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## In the News

### **Itar-Tass Oct. 25, 2007**

Tunis - Libya and Russia are going to actively develop cooperation in the oil and gas spheres. The sides agreed to setting up a joint working group for examining areas of interaction, in particular the establishment of joint stock societies.

(Editors note see Ezekiel 38).

### **Haaretz Oct 23 2007**

Paris - Palestinian refugees should be resettled in a Palestinian state, not in Israel, French President Nicolas Sarkozy told Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Monday. "Each side should have its own state, it is not reasonable for the Palestinians to demand both an independent state and also the refugees return to the state of Israel, which even today has a minority of one million Arabs."

### **CBS News Oct 25 2007**

Privately obtained images being scrutinized by the United Nations Nuclear Agency show what appears to be a nuclear reactor construction site in Syria, and could be the site struck last month by Israeli war planes, according to a Washington based security firm.

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# Sound the Trumpet!

Joel 2:1

## THE LIGHTS ARE GOING OUT!

Paul tells us that there will come a day when the Church will be taken out of the world. When that happens the ministry of the Holy Spirit regarding the restraining of sin, will cease. "Only He who now letteth (hinders) will continue to let (hinder), until He be taken out of the way." 2 Thessalonians 2:7

That will be a day of darkness, when sin will reign totally unrestrained. That day has not yet come, but it appears to be drawing near. Today the night of sin is descending upon our world in an unprecedented way.

The following article appeared in the Norwegian newspaper Dagbladet, Oct 16, 2007. It is a quote from a leading pre-school educator and supported by a leading child psychologist.

"(Kindergarten) Children should be able to look at each other and examine each others bodies. They can play Doctor, play Mother and Father, dance naked and masturbate." The moral lights are going out!

A middle school in Maine is now dispensing birth control pills to children in grades 3 to 6. This is the deliberate cultivation of immorality among children.

In California, Governor Schwarznegger has signed a law banning anything perceived as negative to gays in California schools. The terms "Mom" and "Dad" as well as "Husband" and "Wife" have been banned from use in California schools.

Bill SB777, also orders public schools to allow boys to use the girls

restrooms and locker rooms, and vice versa for the girls.

Concerned parents have no choice but to pull their children out of public schools which have now become sexual indoctrination centres.

### **THE LIGHTS ARE GOING OUT IN OUR WORLD!**

We are living in a sensual society which has plunged into immorality, both heterosexual and homosexual.

Divorce rates are falling because fewer and fewer people are marrying.

Large numbers of our people take mind numbing and soul destroying drugs.

Materialism is the god of our society and is worshipped with great fervor.

In our world, in the last fifty years, almost one billion babies have been murdered in their mother's wombs, while animal abuse will not be tolerated.

The Lord said to Cain, after he had murdered his brother Abel, "the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground". The voices of a billion babies cry out to God for vengeance against a world in rebellion against God.

### **THE LIGHTS ARE GOING OUT IN OUR WORLD!**

The Lord said to a world that had plunged into sin and rebellion against God, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man". The flood which destroyed the world and its inhabitants followed soon after that, the lights had gone out in the world of Noah's day.

Our society has, through the teaching of evolution, denied the existence of the God who created the heavens and the earth.

Every claim of God and His Word on the lives of men and women has been thrown off. David, in Psalm 2, described our world today, "let us

break their bands asunder, and cast their cords from us". David is referring to the claims of God and His Word on the lives of those whom He has created.

If only men and women would respond to the love of God. God loves every man and woman alive on earth. He greatly desires to redeem and provide His righteousness to all men and women everywhere, if only they will respond in true repentance and true faith. He has promised to infinitely bless those who will.

As the lights are going out in the world, there grows an even more troubling situation. The lights are going out in the Church. Our hearts are greatly troubled by the religious deception that is sweeping over the Evangelical Church in this very hour. If you are truly God's child, please do not write me off as an old crank! Open your heart, not to me, but to God's Spirit and to the teaching of His Word concerning the Church.

