

GIMME DAT END TIMES RELIGION – PART XXVI

We've covered a long road over the last several months, surveying what we can know about the coming One World Religion of the Antichrist. Today we'll take one last look, we cobble together as best we can, what the world will soon be facing. For those who know Christ it will be a time that demands committed prayer and incredible faith, - but God has given us the tools to survive. Those who have not committed themselves to Jesus, God's Son, will face a time of deception and chaos and unimaginable terror.

THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

Ever since the original deception in the Garden, mankind has willingly and willfully acted in cooperation with Satan. That alliance was formed on the basis of a lie; - an empty promise. Though **“God created man in his own image”** and had given him **“dominion over...all the earth”** (Genesis 1:26-27), it was not enough. Knowing our weakness, Satan offered what he knew Adam, Eve and the rest of humankind could not resist; - eternal life and the power to be like God. **“You will not surely die”**, the serpent promised, **“...and you will be like God, knowing good and evil”**. (Genesis 3:4-5) It is a quest that man has been on ever since. It is the essence of our rebellion against God. Who will sit on the throne of our lives; - God or ourselves? That was the motivation behind the first full-fledged rebellion; - the building of the Tower at Babel. It was an attempt to glorify puny man. And ever since that Nimrod led revolt, the world has been in a state of Satanic driven civil war against its Creator.

We've seen it was Nimrod, - with his wife Semiramis, who founded the false pagan religious system. It spread across the world. Now as the End of the Age approaches, we see how the New Age types, the Masons, the Theosophists and the like are awaiting for the restoration of those same mysteries. Scripture tells us that for a time, it will come to pass. Satan has long sought to be worshiped like God Himself. **“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.”** (Isaiah 14:14) Revelation 13:4 tells us there is coming a time when he will be so honored by men; that during the Tribulation, when the Antichrist reigns. **“So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast”**. The “mysteries” of ancient paganism will indeed be restored.

Those mysteries, as we have seen, are an open secret. At seminars, in books such as the Armageddon Script, and in other writings; - the Illuminati / New Age / One-Worlders have unveiled their blueprint. The discerning can see that they are well along in their plan. Some of it is strange indeed. We have catalogued the interaction between the fallen angels who followed Satan in rebellion, with the **“daughters of men”**. (Genesis 6) We've seen their dual connection to both the ancient pagan gods of old and those beings conceived of as outer-space aliens, in our own time. New Age writings reveal that these ‘gods’ from another dimension will again be part of the plan to bring about the New World Order. Revelation 9 confirms there will be a time when the **“bottomless pit”** will be opened and the demon hordes released upon the earth.¹

In all of this we need understand one thing: Satan has been at war with God since before the creation of the universe. It began as a heavenly rebellion fought in the spiritual realm and so it is fought to this day. It also has its manifestation on the physical plane. Through our analysis of Genesis 6, we saw how Satan tried to destroy the purity of man's line by interbreeding with men, destroying the genetic line. That would prevent the Savior from coming from ‘the seed of the woman’. (Genesis 3:15) In Esther we see a plot foiled that would have decimated the entire Jewish nation. There were more such attempts; - all prevented by God's timely intervention. When Christ was born, Herod slaughtered the young males around Bethlehem. And once Jesus was grown and began to teach, the Pharisees plotted against Him and made attempts to seize Him, - but it was not allowed before God's allotted time. (see Luke 20:20, John 10:39, 11:57) In one telling incident recorded in John 8:58, Jesus faced a crowd of unbelieving Jews. **“I tell you the truth”**, Jesus told them, **“before Abraham was born I am”**. The crowd knew what he was saying. **“I AM”** was the name God used to identify Himself when He appeared to Moses in the desert. (Genesis 3:14) He was claiming equality with the Living God. The use

of that term **“I am”** angered them so much that they wanted to kill Him. His message of love and forgiveness was too much for them. They did not want to surrender their throne.

