

Babylon of Old - Babylon Today

“Nothing, which they have imagined to do, will be restrained from them”

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services! I’m going to cover something different today, having to do with prophecy and what’s happening in the world.

Let’s see something that Solomon wrote that is really quite a statement and true. Jesus said an awful lot about this in different ways.

Ecclesiastes 1:9:[*]: “That which has been *is* that which shall be...”

Think about that! Here we are in a modern age, with a lot of technology, and we think that we’re the greatest that has ever been. In some ways that is true, but in other ways it’s not true.

“...and that which has been done *is* that which shall be done; and *there is* nothing new under the sun” (v 9).

Let’s see what Jesus said, because if there’s anything that we need to understand it is this: *the Bible is true and there are no contradictions in it!* Though there may appear to be contradictions, what we have to do is look at the rest of the Scriptures to find out what the facts of the matter really are, and that there are no contradictions.

Here’s what Jesus said of Himself, and remember that He was the Lord God of the Old Testament.

Revelation 1:8: “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the Ending,*’ says the Lord...”

We’re going to go into some historical and prophetic things today and see **“That which has been *is* that which shall be...”**

“...‘Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come—the Almighty.’ (v 8).

Verse 10: “...I [John] heard a loud voice like a trumpet behind me, saying, ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and **what you see, write in a book...**’”

This is an important statement, because many times in the book of Revelation He says to *write* so it will be written down so that we will know.

Not everything to mankind was revealed from the beginning. We're living at the end—toward the end—of 6,000 plus years of human existence. We're going to see that *the things that have been are the things that are occurring now, only on a worldwide scale!*

The book of Isaiah is filled with an awful lot of prophecies, and in many cases, they're pretty well scrambled. But they can be put together when you have the understanding of the Holy Days. The Holy Days become a prime key framework on which everything in the Bible—especially in the end-times now—is built upon.

Isaiah 40:21—*talking about those who make idols:*

“Have you not known?...

[Did not God reveal Himself? *Yes, He did!*]

...Have you not heard? Has it not been told you **from the beginning?** Have you not understood **from the foundations of the earth?**”

He's talking about His creation and Himself!

Verse 22: “*It is He* who sits above the circle of the earth...

[so much for a flat earth]

...and its people are like grasshoppers; *it is He Who* stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.”

Even though God is dealing with different rulers at different times down through history, the rulers do not become as great as they think they are. Many of them fit into the plan of God and some of them don't even know it.

Verse 23: “Who brings the rulers to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth as vanity.”

Verse 25: ““To whom then will you compare Me, or who is My equal?” says the Holy One.”

The first place we begin to really find out about God is right here:

Verse 26: “Lift up your eyes on high, and behold, Who has created these *things*...”

When you examine everything that has been created on the earth and view the things in heaven, look at ourselves as people and so forth, ***all have come from God!*** Look at it this way:

Is God concerned with everybody in the world? *Yes, at different levels!*

Level I:

Let's start with the level of people in the world who have been given over to the deceptions of Satan the devil, and they don't know any different. They try and live decent lives, ***but they know nothing about God or they have false gods or goddesses***, whatever it may be.

Does God care for them? *Yes, because He gives them water, air, life and everything like this!*

Level II:

Those people through Abraham—*physical and spiritual*—God deals with them. We don't have time to go through all the promises of Abraham, but God said that the nations that would come from Abraham would be the leading nations on earth.

If you want to know who America is in prophecy today, get our book: *American and Britain: Two Nations That Changed the World* (their Biblical origin and prophetic destiny).

What's happening right now, we're going to see that right today God is involved in causing these things to be.

Level III:

What about people who believe in Christ? There are a lot of them, but their belief in Christ is not totally centered in the Bible. That's why there's so much confusion; but God has given us the Bible so we can understand.

Level IV:

The people that God has chosen! First He calls them and draws them to Him. Then He brings them to repentance and conversion and baptism. Then they become part of the *Body of Christ!* There are elders and ministers to teach.

Of all of those who have been converted and there are very few. Why are there very few? *Because very few want to follow God!* They want God in times of trouble, but they go their own way even after God has blessed them.

Those people who are Christians in the world, you might say are halfway there. They profess the name of Jesus, but they don't follow through. They don't keep the Sabbath or the Holy Days. *Those who are true Christians do!*

God reveals things out of His Word so that we can understand, so that we can spiritually grow in grace and knowledge. That's what God wants in each one of our lives.

Let's look at some historical things and see what is happening in the world that has already happened in the past. Here we go looking into history, and God has preserved history for us so we can understand what has happened.

After the Flood and everything was re-established again, they went back to doing what they were doing before the Flood.

- What did it say of them what they were doing before the Flood?
- What happened?
- *Their thoughts were only evil continually!*

This also tells you something else: ***God can know anyone's thoughts at any time!***

Genesis 10:8: "And Cush..."

