



Strong Winds

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For our Sabbath worship service on April 23, 2022, the Lord saw fit for us to randomly open to Ezekiel 39. Brother John had just read the same chapter that morning as part of his daily reading and had been questioning how it fits with what we are seeing in the world and the new timelines brought to light in the previous post. During the worship, the Lord gave clearer understanding of this chapter, and that is what we wish to bring to you in this post.

And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; (Ezekiel 39:1-2 ASV)

If Gog is a type for Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) as deciphered long ago, then what does this verse mean? It might be confusing when we look at the news, because in the news we see Russia as the aggressor who is attacking Ukraine (and thus the West), but in this verse (and in the entire chapter before it), the Bible describes Gog as the aggressor who is attacking.

Do you see the question that arises? In the verses above, God is intervening in Gog's war campaign, but if this prophecy applies to the present time, then the glaring question is: Where is Gog's attack, so that God can turn him back? According to the news, it seems as if Russia is the one making the offensive attack against Ukraine, and it has seemed (at least until recently) that Putin was being driven back; the Western press was full of articles mocking Putin and the Russian army for failing their objectives and suffering huge losses. Is Putin the one fulfilling the role of Gog and being turned back, or is there a better explanation for how Pope Francis has indeed been mounting an attack in this war?

Consider for a moment the other side of the war. Ukraine is where the front lines are, but behind them are the European Union and the United States, and these both have a common organization for purposes of war: NATO. Bear in mind that the EU is a creation of the papacy, and with Biden in power as a Catholic president, the US is also under the direct control of the papacy. Thus, Pope Francis (Gog) is NATO's ultimate leader. In other words, **NATO is Gog's army, which is the party described as the attacker in the Bible.**



Then the question becomes, how has NATO attacked Russia? This has been described in the press in recent months, although in the less obvious language of “ expansion to the east .” We are so conditioned to view NATO as a “good” alliance between free states in comparison to the evil Russian dictatorship that we do not see this expansion as God sees it. NATO is the army of the pope, and every country that joins NATO is thus occupied and overtaken by the pope’s military forces. NATO’s eastward expansion is a conquest, and it is precisely this attack on the neutral countries that is meant: Sweden, Finland, and of course Ukraine, and others.

This advance of the armies of Gog is described in the previous chapter as follows:

Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. (Ezekiel 38:9)

Note that Gog comes with “many peoples” signifying the many diverse nations that are part of NATO. In contrast, the armies of Russia are only “one” people (or perhaps a few, at most, but not many). Thus, it becomes clearer and clearer that Gog cannot be Putin. In God’s sight, NATO is the aggressor! They are the first bad guys who expanded their armies of the World Order and provoked Russia, and now God is using Russia (the other bad guys) to “turn back” the first aggressor.





What does this mean? Will NATO continue to expand to include Finland and Sweden? Apparently not, because “turning him back” would mean that instead of NATO advancing, NATO should retreat.

From the outset, Russia has demanded that a buffer zone of neutral states be maintained between NATO territory and Russia, but the expansion of NATO has eroded this buffer zone and continues to do so as Sweden and Finland and Ukraine seek NATO membership. Thus, NATO crossed Russia’s “red line” by failing to maintain a buffer zone. And Putin has already warned that if Sweden and Finland join NATO, he will amass nuclear weaponry on the border to Finland.

We saw what happened when Russia amassed troops on the border to Ukraine, and where it has led now in Russia’s “second phase:” Russia has revealed in recent days its intention to take control of the entire southern border of Ukraine. But analysts and politicians have long been clear on the fact that Russia will not stop its westward movement until it has taken all of Europe, all the way to Portugal—or to say it another way, until it has eradicated NATO across the board. So, the scope of the war is truly not about Ukraine alone, but about Russia vs. NATO as a whole. It is Putin’s role in the prophecy to turn NATO around.

