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WHETHER WE WANT TO admit to it or not, the worst of times in all of history has begun. Soon you and I could be facing the loss of all we own, prison, even death. I know, it sounds doom and gloom. There are a lot of prosperity, God has good things in store for you today, and your best life is now preachers out there. If that is what you want, then fill yourself with their false hope. If you want truth and real hope, then you must go to the Bible concerning our present age. What it tells us is that things are going to get worse, much worse, dangerously worse, but hold your head high and keep your focus on the glory that will be yours and not on the troubles at hand. The troubles will soon be overwhelming. No matter how bad things become, they won't compare to all that God has in store for us. Through it all—hold on, our redemption is near. Jesus will soon be here.

### THE UNITED NATIONS

Leading the charge to the worst of times is the United Nations (UN) and their Agenda 2030. This agenda's focus is to transform world economies, cultures, and the political structures of all nations through the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.<sup>3</sup> The goals most concerning are those for a cashless economy and world governance. These goals are necessary for a world leader, who we call the Antichrist, to be given authority over the new, transformed world order.

The fact that all 193 member nations of the UN approved and signed Agenda 2030 on September 25, 2015, could not have signaled any louder that the nations have given their sovereignty to international governance.<sup>4</sup> Since then, the nations continue to work together to fulfill the UN's agenda.

Achieving their goals was not moving along as quickly as the UN wanted, so the UN Chief held their First Summit on September 24-25, 2019 to review Agenda 2030 and to encourage the nations to be more aggressive in implementing Agenda 2030, beginning in 2020.<sup>5</sup> The result of this meeting unleashed COVID-19 and exacerbated various political and social issues. This in turn gave justification for accelerating the push for cashless transactions, the removal of Judea/Christian values, the giving of more control to the UN's specialized agency, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the giving up of national sovereignty to global governance.

# **ANARCHY RULES**

Keep in mind how the world was turned upside down in 2020 with vaccines, lockdowns, economic distress, riots, violence, tearing down of truth, and overall anarchy. It appears more of the same with more intensity and destruction is on the horizon for 2024. When the General Assembly met on February

13, 2023,<sup>6</sup> the UN Chief told the Assembly that now that they were at the halfway mark to fulfilling Agenda 2030, "turbocharging" efforts were needed to meet the 2030 goals. He noted that when they meet at the SDG Summit on September 18-19 2023 that it should "mark the beginning of a new phase of *accelerated* progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals." In other words, if you thought the outcome of their 2019 summit was bad, brace yourself, 2024 is destined to be a year of sorrows.

Most do not pay close attention to what takes place at the UN meetings. I encourage you to pay close, discerning attention to what comes out of the UN's Summit in September 2023. When Jesus instructed us to "watch," he was encouraging us to pay attention to world events. What is happening in the world shows us how last day events are being played out and where we are on the prophetic timeline. Pay attention to the upcoming summit. Our days are short. Our days are about to get tougher.

#### FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Over 2600 years ago the Bible revealed the empires that would set the world stage for the world leader we call the Antichrist and transfer world power back to the Middle East. Currently the West is in decline as the Middle East rises in International Status. Eventually the entire world will be submissive to Islam (the Middle East) after the fall of the West. All that is happening with the United Nations Agenda 2030 is moving this transfer forward. For more information see my book, age of the Antichrist ARE WE THERE YET? at www.hope-for-today.com.

In Daniel 2 the prophet was given understanding that the empires setting the political stage for the Antichrist would be Babylon, Medes-Persia, Grecian Empire, Roman Empire, and the Divided Roman Empire to end in the realignment of all nations under ten regions, also known as the world government and new world order. The Antichrist will then be given authority over this new world order. The United Nation's Agenda 2030 is now setting in place the final political environment and cultural transformations necessary for the new world order to be in place no later than 2030. Once in place the Middle East will be the dominant world power and the world leader we know as the Antichrist will then rise out of this new world order. Will he take authority in 2030/2031? Whether it's 2030 or soon after, your eyes and mine will see him.