Still God did not allow Satan’s plan to succeed until God’s appointed time. Jesus made it clear in John 10:17-18: **“I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself”**. But Satan was deceived when he was allowed to engineer Jesus’ death on the Cross. Instead of Satan’s victory it signaled his complete defeat. This was Christ’s total victory over sin and the supreme example of God’s love for us. It came as the result of a long chain of evil choices, made by men exercising their free will to pursue their own selfish ends. Yet in the end, the evil of men was made to serve the divine will, making possible our salvation.² Christ’s resurrection was the sign of that victory. **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”** (Romans 8:28)

But though ultimately defeated, the rebellion continues until it is finally put down; - first in the Tribulational reign of Antichrist and later in the final rebellion after the 1,000 year rule of Christ. Satan’s reign of terror will commence in full flower only after the rapture of the Church. It is that for which all these evil forces are striving. He employs the process of sowing spiritual, physical, and intellectual chaos in order to thwart God’s plan of salvation for human salvation and advance the cause of his own End Times rule.³ That goal of course is a One World Religion / Government.

To that end the dark forces of paganism have infiltrated even Christ’s Church, - as He said they would. They came in subtly, with the best of intentions; - to expand the reach of the Faith by making it more pagan-friendly to those being compelled to join. The compromise had its price. It watered down many of the essentials of the Faith. Pagan ritualism and ceremony crept into Church practice, replacing salvation through faith. As we have seen, the practices of praying *for* the dead, and *to* saints were adapted from the false religions. The worship of the Babylonian goddess-wannabe Semiramis and her son, denoted as mankind’s savior, - became in the church of the Middle Ages, - the “cultus of Mary”; - the worship of Mother and Child. Today, it resides primarily in the Church of Rome, - but also in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

As we approach these last days, we find that many Catholic leaders believe that Mary will be the vehicle that brings about the Vatican dream of a One World Religion, united under the Pope. Remember that the late John Paul II believed in a coming worldwide Marian vision that would shake the faith of the world and accomplish just that. John Paul, Bishop Sheen and others saw Mary as the force that could bring even Islam to bow to Papal control. The groundwork for the fulfillment of that dream is being laid even today. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims and Hindus and Protestants and goddess-worshipping pagans are flocking to the cause of Mary, - as a non-judgmental Great Uniter.

But according to the Bible, it is only an individual called the False Prophet, a religious leader working in conjunction with the political leader, the Antichrist, that will be able to unite all religions in the Last Days. It is curious then to realize that Catholic leaders recognize that the False Prophet of Revelation will likely be a “prince of the church”, - a fallen bishop, an apostate pope. It is also most interesting that the prophecies of Catholic St Malachy predict that there will likely be only one more pope before the return of Christ and the judgment of the world.

We saw then that there are many forces working to bring about a united religious entity: Rome through its global Ecumenism, the Illuminati / New Age folks, and even Islam. Yes even the Muslims seek and expect one religion to rule the world in the end. Remember too that ancient connection that runs from the Babylonian moon god, to Baal the god of fire, to the Queen of Heaven. Then circle about again, and look at the New Age prediction that Aliens will be part of the New Religious Order and the warning by some Catholic theologians about the reality of beings from other worlds visiting our planet. Recall again that it is the plan of the Illuminati to use an alien presence to destroy and reorient all the religions of the world. This is nut-so stuff, but it is a little uncomfortable when we realize just how intimately it is all connected. Prophecy scholar Perry Stone believes that it will be an apparition of ‘Mary’ occurring in Jerusalem that will serve as the catalyst of the establishment of the One World Religion. The way is well prepared by a Church no longer grounded in the Truth of God’s Word. Without the anchor of the Scriptures anything becomes possible. That anchor is well eroded.

