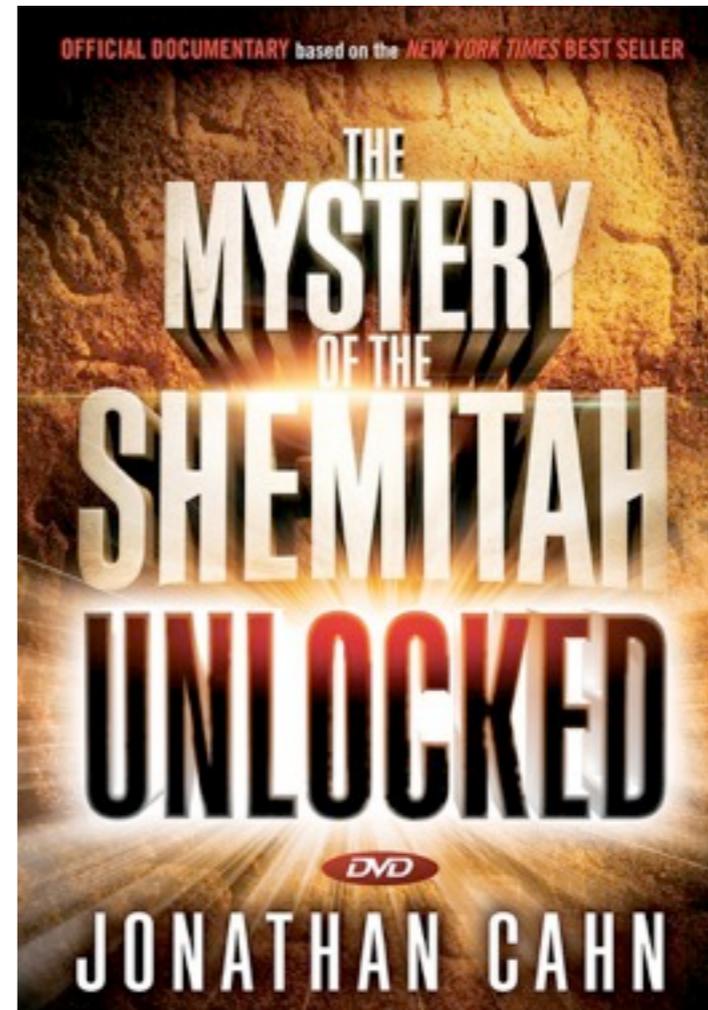
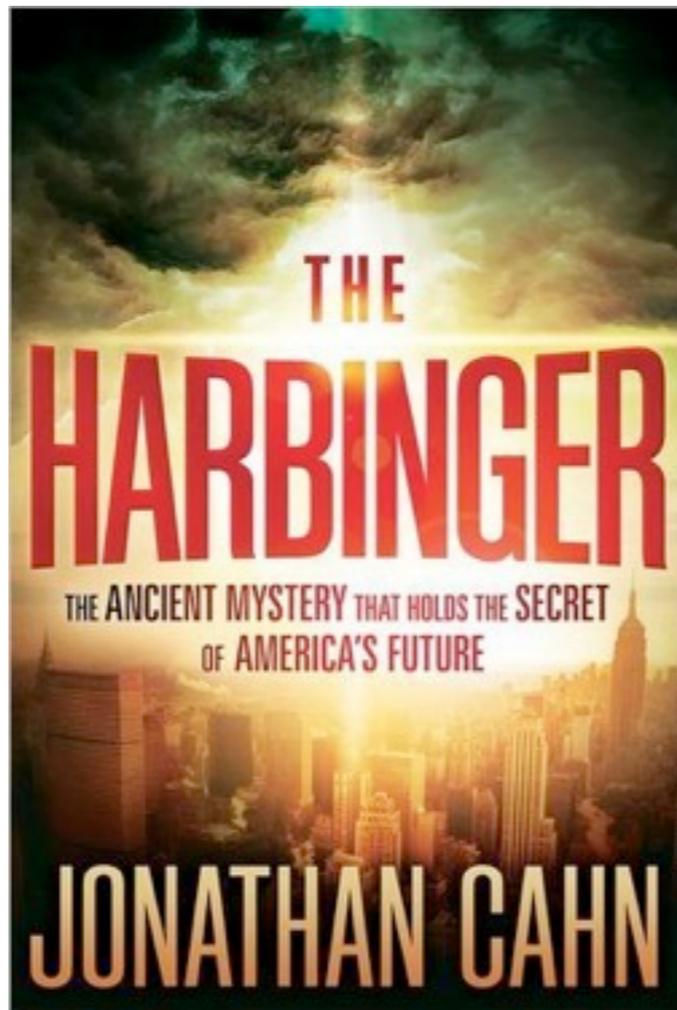


