

**#2721** 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 980, **Palm Beach to Judging Pretender Babylon, (xxii), The Lord uses the launch date of January 16, 2003, as the key date in the prophetic story surrounding the demise of *Columbia***



*The launch of Columbia,  
January 16, 2003, 10:30 a.m.  
Eastern Standard Time*

**Key Understanding:** *The January 16, 2003, launch of Columbia.* Because it was damage sustained during *Columbia's* January 16, 2003, launch that led to its demise upon its reentry on February 1, 2003, the Lord specifically uses the launch date of January 16 as the key date in the prophetic story surrounding the demise of *Columbia*.

From Wikipedia on **the space shuttle *Columbia* disaster**:

**The Space Shuttle *Columbia* disaster** occurred on February 1, 2003, when the Space Shuttle *Columbia* disintegrated over Texas during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, losing all seven crew members, shortly before it was scheduled to conclude its 28<sup>th</sup> mission, STS-107.

The loss of *Columbia* was a result of damage sustained during launch [January 16, 2003] when a piece of foam insulation the size of a small briefcase broke off the Space Shuttle's external tank (the main propellant tank) under the aerodynamic forces of launch. The debris struck the leading edge of the left wing, damaging the Shuttle's thermal protection system (TPS). While *Columbia* was still in orbit, some engineers suspected damage, but NASA managers limited the investigation on the grounds that little could be done even if problems were found.

NASA's Shuttle safety regulations stated that external tank foam shedding and subsequent debris strikes upon the Shuttle itself were safety issues that needed to be resolved before a launch was cleared, but launches were often given the go-ahead as engineers unsuccessfully studied the foam shedding problem. The majority of Shuttle launches recorded such foam strikes and thermal tile scarring in violation of safety regulations. During re-entry of STS-107, the damaged area allowed the hot gases to penetrate and destroy the internal wing structure, eventually causing the in-flight break-up of the vehicle. A massive ground search in parts of Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas recovered crew remains and many vehicle fragments.



The Columbia Accident Investigation Board's recommendations addressed both technical and organizational issues. The Space Shuttle program was set back for over two years by the disaster, a delay comparable only to that resulting from the *Challenger* disaster. Concurrently, construction of the International Space Station was put on hold, and the station relied entirely on the Russian Federal Space Agency for resupply and crew rotation until STS-114.



*Ephesians 5:32 (KJV) **THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY**: but I speak concerning **CHRIST** [represented by the man, the husband] **AND THE CHURCH** [represented by the woman, the wife].*

*Revelation 17:5 (KJV) And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT**, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

*Revelation 19:1-3 (KJV) And after these things I heard **A GREAT VOICE OF MUCH PEOPLE IN HEAVEN**, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:*

*2 For true and righteous are his judgments: **FOR HE HATH JUDGED THE GREAT WHORE** [Babylon the Great-Columbia] which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.*

*3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.*

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