



*"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion,
and sound an alarm in my holy
mountain: let all the inhabitants
of the land tremble: for the day of
the LORD cometh, for it is nigh
at hand;"* Joel 2:1

The Point of No Return



Israel and America are facing a confrontation with Iran; this is a confrontation from which there is no escape.

Iran is heading rapidly to obtaining nuclear weapons. If this were to happen the entire world would be blackmailed into yielding to Iran's demands. Secondly, Israel would certainly be destroyed by Iranian nuclear bombs.

The US believes that Iran will have the bomb in 5-6 months or certainly this coming year. We are fast approaching the deadline for an attack by Israel or the US on Iran's nuclear facilities. One of these two scenarios would seem certain to overtake us in the year 2012.

One of the significant factors we must consider is the fact that the biblical end time scenario does not indicate that Iran will attack Israel with nuclear weapons.

Another significant factor is that Iran is not involved in the war against Israel as described in Psalm 83, which seems certain to be the next war involving Israel. Iran does not come against Israel until the war of Ezekiel 38-39, which does not take place until early in the tribulation period.

What would likely happen when America attacks Iran?

First. Iran would close the straits of Hormuz which would immediately shut the tap on 33% of the world's oil supplies. We are told that the price of oil would jump to \$300 - 500 a barrel. That would trigger a worldwide economic collapse.

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Second. The assault on Iran would be escalated and Iran would be somewhat neutralized until the war of Ezekiel which would take place some months later, after the peace treaty and worldwide disarmament. This would account for the primitive weapons used in the battle of Ezekiel 38-39.

Third. This engagement with Iran would certainly trigger the war of Psalm 83, in which Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria and the Palestinians would come against Israel to annihilate her. They have the resources to do just that and the full intention to accomplish it.

I personally believe that from this point onward all of the events leading up to the rapture, the coming peace treaty and the Day of the Lord would quickly unfold.

There is a second situation in which the EU is facing a point of no return:

The EU is facing the collapse of the Euro; the situation is now out of control. The only chance to rescue the situation is to establish a super state in which there will be central control of the EU. One of these two scenarios is inevitable we are told. Europe has reached the point of no return. Many believe this situation has been deliberately orchestrated over a period of many years.

The coming year will see one of these two scenarios unfold. The biblical end time scenario indicates that the Euro and the EU will not collapse. The scriptures present a scenario where ten kings or leaders take control over Europe and at the same time a super leader arises to share power with them. This super leader is no other than the Antichrist.

We cannot predict all of the details but we certainly can see the biblical end time scenario unfolding.

1 Thessalonians 5:4. *"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."*

Believer, do not fail to ready for His coming to take us to the Father's house. Make sure your robes are white. Make sure you are watching and ready.

Send out the warning to an indifferent world.

If you are unsaved, do not put it off another minute. Bow your heart and surrender your life to Christ in acknowledgement of your sin and need of Saviour. Eternity in hell is a long time, do not go there! Art Sadlier

Form and Substance

Another substitute for discipleship is - Our Lord referred to this when He reproached the Pharisees for their habit of tithing mint and anise and cumin while at the same time omitting the weightier matters of the Law such as justice, mercy and faith. Literalism manifests itself among us in many ways, but it can always be identified in that it lives by the letter of the Word while ignoring its spirit. It habitually fails to apprehend the inward meaning of Christ's words, and contents itself with external compliance with the text. If Christ commands baptism, for instance, it finds fulfillment in the act of water baptism, but the radical meaning of the act as explained in Romans 6 is completely overlooked. It reads the Scriptures regularly, contributes consistently to religious work, attends church every Sunday and otherwise carries on the common duties of a Christian and for this it is to be commended. It's tragic breakdown is its failure to comprehend ***the Lordship of Christ, the believers discipleship, separation from the world and the crucifixion of the natural man.***

Literalism attempts to build a holy temple upon the sandy foundation of the religious self. It will suffer, sacrifice and labour, but it will not die. It is Adam at his pious best, but it has never denied self to take up the cross and follow Christ.

