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In the News

Anti-Semitism on Rise Globally

YnetNews 14Mar08 US State Department: Government promoted hatred toward Jews and prejudice couched as criticism of Israel, have risen globally over the last decade, report to congress says, "Today, more than 60 years after the holocaust, anti-Semitism is not just a fact of history, it is a current event".

Saudi Scholar: Killing is not Enough

Arutz Sheva 17Mar08: A Saudi Arabia university Islamic Studies faculty member, Dr. Walid Al-Rashudi, said on Al Aksa television that "we will not be satisfied even if all the Jews are killed. So what are we supposed to say in the face of the Gaza holocaust? What compensation will satisfy us? By Allah, we will not be satisfied even if all the Jews are killed."

Editors note: there will not be peace in the middle east until the Prince of Peace comes.

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Joel 2:1

The Coming World Kingdom

Daniel tells us about a Great Worldwide Kingdom which will arise in the last days. John tells us about this Kingdom and its ruler, antichrist. We read about it in Rev. 13: 7, 8, "*and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life*".

For some time now we have been moving toward a World Government. We have been moving relentlessly toward World Trade, World Courts, World Banks, a World Currency, a World Health Organization, etc. etc.

News items as recent as last week indicate a giant step toward this prophesied World Empire, which will arise out of a Revived Roman Empire.

Jerusalem Post, March 14, 2008:

"French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Friday he won unanimous backing for his plan to forge closer political ties with Europe's North African and Mid-east Neighbors on the Mediterranean Sea. The project would involve 39 partners, 27 EU nations plus a dozen on the Mediterranean's Southern shores, from Mauritania to Algeria, Egypt, Israel, the Palestinian Authority to Syria and Turkey."

We see the EU continuing to lay plans for expansion.

Recently, at the European Commission building in Brussels, there was an exhibition called, "the Roman Empire Returns", the plans of the EU were laid out.

Stage 1 - 25 nations united and called the "European Union". They have surpassed this with 27 nations now a part of the EU.

Stage 2 - 50 nations to be called simply "The Union" by then the nations involved will be beyond the borders of Europe. The plan lists countries from North Africa, and the Mid-east including Israel.

In the news item above we see this plan is beginning to be carried out.

By the Mid-Tribulation point the whole world will be part of the coming World Kingdom.

World Net Daily, March 13, 2008:

"A largely unreported meeting held at the State Department discussed integration of the US, Mexico, and Canada, in concert with a move toward a Transatlantic Union, linking a North American Community with the European Union."

There is a mastermind laying plans for a world-wide kingdom, just waiting for the go ahead from the Sovereign Lord of the Universe, which will come when the church is raptured.

Though the church will not be here to witness this coming Kingdom of Antichrist, yet we see the foreshadows of its coming.

I am reminded of the words of Paul in 1 Thess. 5:4 "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Remember, if it looks like a duck and walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck.

World Net Daily, March 13, 2008

RGE Monitor Chairman Nouriel Roubini writes: "The US is facing a financial crisis that goes far beyond the sub prime problems into areas of economic life that the Fed simply cannot reach. The problems the US economy faces are no longer just about having enough cash on hand; they're about insolvency, and a monetary policy which is ill-equipped to deal with such problems."

Roubini concludes it will "take years to resolve the problems that led to this crisis. In Fact it's hard to consider solutions when the problems seem to grow worse each day."

There are signs everywhere that the worlds' whole monetary system is in danger. I am reminded of the words of David Rockefeller, "We are on the verge of a global transformation, all we need is the right major crisis."

Try to conceive the tremendous changes that would overtake the world if economic collapse were to remove the US as the major power in the world. No one seems to like America being the world's policeman, but what utter chaos if suddenly there was no policeman. Any scenario would be possible.

The EU has now nearly a half a billion citizens, they are being welded into one Empire with one set of judges, one set of laws, one supreme court and soon one army.

In another significant news item we see the EU continuing to rise as an economic power.

Reuters, March 18, 2008:

"US Loses No. 1 Ranking as Dollar Drops - European Union now has the world's biggest economy.

