



*“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*

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*Thou therefore endure
hardness, as a good soldier of
Jesus Christ. No man that
warreth entangleth himself
with the affairs of this life; that
he may please him who hath
chosen him to be a soldier.
2 Timothy 2:3-4*

Save me from the error of
judging a church by its size, its
popularity or the amount of its
yearly offering. Help me to
remember that I am a
prophet--not a promoter, not a
religious manager, but a
prophet. Let me never become
a slave to crowds. Heal my
soul of carnal ambitions and
deliver me from the itch for
publicity. Save me from
bondage to things. Let me not
waste my days puttering
around the house. Lay Thy
terror upon me, O God, and
drive me to the place of prayer
where I may wrestle with
principalities and powers and
the rulers of the darkness of
this world. Deliver me from
overeating and late sleeping.
Teach me self-discipline that I
may be a good soldier of Jesus
Christ....

And now, O Lord of heaven and
earth, I consecrate my
remaining days to Thee; let
them be many or few, as Thou
wilt. Let me stand before the
great or minister to the poor
and lowly; that choice is not
mine, and I would not
influence it if I could. I am Thy
servant to do Thy will, and
that will is sweeter to me than
position or riches or fame and
I choose it above all things on
earth or in heaven.

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- Section 1 -

WHO WILL DELIVER ISRAEL

One of the most impressive Messianic signs of the end times was the rebirth of Israel in 1948.

Isaiah foretold this event in Isaiah 66:8, *“Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”*

Many scriptures had previously foretold that Israel would be scattered among the nations of the world, and that Israel as a nation would die.

Isaiah is talking about the nation of Israel, Zion is Israel. He is foretelling that Israel, though it would die, would yet be reborn in a single day.

2,800 years later it happened exactly as Isaiah foretold. The headlines of the Palestine Post on May 16, 1948 read; *“The State of Israel is born.”* The article went on to say, *“The first independent Jewish state in nineteen centuries was*

born in Tel Aviv as the British mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday.”

Just as Isaiah said nearly 3,000 years earlier, Israel was born in one day. On May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion declared Israel to be an independent Jewish state. God’s Word was fulfilled!

There was another prophecy involved in this episode. Isaiah prophesied that Israel’s birth would survive its planned destruction. *“Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God”* (Isaiah 66:9). The Lord is talking about Israel being still born, dying at birth.

The clear implication is that there would be an attempt to kill the nation of Israel at the time of her rebirth.

Notice the phrases, *“...shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb?”* And the phrase, *“Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?”*

I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.” Zechariah 13:9

The answer is given in verse 10, *“Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her.”*

That is exactly what happened. The nations tried to kill Israel at her rebirth but God preserved her.

Back in 1948 we have this news quote, *“General George Marshall, spokesman for the US State Department, had wired the premier of the new state of Israel, David ben Gurion, that if he declared an independent state, that five Arab armies would immediately march against the new nation and within three days there would not be a Jew left alive in Palestine.”*

But 2,800 years earlier God said through the prophet Isaiah that He would not allow that to happen. They swept into Israel from all directions; their clearly stated goal was to kill every living Jew. The story has been recorded of this great miracle of God, as He used a ragtag group of lightly armed farmers and

rebels, with no air force, to defeat five of the world’s modern, well equipped armies of that day.

It seems obvious that the God of Israel used such a scenario to demonstrate to Israel and the world that it was He who gave the victory.

In 1967 and in 1973 this scenario was repeated. God was again saying to Israel, when you are in a desperate hopeless situation, I am the one who can deliver you.

Today Israel is rapidly heading toward another hopeless situation. It will not be Israel’s faithless, unbelieving, leaders who will deliver the nation from annihilation. It will be the God of Israel who delivers her.

GOD WILL NOT USE NETANYAHU TO DELIVER HIS PEOPLE

The coming election will make no difference. Netanyahu has been a good leader for Israel, but he is a man who does not believe the promises of God.

He along with almost all of Israel's leaders is more than willing to give up a large portion of the Promised Land, Judea and Samaria. God cannot use a man who does not believe His Word and act accordingly with faith.