—*the son of Ham*. There were three sons of Noah: Shem, Japheth and Ham, who begat Cush.

Verse 8: "And Cush begat Nimrod..."

Here we are the third generation after the Flood.

"...He began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter **against**...
[not *before* (KJV)]

...the LORD. Therefore, it is said, 'Like Nimrod—the mighty hunter against the LORD'"
(vs 8-9).

Then it talks about what he did! It doesn't say anything else.

I'm going to read you some things from other historical books, which tells us about Nimrod. I want you to also get this book called: *Genesis Characters and Events in Ancient Greek Art* by Robert Bowie Johnson, Jr.

Why is that important? *God has written down His history that He wants; Satan didn't write down his history, but he preserved it in art! Very clever!* Here's a section about Nimrod:

From: *Genesis Characters and Events in Ancient Greek Art* by Robert Bowie Johnson, Jr. {solvinglight.com}

Josephus' Antiquities says that Nimrod persuaded mankind not ascribe to the happiness to God, but to think that their own excellency was the source of it....

What do we have today? *People trying to be the best they can be **without God!*** Some people are able to do quite well, other people are not. Look at it in the world today wherever you look.

...He soon changed things into a tyranny...

How close are we to a tyranny today? *Think about it!* The same spirit—Satan—that led Nimrod...

Look at what we have that started out really good: *the Internet, Facebook, Twitter!* You can contact your relatives, your friends. You can do a lot of things, buy this, that and the other thing.

But now what have they done? *They've become so powerful that they have become tyrannical!* Even bold enough to censor important news necessary for the election. We know from prophecies what's going to happen at the end; it's going to get worse!

...thinking that there was no other way to wear men down from the fear of God than by making them to rely upon his own power.

Or, put it this way: The same thing today to make people rely on themselves, but it's actually a satanic system of good and evil. This book is really quite fantastic in showing how that came about. It's written by Robert Bowie Johnson, Jr., and he's writing another book, which is going to be *Athena*.

That's quite thing because this talks about Athena and I'll talk to you about another book in just a minute.

From another source:

The Targum of Jonathan says that from the foundation of the world none was ever found like Nimrod, powerful in hunting and rebellious against the Lord.

He was powerful in hunting and wickedness before the Lord, a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, "Depart from the judgment of God and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod. Therefore, it is said that Nimrod is the strong one, strong in hunting, strong in wickedness before the Lord."

Then it says 1-Chronicles 1:10: "And Cush begat Nimrod..." who began to prevail in wickedness and he shed innocent blood and rebelled against the Lord.

There's another personage involved. That is a woman called Naamah, and she is listed in the line of Cain. She was the wife of Ham. And this book shows the chronology and how that occurred. *That's how we got all the pagan religions!*

Let's see that it is exactly as Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes.

Genesis 11:1: "And the whole earth was of one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar...."

[Babylon today, Iraq]

...And they settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar" (vs 1-3).

Josephus says that they were building this tower, because if God would flood again they could go in there and survive. But there was something else they were looking to.

Verse 4: "And they said, 'Come, let us build us a city and a tower, *with* its top reaching into the heavens....'"

- Do you think that space travel today is the first time? *Probably not!*
- Did you know that there are areas in India where there so much radioactivity that it could have come about by nuclear war?

When you see some to these things of the Ancient Aliens on the History Channel, they talk about spacecraft and war and everything like that. *Very true, but it came to an end!*

"...And let us establish a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth" (v 4)

—because God had to determined where the different nations would be, and they were rebelling against that.

Verse 5: "And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men had built. And the LORD said, '**Behold, the people are one and they all have one language...**'" (vs 5-6).

- Are we not at that point again?
- What is the one language that is used universally around the world? *English!*

All international pilots must be fluent in English! And many other people as well.

“...And this *is only the beginning of* what they will do—**now nothing, which they have imagined to do, will be restrained from them**” (v 6).

That’s quite a saying!

- What do we say today? *There is nothing impossible for mankind!*
- What have they said? *The President has said that we’re going to put the first woman on the moon, and the first astronaut on Mars!*

They’re working on those things!

Verse 7—*here’s what God did:*

“‘Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another’s speech.’ So, the LORD scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of all the earth. And they quit building the city” (vs 7-8).

- Do you know what the motto of IBM is? ([Babel Bridge-2008](#))
- Have you ever seen their picture of the uncompleted Tower of Babel?

They say, ‘That which they started, we will finish!’ “**...nothing, which they have imagined to do, will be restrained from them.**” So, God scattered the languages and placed the people in all the earth.

The religion that they had, and the government that they had was not of God, *it was of Nimrod!* So, with the different languages, the three personages:

- Nimrod
- Semiramis or Naamah
- Cush

When they went with their different languages, those three major religious figures had different names.

Let’s bring you up to the 18th century. A lot of things were going on in the last half of the 1800s.