The User Friendly, Purpose Driven, Emerging Church has corrupted the Church from that which the Lord clearly teaches the Church is to be. They have conformed the Church to the world and brought the world into the Church. The ship is to be in the sea, not the sea in the ship, it's a disaster when the sea is in the ship.

It seems that some evangelical Pastors are leading God's blood bought Saints into Apostasy. They are deceived and are deceiving others.

There are great buildings, great crowds, great music, great organization and great programs but nothing to feed the souls of God's people. They have entertaining music, electronics, proven business principles, but the preaching is dumbed down and God's people are starved in their souls, while the gospel of easy believism is preached.

The whole thing is a masterpiece of deception. Jesus said, in Matthew 24, that religious deception would be the great problem in the last days. We are now there.

During the first half of the tribulation period when the Apostate, Harlot

Church is at its peak, the Scripture teaches that this Church will be so deceptive that some of God's saved children will be caught up in it. I believe we are seeing the beginning of this today.

Listen to the Lord speaking to that deceptive Church, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye be not partakers of her plagues". Rev. 18:4

To you who are truly saved and in such a Church, if God is speaking to your heart, come out of the deception in which you are caught up.

*"Thus saith the Lord, stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way, and walk in it, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk in it."* Jeremiah 6: 16

As I look at evangelicals today I am haunted by the Words of Jesus in Matthew 7: 22, 23, "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (preached) in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity". Totally deceived! They never came out!

But God's people will come out. See Matthew 24:24 "If it were possible, (and it is not possible, clearly implied) they shall deceive the very elect." Come out! Don't be deceived!



**THE LIGHTS ARE GOING OUT IN OUR WORLD!**

## **GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL WILL NOT FAIL**

"For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever." Genesis 13: 15. This promise to Abraham

and to Israel is repeated many times in the Old Testament.

Because of Israel's unbelief and rebellion against God, they were dispersed among the nations of the world as a judgment upon them. Hosea prophesied this in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C. "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a King, and without a Prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without a teraphim:" Hosea 3: 4. That dire prophecy has been fulfilled during the last 1900 years.

Along with the warning came a promise, "Afterward shall the children of Israel return," this began in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and Israel became a nation once again in 1948.

The promises of God to Israel went much further. In Luke 1: 31-33, the Old Testament promises were in view, the reign on the throne of David in Jerusalem, over a redeemed nation of Israel. (Zechariah 13:9)

Satan also seeks the throne of this world (see Isaiah 14: 13, 14), to rule in the place of God.

That is where we are today, Satan knows that he must prevent Israel from possessing the temple mount, prevent them from possessing the land God promised to them. He knows that if he can destroy Israel, then Christ cannot come and reign over this world as He promised.

This is Satan's hope for defeating God's purposes. This is the centre of the mid-east conflict today.

Daniel, in his prophecy, foretold that in the last days men would seek to divide the land of Israel for false peace (Daniel 11: 39).

God's Word says that the land belongs to Israel and that it is not to be sold (for peace) or given away; it is Israel's promised possession.

Today, and for the last 20 years, the whole world has been determined to divide the land of Israel, to rob Israel of her God given heritage. The Lord has warned that He would judge the nations for this particular disobedience.

A news item on Oct. 26, 2007 indicated that Washington is planning to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities and in order to pay for Arab support they are committing to establishing a Palestinian state in Gaza and the West Bank by next summer.

President Bush has, for some time now, put pressure on Israel to allow a Palestinian State on Israel's God given land. America is inviting the judgment of

God upon them through this disobedience to God's Word.

God promised Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee," Genesis 12: 3. America has been a great blessing to Israel and America has been greatly blessed of God, even in recent years. However, the promise also involves a curse (judgment) on those who curse Israel. When America pressures Israel and leads Israel to violate God's Word in this matter, America is cursing Israel, leading Israel toward the judgment of God upon her. (Zech. 13:8, cp. Num 14:23, 29)

It is my personal opinion that God has been warning America not to cause Israel to give up her land. I believe that in recent years those warnings have been numerous.

