

Comets of 2013 – Celestial Signs of Messiah Yeshua's Second Coming

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God's plan of redemption is revealed in His Word and in His Creation. The Word of God tells us that God made the sun, moon, and stars for "signs" and for "seasons":

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for **signs**, and for **seasons** [appointed times], and for days and years (Genesis 1:14).

The Hebrew word *moadim* (Strong's #4150), translated "seasons", does not mean the seasons of the year; it means "appointed times".

The Appointed Times of the Lord are the true Biblical Holy Days, including the Biblical Sabbath, Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost (Shavuot), Feast of Trumpets (Rosh HaShanah), Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) and Feast of Tabernacles or Booths (Sukkot) (Leviticus 23). The moadim reveal the prophetic pattern and prophetic timetable of God's plan of redemption.

The Hebrew word *ot* (Strong's #226), translated "signs", in this context has to do with celestial signs associated with God's plan of redemption. Lunar eclipses, solar eclipses, comets, etc., when occurring and aligning with the Appointed Times of the Lord and/or prophetically significant events, especially in regard to Jerusalem and Israel – the focal point of God's plan of redemption – are celestial signs that we need to pay attention to.

We have previously taught about the lunar tetrads – 4 total lunar eclipses (called "blood moons" because of their reddish appearance) that will be aligning with Passover and Sukkot in 2014 and 2015. I want to thank the Lord for His guidance in my study in January 2007 that led me to see this from the NASA data. Later, in April 2008, Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries, reported this and since that time, it has become more widely known.

Mark further researched the occurrence of tetrads showing the prophetic significance of two other tetrads occurring in 1949-1950 and 1967-1968. Clearly, we can see that these tetrads relate to very prophetically significant events in the history of Israel – the birth of the nation of Israel (1948) and the restoration of east Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria to Israel as a result of the Six-Day War (1967).

However, it was not entirely clear at the time why the tetrad of 1949-1950 did not exactly line up with the rebirth of Israel in 1948. Sometime later, I happened to look at a chart with key historical dates in Israel's history and learned that in 1950, the government of Israel was moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. I then understood the significance of the timing of the tetrad. Jerusalem is the place God chose for His dwelling on earth. It is the center of Biblical prophecy.

More recently (March 2012), I further researched and taught about the cycle of tetrads. We learned that the period for the occurrence of tetrads is variable and currently is about 565 years.* In the first half of this cycle, no tetrads occur; in the second half of the cycle, there are quite a few.

However, tetrads are only prophetically significant when they coincide with Passover and Sukkot and prophetically significant events in the history of Israel. From what I have read, the 2014-2015 tetrad is the last tetrad in the cycle so there won't be any more tetrads lining up with Passover and Sukkot for hundreds of years afterwards. This makes the 2014-2015 tetrad even more prophetically significant, especially given events in the Middle East with Israel at the center that show we are fast approaching the return of Messiah Yeshua.

Previously, we have seen that Rosh HaShanah 2015 marks a point in time of key prophetic significance because of the alignment of celestial, Biblical prophetic and historical events relating to the fulfillment of God's plan of redemption. Please see my previous teachings on this subject posted for free on our

* http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eclipse_cycle

Messengers of Messiah website (www.messengers-of-messiah.org) under the sections “God’s Prophetic Timetable: Significance of Rosh HaShanah 2015” and “God’s Prophetic Sabbatical-Jubilee Timetable: Rosh HaShanah 1525 to Rosh HaShanah 2015).

In December 2012, The Drudge Report posted a link to an article about 2013 being the year of the comet.* At that time, I sent the link out to our ministry email list because of the prophetic significance of this celestial event. Now we are learning more about the two comets of 2013 to see that God is certainly confirming their prophetic significance. I believe that the Lord continues to reveal and confirm that Yeshua is returning very soon. I remember at Passover 2011, the Lord so impressed upon me “Prepare for My Coming”! that I used it as the title for my teaching at the time.

Let’s go to Wikipedia’s article about Comet 2012 S1 that will become visible to the naked eye in October and November of 2013. Remember, prior to our learning about the comets, the Lord recently showed Peter in a dream to be watching for March and April and October and November this year (2013).

What is interesting is that there is another comet that will become visible in March. The comet’s name is C/2011 L4. It will pass closest to earth on 5 March 2013 and closest to the sun on 10 March 2013, at which time it is expected to be visible to the naked eye. According to the Biblical (Jewish) calendar, the corresponding dates are the 23rd and 28th of Adar.

