



*"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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Inescapable Choices

*When the rich young ruler
learned the cost of
discipleship he went away
sorrowing. He could not give
up the sunny side of the brae.
But thanks be to God, there are
some in every age who refuse
to go back. The Acts of the
Apostles is the story of men
and women who turned their
faces into the stiff wind of
persecution and loss and
followed the Lamb
whithersoever He went.
They knew that the world
hated Christ without a cause
and hated them for His sake;
but for the glory that was set
before them they continued
steadfastly on the way.
Perhaps the whole thing can
be reduced to a simple
matter of faith or unbelief.
Faith sees afar the triumph
of Christ and is willing to
endure any hardship to
share in it. Unbelief is not
sure of anything except that
it hates the wind and loves
the sunny side of the brae.
Every man will have to decide
for himself whether or not he
can afford the terrible luxury
of unbelief.*

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- Section 1 -

FIVE KEY AREAS TO WATCH

One of the amazing things we discover about our awesome God is that He desires to have an intimate relationship with His creatures. This relationship can only be based on our relationship with Jesus Christ. It is through Christ and the shedding of His blood that our sins are washed away and we become partakers of the righteousness of Christ. At the same time, through a new spiritual birth we become partakers of the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:4, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: (the promises contained in the gospel) that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

As a result of this born again experience we become children of God and enter into a sweet intimate relationship with God. **"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins"** (Colossians 1:13-14).

A part of this intimate relationship is found in the purpose of God to share with His children the things He plans to

do in the future. That is one of the major purposes of Bible prophecy.

We see God desiring to share with Abraham what He intended to do in the future. Genesis 18:17, **"And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do."**

We know that approximately 30% of the Bible is prophecy. That again demonstrates the desire in the heart of God to share with His own that which He intends to do in the future. That sharing is an expression of God's love toward us. A large part of God's prophetic revelation has to do with end time events. Today we are watching some of these end time events coming to pass, we are seeing the stage being set for others to take place.

There are five areas that we need to be watching as this end time scenario unfolds.

First and foremost we need to keep our eyes on Israel and events in the Mideast. Then we need to watch Europe from which the kingdom of Antichrist will arise. Thirdly we need to watch Rome where the harlot church will arise. Fourthly we need to watch America. Lastly we need to watch for the formation of world government.

1 - THE MIDEAST

For some time now the so-called Arab spring has been bringing transitions to the Arab nations that surround Israel. The more moderate enemies of Israel have been replaced by violent, radical Islamic haters of Israel.

This process is continuing in Syria and look for it to engulf Jordan as well.

In recent weeks parts of the weapons consignments destined for the Syrian rebels, especially the Free Syrian Army, are being resold to Jabhat al-Nusra, the Islamist militia which this week proclaimed itself al Qaeda of Syria amid a major offensive for the occupation of southern Syria. The jihadists are taking up positions on the Israeli and Jordanian

borders while also assuming control over the Yarmouk River and its tributaries.

How quickly this situation has developed bringing a new threat to Israel. If Assad falls it is quite probable that Syria's chemical and biological weapons will fall into the hands of these more radical enemies of Israel.

For the last two years radical Islamic forces have been growing in strength around Israel. What has actually been taking place is the scenario for the war of Psalm 83 coming together. It seems that the only piece of the puzzle that remains is the fall of Jordan into the hands of radical Islamists.

We seem to be facing momentous

events in Syria and Lebanon. Israeli military intelligence commander Maj. Gen. Aviv Kochavi said Iran has taken over much of the Syrian campaign against Sunni rebels. Kochavi said the 50,000-man force built by Hezbollah and Iran was separate from that of Assad's military. He said the Iranian-sponsored force, called the "People's Army" would soon reach 100,000 fighters. Kochavi said the People's Army represented Iran's determination to remain in Syria even with the fall of the Assad regime. He said neither Iran nor Hezbollah would give up Syria as a strategic hub.

No doubt this "People's Army" will ultimately go against Israel.

According to a Debkafile report, Obama has laid out a plan by which the US, Israel, Jordan and Turkey would attack and destroy Syria's vast store of chemical weapons. This would probably trigger a large and long war involving Iran. Russia is also now flexing her muscles with a gigantic military exercise in the black sea. Russia has serious intentions of gaining a foothold in Syria. It would seem that, true to character, Obama will get cold feet and back-off.

