



*"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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Just Meditate for a Month

*"But his delight is in the law of
the Lord; and in his law doth he
meditate day and night."*

--Psalm 1:2

Let the old saints be our example. They came to the Word of God and meditated. They laid the Bible on the old-fashioned, handmade chair, got down on the old, scrubbed, board floor and meditated on the Word. As they waited, faith mounted.

The Spirit and faith illuminated. They had only a Bible with fine print, narrow margins and poor paper, but they knew their Bible better than some of us do with all of our helps.

Let's practice the art of Bible meditation ... Let us open our Bibles, spread them out on a chair and meditate on the Word of God. It will open itself to us, and the Spirit of God will come and brood over it.

I do challenge you to meditate, quietly, reverently, prayerfully, for a month. Put away questions and answers and the filling in of the blank lines in the portions you haven't been able to understand. Put all of the cheap trash away and take the Bible, get on your knees, and in faith, say, "Father, here I am. Begin to teach me!" The Counselor, 136-137.

"Guide me, Lord, as I take time throughout this whole year to meditate on You. Tozer is stimulating me, but my real desire is to hear from You. I'll get on my knees this morning, Lord, in quiet expectation. Amen."

A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Sound the Trumpet!

- Section 1 -

The Coming World Church

During the first three and a half years of the tribulation period there will be two great powers controlling the world and its people. There will be a political power and a religious power.

The Political Power will be the Revived Roman Empire, we read about it in Revelation 13, Revelation 17:12-16 and Daniel 2:41-43, 7:24. This Revived Roman Empire will come together suddenly and take the world by surprise. It will not appear until after the rapture and until the after peace treaty is signed. It will terminate when it is swallowed up in the World Wide Kingdom of Antichrist at the mid-tribulation point. We read about this event in Revelation 17:17, "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

The Religious Power will be a world-wide church. That is our topic in this newsletter.

Religion will be the foundation of the New World order. This New World Religion will identify with Christ but it will be a denial of the real Christ. During the first 3 1/2 years this monstrosity of a church will work in cooperation with the Revived Roman Empire and the Antichrist.

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

Before this counterfeit church gets underway God wants us to know that it under His judgment. As we see in our world today the infrastructure of this coming world church forming before our very eyes, we need to know that it is under God's judgment and is doomed.

The message of God concerning this counterfeit church comes echoing down to us, "... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" Revelation 18:4.

God hates apostate, counterfeit Christianity, if you are a part of it you need to run from it. Remember that this counterfeit is so like the real thing that at times, it is not easy to discern the difference.

Notice this church is called the "great whore" in verse one and "the harlot" in verse five. A harlot is wife who is unfaithful to her husband. A harlot church is one who is unfaithful to Christ, naming the name of Christ and yet uniting with the world. "And he saith unto me, the waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" Revelation 17:15.

Notice where the whore sitteth, "upon many waters," the waters represents the people of the whole earth. This harlot, who professes to be the Church of Christ, will unite with the whole world. This church will be the greatly enlarged Church of Rome.

We are not left to wonder about the identity of this church, it is given to us in verse 9, "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." The Roman Catholic Church clearly describes itself as, "sitting on the seven-hills of Rome." Rome is the only city in the world that is situated on seven hills and which is the center of a great religion.

Someday, perhaps soon, there will come about a union of all of Christianity, after the body of Christ is caught up out of the world. There will be a union that will

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virtually draw the people of the whole world into it.

Preparation for this is now underway. We read in 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.”*

There are two groups involved in this union.

First we have *“the kings of the earth”* or governments and nations. *“With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication.”* The nations have nothing in common with Christianity, it is an unnatural relationship, and it is spiritual adultery.

The Roman Catholic Church has been involved for centuries in such a relationship with the kings and nations of the earth and it is spiritual adultery.

Today the world’s leaders go to the Vatican and bow before the pope and kiss his ring which is symbol of his authority. Religious leaders do the same. Many evangelical leaders have been caught on video doing that very thing.

prophet, will come up with a new program, a new agenda that will deceive the peoples of the whole earth.

There will be enthusiasm, euphoria and excitement as the peoples of the world will be intoxicated with this new agenda and the things involved in it.