The Israelis are God's chosen people; however the chosen people are under both a blessing and a curse, Deuteronomy 28. Those individuals who will respond to God in obedience and faith will obtain the blessing of God and all of the promises of God. The remainder will be cursed by God. That will come to fruition in the soon coming tribulation period. Zechariah 13:8-9, *"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God."* There are dark days ahead for a large portion of the Israelis who will not respond to God in obedience and faith.

Israel's current leaders are repulsed at the thought of a Theocracy; that is why they are restricting the activity of Jews on the Temple Mount. That is why the Muslims are allowed to control the Temple Mount. These leaders pay lip service to God but their hearts are far from Him. These men want a democracy like the European nations. God cannot use these men to deliver His people. Israel's real problem is not her enemies but rather her relationship with her God. As much as we love Israel we cannot get between God and His chosen people.

Netanyahu has vowed over and over, just like Obama, that he would never allow Iran to obtain nuclear weapons, but he has done nothing to stop it from happening. They have drawn red line after red line and Iran has ignored each one.

Debkafile reported on December 15, "The secret, one-on-one talks President Barack Obama launched with Iran on Dec. 1 have run into a blank wall over Iran's refusal to give up 20-percent uranium enrichment. Iran has furthermore found it can extract 100 kilos of weapons-grade uranium from the fuel rods removed from the Bushehr reactor, enough for 24 plutonium bombs equal to the WWII bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

The path to Iranian nuclear weapons is wide open, and Iran has the means to deliver these nuclear warheads to Israel.

Unbelievably, Netanyahu has now begun to be more accommodating to Hamas, making many concessions to them. He deferred to attack Hamas at the point where he could have neutralized them.

The government of Netanyahu has repeatedly arrested Jewish men on the Temple Mount for the suspicion of praying to the God of Israel. This makes the Israeli leaders the brazen enemies of God.

Netanyahu is now hedging on the building the proposed houses in East Jerusalem. It seems that some Israelis are disillusioned with him and that his prospect of forming the next government has gone from certainty to a question mark. It is suggested that he is seeking to form a left wing coalition which would be less advantageous for Israel?

Don't look for a man to deliver Israel from that which will eventually engulf them.

DON'T LOOK FOR THE AMERICANS TO DELIVER ISRAEL

Obama has worked diligently for the last four years to prevent Israel from eliminating Iran's nuclear program. He has insisted that there was lots of time and now time has run out, as he certainly knew it would.

One of the most terrifying situations for Israel is about to take place. Obama has announced his nominee for Secretary of Defence, Former Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel. The following is the record of this man who is anti-Jewish from the inside out.

[In 2009, Hagel signed a letter urging President Obama to begin direct negotiations with Hamas, a U.S. designated terrorist group committed in its Charter to the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews.

In 2008, Hagel was "solely responsible" for blocking an Iran sanctions bill.

In a 2006 interview with former Middle East negotiator Aaron David Miller, Hagel said that "the Jewish lobby intimidates a lot of people" on Capitol Hill.

In August 2006, Hagel was one of only 12 Senators who refused to formally call upon the European Union to designate as a terrorist organization

Hezbollah, which in 1983 murdered 242 U.S. marines in Beirut.

In July 2006, at the outbreak of the Lebanon war, Hagel argued against giving Israel the time to break Hezbollah, urging instead an immediate ceasefire.

December 2005: Hagel was one of only 27 senators who refused to sign a letter to President Bush urging him to pressure the Palestinian Authority (PA) to ban terrorist groups from participating in Palestinian legislative elections.

June 2004, Hagel refused to sign a letter urging President Bush to highlight Iran's nuclear program at the G-8 summit and was one of only two senators in to vote against renewal of the Libya-Iran sanctions act.

November 2001: Hagel was one of only 11 senators who refused to sign a letter urging President Bush not to meet with the late Yasser Arafat until his forces ended the violence against Israel.

In July 2001, Hagel was one of only two senators to vote against extending the original Iranian sanctions bill.

October 2000: Hagel was one of only four senators who refused to sign a Senate letter in support of Israel.]

You do not have to be rocket scientist to know how much support Israel will get from the American military in the future. In this choice we can clearly see Obama's thoughts toward Israel.

What hope does Israel have? Will Iran destroy Israel with the bomb? There is a great crisis building for Israel and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel.

