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the final "this generation" that Jesus spoke of

Toward 2030 and A New World Order

WE KNEW THE DAY was coming, but little did we think we would be around to witness the one called the Antichrist...but here we are.

In his Matthew 24 teaching, Jesus described the events that would lead to the appearing of the Antichrist. Jesus taught that false Christs, deception, wars, and rumors of wars would always be with us. These events are considered normal, everyday events.ⁱ These events do not lead to the arrival of the Antichrist, they let us know the last days have begun.ⁱⁱ

The second category of events Jesus taught about are those that lead us to the arrival of the Antichrist. These events are called *"the beginning of sorrows,"*ⁱⁱⁱ and appear during earth's last generation.^{iv} These events include continual conflict between ethnic groups, large nations/empires warring against each other, famines,^v diseases,^{vi} earthquakes affecting various nations and populations, increase in persecution, and the preaching of the gospel throughout the entire world.^{vii}

These events are called the 'beginning' of sorrows because they increase in frequency and intensity until they bring us into the fully developed sorrows of the great tribulation."^{viii} For more information on Jesus' Matthew 24 teaching, download my e-book, *COMING SOON*. It's a free download at hope-for-today.com.

The third category of events are released when the one called the Antichrist is here. The growing persecution of the second category reaches its peak when the Antichrist arrives, sets himself up in the temple (abomination of desolation), and sets loose the great tribulation on God's people.^{ix} During this time many false Christs and false prophets (preachers, teachers, authors) will explain what is happening in support of the Antichrist and will do many miracles to give credibility to their false teaching.^x

According to Jesus' timeline, we are at the end of the beginning of sorrows ready to enter this third category of events. That means the last pieces necessary for the Antichrist to appear are now being tweaked and set in place. This means we are the "this" generation Jesus taught in Matthew 24:34.

THE FINAL EVENTS

It is our present age that is putting the final pieces in place to welcome the Antichrist with open arms. These events include the apostasy of the Church, a global government, and a cashless economy. These three events allow the final events to be released: extreme violence, hyperinflation, removal of middle class, etc.

APOSTASY OF THE CHURCH

The Bible teaches that prior to the arrival of the Antichrist the Church will be in apostasy. This apostasy

does not appear out of nowhere, at the time the Antichrist appears, but progresses through the generations until it reaches the point where the majority claiming to belong to God, are greatly deceived, thinking they are God's people when they are far removed from Him. It is this apostasy that lays out the welcome mat for the Antichrist. Listen close. We are talking about you. It is your apostasy that removes the Churches influence of being salt and light^{xi} permitting the world to develop the global governance, cashless economy, and increase in sin we see taking place today.

It was the Apostle Paul who taught that the apostasy opens the door wide for the Antichrist when he wrote: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come *a falling away* first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."^{xii} This apostasy is when the Church looks like the church (prays, reads the Bible, goes to church, pays tithes, does good works, etc.) but are far removed from any relationship with God, not having God's Spirit alive in them. The Apostle spoke of this in 2 Timothy 3:5 as "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." What this looks like is described in Revelation 2 and 3 where five of the seven Churches were characterized as looking like they were Christian but having conformed their Christianity with non-Christian teachings, practices, and toleration of sin. Jesus also described this apostasy when he taught, "Not everyone that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not *prophesied* in your name? and in your name have *cast out devils*? and in your name *done many wonderful works*? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."^{xiii}

This apostasy will cause many Christians to be offended by the sin and violence surrounding them, the persecution they see fellow Christians going through, and will betray and hate their fellow Christians. Many preachers and teachers, who should be encouragers of the truth, will encourage with false teaching about what is happening in the world today and why. The love of

many Christians will disappear and will conform to the standards of the sin around them.^{xiv}

This apostasy is not coming, it is here. It has been increasing since the day the church was established and has reached its peak in our present age. The majority of you reading this do not belong to Christ and are deceived into thinking you do. The world around you may think you are Christian. Your church family may think you are Christian. You look in the mirror and think you are Christian. However, from God's perspective you do not know Him. I encourage you to read Revelation 2 and 3, as well as 2 Timothy 3:5, and let these Scriptures sink in recognizing that the writers are talking about you and our present age.

We live at a time that we need to refocus our Christianity and be more proactive concerning our faith. The first step? Get into God's word. No, no, not in that way. Forget whatever you think you know about Christianity. Put your Christian books, DVD's, CD's, tapes, and such things into the closet (maybe even the burn pit); and let me boldly say, maybe you need to even stop attending the denomination and Bible studies which fill you with denominational teachings and not Scriptural teachings. The main thing is to get into God's word so that it is you, God's word, and the Holy Spirit who are studying God's truth.