The Harbinger and The Shemitah

Jonathan Cahn



The Harbinger

- The book is about a series of signs that Jonathan Cahn believe have manifested in America beginning with the 9/11 attack.
- Although Cahn uses a fictional narrative as a framework, he also says that “what is contained within the story is real.”

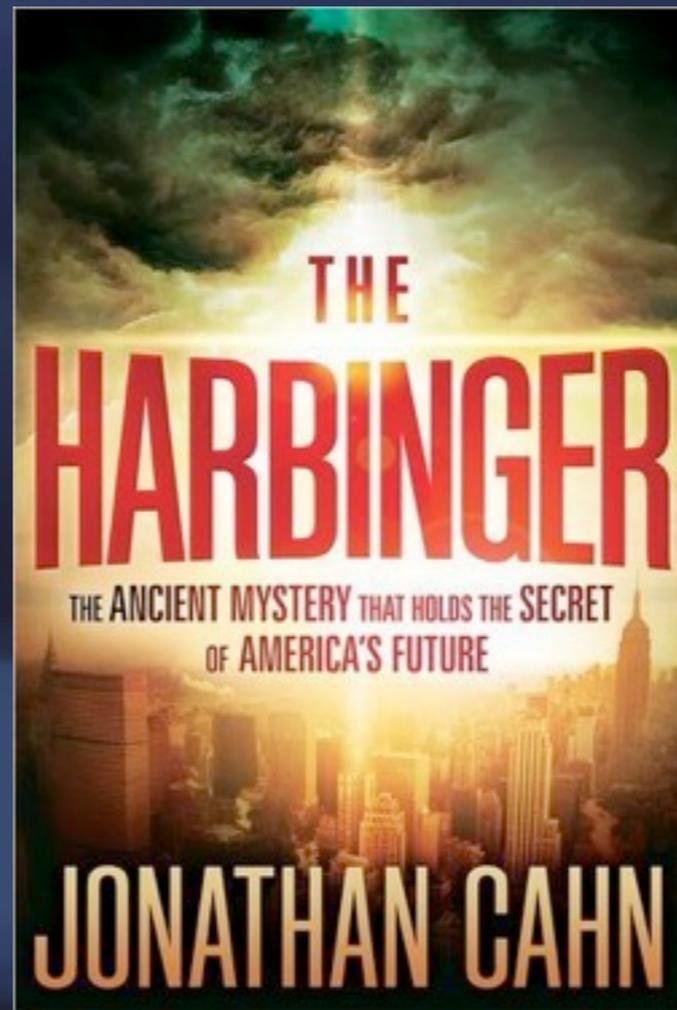
The Harbinger

- The book was released in January 2012 and became a best selling book that year.
- It was ranked #1 in the “Christian Books and Bibles - Fiction” category and also #1 in the “Religion and Spirituality” category.
- World Net Daily produced a two-hour documentary.

Shemitah

- This book builds upon the concepts and theories presented in *The Harbinger*, especially chapter seventeen.
- It documents the warnings and judgments of God against the United States according to a seven-year cycle going back many decades.

