

Lessons Old  
Testament Prophets  
Could Give  
to America Today

*Zechariah*

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# Introduction

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- Zechariah is the longest of all the minor prophets.
- Zechariah contains more messianic references than any prophetic book except Isaiah.
- Zechariah is quoted from or alluded to 71 times in the New Testament.

12 Tribes				722	Assyria takes 10 tribes		2 Tribes of Judah		609	Babylon	539	Medo-Persia	
Obadiah	Joel	Jonah	Amos	Hosea	Nahum		-		Daniel			-	
Elisha		-		Micah	-	Zephaniah	Habakkuk		-	Ezekiel	-	★ Zechariah	
-				Isalah		Jeremiah				-	Haggai - Malachi		

Obadiah

Zephaniah

Habakkuk

Jeremiah

Zechariah

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# Structure

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Focus	Corrections			Directions	
Chapter	1-2	3-6	7-8	9-11	12-14
Sections	Horses	Scrolls	Fast	Israel	Lord
Topics	Eight Visions		Sermon	Two Burdens	
	Present Problems			Future Problems	
Time	Rebuilding Temple			Rebuilt Temple	

A Call to  
Return to the Lord

Zechariah 1

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# Introduction (1-6)

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- The Lord says: “return to me, and I will return to you.”
- After the exile, God invited His people to renew their commitment to Him.
- Before judgment came, God warned Judah to repent through His prophets.
- In captivity, they repented and acknowledged that what happened was the fulfillment of God’s Word.

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# Vision: Hidden Horsemen (7-17)

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- Zechariah sees horsemen, who report to God the condition of the earth and angel of the Lord to intercede.
- The color of the horses represent the work each rider had to accomplish.
- Red horse - war as a judgment on God's enemies.
- Sorrel horse - judgment and blessing.
- White horse - the victory of God's people.

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# Vision: Judah's Enemies (18-21)

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- This second vision describes four horns which are symbols of military strength.
- Four symbolizes the world powers responsible for the scattering of Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
- Four kingdoms: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, and Medo-Persia.
- This would correlate with the prophecies in Daniel (Daniel 2, 7).

# Vision of a Man and Joshua

Zechariah 2-3

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# Vision: Jerusalem Unwalled

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- In this vision, Zechariah anticipates a renewed Jerusalem. It is so full that people overspread its walls.
- It will attract those Jews who remain in exile, as well as countless Gentiles.
- Jerusalem had no wall until Nehemiah built it later.
- Here Zechariah sees Joshua (the high priest) allowed to represent the people before God.

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# Vision: Joshua Reclothed

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- Priest is to remove his filthy clothes (chapter 3)
- The Branch (verse 8) is a messianic title.
- Like a branch that sprouts from a tree, the Messiah will come from the line of David.
- The Messiah will be a High Priest for sinful men (Zechariah 6:12).

# Additional Visions

Zechariah 4-8

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# Vision: Lampstand (4)

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- Zechariah sees lamps on a golden lampstand - similar to those in the tabernacle and later in the temple. The oil was derived from 2 olive trees.
- These were a symbol of God's watchfulness and power to fulfill His promises to David's house.
- "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (verse 6).
- God is promising that the Temple will be completed.

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# Vision: Flying Scroll (5)

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- The sixth vision is a gigantic scroll (30 feet by 15 feet) flying in midair.
- This “flying billboard” is unrolled so that its fearful contents can be read.
- The scroll is covenant document, written on both sides, like tablets Moses received from God (Exodus 32:15).

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# Vision: Lord's Army (6)

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- Zechariah now sees four chariots, which are symbolic of God's power ruling over all the earth.
- These are war chariots, and the number four signifies that the judgment is universal (four points of the compass).
- The two mountains are the Mount of Olives and Mount Zion.

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# Vision: Lord's Army (6)

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- Colors of the horses: red, black, white, and dappled.
- We also see horses in the Book of Revelation: red, black, white, pale.
- If Zechariah's dappled horse is a light gray, it could also be called pale.

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# Vision: The Messiah (6)

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- First, Messiah will build a future temple of the Lord (Ezekiel 40-43; Micah 4:1).
- Second, the Messiah will rule the world. His new throne will be His new temple.
- Third, the Messiah will be both priest and king (kings came from tribe of Judah, and priests from tribe of Levi).
- Zechariah is filled with numerous prophetic references to the Messiah that were fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

One Example:

Prophecies about  
the Betrayal of Christ

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# Betrayal of Christ

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Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord, to the potter.