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

When the Antichrist arrives, he does not *take* authority over the world, but will be *given* the authority over a restructured earth.^{xv} Daniel 2:41-42 reveals that this restructured earth places all nations under ten global, economic/political regions. This restructured earth is also identified in Daniel 7:7-8, 20 as a "terrible beast." In Revelation 12:3 as a "great red dragon." In Revelation 13:1-3 as a "beast with seven heads and ten horns," and in Revelation 17:3 as a "scarlet colored beast." It is this restructured New World Order that is "the beast" whose mark, name, and number every man, woman, and child will be required to have in order to buy or sell. What that mark, name, and number are is anyone's guess. We won't know until this New World Order is in place.

Since the Antichrist will be *given* authority over this new world order means it will have to be in place before he

arrives on the scene. It is our present age that is watching this New World Order unfold through the United Nations (UN) and the World Economic Forum (WEF). Even President Biden's *Build Back Better* slogan and *Green New Deal* comes directly from the UN and WEF and is a regurgitation of the global agenda. World leaders throughout are on board with the global agenda and are giving up their national sovereignty in favor of international law/governance. Whether we like it or not, we are being transitioned to serve under international law and then under international governance.

The UN and the WEF are the main force behind the current push for a cashless economy, global governance, and a personal/economic ID system as outlined in the UN's Agenda 2030 and the WEF's initiative. Their goal is to have these goals and a host of others fulfilled no later than 2030. So far they are on track. Thanks to the COVID pandemic.

Thanks to COVID, the UN and WEF grabbed hold of the pandemic, which was not a pandemic, until they saw it as the means to accomplish their goals under the deception of health and safety. Unfortunately, the majority fell for the deception. COVID gave the opportunity to the UN and WEF to accelerate their goals for global governance and a cashless economy.

The infrastructure and plans for this global governance are in place, developed by the United Nations. In their *The Millennium Development Goals Report 2009*, the *Regional Groupings Map* in the report shows all nations realigned under ten global regions. It's only a matter of time before world headlines reads, "ALL THE WORLD RESTRUCTURED FOR HEALTH AND ECONOMIC SAFETY." At the rate things are going, the UN and WEF will reach their goal to have it all in place no later than 2030. Think about it. We are not talking a century down the road. As of this writing, we are looking at less than eight and a half years before everything is in place for the Antichrist to arrive. Will he arrive soon after?

THE CASHLESS ECONOMY

Revelation 13:16-17 is clear that a cashless economy will be in place before the Antichrist arrives. He will mandate its global use so that if you don't have the mark, or the name, or the number of the beast, death is the consequence. This is how Revelation 13:16-17 puts it: "And he causes 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."

Now that the global, political structure is firmly in place, it's important to have a way to control this structure and the people in it. This is where the cashless economy comes in.

COVID exacerbated many situations to accelerate significant changes in how we conduct business as ecommerce, mobile payments, and contactless forms of payment continue to increase, while cash continues to decline at an unprecedented rate. Putting people out of work is one of these situations.

The increase in unemployment benefits was a major factor to move people out of the work force to further accelerate a cashless economy. The government bought off a large portion of the work force by allowing them to make as much and even more on unemployment than they could by working. Not having enough employees, businesses compensated by using more automation and contactless forms of conducting business. The danger here is that when the free government money runs out, the current abundance of jobs will disappear being replaced with machines, computers, and robots. The unemployed will then find themselves unable to find employment, still unemployed, but without the assistance they currently receive. This will result in not having enough to pay bills; desperation, and the rise of crime, violence, stress, and social unrest will be the end result.

Many countries are already implementing cashless transactions and discouraging the use of cash. Currently we are in a transition period until the infrastructure is ready to be fully implemented. During this transition, there will be the continual increase of benefits/rewards/points/discounts for not using cash to entice you to "voluntarily" give up your cash. Soon, no later than 2030, everything necessary for the world to do transactions without cash and without human contact will be firmly in place. When the transition is complete, everything necessary for the Antichrist to be handed world leadership will be in place.

Merging with cashless transactions will be some sort of ID system. This ID system will have all your personal, financial, and health information so that physical paper copies will no longer be necessary.

To keep watch on these events, I encourage you to do periodic searches on the internet and keep your eyes on news headlines.