These things are referred to as *“fornication”*. These things, this new agenda, will seem good to men but are an abomination in God’s sight, *“Drunk with the wine of her fornication.”*

We will consider this coming agenda in a few moments. But first let us give scriptural backing to some of things we have stated. Consider 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.”*

As we stated, we see here the two entities involved, a woman and a beast.

The beast has ten horns which clearly represents the Revived Roman Empire.

The woman is identified with seven heads. Verse 9, clearly identifies the woman as the Roman Catholic Church.

essentially an unelected, unaccountable central bank of the world that has complete immunity from taxation and from national laws. The Bank for International Settlements was used to launder money for the Nazis during World War II, but these days the main purpose of the BIS is to guide and direct the centrally-planned global financial system. Today, 58 global central banks belong to the BIS, and it has far more power over how the U.S. economy (or any other economy for that matter) will perform over the course of the next year than any politician does. Every two months, the central bankers of the world gather in Basel for another *“Global Economy Meeting”*. During those meetings, decisions are made which affect every man, woman and child on the planet, and yet none of us have any say in what goes on. The Bank for International Settlements is an organization that was founded by the global elite and it operates for the benefit of the global elite, and it is intended to be one of the key cornerstones of the emerging one world economic system.

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For centuries the pope was entitled, *“The sovereign Pontiff, Ruler of Papal States, Regent of all Princes and powers on earth.”*

In 1870 the European powers dissolved the pope’s temporal powers, except in the Vatican. Ever since the church has sought to regain power over governments and nations. We see that power regained in the first half of the tribulation, as recorded here in Revelation 17.

Secondly we see another group involved in this coming union. They are referred to in verse two, *“and the inhabitants of the earth.”* This seems to clearly indicate that the people of the whole earth are involved in this counterfeit church.

We have a reference as to how the peoples of the earth are drawn into this harlot church. *“... and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk (intoxicated) with the wine of her fornication.”* There are going to be some things involved in this church that will mesmerize, stupefy and intoxicate the peoples of the whole world. The leader of this harlot church, who could possibly be the present pope, as the false

“... The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.” We have already established that seven hills represent Rome.

Here is a key as to what takes place in the establishment of the New World Order and what takes place in the first half of the tribulation period. That key is the found in the phrase in verse three, *“... I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast.”* Remember the rider is in control of the horse or the beast, so as the New World order comes into being the woman is in control bringing it about.

Understand that today the bankers, the multinational corporations, the multi-billionaires and a small elite group are actually controlling the world now.

They control:

A. The world’s money and assets. An immensely powerful international organization that most people have never even heard of secretly controls the money supply of the entire globe. It is called the Bank for International Settlements, and it is the central bank of central banks. It is located in Basel, Switzerland, but it also has branches in Hong Kong and Mexico City. It is

B. The media. Six men actually control 90% of the world’s media. Public opinion and the agenda of governments is slowly but effectively manipulated.

Some issues are promoted while others are ignored and hidden from view.

C. The political leaders. They are actually pawns in the hands of the controllers who select them and groom them and fund them with huge contributions. Their re-election is dependent on the huge donations from the controllers. The men for the major offices are carefully selected and prepared and promoted.

D. The ideological agenda. The whole world is being brainwashed. We have watched in amazement and despair as our whole culture has been literally destroyed. Through the vehicles of entertainment, education, the arts and music and social activism our culture has been turned upside down. All of the values of our culture have been totally reversed in the last 70 years. The constant theme of the controllers is to tear down in preparation for replacement by the New World order.

E. The use of military force. The controllers call in the favours done for the politicians who need funding for re-

election. War is an effective way of bringing about the change that the controllers desire.

These controllers are positioned to take over and establish World Government. However there is a missing link. That missing link is the minds and hearts and souls of the people of the earth. These would be world rulers know very well that the world's seven billion people can rise up and overthrow governments that seek to oppress them.

The power of the people must be harnessed before there can be a world government. The people must buy into it. Someone has to capture the minds and hearts and souls of the people of the earth. That is where the world church comes into the picture.

