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In the News

Is China quietly dumping US Treasuries?

The Telegraph

A sharp drop in foreign holdings of US Treasury bonds over the last five weeks has raised concerns that China is quietly withdrawing its funds from the United States, leaving the dollar increasingly vulnerable.

Data released by the New York Federal Reserve shows that foreign central banks have cut their stash of US Treasuries by \$48 billion since late July, with falls of \$32 billion in the last two weeks alone. "This comes as a big surprise and it is definitely worrying," said Hans Redeker, currency chief at BNP Paribas.

Department of Defense awards \$1.6M for implantable biochip research

Clemson.edu.com

The DOD has awarded \$1.6M to the Center for Bioelectronics, Biosensors and Biochips (C3B) at Clemson University for the development of an implantable biochip that could relay vital health information if a soldier is wounded in battle or a civilian is hurt in an accident.

The biochip, about the size of a grain of rice, could measure and relay such information as lactate and glucose levels in the event of a major hemorrhage, whether on the battlefield, at home or on the highway. (see Rev. 13:16,17)

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Joel 2:1

Five Groups Now Being Prepared for the Coming of Antichrist

Today there are two prospective kingdoms on a collision course.



God has appointed a man to rule the world. Luke 1:33 says "and of His kingdom there shall be no end." The hymn says accurately, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, does its successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more." Paul said, "That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow" Phil. 2: 10. That day will surely come.



Satan has chosen a man to rule the world. John said, "and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life, of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8 Satan will try to use this man as a front man to bring the world to worship him.

These two rulers, two powers, are on a collision course. We have two coming world rulers! Herein lays the great conflict of the last days.

The children of Israel will be the people on whom the rule of Christ will focus. The Land of Israel will be the land at the centre of Christ's rule.

Satan knows that if he can destroy the children of Israel, Christ's kingdom will never be realized.

Satan knows if he can take the land of Israel away from the children of Israel, Christ's kingdom will never be realized.

This is exactly the struggle that is going on in the world today! Not that Israel is right with God today, she is not! That doesn't change the

issue of the hour, in a soon coming day she will get right with God.

❖ When Christ comes to set up His kingdom, it will be at the end of the tribulation period. When He comes, all of the signs of His coming will be completely fulfilled. (Mt 24)

❖ When Antichrist comes to set up his kingdom, it will be at the beginning of the tribulation period (2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 3).

We have an outline of events which will introduce the tribulation period (the day of the Lord).

Massive Apostasy in the Church

2 Thessalonians 2:3 "A falling away" = Apostasy, departure from a previous position.

All through the church age there have been those who turn away from the faith, but this verse refers to a massive great last day's apostasy, by those who have previously professed allegiance to the truth.

The Rapture of the Church

The great monolithic structure of unregenerate Christendom will remain on earth after the rapture.

The Appearance of Antichrist

"and that man of sin be revealed" 2 Thessalonians 2:4

The European Union is Being Prepared

The EU is most certainly the infrastructure of the Revived Roman Empire (RRE). It claims, emphatically, that it is.

When the church is raptured Antichrist will suddenly appear out of the EU and fashion the RRE which will consist of ten rulers. Right now a number of things are happening in the EU

✘ They are preparing to ratify a constitution which will give them a single leader in whose hands will be great power.

✘ They are building up a powerful army. If the 27 nations of the EU were to place all of their

armies under central control, it would be the world's largest army.

✘ They are preparing to establish themselves as the negotiator of a Mid-east peace deal.

All of this prepares a platform for Antichrist to come on the scene and fulfill his role.

Israel is Being Prepared

Israel is becoming more desperate with each passing day. They are surrounded by formidable enemies, Syria, Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah.

Surrounded by thousands of missiles, Iran boasts that it has 600 missiles aimed at Israel, ready to fire.

The threat of nuclear weapons has now spread from Iran to Syria.

It is desperation which will drive them into the lap of Antichrist with his phony peace accord.