With this perspective, it can be seen that the “king of the north” of Daniel 11 is not Russia, as many say, but the pope, as Protestants have classically understood, because he seeks to elevate his throne “in the sides of the north.” Pope Francis is the king of the north. It is Satan, the dragon, or Leviathan, who sets his throne in the sides of the north, whereas Putin serves to “hook” Leviathan’s jaw and turn him around.

Now we understand how Gog (through his army, NATO) will be caused to come up from the far north (Sweden and Finland), but what about the rest of the verse?

and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; (Ezekiel 39:2 ASV)

How is the pope (i.e., NATO) brought upon the mountains of Israel?

According to the [NATO website](#) :

Israel has been an important partner to NATO for more than 20 years, as well as an active member of NATO’s Mediterranean Dialogue.

Israel is a major ally of NATO; they are on the same side. And Putin already has a bone to pick with Israel: [Report: Putin sends letter to Bennett demanding handover of Old City property](#)

Note that it is there on the mountains of Israel that Gog is said to fall:

Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. (Ezekiel 39:3-4 NKJV)

This is part of the “turning back” of Gog, or NATO. We can indeed see this change taking place in the news ever since Russia declared the second phase of its war on Ukraine. As Western powers see that Russia’s plan is much more dangerous and that Putin is [threatening](#) Germany (and all Europe) with his “Satan II” missile, Germany is getting scared and [holding onto its own weapons](#) instead of sending them in support of Ukraine.



In the past week, Finland and Sweden announced intentions to urgently join NATO [as a result](#) of the war in Ukraine. Will they “turn back” from this pursuit? Some indeed [question](#) whether joining NATO is a wise thing to do right now, lest they provoke Russia further, but that might not be what the Bible indicates. The verse could simply mean that **from the time of NATO’s expansion to the far north, NATO will be brought to the mountains of Israel:**

and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; (Ezekiel 39:2 ASV)

This begs the question, what does it mean for NATO to be brought to the mountains of Israel? And why to the “mountains” and not simply to Israel itself? One might think through the various mountains that are in Israel, but there is one in particular that has the exact meaning these verses speak of in relation to Gog of Magog:

Armageddon – Of Hebrew origin [H2022] and [H4023]; Armageddon (or Har-Megiddon), a symbolical name: – Armageddon.

Har – A shortened form of H2042; **a mountain or range of hills** (sometimes used figuratively): – hill (country), mount (-ain), X promotion.

megiddon – From H1413; **rendezvous**; Megiddon or Megiddo, a place in Palestine: – Megiddo, Megiddon.

Thus, from the time of NATO’s expansion in the north, God brings NATO to the time of Armageddon—the mountains of the congregation—the final engagement in nuclear war that will bring the end of the world!

Lo, and behold, “summit meetings” will be held this week to discuss the war with Russia. One [report](#) says:

Defense Minister Oleksiy Reznikov has said that Ukraine is expecting an invitation to a NATO summit next week in Germany initiated by the United States.

The Pentagon has invited 40 allies to meet in Germany on April 26 to discuss Ukraine and its longer-term security needs.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said defense ministers and senior generals from 20 countries, NATO and non-NATO members, have already accepted the invitation from U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

It will reportedly take place at the Ramstein Air Base in western Germany.

Meanwhile, on the same day, Guterres will meet with Putin to discuss an end to the war. [Aljazeera](#) reports:

Guterres will meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Tuesday, where he will also hold talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. Guterres will then travel to Kyiv on Thursday, where he will meet Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.



These “Armageddon” meetings will surely not end well for the world (even if the initial reports are made to seem so).