We see that accomplished in verse 1, we read, "... *The great whore that sitteth upon many waters.*" That speaks of the church controlling the world. Remember, "*The great whore*" is the Harlot church and "*The many waters*" are the people of the earth.

It is the church that gathers the people of the world into her fold to control and lead them. During the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation period it is the church that controls both the world's people and the world government.

At the midpoint of the tribulation we see the political powers destroying the church and taking control. "*And he saith unto me, the waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire*" verse 15-16.

As we have indicated, it will be the harlot church that will capture the minds and souls of the masses and bring them into the church and cause them to buy into the New World order.

Today the world is largely turned off on Christianity. The mainline church is dying for lack of interest. The Roman Catholic Church has been, until very recently, losing attendance at the mass. The Evangelical Church has also lost influence in the world.

In 1958 Pope John 13 was elected and he proceeded to introduce liberalism into the church for the first time. This

started vibrations that succeeding popes have been unable to suppress. Among the laity, bishops, priests and nuns there has been a growing dissatisfaction that is calling for change.

Pope Francis is being acclaimed as a "*pope for the times*". He is proving to be a man with a heart and a mindset to bring about great change in the church. He has already begun to move in that direction.

We know that somehow the world and the church will come together.

I believe that there are five factors which have the potential to bring the world and the church together. I believe these five things could be, "*The wine of her fornication,*" the thing that intoxicates the world.

1. **THE HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA**

It is unbelievable how the world has united around this issue. It has swept like a tidal wave over society all around the world. I suggest that the world has never seen anything like it. If the pattern holds true the holdouts will be caught up as well. It is an unprecedented powerful unifying force in the world. Those who oppose this agenda are quickly marginalised creating a sense of fear and intimidation.

The pope has already begun to move in this direction. He has stated, "*Who am I to condemn homosexuals.*"

Rick Warren has stated, "*He is not sure that it is a sin.*"

It is not hard to see the world being swept into a church that accepts homosexuality. This has become a potential unifying force in the world. Why would it not fit into Satan's agenda?

2. **SOCIALISM**

The world has been moving for some time in this direction. Sharing the wealth around the world would be pretty popular in the third world. Social justice is the code-word. Socialism and communism has always had the power to deceive men and women and draw them in.

The pope has been pushing a new socialist world order. Recently the pope released a 30,000 word paper on economics. Rush Limbaugh said that it is pure communism. The world is being led to believe that all their needs will be

met by a new socialist world government.

We read in 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.*" We see all commerce under government control. It reveals a world that is based on socialism. I believe the world will unite around such a program and I believe it is the church that leads in its establishment.

History indicates that not only does socialism deceive but it enslaves and crushes those under it. That is the scenario that we read about concerning the coming kingdom of Antichrist.

We are watching helplessly as global terrorism is being used to facilitate the quickening of moves to create a global dictatorship, which is an integral part of socialism. In the last decade, almost without notice, our freedoms have been swept away.

3. **WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

For some years now the world has been obsessed with a woman's right to abortion. We have seen this crusade result in the murder of over one billion babies world-wide, murdered in their mother's wombs. The theme is women's rights regardless of the situation and regardless of the cost to others.

There is a crusade, within the church, to exalt women to roles of leadership which the Bible does not allow.

Women's rights have become a crusade which has the potential to unite the world and the church. Allowing women priests and bishops would be a catalyst to this end.

This is another phenomenon sweeping the world and it is unique to our day.

4. **THE NEW SPIRITUALITY**

The New Spirituality is actually the old Eastern Mysticism and the New Age agenda all rolled into one and promoted as the long lost essence of genuine Christianity. It is amazing how it is captivating the world and the church. The Evangelical Church and the Catholic Church are literally being swept into this new agenda.

The pope is devoted to this Mystical

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Meditation. Secular society is also being captivated by this New Age Spirituality through Yoga and the God within - delusion.

The basic element of this supposedly old authentic Christianity is to silence or blank the mind and allow God to speak to the soul. The frightening thing is that Contemplative Meditation (or whatever name it is given) is an invitation to associate with demons. God speaks to us through His Word and in response to our obedience to it. To blank the mind is to open it up to demons who deceive and seek to control.