* “‘Brighter than a full moon’: The biggest star of 2013 ... could be the comet of the century”, David Whitehouse, *The Independent*, 26 December 2012.

This follows Purim, the 14th of Adar, and Shoshan Purim (second day of Purim), on the 15th of Adar, which commemorate God's supernatural protection of the Jewish people by destroying their enemies who wanted to destroy them. We can see a repeat of this prophetic pattern in the First and Second Gulf Wars.

On February 28, 1991, the US declared a cease-fire in the First Gulf War against Saddam Hussein in Iraq. According to the Biblical calendar, the date was the 14th of Adar, Purim! The Second Gulf War against Saddam Hussein began with the bombing of Iraq on the night between the 19-20th of March, twelve years later. According to the Biblical calendar, the date was the 15th of Adar! So the First Gulf War ended on Purim, and the Second Gulf War began on the second day of Purim. This shows the hand of God in events relating to the survival of the nation of Israel because Saddam Hussein was determined to exterminate Israel.

(Note 2/14/13: The prophetic significance of Purim is associated with God's supernatural intervention to deliver the Jews from destruction by their enemies. Likewise, God will supernaturally intervene (just as He has in every war the modern nation of Israel has fought) to deliver the Jews from destruction by the Islamic enemies who are now planning the destruction of the Jewish state of Israel. Therefore, the comet appearing in March about the time of Purim is prophetically significant because it signals the soon return of Yeshua as The Judge who will destroy the enemies of the Jews and Israel.)

Now let's go to Wikipedia's article about Comet 2012 S1.

Wikipedia, C/2012 S1 – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C/2012_S1

See illustration “Orbital position of C/2012 S1 on 11 December 2013 after perihelion”.

Note:

Perihelion is closest approach to the sun

Orbits of planets Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars

Orbit of C/2012 S1 (counterclockwise orbit like the planets)

Blue section of orbit shows after C/2012 passes around the sun and starts its journey back out into space

C/2012 S1

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

C/2012 S1 (ISON) is a [sungrazing comet](#) discovered on 21 September 2012 by Vitali Nevski (Виталий Невский, [Vitebsk, Belarus](#)) and Artyom Novichonok (Артём Новичонок, [Kondopoga, Russia](#)).

Christie’s comment: **The date of discovery of Comet 2012 S1 is prophetically significant. September 21, 2012 was the 5th of Tishri according to the Biblical Hebrew (Jewish) calendar. This was in the middle of the Ten Days of Repentance, also called the Ten Days of Awe, beginning on the 1st of Tishri, Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets), and culminating on the 10th of Tishri, the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).**

Orbit

Comet C/2012 S1 will come to [perihelion](#) (closest approach to the Sun) on 28 November 2013 –

Christie's comment: As Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries recently reported (Feasts of the Lord in Prophecy Newsletter eNews, February 2013), November 28, 2013 is the first day of Hanukkah.

This is certainly a prophetically significant celestial sign because as Peter's research shows, Yeshua was conceived during Hanukkah (see our book *The Scriptural Birth Date of Messiah Yeshua*).

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is referred to in the Bible as the Feast of Dedication. Yeshua went to Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication (John 10:22). It commemorates the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple on the 25th of Kislev (14 December 164 B.C.) after its desecration by Antiochus IV (Epiphanes), and the miracle of the one-day supply of oil to light the Temple Menorah lasting eight days.

Let's continue with the Wikipedia article:

Comet C/2012 S1 will come to [perihelion](#) (closest approach to the Sun) on 28 November 2013 at a distance of 0.012 [AU](#) (1,800,000 [km](#); 1,100,000 [mi](#)) from the center point of the Sun.[\[2\]\[6\]](#) Accounting for the [solar radius](#) of 695,500 km, the comet will pass approximately 1,100,000 kilometres (680,000 mi) above the Sun's surface. Its orbit is nearly parabolic, which suggests that it may be a dynamically new comet coming freshly from

the [Oort cloud](#).^{[7][8]} On closest approach, the comet will pass about 0.072 AU (10,800,000 km; 6,700,000 mi) from Mars on 1 October 2013, and it will pass about 0.42 AU (63,000,000 km; 39,000,000 mi) from Earth on 26 December 2013.^[6]

Some of the [orbital elements](#) of comet C/2012 S1 are similar to that of the [Great Comet of 1680](#) which suggests the two comets may have fragmented from the same parent body.^[9] Earth is expected to pass through the orbit of the comet on 14–15 January 2014, which may result in the creation of a [meteor shower](#).^[10]

Brightness and visibility

At the time of its discovery, the comet's [apparent magnitude](#) was approximately 18.8, far too dim to be seen with the [naked eye](#), but bright enough to be imaged by amateurs with large telescopes.^{[11][12]} If it follows the pattern of most comets, it may be expected to increase gradually in brightness as it approaches the sun, then dim again after it rounds the [Sun](#) and heads back to the outer solar system.

