



*"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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### **Living Christ's Ethics Requires His Power**

*The ethics of Jesus must be imposed upon society, we are told, then all inequalities will vanish; the division of humanity into rich and poor, great and small, privileged and underprivileged will be no more. Under the benign influence of Christ's ethics of love, greed and war will disappear from the earth and the dream of universal brotherhood be realized at last. The teachings of Jesus belong to the Church, not to society. In society is sin and sin is hostility to God. Christ did not teach that He would impose His teachings upon the fallen world. He called His disciples to Him and taught them, and everywhere throughout His teachings there is the overt or implied idea that His followers will constitute an unpopular minority group in an actively hostile world. The divine procedure is to go into the world of fallen men, preach to them the necessity to repent and become disciples of Christ and, after making disciples, to teach them the ethics of Jesus, which Christ called all things whatsoever I have commanded you. The ethics of Jesus cannot be obeyed or even understood until the life of God has come to the heart of a man in the miracle of the new birth. The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in them who walk in the Spirit. Christ lives again in His redeemed follower the life He lived in Judea; for righteousness can never be divorced from its source, which is Jesus Christ Himself.*

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# Sound the Trumpet!

- Section 1 -

## Evangelicalism and the Mystery Babylon Religion

Satan's goal is stated in Isaiah 14:13-14 "I will exalt my throne above the stars (angels) of God" ... "I will be like the most high." By the permissive will of God, Satan became the ruler of the world of men, 2 Corinthians 4:4, "In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**" Luke 4:6, "And the devil said unto him, all this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it**" (John 14:30) "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: **for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.**" But Satan's opportunity was a limited one, he immediately set out to make his ruler ship permanent and to replace God altogether.

Satan's first attempt took place on the plains of Shinar in Babylon. His goal was to gather the whole world together (Satan is not omnipresent) to establish a world government to consolidate his rule over men. Along with that he sought to establish a world religion to cause men to worship him.

God confounded that attempt and someday, Satan will make his final attempt to consolidate his kingdom by establishing a one world government and a one world religion. These attempts will climax and fail during the tribulation period.

Satan has a three-fold agenda for the future: a one world religion; a one world economy and a one world government.

The Word of God describes how that attempt will unfold. Daniel says there will be a revival of the old Roman Empire. The European Union, today claims that they are the revived Roman Empire. Daniel tells us that this will consist of a federation of ten states. Today the EU, as the result of the threat of economic collapse, is actually in the process in of re-making itself into a union of federated states. Recently ten foreign ministers of ten European nations met to plan how to bring this about. We do not know how

the ten will come together and who they will be, but God does.

Both Daniel and John tell us about a coming Antichrist who will rule over the Revived Roman Empire, and transform it into a world-wide kingdom.

### **A ONE WORLD RELIGION**

The foundations for the coming one world religion were laid by Nimrod and his wife Semiramis in Babylon. The mystery religion began in Babylon; it has continued in the world and will dominate again in the last days as the one world religious system comes together.

The record of Nimrods involvement is found in Genesis 11.

\* **In verse 1** we read, "And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech." This scene takes place sometime after the flood, perhaps as early as a hundred years after the flood.

"And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there," (verse 2). The descendants of Noah had assembled on a plain in what is now Iraq.

We learn from Genesis 10:8-10 that Nimrod was the leader of these people. Nimrod, or Nimroud-bar-Cush, as he is called on the monuments, was a grandson of Ham, the unworthy son of Noah, whose character is revealed in his exposure of his father's shame. Nimrod and his compatriots were living in rebellion against God. When Noah and his family came out of the ark, God commanded them to spread over the

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earth and replenish it. Here we find them banding together in defiance of God's instructions.

\* **Verse 3**, "And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar." Here we see their enterprise and in verse 4 we see their motivation, "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

The natural unregenerate man hates God and is at war with Him. "Because the carnal mind is enmity (hatred) against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7). This spans all ages and all men.

It is not until redemption comes that a man experiences peace with God and enters a relationship with Him. "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).

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\* **Verse 4** of our text, "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

"Let us build us a city," The city represents a political system, this is a city with Nimrod as the political leader. We will deal with this aspect of Babylon later.