Zechariah 11:12-13.

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# Betrayal of Christ

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- The prophecy specifies the metallic composition of the coinage. It was neither gold nor copper, but rather it was silver. Matthew 26:15 records that silver is the metal of the coins Judas received.
- The prophecy specifies the precise number of coins: “thirty pieces of silver.” This was the amount under the Mosaic Law to be paid for damage done to a slave who was gored (Exodus 21:32). Matthew 26:15 records the amount.

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# Betrayal of Christ

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- Zechariah's prophecy indicates that the money will be returned. Matthew records the Judas in a swoon of regret, brought back the coins to the chief priests and elders. They would not accept "blood money."
- The prophecy specifies that the silver coins were to be cast (thrown) into the "house of Jehovah." Matthew 27:5 says Judas "cast down the pieces of silver into the sanctuary."

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# Betrayal of Christ

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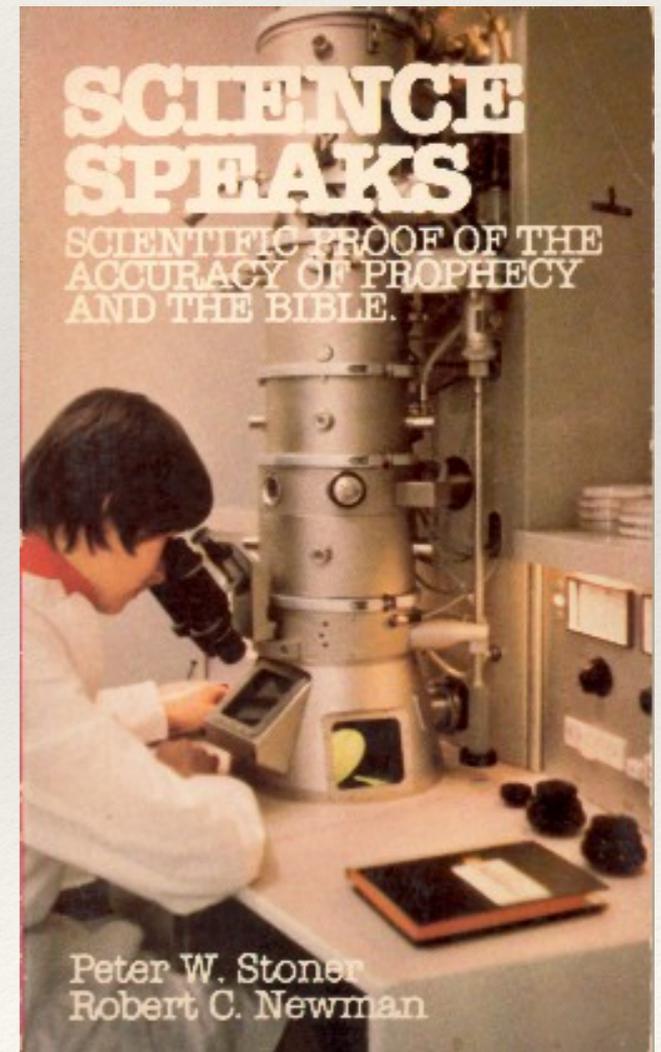
- The prophecy also states that the destination of the coins would be to “the potter.” Matthew explains this expression. The chief priests took the money and purchased a “potter’s field” - burial place for strangers.
- Other prophecies: Zechariah 12:10 says Jerusalem would lament over the one who was “pierced.”
- And Zechariah 9:9 says a future king will present himself to Jerusalem while riding on a donkey.

# Betrayal of Christ

- Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks*, calculated the probability of one person fulfilling just eight messianic prophecies as 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000.

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# Ask Kerby

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Who is Jonathan Cahn?  
What about his visions  
and prophecies?



