

Newton's Riddle

Isaac Newton, one of the world's most influential scientists, spent the last half of his life attempting to calculate the Second Coming. Was he right?

More than 2,600 years ago, the Archangel Gabriel delivered what many believed to be "a prophetic end-time riddle" to the prophet Daniel that has stymied both theologians and students of prophecy for centuries. But there was one person who gave much thought to this biblical puzzle.

In 1653, an 11-year-old school boy, Isaac Newton, opened an original 1611 edition of the King James Bible to the last page in the Book of Daniel. Immediately he became fixed on a verse: "And the angel said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words I have spoken are closed and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.'"

"Sealed words?" Newton whispered in amazement. "Only the wise shall understand? Am I the wise?" Newton, the famous English mathematician and physicist, was convinced that a supernatural tool was in existence to unlock the hidden mysteries of the future. His brilliant 17th-century mind wanted to know the precise timing of Jesus Christ's foretold return.

He reasoned that by using the same intuitive powers used to solve the universal laws of gravity that he could likewise solve the riddles of future events God had encoded in the Bible. Newton's understanding of one key passage in Daniel 9 is fundamentally different from that of most common interpretations.

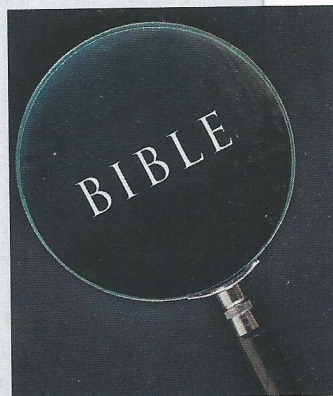
In about 550 B.C., God gave the prophet Daniel a view of history to the end. From Daniel 9:25, scholars usually add the "seven weeks (of years, or 49 years) and 62 weeks (434 years)" to get 483 years and calculate the timing of the Messiah's first coming. However, Newton says there is no linguistic basis for adding those two numbers (49 and 434), and to do so is "doing violence to the language of Daniel." Newton says the two numbers separately speak of both the first coming and the Second Coming, both being counted from the "going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem."

Newton says the "62 weeks" or 434-year part was fulfilled at the first coming, and the "seven weeks," or the 49-year part, will apply to the Second Coming. Amazingly, he foresaw a "friendly kingdom" that someday again would be issuing the "commandment to restore and build Jerusalem."

Now, centuries later, that friendly kingdom may have been the United Nations, which decreed Israel's rebirth in November 1947, causing Israel to be reborn as a nation on May 14, 1948, fulfilling the 2,500-year-old prophecy of the prophet Isaiah, "Shall a nation be born in one day?" According to Newton's calculations, the adding of the Daniel's 49 years would begin the moment when Jerusalem was re-established once again as the capital of Israel. If you use the exact 49 Jewish (360-day, prophetic) years from the day Israel captured the Temple Mount on June 7, 1967, you get $49 \times 360 = 17,640$ days, which amazingly takes one exactly to September 23, 2015, the Day of Atonement this year. Based on "Newton's Riddle," the start of Daniel's 70th week, the last seven years before Messiah's return, will be very, very soon.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn's new book, *The Mystery of the Shemitah*, appears to point also to Sept. 23 as the start date of a prophetic jubilee year, a 50-year cycle that has seen such major end-time events as the restoration of the land of Israel to the Jewish people, and the restoration of Jerusalem. The last two of these cycles has meant a major war involving the Middle East and specifically the land of Israel and has each time resulted in a major end-time prophetic event. The Lord alone knows the times and the dates, but we are admonished to know the season.

Newton's Riddle, written by Neill G. Russell, includes additional information about Newton and his understanding of the end times. All royalties from the book sales are donated to causes that support the restoration of the church and Israel. You may purchase a 2015 edition of *Newton's Riddle* at newtonsriddle.com. — Neill G. Russell and Jim Bramlett



The concerns about globalism and the push for "global governance"—a term Hudson Institute Fellow Dr. John Fonte says is merely a "sugar-coated" euphemism for a "world government"—come as people are being conditioned to believe that the answer to humanity's problems is to have a "one world" society with a global government, cashless society and universal religion. Fonte, author of *Sovereignty or Submission: Will Americans Rule Themselves or Be Ruled by Others?*, says "an attempt" to create a global political and economic system with a "single global authority" is now underway.

"In a way, this is neo-Nimrodianism—you know the global governance effort," Fonte told *Charisma*. "It's a type of substitute religion—global governance."

In recent years, prophecy experts have expressed growing alarm at this trend—asking whether the end-time geopolitical, economic and religious system known as "Mystery, Babylon" and "Babylon the Great" in Revelation 17-18 is rising. As examples, they note the New York skyscraper that replaced the Twin Towers destroyed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks is now called the One World Trade Center, and the European

Parliament building in Strasbourg, France, was inspired in part by the Tower of Babel—the center of the first world government ruled by Nimrod, an archetype of the Antichrist. The EU employs the Tower of Babel as a symbol of unity and several EU buildings feature paintings and statues of a woman riding the beast—an image from Revelation 17-18.

"Never before since the Tower of Babel have we seen the emergence of what (former Secretary of State) Henry Kissinger called 'The New International Order,' the rise of global governance or global government and the plan to unify all the world's religions into a one world religion," says Paul McGuire, a prophecy expert, *Fox News* and *History Channel* commentator and co-author of *The Babylon Code: Solving the Bible's Greatest End Times Mystery*. "In addition, the nation of Israel, miraculously restored as a nation in 1948,