The European Union has overtaken the US as the world's number 1 economy due to the continued dramatic fall of the dollar, according to a Reuters report."

World Net Daily March 18, 2008:

"Dollar in Crisis - WND has reported the Federal Reserve is in a dilemma. As the Fed continues to lower rates to stimulate the sagging economy, the dollar is increasingly abandoned, hitting new lows almost every day against other major currencies."

After 2,600 years, the prophecies of Daniel about the Revived Roman Empire are falling perfectly into place. Fulfilled prophecy is always the proof that the Bible is the Word of God.

In another significant development, the EU is soon to elect the first permanent president, who will wield great power. This seems to be a foreshadowing of the office of Antichrist.

Tony Blair is the leading candidate for this new powerful office. I am not suggesting Tony Blair is the Antichrist that would be foolish. What I am saying is that the scenario now developing in Europe is the exact scenario the scriptures foretell, for the last days.

In Daniel 9: 26, 27 the leader of the Revived Roman Empire will sign the peace treaty with Israel and the nations. It is interesting that Tony Blair (the possible new EU President) has been appointed by the UN, the EU, the US and Russia to be the special peace envoy to the mid-east and is charged with the responsibility of guiding the Palestinians in setting up their independent state, you need to understand the significance of that situation.

Reuters March 15, 2008:

German Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed solidarity with Israel in the face of threats to the Jewish state. "The threats to which Israel is exposed are also threats to us",

Merkel said. That seems to echo the very guarantee the European Antichrist will give to Israel.

From Reuters March 14, 2008:

Another news item, with the same overtones - "Chancellor Merkel and peace envoy Blair to organize a Middle East peace conference meeting in June, in Berlin."

Again, I am not saying that this will be the peace conference at which Antichrist will be revealed, what I am saying is that the very Biblical scenarios of end time events are being set up. The office, the power, the authorization and the opportunity are coming together for Antichrist to appear and carry out his mission.

Again, I want to emphasize that I am not suggesting Tony Blair is the Antichrist. I am suggesting that Tony Blair is adopting the

philosophy which Antichrist will adopt, which is a foreshadowing of what is about to come.

Several news items reveal this philosophy:

"New Haven, - Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a recent convert to Catholicism, will teach at Yale University next year.

Yale President Richard Levin has announced the appointment of Blair, who is currently serving as a special envoy to the Middle East, as a fellow at Yale. He will lead a seminar on the influence of religious faith in a global era, Levin said, adding that the course would "explore how religious values can be channeled toward reconciliation rather than polarization."

That is the very philosophy that would enable a world church to work in concert with a world government.

In another news release:

"Blair Speaks of Change During Trinity University Appearance

Former Prime Minister Tony Blair spoke out about the challenges of change that the world faces Thursday night at a packed Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University.

Blair said that everyone needs to step back and take a big picture of the world. He said changes in technology, climate and the economy are faster than any other time in history.

'Companies, governments and people have to adapt to the pace of change at a record rate,' Blair said. 'Change is the toughest thing. Everybody opposes it. Then when it's done, everybody thinks it was like that in the first place.'

Blair said he believes the solution to the rapid changes lies in hard and soft power, namely military might and diplomacy."

You have to pinch yourself, to make sure you are not reading about the Biblical picture of Antichrist and how he comes to power.

Our world today is like a great stage, a stage which is being set for a great drama. We are seeing the major players taking their places for the soon coming Tribulation period. It looks like the curtain could go up at any moment, but before it does, we will be going home, are you ready?

Jesus said, "When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering – ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye discern the signs of the times?" Matthew 16: 2, 3.

*I know not in what watch He comes,
Or at what hour He may appear,
Whether at midnight or at morn,
Or in what season of the year,
I only know that He is near.*

Jesus said, "when his branch is tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors" Matthew 24: 32, 33. A parallel passage in Luke 21: 28 indicates that this is the rapture not the second coming, at which time the signs will not be just beginning but will be completed.

The Coming New World Order

The current world order is breaking up; it is being shaken to its very foundations. The stage is being set up for a new world order to come on the scene.

The current world financial and monetary system is under tremendous pressure.