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. (1 Thessalonians 5:3)

The day after the [Battle of Donbas](#) started in the second phase of Russia’s offensive, the sun entered the constellation of Aries, the Lamb. This alludes to the final battle of the great controversy between Christ and Satan:

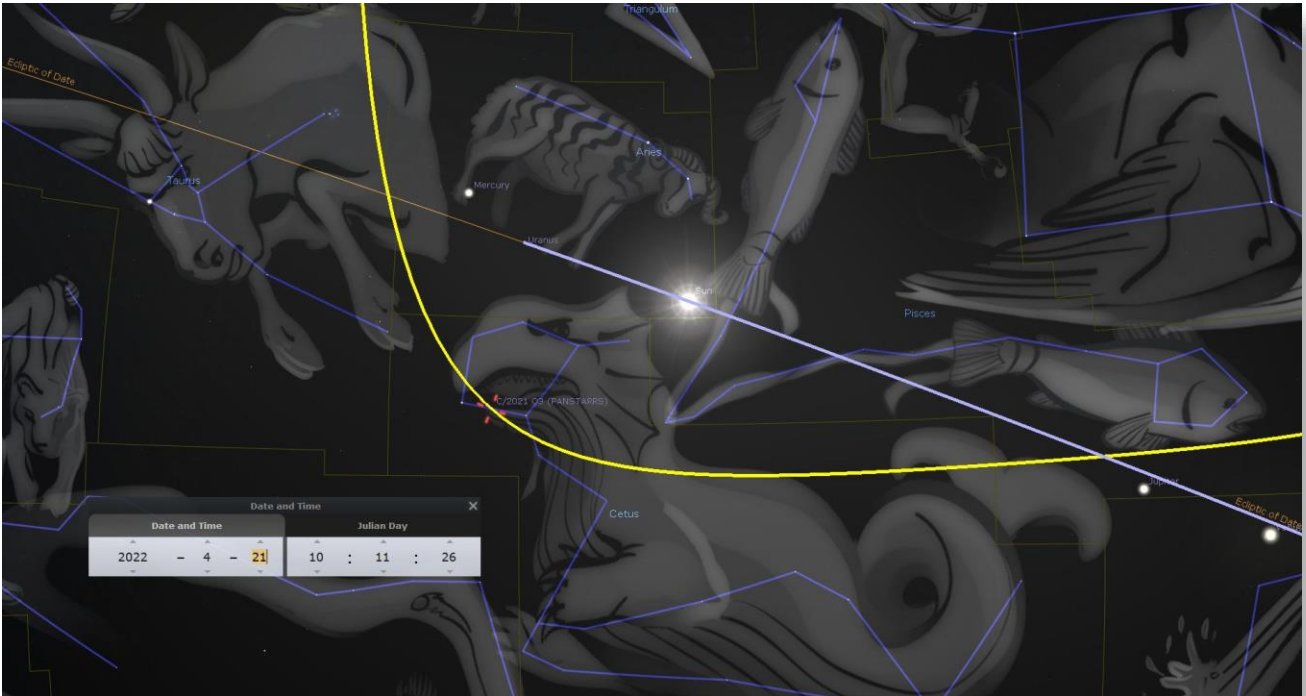
*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. **These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.** (Revelation 17:14)*

Here we see the will of God expressed in the prophecy: that the Lamb will overcome BECAUSE He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and BECAUSE they that are with him are called, chosen, and faithful. Does that not make you examine yourself, to be sure everything is right in your character? It was Jesus’ sacrificial character, expressed through His willing death on the cross to atone for our sins, that proves His supremacy and sealed His victory over Satan nearly two thousand years ago, and His army of faithful people must avail themselves of the same power in their lives today to secure this final victory.

We have already seen the warning of Zechariah’s judgment signified in the heavens, and that will be emphasized elsewhere. Those who do not have a relationship with the Lord and fall short in this judgment will have to look forward to a world modeled after the city of Mariupol (“[Mary’s City](#)”) which already lies in ruins, signifying the eventual condition of all of Europe and the United States and other NATO countries. NATO’s increasing involvement in the Ukraine war, which is becoming more and more apparent every day, is the red line that Putin considers as a warrant to attack those parties that are participating in the war.

