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In the News

Economic Meltdown Excuse for "New World"

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A call to utilize the current global economic crisis as a panic in which governments worldwide can move to nationalize banks is emerging from the 2009 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

The forum's founder, Klaus Schwab, told CNN yesterday the current global economic slowdown is a "transformational crisis" that should be utilized to shape a "new world," achieving this unprecedented act of state land theft.

Iran detains dozens of Christians

Worthy News 27Jan08 Tehran - Members of Iran's Christian minority requested prayers Tuesday, January 27, amid reports of massive arrests of Christians, including many former Muslims, rights investigators said. Last Wednesday, January 21, at least ten Christians, including at least several people who abandoned Islam, were detained in the capital Tehran, advocacy group Middle East Concern (MEC) told Worthy News.

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Joel 2:1

A Monumental Transition

Our world is undergoing a monumental transition, sudden changes so great that they tax our imagination. These changes are opening up the way for that which has appeared impossible to this point, a Peace Treaty in the Middle East.

FIRST: The recent worldwide financial crisis has brought the economies of the whole world to their knees. Nations are looking to each other for a way out. Just one example, the Arab countries have announced that in the last four months they have lost 2.5 trillion dollars. The same desperation is everywhere, China, Russia, Europe, America, the Arabs and the rest of the world. As the boat seems to be sinking the passengers are suddenly clinging together. There is a new openness between the nations. Such a scenario could not have been imagined a few short months ago.

SECOND: There has been a sudden division in the Arab world. For the past few years the Arab world has been uncharacteristically united, but now the Arabs are polarizing into two groups. Both of these groups hate Israel, but are divided as to how to deal with her.

One group is basically made up of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the U.A.R, Dubai, Kuwait and Qatar. This group is seeking to gain from Israel through peace, what they do not believe they can get by war. They fear the expansionist policies of Iran and Syria. For an example, the U.A.R. has recently contracted to purchase 3.2 billion dollars worth of

defensive missiles to protect them from Iran.

The other group is made up basically of Iran, Syria, Libya and Sudan. This group also hates Israel; they are determined to utterly destroy Israel. Their proxies in this struggle are Hamas and Hezbollah. Whatever it takes to annihilate Israel they will strive to do it, with nuclear weapons the ultimate choice.

The recent war in which Israel overwhelmed Hamas served to confirm to the first group that they cannot now or in the near future defeat Israel by direct confrontation. They are convinced that the way to defeat Israel is through peace. A struggle is taking place; the Saudi's are seeking to win the support of the Palestinians by offering one billion dollars to rebuild Gaza after the war damage. They are also trying to appeal to Hezbollah to get on side and break with Hamas and Iran.

Israel's leaders had stated at one point that their goal in the war was to remove Hamas and help install the PA in the Gaza strip. Israel (mistakenly, I believe) see the PA as a peace partner. Just recently a faction of the PA has stated that Israel ended the war too soon, they should have continued until Hamas was removed. During the war and today the PA and Hamas are attacking each other both in the Gaza and in the West Bank. The world is lining up with Israel and the PA to bring about a peace treaty by the division of Israel's land. The European Commissioner for External Relations announced that the EU would not give money for rebuilding infrastructures in Gaza as long as Hamas still rules the region.

THIRD: Another amazing transition is taking place, America is moving to reconcile with the Muslim

world. President Obama has stated that, "he is committed to finding a new way forward with the Islamic world." In a recent press conference the new president stated to the Muslim world that he understands Islam, some of my family is Muslim, he said. "There is no reason that America and Islam cannot return to the good relations they had 20-30 years ago. Obama has said that he plans to travel to a Muslim nation soon after taking office to make a major foreign policy address. In his inaugural address the new president said, America is now not a Christian nation only, but a Muslim nation and a Hindu nation and a Jewish nation and a nation of unbelievers. We seem to stand on the threshold of an incredible transition in America, a transition that seemed impossible until now.