In the same chapter 66 of Isaiah God gives us the answers to these questions. Verse 14-16, *"And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many."*

And in verse 22, *"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain."*

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The Coming Judgment

The scripture has much to say about a coming time of judgment upon the earth. In connection with that time scripture gives to us insights into the events which will take place.

Listen to a description of the severity of that judgment. *“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it”* (Isaiah 13:9). One of the purposes is to punish sinners and to remove them from the face of the earth.

Verse 11, *“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.”* Verse 13, *“Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.”* We see something of the wrath of God poured out in that time.

This is a description of the seven year tribulation period that will begin after the church is raptured.

We know from scripture how this period begins. Daniel tells us it will begin with the signing of a seven year peace treaty by the Antichrist. As a result of this peace agreement Paul describes the atmosphere around the beginning of that time. 1 Thessalonians 5:3, *“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”*

Notice the change of atmosphere, prior to this signing the world does not enjoy peace and safety. Apparently there will be a time of war and turmoil in which there is no peace and no safety. In that time of danger and chaos and insecurity the climate will be set for this false messiah to come on the scene and capture the world’s attention by miraculously bringing peace and security.

The question we are considering, is the nature of that period prior to the peace treaty, prior to the rapture. Our world is now facing some monumental threats to the survival of people and nations. Are these threats now on our horizon about to explode prior to the peace treaty?

What are some of these current threats to our world?

The following is an excerpt from the Washington Times.

“A Super-EMP warhead would not weigh much, and could probably be delivered by North Korea’s ICBM. The missile does not have to be accurate, as the EMP field is so large that detonating anywhere over the United States would have catastrophic consequences. The warhead does not even need a re-entry vehicle, as an EMP attack entails detonating the warhead at high-altitude, above the atmosphere.”

“As of Dec. 12, North Korea’s successful orbit of a satellite demonstrates its ability to make an EMP attack against the United States - right now.”

“The Congressional EMP Commission estimates that, given the nation’s current unpreparedness, within one year of an EMP attack, two-thirds of the U.S. population - 200 million Americans - would probably perish from starvation, disease and societal collapse.”

It has also been noted that Iran will soon be in a position to launch an EMP attack.

The second scenario involves biological warfare. The following is a news report from WND.

“Iranian scientists, working under orders from the radicals running the Islamic regime, have genetically altered microbial agents in a nightmarish scheme to bring the West to its knees.”

“According to a source in the Revolutionary Guards intelligence unit with knowledge of Iran’s microbial research and development, the scientists, with Russian and North Korean help, currently possess eight extremely dangerous microbial agents that, if unleashed, could kill millions of people.”

“The source revealed the existence of a plant in Marzanabad, Iran, where 12 Russian and 28 Iranian scientists are working on microbial agents for bombs.”

“At that time, the source disclosed that Iran was working on 18 agents, with four completed. He has now provided information that with work at two other

plants, Iran has created a total of eight microbial agents, with research on insects to be used as the vector to infect the societies of its enemies.”

“The eight agents are anthrax, encephalitis, yellow grain, SARS, Ebola, cholera, smallpox and plague.”

“Iran, with North Korea’s help, has genetically altered the smallpox virus that makes current vaccinations useless against it. Research at two facilities that act as drug companies but are fronts for the deadly research shows insects can be used as the vector to carry plague, infamous as the ‘Black Death,’ according to the source.”

We now live in a world where a growing number of satanically inspired men are driven by the lust to kill as many people as possible. That is a prelude to the tribulation period, another indication that we are standing on threshold of that time.

The question is:

ARE THESE PRE-TRIBULATION SCENARIOS OR ARE THEY TRIBULATION SCENARIOS?

One of major pre-tribulation scenarios is the war of Psalm 83. According to the record of this war in Psalm 83 – Isaiah 17 – Ezekiel 35-36, this war must take place prior to the signing of the peace treaty. The setting for this war is exactly what is happening in Israel today with her next door neighbours attempting to destroy her; it takes place when Israel is not enjoying peace as she will be after the peace treaty is signed.

This war will be a war that explodes on the world with earth shaking consequences. It appears that nuclear weapons will be used on Syria by Israel (Isaiah 17:1, 14).