It is hard to lay all of these individual events out in direct correlation to the end time prophetic scenario. However it is clear that the net result of this unfolding scenario is a continuing buildup of the enemies of Israel in relationship to the coming war of Psalm 83.

2 – EUROPE

European Union is collapsing before our very eyes. For nearly sixty years the world watched as the EU rose from the ashes of history to an empire on the verge of assuming a dominant position in the world. In the last few years we have seen the wheels coming off what appeared to be the Revival of the old Roman Empire. Have we been mistaken in our understanding that the Antichrist and his kingdom, both referred to in scripture as the beast, would arise in Europe? Are those correct who are now offering an alternate view that the Antichrist will be a Muslim from Turkey?

The collapse of the Euro seems to be imminent. The withdrawal of a number of nations from the Eurozone seems also to be inevitable. The whole European enterprise seems about to die.

I believe a more careful examination of Revelation 17 will confirm that Antichrist will indeed arise out of Europe.

I suggest to you that this present situation is the exact scenario found in Revelation 17. Revelation 17:8, "*The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*"

I want to examine the phrase, "... the beast that was¹, and is not², and yet is³." Notice first that the subject is the beast; this is a reference in this context, to the Revived Roman Empire, not the old Roman Empire. The phrase "that was¹" is a reference to the first appearance of the Revived Roman Empire in the 1950's. In the intervening years we have watched the infrastructure of the Revived Roman Empire take shape.

The second phrase is "and is not²" is a reference to what we are witnessing under way right now, the collapse of the infrastructure of the Revived Roman Empire.

The third phrase is "and yet is³" refers to that which will happen when the Antichrist appears on the stage in Europe. He will perform a great miracle and bring about the sudden dramatic restoration and transformation of the European Union into the most powerful kingdom on earth.

Notice it says in our text, "... and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder..." Bullinger, in his lexicon, defines the meaning of this word "wonder" as, "to marvel" - "be astonished or amazed" - "to admire."

The ECC (the early infrastructure of the Revived Roman Empire) first came on the scene in 1957 with the signing of the Treaty of Rome. I clearly remember that there was no marvelling at that time, it was rather treated with mild curiosity.

When the European Union lies in ashes, suddenly the Antichrist will come upon the scene and overnight transform it into the leading world power. Then the world will marvel and be astonished and amazed.

The events now taking place in Europe seem to be perfectly in line with Bible prophecy.

There are several things concerning the EU that are now occurring that dovetail with the coming kingdom of Antichrist.

The recent demand by the leaders of the EU to tax the bank accounts of Cypriots is a further movement toward a socialist society. French president Francois Hollande is moving to tax those making one million Euro's per year at the rate of 75%, this again is socialism.

This is preparation for the socialist kingdom of Antichrist. We see clearly that this coming kingdom will a socialist state. Revelation 13:16-17, "*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.*" This is pure communism, the ground is now being prepared for such a state.

There is another developing situation that is preparing the way for the fulfilment of prophecy in regard to the coming kingdom of Antichrist. It is found in the present crisis situation that will evidently see a number of nations withdraw from the Eurozone. Analysts, who follow events in Europe closely, tell us that these withdrawals are certain to happen.

The prophetic scriptures clearly indicate that the Revived Roman Empire will be composed of ten kings or ten nations. Bible students have wondered for years as to how this would come about, it has seemed an unlikely scenario. Now the stage is being set for this to happen. We see another piece of the puzzle falling into place.

3 – THE WORLD CHURCH

In this issue and the last we have been dealing with the coming world church, called the harlot. We have detailed the events that are now unfolding and that

are preparing Christendom for its transition into this new entity. This involves the great apostasy that is now well underway in Evangelicalism as well as all of Christendom.

For the believers in Christ, we will not see the emergence of either the world church or the arrival of the Revived Roman Empire, but we need to keep a watchful eye nevertheless, as we see the preparations for these events begin to unfold.

We cannot know the day or the hour of the rapture, but we can see it approaching and know that it is near even at the doors.