Let me just list a few of these warnings: the recent hurricanes which have been unprecedented in their severity and damage done i.e. hurricane Katrina and the flood which followed, the raging wildfires in California and now the looming threat of a dollar collapse.

I believe God is warning America, the other nations of the world will not escape the judgment of God either. Russia, Iran and her Arab neighbours will be judged as we see in Ezekiel 38: 18-22, that will happen early in the tribulation period. Then all of the nations will be judged at Armageddon, at the close of the tribulation period. (Joel 3: 2)

It is my understanding from Scripture, that America's judgment will come prior to the appearance of Anti-christ. Anti-christ will not have the great power required to bring a false peace as long as America remains as a super-power. Whether the judgment upon America will come before or after the Rapture is not clear.

Thinking people everywhere realize we are living in unprecedented days of impending disaster. The present troubles of the world are terminal. Only God's Word puts all of the pieces together and gives the answers.

My friend, are you ready for the "Day of the Lord", the coming tribulation period? Salvation involving Repentance from sin and Faith in Christ is the only way to be ready.



## THE DECLINING US DOLLAR

The end time prophetic scenario indicates that America will not be a significant player in the events of the Last Days. She will not be a

powerful military force nor an influential economic power. We say that because the whole economic and military scenario of the Last Days is laid out in Scripture and America is nowhere to be found.

Scripture indicates that Europe will be the dominant force in the world, both militarily and economically. So it seems there must come a transition from American Economic Superiority to European Dominance.

If the events of the Last Days are soon to play out a sudden decline in US power must be near at hand. A total economic collapse would eliminate US military and economic influence.

During recent weeks the US dollar has experienced a steady decline against all foreign currencies.

The dollar is dropping because there is lack of confidence in it. The US Federal Debt is now 9 Trillion dollars. The US must borrow 70 billion dollars a month to service the debt. Most of that money comes from other countries, but the source of these finances is drying up, due to a loss of confidence in the US dollar. Who wants to hold US dollars that could collapse?

There are ominous signs of a possible dollar collapse. Let me give you a few news items which indicate a serious situation:

☑ China threatens the "Nuclear Option" of dollar sales. The Chinese government has begun a concerted campaign of economic threats against the US hinting that it may liquidate its vast holdings of US Treasuries.

"Nuclear Option" is a term used by China to describe the devastating effect on the US economy if China sold of the \$1.33 Trillion dollars of US funds it now holds. It could trigger a dollar collapse!

☑ Japan and China led a record withdrawal of Foreign Funds from the US in August, heightening fresh fears of a slide in the dollar and a spike in US Bond yields.

Asian investors recently dumped \$52 Billion worth of Treasury bonds.

I understand that no one wants to trigger a collapse of a currency in which they have large holdings, but neither would they want to be the last one out. They are now apparently quietly trying to reduce their holdings in US funds, the danger is that the plug will be pulled and the dollar will collapse.

☑ Under the heading: Good Bye US Dollar - Hello Global Currency; the Director of Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations, launched a scathing attack on national currencies. The article was entitled "The End of National Currencies".

☑ Iran and Venezuela are working hard to bring down the US Dollar by selling oil in currencies other than the US dollar.

☑ Along with these threats we are hearing repeated rumours of a new currency to replace the dollar - the "Amero". Vincinte Fox, former president of Mexico, confirmed on Larry King Live that President Bush had committed to the "Amero". What does Mr. Bush know about the future of the US dollar that others do not seem to know?

I am not an economist, and certainly not qualified to speak with authority on financial matters, but there is mounting evidence that the dollar is in serious trouble.

I can read my Bible and the newspaper and recognize that what God has said in His Word will happen - and actually is happening!