The Harbinger



The Harbinger

- The purpose of the book is to call America to repent for turning her back on God and moving away from the foundations upon which this country was built.
- The key to The Harbinger are the verses found in Isaiah 9:10-11.

Harbingers

- First: The Breach
- Second: The Terrorist
- Third: The Fallen Bricks
- Fourth: The Tower
- Fifth: The Gazit Stone

Harbingers

- Sixth: The Sycamore
- Seventh: The Erez Tree
- Eighth: The Utterance
- Ninth: The Prophecy

The Harbinger

- The key passage is Isaiah 9:10-11, which in the context, applies to the Northern Kingdom of Israel in the 8th century B.C.
- Jonathan Cahn attempts to connect these verses to America by saying they are a “sign” to America.
- These harbingers apply to both nations.

The Harbinger

- There is no mention of the first seven verses, which are important messianic kingdom passages in the Old Testament.
- They remind Israel that even in the judgment they will face, there is the unconditional promise of Israel's future.

The Harbinger

- Jonathan Cahn explains that he is not a prophet, yet his message is prophetic.
- He is not just relaying a message, but he is the originator of the message.
- “Each seal unveils a prophetic mystery concerning America and its future.”

The Harbinger

- The lines between fact and fiction blur in the book.
- Nouriel Kaplan and “The Prophet” are primary characters in the book.
- Are they purely fictional characters, or do they represent real people, or at the very least, the ideas of Jonathan Cahn?

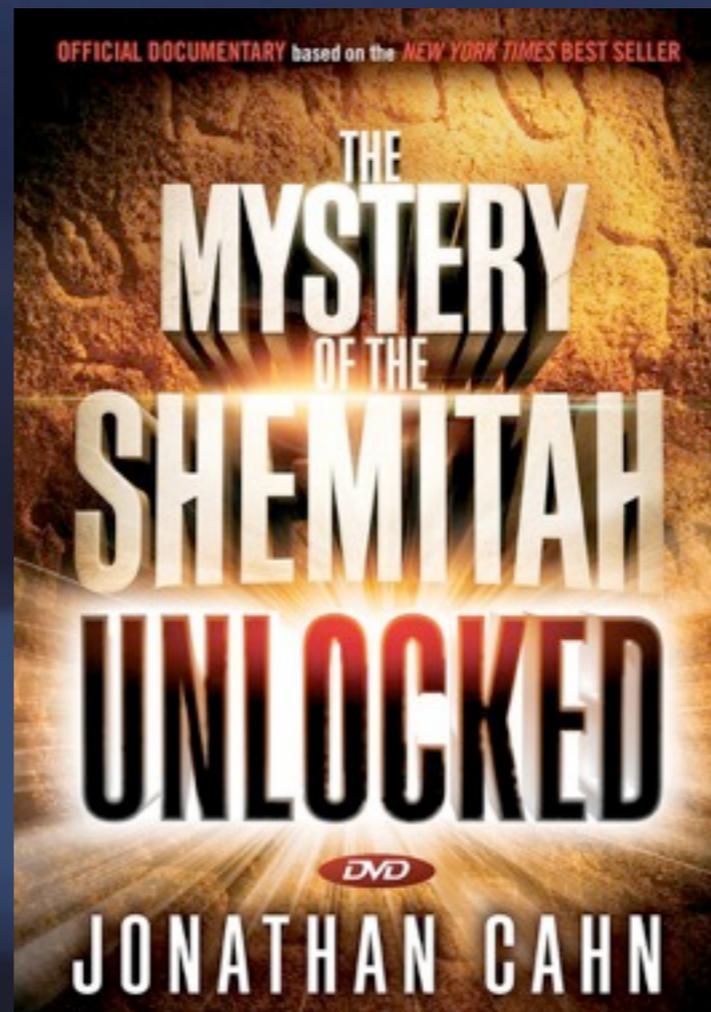
The Harbinger

- What about the dream the Kaplan has about the dedication of the temple where Solomon turns into George Washington?
- Jonathan Cahn argues that God has removed His “hedge of protection” from the United States, which allowed the attack on the World Trade Center.

