



# Sound the Trumpet!

Joel 2:1

May 2008

## In the News

### Gazan Arabs Support More Terrorism Against Israel

By Baruch Gordon - Over 65% of Arabs in Gaza support continued suicide bombings against Israeli civilians, according to a report released Monday by the Arab Jerusalem Media and Communications Center.

### Churches Closed in Indonesia

By BosNewsLife Asia Service - Jakarta, Indonesia - Christians in several parts of Indonesia faced another difficult day Wednesday, April 23, amid reports that Islamic militant groups and local government in Indonesia have closed at least 110 churches from 2004 to 2007.

### US Strike on Iran Nearing

Jim Meyers - Contrary to some claims that the Bush administration will allow diplomacy to handle Iran's nuclear weapons program, a leading member of America's Jewish community tells Newsmax that a military strike is not only on the table but likely. "Israel is preparing for heavy casualties," the source said, suggesting that although Israel will not take part in the strike, it is expecting to be the target of Iranian retribution.

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## Multiple Crises are Preparing the World for Antichrist

### The Threat of Famine

Jesus said, in Matthew 24: 7, that famine would be one of the signs of the nearness of His coming. Revelation 6 describes the Tribulation period; the third seal in verse 5 and 6 reveal a terrible famine which occurs early in the Tribulation period. That famine contributes to the death of one quarter of the Earth's population, according to verse 8.

Today, suddenly out of the blue, the world is discovering that we are on the cusp of famine that will sweep over a large part of the world. One recent report said the world is less than ten weeks away from running out of wheat supplies. The UN World Food Program said, high food prices threaten to plunge more than 100 million people into hunger. The report went on to say, "millions of people who were not in the urgent hunger category six months ago, but are now."

The Denliquin mill, the largest rice mill in the southern Hemisphere, once processed enough grain to satisfy the daily needs of 20 million people but six long years of drought have taken a toll, reducing Australia's rice crop by 98% and leading to the mothballing of the mill last December.

A report in Australia, from Worldnetdaily, stated, "from India to Africa to North Korea to Pakistan and even New York City, higher grain prices, fertilizer shortages and rising energy costs are combining to spell hunger for millions in what is being categorized a global "silent famine".

It is in the midst of world-wide crises that Antichrist will come

and appear to bring solutions to such problems. This concept appears, in a recent news report, "French President Nicolas Sarkozy has suggested a global partnership to tackle the reasons for rising food prices." This appears to be a pretext for global governance, which is where Antichrist will appear and come to power.

### The Threat of Financial Collapse

Another prophetic scenario involved in Antichrist's coming to power will be the control of the entire economy of the world. "That no man may buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast." Rev. 13: 17 Today we are seeing the collapse of the world's financial system looming on the horizon. The implications are that before a global economy and global financial system can be put in place, the old will disappear.

In a recent report Worldnetdaily stated, "It was another gloomy day on the Financial Markets, as more economic indicators suggested America's financial crisis is deepening and spreading globally".

The chairman of the GRE Monitor, Nourel Roubini said, it will "take years to resolve the problems that led to this crisis". He continued, "in fact, it's hard to consider solutions when the problems seem to grow worse each day - especially in the light of mortgage foreclosures".

It is a fact that there are wealthy, powerful people behind the scenes working to bring down the current world order and establish a new world order.

Listen to the words of David Rockefeller: "Some even believe we [the Rockefellers] are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of

conspiring with others around the world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

The same David Rockefeller said, "People will not accept a world government until the right major crisis comes along".

The rich and powerful could well bring down our present financial and economic order and profit by it in the process.

It seems we are standing on the threshold of a new world order, both a new financial and economic system. That is the exact scenario Bible prophecy forecasts at the appearing of Antichrist.



### **The Threat of Catastrophic Wars**

Jesus told of wars and rumors of wars during the last days, Matthew 24:6. Early in the Tribulation scenario, in Rev. 6: 3-4, we read of wars that take place from the Earth. There has never, in the history of mankind, been a time with such a fearful prospect of catastrophic war as there is today.

Until this very hour, mankind has never even envisioned all of the modern weapons of mass destruction. Nuclear proliferation is descending upon us. Not just an increasing number of nations, but nations who are driven by incredible hatred of Israel and the West. There is proliferation, not only of nuclear weapons, but also chemical and biological weapons with a growing arsenal of missiles to deliver destruction.

