



# THE BIRTH PANGS

Where is our focus?



Jesus answered, "At that time deception will run rampant. So beware that you are not fooled! For many will appear on the scene claiming my authority or saying about themselves, 'I am the Anointed One,' and they will lead many astray. "You will hear of wars and revolutions on every side, with more rumors of wars to come. Don't panic or give in to your fears, for the breaking apart of the world's systems is destined to happen. But it won't yet be the end; it will still be unfolding. "Nations will go to war against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms. And there will be terrible earthquakes, horrible epidemics, and famines in place after place. This is how the birth pains of the new age will begin!"

## WHEN WE HEAR THE WORD



What happens when you begin to think about the end times?

Why is the Book of Revelation so neglected in the church?

Did you know there are twice as many scriptures on Jesus second coming than His first?

# There are four views on the Book of Revelation.

1. PRETERIST. MOST PROPHECIES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION WERE FULFILLED DURING THE TIME OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

2. HISTORICIST. THE PROPHECIES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND ARE STILL BEING FULFILLED TODAY.

3. FUTURIST. MOST PROPHECIES BEYOND REVELATION 3 ARE YET TO BE FULFILLED.

4. SPIRITUAL (OR SYMBOLIC OR IDEALIST). MOST PROPHECIES PORTRAY THE ONGOING COSMIC CONFLICT OF SPIRITUAL REALITIES AND MAY HAVE MANY FULFILLMENTS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.



# 7 Angels, 7 Churches, 7 Letters with 7 Parts

EPHESUS MEANS “DESIRABLE”, DEEPLY LOVED BY THE LORD.

SMYRNA MEANS “MYRRH” THE TRIALS AND TROUBLES WE ALL GO THROUGH.

PERGAMUM MEANS “ELEVATED PLACE” SEASONS OF PRAISE AND FAVOR.

THYATIRA MEANS “THE INCENSE ODOR OF AFFLICTION” LEARNING TO PRAISE AND OVERCOME HARDSHIPS.

SARDIS MEANS “THOSE WHO ESCAPE” BREAKING FREE FROM OUR PAST.

PHILADELPHIA MEANS “BROTHERLY LOVE” LEARNING TO LOVE OTHERS.

LAODICEA MEANS “PEOPLE’S RIGHTS” SURRENDERING OUR RIGHTS TO HIM.



Where most of us stop, but it is actually an invitation.

“BEHOLD, I’M STANDING AT THE DOOR KNOCKING. IF YOUR HEART IS OPEN TO HEAR MY VOICE AND YOU OPEN THE DOOR WITHIN, I WILL COME IN AND FEAST WITH YOU, AND YOU WILL FEAST WITH ME.”

REVELATION 3:20

THEN SUDDENLY, AFTER I WROTE DOWN THESE MESSAGES, I SAW A HEAVENLY PORTAL OPEN BEFORE ME, AND THE SAME TRUMPET VOICE I HEARD SPEAKING WITH ME AT THE BEGINNING BROKE THE SILENCE AND SAID, “ASCEND INTO THIS REALM! I WANT TO REVEAL TO YOU WHAT MUST HAPPEN AFTER THIS.”

REVELATION 4:1




# The Lamb that was slain and the Conquering King!

“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”

– Revelation 19:11–16





DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD OR  
ANYTHING IN THE WORLD. IF  
ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, LOVE  
FOR THE FATHER IS NOT IN THEM