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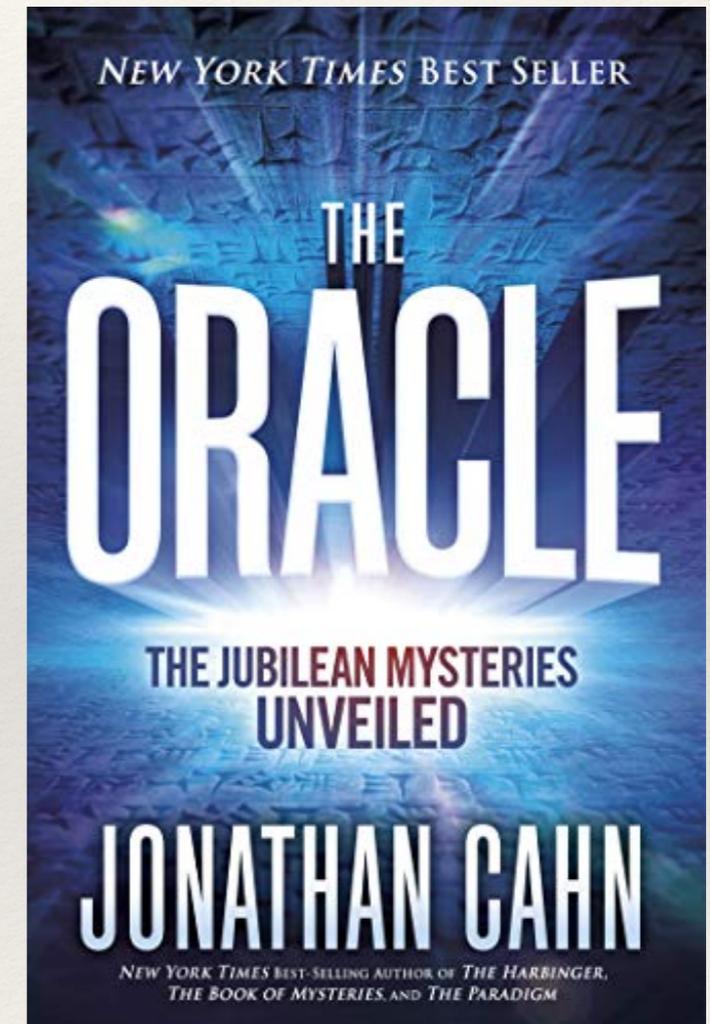
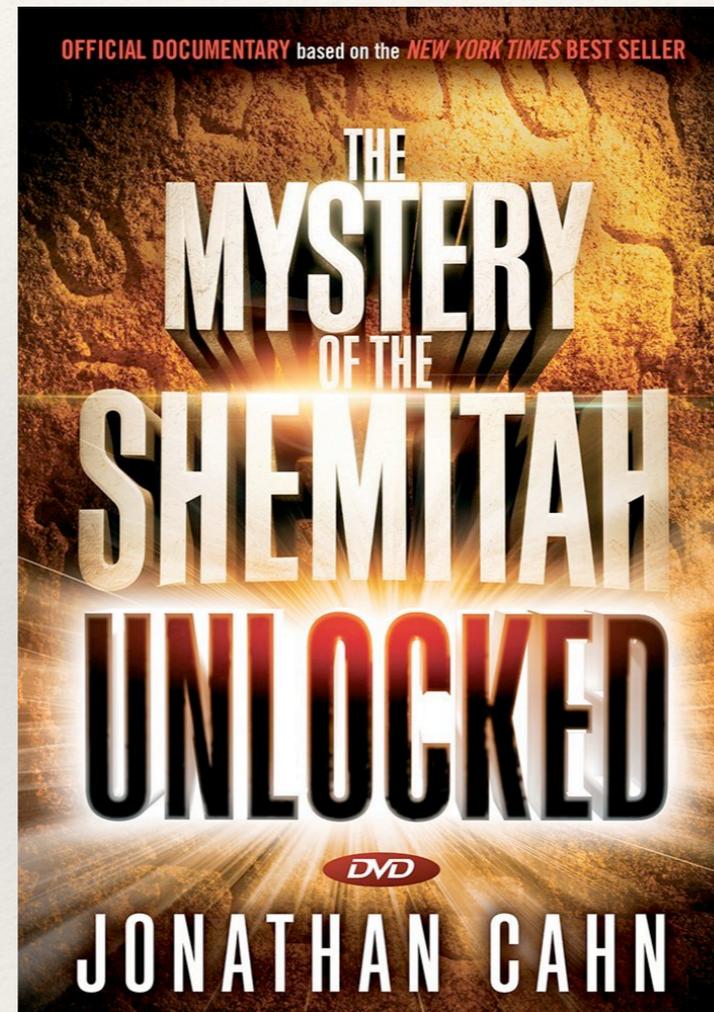
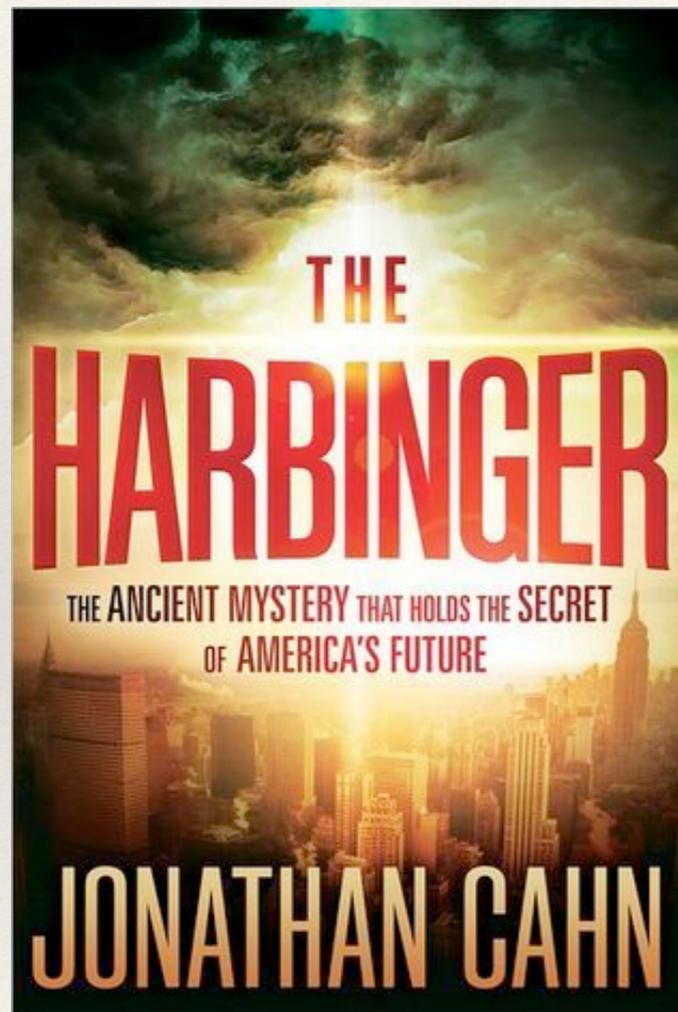
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# Jonathan Cahn

