

GIMME DAT END TIMES RELIGION – PART XI

In the last installment we finished up by looking at some of what the Scripture has to say about the system that will be the End Times Religion. That religion will be headed up by the False Prophet and centered on the worship of the Beast. We noted how churchmen, Protestant, Evangelical and Catholic believe that the False Prophet, in the words of Cardinal John O'Conner, "...will be a bishop of the Church (Catholic), and will lead all religions into becoming one".¹ We also began to examine the notion of Mary, - as presented in the phenomena of the worldwide apparitions, could be that uniting force. Finally, we looked at the extra-biblical prophecies of one particular Catholic Saint, Malachy, - who identified all of the popes since the 12th century. By his prophecies, there is only one more pope to come, until the Day of Judgment. In this installment we'll begin to develop the connection with the religion of Mohammed.

THE ISLAMIC CONNECTION

Let's start way back in the 8th century. It was at that time that a militant Islam was racing across wide swaths of territory, conquering in the name of Allah. During this time of conquest on the part of the *Religion of Peace*, Muslims crossed over from Morocco and took over both Spain and Portugal. The Iberian Peninsula remained a battleground until 1492 when the Islamic Moors were driven out by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. During the course of the interceding century, outside of a Portugese village, a onetime Muslim girl turned Catholic, - named after Mohammed's honored daughter, Fatima, - married a much beloved prince. After her death, the village was named Fatima. It was at that village in 1917 that the apparitions named after Our Lady of Fatima occurred.² So the fact of the matter is that the most significant and influential manifestation of what many believe is Mary the Mother of God, - is named after Fatima, - the most important woman in Islam. Is it any wonder that thousands of Muslims flock to venerate statues of Mary, - especially Our Lady of Fatima, - both at the shrines and elsewhere?

So let's review for just a moment. The Mary of Medjuogore, - which claims to be the continuation of the Fatima apparitions; - tells us that all religions are the same before her son. Muslims are already drawn to this Marian connection. And honored Catholic spokesman Bishop Sheen tells us that Mary will be the vehicle that makes spiritual peace with Rome: "Through a summoning of the Muslims to a veneration of the Mother of God". According to the visions, only a proper relationship with Mary is required. It isn't even necessary to take on the trappings of Christianity.³ This is further reinforced by the Late John Paul's willingness to pray on equal terms with leaders of the Islamic faith, at such forums as Assisi.

Islamic Expectations

As we have seen, Rome expects that Mary will provide the victory over the forces of the world resulting in a One World Church and society ruled from Rome. Islam too expects to be victorious in a worldwide struggle between good and evil, - as they see it. However their scenario is a little different. The Islamic scriptures, tell us that the Mahdi, or "Guided One", will return to lead Muslims in a series of military victories over Christians and Jews as he sets up the seat of a world government in Jerusalem. He will rule for seven years, abetted by the Prophet Jesus, (Issa), who will deny that he is the Son of God and lead the slaughter of the Jews.⁴ At that time, all the people of the Book that remain, - Christians and Jews, - will convert to Islam. It is interesting here, that Muslim tradition talks of a "beast" being the one that will "call people back to Islam" when Jesus appears.⁵

Let's compare all of this with Biblical prophecy. In Revelation 13 we are told all about the “**beast rising up out of the sea**”, taking civil and religious control until “**all the world marveled and followed the beast... [and].. they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast**”. (Revelation 13:1, 3-4) In other words the forces that succeed in uniting all of the world's religions are the forces of the Antichrist and the False Prophet. Could these be one and the same as the Mahdi and this Issa (false Jesus) of Islam, perhaps? There is yet another interesting parallel. Islamic writings predict for the Mahdi and Issa to rule together seven years in Jerusalem. That is the exact period of time that Daniel and Revelation give for the Antichrist's career and the Tribulation.⁶

Need more? Well here it is. The Koran, (Sura 9:5), teaches mandatory conversion of the unbeliever. And Sura 8:11 pronounces the penalty for unbelievers: “Therefore strike off their heads”. The world has already seen this penalty worked time and time again by those who take the Koran seriously. Revelation 13:15 tells us that, “**as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**” and Revelation 20:4 talks of “**the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast**”.