It has been [made clear](#) that Putin will not refrain even from using nuclear weapons when he feels an existential threat to his nation. Would the advance of NATO to its border be esteemed as such a threat? Could Russia’s complete exclusion from the world financial network constitute such an existential threat? Markets are already [in a state of worry](#) about the effects of the war, and the economic effect is precisely what the Bible describes in chapter 18, which follows shortly after the verse quoted above. We are on the brink of it!

From the sequence of events in Ezekiel 39, it can be seen that Armageddon follows after Gog has a hook put in his jaw and is turned back.

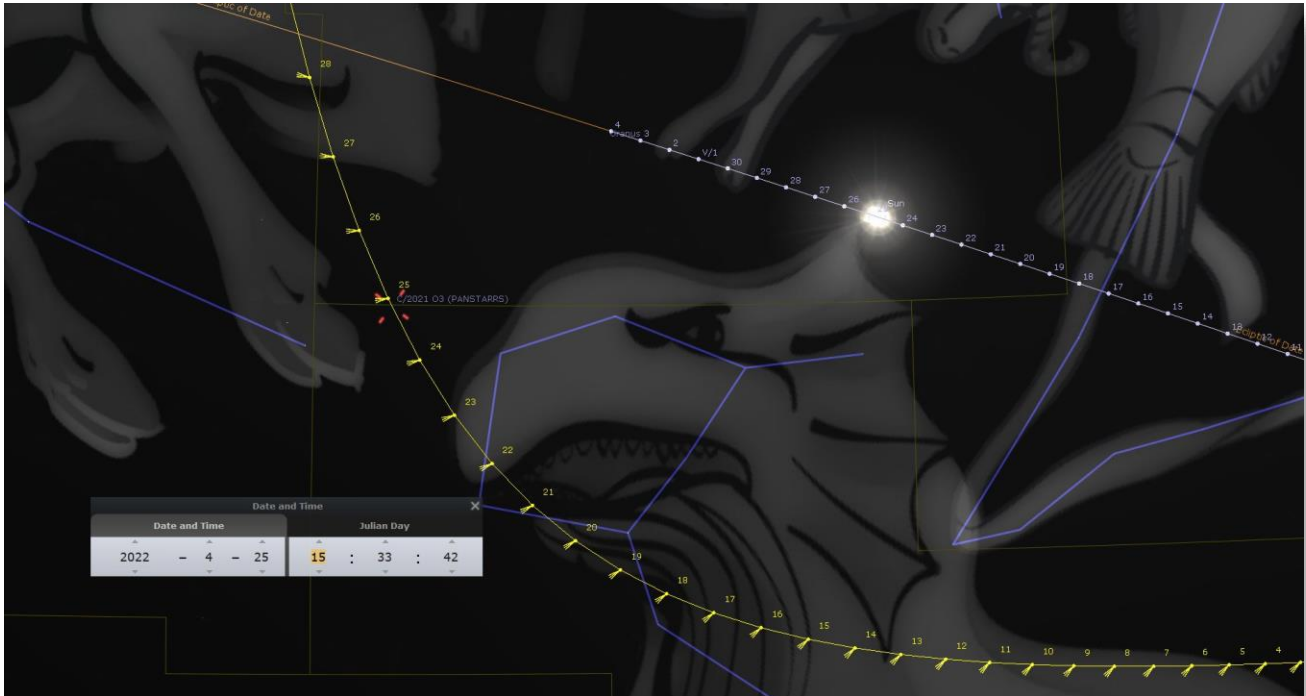


This corroborates the heavenly signs, particularly the fact that the hook was put in the jaw of Cetus on April 21, 2022, as C/2021 O3 PanSTARRS made perihelion before NATO is gathered to the summit of the nuclear world war of Armageddon. Can we follow the comet until Gog (Cetus, Leviathan) is brought to “the mountains of Israel”?

In the heavenly language, “mountains” (which symbolize nations) are the constellations, which are groupings of star systems (i.e., the nations of the heavenly realms). And which nation-constellation better represents Israel than Aries, representing the Ram that was slain with a sign over His head “THE KING OF THE JEWS”?