Another scenario that is also preparation for the signing of the peace treaty is the coming world-wide economic collapse which will result in chaos and societal collapse. Such a collapse is inevitable according to many of our economists.

The above scenarios seem likely to be the stage setting events for the appearance of Antichrist.

We read about that appearance in Revelation 6:2, *“And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; (notice no arrows) and a*

crown was given unto him: (Beginning of his ascension to ruler-ship of the world) *and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*” In the midst of this pre-tribulation chaos and turmoil this miracle working deceiver comes and solves the problems in a peaceful way. Daniel says he conquerors with a peace initiative, Daniel 8:25, “...by peace he shall destroy many...” Notice, “A crown

was given unto him.” The world bows at his feet and his ascension as the world’s ruler begins. In the succeeding verses peace is followed by war, famine and death.

The only escape from the coming judgment of God is to be found in Christ Jesus. “*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put*

to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18).

My friends do not have your head in the sand, our world is moving rapidly toward the end of this present age. **THE HOUR IS LATE FOR THIS SINFUL, TIRED OLD WORLD.**
Art Sadlier

Waiting for the Apocalypse

The following quotes are from a series of articles in the Ottawa Citizen.

“Why do so many of us believe some kind of catastrophe is waiting right around the corner?”

“A recent survey for the National Geographic Channel, the “Doomsday Preppers Survey,” found that 71 per cent expected a major catastrophe in their lifetime and about 45 per cent said they’d already stocked up on canned goods and water in preparation for such an event.”

“In the 19th century most educated westerners enjoyed a world where, in the words of historian Frederic Baumgartner, “The expectation of the End Times largely meant a time when the human race, led by science and technology, would become perfect.” The horrors of the First World War and then the Second World War: think, for instance, of the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and the Nazi concentration camps, shattered public optimism about the future.”

The article in the Citizen gives an extensive review of the apocalyptic fear of end time events. It deals with many cultures and covers much of history, dealing also with the current rise of concern over the crisis that implies a coming catastrophe for our world.

The following quote reveals the darkness of hearts that have been blinded by unbelief that has rejected God altogether.

“The only end-times prediction that can be made with any reasonable certainty, at least according to science, is that a few billion years from now the sun will go nova and balloon into a red giant and turn the planet into a cinder. Long before then we, as a species, will either have disappeared through our own folly or surrender to some apocalyptic delusion? Or we will have evolved into

entities that will take us home to the stars.”

The net effect of the article is to downplay and to scorn the whole idea of a coming end of the present age and the second coming of Christ. It equates the Biblical warning of a coming apocalypse with the myths and allusions and confusion that has been present in many cultures down over the centuries.

We are reminded of what Peter said about such people. “*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men*” (2 Peter 3:3-7).

Scoffers and ungodly men think they can escape the judgment of God by denying the warnings of God concerning the second coming of Christ and the judgment He will bring.

Even more alarming is the denial of the second coming by religious leaders who masquerade as evangelicals. The following are quotations from some of these false shepherds.

MARK DRISCOLL – THE RAPTURE IS DUMB: “One of the most astonishing things about Jesus is that as God he actually chose to come into our fallen, sick, twisted, unjust, evil, cruel, painful world and be with us to suffer like us and for us. Meanwhile, we spend most of our time trying to figure out how to

avoid the pain and evil of this world while reading dumb books about the rapture just hoping to get out.” (*Vintage Jesus*, p. 44).

RICK WARREN – THE DETAILS OF JESUS’ RETURN ARE NONE OF OUR BUSINESS – “When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to evangelism. He wanted them to concentrate on their mission in the world. He said in essence, “The details of my return are none of your business. What is your business is the mission I have given you. Focus on that!” (*PDL*, p. 285).

Rick Warren says, “Don’t think about Bible prophecy.” Rick Warren tells readers to think about something other than Bible prophecy.”

TONY CAMPOLO – END-TIME CHRISTIANS CAUSE OF WORLD’S WOES: “Tony Campolo says that Christians who ‘make a big thing of their claim that we are now living in the final stage of church history prior to the second coming of Christ’ have been the cause of ‘extremely detrimental’ consequences. They ‘discount the Sermon on the Mount,’ they don’t care about the needy, and they have had such a negative ‘impact on geopolitics,’ which Campolo says ‘can lead only to war.’ Basically, according to Campolo they are the reason the world is in such a mess, and they are holding back progress of a more emerging spirituality.” (*Faith Undone*, p. 160, quoting Campolo, *Speaking My Mind*, pp. 209-217).

