

**GIMME DAT END TIMES RELIGION – PART XXVII**

*The stage is set for the fulfillment of God's purposes. Satan has had his way with the world. The Great Deception is almost complete. Eternity is but steps away.*

**THE END OF THINGS**

**“Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”** (Luke 21:32-33)

The rebellion that started in the Garden is coming to its inevitable end. For centuries Satan has laid the groundwork, preparing the hearts and the minds of people to abandon the way of God and accept his rule. In the last days a False Prophet will come to power using **“lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved”**. But note the very next passage. It is **“for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness”**. (2Thessalonians 2:9-12)

The False Prophet that will come will be a man of religion, and a man of miracles. In Revelation 13:11 John saw one who **“had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon”**. There is a lot to this imagery. Horns in the Bible are a symbol of power. Like a lamb he has 2 horns, the confirmed junior partner to the 10-horned Antichrist.<sup>1</sup> In addition as a lamb, he stands as a symbol of the unthreatening nature of religion. Even the False Religion of the End Times will be cloaked in ultra-tolerant language and non-threatening imagery. In that way, - and in that way only, - he will offer himself as an imitation of Jesus, the true Lamb of God. Finally, the two horns may represent the twin sources of his power, an apostate form of Roman Catholicism and Islam. That's a conclusion drawn by no less a scholar of the End Times than Perry Stone.<sup>2</sup> Now a bit of conjecture: With what we have looked at thus far, it is not unlikely that this False Prophet will be a future Pope who will abandon the Faith, - denying even the divinity and Resurrection of Christ in order to bring all religions, - including Islam, - under the sway of the papacy. And it is likely that he will use the common ground of the worship of Mary to do so. Stone believes that a Marian vision in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount could be the catalyst that gets all of this in motion.

Whatever the exact event, this False Prophet will cause **“the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast”**. (Revelation 13:12) He will use great signs to convince the masses, including making **“fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men”**. His power will extend to both the spiritual and the financial. He will have **“power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name”** (Revelation 13:13, 15-17) And so he will give his power to the Antichrist. [As we have seen, this is right in line with the plans of the Illuminati to establish monolithic political, religious and financial control, - and use diseases and war to reduce world population in the process.]

The world will follow the Antichrist; despite the fact that he will take a stand against all that is holy. He will lead the persecution of the believers in the True God. **“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation**

**of the world.”** (Revelation 13:5-8) His arrogance will be unprecedented. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 tells us that when **“the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped”** he will sit **“as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God”**.

The time of trial called the Tribulation will be in full swing, God’s catastrophic judgments are visited upon the earth. The End Times Religion that has gripped man is ushered in by the Unholy Trinity of Satan counterfeiting the role of the Father, with Antichrist playing God’s Son and the False Prophet His Holy Spirit. Together they lead the whole world into open, military rebellion against God. **“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”** (Revelation 16:3-4)

Of course man is no match for God. So what follows is the **“judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication”** (Revelation 17:1-2) This ‘Great Harlot’ represents the entire Antichrist System; - political, economic and religious. God will sit in judgment on the sovereign power and religious influence of this false religion and rule; - that will have infected all the nations of the earth.<sup>3</sup>

This is a system overflowing with riches. John describes it as **“arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”** (Rev 17:4-5) Conservative scholar John MacArthur believes that this refers to a spiritual Babylon whose identity has not yet been revealed. Others say that there will surely be a physical revival of the ancient city of Babylon in Iraq, where all False Religion originated. Saddam Hussein started to rebuild the ancient capital under his reign. Still others see this as referring to the Roman Religion. With all the persecution under Roman rule during the early Christian era, the term ‘Babylon’ became a code word for Roman power. [With God’s word so often fulfilled on multiple levels, I would not be surprised to see some combined fulfillment of this prophecy.]