The Harbinger

- A “hedge of protection” is only mentioned twice in the Old Testament: God/Satan - Job 1:10, nation of Israel - Isaiah 5:5.
- It is mentioned once in the New Testament about Israel (Matthew 21; Mark 12:1).
- What about other attacks on the United States (War of 1812, Pearl Harbor)?

The Mystery of the Shemitah



Shemittah

- The foundational premise of the book is the Shemittah (Jewish Sabbath year).
- Although this was specifically given to the nation of Israel in the Old Testament, Cahn argues that it can also apply to other nations, such as the United States.

Shemitah

- Financial observers have noticed that all of the great crashes tend to take place at the same time of the year.
- Jonathan Cahn points out that they occur at the end of the seven-year cycle of the Shemitah.
- September 2015 is the end of the cycle.

Shemittah

- September 2015 is also significant because it is not only the end of a seven-year cycle of the Shemittah, but it begins the year of Jubilee - a “Super Shemittah” that runs from September 2015 to September 2016.
- Jonathan Cahn explains: “Now nothing has to happen . . . but if it follows the course here’s what would happen.”

Shemithah Cycle

- Here are some examples of a 28 year Shemithah cycle (4th cycle).
- 1917 - America's rise to power during World War I
- 1945 - End of World War II, Japan surrenders, America at pinnacle of military power, Bretton Woods, New World Order

Shemita Cycle

- 1973 - America off gold standard, Bretton Wood collapses, legalizes abortion, Vietnam lost, World Trade Center built
- 2001 - World Trade Towers fall, stock market crash
- 2008 - another stock market crash

Shemittah

- The Law of Moses required Jews to cease from work on the 7th day of each week.
- God also instructed Israel to observe a Sabbath year, the land was to rest from planting and harvest.
- The Sabbath year was not just agricultural but economic: forgive debts.

Shemittah

- Is there any Scriptural basis for applying the Shemittah to the United States?
- God's judgment against Israel was for their failure to observe the Sabbath years, but there is no indication that God would impose a Shemittah-type judgement on other nations.