Whatever the cause or circumstance of the critical event; all agree that it will follow a time of crisis. Muslim, Christian, Jew, New Age, even Mayan’s believe that a New Savior comes; And that he will make his appearance following a time of

unprecedented crisis. The Illuminati have hatched a plan to create that crisis. It is to drive the world to the unity they seek. Wars and earthquakes and famines and diseases and an alien presence will fulfill the expectations of all religions; - Islam, New Age, Popes and Imams – as well as the prophecy’s given by Daniel & Jesus & John.

And then, led by the False Prophet: That One Religion will be revealed. It will be inextricably connected with the rise of the political power of the Beast / Antichrist. **“Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”** (Revelation 13:1) This political beast will be **“mortally wounded”** and revived. This could refer to one of the “kingdoms” that comprise this system, - or to the physical antichrist himself.⁴ And so the world, witnessing this miracle will be drawn to worship this beast as god. **“And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’”** (Rev 13:3-4) And the Beast that will rise will be a composite of the empires that came before; Greece, Persia, Babylon. And the Beast too, will be the man that is the fully demonic expression of Satanic rebellion. In next week’s final installment, we will look at the career of the man who will lead this End Times Religion. And we shall see how God puts a final end to that rebellion.

DECONSTRUCTING ISRAEL

“And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.” (Zechariah 12:3)

It is clear from Scripture that God has always viewed the Holy Land as His own: Yet at the same time it is a land set aside for Israel. Now however we seem to be entering when the entire world is preparing to alter the deed that God gave to Abraham and his descendents. It has been done in the past. The gentile nations have invaded and held the land, for a time; - But it has never, - ultimately gone well for the invading power. Now, the world is set to gather again, - this time in Annapolis, MD, to lay claim again to God’s land and transfer large portions of it to the *Palestinian People*, - a very recent artificial construct of history, indeed. The Arab states are to gather and the Israelis will come, hat in hand to the table to be dictated to about what they must give in order to receive the empty promises of peace that they will receive. The price will be a “Two State Solution”, an independent Palestinian (Terror) State, formed from land wrested from the Israelis; - Judea, Samaria, the West Bank, East Jerusalem. Oh, nothing has been decided they tell us: But I’ve seen the pictures on line. They are building a wall that divides Jerusalem itself. East Jerusalem is to become the Palestinian capital.⁵

The deal that is forming, - that is denied still, - is not a good one for Israel. Even a senior Fatah advisor admits that Palestinian President Abbas has the very same goals as the late Yasser Arafat;- To get whatever he can for *his People*, - while giving away nothing. Abbas even rejects the notion of Israel as a Jewish state. According to DEBKA, the draft agreement the Palestinians demanded be laid on the table would include:

- Recognition of Israel – but not as a Jewish state. [Interestingly, with the division of Jerusalem on the horizon, - with many not wanting to under Palestinian Authority rule, - thousands of Palestinians in Israel have been applying for Israeli citizenship.⁶]
- The *Right of Return* for the Palestinian refugees of 1948 and their millions of descendants will take care of that, flooding millions of Arabs into Israel itself.
- Israel return to the indefensible pre-1967 borders.
- The Palestinians to gain full control of East Jerusalem, the Temple Mount as well as the center of Jewish worship, the Wailing Wall.⁷

Perhaps the most prophetically significant item, is the demand by Palestinian negotiators that a Final Status Agreement be signed within 6 months of the summit.⁸ Washington has rejected that demand. And as the summit nears, the Palestinians seem to be easing their demands for a final statehood plan in a “pre-summit understanding”. And according to American negotiators, other “sticking points” were steadily being resolved.⁹