Consider four things:

1. America is facing the judgment of God for turning away from God, turning to wickedness and for forcing Israel to give up her land.
2. America will not be involved in End Time Events; therefore her mighty economic and military power must be negated if we are close to the unfolding of End Time Events.
3. What is a more fitting judgment on a materialistic society than an economic collapse? A society that has worshipped the god of things!

4. Where there is smoke there is fire. We are seeing a mounting and escalating threat against the US dollar.

I am not Anti-American, but the very Blessings of God upon America make her more responsible to God. I remind you that God is going to judge ALL of the Nations in the Great Day of His wrath. We are just talking about chronology when we talk about judgment on America.

The signs of the coming Judgment of God upon a rebellious world are everywhere. Let me ask you "Are you ready for the cataclysmic events that lie ahead? God has provided a way for you to be ready. That way is salvation involving Repentance from sin and Faith in Christ, the only way to be ready.

#### TREMENDOUS CHANGE IN THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

All across Canada and America Churches are being radically changed. Quietly, almost imperceptibly change has been taking place in the Evangelical church. The groundwork for this change has been laid down in the last four or five decades, slow change that was almost imperceptible.

A gradual weaning away from the Word of God, from meaningful music filled with theological truth, from the blueprint for the Church as found in God's Word. There has been a gradual subtle learning to compromise with the world, a gradual introduction of programs and practices of the world. There has been a gradual shift to the business practices of the world and a gradual reliance on big buildings and big budget, not wrong in themselves, until they become the focus.

There has been a gradual dumbing down of the Word of God and a gradual transition, almost unawares, to remove the offense of the gospel and replace it with easy believism.

There is a tendency, if challenged, to look at the church of yesterday and declare that not much has changed.

The challenge should be to look at the church of 50 to 60 years ago and see how great the change has been. When you do that, the apostasy of our day is obvious. The real challenge is to study what Christ designed and called the church to be and do.

In recent years, all of the gradual change has given way to a flood of apostasy in the Evangelical church. First the Seeker Friendly Church which opened the door for the Purpose Driven Church and now the Emerging Church which will bridge the gap between Evangelicals and the Church of Rome.

All around the world there are troubled Christians, who have watched as the focus of their Churches has shifted from Bible based teaching to Purpose Driven experiences. Many have sensed something is wrong but cannot put their finger on the problem. Some have wondered how God's guidance fits into this tightly controlled man-made system. They have asked questions but no one has the answers to their concerns and the program isolates those who question the process.

They have tried to warn Pastors and friends but have been rebuffed, some have even been told to find another Church. All have shared the pain of rejection.

The following letter, I picked up from Berit Kjos, illustrates the struggle faced by those who cannot, with a clear conscience, go along with a Church that embraces the world's transformative marketing and management methods.

The writer says, "I just read 'Small Groups and the Dialectic Process': at the end of it, I read this paragraph which took my breath away! In today's Church Growth Movement, resisters are usually sifted out fairly early in the process. In the next installment, we will look at some of the ways non-conformists are assessed, exposed, vilified and

dismissed from the Church families they have loved, served and supported."

It seems that many Evangelical Pastors have been deceived and are leading their people into deception.

#### *Moral Determination*

*"He was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."*

*Acts 11:23*

*Though we do not have much of it in this age of spineless religion, there is nevertheless much in the Bible about the place of moral determination in the service of the Lord.*

*The Old Testament tells us that "Jacob vowed a vow," and Daniel "purposed in his heart." Paul determined "not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." Above all, we have the example of the Lord Jesus "setting His face like a flint" and walking straight toward the Cross.*

*These and many others have left us a record of spiritual greatness born out of a will firmly set to do the will of God!*

*They did not try to float to heaven on a perfumed cloud, but cheerfully accepted the fact that "with purpose of heart they must cleave to the Lord."*

*We must surrender – and in that terrible, wonderful moment we may feel that our will has been forever broken, but such is not the case. In His conquest of the soul, God purges the will and brings it into union with His own, but He never breaks it!*

*-- A W Tozer*