Shemitah

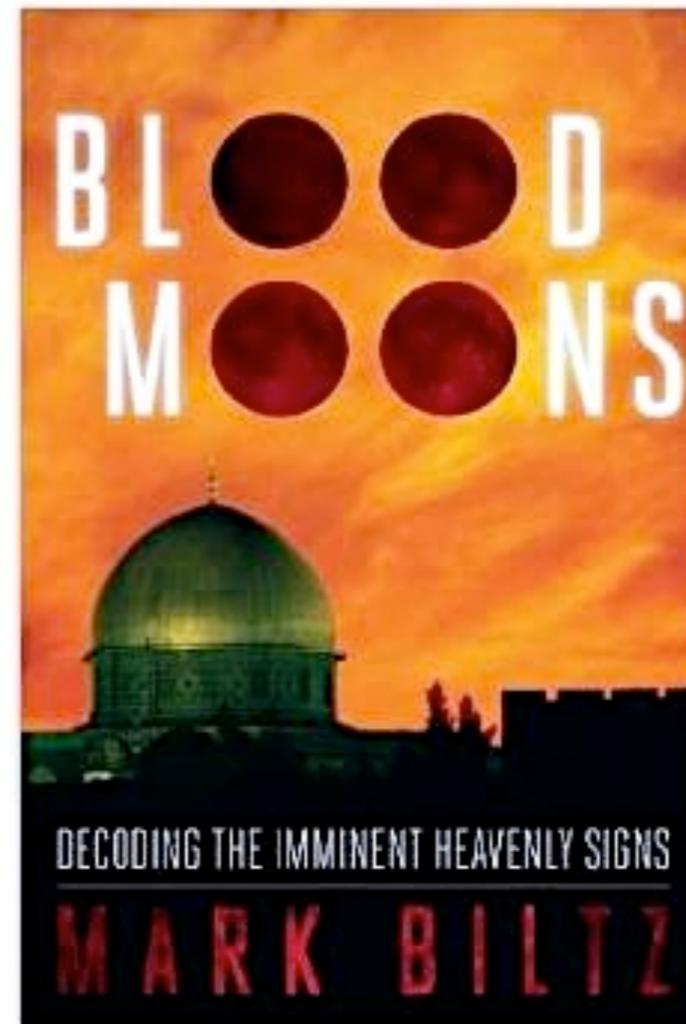
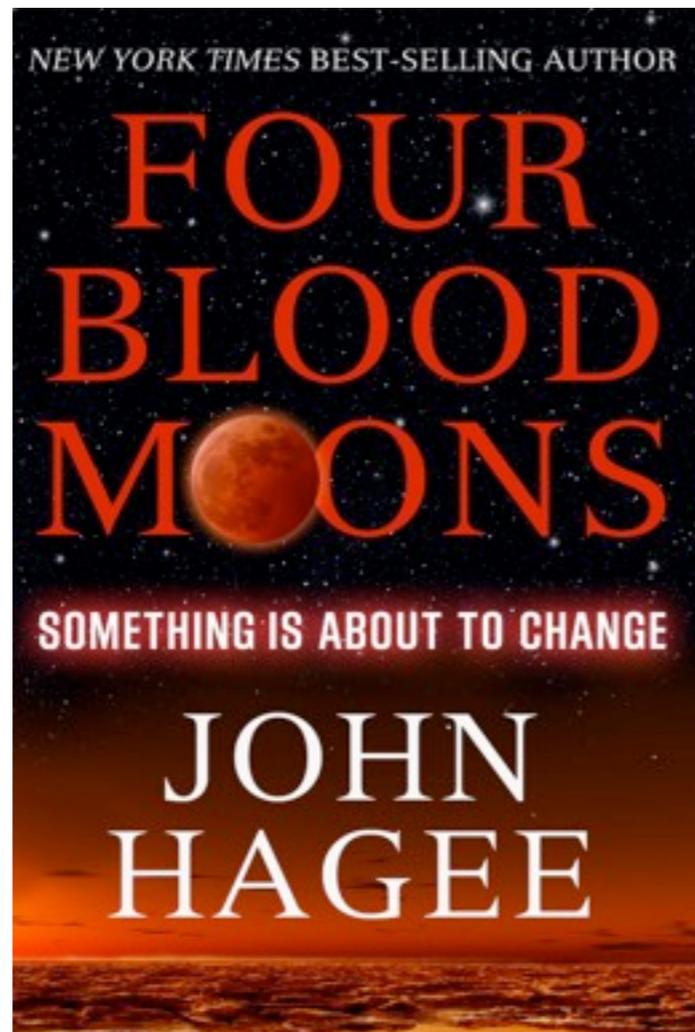
- He connects America to Israel by observing that the founders saw this country as “The Israel of the New World.”
- While that may be true of the Pilgrims and Puritans in the early colonies, this is hardly mentioned when the United State is actually founded.

Shemittah

- There is also the problem of the Hebrew calendar, which is out of sync.
- The modern Hebrew calendar appears to be different from the one from Moses.
- Also, the timing of the Jubilee year also seems to be in dispute.

The Four Blood Moons

The Final Four?



Four Blood Moons

- 4/15/2014 - Passover
- 10/08/2014 - Feast of Tabernacles
- 3/20/2015 - Total Solar Eclipse
- 4/4/2015 - Passover
- 9/28/2015 - Feast of Tabernacles

Four Blood Moons



"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord."