The drive for peace is not only political, - but religious too. And that religious impetus is coming from opposing quarters of the religious as well as leaders spectrum. The Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land is a group that includes the chief rabbi’s of Israel, leaders of the Palestinian Muslims, and the Greek Orthodox, Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran

leadership of the Middle East. They are demanding a seat at the peace table, - saying that “no political solution can work without the religious dimension”.¹⁰ [The Gimme Dat End Time’s Religion series in this newsletter, just revealed that a conference to unite the religions of the world was part of the Illuminati plan for the coming New Age. Are we seeing the first stirrings of this movement?] On the other side of the religious spectrum perhaps, a group of rabbis again warned President Bush that because of its intention to divide Israel, the Annapolis summit would “bring disaster upon America”. In Genesis 12:3 God promises to bless and curse according to the way Israel is treated. Rabbi Druckman pointed out that “God punishes anyone who coerces Israel to give up its land”. Druckman pointed to Hurricane Katrina which formed August 23, 2005, - the same day that the Israelis were forced to leave their homes in Gaza.¹¹ Authors like John McTernan and Bill Koenig have documented the unfailing correlation between American pressure on Israel to give away land to the Palestinians and the almost immediate natural disasters that struck the US following those actions. These natural disasters included earthquakes, hurricanes and tornadoes and has numbered in the dozens, - all curiously timed to what McTernan has called “national sinful events”.¹² [Look for this newsletter to revisit this subject in the near future.]

THE BUILDING IRANIAN CRISIS

Here’s the background: Oil is dancing around \$100 per barrel, oil futures are considerably higher and gas prices are climbing precipitously. The German Energy Watch Group has issued a report that oil output peaked last year and will fall about 7% a year until by 2030, with global demand exploding, production will stand at about half of what it is today. The world economy will be forced into a “structural change” and with more countries competing for smaller energy resources, the risk of war will increase.¹³ And so Middle Eastern oil becomes even more valuable to the rising economic powers of Asia.

There are pressures on the Old Order to change. And Iranian intransigence in pursuing a homegrown nuclear capability is just one sign. Tehran has announced that it has 3,000 working centrifuges and placed an air base near the Afghan border. Exceeding expectations, scientists now estimate that Iran could produce its own nuclear weapons in about a year.¹⁴ The Iranian announcement sent the Israeli inner cabinet into special session. As evidence mounts of Iran’s production of both ‘regular’ and ‘dirty’ nuclear weapons, the Israelis now realize that the Iranian threat must be dealt with in 2008 at the latest.¹⁵ The Times of London and Fox News are both reporting that the Israeli Air Force is training for strikes against the Iranian nuclear facilities using laser-guided bombs and mini-nukes as “bunker busters”.¹⁶ The seriousness of the threat is realized even within the Arab world. Both the Saudis and Bahrain are preparing for an American attack against Iranian nuclear facilities and the war that may follow.¹⁷ The seriousness of the situation took on even more life when an Iranian General threatened to strike out at oil tankers in the Gulf region and close the Straits of Hormuz.¹⁸ The American 5th Fleet responded with maneuvers designed to counteract that very action. What’s most interesting is that the British media has been speculating that the spring of 2008 would be the most advantageous timing for a strike against Iran. Coincidentally (?) Britain is scheduled to send its own aircraft carrier to the region then to join the 2 American carrier strike groups already operating in the region.¹⁹ But the safety of American and other Western vessels in the region may be more problematic than is being admitted. Recent war games revealed that US defensive technology may have only a limited ability to defend against the latest Russian built cruise missile, - deployed by China and possibly Iran. The war games in question predicted severe US losses to the 5th Fleet in a confrontation with Iran.^{20 21}

NEW ROME STUFF

You may or may not know that a great number of Biblical prophecy scholars believe the European Union to embody the characteristics of the End Time Revived Roman Empire demanded by the Prophet Daniel. The EU is preparing to sign a new treaty establishing closer ties this December. In addition, the Europeans are inserting themselves into the Palestinian peace process as well as promoting a Mediterranean Union modeled on the EU that would unite Israel with some Arab nations. Scholars see this as setting up the Antichrist’s kingdom written of in Daniel.²² European Union leader Solana meanwhile, is proposing a “nuclear enrichment center” to be available to all nations. Scripture describes the coming Antichrist as being a man of peace and political wisdom.²³ Regardless of Solana’s role: - The New Rome may be rising.

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