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*"And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery  
Babylon the Great, the Mother  
of harlots and abominations  
of the Earth."*

*Revelation 17:5*

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"And a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven," here we find those who are in rebellion against God attempting to establish their own religion. "Lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth," This is an act of defiance against the command of the God they have rejected. This was an act of open rebellion against the revealed will of God; that which follows proves this to be the case.

Man was created to be a worshipper; if he turns away from worshipping God he will find alternate forms of worship. These men had turned away from worshipping God and were creating their own religion.

H.A. Ironside says, "Ancient lore now comes to our assistance, and tells us that the wife of Nimrod-bar-Cush was the infamous "Semiramis the First." She is reputed to have been the founder of the Babylonian mysteries and the first high-priestess of idolatry. Thus Babylon became the fountainhead of idolatry, and the mother of every heathen and pagan system in the world."

Now we have God's response, "And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" (verse 6). During this present dispensation it is not God's intention that the peoples of the world should all be brought together. It seems that this is for the obvious purpose of preventing the rapid spread of evil. In our day we have discovered that modern inventions like movies, TV, videos, the internet and the universal scope of rock music have greatly promoted the spread of evil. These inventions bring evil to the whole world as a shared experience making the world a global village. Today as in the days of Nimrod, men are feverishly working to bring the whole world together with political and religious and economic emphasis under the banner of a new world order.

\* **Verse 8**, "So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city." I suspect that there may have been a time lapse before God intervened, a time lapse in which Semiramis continued to develop her mystery religion, but the intervention of the Lord did come.

When the Lord scattered them the mystery-religion that originated there

spread in various forms, under different languages throughout the whole earth.

This mystery religion is marked by the perverting of the truths of scripture. One of the perversions is the myth that after Nimrod's death he became the sun god. This is the concept that Satan proclaimed in the garden, that man can become a god. This concept is at the heart of the new emerging Christianity, which has its roots in the Mystery-Babylon religion. Contemplative Meditation, Spiritual Formation, Centering Prayer, Altered State of Consciousness and the New Emerging Christianity are nothing less than the Mystery-Babylon religion.

The immoral Semiramis, who claimed to be a virgin, also claimed that she was impregnated by a sun beam from the sun god Nimrod and Tammuz was the child who was supposedly miraculously and immaculately conceived. This predates the Catholic Churches claim of Mary's Immaculate Conception.

Here we see the forms now involved in present day mystery religion. Man becomes a god and we see the supposed virgin birth and Immaculate Conception. Tammuz later dies and after forty days is raised back to life. Satan had prefigured and counterfeited the plan of God.

We are indebted to H. A. Ironside for the following.

From Babylon this mystery-religion spread to all the surrounding nations, as the years went on and the world was populated by the descendants of Noah. Everywhere the symbols were the same, and everywhere the cult of the mother and child became the popular system. Their worship was celebrated with the most disgusting and immoral practices. The image of the queen of heaven with the babe in her arms was seen everywhere, though the names might differ as languages differed. It became the mystery-religion of Phoenicia, and by the Phoenicians was carried to the ends of the earth. Ashtoreth and Tammuz, the mother and child of these hardy adventurers, became Isis and Horus in Egypt, Aphrodite and Eros in Greece, Venus and Cupid in Italy, and bore many other names in more distant places. Within 1,000 years, Babylonianism had become the religion of the world, which had rejected the Divine revelation.

Linked with the central mystery, were countless lesser mysteries, the hidden

meaning of which was known only to the initiates, but the outward forms were practiced by all the people. Among these were the doctrines of purgatorial purification after death, salvation by countless sacraments (such as priestly absolution), sprinkling with holy water, the offering of round cakes to the queen of heaven (as mentioned in the book of Jeremiah), dedication of virgins to the gods (which was literally sanctified prostitution), weeping for Tammuz for a period of 40 days (Lent) prior to the great festival of Istar (who was said to have received her son back from the dead); for it was taught that Tammuz was slain by a wild boar and afterwards brought back to life. To him the egg was sacred, as depicting the mystery of his resurrection even as the evergreen was his chosen symbol and was set up in honor of his birth at the winter solstice, when a boar's head was eaten in memory of his conflict and a yule log burned with many mysterious observances.