4 – AMERICA

America is not mentioned in scripture as far as end time prophecy is concerned. America is by far the greatest power on earth at this time. It is evident that the Biblical end time scenario cannot be fulfilled because this unmentioned power is standing in the way of the unfolding of prophecy. However, as we read about the end times in God's Word we can have some understanding as to America's fate.

I repeat, America with her great power, both militarily and economically, actually stands in the way of the fulfilment of Bible end time prophecy. America must be removed from her present position or somehow be set aside. If such is the true situation, it would tend to cause us to think that America's judgment is near because her removal must take place prior to the beginning of the tribulation period.

The second thing that stands out is that America has made a tremendous transition from knowing the truth of God to rebellion against that truth. The

scope of that turning from truth is unprecedented in all of history. Not even Israel of old has had such a full orbited knowledge of the gospel. America has had more exposure to the light of truth than any nation in all of history. That situation cries out for the judgment of God on America. Judgment in scripture is always according to light rejected. I repeat, due to the fact that America is standing in the way of God's end time program, it would seem to argue that the judgment of God will fall on America before that program unfolds, and it may indeed be imminent.

There are today dozens of emerging threats to America's survival, threats that are ignored by secular society in spite of the fact that they come from authoritative sources. These threats are all of relatively recent origin. To list just a few we have, a nuclear threat in the form of an EMP attack, biological and chemical attacks and there is the threat of cyber-attack that could cripple the nation's infrastructure beyond repair. Perhaps the greatest threat is the looming economic collapse that seems to be unavoidable.

The following numbers are given by one analyst as a guarantee of the soon coming collapse of the American economy.

§ *"In the United States today, there is approximately 56 trillion dollars of total debt in our financial system, but there is only about 9 trillion dollars in our bank accounts."*

§ *"We are living in the greatest financial bubble in world history, and it isn't going to take much to topple the entire thing. And when it falls, it is going to be the largest*

financial disaster in the history of the planet."

§ *"A decline in asset values of just 4 percent would totally wipe out the equity of many of those banks, and once a financial panic begins we could potentially see major financial institutions start to go down like dominoes."*

§ *"\$16,749,269,587,407.53 - The size of the U.S. national debt. It has grown by more than 10 trillion dollars over the past ten years."*

§ *"The next wave of the economic collapse is quickly approaching. A full-blown economic depression has already started in southern Europe. Unemployment is at record highs and economic activity is contracting rapidly."*

§ *"And now the IMF is warning that the three biggest banks in Slovenia are failing and that a billion euros will be needed to bail them out. The dominoes are starting to tumble, and the United States won't be immune. In fact, the greatest financial problems that the United States has ever seen are on the horizon."*

§ *"There is no way that the global financial pyramid scheme is going to be able to hold up for too much longer. At some point it is going to totally collapse."*

An economic collapse would be a fitting judgment on a society that has worshipped material things.

To add to the mix, we have a report from Canadian Free Press that there is an American elite who are working toward world government and they plan to kill the US dollar. These are some excerpts.

Some might be surprised to learn that the fate of America's economy has already been determined, verified and announced by the Obama White House. Yet, it has received scant attention from the corporate media. In 2011, economist Kyle Bass interviewed a senior member of the Obama administration about its planned solutions for fixing the US economy and trade deficit. Among the questions he asked was about U.S. exports and wages, but the question itself was not nearly as important as the response he received from this senior administration official. In fact, this single, seven word response, clarifies everything, explains everything, and leaves little else to discuss: *"We're just going to kill the dollar."*

There it is; the entire agenda in one short sentence. It explains everything we've been seeing domestically and globally. That one statement makes every other question irrelevant, or otherwise answers all economic questions and explains everything. *Nothing else matters.* I urge you to ponder that statement and all that it implies. Doing so will provide you with the clarity to understand not only what is taking place today, but what is yet to come. The ultimate objective is to implement an international currency in tandem with a system of global governance. The problem is that most people are not thinking large enough, nor do they understand the magnitude of the lie. They are not seeing the larger picture as their focus is diverted elsewhere. For example, they focus on various tentacles of the octopus such as the gun confiscation

initiative, the DHS armament acquisitions and economic woes as independent and unrelated events. They are not. America has become a captured operation - captured from within. The takeover of America has already happened, the collaborators have already been installed, and we are now on a path to complete subjugation of a larger global system of governance.