BRIAN MCLAREN – DON’T TAKE THE BOOK OF REVELATION SERIOUS: “Since Jewish apocalyptic was a popular genre in Jesus’ day, we would expect him to be influenced by it and use its language and metaphors.... against the backdrop of Jewish apocalyptic, we discover that phrases

that sound like they're about the destruction of the world—like “the moon will turn to blood” or “the stars will fall from the sky”—are actually rather typical stock phrases in Jewish apocalyptic. They are no more to be taken literally than phrases we might read in the paper today.” (McLaren, *The Secret Message of Jesus*,” pp. 177-178.

ROBERT SCHULLER AND C.P. WAGNER – DON'T LET ESCHATOLOGY STIFLE YOU: Robert Schuller's advice to young church leaders would seem to apply to new apostolic Christians: “Don't let eschatology stifle your long-term thinking.” C. P. Wagner (quoted in *False Christ Coming: Does Anybody Care?*)

NEW AGE OCCULTIST ALICE BAILEY - NO INTEREST IN HEAVEN OR HELL: “It is time that the church woke up to its true mission, which is to materialize the kingdom of God on earth, today, here and now.... People are no longer interested in a possible heavenly state or a probable hell. They need to learn that the kingdom is here, and must express itself on earth ... The way into that kingdom is the way that Christ trod. It involves the sacrifice of the personal self for the good of the world, and the service of humanity ...”

Notice how evangelical leaders are coming into line with New Age teaching. The New Age agenda is to make the world a better place, to bring about a utopic kingdom on earth in the here and now. That is the agenda of Antichrist. The Laodicean church, according to Revelation 3:16; will be spewed out of the mouth of Christ into the kingdom of Antichrist and into the tribulation period. The above quoted “new spiritual” leaders and their new evangelical counterparts are leading the present day Laodicean church into the agenda of Antichrist.

Paul indicated that false teachers would come into the church; in fact they penetrated the church even in Paul's day. “*For I know this; that after my departing shall grievous wolves*

enter in among you, not sparing the flock” (Acts 20:29).

Those who ridicule the warnings of the present signs of the coming of Christ are like blind men whistling in the dark. Paul said to the believers at Thessalonica, “*But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief*” (1 Thessalonians 5:4). In verse 6 Paul described those who today cannot see and understand the signs of the times, “*Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.*”

The signs of the times are multiplying all around us. We now have major earthquakes every day; they are so common that they are no longer newsworthy. We now have unprecedented storms and tsunamis and increasing numbers of volcanic eruptions. Wars and rumours of wars are on the increase. Though we have had pandemics in the past, today there are numerous threats and viruses that have been previously unknown.

We have multiplying numbers of threats of a major economic collapse with drastic consequences.

While none of these things are new, they are unprecedented in numbers and intensity and are the very signs Jesus foretold in connection with His return.

Add to these things the scenario in Europe which is setting the stage for the fulfilment of Bible end time prophecy. Then we have the situation in the Mideast and Israel, a situation that is also the preparation for events foretold thousands of years ago in the Word of God.

Jesus said in Luke 21:26, “*Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.*” We are now seeing this warning coming to pass.

Our world is now facing the threat of chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction. We are facing the terror of the multiplication of nuclear

weapons in the hands of vicious terrorist states.

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“As of Dec. 12, North Korea's successful orbit of a satellite demonstrates its ability to make an EMP attack against the United States - right now. The Congressional EMP Commission estimates that, given the nation's current unpreparedness, within one year of an EMP attack, two-thirds of the U.S. population - 200 million Americans - would probably perish from starvation, disease and societal collapse.”

Unsaved men and women have every reason to be fearful about the things that are coming into our world.

The adversary of the souls of men is committed to preventing men and women from escaping from his kingdom of darkness. One of his methods is to create false scenarios of the end of the age. These false scenarios lull men and women to sleep and it causes them to neglect the warnings of God concerning the soon coming judgment.