The sign of the cross was sacred to Tammuz, as symbolizing the life giving principle and as the first letter of his name. It is represented upon vast numbers of the most ancient altars and temples, and did not, as many have supposed originate with Christianity. From this mystery-religion, the patriarch Abraham was separated by the divine call, and with this same evil cult the nation that sprang from him had constant conflict, until under Jezebel, a Phoenician princess, it was grafted onto what was left of the religion of Israel in the northern kingdom in the day of Ahab, and was the cause of their captivity at the last. Judah was polluted by it, for Baal-worship was but the Canaanitish form of Babylonian mysteries, and only by being sent into captivity to Babylon itself did Judah become cured of her fondness for idolatry. Baal was the Sun-God, the Life-giving One, identical with Tammuz.

When Christ came into this world the mystery of iniquity was everywhere holding sway, save where the truth of God as revealed in the Old Testament was known. Thus, when the early Christians set out upon the great task of carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth, they found themselves everywhere confronted by this system, in one form or another; for though Babylon as a city had long been but a mystery, her mysteries had not died

with her. When the city and temples were destroyed, the high-priest fled with a company of initiates and their sacred vessels and images to Pergamos, where the Symbol of the serpent was set up as the emblem of the hidden wisdom. From there, they afterwards crossed the sea and immigrated to Italy, where, they settled on the Etruscan plain.

There the ancient cult was propagated under the name of the Etruscan Mysteries and eventually Rome became the headquarters of Babylonianism. The chief priests wore mitres shaped like the head of a fish, in honor of Dagon, the fish-god, the Lord of life-another form of the Tammuz mystery, as developed among Israel's old enemies, the Philistines. The chief priest when established in Rome took the title Pontifex Maximus, and this was imprinted in on his mitre. When Julius Caesar (who was an initiate like all young Romans of good family) had become the head of the States, he was elected Pontifex Maximus, and this title was held henceforth by all the Roman emperors down to Constantine the Great, who was at one and the same time, head of the church, and high priest to the heathen. The title was afterwards conferred upon the bishops of Rome, and is borne by the pope today, who is thus declared to be, not the successor of the fisherman-apostle Peter, but the direct successor of the high priest of the Babylonian mysteries, and the servant of the fish-god Dagon, for whom he wears, like his idolatrous predecessors, the fisherman's ring.

During the early centuries of the church's history, the mystery of iniquity had wrought with such astounding effect, and the Babylonian practices and teachings had been so largely absorbed by that which bore the name of the church of Christ, that the truth of the Holy Scriptures on many points had been wholly obscured, while idolatrous practices had been foisted upon the people as Christian sacraments, and the heathen philosophies took the place of gospel instruction. Thus was developed that amazing system which for a thousand years dominated Europe and trafficked in the bodies of souls of men, until the great Reformation of the 16th century brought in a measure of deliverance.

With this in view we come to Revelation 17 and we understand that the One World Religion of Antichrist will be the

coming together of the religious system that was scattered at Babylon.

**Verse 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.*" This is a reference to the Mystery-Babylonian religion. Now we understand what this verse is referring to, the time has come to judge this idolatrous system.

**Verse 2,** "*With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*" We are dealing here with spiritual fornication and idolatry that has a history of nearly five thousand years.

**Verse 3,** "*So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*" This speaks to the span of this false system. It covers the seven great empires of history; Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and the Revived Roman Empire yet to come (see verse 10).

**Verse 4,** "*And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.*" Here we have a description of the regalia that has always adorned the priests and bishops and cardinals of this false system. It is interesting to note that every Roman Catholic Church has a golden chalice.

**Verse 5** "*And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*" Catholicism claims to be a mystery religion. The various forms of Mystery-Babylon will one day return to the mother of harlots. That will happen when the one world

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church comes into being at the beginning of the tribulation period.

Do we see these marks in the Roman Catholic Church? We see the incorporation of pagan religions into the Catholic Church. In St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome there are statues of pagan gods. We see rampant sexual perversion among her priests and bishops.

The term "Queen of Heaven" which was first ascribed to Semiramus is now ascribed to Mary. The term is also referred to in Jeremiah in connection with pagan worship. Much of the teaching of the Catholic Church does not originate in scripture but is adopted from pagan religion.