One reason we are seeing new stock market highs is the rush to the dollar from other currencies, especially in the Eurozone. Another reason is the monetization of our debt by the Federal Reserve, despite the previous denials of Ben Bernanke and others.

Simply put, the plan by the globalists, or the central bankers and those behind them, is to create this rush to the USD like passengers from sinking ships to lifeboats.

Once the lifeboats are filled to capacity, they will be sunk, and the United States Dollar will be completely worthless. Although it was reported in The New York Times, few have paid attention to last week's meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, but it was an extremely important event in terms of the planned murder of the U.S. dollar. An alliance is being forged between Russia and China to replace the USD as the reserve currency, already severely weakened by the policies of those in power, with a gold-backed currency. Russia and China are hoarding gold to levels never before seen; while the U.S. issues worthless paper and digital currency backed by... nothing, save for the "oil-backed" scenario.]

I would add to the above, that the bringing down of the US dollar as the world reserve currency is already well underway. The following nations have already set the US dollar aside in their trade, China with Russia – China with Japan – China with Iran – India with Japan – Iran with Russia. The end of the US dollar as the world reserve currency is fast approaching as this Asian exclusion zone crosses the Pacific to include Brazil's trade with China in their respective currencies. March 31 it was announced that Australia and China would set aside the US dollar in their rather substantial trade.

I realize that the above article seems incredible, but as you read the end time prophecies in scripture they also seem incredible. It is also pretty obvious that there are powerful forces behind the scenes working toward a one world church, a one world government and a one world economy.

The question arises, could it be possible that there are a group of people who are so committed to a world government that they would betray and destroy their own country to bring it about? For an answer to that question I suggest that you remember that there has been and still is a large group of people so committed to women's rights that they have planned, initiated and brought about the slaughter of over one billion babies in their mother's wombs. No evil act is impossible or even unlikely in the light of that fact.

5 – WORLD GOVERNMENT

During the tribulation period the three dominating forces will be the world church, a world government and a

world economy. It seems that the initial steps toward world government will be taken by Antichrist at the beginning of the tribulation period but that the full fruition will not come until the Mid-tribulation point.

Today we see the preparations being laid for this coming world government.

The following is a quote from Egon von Greyerz in which he warned King World News that [The chaos we are seeing right now is unprecedented in world history. What is clear is that the world has been living above its means for a very long time. What we have seen has been the result of printed money and a massive increase in credit. This is why much of what we have seen is not real growth, and therefore the wealth is not real wealth. This is why the current system cannot last.

We now have a house of cards, and as I said before, this is unprecedented in world history because this is happening in every country in the world. Every single country is indebted to a level that has never happened on a worldwide basis before. This is why the consequences will be so much greater than what the world has ever experienced at any time in history.

Eventually the current system will implode, and we will see a dramatic lowering of the standard of living. Before that time you will have social unrest, war, cyber wars, etc. You will have massive suffering.]

There is a steady stream of warnings of a coming economic collapse; these warnings are from economist, billionaire investors and financial experts. This is in contrast to the mainline media which are claiming everything is just fine.

In another blog we read,

"Why is the global economy in so much trouble? How can so many people be so absolutely certain that the world financial system is going to crash? Well, the truth is that when you take a look at the cold, hard numbers it is not difficult to see why the global financial pyramid scheme is destined to fail.

In the United States today, there is approximately 56 trillion dollars of total debt in our financial system, but there is only about 9 trillion dollars in our bank accounts. So you could take every single penny out of the banks, multiply it by six, and you still would not have enough money to pay off all of our debts."

Note: All of the above quotes come from men who are not believers and have no knowledge of Bible prophecy.

I believe that men have hardened their hearts against God and the warnings of His Word to the point where God has given over the whole of society to judicial blindness.

The stage is being set for the awful tribulation period to begin. When we consider that the scriptures tell us that with a few short years 2/3 of the world's population will die in the judgment of God. We know that by the time that the seven years is over and the Lord has conducted the sheep and goat judgment, there will not be living unbeliever left on the face of the earth. If only the world could understand that!

We do not know the timing of the beginning of that which is known as the Day of the Lord. That is in God's hands and we must leave it with Him. However our Lord has told us that we can know that it is near, even at the

doors. That is where we are right now; the trumpet is soon to sound.