It is not hard to envision the spirit world communicating a unifying message to all mankind through the medium of mystical meditation. This could translate into a new unheard of unity for the human race. The spirit world could give the same message to all men everywhere.

This is another area where the world and the church are coalescing.

5. CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

The entire world today is obsessed with rock music. It is in their ears all day long. It moves people to crowd into auditoriums, concert halls, churches and stadiums. It has a mesmerizing effect on young and old alike. It attracts people and holds them spellbound. It is one of the most powerful influences in society today.

In one Ontario City there are eight Evangelical churches using contemporary music; they are averaging around 1,000 people in their services. In the same city there are four Fundamental churches who do not use

contemporary music, they are averaging 50 people in their services.

The world has never seen such a phenomenon. The world is already uniting around contemporary music and it could be a uniting force in the explosive growth of the coming harlot church.

These five factors are a powerful force in our world today. They have a profound influence on all of Christendom and society at large. They have the potential to bring the whole world together. They also appear to be the "Wine of her fornication" mentioned in verse 2. They appear to be that which will intoxicate and deceive the world's peoples to buy into the harlot church.

Scripture reveals that when the Bride of Christ is raptured all of Christendom remaining in the world will come together. The doors of the harlot church will be opened wide and the whole world will walk in.

Pope Francis has recently said, "*Within the unity we need there is room for each group to hold on to their distinctives.*" That is the beginning of the opening of the doors of the church.

Our world is coming together as never since the tower of Babel. The internet, TV, Global News, business, Multi-national Corporations, trade and commerce, music, entertainment, and sports all contribute to a coming one world order. We are the first truly global generation. We see expanding international co-operation, trade and a UN that is gaining more and more control over nations and people.

There is another situation preventing the world's coming together, a situation

preventing the New World Order and preventing the harlot church from appearing on the scene. We read about that situation in 2 Thessalonians 2:6, "*And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*" Something is holding back the appearance of Antichrist and his agenda.

We are told what that withholding or restraining power is in verse 7, "*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*" It is the Holy Spirit that is presently restraining sin and iniquity and restraining the appearance of Antichrist and the unprecedented flood of evil that will come with him. When the church is raptured this restraining ministry will be withdrawn and the Antichrist will then appear, the New World order can unfold and the harlot church will capture the world.

The stage continues to be set for the final drama of the present age. And the hour when the whole world will walk into the harlot church.

The hour is late for the men and women of this world, the Day of the Lord judgment is at hand. If you are not saved you stand in danger of plunging into the eternal fires of hell! Come to Christ right now in repentance and faith and enter into all of the blessing of God to be poured out on His people.

"*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*" John 3:36. Art Sadlier

The Beginning of Sorrows

In speaking about the end times at the close of this dispensation, Jesus describes events which will take place. He describes events which take place over the entire seven year period and He speaks about the signs that will precede that awful time.

When asked about the signs that would precede His second coming in power and glory to set up the kingdom, Jesus gave some beginning signs. These beginning signs will long precede His second coming in power and glory and even precede His coming to the sky to call the church home. These then are

warning signs that believers can recognize and know that the rapture is near. "*But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief*" 1 Thessalonians 5:4.

"*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*" Hebrews 10:25. The writer clearly indicates that there will someday arise a generation which will see the signs of the Lord's soon coming. That generation is our generation.

"*So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors*" Matthew 24:33. The second coming is not near when the beginning signs are given but the rapture is.

In Matthew 24:8 He refers to the beginning signs, "*All these are the beginning of sorrows.*" The word used here for sorrow literally refers to a woman experiencing birth pains. As with a woman in labour there are beginning pains and then later the intense pain of child birth comes. The tribulation period will be a period

intense suffering and excruciating pain as billions suffer and die from the poured out wrath of God.

The beginning birth pains come sometime before the baby is born, in like manner there will be a period before the tribulation begins in which there will be a foretaste of that which is to come. We are living in that period now.

The beginning signs are listed in Matthew 24:5-7.