This transition seems about to sweep the Western World. French President Sarkozy is proposing that Arabic should be taught in French Schools. He is also proposing an increase in Muslim sections of cemeteries, the training of imams and chaplains and the appointment of ministers of diverse backgrounds (Muslims). He said that the nations of the Mediterranean are where our hope is, he is referring to the new association into which the EU entered last summer, an association with those nations around the South side of the Mediterranean, which are predominantly Muslim nations. The islamification of France, England and much of Europe is now past the point of no return and it seems that the islamification of America is about to begin in earnest by Barack Obama, with a goal of reconciliation with Islam; while Israel is the bargaining chip that Islam demands.

This move to reconciliation involves the Muslim world also; the Saudi king called for and conducted an ecumenical council involving Christians, Moslems and Jews. His stated goal was to bring the world closer together (though he is hypocritical in that Christianity is not tolerated in his kingdom),

nevertheless his objective is obvious, and he is moving away from Iran and Syria.

Today, Egypt, America and Israel are working together to prevent Hamas from smuggling arms into Gaza. Egyptian troops are being trained in Texas to use the latest hi-tech equipment to find these tunnels.

Terrorism is also a factor in bringing the world together; the terrorists are now threatening Saudi Arabia and Egypt more vigorously. Last week for the first time a terror alert was sounded in Dubai.

This tremendous transition is bringing the world together in a way that up until now was thought to be impossible. Iran, Syria, Hamas and Hezbollah are being isolated even by much of the Arab World. There may yet be another confrontation with Hezbollah and Hamas or Syria before the peace treaty, that may serve to isolate Iran and her allies even more, but it seems the die is cast.

This scenario is setting the world up for the two great events that will happen early in the tribulation period.

The first great event

which will take place is the signing of the Peace Treaty of Daniel 9:27. This event was impossible until now. Islam's intransigence stood in the way, now the stage is being set for the first time for it to happen! Iran, Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas are being isolated and will be to the point that the peace treaty will go forward without them. That signing will bring about the beginning of the tribulation period, but before it happens, the scripture teaches the rapture of the Church will take place. Our Lord said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

The second great event

will take place early in the tribulation period, after a brief period of peace (1 Thess. 5:3). That event is the war

of Ezekiel 38-39. In that war Russia, Iran and an alliance of nations surrounding Israel will come against Israel to seek to annihilate her. Iran has already committed itself to annihilate Israel. Those plans will evidently be delayed until after the peace treaty.

Now suddenly, there are two groups in the world ready to carry out these two scenarios. All of this is the result of the amazing transition that is taking place at this moment in our world.

It is not hard to see that there are forces behind the scenes setting the stage in our world for the final act in the drama of human history. The biblical end time scenario is unfolding. The Trumpet is soon to sound, Jesus said, "***Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching***".

GOODBYE AMERICA?

"America the Beautiful, the land of the free and the home of the brave". America is a people who have poured out their wealth to help those around the world in need, a people who have used their power to free the worlds oppressed. America has been a repository of God's truth; it has sent missionaries around the world with the gospel. America is a nation who has come closer to being a Christian nation than any other gentile people in recorded history. America has been a nation greatly blessed of God.

Alas, America is a people who have turned away from the God of their Fathers. I believe America is now under the wrath of the abandonment of God. We see this principle of the abandonment of God in Judges 10:13-14, "Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation." There comes a time when God abandons men and nations, when men and nations turn away from God and God turns away from them.

In Romans 1, we see three sequential steps of God's abandonment to judgment.

1. Sexual Immorality (vs 24)

Immorality has inundated America. There are millions of pornographic websites which feed the lust of Americans and Canadians. A statement was recently made on CNN claiming that 95% of American adults have had sex outside of marriage, if this statement is not correct it is not far off. Our society has become pornographic and immoral. Verse 24 says, "God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves". This is heterosexual immorality, for which God gives men and nations over to their sin. He abandons them to their sin, judicial abandonment.

2. Homosexuality (vs 26 & 27)

Homosexuality has been legitimized and promoted by our society. The new government of Barack Obama has committed to legalize same sex marriage. "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature" - lesbianism. Verse 27 details homosexuality; "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that which is recompense of their error which was meet". For this God gives them up, abandons them to judgment, judicial abandonment.