During August 2013, it should become bright enough to be visible through small telescopes or binoculars, becoming visible to the naked eye by late October or early November and remaining so until mid-January 2014.^{[7][12]}

Christie's comment: Remember the first of four total lunar eclipses ("blood moons") occurs on Passover 2014. So this leads us into the tetrad and its prophetic significance regarding the soon return of

Messiah Yeshua. As the prophet Joel declares:

Joel 2:31 “The sun will be turned into darkness [solar eclipse],
And the **moon** into blood [total lunar eclipse],
Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Let’s continue with the Wikipedia article:

In October, the comet will pass through the constellation Leo, passing near Leo's brightest star Regulus and then passing near Mars in the night sky, and these brighter objects might make the comet easier to locate.[\[11\]](#)

Christie’s comment: **The constellation Leo (Latin *leo* meaning lion) represents Messiah Yeshua, the Lion of Judah. I believe this celestial event is of major prophetic significance because it shows that Messiah Yeshua is coming soon! We will go into more detail about the prophetic significance later in this study.**

Note that the planet Mars is associated with war. We know that war in the Middle East is coming, the War of Gog-Magog (Ezekiel 38), culminating in Armageddon (Revelation 16:16).

Let’s continue with the Wikipedia article:

In November, when the comet is brighter, it will sweep another bright star in our sky, Spica in the constellation Virgo, and another

planet, Saturn.[13]

Christie's comment: The constellation Virgo is prophetically significant because it is referred to as the celestial sign associated with the birth of Messiah Yeshua (Revelation 12:1-2). Ernest Martin details this in his book, *The Star that Astonished the World*.

Rev. 12:1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman [representing Israel] clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet [Rosh HaShanah], and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
Rev. 12:2 and she was with child [Messiah]; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Please see more about this in our free prophecy study Part 2 "The 70 Weeks Prophecy of Daniel – The New Covenant Is the Covenant of Daniel 9:27" posted on Messengers of Messiah's website (www.messengers-of-messiah.org).

Note that the planet Saturn, although it later became associated with a pagan god, originally represents God the Father. Pagan religions corrupted the celestial picture in the heavens of God's plan of redemption.

Let's continue with the Wikipedia article:

Around the time the comet reaches its **perihelion** [closest approach to the sun] on 28 November, it may become extremely bright if it remains intact, probably reaching a negative magnitude.[5] It may briefly become brighter than the full Moon.[7][8]

It is expected to be brightest around the time it is closest to the sun; however, it may be less than 1° from the Sun at its closest, making it difficult to see against the sun's glare.[14] In December, the comet will be growing dimmer, but, assuming that it remains intact, it will be visible from both hemispheres of Earth, possibly with a long tail.[11]

Predicting the brightness of a comet is difficult, especially one that will pass so close to the Sun and be affected by the [forward scattering](#) of light. [Comet Kohoutek](#) and [C/1999 S4](#) did not meet expectations, but if comet [C/2012 S1](#) survives it could look similar to the [Great Comet of 1680](#), the [Great Comet of 2007](#), or [C/2011 W3 \(Lovejoy\)](#).^{[5][15]} The brightest comet since 1935 was [Comet Ikeya-Seki](#) in 1965 at magnitude -10.^[16] **Comet C/2012 S1 (ISON) will be well placed for observers in the northern hemisphere during mid to late December 2013.**^[17]

Christie's comment: **This means the comet is best positioned to be seen by those living in the Northern Hemisphere, which includes Israel and the Middle East.**

Back to the article:

Name

The [name of the comet](#) is simply, [C/2012 S1](#). The addition of "(ISON)" after its name, merely identifies the organization where its **discovery was made**, the Russia-based International Scientific Optical Network. If the same organization had discovered a similar, but unrelated comet

one day later, that one would have been named "C/2012 S2 (ISON)". Nevertheless, media sources, incorrectly interpreting the parenthetical identification as a [nickname](#), have taken to calling the comet by the location of its discovery,[\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)[\[20\]](#) and consequently, this name could persist in use even though it would become confusing with later discoveries made from the same location. The names of famous [short-period comets](#) usually identify the astronomers who discovered them or clearly identified them as a [periodic comet](#), such as [Comet Halley](#) or [Comet Swift-Tuttle](#). If that convention were followed, this should be the Comet Nevski-Novichonok or C/2012 S1 Nevski-Novichonok.