Verse 5, *“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”* There never has been an hour in all of history when so many have come preaching in the name of Christ and yet are pouring out deception. We live in a unique hour, an hour when the world is deluged with false teachers who pour out there messages on the whole world via TV, the internet and the printed page. Wolves in sheep’s clothing who preach truth and yet use it to insert error to lead multitudes astray. Insincere, self-centred hearts that are easily led astray is a mark of our generation.

In verse 6, our lord refers to *“wars and rumours of wars.”* There have always been wars but today an unprecedented number of major wars are on the horizon. There are rumours of war between China and Japan, China and the US, China and India, China and Indonesia and China and Taiwan. There is also the potential for war between Pakistan and India, between Saudi Arabia and Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iran. There is now also the potential for wars in Africa. Beside all of these there is the multi-faceted potential for war against Israel by many of her surrounding neighbours. Never has there been such potential for so many wars. We live in the hour Jesus warned us of.

In verse 7 we read about *“Famines, pestilences (pandemics) and earthquakes, in divers (many) places.”*

We have unprecedented potential for famines with the threat of climate change resulting in severe droughts

and with the threat of radioactive contamination. Storms and extreme weather are also unprecedented. Never have so many disastrous storms and extreme weather caused so much damage in such a relatively short period of time.

We seem to be teetering on the threshold of monstrous pandemics. Medical professionals are sounding constant warning of disaster on the near horizon. We now have viruses that are resistant to drugs and cannot be treated. We are told that it is not **if** but **when** these untreatable pandemics sweep over the world killing millions.

Other signs warn of solar storms, EMP attacks and cyber-attacks that could take down Hydro grids. These all have the potential to turn a modern world into third world conditions.

Our world is also facing the threat of a nuclear meltdown in Japan or elsewhere. Such a meltdown would be catastrophic for our world. Radiation levels on the California coast are 500 times higher since the nuclear problems in Fukushima Japan.

Earthquakes are escalating both in numbers and in intensity. It is amazing how the world manages to close its eyes to this potential catastrophe.

Scientists have warned for some time of a potential disastrous tsunami from the Canary Islands. The Island of La Palma has a fissure of several feet wide in the mountain, which could, as the result of an earthquake send 100 cubic miles of rock plunging a mile down to the ocean floor.

Energy released by such a large-volume landslide would create a mega-tsunami. Within minutes the coast of Africa would be hit by a deluge of water over 330 feet high. The city of Casablanca, Morocco would be wiped off the map, and almost the entire population of Western Sahara would be swallowed up by the Atlantic Ocean.

Europe would be impacted within a couple of hours. Cities in Spain and Portugal would see wave heights reaching 120 feet. After four hours it

would reach Britain sending water up the Thames River and flooding London with 20 feet of water. The low lying countries of the Netherlands and Belgium would see vast tracks of land swallowed up by the seismic waves.

The tsunami would send a wave crossing the Atlantic, a wave that would be 80 to 120 feet high travelling at 500 miles per hour. This wave would keep coming inland for 15 minutes. The entire east coast of the US and Canada would be obliterated. Recent seismic activity in the Canary Islands is a cause for concern.

The beginning signs are everywhere but as in Noah’s day the warnings are going unheard and unheeded. Though these warnings are coming from secular sources, God is speaking but no one is listening.

Super volcanoes are being identified, with the scientists declaring that they have the potential to wipe-out millions of people. We are told by scientists that the super volcano in Yellowstone Park which is now ominously stirring has the potential wipe America out. It has the potential to layer 10 feet of ash over an area a thousand miles from Yellowstone. I repeat; these are statements by secular scientists.

Today volcanic activity is on the rise all around the world. Scientists are warning that a large series of volcanic eruptions could freeze the planet.

Some of these things have happened in the past but never so many with so much intensity in such a short interval of time.

The sign of the last days that Jesus spoke of most often is sign of apathy. Jesus said that as the days draw nearer there would be great apathy concerning the warnings given. Jesus repeatedly warned men to watch! Today, the more the signs increase the greater the apathy to them becomes. Even among many believers there is an indifference to the lateness of the hour.

These are warning signs that are sent to signal the coming tribulation period, telling us that what Jesus foretold is about to happen. The world can and does ignore the warnings but the believer needs to be alert and prepare his or her heart for the trumpet to sound in the near future.