Jesus gave warning signs that would occur in the last days indicating that the end of age was near at hand. Those signs are all around us. Jesus also said in Matthew 24:21, “*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*” We are standing on the threshold of that time.

Any thinking person can easily realize that we are living in the days Jesus warned about. The only deliverance from the catastrophic events at hand is to come to Christ in repentance and faith for the salvation which He freely provides.

John 3:14-15, “*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*”

Art Sadlier



DECLINE

We are shocked at the decline in that which calls itself the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the loss of the basic understanding as to what the church is to be that is the most amazing.

The church of Laodicea represents the church at the end of the church age. The church of Philadelphia and the church of Laodicea are contemporary immediately prior to the rapture. The

age of the church of Philadelphia is now past and the church of Laodicea is now in the ascendancy, this is the Laodicean age, though Philadelphia is still in the world as a remnant.

Back in the 1940's the leaders of what was then fundamentalism, decided that they would abandon separation in order to penetrate the world and win people to Christ. Laodicea/New Evangelicalism was born. It seemed like a good idea at the time. Stop separating from the world, stop contending for the faith, win them by associating with them.

The problem was that it is the exact opposite to the purpose of Christ for the church.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:17).

JESUS, BEARING HIS CROSS, went forth to suffer outside the gate. The Christian's reason for leaving the camp of the world's sin and its' religion is not because he loves to be singular, but because Jesus did so; and the disciple must follow his Master.

[Spurgeon said, "Christ was 'not of the world.' His life and His testimony were a constant protest against conformity with the world. Never was such overflowing affection for men as you find in Him; but still He was separate from sinners."

"In like manner Christ's people must 'go out to Him.' They must take their position 'outside the camp,' as witness-bearers for the truth. They must be prepared to tread the straight and narrow path. They must have bold, unflinching, lion-like hearts, loving Christ first, and His truth next, and Christ and His truth beyond all the world. Jesus would have His people 'go forth outside the camp' for their own sanctification."

"The crown of glory will follow the cross of separation. A moment's shame will be well recompensed by eternal honor; a little while of witness-bearing will seem nothing when we are 'forever with the Lord.'"]

Our generation has lost the truth of what it means to be a child of God and what the church is to be. *"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach" (Hebrews 13:13).*

Though the body of Christ is not under the law, the fact remains that God's method of producing holiness in His

people has never changed. That program is laid out in the Old Testament. Exodus 33:16 *"....so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth."* Leviticus 20:34, *"....I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people."*

The transition from the era of Philadelphia to the era of Laodicea appears to have begun in the early 1950's. This transition was from the era of fundamentalism, to the era of new evangelicalism. In the late 1940s new evangelicalism was born. It was conceived in compromise. The decision was made to discontinue contending for the faith, *"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).* Instead of contending the new approach would be to dialogue with those liberals who were denying the essential doctrines of the faith. Instead of separating from the world, an effort would be made to be more accommodating to the world. An effort would be made to impress the world in order to win the world; this effort would replace separation from the world.

This new approach would be manifested in ecumenical evangelism, also in the methods that came to be known as the church growth movement (using the world's methods to get people into the church). Eventually the world's music was brought into the church. This was first done by using the Lord's music in a worldly way until eventually the world's music was incorporated.

This whole transition was a slow process, just an inch at a time. Few were willing to contend for an inch and the inch became a mile.

This movement was very deceptive because it was all done in the name of evangelism. Who can fight against evangelism? Here again, we in retrospect, can look back and see more clearly, that the evangelism of this new evangelical church was, and is, a counterfeit evangelism. It is the evangelism of easy-believism which cannot save. Easy-believism makes counterfeit Christians, and fills the church with pseudo disciples of Christ.

Genuine salvation involves more than merely saying that you receive Christ as your saviour. It involves genuine repentance, *"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (2 Corinthians 7:10).* It involves a willingness to forsake all to follow Christ, *"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33).*

Easy-believism is an add-on to the life; salvation is a total surrender of the life to Christ.

The word Laodicea means "rights of the people" or "the people ruling." The church of Laodicea has ridden on the coattails of the human rights movement. The head of the church, Jesus Christ, no longer holds all authority in the Laodicean church. This Laodicean-democratic church is ruled by the people not by Christ.