3. Rejection of God (vs 28)

A Reprobate mind, "They did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind..." God gives them over to a mind that is unable to function properly, a mind that calls right wrong and wrong right. The evolutionist looks at the creation and says there is no cause; it all just happened by accident, this is a mind that is not functioning properly. God gives them over to judgment, He abandons them to judgment. Conviction for immorality is so great that an individual must either repent and be relieved of guilt or they must rule out God in their own thinking and be relieved of guilt, the second option results in a reprobate mind.

Ask yourself, is ours a pornographic society? Are these things characteristic of our society? The answer is yes! In TV - the Media - the Music industry - Magazines - the Internet -- the people who portray this filth have become our cultural icons. The word of God says that such a society is given over by God to judgment.

The underlying cause behind all of this is found in verse 18, "... who hold (down - suppress) the truth in unrighteousness". This is the first step in the whole process; to reject the truth. Our society has done this, it had the truth and rejected it and God has abandoned our society; He has just let it go in the way it chooses to without restraint. God has abandoned our society because our society has first abandoned God.

Evolutionary teaching is the official teaching in American schools, it is government sanctioned. Our society has rejected the fact of God through evolutionary teaching; they do not want to retain God in their knowledge. The killing of fifty million unborn babies is defiance toward God, based on the assumption that God does not exist and that men are not accountable to a non-existent God.

When these things are true of a society, God abandons that society to judgment. They are true of America! They are true of Canada!

In both his campaign speeches and in his inaugural address, Barack Obama stated that America is no longer a Christian nation only, he emphasized that America is now a Muslim Nation and a Hindu Nation and a Jewish Nation and a Nation of unbelievers. This is a monumental change for America; the implication is clear that government policy will no longer give special consideration to Christian values and principles. This is not the cause but the fruit of what America has sown.

In a recent survey we are told more than half of Americans no longer consider Christianity as the nation's main religion. One in three Christians say, they believe "Jesus sinned while He was on earth", this means that at least one third of those who profess to be Christians actually are not. We know that multitudes of evangelicals are in the throes of apostasy. The Evangelical Church

has become the apostate church of Laodicea. America has dramatically changed! The Church has dramatically changed! This change has not happened overnight. I believe it began in the middle of the last century, with the birth of New Evangelicalism. New Evangelicalism introduced compromise in place of contention for the faith. Instead of the church and the Christian rebuking and confronting sin, tolerance and acceptance opened the flood gates of worldliness and sin into the Church. The Church was no longer salt and light in the world preventing the spread of evil in the nation. It took many years, but it is now harvest time.

Other nations have abandoned God and have been abandoned by God, but there is a principle in God's word which tells us that judgment is according to the amount of light received. No nation on earth has had as much of the light of the truth as America has had, that puts America in great danger of the imminent judgment of God.

There are two factors that are warning signs to America!

ONE— according to scripture America does not have a part to play in the end time scenario, if we are close to the unfolding of the last days drama, America is in the way, both with her financial power and her military might, and these must be removed or neutralized. That is a warning we cannot ignore.

TWO— there are warning signs all around of the near demise of America. The current financial crisis is threatening to wipe America out. The collapse and replacement of the US dollar by the EURO would turn America into a third world country overnight. Our leaders seem to have their heads in the sand, but many believe there is no way out of this crisis. The Muslim world is fanatically committed to destroying America; it is a threat not to be taken lightly. There are many other threats as well.

The history of Israel and many other nations is the story of God's revelation being received and then rejected with the resulting judgment, God abandoning men and nations to their own way.

The Obama government seems to be a radical departure from all other US governments. We look to the future with considerable consternation.

God abandoned Samson to judgment for his sin and disobedience to the Lord, there is a statement in that account that is significant to our situation today. "And he wist not that the Lord had departed from him," that is America today!

WHAT DESTINATION?

