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#### In the News

Associated Press Mar 19, 2009 Record number of babies born in 2007; 40 percent to single moms.

Washington D.C. – Chaplains working at an hospice home in the US state of Florida are no longer allowed to say "God" in inspirational messages to staff members, as part of a wider trend in the United States, worthynews learned Saturday, March 21,2009.

#### **China Calls for New Reserve**

Currency FT.com – Jamil Anderlini China's central bank on Monday, proposed replacing the US dollar as the international reserve currency with a new global system controlled by the International Monetary Fund.

Haaretz.com - Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Saturday called Jerusalem "the key for peace" and said justice and peace would not come to the middle east without "an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital."

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# Sound the Trumpet!

Joel 2:1

## THE DARKNESS OF THIS PRESENT HOUR

In speaking of His coming to take the Church home to be with Him, Jesus said, "but of that day and hour knoweth no man..." Three verses earlier He said, "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors", Matt. 24: 33. It is clear that Jesus was teaching that there would come a generation of believers that would recognize that His coming was very near. They would not know the day or hour, but they would know that it was very near. That is our generation!

The writer to the Hebrews taught the same thing, he said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but so much the more as ye see the day approaching". That is unmistakably teaching that there Today, Paul's words are being fulfilled. First, there are believers today who can see that the signs of our Lord's coming are everywhere. They can see that He is near, even at the doors. Secondly, there are multitudes of men and women who are blind to what is happening around them. The amazing and unusual events taking place all around are a mystery to them. It is amazing that men and women cannot see the fulfillment of prophecy happening before their very eyes. The spiritual darkness of this present hour is incredibly intense. Jesus said that that is exactly how it would be just prior to His coming, Matthew 24:4; 5; 11; 24; 25. The days before His coming will be days of great religious deception, days of spiritual darkness.

I am thinking of just five of the many signs that are today warning of the nearness of Christ's return.

**FIRST:** We have the revival of the

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Ezekiel 3:17

would someday come a generation of believers who would see the signs and understand that the Lord was soon to come for the Church.

Paul taught the very same thing in 1 Thess. 5:4, "But ye brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Paul is teaching that there will come a generation of believers who will see the days darkening and see the signs of His coming multiplying and realize that the Day of the Lord is at hand. They will realize of course, that the rapture is about to occur. Paul went further in saying that some would not recognize the signs because they themselves would be in darkness, the darkness of unbelief and unregeneracy.

Roman Empire. The EU, have boasted that they are the return of the Roman Empire. Daniel taught that in the last days ten horns would arise out of the head of the Roman Empire. Today the EU is made up of some 27 countries, however the EU has laid plans to divide the Union into economic zones, (They haven't mentioned the number ten but that is what has been foretold). Daniel said that out of this union a great leader would arise and ultimately rule over the entire world. Today the EU is preparing to elect a permanent president to whom they will give great power. That office will no doubt be the office which the antichrist will ultimately occupy. The end time scenario is unfolding just as God's Word said it would, and yet the overwhelming majority of men and women cannot grasp what is going on.

**SECOND:** We have watched in our lifetime as the amazing fulfillment of the prophecies concerning Israel's restoration and return to her land have unfolded. We have seen the incredible prosperity that she has enjoyed, all a direct fulfillment of promises made thousands of years ago. We have seen how God has preserved her against the onslaughts of the nations around her. We have watched as the peace treaty has failed to materialize, because the scriptures have stated that the treaty will be signed by the antichrist and not until he appears on the scene. We have watched as the nations have vowed to destroy Israel and are laying plans to do it, all a fulfillment of prophecy. The world gropes in darkness not aware that God is promised unfolding His long restoration of Israel to Her land. The plan is laid out in scripture with a thousand clear references.

THIRD: We are watching as Russia is actively building the alliance of nations that will come against Israel in the tribulation period (Ezekiel 38-39). This alliance is identified in scripture, it involves Russia with Iran and other Muslim neighbours that surround Israel, nations which are now boasting that they will destroy Israel, and are feverishly preparing to do so. The nations are without excuse, their rebellion against God and His plan and the awful consequences are crystal clear in scripture.

**FOURTH:** We are watching as the prophesied World Government is even now being prepared for. A new world order is being designed and is evidently soon to be realized. The upcoming G20 summit will have as its main objective the organization new world financial organization which will lay the groundwork for the new world order, a code word for World Government. All of this preparation for the coming kingdom of antichrist. Men and women watch it all unfold with no recognition of what is happening.

**FIFTH:** We are watching the decline of America. America has no

place in the end time scenario of biblical prophecy. The power of America actually stands in the way of the unfolding of prophecy and must be neutralized. There are many disastrous scenarios looming on the horizon, scenarios that are of relatively recent origin, scenarios that could reduce America to third world status very suddenly. The warnings to America have been multiplying all around her, yet almost no one seems to comprehend what is happening. Blindness is caused by hardness of heart.