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Two Jewish States



When Solomon died his son Rehoboam came to the throne, he treated the northern tribes with such disdain that they separated from the south and established a separate kingdom in the north. That division continues to this day, nearly 3,000 years later. Actually, from 587 BC until the present day Israel has not had a king and will not have a king until Christ comes to rule in Jerusalem.

When Christ returns to Israel He will heal that division. Ezekiel 37:22 makes that very clear. **“And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.”**

Israel will not be healed of this breach until Messiah comes and heals it Himself.

We read more of the unification of the tribes of Israel in Ezekiel 37:16-19, *“Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.”*

Today Israel is a divided nation. The government in Jerusalem has treated the northern area of Judea and Samaria with disdain. They do not call them Israeli's, they call them settlers.

They are often more generous to the Palestinians than to the Jews. Many times the Israeli army has descended upon a Jewish home in the middle of the night and forced them out of their homes and then proceeded to bulldoze their home to the ground.

Jews are not allowed to build on land whose ownership is in question but the Palestinians are not restrained in similar situations.

The truth is that the leaders in Jerusalem, including the present government, have been in the past and even at this moment, willing to give away Judea and Samaria if they can gain peace in the south.

The following “Israel Today” news item reveals the growing division between the north and the south of Israel.

[The growing phenomenon of “Price Tag” acts of vandalism by some Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria angry over the ongoing threat to their homes by hostile Arab gangs and international diplomatic pressure, and the Israeli government's seeming apathy toward their plight.

Recently this situation got top Israeli officials talking about the possibility of civil war after a “price tag” attack was perpetrated against an Israeli army base. It also resurrected talk about splitting from Israel and establishing a separate State of Judea.

A source in Samaria tells “Israel Today” that the State of Judea is already a de facto reality.

There is already a Jewish uprising happening in Judea and Samaria that the media and government are doing their best to hide from the public, said the source.

“The idea of splitting from Israel is gaining, for the sake of Israel as well,” our contact said.. “More and more [settlers] understand that they are here despite the Israeli establishment, and they see more and more differences between themselves and the Israelis.”

This is especially true of the younger generation of Jews in Judea and Samaria, who “do not see themselves as “Israeli” and would be ready to die for the land.”

The idea of a State of Judea has been around since 1988, when settler rabbis proposed it in response to PLO leader Yasser Arafat's Declaration of Independence. Prominent rabbis began revisiting the idea in the wake

of the Gaza pullout in 2005, and stated that if a large-scale withdrawal were ever ordered for Judea and Samaria, they would put the State of Judea plan in motion.

With the ongoing demonization of the Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria, both by the international community and by the left-wing institutions of their own nation, it would seem a forced uprooting is no longer required, and the splitting of Israel into two separate Jewish states is already underway.]

We can add to this scenario the fact that there is a growing feeling among Israeli's that there will not be a Palestinian State. The prophetic scriptures indicate this to be the situation (Israel is pictured in the tribulation period as being in control of the land).

We believe that after the coming war of Psalm 83, the Peace Treaty of Daniel 9:27 will give Israel total control over the land and the Temple Mount. We believe that the Palestinians, according to Psalm 83, Isaiah 17 and Ezekiel 35-36, will be decimated and will no longer be a factor in Israel. After the war of Ezekiel 38-39, some months later, Islam will be all but a memory.

I suspect this growing rift in Israel to come to full fruition in the tribulation period preparing the way for Messiah to heal it once and for all.

Could it be that some of these Jewish zealots (in the so-called West Bank) will be numbered among the 144,000 witnesses, which will consist of 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes.

Israel is moving steadily down the pathway toward tribulation and chastening which will be followed by salvation and restoration at the return of their Messiah and King, Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 37:26-28 tells us of Israel's final status. **“Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.”** Art Sadlier

The Coming Revived Roman Empire

The world has for some time now been watching the Euro currency as it stands on the edge collapse, such a collapse would bring chaos to Europe.