What an incredible hour we live in.

Just a few more days to serve Him;

Just a few more hours to please Him;

Just a few more days to win rewards and then that opportunity will be forever gone;

Just a few more days to warn the lost and bring them to Christ;

Just a few more days to examine our hearts and lives to see if our faith is genuine.

What an incredible hour we live in.

Where will you spend your forever?

Art Sadlier

An Instant World Church - Part 2

During the first half of the tribulation period there will be two great powers controlling the world and its people. The first will be the world church, referred to in scripture as the harlot. This is clearly the Roman Catholic Church (Revelation 17:9, 18) whose leader will become the false prophet.

The second entity is the Revived Roman Empire which will be led by the antichrist, who is called the beast in Revelation 17. These two men will work closely together (Revelation 17:3).

Both these entities will come upon the scene suddenly, at the beginning of the tribulation period and rule with great power over the whole earth. After 3 ½ years the Revived Roman Empire will transition into the world-wide Kingdom of Antichrist. At that same time the world-wide church will be utterly destroyed by fire and will cease to exist (Revelation 17:16).

We are dealing in this article with the world-wide Church, known in scripture as the harlot.

There are five factors around which I believe this harlot church and the world will coalesce. These are factors which today are bringing much of the world together as never before.

1 - The Homosexual Agenda

It is almost unbelievable how the world has united around this issue. Over the last few years this agenda has swept like a tidal wave over society.

Governments, the courts, corporations, the armed services, educational institutions and social agencies have all jumped on the bandwagon. It seems that even the Republican Party in the US is about to cave-in to this agenda.

The mainline protestant churches are well on the way to a complete acceptance of both homosexuality and homosexual ordination. The Evangelical church has a number advocates who are leading the way in a drift into this

agenda as well. The media and politicians are in a full-court press to establish the whole LGBT agenda; they do it with great zeal and determination. I think the word most fitting is "obsession".

2 - Socialism

The world has been moving for some time in the direction of socialism, helping the poor of the world by sharing the wealth. "Social justice" is the code word. It sounds like a good concept, the real truth is that socialism has never helped anybody; in fact it has consistently brought people to poverty, slavery, misery and death.

Churches are also moving in this same direction, "social gospel" is the code word for the church. It is another gospel which is not the gospel. It meets man's material and physical needs leaving his soul to go to an eternal hell. It is interesting that the new pope is an advocate of socialism.

Revelation 17 reveals a world government and a world church that are based on socialism.

3 - Women's Rights

For some years now the world has been obsessed with a woman's right to an abortion. The theme is women's rights, regardless of the situation, regardless of the cost to others and regardless of what the scripture says. The fact is that in the last 50 years over one billion lives have been snuffed out by abortion to prevent inconvenience to women. This again is another obsession that is uniting society.

Along with this insistence on woman's rights is the unbiblical demand for women's ordination. This is gaining widespread acceptance both in mainline churches and in evangelical churches.

4 - The New Spirituality

It is amazing how the new spirituality, which is old Eastern mysticism, is captivating all of Christendom, including the Evangelical Church and the Roman Catholic Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury has stated that in our present day culture children need to practice meditation to survive. It is also penetrating the secular world.

The frightening thing is that contemplative meditation is an invitation to associate with demons. It is akin to offering yourself up to be possessed by demon spirits. It is not hard to envision the spirit world communicating with all of mankind through the medium of mystical meditation. This could translate into a new unheard of unity for the human race as the spirit world gives the same message to all men everywhere. This could unify men and women around a one world church and a one world government.

The gospel of the new spirituality is the gospel of "becoming God," which began in Genesis 3:5 where the serpent said to the woman, "Ye shall be as gods."

Secular society is also being captivated by the new age spirituality through Yoga and the god within delusion. This is another area where the world is coalescing. One writer claims that this ancient mysticism (contemplative meditation or whatever name you give it) is the major tool being used by the Roman Catholic Church to bring about growth in the church. It is interesting that the new pope is devoted to this mystical meditation.

Though this form of mysticism has always been around, today it is sweeping over the world in an unprecedented way and is a powerful force for unity in a fractured world.