God is saying to this generation, *“Prepare for the coming ‘Day of the Lord’”.*

What is next for this world?

What about you believer?

Have you been obedient to the Lord’s command to be baptized?

Have you put away all known sin in your life?

Have you surrendered your life to the control of the Holy Spirit?

Are you supporting a Bible-teaching, Christ loving church?

Are you serving the Lord as best you can?

Are you looking for and are you ready for the coming of Christ?

1. World tensions will continue to build

Terrorism will continue to build, clashes between Israel and Islam, threat of a nuclear Iran, threat of nuclear jihad, oil supplies in jeopardy and major wars, perhaps between China and Japan. This will ultimately lead the world to cry out for peace and security and disarmament.

2. Jesus will come suddenly, without warning to take His bride home to heaven.

All the unbelievers will be left on the earth. It will be a world without the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit, evil will finally be revealed for what is, it will be a world with unrestrained evil.

3. The United States will suddenly become insignificant in world affairs.

How that will happen we do not know. We do know that there are at least a dozen scenarios now in place that have the potential to destroy America. After the rapture Antichrist will be the pretend defender of Israel instead of America.

4. Out of the chaos and confusion Antichrist will miraculously arise in Europe and sign a great world-wide peace treaty.

Euphoria will sweep the world! There will be a brief period of world-wide peace.

5. The world-wide utopia will not last long; Russia and Iran with other Muslim allies will come against Israel to destroy her.

God will send fire from heaven to all but eliminate Russia, Iran and

their Muslim allies. With Russia, Iran and Islam off the scene along with America, Antichrist will fill the vacuum and establish his revived Roman Empire.

6. The great tribulation will break-out with great darkness, disaster and destruction.

At least two thirds of the earth's population will die in the judgment of God. Two thirds of all Jews will die as Antichrist destroys every one that gets in his way.

7. Jesus will come in great power and glory to rescue and redeem Israel.

He will sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem and establish the millennial kingdom. His reign will bring peace, prosperity and blessing upon the whole earth.

What is next for you personally? Are you ready to face the future? Are you saved? Will you die in the terrible tribulation period? Will you be cast into hell at the sheep and goat judgement as Jesus assumes the throne of David in Jerusalem?

Listen to the Word of God.:

- *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"*
Romans 3:23
- *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"*
John 3:36
- *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"*
John 14:6
- *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should*

not perish, but have everlasting life"
John 3:16

If you are not saved you need to flee from the wrath to come. The only safety is to be found is in Christ. Bow your head in contrition, acknowledge your sin and ask Christ to save, and He will.

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Look up for your redemption is drawing near!
Art Sadlier

A shout! A trumpet note!

A glorious presence in the azure sky!

A gasp, a thrill of joy,

And we are with him in the twinkling of an eye.

A glance! An upward look!

Caught up to be with Christ forever more!

The dead alive! The living glorified!

Fulfilled are all His promises that came before.

His face! His joy supreme!

Our souls find rapture only at His feet!

Blameless! Without a spot!

We enter into Heaven's joy complete.

*Strike harps, oh sound His praise,
We know Him as we never knew before!
God's love! God's matchless grace!*

Twill take eternity to tell, while we adore.

(Unknown)

The Peace Process

The world's most powerful men have laboured for nearly 25 years to solve the Israeli-Palestinian standoff. They cannot do it and they will not do it until divine intervention takes place. The Palestinians have made it abundantly clear that they will never accept anything but the demise of Israel.

It seems that America's man, John Kerry, is Satan's man bent on destroying Israel by delivering her into the hands of her avowed enemies. The problem is that God has already laid

out in His Word the pattern of events that will take place.

Kerry is working an incredible devious plan to coral both Israel and the Palestinians in a situation from which they will not be able reverse direction. The hook is being set, if Netanyahu signs Kerry's "framework agreement" there will seem to be no turning back.

The real issue is that there is not going to be a two state solution. When the peace treaty is finally signed Israel will have the Temple Mount and the West

Bank in their possession. They will be living in peace and worshipping God in the third Temple. That is impossible unless the Palestinians and their close allies are eliminated.