It has been suggested that when the Euro zone was created, those who brought it about knew that the system would not work. They knew that a common currency held by many independent countries could not survive as long each country managed its own economy. It has been further suggested that the intention, in the first place, was to bring monetary and economic chaos and collapse in order to ultimately create a union which would come under central control. Such a union would be a European Super State. This new state, though unknown to those men, would be the setting for the kingdom of Antichrist. The strategy is to tear down the old in order to bring in the new.

Carl Teichrib has stated, ["What we are witnessing is a tug-of-war between the last vestiges of nationalism and independence versus the next phase of continental unification; the European Super State. The road to stability in this context means more integration, more harmonization, and more centralization. It means fiscal standardization through technical management, and strengthening of the Euro-system along with a corresponding decline in national autonomy?"]

This is the coming European Super State, and it will set a course for the nations of the world to follow. The order is first a Super State in Europe and following that a World Government.

Our world has entered a new era, we are now seeing a flood of transformational changes that are gathering momentum and are now unstoppable. The ground work for this situation has been years in the making.

This situation in Europe is unfolding just as the prophet Daniel, and John in the book of Revelation, prophesied that it would.

Understanding of the time line involved is helpful in sorting out the scriptures relating to the tribulation period.

The seven years of the tribulation period will be divided into two, three and a half year periods. The first period will involve the Revived Roman Empire. "And the ten horns which thou sawest

are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast" (Revelation 17:12). From this verse we see several things.

First this kingdom will involve ten European leaders and the Antichrist.

Second this kingdom will last figuratively for "one hour"; other scriptures confirm this to be the first three and one half years of the tribulation.

Third this is a shared kingdom, between the ten leaders and the Antichrist.

Fourth this kingdom will not appear on the scene until the Antichrist appears and the tribulation period begins.



We rightly conclude that the church will first be raptured (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 - 'keep in mind that the subject of this chapter is the tribulation period') Therefore we who are the bride of Christ will not see the Revived Roman Empire come into being. We are now seeing the foreshadowing of this coming European Super State which indicates the nearness of the rapture.

In Revelation 17:13 we have the last three and a half years of the tribulation period (see Revelation 13:5) and the world wide kingdom of Antichrist (see Revelation 13:7). "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." From verse 5 we see that the ten leaders or kings give their power and authority over to the Antichrist.

In Revelation 13:15-16 we see the nature of that kingdom, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or 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."

The preparations now being made for world government will not come to fruition until three and one half years into the tribulation period which is the mid-tribulation point.

THE COMING WORLD GOVERNMENT

For many years now there has been a group of dedicated men who have worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork for a world government.

Winston Churchill said in 1947, "The creation of an authoritative, all-powerful world order is the ultimate aim towards which we must strive. Unless some effective World Super-Government can be set up and brought quickly into action, the prospects for peace and human progress are dark and doubtful. But let there be no mistake upon the main issue. Without a United Europe there is no sure prospect of world government. It is the urgent and indispensable step toward the realisation of that ideal."

Robert Mueller, long-time United Nations official, wrote the following in 1994, "I hope that more regional communities will be created, following the example of the European Union, so that the UN can be transformed soon into a true World Union."

Jose Barroso, President of the European Commission, was quoted in the September 14, 2011 in the online edition of the United Kingdom *Express*, "What we need now is a new, unifying impulse, a new federalist movement - let's not be afraid to use the word... The right way to stop the negative cycle and strengthen the euro is to deepen integration, mainly in the euro area. This is the way to go... This is a fight for what Europe represents to the world. This is a fight for European integration itself."

The ideals and efforts of these men and countless others like them are now coming to fruition and it seems the process that they initiated is now unstoppable.

This new world order will be established under the guise of a "World Wide Democracy."