The book of Revelation tells that by the mid Tribulation point (3 ½ years) one half of the Earth's population will have been killed. It seems that such a war as the world has never imagined is about to be triggered when Iran develops Nuclear weapons.

Radical Islam is driven by an insane desire to destroy all that stands in its way. How do you deal with those leaders and nations who count it a privilege to die in suicide attacks and suicidal wars?

Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas and other Jihadist groups are furiously arming to annihilate

Israel. The brief false peace that Antichrist feigns to give will not prevent the catastrophic wars of the Tribulation period (1 Thess. 5:3). In fact it is by means of war that Antichrist comes to power and ultimately rules the world.

Notice in Rev. 6:4, "and there went out another horse that was red", red speaks of bloodshed and war. Notice what it says about Antichrist, "there was given unto him a great sword." The weapons and the armies of the nations will be placed at his disposal.

The dark clouds of all out catastrophic war are descending upon us during these days. Upon these dark clouds of war, Antichrist will ride onto the world stage in great power over the whole Earth.



### **The Threat of Pestilence**

Jesus listed pestilence as another sign of His return, disease of pandemic proportions, plagues which sweep over large areas.

For several years now doctors, scientists and world leaders have been warning us of imminent pandemics which will spread, rapidly over the Earth. We have been warned of Avian Flu and viruses which are resistant to antibiotics, viruses which at any moment could mutate and become resistant to all known treatment.

The world cries out for an answer man, a man who will appear to have solutions, this man would be received as a hero.



### **The Threat of Deceptive Peace**

Daniel tells us in Daniel 9:27, "that he (Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant (peace treaty) with many for one week (7 years)". In verse 26, Daniel tells us that he will be a Roman prince; it was the Romans who came and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Therefore Antichrist will come out of the Revived Roman Empire (presently the EU).

The introduction of Antichrist to the world will be through the signing of this 7 year peace treaty.

Today men are crying out for peace. Never in all of history has peace seemed so unattainable. It will be in this exact scenario that the Roman prince will be welcomed and acclaimed as a great leader, a hero and a savior of mankind.

For over 50 years the leaders of the world have struggled to bring peace to the mid-East and to the world by placating the Arabs and Islam. No one has been able to accomplish it!

This will set the stage for the great peacemaker to come out of Europe and to appear on the scene to bring about a false peace. This will be the launching of his seven year career.



### **The Threat of a World Church**

In Revelation 17 we read about the beast, Antichrist, coming to power over the whole world. We see the picture of Antichrist coming to power in union with a woman, a great whore. The woman represents a world-wide church, apostate Christianity, which has become unfaithful to the Lord whom she has professed to follow.

A careful study of Revelation 2 & 3 will reveal that the harlot church consists of Thyatira, Sardis and Laodicea. Each of those churches is assigned to go into the Tribulation period as a judgment for unfaithfulness to the Lord. Thyatira in Rev. 2:22, Sardis in Rev. 3:3 and Laodicea in Rev. 3:16.

I believe a careful study of church history in comparison with Revelation 2 & 3 will reveal that Thyatira represents the Roman Catholic Church, Sardis represents the mainline protestant state churches and Laodicea represents the neutral, lukewarm, new evangelical church of the present hour.

Keep in mind, Revelation 1:3 says the whole book is a prophecy; therefore the seven churches of chapters 2 & 3 must have a prophetic message.

Today we see that a great union is about to take place between the Roman Catholic Church with mainline protestant

churches and with neutral new evangelicalism.

The Harlot church is ready to come together after the rapture of Philadelphia (Rev. 3:10). The stage is being set for the appearance of Antichrist.

### **The Threat Against Israel**

Today Israel has her back to the wall as never before in her modern history. She is being surrounded with implacable enemies, set on her destruction. Those enemies are being armed by Iran with an impressive array of the modern weapons of war.

Apart from divine intervention, it is obvious that Israel is destined to ultimately be destroyed. She does not trust her God to deliver her. She is desperate for someone, anyone to come and guarantee her peace and safety. Israel is now ready for Antichrist and his false peace.