Out of Daniel 2's Divided Roman Empire came the empires of Daniel 7. The purpose of these empires is to set the agenda and give the leadership to shape the world in final preparation for the realignment of all nations under ten regions, to prepare the Middle East to come against Israel, and to return world power back to the Middle East. The empires that put into place this final world stage are revealed in Daniel 7 as Great Britain, the United States, Russia, and Islam. As we see in our present age, Great Britain and the United States sets the agenda and gives the leadership for the nations. Russia's aggression, encroachments, and many alliances with the Middle East helps the Middle East regain its world dominance and help prepare Israel's enemies to invade Israel with a massive force. Daniel 7 reveals the end goal for these empires is to establish the realignment of all nations under ten regions, identified here as a great terrifying ten-horned beast; this is also the same beast with seven heads and ten horns described in Revelation 13:1-10, and the ten toed kingdom of Daniel 2.

According to Daniel 2 and 7 we are currently living in earth's final generation where the final political, cultural, and economic pieces are being set in place to realign all nations under ten regions to be governed by a world leader. The United Nations Agenda 2030 is the catalyst for unifying the nations as a cohesive body and putting in place these final pieces. We are the generation that will see the world leader we call the Antichrist. We are the generation that will experience the overwhelming troubles of the "perilous times" spoken of by the Apostle Paul, and the great tribulation taught by Jesus. 10

# **SETTING THE ECONOMIC STAGE**

The United Nations already has all nations realigned under 10 regions as outlined in their report, *The Millennium Development Goals Report 2009.* <sup>11</sup> This is how the UN views our nations, not as sovereign nations but as political/economic regions. To take this realignment out of the report and into physical reality needs something to connect the nations. This is where the cashless economy comes in. Once all nations are connected through the global cashless economy the realigning of all nations under ten regions and under ten kings is a simple step forward. Once in place it is then possible for a one world leader to take control over the economies of all nations, thereby controlling all nations. To quote President James Garfield, "He who controls the money supply of a nation controls the nation." In light of our current situation, "He who controls the money supply of the world controls the world."

We know this world leader as the Antichrist. Revelation 13:16-17 reveals he will be the one in control over a worldwide cashless economy. Once in authority he will mandate the cashless economy. Those who do not comply will be put to death. The necessary infrastructure for this cashless economy is now being set in place. Transitioning everyday life to cashless has been in acceleration since 2020 with plans to turbocharge the nation's efforts after the upcoming UN Summit on September 18-19, 2023. The UNs Agenda 2030 goal is to have it all in place no later than 2030. Does this mean we will see more self-checkouts, less use of cash, more unemployment, and more inflation? Unfortunately, yes. That also means less jobs, more unemployment, more inflation, more violence, more disease, and overall more troubles.

### THE GROWING DARKNESS

Between now and 2030 the world will only grow worse. How bad things will become is outlined in Jesus' teaching concerning earth's final generation, our present age. Our present age is the "beginning of sorrows" and the "this generation shall not pass" generation that Jesus taught of in Matthew 24:8, 34.

The "beginning of sorrows" that Jesus taught is the beginning of the great tribulation. It is not the great overwhelming perilous sorrows of the "great tribulation" but are the events that progressively increase and grow worse until we are literally under great pressure to survive. Other Bible translations translate "beginning of sorrows" as the "beginning of birth pains." This gives the picture of a pregnant woman who at first feels no discomfort but as the baby grows the frequency and intensity of pain increases until they become unbearable, and the baby is born through much sorrow. The beginning of sorrows events will increase in frequency and intensity until they become the great sorrows of the great tribulation and become so unbearable that if Jesus did not soon return it would be difficult for even the strongest of Christians to survive with their faith firmly in place.<sup>12</sup>

Jesus identified the beginning of sorrows events as racial and ethnic issues and conflicts among nations when he used the Greek word "ethnos" for nations. World wars among empires, famines, diseases, and earthquakes also are identified as beginning of sorrows events. Jesus taught that there will be no decrease in these events, even though the UNs Agenda 2030 has made their elimination global goals. The beginning of sorrows will continue to increase in frequency and intensity. No attempts by man will slow or stop their increase. For more information on the beginning of sorrows, see my book, *COMING SOON* at www.hope-for-today.com.