In the recent September session of the United Nations Human Rights Council one resolution stated, "Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable International Order, gave recognition to the United

Nations as the chief organ for world management.”

In the preamble to this resolution, the Human Rights Council stressed that, “The responsibility for managing worldwide economic and social issues, as well as threats to international peace and security, must be shared among the nations of the world and should be exercised multilaterally, and that in this regard the central role must be played by the United Nations, as the most universal and representative organization in the world.”

Carl Teichrib states in his analysis, “To those ends, the UN Human Rights Council agreed to establish a three-year working group of international experts. Their job will be to identify “possible obstacles,” “best practices...[toward] a democratic and equitable international order at the local, national, regional and international levels,” to work with national governments in developing “concrete proposals enhancing sub

regional, regional and international cooperation,” and raise awareness of the right to “a democratic and equitable international order.”

The process of establishing world government is now well under way and gaining momentum.

Others are working within the framework of the monetary and economic system. There seems to be a determined effort to bring the monetary and economic system crashing down. Again the method is to tear down the old to force the new world order on the ashes of the old. The intent is to bring the world to its knees and create a desperate situation. When people are hit in the pocket book, they will cry out for any form of government that promises relief.

John said in Revelation 6:1-2, “*And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts*

saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.” This presents a scenario in which a super leader comes onto the stage of a troubled world to rescue the world from impending disaster. The theme of tearing down the old order to make way for the new order fits these verses. The white horse speaks of peace; notice he has a bow but no arrows; this pictures him conquering through peace, not war. The stage is now being set for this coming event.

Again I remind you that world government does not come to fruition until the mid tribulation point. If we now see the preparations for world government we know that the trumpet is soon to sound.

Art Sadlier

Apostasy

During

the early years of Billy Graham’s ministry he preached that Jesus Christ was the only way of salvation. Later in his ministry Billy Graham turned away from the truth of the gospel, denying that knowing Christ was the only way of salvation.

The following are some quotes from Billy Graham which demonstrate that he has apostatised.

Graham says that he does not believe that Christians need to take every verse of the Bible literally. “I am not a literalist in the sense that every single jot and tittle is from the Lord. This is a little different than my thinking through the years.” He has moved to taking parts of the Bible figuratively.

Graham acknowledges a change in his beliefs.

“I used to believe that pagans in far countries were lost if they did not have the gospel of Christ preached to them.....I no longer believe that.”

After departing from his early beliefs Graham called the Pope, “The greatest religious leader of the modern world, and one of the greatest moral and spiritual leaders of the century.”

This in spite of the fact that the Pope preaches another gospel that

requires good works and membership in the Catholic Church for salvation. The Pope that Graham eulogizes has been responsible for consigning millions of people to hell through his false gospel.

Billy Graham stated, “The body of Christ comes from all faiths and Christian groups around the world or outside the Christian groups. I think that everybody that loves Christ or knows Christ, whether they are conscious of it or not, they are members of the body of Christ.

"Error is like the leaven of which we read; A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."
Harry Ironside

Graham went on to say, “God’s purpose for this world is to call out a people for His name, and that is what God is doing today.”

“He is calling out a people for His name whether they come from the Muslim world or the Buddhist world, or the Christian world or the non believing world. They are members of the body of Christ because they are being called by

God. They may not even know the name of Jesus but they know in their hearts that they need something that they don’t have, and they turn to the only light they have, and I think they are saved and they are going to be with us in heaven.” He added, “There is wideness in God’s mercy.”

[You can hear these words right from the lips of Billy Graham on a You Tube video on our website, (soundthetrumpet.ca), go to our “What’s New” page and click on December 20, 2011]

The scriptures contradict Graham’s words. Matthew 7:13-15, “*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*”

We read, “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*” (John 14:6). John 10:9, “*I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*” John 17:3, “*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”

Paul said, 1Timothy 2:5, *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”*

An apostate is one who turns away from the truth he once believed and proclaimed. Billy Graham is an apostate.