The Palestinians are Being Prepared

The present events are exacting a tremendous toll on the Palestinian people. They are being ground to powder. Turmoil and hardship are all about them, they will welcome a peace which seems to promise them something.

Islam is Being Prepared

The religion of Islam has its own eschatology; they are looking for their savior, the Mahdi.

In Islam's eschatology, the Mahdi will do much the same as Antichrist will do. In fact there is such a similarity that when Antichrist comes, Islam could easily be deceived into believing that he is their Mahdi. Of course that deception would be a "temporary deception".

Christendom is Being

William Johnston has said, "something very powerful is emerging ... we are witnessing a spiritual revolution of great magnitude in the whole world ... the rise of a new school of mysticism in Christianity."

New age mysticism is being introduced into all areas of life. It comes into the church as well, through contemplative prayer, labyrinth prayer, centering prayer.

Churches of all denominations, including evangelicals, are being brought together by this teaching. It appears that this new uniting factor will sweep the apostasizing church back to Rome. The world will have a counterfeit church for a counterfeit Christ, the Antichrist.

Political leaders of the western world are now finally realizing that they cannot solve the world's problems, they cannot placate rampaging Islam. They are being prepared to turn to the religious leaders to help solve the world's crisis situation.

Vladimir Putin has stated "The world is headed for a clash of culture, (Islam & Christianity) and only the unification of religious leaders can prevent a disaster".

Rev. 17:3 describes a union of political power under Antichrist with the church of the last days.

Let me give you the scenario of the last days as I see it, as a Berean you need to study this for yourself:

1. American military and economic power has to be neutralized. They are too powerful today to allow end times events to unfold. This may happen after the rapture.
2. The trumpet will sound and we will join with Jesus in the Father's presence. How awesome!
3. Antichrist will fashion the EU into a 10 unit RRE.
4. The peace treaty of Daniel 9:27 will be confirmed
5. The tribulation period will begin.

Today, everywhere we look, we see the biblical scenario of the last days unfolding. I am reminded of the words of George Bush Sr. "If it walks like a duck and looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck".

Christ is Coming.

THE TWO THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOUR CITY IS NUKED BY TERRORISTS

By Douglas MacKinnon

1). Tragically, horrifyingly, but quite predictably, it's going to happen. The only question being, which American city or cities?

In a recent conversation with a former high level intelligence operative of our government, I raised the possibility of terrorist successfully detonating a nuclear weapon within the United States. His response was sobering in its hopelessness.

First, he stressed how grateful he was that he did not work in Washington, DC, and that his family lived far enough out to survive the coming nuclear blast. When I pressed him as to why he was so sure the Islamic terrorists – with or without the help of Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez – would eventually hit DC or another American city with a nuclear weapon, his anger boiled out.

He pointed the finger squarely at our politicians and our politically correct, left-leaning media, who, in his opinion, have "sealed our fate". He spoke of politicians from both sides of the aisle who consider border security nothing more than a cheap tool to be used for their reelection and enrichment. He despaired about a media that not only gleefully leaks our nation's most trusted secrets for partisan gain, but then willingly acts as a propaganda tool for the very terrorist intent on our total destruction.

He warned of the hundreds of "loose nukes" floating around our planet. He patiently explained that the former Soviet Union (no matter what they or our government claim), can't account for a number of their nuclear warheads. That North Korea may well have a few they are willing to sell to terrorists to prop up their totalitarian regime. That Pakistan – already a nuclear power – may soon fall victim to the Islamic extremists trying to overthrow that government. Of an Iran further ahead in their development of nuclear weapons than thought. And last, but no least, he spoke of the

thousands of cruise missiles unaccounted for around the world. A number of those missiles being nuclear tipped.

In short, because of what he portrayed as a "betrayal by those sworn to protect us", a nuclear attack within our nation, in his mind, is "inevitable".

2). When said attack comes, you and your family are on your own, period. My friend stressed that "our government won't be there to help us. It is broken beyond repair and incapable of assisting those most affected by the blast".