As the nation's experience the increase of the beginning of sorrows, the false hope of Agenda 2030 is seen as the solution to the world's problems. The nations have already agreed to and implemented the goals of Agenda 2030. At the Agenda 2023 Summit in September, the nations will reconfirm their

agreement and commit to the turbocharging acceleration to complete the Agenda 2030 goals within the next seven years. Doing so will further increase the beginning of sorrow's events, create more chaos throughout the world, and give more leadership to global governance. It is out of this chaos that the UN will appoint a global leader to bring peace and prosperity. This leader, who we know as the Antichrist, will bring peace and prosperity for three and a half years. <sup>13</sup> Seeing the peace and prosperity more people, including God's people, will comply with his cashless economic plan and new world order. After these three and a half years, all hell breaks loose as the Antichrist uses his military strength to enforce his policies and conquer the nations. <sup>14</sup>

From some point between 2024 and 2030 we can expect to see the fall of the West, the rise to world power of the Middle East (Islam), a global cashless economy, the realignment of all nations under ten political/economic regions, and at least one major war. Believe me, I hope I'm wrong too. But in my forty-seven years as a Christian this is the first time I've felt compelled to sound the alarm that these things are not just coming, but are here.

## **ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE**

After the three and a half years of peace and prosperity under the new cashless economy and global governance, all hell breaks loose. Anyone not in compliance will be looked upon as the enemy; these will be mostly Christians and Jews. They will lose whatever they own, be sent to prison, even killed. Many will see what is happening to their relatives, friends, and neighbors for not complying and will choose to comply instead of holding firm to Jesus. To make it more difficult to know what is right and what to do, religious leaders who say they speak for God will encourage people to comply with the governments mandates. As I write in my books, this includes the Pope as one of these false prophets.

With all the evil, sin, lack of truth, and great pressures, instead of holding firm to Jesus there will be an even greater falling away from Jesus and from love for others. Instead of continuing in the light of Jesus many will fall into the world's darkness. Others will continue to claim to be Christian while complying to the Antichrist's policies, yet not be Christian because of their compliance. Heep in mind that only eight people remained in God's light in the days of Noah. If you are not careful, even though you think you are strong and firm in Jesus now, darkness could also overtake you and will overtake many of you. I do not imply there will only be eight people standing strong for Jesus during these times. I do imply that the number of strong Christians will greatly decrease from 2024 forward.

No matter how bad things become, we are encouraged to continue to love, continue to preach the gospel, continue to hold firm with your eyes firmly focused on the eternal prize you will receive.<sup>21</sup> These are not times to retreat from being Christian, but to be even more Christian as the days get tougher.<sup>22</sup>

## WHEN HELL ON EARTH BEGINS

Jesus taught that hell on earth is released when the "abomination of desolation" is in the temple.<sup>23</sup> This abomination is the one called the Antichrist who declares himself to be God.<sup>24</sup> After the temple is rebuilt and the Antichrist declares himself to be God, we are encouraged not to stay in one place but to find a hiding place because the great persecution that has never been experienced in all of history will now begin.<sup>25</sup> The Devil's wrath through the Antichrist is targeted toward Christians and Jews and anyone against his policies.<sup>26</sup> Also during this time family members will come against, betray, and cause to be jailed and even put to death those who do not comply with the cashless, global, new world order.<sup>27</sup> We were given a taste of what this will be like with our recent COVID-19 pandemic and how families broke apart and betrayed one another.

The days ahead will increasingly become darker. The beginning of sorrows events will increasingly become more frequent, more intense, more perilous. We are given a glimpse of how dark and perilous things will become in Revelation 6. The angel described to the apostle John what the world will look like when the cashless economy is mandated, all nations are realigned under ten regions, and the world leader, the Antichrist, is in authority.

The Apostle records that continuous wars between the Antichrist's Middle Eastern military and everyone else will be everyday occurrences.<sup>28</sup> Great violence will permeate every nation, every state, every city, and every household.<sup>29</sup> Hyperinflation will be global affecting all nations.<sup>30</sup> One fourth of the world's population (two billion people) will be killed by all the wars, violence, famines, diseases, and even by the animals looking for food.<sup>31</sup> The main target of the Antichrist's destruction is God's people, who are killed in mass because of their faith in Jesus and his word.<sup>32</sup>

I know, it's not a pretty picture but it is the picture Scripture gives concerning where our present age and the United Nations Agenda 2030 are taking us. To make sense out of what is coming, it's important to keep in mind that all that is happening is the consequence of a world without God. For reasons I don't fully understand, the Devil is the god, the ruler, the authority over all the earth.<sup>33</sup> He's been given the authority to create a world after his own image, an image filled with lies and destruction with a character opposite of God's Spirit.<sup>34</sup> We do know that the Devil, when he was called Lucifer, rebelled against God in heaven determined to replace God on His throne.<sup>35</sup> This is when God removed him from the heavenly realm and confined him to the earth.<sup>36</sup> On earth, Lucifer became the Devil, God's adversary, with the purpose of stealing, killing, and destroying God's creation and His people.<sup>37</sup> After his full reign over the earth, through the Antichrist, he will come to his end and be cast into the eternal lake of fire.<sup>38</sup>

In his rage against God, the Devil is permitted to come against God's people to tempt and detour all he can from the faith.<sup>39</sup> The main way he does this is through everything that is in the world.<sup>40</sup> He uses the world's systems to distract and detour people from the things of God. The Devil creates a world after his likeness, described in Ezekiel 28:12-19. See Appendix B in my book, *age of the Antichrist ARE WE THERE YET?* for more details at www.hope-for-today.com.