The fact is that many godly pastors and leaders, in the early 1950's, pleaded with Billy Graham not to compromise with liberals. When Graham refused to hear their plea they denounced Graham for his compromise. The majority rejected this rebuke and supported Graham in his ecumenical evangelism.

Billy Graham was the poster boy for new evangelicalism. He led in the compromise of ecumenical evangelism, compromising the truth, by associating with liberals. He broke down the walls of separation between the people of God and liberals; he also broke down the walls of separation between the people of God and the people of the world.

From that time forward the compromise of new evangelicalism has continued until today the greater part of the evangelical church is sinking into apostasy.

Here is the reason that I have written this article. I fully realize that many people will now write me off for criticising Billy Graham, but the issue is the matter of the survival of the remnant of the Church of Jesus Christ.

God's people are thrilled to hear the gospel preached. As Billy Graham preached the gospel, God's people gave him a free pass to bring in error with it. As Graham preached the gospel, God's people closed their eyes to the compromise that flooded into the church with it.

From 1952 on there was not a crusade that did not include Catholic Priests. Catholic converts were sent back to their Catholic Churches. There was not a crusade that did not include apostate protestant liberal pastors and their churches, the converts from these churches were often returned to them. The walls of separation came down.

“A little leaven leavens the whole lump.” A little compromise compromised much of the Evangelical Church. The whole New Evangelical concept of compromise was advanced.

From this beginning the loss of separation from the world grew exponentially. Pragmatism, which is the essence of compromise, brought us the false idea that anything that would bring people into the church was good and beneficial.

The church growth movement flourished, the world was brought into the church and separation was lost. Both separated living and separation from apostasy and apostate churches was lost. The body of Christ and apostasy joined forces in some good causes, which further broke down the walls of separation.

My burden is for the remnant of evangelical, fundamental churches that have not compromised. That remnant is also in danger from the massive compromise and apostasy that now surrounds it. Their need now goes beyond separation from liberalism, the need is now to separate from new evangelicalism. God's remedy for apostasy is separation from apostasy, it is God's way of stopping the spread of apostasy.

Billy Graham acknowledges a change in his beliefs.

“I used to believe that pagans in far countries were lost if they did not have the gospel of Christ preached to them.....I no longer believe that.”

New evangelicalism has brought the world into the church. They have incorporated the world's music, the world's ways, the world's lifestyles, the world's philosophies and the world's concept of entertainment. All this has been brought into the church while the plan of Christ for His church has gone out the window.

Here is where the deception comes in. Some of these pastors still preach and teach much Bible truth. There can be no deception unless there is the presentation of truth. The nature of deception is to hide error behind much truth.

Harry Ironside said, “Error is like leaven of which we read; A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.” Truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error, except that it is more innocent looking and, therefore, more dangerous. God hates such a mixture! Any error, or any truth-and-error mixture, calls for definite exposure and repudiation. To condone such is to be unfaithful to God and His Word and treacherous to imperilled souls for whom Christ died.”

Another voice from the past stated, ““If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest expression every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.”

There are pastors today who are teaching much bible truth, and because they are teaching truth they are being given a free pass to bring in error. That error is compromise and it is the destruction of the church.

Because a man teaches some truth he must not be allowed to bring the world and its ways and its music and methods into the church. Where has discernment gone? The music of the world can generate much human emotion and with human emotion false worship floods into the church. There are those who cannot discern between emotion and the movement of the Spirit on the heart. There are those who cannot discern between the holy and the profane.

Christian — we are in a battle; let us not forget this. There are many fronts in this battle, we must be alert and not allow pastors to bring in error because they are teaching and preaching truth.

Art Sadlier.

America is Slipping into Darkness

The US government has announced it plans to make the US the global sex cops. It has announced plans to try to intervene in the workings of other nations where homosexuality is not promoted, as well as plans to create special provisions for homosexuals and those with alternate lifestyle choices to gain special admittance to the U.S. Among the provisions is a specific call for the U.S. government to "enhance" its work to provide services to "LGBT refugees and asylum seekers."