A Secret Deal ?

With all of that in mind, we can look at some very interesting developments in the relations of the Roman Catholic Church, the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority. All of these deal with the status of the City of Jerusalem: It's future role and who will control it in the future. The entire peace process in the Middle East is caught up with this question. Let's look at some of the highlights before analyzing them.

- 1993 – Then Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres concludes a secret deal with the Vatican to have the Church take over sovereignty of Jerusalem's Old City. Jerusalem would become “the second Vatican of the world with all three major religions represented”.
- 1994 - French intellectual, Marek Halter reveals to the Israeli press that he helped arrange a deal between Israel and the Vatican that would create a Palestinian State and make East Jerusalem an international city.
- 2000 – Arafat publicly signs on to the deal of Vatican control of Jerusalem.
- 2000 – Rome declares that it is “essential that religious leaders” control Jerusalem's Holy sites.⁷

So what's that all about? Since the time of the Crusades, Rome has been seeking control of Jerusalem. You see, the Vatican holds to something called ‘Replacement Theology’, wherein the Catholic Church has become the New Israel in God's economy. The problem with that is that Israel's very physical existence in fulfillment of dozens of Biblical prophecies, - not to mention their control over Jerusalem presents a very real problem to that deal.⁸ Remember it was Pope John Paul's dream and prediction that he or a soon future pope would rule over a One World Religion. The Pope was somehow blinded to the significance of his personal prophecy. It does line up with Bible, - however not in the way he thought. It is the Antichrist that puts together that coalition of religions in the End of Days. The resulting *Super Religion* is the religion of the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

Now the Pope, you remember predicted that the Church's ascendance would follow a great worldwide apparition of Mary that would call all of mankind into the Catholic Church under the aegis of the then Pope. But Scripture tells us that the Antichrist will rise using massive deception. “**The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders**” (2Thessalonians 2:9) “**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**” (Matthew 24:24) Great “signs and wonders” in the sky! Sounds possibly like some miracles witnessed by those that flock to the Marian apparitions at places like Medjugore.

And the Vatican is now and has been actively inserting themselves into the Middle East peace process, - taking to a large degree the side of the Palestinians, - and against the Biblical borders laid out by God in the Old Testament. It is interesting that the Vatican solution would have the Temple Mount divided among Jews, Christians and Muslims, - but remaining under Vatican control. And all of this was a secret deal that bypassed Israel's parliament, the Knesset.⁹ It is perhaps even more interesting that a combined Temple has already been designed that would serve all three of the great monotheistic faiths.¹⁰ Sketches of this new Temple had been available on the Internet, and in fact one such artist's rendering can still be found in the archived files of David Bay's Cutting Edge News. It shows a building with several large pyramidal wings, formed into the shape of the Star of David. The Temple, - a part of the Illuminati originated *New Jerusalem Covenant Project*, - is designed as a "combination Temple/Church/Mosque."¹¹

According to Lambert's lecture, the creation of this combined house of worship is all part of that political solution for the New Jerusalem. The plan is to first hold three simultaneous international conferences to unite the political, economic and religions spheres. Then under the threat of catastrophic war, Jerusalem would be declared an international city and construction of the Temple will begin. (It is Jewish tradition that the Temple will be rebuilt under the auspices of the expected Messiah.) Next, the Pope is supposed to come to Jerusalem to announce the unification of all the world's religions. Finally, this would be followed shortly by the arrival of the New Age Christ, - coming to assume his role of World Leader.¹² It would sound loony-bin crazy to me too, - if it did not line up so well with Biblical prophecy.

First, Revelation 11:1-2 says: **"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months."** That speaks of the End Times reconstruction of the Temple and an area built solely for the Gentiles. Now Perry Stone reveals that Jewish scholarship shows that it would take exactly 42 months to fulfill the ceremonial requirements from the turning of the first shovel to the dedication of the Temple.¹³ Daniel 9:27 tells us that Antichrist shall **"confirm a covenant with many for one week"**. That's referring to a seven year treaty, - 84 months. But verse 27 goes on, **"But in the middle of the week, he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation"**. Catch that? **"on a wing of the temple"**. 2Thessalonians 2:3-4 explains that **"abomination that causes desolation"** going on to reveal that when **"the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition....he sits as God in the Temple of God, showing himself that he is God"**.