One of the fulfillments of bible prophecy is the blindness of men and women to the signs of Christ's coming that are all around, yet they cannot see them.

Perhaps the most troublesome thing is the blindness that has come over much of the evangelical church. In the very hour that the Lord's coming is so obviously about to happen, many who profess to be followers of Christ seem to have little or no interest in the nearness of the rapture. The truth is that even that situation is a fulfillment of prophecy.

In the book of Revelation, in the letters to the seven churches, John speaks to the last church of the church era. He says to Laodicea, the evangelical church of the present hour, "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods,... (this applies to no other time than this very hour)...and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, (spiritually) and blind, (cannot discern the hour in which we live) and naked: (implying they are not saved).

The condition of the evangelical church at this time is exactly what the end time prophecies foretell for the days immediately prior to the rapture. My brother and sister, you may not be able to change your church, but I urge you not to let a dead church or dead Christians change you. Be salt and light by your life and lip, there will be a price to pay! Pay it cheerfully and graciously.

-- Art Sadlier

## Replacement Theology

**By Art Sadlier** 

There is today a movement among those who call themselves Christians, a movement to dispense with Israel. A theology that says because of Israel's sin God is finished with the Nation of Israel.

Satan hates Israel, the Word of God declares that Christ will come and reign on the throne of David in Jerusalem. If that were to happen, Satan's ambition to rule this world would be terminated. God's program to remove Satan from his present position as god of this world and to replace him with His Son is to be worked out through Israel.

Satan rightly reasons that if he can destroy Israel, the plan of God will be defeated.

For thousands of years Satan has worked through men and women to attempt to destroy Israel. He enters into their hearts and works through them to attempt this destruction.

History is filled with these attacks on Israel. Hitler is a modern example of these demonic attempts to annihilate God's chosen people.

Those who would dismiss Israel, and declare that God is finished with her are actually joining with Satan in his attempt to do away with Israel. They do not understand God's program and are denying God's Word, and fighting against God. They are doing this while claiming to speak for God.

This attempt is a distortion of God's Word and is based on faulty interpretation. God's Word is to be interpreted literally except where the scriptures clearly indicate it is using signs or figurative language.

Listen to what the Lord clearly stated to Israel through Amos the prophet.

"And I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, And they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall be no more pulled up out of their land

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which I gave them, saith the LORD thy GOD." Amos 9: 14-15

That is a future day, that has not happened yet, but God's honour is at stake in that promise. Shame on those who claim to be God's children and make God a liar by denying His Word.

Today the whole world is determined to destroy Israel, motivated by Satan as he attempts to defeat the very purposes of God. The replacement theologian is a part of Satan's program, knowingly or unknowingly.

## "Fast Food" Christianity by AW Tozer



It is hardly a matter of wonder that the country that gave the world instant tea and instant coffee should be the one to give it instant Christianity. If these two beverages were not actually invented in the United States it was certainly here that they received the advertising impetus that has made them known to most of the civilized world. And it cannot be denied that it was American Fundamentalism that brought instant Christianity to the gospel churches. Ignoring for the moment Romanism, and Liberalism in its various disguises, and focusing our attention upon the great body of evangelical believers, we see at once how deeply the religion of Christ has suffered in the house of its friends. The American genius for getting things done quickly and easily with little concern for quality or permanence has bred a virus that has infected the whole evangelical church in the United States and, through our literature, our evangelists and our missionaries, has spread all over the world. Instant Christianity came in with the machine age. Men invented machines for two purposes. They wanted to get important work done more quickly and easily than they could do it by hand, and they wanted to get the work over with so they could give their time to pursuits more to their liking, such as loafing or enjoying the pleasures of the world. Instant Christianity now serves the same purposes in religion. It disposes of the past, guarantees the future and sets the Christian free to follow the more refined lusts of the flesh in all good conscience and with a minimum of restraint.

### The Global Solution by Art Sadlier

On April 2, 2009, the G20 nations met in London to attempt to come up with solutions to the world wide economic meltdown. There are some interesting quotes by world leaders that clarify the mind sets which presently prevail:

"We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order."

-- David Rockefeller

"Out of these troubled times ... a new world order can emerge,"

--Former President George H. Bush

"Globalization is not a random-walk process. It moves forward according to a tangible, coherent and well-planned strategy."

-- Patrick Wood

It would seem that the present crisis is the opportunity they have been seeking, and that we now stand on the threshold of the establishment of the mechanism to bring about Global Government.