America has positioned itself in direct defiance of God and His word. This initiative will turn America into a modern Sodom. The fact is; that until now, there has never been another country like Sodom, America is the first to duplicate the wickedness of Sodom to the fullest extent. America is facing the same fate as Sodom whom God destroyed because their wickedness. (We Canadians are tarred with the same brush).

An executive order signed by President Obama makes it a goal of the Federal Government to hire people who reflect his ideals of "diversity and inclusion," meaning gays, lesbians and transsexuals. The federal government apparently will be going overseas to hunt for workers who meet Obama's ideals regarding sexual orientation or gender identity.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently put the Obama administration clearly on the opposite side of Christians seeking religious freedom in the debate over human sexuality, prompting praise from gay rights activists. In remarks on Tuesday, December 6, in Geneva to the United Nations, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said religious and cultural beliefs are standing in the way of homosexual human rights worldwide.

The United States Senate recently voted 93-7 to approve a defence authorization bill that includes a provision which not only repeals the military law on sodomy, it also repeals

the military ban on sex with animals (bestiality).

Do you believe that The Lord will continue to bless the US army as in the past? Could the American Military possibly be facing its first major military defeat? Should the phrase, "God bless America" be changed to "God judge America"?

This change of values has occurred throughout the whole of western culture. ABC News reports that Natalie Johnson, from San Antonio, Texas claims she was fired from her job at Macy's for telling a transgender customer that he could not change in the women's dressing room.

Multiplied millions go to watch gay pride parades, some with their families, to be entertained by nudity, obscenities, perversion and lewdness.

"Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting"
Jeremiah 15:6

The mainline media and Hollywood have worked tirelessly to inculcate the false idea that homosexuality is a human right. In the process they have trampled on the Word of God. Their efforts have had an impact on the general population with one opinion poll indicating a majority now accept gay marriage.

In the schools children have been taught to accept homosexuality as a normal and legitimate.

The signs of judgment on America are multiplying all around us. Many who have expertise in the area of economics and finances are shouting that they are facing a major economic and monetary collapse in the near future. Others are telling us of the threat of an EMP attack which could result in cultural and economic ruin.

The multiplication of natural disasters in America has sounded the alarm bells that warn of the pending judgment of God on the nation. There is no doubt

that 9/11 was a warning from God to America, a warning that America is coming down if she does not repent.

Some are hoping that the coming elections will bring a change with new hope for the nation. It seems evident to thoughtful students of scripture that the troubles of America are judgments sent from God to warn the nation to turn around. However there are no signs of repentance in America, it indeed seems that hearts are hardening, which would seal the fate of America.

In a similar hour God brought destruction on Sodom for the sins into which America has now plunged. From Sodom we learn something about when this destruction will come on America. Before the Lord could send destruction on Sodom, righteous Lot had to be out of the city. In Genesis 19 the Lord said to Lot, "*Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither....*" (Genesis 19:22). Notice where lot was commanded to go in verse 17, "*.....Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.*"

Then we read, "*Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven*" (verse 24). I believe we have parallel that applies to America today. The clear implication seems to be that before God brings judgment on America His children will be removed by the rapture to the heavenly Mount Zion.

The Lord spoke to Israel through Jeremiah in a similar time in Israel's history.

"Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting" (Jeremiah 15:6).

As we contemplate that which lies in the near future for our society, our reaction should be the same as Jeremiah's was. Jeremiah 9:1, "*Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!*"

Art Sadlier

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Iran – The Iranian situation is rapidly becoming a major crisis. It is estimated that Iran will have 5 nuclear bombs by April if nothing changes. It seems unthinkable that either Israel or America could tolerate such a happening. That means that a strike on Iran could happen at any moment, either by Israel or America or both. It seems such action would undoubtedly trigger a war against Israel.