The stage is set for all religions to return the Mother of Harlots.

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### **EVANGELICALISM AND THE MYSTERY BABYLON RELIGION**

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Apostasy has always assaulted the church, even in Paul's day he warned against the danger of apostasy. The great last day apostasy will involve the formation of the harlot church of Revelation 17 and the acceptance of Antichrist. It will involve the gathering together of that which began at Babel and was scattered by God. It will involve

the same Mystery-Babylon pagan religion which is now disguised as the New Spirituality and is sweeping through the Evangelical Church.

Today we are seeing a tremendous explosion of the mysticism of Babylon. Under the guise of Contemplative Meditation, Spiritual Formation, Centering Prayer, Eastern Mysticism, Altered State of Consciousness, all referred to as the New Emerging Christianity. Whatever you choose to call it, it involves an encounter with demons who pose as a god within. It is literally a repackaging of ancient Hinduism which is the offspring of Mystery Babylon. It is a system through which the participants commune with demons that guide them and influence and control them.

One Catholic leader has stated, "The cloud of unknowing is now the basis for nearly all Catholic spirituality, and contemplative prayer is now becoming widespread all over the world."

Like an avalanche this apostasy has swept over evangelicalism. It has infiltrated into almost all Bible Schools, Seminaries and Para-church ministries. It has crept into many churches with multitudes of Christians not realizing what is happening.

Understand that this mysticism has a universal appeal. It involves the pagan religions which are spirit driven. It involves the secular individuals who are involved in Yoga and it involves the new-ager who is trying to find the god within.

The new-ager insists that when enough people become enlightened (contact the god within) the world will experience a spiritual evolution and will be unified. That is easily explained when we understand that these demons will simply speak to all under their influence and give them the same unifying message. Satan's man, Antichrist, will then be acclaimed as the world's saviour who is to be followed and exalted.

The apostasy of the Evangelical Church began many years ago and is now coming to full fruition. I stand amazed as I watch this incredible departure from Christ and His Word. The notable thing about deception is that the deceived are incapable of realizing that they are deceived. It is like shouting to the dead, no matter how loud you shout they cannot hear the warning. Matthew 7:21-23 is emblazoned before my eyes and I tremble every time I read it.

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# **T**HE MARK OF THE BEAST AND THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

In Revelation 13 we read about the mark of the beast and the image of the Beast. We read that the Beast or Antichrist will command that all receive his mark on their right hand or forehead. This mark will act as a tie that binds the subjects of the Antichrist to him and it will also be a means of monitoring and control. It also has the potential to be the means for payment of both wages and social benefits and debiting taxes. It could also be used to monitor every action of every person in the entire world. We have just been made aware of this potential in the recent disclosures concerning the NSA security program. These are not future tense ideas but present realities.

In scripture we read about the Lord's mark or seal on His people to preserve them.

1. In Ezekiel 9 the lord commanded that a mark should be placed on the foreheads of the righteous men

in Jerusalem. Then He commanded others to go through the city and kill with the sword everyone that did not have the mark on the forehead.

2. In Revelation 7 we read about 144,000 servants of God, who during the tribulation period are sealed with a mark in their foreheads. This seal is the guarantee of God that these special witnesses will be preserved alive throughout the tribulation period.
3. In Revelation 3:12 we read about a promise to the church saints who overcome. In the new heaven and earth these saints will have a new name which God will write upon them. This is the mark of heavenly citizenship.
4. Paul tells believers in his letters to the Corinthians and to the Ephesians that true believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit as a

guarantee of escape from the fires of hell.

Satan always tries to counterfeit what God does. Satanism has always been accompanied with a distinguishing mark. During the tribulation period as Satan attempts to establish his kingdom on earth he places a mark on each of his followers, a mark that bears his name.

*"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" (Revelation 13:16-17).* This mark has a spiritual context; those who receive it will spend eternity in hell. *"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his*

*image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name” (Revelation 14:11).*

Not only are there eternal consequences but also temporal consequences as well. *“And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image” (Revelation 16:2).*

Today the stage is set technologically for this mark of the Beast to be implanted. An RFID tag is now available to be easily inserted into the right hand or forehead. These devices are called bio-implants and are already in widespread use for cattle, pets and people with dementia. This tag could be directly connected to a great super-computer system. Such systems are actually now in existence. We have heard much lately about incredible systems that can monitor every email, every phone call and every electronic sales transaction in the entire earth. It is not hard to imagine the fear of disobeying the great leader, a fear that would be felt by the entire world. Disobedience would bring certain death, perhaps by drone strike or beheading which would only heighten the grip of the Antichrist on the entire world.