5 - Contemporary Music

The world today is also obsessed with rock music. It is in the ears of many

people all day long. It moves people to crowd into auditoriums, concert halls, churches and stadiums everywhere. It has a mesmerizing effect on the young and older alike. It doesn't matter whether it has a religious connotation or not, it attracts and holds people spellbound. It is one of the most powerful influences on our society today. Great crowds will pay any price and go great lengths to hear it; it has a transforming power that controls their actions and emotions. It is one of the most amazing phenomena of our times.

These five factors are a powerful force in our world and have a profound influence on all of Christendom and society at large. These five areas have the potential to bring unity to the people of the world and the power to bring ecumenical unity to all of Christendom.

There is one obstacle to the ecumenical unity these five things have the potential to effect. That obstacle is a group of Roman Catholic conservative Cardinals, appointed by conservative popes. These conservatives are holding up the transition that the Roman Catholic Church is waiting and ready for.

In the last fifty years liberalism has deeply penetrated the church, multitudes of bishops, priests, nuns and lay Catholics are longing for the church to be liberalised. It is not hard to envision a situation where a liberalised church would sweep all of Christendom into the fold of the church. The Catholic Church is out of step with the Christendom and the people of the world. It must make the transition before it becomes the harlot of Revelation 17.

Let me remind you of what we said last month on this issue.

In 1958 Pope John XXIII was elected and he proceeded to introduce liberalism into the church for the first time. That has had the unexpected result of destroying the authority of the church and the morality of the people. A new study shows that Roman Catholics are more supportive of homosexual special rights than are the general public.

During the reign of Pope Paul VI who followed John XXIII, generations of young priests were turned out by Catholic seminaries all over the world. They have been trained to minimize or reject the dogmas and formulas of

Catholic beliefs and morality. In recent years this struggle has been growing within the church, between the old guard conservatives and a new liberal element.

Malachi Martin, a catholic writer, who was a Vatican insider, warned of the day the liberals would take over the church and that even in his time in the 70s and 80s the process was well underway. He warned that it would bring about the doom of the church, at least from a conservative perspective.

You may say it won't happen. Remember that the harlot church is the devil's church, why would the devil resist the homosexual agenda or women usurping their biblical role. It could happen overnight, but it won't likely happen until tribulation period begins and God's time clock for the Revived Roman Empire and the harlot church starts ticking.

Some would say that the new Pope is a conservative and would not bring about the above change. We do not know that. Though Pope Francis has opposed gay marriage he has supported a bill to permit gay civil union. If perchance Pope Francis is the last pope? He will turn out to be the false prophet and he would certainly not continue to resist the homosexual agenda.

Remember that Pope Francis is a Jesuit and that the goal and purpose of the Jesuits is to reverse the reformation at any cost and bring Protestantism back into the R.C. church. The apparitions of Mary have for some time now been declaring a utopia that will supposedly usher in unity and world peace. This one who is supposedly speaking for Mary could well instruct the Pope to make this transition.

Pope Francis has already built bridges to evangelicals in South America and has a relationship with evangelical leaders. And again, the Jesuit goal is to be to bring those evangelicals back to Rome and if the church has to change to do it, he will change it. Understand; the Roman Catholic Church has held to some biblical standards to give it a veneer of righteousness to cover its real nature, like the scribes and Pharisees.

Remember also that Pope Francis is a committed socialist and that he has indicated that the needs and desires of the sheep are his major concern, perhaps even at the expense of doctrine and dogma.

I suggest that when the moment comes the transition will be made and all of Christendom will flood into the church as one big happy family. The world will also be happy with the new look of the church. I suspect that nothing would keep the whole world from joining such a church? The values of the world will be the values of the church.

This will be an entity totally given over to evil and yet professing to follow Christ. We see that spirit beginning to work in the broader church even now. It will be a church committed to another Jesus, a false Christ. It will be a church committed to another gospel, the social gospel. This will be the consummation of age long counterfeit Christianity.

I would add that the present agenda of mainline churches, and many evangelical churches, is the agenda of almost all of society with regard to the above mentioned five factors. The evangelical church is in the midst of this transition, which scripture calls the great apostasy.

There will not be a unification of religion and the world apart from Rome buying into this agenda. **ROME WILL CHANGE.** Much has already happened within the church to prepare the way for this transition.