It seems that America is the obstacle standing in the way; America must be neutralized to allow the forces who desire the global government to have their way.

says" "today, Henry Lamb opposition to global governance has diminished in Congress and has vanished from the White House. With eves wide open, the United welcoming States is global governance. This administration, with the approval of the majority of Congress, will cede our sovereignty to an international system that is beyond accountability and devoid of morality. The UN is eager to fund its nefarious adventures with money placed under its care by those who bought the promise of hope and blindly voted for change."

He goes on to say, "Once the UN has an independent revenue stream to fund its 'peacekeeping' forces, which can enforce treaties and the decrees of the international Criminal Court, there will be no force on earth with the power to overthrow it. When the United States realizes the true cost global governance, it will be much too late. The UN will control the flow of both money and energy available to the US."

He concludes "Obama and the current congressional majority will be long gone, leaving the next generation to curse their parents' stupidity – and only wonder what freedom was."

Even churches are being conditioned to conform to the coming global society. Consider the following statement by Rick Warren. "It's all about the global glory of God! We intend to leverage the attention that the Purpose Driven Life has garnered to bring about a whole new way of thinking and acting in the church about our responsibility in the world." This is the process of conforming the church to the world, a global church for a global society.

Those who understand the Word of God know that there is a far more significant purpose behind this whole movement. Satan is seeking to fulfill the long sought goal he declared in Isaiah 14: 13-14, "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exhalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the

heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

World government is being established in preparation for the ruler of the Revived Roman Empire, the antichrist, to come to power. Satan is doing what he always does; he works through men, deceiving them to accomplish his purposes.

We read about the final form of this coming World Government in Revelation 13: 7-8 "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given to him over all kindred, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundations of the world."

Verse 15-17 shines more light on this soon coming kingdom, "and he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

For the believer there is good news in the midst of the coming darkness, before this world ruler comes upon the scene, we will be caught up to be with Christ forever. **The trumpet** is soon to sound!

### Civilian National Security Force

By Art Sadlier

President Obama made a statement which causes alarm. He said, "We have got to have a Civilian National Security Force that is just as powerful and just as strong and as well funded as our military."

This is a frightening statement. The US military is the most powerful military force ever assembled; it is able to conduct two foreign wars at the same time. Why would the president need or want a civilian force of such magnitude and power? Who is this domestic force going to fight against or seek to control? The only answer is the American people. The president obviously expects a civil war to take place in America. It seems that he thinks that at some point in time the American people will rebel against his agenda for change. There are other alarming moves which seem to support this conclusion.

One of these moves is to establish, under FEMA, large holding camps across America, camps which will be available to detain those, it would seem, who may be involved in unrest and rioting.

The alarming thing is that similar Civilian National Security Forces were established in Germany, Russia and China in conjunction with the totalitarian regimes which were set up. In each of those situations, control was gained over the media and the people were excited to great enthusiasm by the promises which were made.

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"May the Spirit of Elijah, beloved reader, be upon us. If we seek it, we will have it. Oh, may the God of Elijah answer by fire, consume the spirit of worldliness in the churches, burn up the dross, and make us wholehearted Christians. May that Spirit come upon us; let that be our prayer upon our family altars and in our prayer closets. Let us cry mightily to God that we may have a double portion of the Holy Spirit and that we may not rest satisfied with this worldly state of living. Let us, like Sampson, shake ourselves and come out from the world, that we may have the power of God."

D.L. Moody

#### In the News

IsraelInn.com – Senior Fatah leader Mohammed Dahlan confirmed on Tuesday that Fatah, which leads the Palestinian Authority, does not recognize Israel, one of the basic demands of the Roadmap plan. The Western world has boycotted the Hamas terrorist organization because of the same refusal to acknowledge the existence of the Jewish state.

## "Obama About to Betray Israel, Says Former Intel Official"

by Israel Today March 22nd, 2009

A former top US intelligence official warns that the Obama Administration is about to break America's long ties of friendship with Israel, and maybe even take steps toward the dissolution of the Jewish state.

Speaking on condition of anonymity to Douglas Hagmann of the Northeast Intelligence Network, the source said:

"I have every reason to believe, based on what I've seen at my level of [security] clearance especially over the last several years, that Israel will soon be completely on their own... or worse."

He went on to note that the betrayal likely won't happen in one dramatic moment, but rather subtly, behind the scenes, and over the course of several years.

The Obama Administration is preparing to "provide more support to Arab countries [with] financial and military aid, undercutting Israel's defense efforts all while pushing Israel to succumb to the pressure of unreasonable demands designed to end with their political annihilation as a nation," said the source.

Israeli officials have of late noted a marked increase in the pressure from Washington to more rapidly acquiesce to Arab land-for-peace demands, and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has clarified that Washington is none to pleased with incoming Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal to commit to the creation of a sovereign Palestinian Arab state with Jerusalem as its capital.