It is not hard to determine whether a present day church is Laodicean or Philadelphian. The Philadelphians have a burning white hot love for Christ. They are devoted to discovering what Christ would have them to do, and to do it with all their might. They would rather die than compromise the Word of God. They love the lost, but they are happy to separate from the world and all it stands for. They have no love for the world, or the things of the world, their focus is on "things above."

Philadelphians stick out like a sore thumb; they don't fit in with this world. *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16).*

Laodiceans cannot stand to be different; they cannot bear to not be accepted by the world. They blend in with the people of the world, you can scarcely tell the difference. Their pleasures are the pleasures of the world. They use every opportunity they can to persuade the people of the world that they are really no different from them. Their method is to convince the unsaved that they really do not have to change much to become Christian. Their whole lifestyle is one of

conformity to the ways of the world. They mistakenly think that by being like the world they can win the world. The contrast between Laodicea and Philadelphia is most clearly seen in the contrast of Philadelphian white hot burning love for Christ and the Luke warmness of Laodicea. It is seen in the zeal of the Philadelphians to discover and to do the will of Christ and again, the contrasting Luke warmness of Laodicea.

The philosophy of the user-friendly, purpose driven church has permeated the evangelical church. It has even penetrated many who would insist that they are fundamentalists; in fact much of the fundamentalist church is moving blindly into Laodiceanism.

New Evangelicals set out to win the world for Christ, but they departed from the plan laid out in scripture to accomplish it. They thought they could bring the world into the church and a change would result. A change did come, but it was the church that changed, not the world. Instead of the church winning the world, the world won the church.

Out of this departure from scripture there has spawned a great and growing apostasy. The fate of the Laodicean church is found in the words of Jesus, "I will spew thee out of my mouth." The fate of the Laodicean church is to be cast out into the tribulation period and be incorporated into the Harlot church of Revelation 17. We sadly see that many evangelicals have moved in that direction with many pseudo-fundamentalists hard on their heels. What a tragedy!

The Fundamentalists say, "I believe in and will practice separation from apostasy". The New Evangelicals say "I do not believe in and will not practice separation from apostasy". They say "we will not come out; we will sit down and talk".

The watchwords of the Fundamentalists are **"Be not unequally yoked", "come out from among them", "be ye separate", "touch not the unclean thing", "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness."**

The watchwords of the New Evangelicals are **"stay in," "associate," "infiltrate," "dialogue."**

Only the first set of watchwords is scriptural.

In the last 50 years New Evangelicalism has swept over the church. The church has never been weaker than it is today, regardless of any great crowds, great buildings or great programs.

The following chart by Thom S Rainer demonstrates the decline associated with New Evangelicalism.

Estimated Proportion of Each Generation Professing Faith in Christ:

Generation Name	Birth Years	Professing Christians
Builders	1910-1945	65%
Boomers	1946-1964	35%
Busters	1965-1976	15%
Bridgers	1977-1994	4%
Post Moderns	1995-	?

The apostasy of the New Evangelicals has brought the world into the church and it has literally destroyed the church.

Hear the exhortation of the voice from heaven in Revelation 18:4, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

One night I awoke from my sleep and as I lay there my spirit was troubled. I thought upon the issues surrounding the life of the Christian. I thought about separation from error and apostasy, I thought about separation from the world and from worldliness. I thought about spiritual decline and the love of the world in the lives of so many professing believers. I thought about the translation issue and how so few seemed to understand. The contemporary issues of the church and the believer swirled around in my mind. Am I right and so many wrong?

I had a sense of how isolated I was from so many around me, who claim to be believers. I began to cry out to God to give me wisdom and understanding. Lord, teach me your way, help me to discern where I am right and where I might be wrong.

As I lay there, suddenly out of the blue, there came to me the words of Jesus. "Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

I realized afresh that we cannot change the demands of Christ and the Words of Christ in order to open the gate of heaven to all those who profess to be believers. That renews our confidence on the narrow road we are walking. It also leaves us trembling for the many that seem to be self-deceived into thinking they are believers when they give so little evidence of it.

The Words of Jesus ring out, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23).