But notice the timing; - "in the middle of the week", - half of 84 months is 42 months, - the exact time needed to dedicate the new Temple. It is also the exact time **"given unto the Gentiles"** to **"tread under foot"** **"the holy city"**. *Interesting indeed!*

JERUSALEM

Regarding the relationship between this story and the one above: In God's world there are no coincidences! And so I should little wonder at the timing of the recent headline in the Jerusalem Post: "New PA platform: Peace with Israel, J'lem as joint capital". The times, indeed, are a changing! In Israel & among the Palestinians, - in the Middle East & the world at large, there is growing momentum for the establishment of a Palestinian State. The Abbas-run Fatah portion of the Palestinian government is ready for 'peace' of some sort. Fatah has dropped its call for "armed

struggle” and instead is supporting the Arab peace plan. The outline of their plan includes a call for Israel to retreat to the borders occupied prior to the '67 War with Jerusalem serving as the capital of both Israel and the newly established Palestine.¹⁴ Drawing impetus from American pressure, that plan neatly coincides with Israeli Prime Minister Olmert’s revived drive to have Israel negotiate a withdrawal from Judea and Samaria.^{15 16} In addition, the Prime Minister has allowed 41 Iraqi descendents of the Arabs that fled during the 1948 War to return to Israel. Some fear that this would open the door to for the “Right of Return”, the principle that all descendents of Arabs who once lived there could immigrate to Israel. The resultant influx of refugees would of course flood the country with ersatz Palestinians, destroying the Jewish character of the State.¹⁷ This all could be moving toward the real deal. Through Deputy PM Chaim Ramon, the Israeli government is signaling that what it is offering is ‘final status’ talks on the establishment of a state for the Palestinians.¹⁸ Israel is considering the use of either NATO or even Jordanian troops to take the place of IDF forces in order to maintain order against a terrorist presence.¹⁹

These developments should spin the heads of prophecy wonks and readers of this newsletter. The use of NATO troops from Europe could be seen as the forces of the **“prince who is to come”**, - who is to **“confirm”** a 7-year peace treaty with Israel, signaling the start of the Tribulation. (Daniel 9:26-27) But so could the use of Jordanian troops. We’ve shown before how Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, fulfills so many of the requirements to serve both as Islamic Mahdi and Biblical Antichrist. As to the state itself, Isaiah 34:12 weighs in. **“They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, But none shall be there, and all its princes shall be nothing.”**

TERRORISM COMMETH ?

According to Juval Aviv, former Israeli Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Officer and terror consultant to Congress: A major terror event is “imminent and around the corner here in the United States”. Aviv, who served as the source for the story behind Steven Spielberg’s movie Munich, says we can expect an attack sometime between tomorrow and the next three-months. According to intelligence that is “floating in Europe and the Middle East”, the terrorists intend “to hit six, seven or eight cities simultaneously”, targeting especially mass transportation. This time, he believes, the attacks will be made against cities big & small, targeting urban & rural areas. Their aim is to convince Americans that nowhere is safe, demoralizing the population.^{20 21}

DA OIL BONE CONNECTED TO DA WAR BONE

Want to hear something really scary? \$100 per barrel oil! Aaaaahhh!! That’s what some experts are seeing, - maybe in just a few short months. It seems there’s a little interconnectedness going on that’s driving prices ever upward. For one thing, the demand for petroleum is steadily rising; - over a million barrels a day, driven by, in the words of Rapture Ready’s Todd Strandberg, “the booming economies of India and China”.²² That demand is accompanied for various reasons by lower output, an inability to get the product to market. Production in Venezuela is down significantly. Production by oil giants Conoco Philips,²³ Exxon Mobil, Occidental and other major oil companies is all down. One London based expert believes that oil prices could go up to \$95 per barrel on that pressure alone.²⁴ Add to that the possibility of war. Israel faces imminent hostilities with any of several opponents; - Syria, Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran. Conflict with any of these could drive up the cost of oil precipitously. As oil analyst John Kilduff put it: “We’re only a headline of significance away from \$100 oil”²⁵

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