The technology is already present to replace cash with a debit system that could operate through the chip or mark of the Beast. Again I say this is not a future tense concept but is becoming a present reality and is exploding on our world.

For example, would you be willing to get rid of your bank card and start paying for things with only your face? Google wants to put a chip in our brains, would you be willing to allow a technology company to put one large computer chip, or thousands of really, really small ones, “neural dust”, into your brain? These are some of the technologies that are coming. Our world is changing at an absolutely mind blowing, exponential rate. We are caught up in a vortex of change from which there is no seeming escape.

The EU has developed what they call the “European Nervous System.” This system would connect government computers to the EU countries and transmit every conceivable type data and could potentially be connected to the entire world and to the chip that will be the mark of the beast. This is not

science fiction but present developing reality.

Science is actually much farther down the road than what we have discussed above. We will look at these further developments in our next section. We will attempt to show how Antichrist will have far reaching and penetrating control over all of his subjects.

Before we do that we would like to draw your attention to another of Satan’s attempts to counterfeit God’s program.

God’s Spirit indwells each believer and connects them to Christ. Here is a parallel, as the Christian is connected to Christ, so the men and women who receive the mark of the beast will be connected to the Beasts, and possibly to the EU’s “Central Nervous System” (computer). Satan is a counterfeiter.

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### THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

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The mark of the Beast and the meaning of the number is a mystery that will probably not be unveiled until the time unfolds. In like manner the image of the beast is also mysterious and will not be made plain until the time comes. We do not believe we should be unduly concerned about these issues. Knowing we will not fully understand it all, we simply present some material and make some suggestions. We should not devote too much time and attention to these two issues, but this is recorded for our admonition and there are some lessons to be considered.

Revelation 13:13, *“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.”* The second beast or the false prophet is speaking here and is revealing information about the first Beast or Antichrist. Notice, here again Satan is counterfeiting God’s agenda. He is copying the ministry of Elijah who called fire down from heaven. We need to be conscious of how false prophets work, they try to convince men and women that they represent God as they do and say many of the things that God’s servants do and say. We need to be alert for deception and watch for false prophets posing as true prophets. This is the hour of Great deception.

*“And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the*

*wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (Revelation 13:14-15).*

Basically we read that an image is made of the Beast. The Beast is apparently killed and is raised back to life. Verse 12 states, “Whose deadly wound was healed.” It is somewhat unclear concerning the image; does the image of the beast become the Beast? Again I say that we should not wrestle with this issue but rather wait for the Lord’s time to reveal it. However things are happening that would cause us to wonder.

Genetically-engineered foods are old news. Human-pig hybrid embryos, it happened years ago. “Spider-goats?”

That is also already done.

Actual synthetic life is here, it’s called “synthia,” and it was achieved last year by the J. Craig Venter Institute.

The race to perfect technologically-enhanced life forms reached breakneck speed in 2007, and it’s ongoing in labs around the world. Much of the work is government-funded but much is within the private sector. You can learn about some of the progress in official reports and in the proceedings of academic and scientific conferences. But quite a lot is hidden from view - either for reasons of military secrecy or in the sphere of corporate researchers working feverishly to patent genetic forms most of the public could never imagine.

Researchers are combining human and animal DNA in order to solve a multitude of health problems and stay ahead in the “arms race” to develop soldiers with stronger battlefield capabilities.

But the implications are staggering. Already, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is developing policy guidelines for dealing with part-human organisms. If a pig, rabbit, feline or hominid was 1% human, would it require special legal classification? What about if 40% or 70% human? At what point does the Bill of Rights apply?

The following news item gives some insight into what is really going on.

Over the past decade, there have been some absolutely stunning advances in the field of genetic modification. Today,

it is literally possible for college students to create new life-forms in their basements. Unfortunately, laws have not kept pace with these advancements, and in many countries there are very few limits on what scientists are allowed to do.