I believe the new spirituality of the harlot church will lure the new agers and secular people into this new entity. Other religions will be anxious to be a part of this seemingly wonderful new unification of all mankind. It will be an hour of great euphoria and it will involve the greatest deception mankind has ever known, with the illusion of utopia. *"For this cause God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie"* (2 Thessalonians 2:11).

There will be incredible signs and wonders by the false prophet, who is the leader of the harlot church (the Pope). No doubt there will be signs in the sky and in the heavens. It is interesting that when Pope Benedict resigned a video captured lightning striking St. Peters twice.

There is a major exception; it is Islam with its powerful influence in our present world. Islam does not fit into this end time scenario. At this moment Islam seems to be taking over the world, don't let that deceive you.

I remind you that immediately prior to the tribulation period and very early in the tribulation period two events will happen that will utterly

nullify Islam's influence in the world. These two events are the war of Psalm 83 and the war of Ezekiel 38-39.

Jehovah will give a dramatic demonstration in these wars that Allah is not the God and that Jehovah is the only true and living God. Allah and Islam will be totally negated, setting Muslim people free to consider the claims of Christ. I believe that multitudes of Muslim people will be saved as the tribulation period progresses.

We see that demonstration recorded in Psalm 83:16-18, "*Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is*

Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth" (Not Allah).

We see it repeated in Ezekiel 39:2-7, "*And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the*

LORD. So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel" (Not Allah)

That leaves the way open for the harlot church to have its day during the first half of the tribulation period. After that the Lord deals with it in judgment at the mid-tribulation point.

Then the Lord will proceed to deal in judgment with human government that rules men and women in defiance of God. That will be a time when God allows the beast to run his course and then face the judgment of Christ. Art Sadlier

COMMENTARY ON THE NEWS

IN AMERICA

Time magazine this Easter published an article entitled, "***Your Child's Religion May Be Mental Illness.***" The article stated, "*Your child's 'fastidiousness to religious practices' may be a sign of mental illness.*"

The article continues, "*If your child is immersed in scripture after school and prays regularly throughout the day, you may breathe a sigh of relief. She's such a good girl ... or maybe not. Your child's devotion may be a great thing, but there are some kids whose religious observances require a deeper look. For these children, an overzealous practice of their family faith - or even another faith - may be a sign of an underlying mental health issue.*"

This implies the state needs to intervene in the home to regulate or give approval for the family's religious practices.

The hatred of Christ and Christians is evidenced in the growing number of attacks on believers. The lives of wicked men are troubled with conviction from lives of the righteous people around them.

We live in a society which approves of and promotes among its teenagers, drug use, promiscuity and music which is often violent, crude, abusive and immoral. Violence, sensuality, crime and every kind of evil thing are promoted on television, in videos games and in movies. Yet the same society is concerned about kids who may be committed to Jesus Christ, kids whose lives are so transformed that they bring conviction on those around them. This is more than our society can cope with.

Francine Russo stated, "*Psychiatry is a dangerous weapon in the hands of the state. We cannot cede to the government authority to define mental health, nor allow mental health 'experts' to decide our fitness to exercise our constitutional rights.*"

Evidence of the coming judgment of God on America is not hard to find. According to new data released by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 19.7 million new venereal infections in the United States in 2008, bringing the total number of existing sexually transmitted infections in the U.S. at that time to **110,197,000**.

The 19.7 million new STIs in 2008 vastly outpaced the new jobs and college graduates created in the United States that year or in any other year on record, according to government data. The CDC said the new venereal infections contracted each year cost the nation about \$16 billion.

America has not only turned away from God she has given herself over to the worship of material things, to entertainment, to drugs and to immorality.

OTHER CONCERNS IN AMERICA

The Department of Homeland Security's recent acquisition of nearly two billion rounds of ammunition, 7,000 assault weapons and 2,700 mine-resistant, ambush protected vehicles constitutes a "***bold threat of war***" against American citizens, according to a retired U.S. Army captain who has growing concerns ***about the purchases.***

"It is with gravest concern that I write to you today concerning the recent appropriation of weapons by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that can only be understood as a bold threat of war by that agency, and the Obama administration, against the citizens of the United States of America,"

THE INTERNET IS EXPOSED

Acclaimed author Anthony Horowitz believes parts of the internet are '***foul, disgusting and cruel***' and that '***evil is getting the upper hand***'.