Every 7 Years

- John Hagee not only points to the 4 blood moons but the significance of the 7 years of the Sabbatical year.
- 2001 - attack on World Trade Center
- 2008 - economic collapse
- 2015 - what will come this year?

Every 7 Years

- What could happen in 2015?
- Will America be at war?
- Will our mountain of debt destroy the American dollar?
- Will global terrorists attack our nation?

Biblical Passages

- Does the Bible say anything about blood moons?
- Are these four blood moons signs or sensationalism?
- Is this a rare occurrence - once in a blood moon?

Key Biblical Passages

Joel 2

“I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.”

Joel 2:30-31

Joel 2

- The prophecy in 2:10 refers to the moon turning to blood while the prophecy in 3:15 refers to the moon growing dark.
- Revelations 14:14-19 makes an allusion to Joel 3:13 showing that this is a sign that will take place during the final Day of the Lord before the events of Armageddon.

Joel 2

- Joel 2 says all of these predicted events will happen at the same time: solar phenomena, stellar phenomena, as well as the moon turning to blood.
- The great and awesome Day of the Lord happens during the Tribulation. It is not an event before the Tribulation.

Matthew 24

- Jesus wanted His followers to know when He was going to return.
- He says that seeing these events unfold are “merely the beginning of birth pangs” (Matthew 24:8).
- These events seem tied to the Tribulation.

Matthew 24	Revelation 6-7
False Christ	White Horse
Wars & Rumors	Red Horse
Famines/Earthquakes	Black Horse
Famines/Plagues	Pale Horse
Martyrdom	Martyrs
Cosmic Signs	Terror
Preaching Gospel	144,000

Matthew 24

- Jesus then says “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky” (Matthew 24:2-31).
- Notice that Jesus says this will happen “immediately after the Tribulation of those days.”

Matthew 24

- Matthew 24:29 says the sun will be dark, but the sun gives the moon its light.
- These events described in Matthew 24 seem to be supernatural events not a predictable solar and lunar eclipse.
- Also notice the timing (after Tribulation).

Acts 2

- Peter quotes from Joel 2 about “wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below” and talks about the sun going dark and the moon becoming like blood.
- Nothing like this happened on the Day of Pentecost. Even if this was fulfilled in AD 33, it does not point to 2014-2015.

Acts 2

- The context shows that all of this happens during the Tribulation.
- It cannot refer to the blood moons that will appear in 2014-2015.
- This sign is just one of six cosmic signs that occur: earthquake, sun, stars falling, sky splitting, mountains and islands moving.

Revelation 6

- This chapter begins with the breaking of the seven seals on the scroll.
- The first four seals are the “four horsemen of the apocalypse” followed by seals indicating martyrdom and earthquakes.
- Then the “moon became like blood.”

Prophetic Checklist

Church

- Apostasy in the church - denial of biblical truth evident in many churches.
- One world church - worldwide ecumenical movement, amalgamation of Christianity.
- Rise of spiritualism - interest in spirits, angels, the occult, demons.

Nations

- Jerusalem is the epicenter - worldwide focus on Israel and Jerusalem.
- World government - first the League of Nations, now the United Nations.
- Europe - revival of the Roman Empire.
- Economic - World Bank, European Union.

Nations

- China - rise of China as a world power with a possible army of 200 million.
- Middle East - dominant force because of oil and geopolitical position.
- World peace - push for world peace, desire for strong leader to accomplish it.

Israel

- Persecution of Jews - worldwide and even in the nation of Israel.
- Return of Jews to the land of Israel.
- Russia becomes a threat to Israel.
- Arab nations willing join with Russia against the nation of Israel.

Unfulfilled Events

- Rapture of the church (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- Reunited Roman Empire (Dan. 7, Rev. 13).
- Rise of the Antichrist (Dan. 7, Rev. 13).
- Russia and Arabs attack (Ezekiel 38-39)
- Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16).