1 John 2:15





WORLD IN THIS SCRIPTURE  
MEANS

1 John 2:15

## JESUS REBUKES THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES

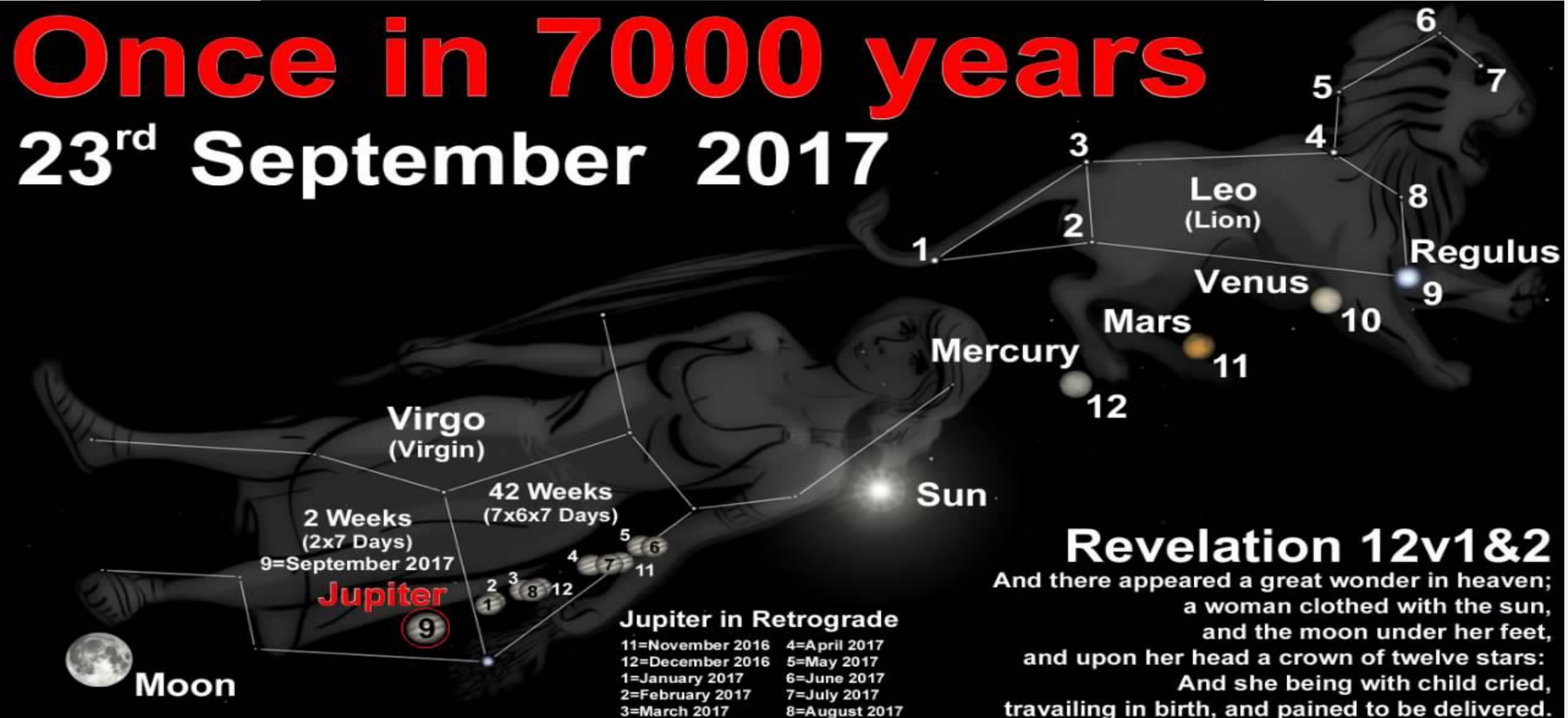
The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.

He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” Jesus then left them and went away.

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

# Once in 7000 years

## 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017



## Revelation 12v1&2

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.

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES



## THE WILD BRANCH

However, some of the branches have been pruned away. And you, who were once nothing more than a wild olive branch, God has grafted in—inserting you among the remaining branches as a joint partner to share in the wonderful richness of the cultivated olive stem. So don't be so arrogant as to believe that you are superior to the natural branches. There's no reason to boast, for the new branches don't support the root, but you owe your life to the root that supports you!

You might begin to think that some branches were pruned or broken off just to make room for you. Yes, that's true. They were removed because of their unbelief. But remember this: you are only attached by your faith. So don't be presumptuous, but stand in awe and reverence. Since God didn't spare the natural branches that fell into unbelief, perhaps he won't spare you either!



**DUMB SHEEP**



**#GODS PLAN IS WORKING**

# THE SLEEPING CHURCH




IT'S NOT YOUR MOVIE!

What is unfolding before our eyes is not designed by man. It was designed and thought of before the foundation of the world.

God has a plan and wants to share it with His children.

God wants us to have peace in the midst of any storms.

The way we have peace is to realize we are not in control.



**TRUST IN THE LORD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART  
AND LEAN NOT ON  
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;  
IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM,  
AND HE WILL MAKE  
YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.**