END OF WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE

Now we are going to see just how prophetically significant the celestial sign of Comet 2012 S1 is in regard to the return of Messiah Yeshua, who will judge the nations and establish God's Kingdom on Earth, the Messianic Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20).

For this part of the study, we will go to Chapter 4 "The Sign of Leo (The Lion): Messiah's consummated triumph" in E.W. Bullinger's book, *The Witness of the Stars*. Bullinger lived from 1837-1913 so this is an old book but full of wonderful insight into the celestial signs God put into the Heavens to reveal His plan of redemption.

(Note: pagan cultures corrupted the Biblical truth of the Zodiac. Bullinger's book shows God put the constellations in the heavens to reveal His plan of redemption.)

Before we see what Bullinger says about the Sign of Leo, let's go to Wikipedia's article "Leo (constellation)" – [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_\(constellation\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_(constellation))

Bullinger makes the important note that Leo is the last of the celestial signs of the Biblical Zodiac. Therefore, it can be seen to be associated with the Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua.

It is also important to note that the first sign of the Zodiac is Virgo, the celestial sign that reveals the birth of Messiah Yeshua during Rosh Hashanah, Feast of Trumpets, at His First Coming (Revelation 12:1-2).

Regarding the celestial Sign of the constellation Leo, Bullinger tells us:

“Here we come to the end of the [Zodiac] circle. We began with Virgo, we end with Leo. No one who has followed our interpretation can doubt that we have here the solving of the Riddle of the Sphinx. For its *Head* is Virgo and its *Tail* is Leo!”

In Leo, we reach the end of the Revelation as inspired in the Word of God; and it is the end as written in the heavens.*

Christie's comment: Bullinger means that the Zodiac, which is a celestial circle of 12 constellations telling the story of God's plan of redemption, joins where Leo

* E. W. Bullinger, *The Witness of the Stars*, p. 162.

and Virgo come together. Virgo is depicted as a woman; Leo as a lion (the Lion of Judah, a reference to Messiah Yeshua).

There is geological evidence that the Sphinx in Egypt is much older than the traditional date of about 2500 B.C. In addition, the head of the Sphinx, a head of a Pharaoh, is not the original head, but may have been the head of a woman (or it may have had a lion's head).

If this is true, the Sphinx is a representation of the head of Virgo, the first Sign of the Zodiac, and the body and tail of Leo, the last Sign of the Zodiac, showing where the 12 constellations of the Zodiac come together – from the beginning to the end, from the First Coming to the Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua.

According to the Wikipedia article about Comet 2012 S1 (as referred to above):

In October, the comet will pass through the constellation Leo, passing near Leo's brightest star Regulus ...

This is prophetically significant because the constellation Leo (Latin meaning “lion”; in Hebrew, *Aryeh* or *Arieh*) represents Messiah Yeshua, the Lion of Judah:

Rev. 5:5 and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; **behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome** so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

Regulus, the brightest star of the constellation Leo, is known as the King Star.* This certainly fits the prophetic picture of Yeshua as King Messiah, who will return to rule from Jerusalem during the Messianic Millennial Kingdom.

Regulus marks the heart of the Lion. Interestingly, Regulus is a double star.** Could this have prophetic significance in regard to Yeshua's First and Second Comings? Yeshua first came as the Suffering Servant Messiah to pay the price for humanity's sins (Isaiah 53). And Yeshua will return in glory to rule as the Davidic King Messiah.

When Jacob (Israel) blessed his son Judah, he referred to him as a lion's offspring:

Gen. 49:8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
Your father's sons shall bow down to you.

Gen. 49:9 "Judah is a lion's whelp;
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He couches, he lies down as a lion,
And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?

Because of this, the lion became a symbol of the Tribe of Judah and was carried upon its tribal standard (Numbers 2). And from the Tribe of Judah came King David and Messiah Yeshua.

* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_\(constellation\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_(constellation))

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There are three constellations associated with the Sign of Leo:

- 1) Hydra, representing the Serpent, Satan, who is destroyed by Messiah Yeshua
- 2) Crater, the Cup, representing the cup of God's wrath poured out on Satan
- 3) Corvus, the Raven, representing the birds of prey devouring the serpent

According to Bullinger:

In its [the Biblical Zodiac's] three final constellations we see the consummation of them all in the complete destruction of the Old Serpent, and all his seed, and all his works.