He talked of critical infrastructures like water, electricity, fuel, banks, our food supply, medical services, police and firefighters, being unavailable for weeks or months. He warned of the blind panic that would follow such an explosion; of the looting, of neighbor turning on neighbor to take what they don't have for their own survival, of our economy suffering an economic loss in the trillions of dollars.

- from townhall.com

Editor's note: this scenario speaks of the lateness of the hour in which we live and the nearness of the coming "Day of the Lord."

This scenario could bring an end to American power and influence in the Mid-east and open the way for Russia to be drawn into the Mid-east, in cooperation with Israel's Arab enemies, in an attempt to both crush Israel and to seize the oil in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

This could bring about the scenario of Ezekiel 38 & 39 (see Ezekiel 38:11, 12)

Calvinism's Misrepresentations of God

Giving man the power to make a genuine, independent choice need not diminish God's control over His

universe. Being omnipotent and omniscient, God can so arrange circumstances as to keep man's rebellion from frustrating His purposes. In fact, God can and even does use man's free will to help fulfill His own plans and thus be even more glorified.

Never did Christ or His apostles or the early church attempt to force anyone to believe the gospel. The tolerance the early church had for the ungodly around them was not an acceptance of their errors. It was recognition that no one could be forced against his will into the kingdom of God. They attempted to persuade the heathen to believe the gospel, but never did they attempt to force them to do so – nor did they believe in a God who could or would. The gospel is the good news of God's love in Christ and can only be received *willingly* from the heart. Since Calvinism denies the necessity of choice, it was only natural that its adherents would seek to force their views on all dissenters.

The Bible presents evil as the result of man's free will choosing for self instead of for God. The Calvinist, however, in denying human moral freedom, makes God the cause of all evil, insisting that He "creates the very thoughts and intents of the soul".

– Dave Hunt

The Christian and the Theater:

Written in the 1820s, almost two centuries ago, the message below may seem narrow and absurd to Christians today. We forget that Jesus called us to walk His narrow road with Him! No matter how far the Church drifts from its Biblical moorings God's call and guidelines remain the same. Like it or not, this is an important warning.

"When you return from the playhouse [now it's TV, movies, etc.]... have you any taste for prayer, for reading the Scriptures, or holding communion with God in any sacred exercise? How common it is to find in the language of the theater the most unqualified profaneness, and even blasphemy! How often are mock-prayers and

irreverent appeals to the Majesty of heaven, exhibited on the most trivial occasions! How often is the dialogue interspersed with such unchaste expressions or allusions as cannot but grievously pain the ear of modesty -- **Piety and virtue are made to appear contemptible**; and vice, in the person of some favorite hero, is exhibited as attractive, honorable, and triumphant.

DESTRUCTION OF DAMASCUS?

Isaiah prophesied the destruction of Damascus in the last days, is that event soon to happen?

The world's most reliable source of information on military matters is, "Jane's Defense Weekly Magazine." Jane's has confirmed the story about a number of Iranian Engineers and Syrian workers who were killed in an explosion in Syria.

Jane's reported that while these men were loading a chemical warhead into a Scud-C-Missile, an accidental explosion occurred. They were loading the deadly nerve agents VX and Sarin Gas, as well as Mustard Gas. How many others are loaded and ready to go?

The story also broke last week that Israel has attacked and destroyed, in Syria, a Nuclear Bomb or materials for a Nuclear Bomb that Syria had obtained from North Korea.

Israel has a policy called the "Samson Option." It is named after Samson who sacrificed himself to destroy his enemies. In the event of Israel's imminent destruction, it would launch its nuclear weapons to destroy its enemies.

It is now obvious that Syria is totally committed to utterly destroy Israel. The capital of Syria is Damascus; the Bible has some ominous words for Damascus.

Isaiah says, "The burden of Damascus. Behold Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." Isaiah 17: 1.

Damascus is the oldest city on earth, though it has been

conquered many times, it has never been destroyed, but has remained in tact until this day.

This timing of the destruction of Damascus is revealed in verse 4, at a time when Israel is greatly threatened and is reduced to a state of peril and fear.