PROVERBS 3:5-6

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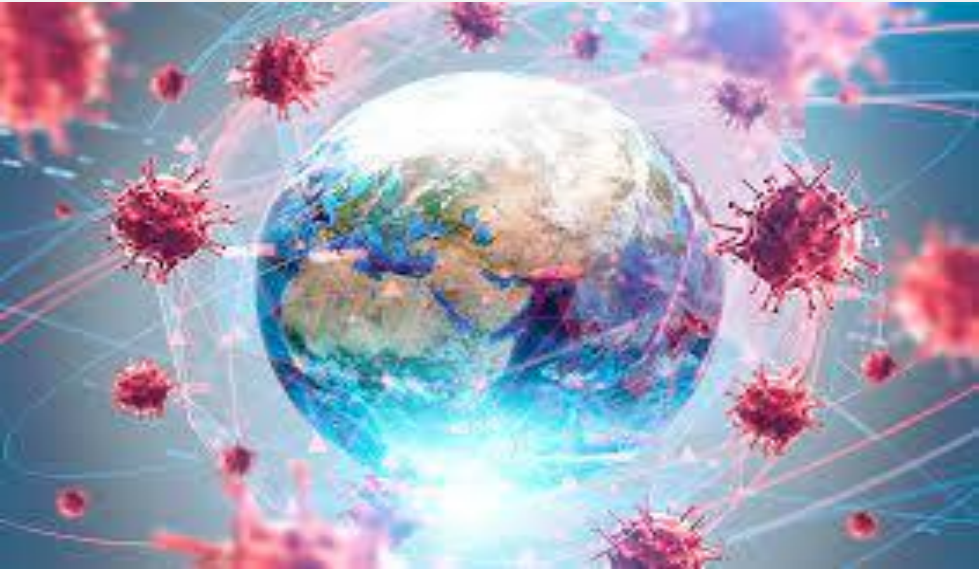
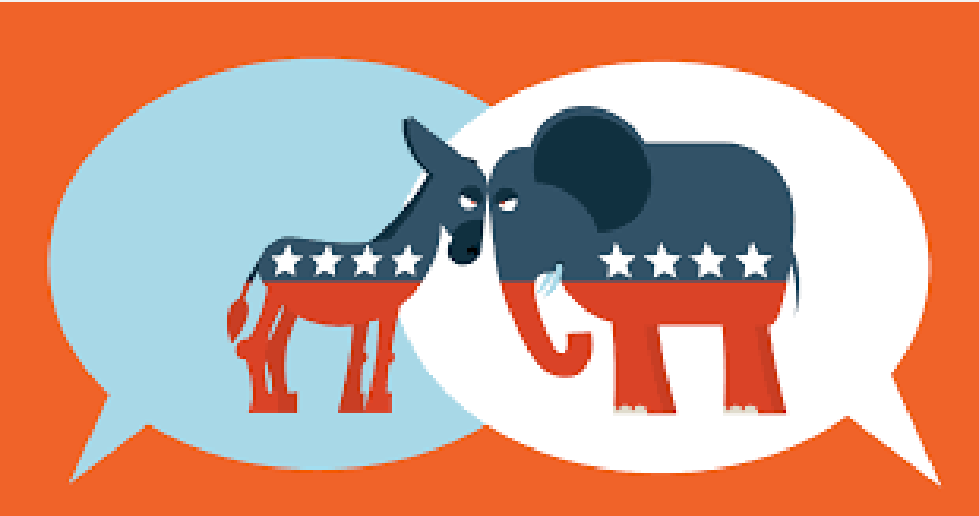


SO WHAT IS GOING ON???



**BEHIND  
THE SCENES**

# IT'S NOT ABOUT



# THE CURRENT BATTLE BEING WAGED



He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end!

THE WAR IS OVER THE THRONE!






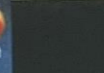

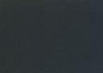
## EZEKIEL 38

### ***A Prophecy Against Gog***

**10**This is what the Lord GOD says: On that day, thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will devise an evil plan. **11**You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will come against a tranquil people who dwell securely, all of them living without walls or bars or gates— **12**in order to seize the spoil and carry off the plunder, to turn a hand against the desolate places now inhabited and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and possessions and who live at the center of the land.'

# 10 SHEMITAH CYCLES COVERING 70 YEARS



	1st yr	2nd yr	3rd yr	4th yr	5th yr	6th yr	7th yr (Shemitah)
	     						
<b>6 day War Jerusalem Day</b>	1966-1967 5727	1967-1968 5728	1968-1969 5729	1969-1970 5730	1970-1971 5731	1971-1972 5732	1972-1973 5733
<b>Yom Kippur War</b>	1973-1974 5734	1974-1975 5735	1975-1976 5736	1976-1977 5737	1977-1978 5738	1978-1979 5739	1979-1980 5740
<b>Israel Jets destroy Iraq Nuclear Reactor</b>	1980-1981 5741	1981-1982 5742	1982-1983 5743	1983-1984 5744	1984-1985 5745	1985-1986 5746	1986-1987 5747