Jesus foretold this event in John 5:43, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another (Antichrist) shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."



### **The Thrill of the Trumpet Sound**

The world today is beset with multiple crises, each one setting the stage for the final act in the drama of human history. Antichrist is about to burst upon the scene and appear to solve all of the nations' problems.

Before this can happen, the Trumpet will sound and we who know Christ as Lord and Saviour will be caught up to be with Him forever.

Are you saved? Do you know for certain you would not be left behind when the Trumpet Sounds? Does your life confirm that you are saved? Do you have the witness of the Holy Spirit within your heart?

### **Dangerous and Dismaying Trends**

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away

disciples after them." Acts 20: 29-30

Within circles, of evangelical Christianity itself there has arisen in the last few years dangerous and dismaying trends away from true Bible Christianity.

A spirit has been introduced which is surely not the Spirit of Christ, methods employed which are wholly carnal, objectives adopted which have not one line of Scripture to support them, a level of conduct accepted which is practically identical with that of the world - and yet scarcely one voice has been raised in opposition.

And this in spite of the fact that, the Bible honoring followers of Christ lament among themselves the dangerous, wobbly course things are taking ...

The times call for a Spirit-baptized and articulate orthodoxy. They whose souls have been illuminated by the Holy Ghost must arise and under God assume leadership. There are those among us whose hearts can discern between the true and the false, whose spiritual sense of smell enables them to detect the spurious afar off who have the blessed gift of knowing. Let such as these arise and be heard. "Lord, may I be one of those whose souls have been illuminated by the Holy Ghost. Grant to me the blessed gift of knowing. And then be pleased to use me for Your glory today. Amen." A.W. Tozer

What Mr. Tozer saw nearly 50 years ago, is now in full flower. Like the Laodiceans which they are, a large section of the evangelical church has departed from New Testament Christianity, and like the Laodiceans, they are blind to their apostasy.

The situation is critical, Neutral new evangelicalism is everywhere. It is Laodicean new evangelicalism that is about to be spewed out of the Lord's mouth. There are two evangelical churches in the world today, Philadelphia and Laodicea. Philadelphia is as strong as ever, but it is now only a remnant numerically, its day in the ascendancy is now past, but it is

being preserved to be caught up in the rapture.

The other evangelical church in the world today is the last days church of Laodicea; it is flourishing in numbers and in popularity. It is being prepared to be incorporated into the harlot church of Revelation 17.

As you view the Laodicean church of Revelation 3: 14-17, they do not possess salvation, they are about to be spewed out of the Lord's mouth. More troubling is the fact that they are unaware that they lack salvation. In verse 17, they say, "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." In verse 18, the Lord makes it clear that they are an unsaved church.

Compare these Laodiceans with the people in Matt. 7: 21-23, they also were a last days group who were deceived about salvation.

There is another last days group who were deceived about salvation. They are found in Matt. 25: 1-12, the five foolish virgins who had no oil (no Holy Spirit, no Salvation), yet they thought they were saved.

I believe you can compare the five foolish virgins of Matt. 25 with those of Matt. 7: 21-23 and with Laodicea. I believe they are one and the same people.

Jesus said in Matt. 24 that the greatest sign of His soon coming would be religious deception. I believe it is the major sign, because it was the only sign Jesus repeated (see Mat. 24: 5, 11, 24).

I believe the greatest tragedy of our world today is Laodiceanism, evangelicals who have gone astray and do not realize it. A whole generation of neutral, new evangelicals are about to be spewed out of our Lord's mouth for departing from God's plan and purpose for the church and for His people. All the while blind and deceived to their precarious position.

Should we be concerned about Laodiceans who are deceived? Jesus expressed real concern in Matt. 24. People say to me don't be so radical, don't rock the boat.

Those who speak the truth are not always popular. Jude said, we "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

In the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the major issue was Liberalism in the church. Philadelphia vigorously

contended for the faith and the church grew strong and was victorious. The devil knew he was being routed so he shifted gears.

In 1948, new evangelicalism was officially born. A great transition took place in the church of Jesus Christ. As a result the issue since that time has become new evangelicalism. A new evangelical church came on the scene, a church that was fundamentally different from Philadelphia. Neutralism, lukewarmness, dialogue with liberals, ecumenical evangelism, ceasing to contend for the faith, the world's music, the world's methods and the world's lifestyles were all embraced. "Please the world and maybe they will like us and listen to us" is the motto.