It is through the Devil's temptations and our resistance to them that we develop into God's children and future kings. The Apostle James reminds us that it is through the difficulties, the temptations, the persecution that makes us worthy to be God's children and kings in God's kingdom. <sup>41</sup> Because we are not of the Devil's world, and are only strangers and pilgrims traveling through the enemy's territory, <sup>42</sup> the Devil does all he can to come against us. <sup>43</sup> Living in the Devil's territory we will experience much trouble, only because we belong to God. <sup>44</sup>

The Devil does not have complete authority over God's people until the world leader, called the Antichrist, is in authority and is permitted to kill them. No matter how bad things get, we must keep our focus. Keep in remembrance that even though the Devil can kill our bodies, he cannot destroy our soul. <sup>45</sup> Therefore, we are not to fear whatever the world does to us but Him who can destroy both body and soul into hell. It has taken the Devil over 2600 years, but he will soon have in place the necessary cashless economy and new ordering of the nations that will allow him to identify and kill all who oppose his policies.

### WHAT THEN DO WE DO?

Many will not like what I have to say in this section. We tend to be people who want to do something with our hands to protect ourselves from the days ahead. We think we are being proactive when we

store up cash, food, medicine, guns, and tend to a garden. Unfortunately, Jesus and the Bible does not give this type of advice for the days we are moving into. Taking the advice of the preppers is okay for the transitional short term but will be ineffective by the time the United Nations achieve their goal of a cashless economy and global governance. Consider what it means for your life when we are mandated to use an identification mark on our body to buy or sell anything, and because of your understanding of the Bible, you refuse? The bottom line is you become homeless, without a house or any way of paying for the essentials for survival.

Here's what the Bible encourages as we enter the most horrible times the world has ever known. In this list Matthew 24 is noted as 24 and Luke 21 as 21.

Guard yourself from deception (24:4-5). Deception is nothing more than conforming and distorting God's words and thinking it is still God's word. There are many political, educational, scientific, and cultural philosophies out there to help us to do that. We often think of a false Christ as someone who claims to be Jesus, and there are plenty who do, but a false Christ can also be a system such as education, psychology, a book, or movie which gives to you a whole new way of looking at yourself and life. Movies, books, political philosophies, etc. are great for teaching you the opposite of Jesus's teachings, with you enjoying every minute of it.

Find peace of mind (24:6). Great anxiety, worry, and stress will characterize the days we are moving into. To find peace of mind we must keep our focus on God. We can find peace of mind in the most horrible of situations because we know the God who is the source and giver of peace even when all hell breaks loose. To find this type of peace we need to receive God's Holy Spirit.<sup>46</sup> See also Isaiah 26:3; Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 8:23-27.

Be even more Christian (24:9-12; Hebrews 10:22-26). Entering perilous times is not the time to retreat from being Christian. It is the time to be more Christian than ever before. You are the salt and light for those around you. Without your witness there is no hope for anyone to call out to God and be eternally saved. See also Romans 10:14; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19.

Endure, even if it leads to death (24:13). No matter how tough things become and what you will face, embrace the suffering knowing that in the twinkling of an eye it will all be over and your life in eternity without any suffering, pain, or sorrow, will begin. See also Romans 8:18.

*Preach the gospel (24:14).* No matter the dangers we face we are on a mission in the enemy's territory. Like a soldier, we know that death is a possibility, but we continue to fulfill our mission. For you and I that mission is to proclaim the gospel declaring why things are happening as they are, and that our hope and eternal salvation is with Jesus. See also Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:3-5.

Seek for understanding to what is taking place (24:15, 25). The prophetic events Jesus spoke of were not given for eschatological ponderings riddled with confusion. They were given as clear events to be understood and to give us an understanding of the times we are living in. See also Luke 21:29-33; Matthew 16:2-3.