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PanSTARRS is at perihelion on the exact day it hooks through the jawbone of Cetus, which is the inflection point when it transitions to an upward course, “coming up” from the north. Normally, it is difficult to come “up” from the far north because every point is “south” or “down” by comparison, but here in this region of the heavens we can see that the dragon (who in other contexts sits “in the sides of the north” as represented by the constellation Draco) is here represented by Cetus and is indeed pulled “up” until the comet reaches Aries as the mountains of Israel as of April 25, 2022.



April 25 is thus the earliest date for Armageddon to begin, and the heavens give us a timeframe until April 27/28 while the comet is still in Aries. Indeed, it is during these days that Guterres will be in Moscow (Tuesday, April 26) on behalf of the United Nations and afterward in Ukraine (Thursday, April 28) for [peace talks](#). This is the time of Armageddon, the summit of the congregation!

It is at this point—when Gog is brought to the mountains of Israel—that he (representing antitypical Babylon) will fall.

*For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. (1 Thessalonians 5:3)*

In this narrow window of time, the saints are raptured and then the “cloud” (PanSTARRS with its coma) crosses the constellation boundary and enters into Taurus (the temple) while the cup of God’s undiluted wrath is poured out over the earth: all the seven plagues of Revelation together with their cumulative effects, as we have been warning about in all our writing efforts.

Now it will be understood that the outpouring of the vials of the plagues, one by one, during the time of all our warnings was indeed still a time of mercy.

*And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, **seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.** (Revelation 15:1)*

Mere droplets had dotted the earth as each plague was poured into the cup of God’s wrath, but only when the cup of wrath is filled to the full, then it is poured out in fierceness upon the earth:

*And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: **and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.** (Revelation 16:19)*

When is this great cup poured out? It is poured out when the last verse of the seventh plague has been fulfilled by corrupted mankind’s exchanging of nuclear missiles in an act of mutually assured destruction.



And there fell upon men a **great hail** out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the **plague of the hail**; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. (Revelation 16:21)

Here at the close of the seventh plague, as the last warning is defiantly disregarded and the seventh vial has now been poured into the great cup of God's wrath, the scales of divine forbearance have been tipped. God will now destroy those who corrupted the earth.

Mercy now removed gives way to the harsh and unforgiving reality of the consequences of man's sinful actions. Radioactive fallout, as it spreads around the globe, will degrade all remaining life. The sea will "boil like a pot" and kill the life therein. The springs and rivers will be contaminated and spread their invisible poison across the land to the life that they formerly nourished and which was dependent on them. The sun—already unusually active—will be "given power" by the destruction of the atmosphere, thus permitting it to scorch men and raise the temperature of the planet. Darkness will fall upon the kingdom of the dead as the mushroom clouds disperse and sweep over the continents and enshroud them, like a sheet pulled over the corpse of a deceased body, until the chilly onset of nuclear winter completes the deathly gloom.

The heavens also show us that the fall of Gog (i.e., NATO) includes more than just Europe. The Bible indicates who will fall:

Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. (Ezekiel 39:3-4 NKJV)

Who has a bow and arrows, but a warrior, representing a strong army? In the heavens, this is the symbolism of Sagittarius, which represents the great Protestant nation that apostatized from God: the United States of America, which acts as NATO's largest and most dominant force, by far, among all its members and allies. This nation is especially mentioned in the biblical symbolism, as well as all the "troops" and "peoples who are with you" (i.e., partners and allies). This describes NATO members and all its allies, not just Europe.

Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD. (Ezekiel 39:5-6)

One entity will be especially burned with fire: Pope Francis, Gog of Magog. Of this leader of the great whorish church of Babylon, Revelation says:

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. (Revelation 17:16)

This is to happen along with the plagues when the saints are with the Lord. The prophecy of Ezekiel continues:

So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken. (Ezekiel 39:7-8)

The great day of the Lord has come, and then follows [The Seven Lean Years](#), which takes its name in part from the following verses:



And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, **and they shall burn them with fire seven years:** So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord G^{OD}. (Ezekiel 39:9-10)

These verses describe the looting and robbery of those who are left behind, who are scrambling to find refuge in a world of hurt, devoid of the Spirit of God. Then the only purpose remaining in life is to fulfill the words of the Lord regarding those who do not choose to follow Him:

But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; **and let the dead bury their dead.** (Matthew 8:22)

This is the sentiment expressed in the following verses:

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: **and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.** (Ezekiel 39:11)

As we see it, this description is highly symbolic in its references to Israel, in that the Israel of God will have already been raptured. It won't be until after the millennium, when Gog and his multitude will have long been dead, that he and his wicked multitude will be awakened to receive their ultimate fate:

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle:** the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. (Revelation 20:7-9)

One possibility could be that the "seven years" of burning the weapons could symbolize the seven days of the saints' travel (which transpire as a thousand years passing over the dying who are left behind), and that the "seven months" of figuratively burying the dead represents how long the wicked will pine away on the old earth until the last soul has died. This would be perceived by the saints as but a moment of the time they will be traveling to heaven.

And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord G^{OD}. (Ezekiel 39:12-13)

After describing the cleansing of the land from the dead bodies, Ezekiel records some very significant words in light of Revelation:

And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord G^{OD}; **Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.** Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of **my sacrifice** which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall



be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 39:17-20)

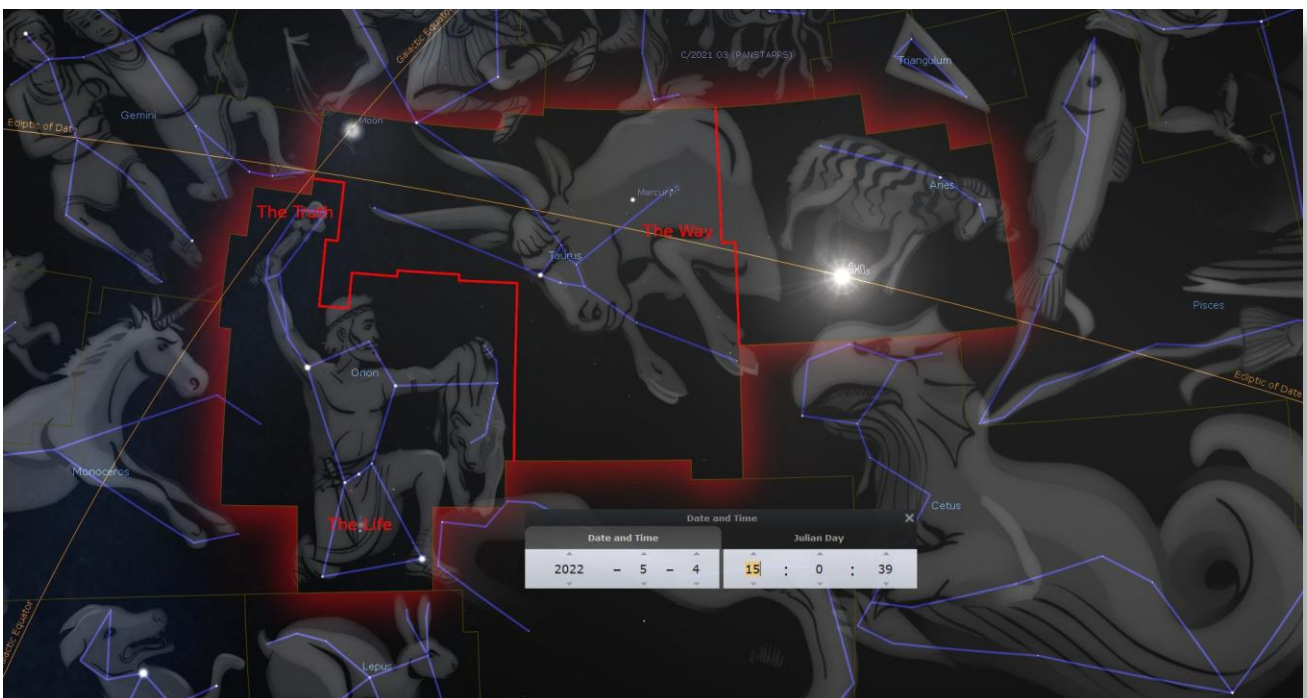
Here is described a great meal prepared by the Lord. It is Ezekiel’s description of the feast of the fowls of Revelation:

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. (Revelation 19:17-18)

If we compare these two passages, they are describing the same event: Ezekiel calls it a great sacrifice (a great meal) and Revelation calls it a supper of those slain by God. Ezekiel says it takes place “upon the mountains of Israel,” which we were able to decipher as the time when comet PanSTARRS figuratively dragged Cetus up into the constellation of Aries, while Revelation, by comparison, describes it as being announced by an angel standing in the sun. Indeed, the angel is the comet following its new trajectory after perihelion (nearest point to the sun).

But even more to the point, **the sun is in Aries just in time to accommodate all these signs**, from April 19 (just before the comet hooks the jaw of Cetus on April 21) until after the saints have departed, the wicked have been slain, and all has been said and done. This highlights the fact that **Aries, symbolizing the sacrificial Lamb at the altar of Taurus, now spells the death of all those who rejected His loving offering of salvation from sin**. He drank the cup of woe on man’s behalf so that man would not have to drink that cup, but all those who rejected Him must now drink it themselves for justice to be accomplished. The choice has always been this: to accept Jesus and follow Him to heaven, or to reject Jesus and suffer the wrath of God alone, thus sacrificing oneself without a Substitute.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. These three “doors” in the sanctuary symbolism can be seen in the heavens in relation to the temple, with its outer courtyard being Aries, Taurus as its inner courtyard, and the temple itself represented by Orion as the High Priest, officiating in two compartments:





The door from the outer courtyard (Aries) to the inner courtyard (Taurus) is called the Way. The inner courtyard is where the altar of sacrifice was, symbolizing the way of sacrifice that Jesus exemplified. Only those who entered there can travel the Way to Orion. The door to the holy place (here symbolized by the hand of Orion reaching up to the Mazzaroth) is called the Truth, behind which was the candlestick that shined its light upon the shewbread like the word of God feeding the souls of His children with truth. Jesus is seen walking amidst the seven candlesticks. Finally, the door to the most holy place was called the Life, and it was behind this door that the High Priest interceded before God the Father with His blood. It must be represented by the Orion Nebula which is the last station on our Way to heaven.

Those who follow the Lamb “whithersoever He goeth” have become acquainted with the Father through His Son and will be welcomed into His house.

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.** (John 14:1-7)*

Now it is clear why the moon had to reach Orion's hand to signify the arrival in the heavenly temple for a special meeting: it had to come through two doors to reach Orion's hand, or in our understanding the holy place in the Orion Nebula. It is His hand that after our coronation opens the door to the Father in the Holy City: “no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Only by taking the hand of Jesus—only by following His way, His truth, and His life—can one grasp Orion's hand of time and thus be brought into the presence of the Father in the Holy City which waits in the Orion Nebula.

Jesus raised his mighty, glorious arm, laid hold of the pearly gate and swung it back on its glittering hinges, and said to us, You have washed your robes in my blood, stood stiffly for my truth, enter in. We all marched in, and felt we had a perfect right in the city. Here we saw the tree of life **and the throne of God.** Out of the throne came a pure river of water, and on either side of the river was the tree of life. On one side of the river was a trunk of a tree, and a trunk on the other side of the river, both like pure, transparent gold. { [2SG 32.1](#) }

Take heed to the warnings that have been given and use the remaining moments to make sure your soul is right with God!