Slowly, subtly and unaware, the church was converted and not the world. The world and the church became so similar that the world became comfortable in the church and the church became comfortable in the world.

To fail to call this new evangelicalism Laodicean, to fail to confront and contend with it and to fail to withdraw from it, is to perpetuate the cycle of defeat of the last 50 years.

Jeremiah warned the people of Israel about coming judgment of the Old Testament "Day of the Lord". I believe we are living in a similar hour as we stand on the threshold of the final, great "Day of the Lord". Israel said to Jeremiah, don't get your shirt in a knot, we are the people of God, and God is not going to judge us. Famous last words!

Art Sadlier

## In the News (continued)

### On St. George's Day, EU wipes England off Map

The Telegraph 23Apr2008

England has been wiped off a map of Europe drawn up by Brussels bureaucrats as part of a scheme that the Tories claim threatens to undermine the country's national identity.

The new European plan splits England into three zones that are joined with areas in other countries.

The "Manche" region covers part of southern England and northern France while the Atlantic region includes western parts of England, Portugal, Spain and Wales.

The North Sea region includes eastern England, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands and parts of Germany.

A copy of the map, which makes no reference to England or Britain, has even renamed the English Channel the "Channel Sea".

Each zone will have a "transnational regional assembly", although they will not have extensive powers. However, the zones are regarded as symbolically important by other countries.

German ministers claimed that the plan was about "the underlying goal of a united Europe" to "permanently overcome old borders" at a time when the "Constitution for Europe needs to regain momentum."

**Editor's Note:** Is this the beginning of the ten nations of Antichrist's kingdom?

### Global Food Crisis Looms as Asia's Rice Bowl Empties and World Prices Soar

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By Raju Gopalakrishan in Manila -

The crisis over rice showed no signs of easing yesterday as the price jumped 10 per cent in just one week, fanning fears that millions across Asia will struggle to afford their staple food.

In a clear sign of the strain on output after major exporters began to curb exports earlier this year, a tender from the Philippines, the world's top importer, attracted offers to sell only about two-thirds of the half a million tonnes it sought.

**PA Ambassador: "First Jerusalem, then we'll take all of Palestine."**

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By Hillel Fendel - "When Israel's ideology will collapse, and after we take Jerusalem, Israel's ideology will collapse altogether, and then we will proceed with our own ideology, inshallah [if Allah wills] and we will throw them out of all of Palestine." So said Abbas Zaki the Palestinian Authority's ambassador to Lebanon on Lebanese television last week, according to a translation by the MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute).

### Children's Hospital Launches Sex Change for Kids Program

WND 19Apr2008

A doctor at the renowned Children's Hospital in Boston has launched a new program to drug children to delay puberty so they can decide whether

they want a male or a female body, according to a report today in the Boston Globe.

Pediatric endocrinologist Norman Spack, 64, says he started the Gender Management Service Clinic because he found himself encountering 20-somethings who were "Tran gendered" and in good shape socially, "but they were having trouble getting their physique to conform to their identity."

"I knew the 20-somethings could have better chances of passing if they were treated earlier", he said.

"We don't think that demonic is too strong a word to describe this", said a statement from the pro-family Mass Resistance organization. "It brings us thoughts of the Nazi doctors who thought they were doing good things".

## Toward the Mark

*"Forgetting things which are behind ... I press toward the mark," Phil. 3: 13-14*

*It is one of the devil's oldest tricks to discourage Christian believers by causing them to look back at what they once were. It is indeed the enemy of our souls who makes us forget that we are never at the end of God's love.*

*No one will make progress with God until the eyes are lifted to the faithfulness of God and we stop looking at ourselves!*

*Our instructions in the New Testament all add up to the necessity of looking forward in faith - and not spending our time looking back or just looking within.*

*Brethren, our Lord is more than able to take care of our past. He pardons instantly and forgives completely, and His blood makes us worthy!*

*The goodness of God is infinitely more wonderful than we will ever be able to comprehend. If the "root of the matter" is in you and you are born again, God is prepared to start with you where you are!*

*A.W. Tozer*