Extremely creepy human-animal hybrids are now being created in laboratories all over the planet. And this is just the stuff that is publicly admitted. Can you imagine what kind of sick and twisted experiments are taking place in the dark corners of secret labs that nobody knows about? Here are some other ways that humans and animals are being combined.

- ◆ Rabbit eggs with human cells,
- ◆ Pigs with human blood,
- ◆ Sheep with human livers,
- ◆ Cow eggs with human cells
- ◆ Cat-human hybrid proteins.

These are just the things that we know about.

The question arises, what happens if these creatures get out into the wild and starting mating? At that point, it would be nearly impossible to “put the genie back into the bottle”. Scientists seem very eager to test the limits of what is possible, but what they are unleashing may have consequences that none of us ever dreamed possible.

More alarming may be the rapidly-growing philosophical/spiritual trans-humanist movement aspiring to use human enhancement technologies to create a new form of the human species.

“Singularity,” or the merging of man’s biological thinking and existence with technology to the point that there is no distinction between human and machine, is the goal of this strand of the movement, which is expected to achieve a major breakthrough between now and 2019 because of the pace of technological advancement.

Proponents of these efforts hold out the promise of virtual immortality if the entirety of human consciousness can be uploaded and spread throughout time and space.

The trans-humanist agenda is one of transforming humans into “post humans.” Post humans who may be part human, part computer and part machine.

Revelation 13 makes reference to the fact that an “image” will be created of the Antichrist which will speak as

though it had life. Is it possible that the image of the Antichrist will be the brain of Antichrist placed in an avatar or a robot? Could it be that at the mid-tribulation point this image of Antichrist will actually be indwelt by Satan and be worshipped directly by the world as the image?

In Daniel we read about Nebuchadnezzar making an image and demanding that all men worship it. Satan is doing the same thing in Revelation 13. The command is given to make an image, life is given to the image and men are commanded to worship it. Could this image be a humanoid or a robot that is part human and part machine?

These scenarios are now upon us and seem to have some application to end time events.

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*Our world is standing on the threshold of a tragedy too enormous to comprehend. The day of grace is about to end and the wrath of God is about to poured out upon the world in punishment for sin.*

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We know that God’s program is not man’s program, but how all of these things will unfold our Lord knows and we need to leave it all to Him. Nevertheless the things that are now happening shout loud and clear that we are standing at the very end of man’s day. We are reminded of Genesis 3:22-23, “*And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*”

The EU is funding what they call the “Human Brain Project.” They have invested one and a quarter billion Euro’s in this project. They are striving to pull together all existing knowledge about the human brain and reconstruct it piece by piece and place it in a supercomputer. They actually use the phrase, “Marry Man to the Computer.”

The natural, unregenerate man does not seem to understand that the soul cannot be kept alive or moved to another body or to a machine. “*Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the*

*father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die*” (Ezekiel 18:4). But that does not dim their expectations or incredible rebellion against God.

The trans-humanist science program called “Russia 2045” has an objective to create an autonomous life support system for the human brain. This would be some type of a hybrid man, perhaps a combination of mechanical and human?

People whose bodies are worn out or irreversibly damaged, but whose brain is intact will supposedly, be able to download their brain into a computer which will be hosted by a machine or a robot. Some scientists believe they can transfer the personality as well.

This reminds us of the Tower of Babel where men in their rebellion against God sought salvation according to their own plan and efforts. We have come full circle in man’s rebellion against God and his quest for eternal life independently of God.

These are present realities that are being rapidly developed. Man’s day is at an end, it is later than you think!

The believer must accept the message of the gospel to enter into a relationship with Christ. In a similar manner those in the kingdom of Antichrist must accept his gospel concerning his alleged deity and take his mark.

I remind you that we must cling to and obey the revealed Word of God and leave what is unclear to the Lord. But we are also to be aware of the lateness of the hour.