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# The Harbinger

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- The book is about signs that Jonathan Cahn believe 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.”
- It was ranked #1 in the “Christian Books and Bibles - Fiction” category and also #1 in the “Religion and Spirituality” category.

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# Shemitah

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- 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.

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# The Harbinger

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- 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 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.

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# The Harbinger

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- 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.
- Jonathan Cahn explains that he is not a prophet, yet his message is prophetic.

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# The Harbinger

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- 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)?

AMERICA UNDER GOD'S JUDGMENT?

DOES ISAIAH 9:10 *Really* CONTAIN AN *Ancient Mystery*  
THAT HOLDS THE *Secret* TO AMERICA'S FUTURE?

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**HARBINGER**

**FACT OR FICTION?**

*"Test all things; hold fast what is good."*  
—1 Thessalonians 5:21

**DAVID JAMES**

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# Shemitah

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- The foundational premise of the book is the Shemitah (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.
- Financial observers have noticed that all of the great crashes tend to take place at the same time of the year.

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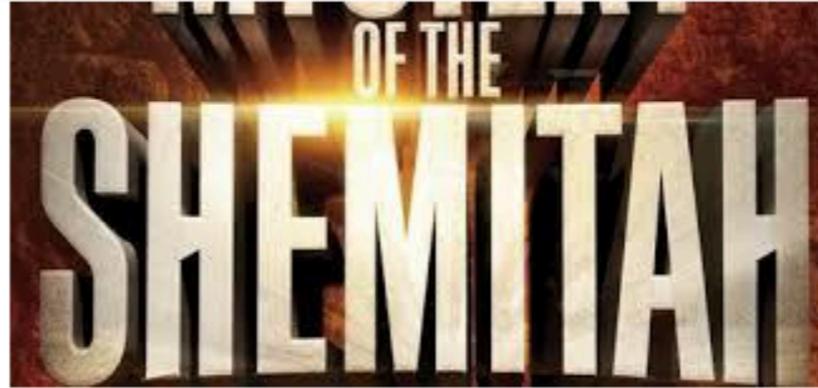
- Jonathan Cahn points out that they occur at the end of the seven-year cycle of the Shemittah.
- September 2015 is the end of the cycle.
- September 2015 is also significant because it is not only the end of a seven-year cycle of the Shemittah, but it begins the year of Jubilee - a “Super Shemittah” that runs from September 2015 to September 2016.