We are told too that this will be a bloody system, slaughtering God’s people; - saints and Jews. **“I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.”** (Revelation 17:6) Again there is controversy as to just what this referred to by this verse. Some point to the Inquisition to implicate Catholicism. But as Walid Shoebat points out, Islam has far exceeded the total of any Christian on Christian persecution. In addition Catholicism does not deny the divinity of Jesus, - though this future religious amalgamation under a future pope just may. Then, it is pointed out that the method of murder will be beheading; - always an Islamic favorite.<sup>4</sup>

In the end it is the politically minded Antichrist himself that destroys the False Prophet and his One World Religion. Ultimately, the secular / political despises the religious. Here’s how John puts it in Revelation 17:16-18: **“And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth”**

So God destroys this world system of the Beast in whose sins **“all the nations”** and **“the kings of the earth”** have participated. God’s judgment comes in a single hour. He sends an angel to pronounce the sentence. **“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons”**. And the unrepentant of the world **“weep and mourn over her”** for the loss of their business. (Revelation 18:3, 10, 2, 11) But heaven will rejoice. And this is the indictment pronounced in Revelation 18:23-24: **“For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the**

nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of the prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth”.

### The Judgment Of God

Then shall Messiah come, mounted on a “white horse”, the one called “Faithful and True and in righteousness He judges and makes war”. And then occurs this incredible scene: The creatures, (mankind), take up arms against the Creator. They are no match for Him. Here is the scenario laid out in. “**And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh**”. (Revelation 19:19-21)

God’s judgment falls on all who accepted that world system. And just as He spoke creation into being with his Word, so the rebels are “**killed with the sword which proceeded from**” His mouth. Ephesians 6:17 tells us that “**the sword of the Spirit... is the word of God**”. Then Satan is bound and sentenced to the bottomless pit for a thousand years; - “**so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished**”. (Revelation 20:3) So begins thousand year long Millennial Reign of Jesus.

After that time there is yet one more rebellion. “**Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle**”. (Revelation 20:7-8) Once more God’s judgment falls, this time through fire from heaven. Then: “**The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**” (Rev 20:10) And thus will Satan’s final rebellion and *Dat End Times Religion* come to an end.

Heaven and the earth will be made new. But first there is the little matter of the Great White Throne Judgment. Those who are not in God, - not born again, - who never gave their lives to Christ, - are raised from the dead. This is the final judgment of those who had not during their lifetimes turned their lives over to Jesus The Christ. “**And they were judged, each one according to his works.**” Now those who have previously been judged, - those who have given their lives to Christ and been born again, - have had their sins forgiven and been washed by the blood of the Jesus, the Lamb. But all who are at this later judgment will be judged on their own actions. And all will be found wanting. “**This is the second death. And anyone not found in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**” (Revelation 20:13, 14-15) And there you have it: One Way, One Truth, One Savior; - Jesus the Christ! Thus will be the end of man’s rebellion and that *End Times Religion*.

### DOLLAR WARS

The headlines scream out at us from the news. The American dollar and the worldwide economy that it supports is possibly fatally flawed and is under actual assault from its enemies, (present & potential). Review some headlines: “Dollar continues near record lows” (against the Euro)<sup>5</sup>, - “2 trillion credit crunch seen” (with “dramatic implications” for the economy)<sup>6</sup>, “Dollars no good for the Taj Mahal” (or other Indian tourist attractions)<sup>7</sup>. The era of the ‘Almighty dollar’, may be ending, - but it is getting helped along.

China for instance holds about \$1.4 trillion of dollars among its foreign currency reserves. Earlier this month it signaled that it will start selling-off dollars in favor of euros and Canadian currency. Just the mention of this sent the Dow Average into a 360 point nose-dive.<sup>8</sup> Wall Street it seems knows what we should all know: The dollar and the American driven economy is vulnerable to economic warfare from states like China...and Iran...and even Venezuela. A Venezuelan referendum on December 2<sup>nd</sup> could give President Chavez there, dictatorial powers, - including the power to restrict the production of oil, - a move he has previously threatened in order to inflict economic damage on the US.<sup>9</sup> Chavez told the OPEC summit that an

attack on Iran's nuclear program would result in doubling the price of oil.<sup>10</sup> At that same confab, Iran's Ahmadinejad was openly lobbying with some success for the 13 members of OPEC to move their currency reserves out of that "worthless piece of paper" that is the American dollar. Chavez lent his support, saying that the "empire of the dollar" must end.<sup>11</sup>