When you head your car out onto the highway you must choose which way you are going to go, your destination is determined by the way you choose to travel. It is the same with nations, they chart a course and they arrive at their destination, prosperity and blessing or destruction, which is the story of history.

America has been charting a course for some time now. Think of the course the American courts and government have been choosing. Some years ago the courts decided to legalize abortion, since that time 50 million babies have been slaughtered in their mother's wombs. Long ago the government controlled school system decided to teach evolution and deny that there is a God that created heaven and earth as God's Word is clearly states. The courts, the politicians and the media have laboured mightily to legalize Homosexuality and same sex marriage, again this involves a rejection of God and His word.

Long ago America chose the direction it desired to go and they chose it over the objections of multitudes of other Americans. Last week America confirmed that they have arrived at the destination they set out for. The president of the nation announced in his inaugural address that America is no longer a Christian nation. An opinion poll taken days before showed that a majority of Americans no longer believe Christianity is the main religion of America.

Two recent court rulings just confirm this fact. Some time ago the courts ruled prayer in schools was unconstitutional and it was banned. Several days ago a judge in Illinois ruled that a moment of silence in the classroom cannot be allowed just in case the children may have thoughts of God. In the new America that is intolerable.

In another recent ruling by the Supreme Court, a law that protected children from pornography on the internet was struck down as being unconstitutional. Do you not think

the Lord in heaven is taking note that the leaders of America are exposing children to the destructive, corrupting influence of pornography and preventing children from praying to Him or even perchance having thoughts about Him?

The next move by the new President is to pass a law against hate crime, a law which in other countries has facilitated the prosecution of Pastors and believers for teaching and preaching what God says in His Word about homosexuality.

America as a nation has turned away from God. Should we be surprised if the judgment of God falls on America, and if it does it will be what the nation has chosen.

Some may argue that for the sake of the remnant of believers in America God will hold back His judgment as in the days of Lot. What if the rapture of the church were to take place? What would hold back God's judgment then?

My friend if you are not saved now is the time to forsake the world and the judgment that is certain to come.

WORLD GOVERNMENT JUST KEEPS COMING

In one day, January 26, 70,000 jobs were lost world wide. In a revealing statement British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said that the crisis, should give rise to "a new global order". He went on to say, we can view the threats and challenges we face today as the difficult birth-pangs of a new global order—and our task now is nothing less than making the transition through a new internationalism to the benefits of an expanding global society. David Rockefeller said about world government, "When the right crisis comes along the people will accept world government". Gordon Brown says that crisis is now upon us.

The scriptures tell of a great world-wide Kingdom of antichrist in the last days of the last days, a world government Rev. 13:5-8. We have been watching for some time now as the ground work is being laid for this Kingdom. Before this comes to pass the Church will be caught up out of the world, then the antichrist will appear and sign the peace treaty that has so eluded the world to this point.

The world coming together to divide the land of Israel for peace, a world government looming on the near horizon, these are the things that the bible says will happen before the second coming of Christ. We know also that the rapture will take place seven years prior to that. Jesus is coming, but the world is blind to these things. We as believers have no excuse for failing to be ready! Paul said, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief". Are you watching and ready?



A Libel Against God

Human sin began with loss of faith in God! When our mother Eve listened to Satan's sly innuendoes against the character of God, she began to entertain a doubt of His integrity—and right there the doors were opened to the incoming of every possible evil, and darkness settled upon the world. Relationship between moral beings is by confidence, and confidence rests upon character which is a guarantee of conduct. God is a being of supreme moral excellence, possessing in infinite perfection all the qualities that constitute holy character. He deserves and invites the unreserved confidence of every moral creature, including man. Any proper relation to Him must be by confidence, that is, faith. Idolatry is the supreme sin and unbelief is the child of idolatry. Both are libels on the Most High and Most Holy. John wrote: "He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar." A God who would lie is a God without character. Repentance is a man's sincere apology for distrusting God for so long, and faith is throwing oneself upon Christ in complete confidence. Thus by faith reconciliation is achieved between God and man!

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