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1<sup>st</sup> Intifada

1987-1988	1988-1989	1989-1990	1990-1991	1991-1992	1992-1993	1993-1994
5748	5749	5750	5751	5752	5753	5754

Israel-Jordan  
Peace treaty

1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
5755	5756	5757	5758	5759	5760	5761

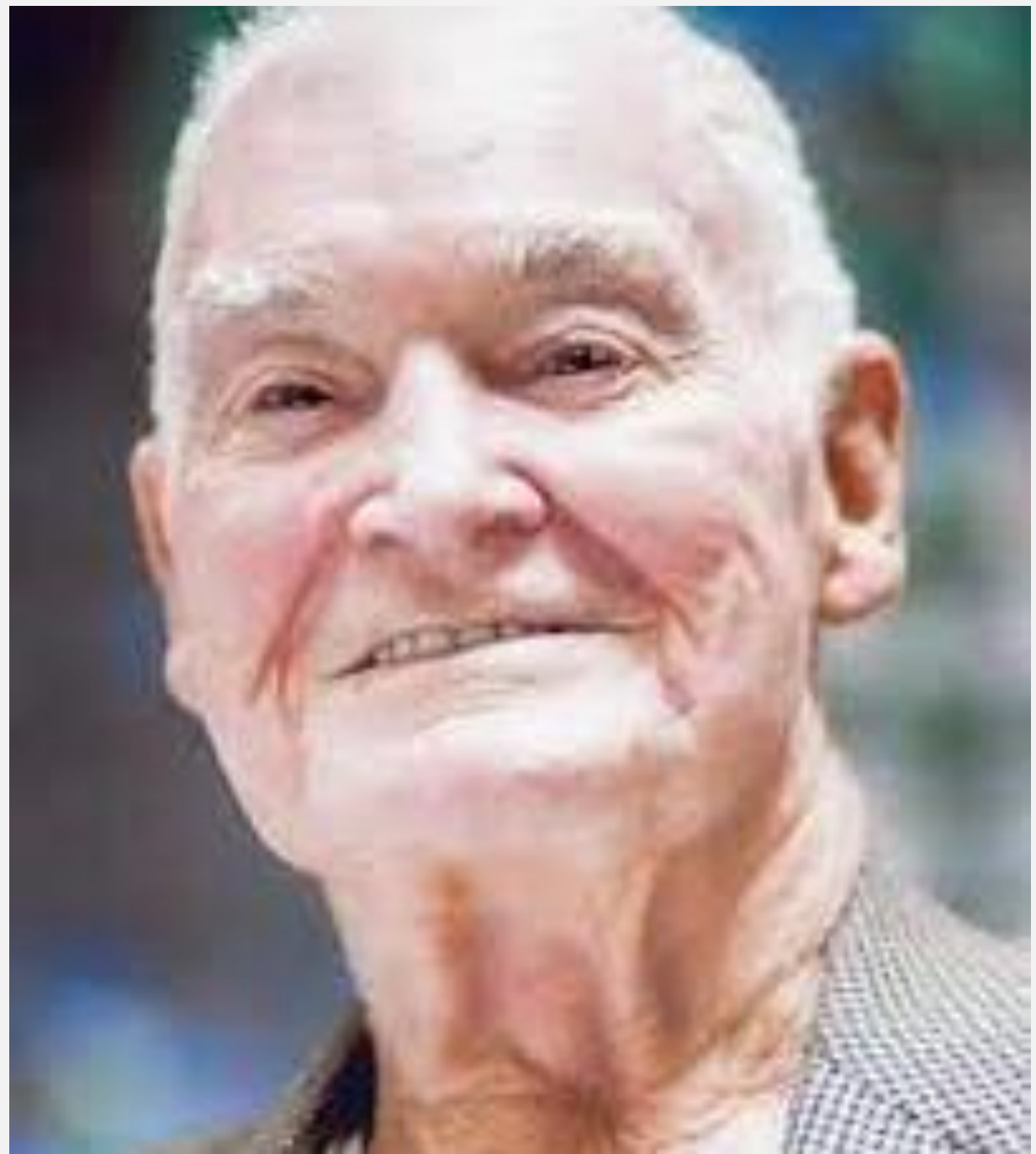
Operation  
Defensive Shield  
after 2<sup>nd</sup> Intifada  
Quartet began

2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
5762	5763	5764	5765	5766	5767	5768

Gaza War  
Stock Market  
Crash

2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
5769	5770	5771	5772	5773	5774	5775

BOB JONES  
PROPHESED IN 1975





# OVERWHELMED?





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