American sanctions on Iran are badly hurting the Iranian economy. The proposed additional sanctions on Iranian banks will cut much deeper into the Iranian economy and limit the transactions re: the purchase of oil from Iran.

Iran has threatened to close the Straits of Hormuz to the passage of oil tankers and they certainly have potential to do it. America has vowed that they will not allow this to happen. The likely hood of a confrontation is escalating. It has been estimated that if this closure were to happen the price of oil would rise to \$300 – 500 a barrel. That would plunge the world into recession or worse.

The whole situation is out of control, America is now caught along in circumstances beyond their control. It

is not hard to see that there are higher powers moving in the affairs of men and nations.

Iran seems determined to provoke a war with Israel. Debkafile reported that Iran has upgraded their objective of wiping Israel off the map to annihilating Jews worldwide. It is not hard to see the hidden hand behind the scenes.

The whole Mideast situation is a powder keg that could blow at any moment. We suspect that when the trigger is pulled the whole end time scenario will unfold.

Europe – In Europe the situation is growing more critical by the hour. Warnings of impending economic disaster are coming from every direction. The solution seems to be in unification of the EU states. The whole scenario begs a super leader to come on the scene and force unification. The stage is being set for the appearance of Antichrist.

China-India-Japan - Analysts are becoming increasingly concerned that China may launch a surprise military attack on India in 2012. The concerns center on an ongoing border dispute between the two countries and

joint energy projects that India has entered into with Vietnam in areas of the South China Sea which China claims as its own territory.

According to regional analysts, China claims that the India-China border is 2,000 kilometres long while India asserts that it is 4,000 kilometres. The difference is due to the Chinese challenge to India's claim over territories from Sikkim to Pakistan occupied Kashmir.

Another argument between India and China focuses on New Delhi's "Look East" policy of an Indian-Japanese defence relationship. This is in addition to India's longstanding interest in Central Asia, particularly Afghanistan, where it has heavy investments and recently signed an agreement to provide training for Afghan military and police forces once U.S. and coalition troops leave next year.

Japan and India have signed an agreement to cooperate in the manufacturing of military equipment. This is a departure from Japan's policy of shunning the idea of war. Japan shares India's concern over the military build up in China. Art Sadlier

"...Blow the trumpet and warn the people" Ezekiel 33:3

Let the Headlines Speak



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U.S., Israel Discuss 'triggers' for Iran Attack'

Jpost

Media reports suggest the Obama administration outlined red lines for determining when to strike militarily against Iran.

American news site *The Daily Beast* reported that in recent weeks, Washington had taken steps to reassure Israel "that the administration had its own 'red lines' that would trigger military action against Iran, and that there is no need for Jerusalem to act unilaterally."

U.S. Warns Iran Over Threat to Block Oil Route

BBC News

The US Navy has said it will not tolerate disruption to a vital oil-trade route, following an Iranian threat to close it. Iran warned it would shut the Strait of Hormuz if the West imposed more sanctions over its nuclear programme.

Idf Chief: Israel Can't Escape Gaza Incursion

Arutz Sheva - Gavriel Queenan
IDF Chief of Staff Benny Gantz on Tuesday said there is "no escape"

from launching a major operation to root out Hamas in Gaza.

Abbas Primes West Bank for "Palestinian Resistance" (third Intifada)

debkafile

Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas kicked off preparations for a fresh outbreak of anti-Israel "resistance" – which concerned US and Israeli security circles believe will develop into "Intifada No. 3"

Netanyahu: Israel will not Negotiate With Palestinians

Should Hamas Join Government

Haaretz .com

PM denounces Fatah-Hamas reconciliation moves, but says he is ready to negotiate with PA's Abbas anytime, anywhere.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu commented Sunday on the recent moves by Fatah and Hamas to set up a unity government, saying that Israel would not negotiate with the Palestinians should such a government be established.