Be ready to leave it all behind (24:16-21). If we don't leave all we own behind we will be forced to do so since not receiving the cashless identification mark to buy and sell will leave us without the means to pay bills, etc. To not have any means will make us a target for imprisonment and death. Jesus encourages us to run to the hills and hide out.

Keep your focus (24:26-31). Many will rise up to give hope and relief to those under great distress by saying they are Jesus. Jesus will be nowhere on the earth. When he returns it will only be in the clouds with great glory and with his angels. No one—saint or sinner—will question who he is when he arrives. All will know him. All will confess and bow down before him.<sup>47</sup>

Watch and pray (24:42-43). To watch is to pay attention to the events Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24 and how they will increase and peak with the great tribulation of the Antichrist. Jesus tells us to watch so we will know where we are on the prophetic timeline. See also Luke 21:36.

Be ready in your righteousness (24:44-51). Jesus warned that many will fall away from their faith, return to sin, and become like those without Jesus. We are encouraged to guard our righteousness and continue to treat others with kindness, compassion, and mercy. See also Matthew 24:43-51; 25:31-46.

Patience is the key (21:19). No matter how tough things get, patience is the key to get us through the horrors of this world and into the eternal life promised to us. No matter how tough, nothing we go through compares to what is waiting for us when we enter the arms of Jesus. See also Romans 8:18.

Look up (21:28). With all the destruction and persecution taking place within the world it all seems hopeless, and it is. Our hope is with Jesus, knowing that he is returning to take us to be with him. This is where our focus is to be. We are to keep our focus away from the idea that we are losing it all and focus on the truth that we will soon gain much more than we could ever lose. We are to *look up* toward the heavenly places from where Jesus is returning in the clouds; especially now that the beginning of sorrows events are in full swing.

Take heed (21:34-35). If we are not careful you and I could also overindulge with what the world offers, instead of the things belonging to God. We can be so focused on what pleases us and on what we need to live life that we forget we are on a journey toward eternal life needing to keep God number one in our words, thoughts, and actions. See also Luke 13:23.

### IN CLOSING

The days ahead are about to get much worse through the United Nations Agenda 2030. The cashless economy, world governance, and extreme hardships are on the horizon to pave the way for the world leader we call the Antichrist. In such a world we are to be more fervent in being Christian, with our focus not on what we have or don't have but on what we will have when we enter our eternal inheritance with Jesus. As we move toward 2030 be aware, be focused, be firm.

I've stated elsewhere in this paper that the Bible tells us what will take place upon the earth, but world events give the details to how they will unfold. In this light, it is the United Nations and their partners who are setting out the welcome mat for the Antichrist through Agenda 2030. This is why it should be mandatory for everyone to pay attention to the outcome of the United Nations meetings and summits from this point forward. They are determined to achieve their goals no later than 2030. From now until then the world will not get better. The acceleration of the world's dismantling began in 2020. The UN Chief made it clear in February 2023 that the goal for their September 2023 meeting is to *turbocharge* their actions. We saw the outcome of their September 2019 *acceleration* meeting; their upcoming *turbocharging* meeting should be even more eventful in 2024. Be aware. Be focused. Be firm.

Our days are dark. Hold on just a little while longer.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 Timothy 4:3-4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Romans 8:18; Luke 21:28

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Matthew 24:42-44

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Matthew 7:21-23; 25:1-12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Matthew 24:12; 1Corinthians 10:12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Matthew 24:13-14; Philippians 3:14; Romans 8:18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Hebrews 10:22-25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Matthew 24:15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 2 Thessalonians 2:4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Matthew 24:16-21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Revelation 12:17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Matthew 24:10; Luke 21:12, 16

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Revelation 6:3-4

<sup>30</sup> Revelation 6:5-6

<sup>31</sup> Revelation 6:7-8

<sup>32</sup> Revelation 6:9-11; 12:17

<sup>33 2</sup> Corinthians 4:4

<sup>34</sup> Galatians 5:22-24

<sup>35</sup> Isaiah 14:14

<sup>36</sup> Isaiah 14:12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> John 10:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Revelation 20:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> 1 Peter 5:8; Job 1:7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> 1 John 2:15-17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> James 1:2-4, 12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Hebrews 11:13; 1 Peter 2:11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> John 15:19; 1 Peter 5:8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 John 3:12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Matthew 10:28

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> John 14:27

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Romans 14:11; Isaiah 45:23; Philippians 2:10-11