It is the special work of the Messiah, as "the Lion of the tribe of Judah," to trample it under foot.

It [Hydra] is an immense constellation extending for above 100 degrees from east to west, beneath the Virgin [constellation Virgo], the Lion, and the Crab. It is composed of 60 stars ...*

It is interesting to note that Hydra, the Serpent representing Satan, is composed of 60 stars, the number 6 being associated with the Mark of the Beast, Satan's system (Revelation 13:18).

When Yeshua returns, He will return as Judge to destroy the enemies of Israel:

* Bullinger, p. 167.

Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it *is* called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

Rev. 19:12 And His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and upon His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *upon Him* which no one knows except Himself.

Rev. 19:13 And *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God.

Rev. 19:14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

Rev. 19:15 And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

Rev. 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Crater, the Cup, represents the wrath of God. Yeshua's return is associated with the final judgment, called the Bowl Judgments, fitting this prophetic picture (Revelation 16):

Rev. 16:1 And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."

God sends warning of these coming judgments:

Rev. 14:6 And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

Rev. 14:7 and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”

Rev. 14:9 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand,

Rev. 14:10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

According to Bullinger:

The Cup is wide and deep, and fastened on by the stars to the very body of the writhing serpent. The same stars which are in the foot of the Cup form part of the body of the Hydra, and are reckoned as belonging to both constellations.

This Cup has the significant number of *thirteen stars* ...*

* Bullinger, *The Witness of the Stars*, p. 168.

In the Word of God, the number thirteen represents rebellion against God, apostasy, and corruption.** Satan deceives humanity to rebel against God; to fall away (apostate) from Biblical truth; and to corrupt the Word of God.

Corvus, the Raven, represents the birds of prey that devour God's enemies. There are nine stars in this constellation.* The number nine represents the number of finality or judgment and it is Yeshua who has been given authority to execute that judgment.**

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus [Yeshua] came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

John 5:27 and He [Father God] gave Him [Yeshua] authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man.

Acts 17:30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, Acts 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

** Bullinger, *Number in Scripture: Its Supernatural Design and Spiritual Significance*, p. 205.

* Bullinger, *The Witness of the Stars*, p. 169.

** Bullinger, *Number in Scripture*, p. 235.

When the great day of judgment comes, birds that eat flesh will gather to eat the flesh of the armies that come to destroy Israel:

Rev. 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God;

Rev. 19:18 in order that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

Rev. 19:19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against His [Yeshua's] army.

HALLEY'S COMET

Halley's Comet is visible from Earth every 75-76 years.* The last time it appeared was 1986, which is thirty years from the prophetically important Biblical year of Rosh Hashanah 2015 to Rosh HaShanah 2016.

This may be of significance in regard to God's prophetic timetable because the number thirty in the Word of God "denotes in a higher degree the perfection of Divine order, as marking the right moment".**

* http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halley's_Comet

** Bullinger, *Number in Scripture*, p. 265.

COMET SHOEMAKER-LEVY 9

In July 1994, twenty-one fragments of the Shoemaker-Levy 9 Comet were observed to impact Jupiter from July 17th (the 9th of Av) to July 22nd.^{***} The 9th of Av is a very prophetically significant date because it marks major tragedies in the history of the Jewish people, including the destruction of the First and Second Temples. The 9th of Av can be understood as being associated with God's judgment. If each fragment/impact represents one year, we count 21 years from 1994 to Rosh Hashanah 2105. Will this be Judgment Day?

THE HALE-BOPP COMET

Because of its spectacular appearance and long period of visibility with the naked eye, the Hale-Bopp Comet has been called the Great Comet of 1997.

Comet Hale-Bopp (formally designated C/1995 O1) was perhaps the most widely observed comet of the 20th century and one of the brightest seen for many decades. It was visible to the naked eye for a record 18 months, twice as long as the previous record holder, the **Great Comet of 1811**.*

The Biblical Hebrew calendar is based on a 19-year cycle (Metonic cycle).^{**} For this reason, it is interesting to note that if we count 19 years from 1997, we

^{***} http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comet_Shoemaker-Levy_9

* http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comet_Hale-Bopp

^{**} http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metonic_cycle

come to the prophetically important Biblical year beginning Rosh HaShanah 2015 to Rosh HaShanah 2016.