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# Shemittah

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- 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.
- He connects America to Israel because the founders saw this country as "The Israel of the New World."



The Pen

## Jonathan Cahn's Con – Knowing the Difference Between Shemitah and Shinola

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As of this morning, Jonathan Cahn's best-selling book, *The Mystery of the Shemitah*, ranked #2 in Amazon's prophecy category, #3 in religion and #129 in books overall (it did rank at #1). Cahn's prophetic oracles also graced the New York Times Best-Seller's list. Cahn has been selling his predictions on almost every major news outlet out there, and up until the last minute yesterday, was digging into his predictions that a great "shaking" would take place across the world.

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# The Oracle

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- The book opens with this statement:
- “What if I told you of a mystery so vast that it spans the world and the ages, from ancient times to this very moment...a mystery that moves behind and through all human events, directs and turns the paths of leaders, determines the future of nations and empires...and of the world itself... to bring all things to their appointed end?”

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# The Oracle

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- The narrative opens with a dialogue between an unnamed man (who encountered the Oracle) and an unnamed traveler who meet on a desert mountain.
- Does the Bible allow us to approach an oracle?
- The book cites Ahithophel who inquired at the oracle of God (2 Samuel 16:23). He had been one of King David's closest advisors, but switched his allegiance to Absalom and counseled him to kill his father, and later hanged himself out of disgrace.

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# The Oracle

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- Cahn apparently uses *gematria*, which is a form of divination related to numerology.
- Aren't numbers in Scripture important?
- “The Bible clearly uses numbers in a conventional and rhetorical sense, and as far as these are concerned, the study of biblical numerology is legitimate. We also occasionally find numbers used symbolically—such as the number 7 in Revelation 3—but we never find numbers used mystically.”

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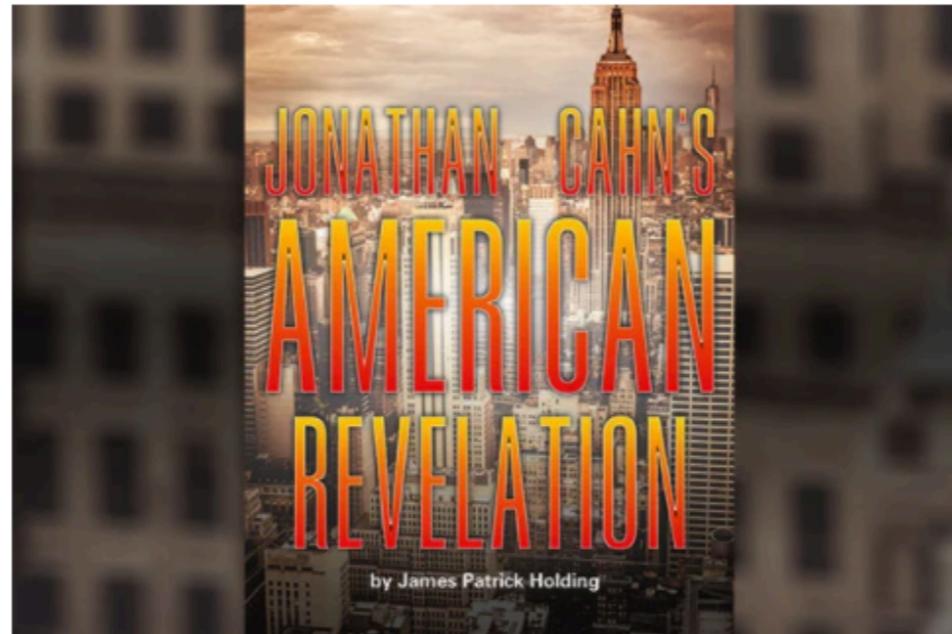
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