The crisis in mortgage backed securities has left the American Banks and Securities firms desperate for capital. Two American Securities firms failed in one weekend.

The crisis is an opportunity for foreign investors to purchase control of American banks and Securities firms. With the price of oil at \$110 per barrel, it is reported that the Sovereign Wealth funds in six Persian Gulf countries, including Kuwait, the Arab Emirates and Qatar have amassed 1.7 trillion dollars. They are now in a position to buy into and control major Banks and Securities firms in the US.

The control of American Banks and Securities companies by foreign investors could result in those institutions becoming subject to Sharia law. The ramifications of this are far reaching. America could lose control of America.

There is an incredible transfer of wealth from America to Mid-east oil countries and to China's industrial manufacturing complex. Any thinking person must realize that there will come a tipping point. This tipping point is fast approaching in many areas. We have learned that there are now more internet users in China than in America.

The signs of America's decline are everywhere, the fall of the dollar being one indication. The almost certain control of Iran over Iraq and it's oil, if America withdraws, which seems inevitable if the Democrats win the coming election, would lead to the demise of the Saudi Kingdom, Kuwait and the Arab Emirates.

Referring to the primacy of the US and Europe in the world, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told the Herald Tribune that, "the magic is over".

Newsweek's Daniel Drezner states:

"America and Europe face political, economic and demographic challenges to their longstanding primacy. This is a delicate moment for a power transition, given the host of emerging global threats: global warming, nuclear proliferation, macroeconomic imbalances, terrorism, the need to reform global governance and so on. The question is can the United States and the European Union continue to exercise leadership on these issues? The answer, at best, is 'not for long'.

The signals of decline in Western influence are getting hard to ignore. The Center for Transatlantic Relations reports a mixed bag. On the one hand, in 2006 the United States and European Union were responsible for less than 30 percent of the world exports. On the other hand, the two regions accounted for more than 75 percent of outward foreign direct investment."

The European economy has now surpassed America's. It is beyond question that a new era is about to break upon us.

The Scripture tells us that in the midst of a world in convulsion, one will arise out of Europe, and with signs and wonders and miracles appear to be the world's savior. He will seem to have all of the answers.

The Coming World Church

John tells us in Revelation that the Antichrist will come to power in union with a great world church, counterfeit Christianity. John says, "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast," Revelation 17:3. This is union of political power under Antichrist with a great world church.

The final preparations for that union are now under way. For nearly one hundred years we have witnessed the Ecumenical movement gradually bringing all of Christendom together.

In recent decades we have watched evangelicals move away from fundamentalism toward ecumenism and Rome.

Rick Warren has suggested that evangelicals be reconciled to the mainline protestant denominations. Warren has unveiled a new reformation for Christianity, a new reformation for the 21st century. He has a peace plan for the world. His goal is to mobilize one billion foot soldiers to promote peace. Rick Warren's vision is to bring peace to the world through a world church.

Before you say, "what does it matter what Rick Warren thinks and does?" you must understand this. 400,000 pastors and religious leaders have attended his seminars. Nearly 100,000 pastors each week receive his emails, through which he molds their thinking and even gives them their weekly sermon outline. He calls it "church in a box".

Thousands of Buddhist Monks Embrace Christianity

BosNewsLife March 20, 2008

By Stefan J. Bos – Rangoon, Burma – Burma anticipated a nationwide boycott of upcoming Buddhist religious exams Thursday, March 20, amid reports that thousands of

Buddhist monks have turned to Christianity.

Some "4,700 Buddhist monks accepted Christ as their [Lord and] Savior," ahead of Easter said Christian Aid Mission (CAM), a major mission group representing native missionaries in Burma, also known as Myanmar. CAM told BosNewsLife that many monks have turned away from Buddhism, "after more than a decade of political cruelty toward certain Burmese ethnic minorities," by the military government of this predominantly Buddhist nation.

CAM said about 3,000 villages in eastern Burma have been destroyed and villagers, including Christians, were either killed or driven into remote mountainous areas. "Some were able to escape to neighboring countries, although they were not particularly welcome there."

