

#1877 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 136, ***An Angel riding in the Whirlwind and directing the Storm: The Micah 5:5 Assyrian vs. the Micah 5:5 Seven Shepherds, (x), The May 5, 1961, flight of Shepard’s Freedom 7 in fulfillment of Micah 5:5***

Alan Shepard and Freedom 7 on May 5, 1961. *Freedom 7* was the name of Alan Shepard’s Mercury capsule. The [originally] scheduled launch date for Alan Shepard and Freedom 7 was May 2, 1961. [Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin had become the first man to enter space only three weeks earlier on April 12, 1961.] Until just three hours before Shepard’s flight, NASA still had not let the press know that Shepard would be the first to go. Alan was ready, the rocket was ready, and the range was ready. But Shepard did not lift off that day. Low cloud cover rolled in. The flight operations director wanted a clear view of the Redstone rocket, the Freedom 7 capsule, and its human cargo all the way through burnout. The launch was scrubbed. **A new launch date was set for May 5.**



May 5, 1961: Alan Shepard approaches Freedom 7

At 9:34 a.m. EST on **May 5, 1961**, in full view of a television audience of 45 million people, Alan Shepard was dramatically lifted into space and became America’s first astronaut. America’s first man in space was in flight only 15 minutes and 22 seconds and was weightless only a third of that time due to the suborbital ballistic nature of the flight. Shepard gained an altitude of 116.5 miles and [achieved] a maximum speed of 5,180 miles per hour. He landed 9.2 miles from the prime recovery ship, the aircraft carrier *Lake Champlain*. He had flown 304 miles (489 kilometers) from his Cape Canaveral launch site.



Twenty days later, on May 25, 1961, in a special message to Congress, [President] Kennedy challenged the Soviets in the space arena and put the United States on a course to the moon by declaring that the nation should land a man on the moon and return him safely to the earth before the end of the decade. That indeed happened on July 20, 1969.

Sources: *Moon Shot: The Inside Story of America’s Race to the Moon*; *America’s Journeys into Space: The Astronauts of the United States*; *The Omni Space Almanac*

Key Understanding: The Lord ordained Alan Shepard’s flight aboard Freedom 7 to be delayed from May 2 to May 5 (= 5/5 = 5:5), 1961, because the event was representing the counterfeit fulfillment of the seven shepherds of Micah 5:5. Moreover, Shepard’s capsule was named *Freedom 7* to also point to the seven shepherds.

*Micah 5:5-6 (KJV) And this man shall be the peace, **WHEN THE ASSYRIAN SHALL COME INTO OUR LAND**: and when he shall tread in our palaces, **THEN WE SHALL RAISE AGAINST HIM SEVEN SHEPHERDS**, and eight principal men.*

*6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: **THUS SHALL HE DELIVER US FROM THE ASSYRIAN**, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.*

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