THE BEAST

The world is on a fast train toward a New World Order. If the UN and WEF achieve their goals, this will be in place no later than 2030. The Bible doesn't give the details on how this will be worked out, but gives the events that will take place, the personalities involved, and the timeframe in which they appear. Jesus encouraged us to "watch,"^{xvi} pay attention to what is happening in the world and measure world events with what Scripture reveals. According to the prophet Daniel, where we are on the prophetic timeline is known when the events are taking place.^{xvii}

What I want to stress here is that this beast is an empire, a government. It is what is headlined in the news as the New World Order and the Great Reset. This is the formation of a new, global government when all nations are realigned under ten global regions. This New World Order is referred to as the "ten toed" empire in Daniel 2:42 and a beast in Daniel 7:7 and Revelation 13:1-2.

When we discuss a mark of the beast, the name of the beast, and the number of the beast, we are discussing the identification of this global empire. At some point we will be required to give our allegiance, our worship to this global entity by receiving its mark, name, or number to conduct any type of financial transaction. Keep in mind that worship is more than raising your hands and voice in praise. It also has to do with what you give your allegiance to. Receiving the mark, name, or number of the New World Order is pledging your allegiance to the new global government.

Exactly what the mark, name, and number of this empire are is unclear since the empire is not yet in place. The technology for this beast's ID/mark has been developing little-by-little, step-by-step with everything from social security numbers, credit cards, the internet, UPC codes, QR codes, 5G, crypto currencies, and such like. Each new technological development builds on each other to create the infrastructure necessary for the day the Antichrist takes control. The infrastructure for this beast/empire is in its final stage before being unveiled no later than 2030.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Thanks to COVID, these events have accelerated to prepare for the arrival of the Antichrist and earth's last seven years. His arrival fulfills the globalist agenda. His arrival could take place as early as 2030 if the UN and WEF reaches their 2030 target. What we know for certain

is that no matter how you roll the dice, all things will be finished in our current generation, not decades or centuries from now. As we move toward 2030, we can expect more political, economic, and social upheaval and uncertainties.

Until everything is in place, we, as the light and salt of this world, have the responsibility to help others understand why things are happening as they are in light of the Bible and prophecy.^{xviii} We have the responsibility to help others prepare for the stresses and difficulties ahead by repenting, believing in Jesus, and living in obedience to God.

We who are Christian are to stand firm and not waver in our testimony concerning Jesus, even if it means death. We are to reveal God and His son Jesus with our words and actions without consideration for what it might cost us.^{xix} Things are getting tougher for Christians and will continue to do so. Those with Christian values are increasingly becoming the world's public enemy number one.

Let's be honest. Everyone who claims to be Christian are not Christian. According to the Bible, the majority claiming to be Christian are not. If we are not truly Christian, we have nothing to stand on when the going gets tougher. No amount of survival prep or money saved or hard assets acquired will get us through the hard times that are coming.

These are times we need to hold firm to our patience, knowing that we will enter God's eternal kingdom. These are the times we need to hold firm to obedience to God, even though it may be dangerous to do so. Jesus said to the Apostle John, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, 'Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.'"^{xx} No matter what the future holds here on earth, we know that once this life is over we will enter God's eternal kingdom, eternal life, and will no longer experience any type of pain or sorrows or death.^{xxi} This is the hope we are to hold onto.^{xxii} This is the hope that will get us through hell and high water. Without this hope, there is no hope.

I leave you with a verse and chorus of the song, *God Leads Us Along* which I've enjoyed over the years:

Some through the waters, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.

Though sorrows befall us and Satan oppose,
God leads His dear children along;
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,
God leads His dear children along.

Isaiah 43:3 reminds us: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you."

Hold on! Hold on!
It won't be long.

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ⁱ Matthew 24:6

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ⁱⁱⁱ Matthew 24:8

^{iv} Matthew 24:34; Psalm 90:10; earth's last seven years

^v There are two main causes of famines: agricultural and distribution disruptions

^{vi} Jesus merely warns of future disease, not whether these diseases are manmade or natural.

^{vii} Matthew 24:10-14

^{viii} *Coming Soon* by Steve Magill, page11

^{ix} Matthew 24:15-28

^x Matthew 24:24

^{xi} Matthew 5:13-16

^{xii} 2 Thessalonians 2:3

^{xiii} Matthew 7:21-23 Emphasis added

^{xiv} Matthew 24:10-12; Romans 8:9

^{xv} Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:7

^{xvi} Matthew 24:42

^{xvii} Daniel 12:4

^{xviii} Daniel 11:33; Revelation 11:9-11

^{xix} Revelation 1:2, 9; 6:9; 11:7; 12:11,17; 19:10

^{xx} Revelation 14:12-13

^{xxi} Revelation 21:1-5

^{xxii} Titus 2:13