Our world is standing on the threshold of a tragedy too enormous to comprehend. The day of grace is about to end and the wrath of God is about to poured out upon the world in punishment for sin. The same way in which God punished the world of Noah’s day and in the same way He punished Sodom. Isaiah spoke of the coming Day of the Lord in Isaiah 13:9, 11, 13, “*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.... 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.... 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."*

There will be incredible famines and plagues, one third of the trees and all the green grass will be burned up. A third of the rivers and lakes and seas will be turned into blood. The cities will be destroyed by earthquakes, fire and hail mingled with blood will rain down and hail stones weighing up to a hundred pounds will pummel the earth and the sun will scorch men alive.

The apostle John reveals that after 4-5 years into the tribulation period 2/3 of the world's population will be dead. When Christ returns at close of this time and brings judgment to the survivors there will not be a living unbeliever left alive on the earth. If only the world could understand this.

The only escape from this awful fate; is to be in Christ. Paul said that Jesus is the one that delivers us from the wrath to come. Friend the choice is yours,

receive Christ and life eternal or reject Him and go to the eternal inferno. This is what the Word of God teaches, check it out for yourself.

Behold now is the accepted time, tomorrow may be too late.

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## THE PEACE TREATY

The European Union recently sent out a directive barring its 28 members from trading with and relating to Israeli entities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. All business agreements with Israel proper must now acknowledge that the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem are Palestinian territory. This new measure has the potential of crushing Israel economically. The EU has long been the patron of the Palestinians, providing the majority of their financial support. The EU is determined to see a Palestinian State set up on this territory which has been promised to Israel by God. The EU position regarding peace negotiations is tantamount to Israel's total surrender to all Palestinian demands.

The US has pressured Israel, without let up, for years now; they are obsessed with this goal of removing Israel from much of the Promised Land. It is reported, that in a secret agreement, Obama has committed to the Palestinians that they will, in the final agreement, gain the sovereignty over the Temple Mount.

The UN and the nations of the world are unanimous in this same objective of removing Israel from the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The Palestinians are clearly committed to destroying Israel and have no intention of making peace, they have reiterated this many, many times. The entire Arab world is standing behind the Palestinians and the Palestinians are well aware of this. There will never be a negotiated peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

The beat goes on without a letup. The more the Palestinians refuse to negotiate the more the West demands

concessions from Israel and the more concessions Israel make the more concessions are asked of them. It is at the point now that the Palestinians refuse to negotiate unless Israel commits to a total surrender to all Palestinian demands. In actual fact this is the position of the EU and of course, it will never happen.

How does the Bible say this will all unfold?

Let me give you a few Bible facts. The Peace treaty will not be signed by an American, it will be signed by a Roman Prince (Daniel 9:26-27). From among the people of the Prince that destroyed the city of Jerusalem shall arise another prince who shall sign a peace treaty with Israel. It was Titus, a Roman General who came from the city of Rome, destroyed Jerusalem and returned to the city of Rome. It will be another Roman Prince from the city of Rome that will sign this coming peace treaty.

At this moment a peace treaty is impossible. The demands of the EU are too high for Israel. They are demanding the total surrender of Israel, which would leave Israel in an indefensible position. It would be suicide for Israel to accept such a proposition.

The EU has just declared Israel to be an occupier of Palestinian land. The Palestinians have no interest in peace with Israel. The entire Muslim world is fanatically committed to destroying Israel. At this moment a peace agreement is impossible.

What does the Bible teach about events surrounding this coming peace treaty?

The prophets indicate that the Antichrist will become Israel's apparent benefactor for the first half of the

tribulation period. He will grant Israel the right to rebuild the Temple on the Temple Mount. The prophets tell us that, except for the brief war of Ezekiel 38-39, Israel will dwell safely and carry on Temple worship until the mid-tribulation point. In the war of Ezekiel 38-39 Israel appears to be just an onlooker as God destroys the enemy and Israel is unharmed. This war of Ezekiel will just be a brief interlude early in the tribulation period. The whole first half of the tribulation period Israel is at peace under the protection of Antichrist. In that scenario, Israel's Muslim enemies will be strangely quiet; we read absolutely nothing about Palestinians or any other group causing Israel problems in the first half of the tribulation.

The biblical record indicates that in the first half of the tribulation Jerusalem and the land are in Israel's possession. In the second half of the tribulation Jerusalem and the land come under the control of Antichrist.