IMF's Lagarde Warns Global Economy Threatened

Reuters

PARIS - The head of the International Monetary Fund said the world economy was in danger and urged Europeans to speak with one voice on a debt crisis that has rattled the global financial system.

Nuke Expert: Time to Attack Iran

Ynet News - Yitzhak Benhorin

Former Obama Administration strategist says US-perpetrated attack on Islamic Republic's nuclear program could spare world from very real threat

Tehran Embarks on Nuclear Weaponization

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During the half hour they talked at the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland, last Friday, Dec. 16, US President Barack Obama received from Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak the latest intelligence on Iran's nuclear weapons program. Barak disclosed that Iran has started work on the assembly of a nuclear weapon and advanced surreptitiously on a program for developing a plutonium nuclear weapon.

Terror Fear As Scientists

Deliberately Create 'Armageddon' Bird Flu Virus in Lab

Mailonline - Fiona Macrae

A super-strain of bird flu that could infect and wipe out millions has been developed in a laboratory.

Dutch scientists who created the 'Armageddon virus' say it is 'probably one of the most dangerous viruses you can make'.

The Pope's Push for a One - World Religion

Mike Gendron - Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries

One of the greatest dangers to Christianity today is the deliberate suppression of biblical truth for the sake of unity. The danger intensifies as we see many highly visible and influential Christians are jumping on

the Vatican's ecumenical bandwagon. Instead of warning believers that this false unity is the emergence of the "last days" apostate church, evangelicals are embracing and applauding those who are engineering it.

Ontario Catholic Schools Worry Anti - Bullying Bill Can Force Pro-gay Curriculum

christianpost.com

Christian groups have voiced concern that a recently proposed anti-bullying bill in Canada could force religious schools to adopt a pro-gay curriculum.

Middle East on the Brink of War

nationalpost.com

As Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad clings to power with the quiet backing of regional powers Iran and Russia, the Middle East may be sliding slowly into war.

Squeezed between the rebellions of a bloody Arab Spring and growing fears of a possible military response to Iran's growing nuclear threat, the region is becoming increasingly unstable.

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The Spiritual/Religious World

There are two forces at work in the area of the spiritual.

First there is the *New Age Movement* which uses the term spirituality to describe their agenda. Their goal is to bring men to believe that they have an "innate divinity" within themselves. They are working toward what they refer to as a "Quantum Leap." This will happen, they believe when enough people come to recognize their divinity, at that point a new Spiritual Order will appear bringing all mankind together in unity and peace.

Barbara Marx Hubbard is calling December 22, 2012 as the global birthday. She is working together with other New Age leaders to bring this to fruition. They believe this will result in a global evolutionary leap that will finally unite the world spiritually, socially, and consciously.

Then there are the religious leaders of the world who working through interfaith meetings to bring the

religious world together. There is the largest ever schedule of interfaith meetings scheduled this year. It will climax next fall in Rome, when 300 spiritual leaders representing the world's religions will come together to facilitate a Quantum leap into the New Spiritual Order.

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Tom Harper, in a recent syndicated newspaper column, brought the two drives together.

"At this time of crisis for Christianity, a time that is also one of immense opportunity and hope, nothing less is called for than a total rethinking and recasting of the core message to be presented to this and future generations.

Old ideas and formulae (dogmas) from distant times have either to be dumped or radically reinterpreted so that they actually connect rather than turn off potential listeners.

Concepts and words like salvation, sin, redemption, heaven and hell, eternal life and judgment need to be restated in a wholly transformed modality.

Most people see themselves as spiritual beings. It's religion that they can't handle.

Ultimately every religion is a metaphor for God, the sacredness of all creation, and the innate divinity of every human being on the planet."

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It seems to me that the year 2012 may be the year of deception, the greatest time of religious deception the world has ever seen. This world-wide of deception will sweep away all who have given in to lesser deceptions. Apostasy begets apostasy. Could it be that 2012 will be the year that much of Evangelicalism is swept into this movement?

Art Sadlier