In a powerful speech yesterday, the best-selling children's adventure writer said the web '***unlocked***

something quite dark in humanity'. He said: *'There is so much in the internet that is foul and disgusting and cruel*'. This is coming from a secular author.

IN ISRAEL

A new era dawns as the first gas from Israel's offshore Tamar gas field was piped 90 km to the Ashdod power station Saturday, enabling the big facility's conversion to the use of domestically produced energy. More of the country's largest electricity and industrial plants will be connected to the Tamar gas rig in the course of the year. The impending exploitation of big Israel offshore gas and oil fields, including the giant Leviathan well, takes the Israeli economy into a new era and transforms its strategic situation. The United States and Russia are taking Israel into consideration as a major energy power since geological surveys identified vast reserves of gas and oil yet to be tapped.

This is but one more demonstration of God's hand of blessing on His people Israel. One day Israel will be the center of the world, the source of blessing to all mankind with Christ ruling on the throne of David in Jerusalem.

The nations of the world have devoted themselves to Israel's destruction, and Israel's God just keeps on blessing and protecting her. That blessing comes in spite of Israel's continuing disobedience which will one day soon be corrected.

DURING PASSOVER

The Jewish population of Israel has passed the symbolic 6 million mark; the same number of Jews who were believed to have been killed during the Nazi Holocaust. Israel now has the world's largest community of Jews, replacing the US 5.5 million, of which 2 million are in New York City.

The first phase of Israel's return to the land seems to be completed. The Bible tells us of two aspects of Israel's return to the Land of Promise. The first return is a return in unbelief; the final return involves Israel's salvation which we read about in Ezekiel 36:37-38, ***"Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and THEY SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD."***

Israel awaits, perhaps unknowingly, her chastening, her salvation and her exaltation in the long promised kingdom.

SYRIA

At this point Syria is the focal point of activity in the Mideast. Obama, in conjunction with NATO has formed an alliance between Turkey, Jordan and Israel to go into Syria and take control of Assad's chemical and biological weapons. The threat of the use of chemical or biological weapons hangs over the whole situation.

On the other side of the issue, Iran is committed to remaining in Syria whether Assad falls or not. Iran has brought Hezbollah into Syria to bolster Assad. Iran has also formed an army in Syria called the People's Army, it now stands at 50,000 men and is soon to be expanded to 100,000. This is aside from the Syrian army.

Russia is also deeply committed to gaining a foothold in Syria. Both Iran and Russia have doubled their airlift of arms for Assad's forces.

It would seem that we are facing a standoff in Syria or a major war, which seems unlikely.

Whatever the outcome of this war, it seems that Israel will eventually become the object of this growing military buildup.

NORTH KOREA

It seems a distinct possibility that North Korea may play a role in the turmoil that precedes the appearance of Antichrist. We have learned that beyond the threats they are making, they actually have the potential to launch an EMP on America. They have the capacity to put a nuclear weapon in orbit, leaving no way for America to intercept it and destroy it.

There are so many potential scenarios in the world today that could play a role in fulfilling the end time events.

The signs of the times are multiplying all around us. The tides are rising and we are being overwhelmed by the preparations falling into place. The evidence is growing, of men in high places, plotting to bring down the existing order, to replace it with a new world order

The moral and spiritual and social decline is taking our breath away. It seems to me that all is in readiness for the man of sin to plunge the world into the ultimate darkness of his coming kingdom.

EUROPE

In Europe the same drum beat goes on. It seems people in high places are intent on bringing down the order which now exists. They have a plan for a super state that would play a major part in the new world order.

Nigel Farage, who is Britain's popular MEP (Member of the European Parliament) stated, "Even people like me who have spent many long years warning that things are out of control are really, really scared by the events of the past few days."

"What I see is a Western political class that has effectively bankrupted countries, firstly by spending far more than we're earning."

"And secondly, I see all of that compounded many times more seriously by the sheer stupidity and lunacy of the euro zone project."

We see a major collapse and a restructuring of the European Union. You can almost see the script that is being played out.