That is the scenario in which the peace treaty is to be signed. That scenario is not possible at this moment. There has to be a drastic change before the peace treaty is possible. The Palestinians and their allies must be neutralized or removed from the scene. The war of Ezekiel will involve those who are beyond Israel's borders and when it is over, early in the tribulation, Israel's singular enemy will be the one who pretends to be her benefactor, Antichrist. As the tribulation period comes to a close Antichrist will lead the entire world against Israel.

That drastic change brought about by the war of Psalm 83 will mean the neutralizing of the Palestinians and their anti-Israel allies which now surround Israel. This change will take

place prior to the peace treaty, actually making the peace treaty possible.

Psalm 83:13-18 we see the fate of Israel's enemies in this war. "O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. 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."

Bear with me as I repeat, this war will take place prior to the peace treaty and the tribulation period. It will neutralize the Palestinians. The war of Ezekiel 38-39 will take place very early in the tribulation period, and it will be the end of Islam as a factor in the world. God will show Islam and the world that the living God is Jehovah and not Allah. This will open up the Muslim world to the gospel of Jesus Christ during the tribulation period.

I conclude that the peace treaty will not be signed until after the war of Psalm 83. This war will remove the Palestinian threat to Israel, changing the entire scenario around the Peace treaty.

Notice that does not prevent the rapture from happening at any moment, it could happen before the war of Psalm 83, it is a sign less event.

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### A COVENANT OF DEATH

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Let us examine the biblical scenario surrounding the Peace treaty in the context of the tribulation period. With the war of Psalm 83, the Palestinians and their allies, including Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas will be decimated and cease to be a factor.

The Antichrist will come suddenly on the scene and without opposition sign a treaty with Israel that guarantees them peace and safety and possession of the Temple Mount. Antichrist will seemingly be Israel's benefactor and protector during the first half of the tribulation period. Israel will then be enabled to rebuild the Temple and re-establish the Temple worship.

Remember that Antichrist wants the Temple rebuilt to enable him to ultimately be worshipped in the very spot that God has been worshipped in the past.

The scriptures call the peace treaty that Israel signs or endorses a covenant of death.

Isaiah refers to this covenant in 28:15, "Because ye have said, We have made a **covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves**"

This is another one of many prophecies that have a double fulfilment. This was originally fulfilled when Israel entered into an agreement with Egypt to protect them from the Assyrians. The agreement failed and the Assyrians destroyed Israel. It became a covenant with death. The same situation will occur when Israel signs the peace treaty with Antichrist. Israel will sign it to seek protection from her many enemies and it will end with Antichrist's destruction of two thirds of all living Jews. That is a covenant of death.

We read about the same scenario in Psalm 55:20-21, "He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords."

John refers to this same situation in John 5:43, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." Because of Israel's unbelief and disobedience she will be deceived into believing that Antichrist is her Messiah.

The first half of the tribulation period will be dominated by the harlot world church. The symbol in Revelation 17 is of a woman riding on the beast, evidently controlling the beast, which is symbol of the Revived Roman Empire.

A study of Revelation 17-18 reveals the harlot being in total control of the economy of the entire world. Chapter 18 deals extensively with the harlot as it totally controls the greatest economic boom in all of history.

At the mid-tribulation point there is a dramatic and drastic change. A number of things happen at that time. The harlot church is destroyed by fire as Rome is burned to the ground. Antichrist moves his capitol from burned out Rome to Jerusalem. He ascends to great power and sets up his world-wide kingdom. He desecrates the Temple by standing there and proclaiming himself to be god and demanding the worship of the whole world.

In another dramatic situation Satan is cast out of heaven and down to the earth. Satan knowing that his time is short begins to persecute Israel and the tribulation saints. Satan working through Antichrist and those that have taken the mark of the beast, slaughterers two thirds of all living Jews, probably 8-9 million Jews.

As the scene draws to a close the armies of the entire world are gathered together at Armageddon and Christ returns to slay all of His enemies and to set up the Kingdom. Art Sadlier

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### MYSTICISM

*In the Greek = "To initiate", implies a desire in the human soul toward an intimate union with God. The problem is that God has, in Christ, provided the only way to this intimacy. To reject God's way and seek your own way is paganism which originated at Babel; it is an act of rebellion. To enter into the silence and in a mysterious way anticipate encountering God is to invite demons to impersonate God.*

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