Another indication of the timing of this attack is implied in Ezekiel 38 & 39. The fact is that although Syria is now closely allied with Russia and Iran, yet they are not mentioned as being a part of that war, implying that the destruction of Damascus may well be imminent.

It is obvious that Syria with the help of Iran, Russia and North Korea, is preparing an arsenal of biological and possibly nuclear weapons to destroy Israel. I believe the moment Israeli Intelligence is alerted to such an imminent attack they will exercise the "Samson Option".

Israel has low yield weapons that give a minimum of radio active fallout. These weapons could be used with pinpoint accuracy.

The whole scenario is falling into place. It is amazing how after 2800 years Isaiah's prophecy seems about to be fulfilled.

A full scale nuclear war by Iran does not fit into the end time Biblical scenario, nevertheless the whole Mid-east crisis is rushing toward some kind of cataclysmic event which would finally set up the world for a Peace Treaty, even though it will be a false peace, by a false Messiah.

Isaiah 17:14 may well be a description of Damascus' fate. "And behold at eventide trouble, and before the morning, he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us and the lot of them that rob us" (seek to take the Golan Heights).

These are awesome, momentous days in which we live!

"WATCH THEREFORE FOR YE KNOW NOT WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD DOETH COME"

Editor's Note: I had just finished writing this article when the following item came of the news wire:

Israel to Syria: Use Chem weapons & we'll wipe you off map

nydailynews.com

Israeli officials vowed to wipe Syria off the map if it is attacked with chemical weapons like one that reportedly exploded in July at a secret Syrian base staffed with Iranian engineers.

In the News continued...

Jerusalem - Worldnetdaily 28/08/07

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak told the Egyptian government the Jewish state is willing to forfeit control over the Temple Mount - Judaism's holiest site - to the management of Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, according to an Arab media report.

Secretary Rice: Israel Must End Occupation of 'West Bank'

Hilel Fendel IsraelNN.com

Speaking with Arabic-language radio Sawa, based in Washington and Dubai, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice went further in her demands on Israel than President Bush did in his recent speech on Israel.

Rice, about to depart for the Middle East to prepare an upcoming international meeting of regional leaders, said that President Bush recently stated "very clearly, that Israel's future will rest in Israel, in places like Galilee and in the Negev - and that the occupation of the west Bank will have to end, and a Palestinian state will need to be established."

Ban Ki-Moon - the UN Secretary General, pledges UN support to end Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. The United Nations will continue to support international efforts aimed

at bringing an end to the occupation, and achieving a two-state solution.

Editor's Note: the world goes on its merry way ignoring God and His Word, rushing to Armageddon (see Psalm 2:1-5).

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Seven days a week, the machines at the Nanjing Amity Printing churn out copies of what some claim is one of China's best-selling books - the Bible.

Forty-three million Bibles have been printed legally in Communist China since 1987.

Kindergarten cops rule: Witches in Bibles out

worldnetdaily.com

'Sounds the death knell for religious freedom'

A court decision that opens the doors of Culbertson Elementary School in Pennsylvania to books about witches - but rejects the Bible as being too "proselytizing" - is being challenged.

The Arizona-based Alliance Defense Fund has submitted amicus briefs in a lawsuit filed when a kindergarten student, under an assignment in which parents were invited to read their child's favorite book, was denied permission to have his mother read a Bible story.

A decision in US District Court that sided with the school's decision to ban the Bible reading, while allowing teachers to suggest reading books about "witches and Halloween", effectively "sounds the death knell for religious freedom in public schools", the ADF argues.

Islam expert: Europe well on the way to "Islamization"

Chad Groening

A best-selling author and leading expert on Islam says that religion is well on its way to taking control of Europe - and he's afraid that widespread violence may break out as well.

A Statement by Mother Theresa

Raptureready.com from Mother Theresa's Papers

"In my own soul, I feel the terrible pain of this loss. I feel that God does not want me, that God is not God and that He does not really exist"