At least 31 people were killed when the country's military rulers broke up the demonstrations, although some dissidents and advocacy groups have said the death toll may be as high as 200. "It was in the midst of this darkness that Buddhist

monks and nuns began inviting Christian missionaries to come and share the Gospel in the privacy of their monasteries," CAM added. Despite "the dangers involved," missionaries went to several monasteries, and visited each one several times, the group explained.

"In recent weeks, 4,700 Buddhist monks were led to Christ through our ministry," a missionary said in a statement speaking on condition of anonymity. "It appears that the Holy Spirit had urged these monks and nuns to call our evangelists to come and share the Gospel of hope and love. After several intense discussions, close to 80 percent of the monks present in each of the monasteries raised their hands to accept Christ, and then kneeled down to pray and receive Christ as their Lord and Savior."

Horrific Twist on an Ancient Blood Libel

by Hana Levi Julian

Palestinian Authority children in Gaza are being raised to believe the ancient Eastern European blood libel myth about Jews, with

a twist: in this version the Jews don't make matzo from children's blood; they burn them alive.

According to Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), Gaza children were recently taken to an exhibit depicting Israel burning children in a crematorium. The exhibit was created by a body named "The National Committee for the Defense of Children from the Holocaust."

The exhibit also featured a black platform with the words, "Stop the Israel's Holocaust" [sic]. Both are used to reinforce programs on PA TV (the television station controlled by PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah terror group) that brainwash Arab children to believe that Israel burned children during the Holocaust.

About 1.5 million Jewish children were murdered during the Holocaust which accompanied World War II. They were shot, gassed, tortured, worked, starved, frozen, neglected to death - and on some occasions, burned alive.

The Padded Cross Before you start your day, consider this thought:

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.'" Matthew 16:24

Well, here I am, Lord. You said, "Take up your cross," and I'm here to do it. It's not easy, you know, this self-denial thing. I mean to go through with it though, yes sir. I'll bet you wish more people were willing to be disciples like me. I've counted the cost and surrendered my life, and ...well...

You mind if I look over the crosses? I'd kind of like a new one. I'm not fussy, you understand, but a disciple has to be relevant these days. I was wondering, are there any that are vinyl padded? I'm thinking of attracting others, see, and if I could show them a comfortable cross I'm sure I could win a lot more. We have to keep up with the times. Right? And I need something durable so I can treasure it always. Oh, and do you have one that's sort of flat so it will fit under my coat? We shouldn't be too obvious.

Funny, there doesn't seem to be much choice here. Just course, rough wood, that's liable to hurt. Don't you have something more distinctive, Lord? I can tell you right now, none of my friends are going to be impressed by this shoddy workmanship! They'll think I'm a nut or something! And my family will just be mortified!

What's that? It's either one of these or forget the whole thing?

But Lord, I want to be your disciple! I mean, just being with you...that's all that counts. Life has to have a balance too, but You don't understand, nobody lives that way today. Who's going to be attracted by this self-denial bit? I mean, I want to do what's right but let's not overdo it. If I appear too radical they'll have me off to the funny farm or something.

I mean, being a disciple is challenging and exciting and I want to do it, but I do have some rights, don't I? Now let's see -- no blood -- O.K.? I just can't stand the thought of that, Lord Lord? LORD? Jesus?

Now, where do you suppose He went?

"Wherefore seeing we also, are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." Hebrews 12:1-2. -- Author Unknown --

The Need for Reverence "God is greatly to be feared ... and to be had in reverence." Psalm 89:7

Many persons who have been raised in our churches no longer think in terms of reverence, which seems to indicate that they doubt God's presence is there! Much of the blame must be placed on the growing acceptance of a worldly secularism that seems much more appealing than any real desire for the spiritual life that is pleasing to God.

We secularize God; we secularize the gospel of Christ and we secularize worship!

No great and spiritually minded men of God are going to come out of such churches, nor any great spiritual movement of believing prayer and revival. If God is to be honored and revered and truly worshiped, He may have to sweep away and start somewhere else! Let us confess that there is a necessity for true worship among us. If God is who He says He is and if we are the believing people of God we claim to be, we must worship Him! In my own assessment, for men and women to lose the awareness of God in our midst is a loss too terrible ever to be appraised!

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