New Evangelicalism is a re-occurring topic in this newsletter. We believe that New Evangelicalism is the source of the destruction of the church. It spawned out of the fundamentalist church in the late 1940's. It took on the name of evangelical which is a short form for the word New Evangelical.

It not only destroyed the church it also destroyed the gospel. It destroyed the spiritual lives of believers who were led into compromise with the world, and it filled the church with pseudo Christians.

Many people seem to find the term New Evangelical difficult to understand. A simple definition would be that when an individual refuses to separate from the things of the world and the practices of the people of the world and from association with those who deny sound doctrine. That person is New Evangelical.

1 John 2:15; "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 2

Thessalonians 3:14; "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."

The ministry of Sound the Trumpet was in response to what we believe was the voice of God calling us to cry out against New Evangelicalism. Our desire is not to condemn but rather to deliver. Art Sadlier

A Woman Rides the Beast

The scriptures reveal that during the coming tribulation period there will be two dominant factors. The first factor will be a man called the beast or Antichrist. He will rule the entire world with an iron fist and ultimately demand that all people everywhere bow down and worship him.

Joining this cruel dictator in his domination of the world during the first half of the tribulation period, will be a world-wide religion that cooperates with him in bringing the people of the world under his control.

In the book of Revelation there are three women who are symbols of religion.

1. The first woman is found in Revelation 12, we see Israel presented as a woman, "...a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." In Genesis 37:9-10 we see this is a reference to the fledgling nation of Israel.
2. The second reference is relating to the church, where the church is referred to as the Bride of Christ, in Revelation 19:7-8.
3. The third woman that represents religion is found in Revelation 17. This is counterfeit Christianity. As the church age draws to a close that which professes to be Christianity will apostatize and after the rapture it will be incorporated into a great world-wide apostate church.

We have the record of these events in Revelation 17: 1, "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:"

Today we are reminded that we are fast approaching the above mentioned hour. The following news item in "The Telegraph" indicates this to be so.

"The ancient Greek goddess Europa who was abducted and raped by the god Zeus is to be featured on new five-euro notes which will be unveiled by the European Central Bank in the spring."

"The 'Europa' series, portraying the goddess on new security holograms and watermarks, will be phased in across the Eurozone's 17 member countries over several years, starting with a new five-euro note in May."



The article includes a picture of the woman, 'Europa' riding the beast. These

symbols indicate that these things are fast approaching us.

The attitude of this harlot church toward the world and to government is; you help me get what I want and I will help you to get what you want. It is an apostate church that is deceived, not knowing what the purpose of the church is.

Today we see this same mind-set in the purpose driven church. Whatever it takes to get the world into the church is fair game. They have been deceived into believing that union with the world is alright with the Lord of the church. In fact, He calls it spiritual fornication, and spews such a church out of His mouth.

The great State Churches and the Roman Catholic Church have practiced this very thing for years. During the tribulation period this apostasy will reach a climax. It is a grief to see evangelical churches caught up in this error, but the saddest thing is to see those who have known the truth fall away to this apostasy. Not everyone who seems to be a Christian is a

Christian; the Lord knows them that are His. Not everyone talking about heaven is going there.

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet beast, full of the names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns" (verse 3). The tribulation period begins with the woman, the church, in control of the beast.

The ten horns represent the Revived Roman Empire. The first 3 1/2 years of the tribulation period the leaders of the ten nations share power with the Antichrist and with the harlot church. It is not until the mid-tribulation point that the ten kings or leaders give their power over to the Antichrist. At that time world-wide kingdom of Antichrist will come into being. Notice the beast represents both the kingdom of antichrist and the person of Antichrist.

As he rises to power over the Revived Roman Empire the beast will use the harlot church to consolidate his control. Remember that Antichrist, indwelt by Satan, has a worship program of his own. He desires to turn the worship of Christ, even though at that time it is a perverted worship, into the worship of himself. In the meantime he submits to the counterfeit religion of the harlot church.

The first half of the tribulation then is a marriage of religion and the government of the Revived Roman Empire. Today we see this apostate Christianity coming together in preparation for the beast to use. The unifying endeavour now centers on such things as ecumenical unity, one world, climate control, world peace and prosperity. Art Sadlier