It is true that Israel will be decimated by Antichrist in the last half of the tribulation period. A time when according to Zechariah, two thirds of the Israeli's will die before the remaining Jews are restored to the Lord and the kingdom is set-up.

What Satan cannot do through his men like Kerry and Obama, God will, in His mighty power bring about. Before the peace treaty is finally signed it appears that the war of Psalm 83 will take place bringing destruction to Israel's Arab enemies. With Israel's enemies destroyed a peace treaty will be possible, though it will be a false peace that will lead Israel into the destructive hands of Antichrist after the mid-tribulation point.

It is incredible to witness the devious and deceptive way that Satan is striving to destroy Israel in the on-going negotiations. The fact that these negotiations are stymied at every turn is evidence of a monumental spiritual struggle that is taking place. Satan is struggling, but God is just calmly turning his every move against him.

It is almost comical to watch as the world's leaders have beaten their heads against the wall for 25 years, with each move more frustrating than the last. Why is it that these men cannot get the message? The answer is that they are deceived by spiritual forces in high places.

After the peace treaty the remaining Muslim nations will attempt their own final solution in the war of Ezekiel 38-39. They will be wiped out by God before they even begin the attack.

From that point on, neither Islam nor Russia will play a role in the tribulation period. It will be the revived Roman Empire and the world-wide kingdom of Antichrist that will dominate.

After the greatest effort to date to bring about a destructive peace agreement Kerry is still not even close to success.

The following debkaf file report confirms this fact.

"US Secretary of State John Kerry returns Sunday night, Jan. 5 for another shuttle between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas after taking time-out for dropping in on Amman and Riyadh. debkaf file reports that Kerry has ordered his team to shelve the proposed framework accord he presented to Netanyahu in 12 hours of talks and eight with Abbas Friday and Saturday. He concluded that the gaps between them on the core issues of

the dispute were getting wider instead of narrower.

The Palestinians reject any Israeli security presence on the West Bank. However, in Amman, Secretary Kerry found Jordan's King Abdullah just as adamantly opposed to any Palestinian security presence on their common border along the Jordan Valley, or their participation in future security arrangements for the West Bank.

The monarch told Kerry in no uncertain terms that he doesn't trust Palestinian security and intelligence organs. According to our sources, the Jordanian ruler said he found totally unacceptable the Palestinian plan for defending their future borders, which Palestinian intelligence chief Gen. Nidal Abu Dohan presented last week in Amman.

The Secretary proceeded from Jordan to Saudi Arabia later Sunday in search of some lead for energizing his Middle East peace effort. According to our sources, he planned to ask Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah for a public gesture, such as a joint economic enterprise, for luring Netanyahu into accepting a greater measure of his proposed framework. However, it is doubtful whether he found the 92-year old monarch and his advisers in any mood for attending to Israel and the Palestinians, after the Obama administration had offered Iraq's Shiite prime minister advanced weapons for fighting - not just Al Qaeda but also the Sunni Arab tribes of western Iraq.

John Kerry Sunday night faced five major difficulties:

- 1. The Palestinians insist on Jerusalem being registered in any agreement as the capital of their future state. The Prime Minister is flat against this.*
- 2. Mahmoud Abbas is totally opposed to recognizing Israel as the Jewish State. His last conversation with the Secretary in Ramallah Saturday morning is described as "very tough." Kerry informed him that Netanyahu's demand for Israel's recognition as the Jewish state had been adopted as official American*

policy. When he heard this, the Palestinian leader dug his heels in still deeper against relenting on this point.

3. Abbas turned aside the critical refugee question by telling the US secretary that the decision was not up to him and would in any case not be binding on a single Palestinian refugee.

4. The clause in the US framework relating to the Jordan Valley border is opposed by Israel, the Palestinians and the Jordanians.

5. Neither has agreement been reached on the sum total of land the Palestinians will receive or Israel will cede."

I repeat, the present peace negotiations will not succeed. The biblical prophetic scenario for a peace agreement will not transpire until after divine intervention in the war of Psalm 83.

