its military. There are proponents of this view, who suggest that Asia and Europe will rise into such prominence as to overshadow America. They note a seeming downward trend in our military, as well as a loss of economic industrial muscle.

Asia has been an economic house of cards' and recent events suggest that Asia is not the up and coming power that it had seemed destined to become. Europe is in the throws of joining itself into a union of separate nations. Such a development, like America's earliest days is fraught with problems, and will require decades to reach the prominence enjoyed now by America. Europe is handicapped by too much history and ethnicity to unite into one powerful bonded nation in less than a generation.

With the Asian financial crisis, the world markets are still reflecting the stabilizing role of U.S. market leadership. Europe's markets are still far from providing economic leadership that America has provided. Europe's economic muscle will take years and years of development to reach or supercede that of the U.S.

Militarily, the U.S. is secretly more powerful than all the rest of the countries in

the world put together and multiplied. There are secret military projects that are known as “black” projects that are so superior technologically that it makes what we have that is publicly visible today look like cave-man technology. These “black” projects are like the technology of Star Trek, If certain intelligence sources are even half-right, the U.S. has the technology to stop any war before it starts. The U.S. has and has had the capability to stop a nuclear missile attack before it can even launch! This technology has a sinister element involving that nebulous subject known as UFOs.

According to inside sources in the intelligence community there is a definite military program with UFO capabilities that could overwhelm China and Russia without breaking a sweat, but there is a catch. It involves the source of the technology and that source can veto any decision by the U.S. leadership to use

such weapons. So that it appears that the U.S. would have to get permission to use the technology from the source of that technology. That source is nonhuman, and it is the originating source of UFOs. The source has its own agenda, and right now, the American military is a useful ally to achieve its own agenda.

The subject of UFOs is a matter for another book, and is not the focus of this work. Suffice it to say that America is not going downhill militarily. With the technology given to America on a trade basis, America just doesn't really need tanks, large armies or even jet aircraft to defend itself from other nations. To gain this capability though, the U.S. has “sold its soul to the Devil” and the other part of that bargain is about to be transacted soon. We will explain this later on in the book.

So, the assertion that America is weak does not hold water, as this author sees the issues. Those who think so just haven't seen or realized the full scope of reality, because it is hidden under a black' operations agenda. America is also not moving towards isolationism. On the contrary, America is moving into a unique leadership role marching towards a New World Order.

If you haven't noticed, we have examined the 2~ and 3~ theoretical possibilities as to why America isn't mentioned in scripture, but we have yet to address theory number one. Theory number one is that America ceases to exist in the last 7 years of the Biblical time frame known as the great Tribulation. Now, it would seem that to achieve this end, America would have to fall apart internally.. .to fall into anarchy or civil war. While the media has hyped the “militia” movement, and other extremist groups and also played the race-relations

card, and the “class warfare” card, it is inconceivable that the U.S. will fall into such a state of internal affairs so as to destroy its leadership status in the world. However, massive physical changes, such as earthquakes, weather, and other calamities do have definite possibilities and such events could make it possible for America to cease existence or reducing America’s status in world affairs. But if this were so, wouldn’t it be mentioned in the Biblical prophecies? Maybe, maybe not. Certainly this would be a critical development leading to the rise of the Anti-Christ. What about a sudden nuclear surprise attack that destroys America? This too, is arguably plausible in theory. Again though, would this be mentioned in scripture? Maybe, and then again, maybe not.

Consider this... If we are at such a late time in the prophetic time clock, and given the current status of America’s position, surely the demise of such a country and its prior dominance would play a factoring role in the Biblical prophecies just ahead. This is said because.. .the prophecies of Revelation chapters 17 and 18 speak of a world power, which had achieved a level of loftiness of achievements. It continues to add that the world had never seen such levels of accomplishment in all societal aspects, and according to the prophecy the world would never see such again during the current ‘age of the gentiles’. So that, if America falls, who is going to rise to such prominence and

accomplishments so quickly as to make America’s achievements look insignificant in the portals of human history. Who is going to arise so fast and accomplish so much in so short of a time span as to fit the description of the Babylon of Revelation 17, and 18??? We are talking about a range of accomplishments from architecture to culture, to science, and economics, not to mention military dominance. (don’t forget the black-budget operational projects) Remember to consider this, what country in the next few years can top the achievement of America’s Apollo Moon program, as well as being the first to send a probe out of the solar system, and the first to land on Mars. America was the first to fly, to develop a submarine, nuclear weapons, television, radio, telephones, computers, transistors, mass manufacturing, etc.

So if not America, what nation will be the mystery Babylon’ spoken of in Revelation, chapters 17 and 18? I submit that there is no other nation that could or will, and that therefore America must be the “super” nation mentioned in Revelation. What this book will do is prove positively that IF the Biblical prophecies are to be fulfilled in our generation, then the identity of Babylon must be America.

Empirical data suggests that it is America, not Rome, or London, nor some resurrected Iraqi empire, nor the United States of Europe. Textually, from the scriptures, there is overwhelming evidence that is ironclad in its data pointing only to the identity of mystery Babylon' as being that of the United States of America. Revelation chapters 17 and 18 give us 65 major identifying data points, which are identifying markers, that point out the identifying characteristics that point out the identity of this 'Babylon', and what its future will be. This book will bring this material into analysis.

This book will bring to light all the major identification markers found in Revelation plus there are 33 additional identification markers found in the Old Testament prophecies of Jeremiah and Isaiah concerning this 'future' Babylon that will exist at the time of the coming of Messiah, i.e. "in the last days"... or "in those days and at those times." We will explore all of these identifying elements. We will also explore the descriptions of this Babylon's doom, who is involved, and how and where it will transpire. Of course, we will also look at the timing of this event in relation to the other predicted events.

Now, for those readers who have little or no Biblical background, it is recommended that they read and understand the earlier section which offers some tips and recommendations for how to follow along without getting lost, and how to verify the data for oneself. Again, this author urges the reader to have at hand, a Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, along with a Bible... preferably an English/Greek New Testament Interlinear or the plain English translation.. .the New American Standard Version of the Bible. Also, again it is helpful for those who can access it.. .certain Greek/English Lexicons and also a Hebrew Interlinear Bible and also Hebrew/English Lexicons. These tools can help the reader find out for himself whether or not the data presented in this book is true and factual, It will help the reader better understand and grasp the significance of the material and provide a better appreciation for the Bible itself.