What Chavez was referring to is the fact that the world's oil market has been trading almost exclusively in dollars ever since President Nixon cut a deal with the Saudis back in 1972, - trading protection for the oil kingdom's influence over OPEC. The world dutifully went along, - creating an artificially high demand for American currency, - which inflated the dollars value, - and hence underwrote American economic ascendance and the consumer economy of American culture. In the last couple of years, Iran broke ranks and started trading oil for other currencies. Now these other nations are looking to hedge their bets with the surging euro and other means of payment, - further weakening the American dollar. 'Et tu, Nippon!' Japan is now buying Iranian oil in yen. Despite its plummeting value, financial experts continue to warn that the dollar is over-valued and likely to continue to lose value. And finally, there is the Iranian wild card. Ahmadinejad has promised to abet the outbreak of global chaos to speed the return of the Mahdi. Now Tehran has stated that further sanctions will be considered an act of war. The Iranians have several weapons options: Their military surrogates in the Middle East, sponsored terror groups / cells in America itself, and the ability to cooperate with other oil powers like Venezuela to constrict the flow of oil and deal a blow to American currency.<sup>12</sup>

## **YADAS**

**Reversal or Strategy?** – In the past, Israel has maintained that it will not allow Iran to reach the point where they can produce their own nuclear weapons. But now, PM Olmert has ordered the Israeli government to prepare for "the day after" Tehran went fully nuclear. Some analysts see this as an admission of defeat. But others are more sanguine, speculating that it is a strategic move to both point to Washington's unwillingness to tackle the Iranian problem militarily and possibly scuttle the Annapolis Middle East Peace Conference, unless it reverses itself on that issue.<sup>13</sup>

**Uniting Religions (1)** – Catholic and Orthodox Bishops in conference have inked a document that may have set the foundation for the unification of the two churches after over 900 years of separation. The agreement recognizes the "Bishop of Rome" as one of the five patriarchs, - but a kind of 'first among equals'. It protects Orthodox sensibilities with a reference to the cooperation of the regional churches.<sup>14</sup> Rome has been making progress in recent years on unification projects with the Anglican Church and some Lutheran bodies.

**Uniting Religions (2)** – A sacred mountain in Haifa, Israel has become the "nerve center" for the fast growing Bahai faith. Bahais believe all the world's religions contain progressively revealed truth; - from Abraham to Krishna to Buddha to Jesus to Mohammed. They call for a one world religion and a world government.<sup>15</sup> *Very interesting, N'est pas?*

**Religion of Peace Stuff** – Imam Abdul Alim Musa, leader of a 6-city Muslim group called The Vanguard is openly calling for replacement of the US government with something called the "Islamic State of North America" where Islam will become a "complete way of life in America". The founder of the purportedly moderate Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), has told Muslims they are not here to assimilate, but to rule.<sup>16</sup> // In England, all students at a primary school were forced to dress in Muslim garb to celebrate a festival. Only 2 out of 41 instructors at the school are Muslims.<sup>17</sup> // In Saudi Arabia, a 19 year-old who was gang raped 14 times was sentenced to 200 lashes and 6-months in prison for violating the Kingdom's segregation laws.<sup>18</sup> // In Bangla Desh, a young woman was beaten, stripped, raped and left for dead by a gang of Muslim men because she was a follower of Jesus Christ. This is an unfortunately common fate for Bengali Christians.<sup>19</sup>

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  - <sup>3</sup> John MacArthur, The John MacArthur Study Bible, notes on Revelation, pgs 2011 & 2015
  - <sup>4</sup> Walid Shoebat, from his presentation at the International Prophecy Conference 2007
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  - <sup>8</sup> China signals dollar swap, Washington Post, November 8, 2007
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  - <sup>15</sup> Jennie Matthew, Israel haven for new Bahai world order, Sun, November 18, 2007
  - <sup>16</sup> Art More, DC imam declares Muslim takeover-plan, World Net Daily, November 11, 2007
  - <sup>17</sup> Ethan Cole, UK Christian Students, Faculty Forced to Don Muslim Garbs, Christian Post, November 2, 2007
  - <sup>18</sup> Saudi gang-rape victim is jailed, BBC, November 16, 2007
  - <sup>19</sup> This information was passed on by reliable but what must remain as anonymous sources.