Momentous events are shaking our world, yet men are totally unaware that they are standing on the edge of the catastrophic Day of the Lord judgement. Our world is mesmerized by incredible deception. This deception is brought on by disobedience to God and His Word. Men today are on a crusade to overturn and disobey every area of the Word of God.

Within this framework there are situations we will watch as they unfold, though they will not change the biblical scenario of events.

Will Iran get a nuclear bomb? If they do they will not use it against Israel, though Syria may use a nuke on Israel.

Will Israel attack Iran? If they do it could bring about the war of Psalm 83. There is no war recorded between Israel and Iran prior to the war of Ezekiel 38-39. However a nuclear exchange of considerable proportions in some area may well be the catalyst to include disarmament in the peace treaty.

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

Patience my brothers and sisters, the Lord is at hand. Art Sadlier

The real issue is that there is not going to be a two state solution. When the peace treaty is finally signed Israel will have the Temple Mount and the West Bank in their possession. They will be living in peace and worshipping God in the third Temple.

The Smitten Rock

Speaking of Israel in the wilderness Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:4, "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." The rock that brought forth water in the wilderness, when it was smitten by Moses; was a symbol or a type of Christ. It foretold the smiting of Christ on the cross by which the water of life would be offered to the whole world.

Early in their wilderness wanderings Israel came to Rephidim where there was no water. The people murmured against Moses and God spoke to Moses in Exodus 17:6, "Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel." The beautiful type was given.

Much later in their wanderings Israel came to Kadesh. Again there was no water and again Israel murmured against Moses. Moses and Aaron went to the Tabernacle to seek from the Lord what they should do. Again God was quick to answer Moses, we read in Numbers 20:8, "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink." This time the command was not to strike the Rock but to speak to the Rock. We have here a beautiful type of Christ's death on the cross. Christ was only to be smitten once, He was to make one sacrifice for sin. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God" Hebrews 10:12.

Today, the Roman Catholic Church sacrifices Christ in the Mass every week. They crucify Christ over and over again. This destroys the gospel message concerning the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice. It prevents people

from trusting in the sufficiency Christ to save them.

The Lord was greatly displeased with Moses when he struck the rock, "And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." Moses had destroyed the type of Christ's death on the cross. The life of Moses was not without sin and every time he sinned God was quick to forgive the penitent man.

But this time there is a new element in his sin, the type of Christ's death was very precious to God and Moses had violated it. The Lord was bound to confirm His commitment to His plan of salvation. Although Moses was forgiven the Lord would drive home His commitment to His plan and so He made it clear that Moses would not bring Israel into the Promised Land.

Moses had spent 40 years in anticipation of that moment but now it was denied to him. Moses lost a blessing that could never be restored in this life.

There is no sin that will not be forgiven to the penitent believer. David said, "... a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" Psalm 51:17.

The Lord actually delights in a contrite spirit, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" Isaiah 57:15. There are some sins that, although they are forgiven, result in a loss of blessing in this life, a blessing that cannot be restored. Moses experienced that.

I think of two other types which are given to display great truth about our Saviour's death, types we need to be very careful not to violate.

One is the Lord's Table. We read about temporal judgment on those who violate this pattern. "But let a man

examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep" 1 Corinthians 11:28-30.

Another is the marriage ceremony. In the marriage ceremony the Bride is a type of the Church. Literally she is presented to her husband as a chaste virgin, the Jewish man would not accept her if she was not a virgin. In this type, the Bride is a picture of the church as a chaste virgin being presented to Christ, her bridegroom. In the marriage supper of the Lamb the Bride is adorned in fine linen, clean and white as a symbol of the imputed righteousness of Christ and as a symbol of the practical righteousness produced in the believer's life by the Holy Spirit. Only a pure Bride is acceptable to Christ. She is to be covered, even to the point of wearing veil; nothing of the flesh is to be seen in the presence of the heavenly Bridegroom at the marriage supper. This is the type to be seen in the believer's marriage. The marriage of the believer is a type that is precious to God.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God" Revelation 19:7-9.

Types and patterns are important to God even in the New Testament era as seen in the Lord's Supper. One can hardly expect the blessing of God on the marriage where this ignored.

Obedience is the source of blessing.

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