- we had the first attempt at *The Revised Standard Version* of the Bible
- we had *Rome’s Challenge to the Protestants*; a warning by Cardinal Gibbon to the Protestants the Sabbath is the only day the Bible says to keep

{We have *Rome's Challenge* in the *Favorite Version Bible* and in booklet form}

A lot of things were going on!

We have another book written in 1853 and expanded in 1858: *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop. It's well documented going back and tracing all these different gods and goddesses showing that they were the same ones that started the problem with Nimrod and Semiramis and her son Tamuz.

We go forward from right after the Flood to the time when the Jews were taken captive into Babylon. Who was the king of Babylon at that time? *Nebuchadnezzar!*

So, let's go to the book of Daniel and see the validity of the Bible has been expanded here through the book of Daniel. It's the first book to give us a chronology of the rise and fall of major empires leading from that time down to the return of Christ.

That's an amazing thing! Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and he wanted to know what it meant, but he didn't want to tell the astrologers, priests and the prognosticators what he saw. He said, 'You tell me the dream, what I saw, and you tell me what it means.'

God does the impossible things at important times. So here it was. Daniel told him what the dream was: a huge statue of gold, silver, brass, iron and clay and iron. Then Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar what it is.

Daniel 2:36: "This *is* the dream. And we will tell the interpretation before the king. You, O king, *are* a king of kings, for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory" (vs 36-37).

We also know from the book of Jeremiah that God judges the nations. Every nation on earth is always being judged all the time.

- What do you think is happening to us in America today?
- Do you think it's just a coincidence that all of these things are taking place?

Or ***IF*** you know the Ten Commandments and understand how severely the Ten Commandments are being broken, and how many people are living in depravation and sin, ***THEN*** you will understand it is not accidental.

Verse 38: "And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all.

You are this head of gold. And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you...
[that was silver; Persia and Medes]

...and another third kingdom of brass..." (vs 38-39)
—*the Greek Empire!*

You can go back and read about those, and in this book—*Genesis Characters and Events in Ancient Greek Art*—the Greeks preserved the ancient history to fill in the gaps.

Then you come down to the legs of iron, which is the Roman Empire, which has had seven different risings and fallings.

Then Daniel comes down to the feet;

v 42: "And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mix themselves with the seed of men.** But they shall not cling to one another, even as iron does not combine with clay. And **in the days of these kings, the God of heaven shall set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed. And the Kingdom shall not be left to other people...**" (vs 42-44).

Who is this going to be given to? *The saints of God!* Jesus said that '*It's the Father's pleasure to give you the Kingdom.*'

"...but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that **it broke in pieces**...

[and everything collapsed]

...the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. **And the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure**" (vs 44-45).

Sidebar: How important was Nebuchadnezzar? Many people don't even realize this. He had many experiences that God put him through and he ended up *praising God*. Never converted, but ended up *praising God*.

Daniel 4 was written by Nebuchadnezzar. So important was Babylon in it's beginning that God put Nebuchadnezzar through a trial. He took away his kingdom for seven years and had him eat grass like an ox, and his hair, fingernails, and toenails grew, but God gave his kingdom back to him. And at the end he *blessed God*.

Nebuchadnezzar wrote Dan. 4 to all people, so this is a prophecy clear down to our end-time, because we're going to get to the book of Revelation and it talks about Babylon the Great, the end-time prophecies being fulfilled. It's important that God gave this 2500 years before it occurred. Then gave it again 1900 years before it will be fulfilled.

That's quite something, and all of this is in the Bible!

Daniel 4:1: "Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: 'Peace be multiplied to you. It seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. How great *are* His signs! And how mighty *are* His wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion *is* from generation to generation'" (vs 1-3).

Then he explains what he went through; I'll leave you to read that.

Let's come all the way forward to Rev. 17; this is quite a thing. That's why Jesus said that He was *the Beginning and the Ending, He was the First and the Last!*

I want you to take a look—and you can see part of in this book: *The Parthenon Code* by Robert Bowie Johnson, Jr.

- Have you ever looked at the style of the government buildings? *They're all after the Roman style, everywhere you go, even in the America!*
- Did you know that there is a goddess figure sitting on top of the Congressional building in Washington, D. C.?

And the Statue of Liberty is not what most people think it is. I'll just let that hang out there and see if you can figure it out. Remember that Daniel was told *the dream was certain and the interpretation sure!*

Revelation 17:1: "And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and spoke with me, saying to me, 'Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great whore who sits upon many waters'"

—*Naamah, called in the Greek Athena, and Queen of Heaven!*

What do they have in the Catholic Church? *They worship Mary!* They even put her ahead of Christ. You pray to Mary so she will ask Christ to ask the Father. The virgin Mary never went to heaven, never was a perpetual virgin. This is talking about Naamah, the one who became Athena.

- Did you know that in Nashville, Tennessee, that they have a model of the Parthenon?
- And that they've got a statue of Athena there with the serpent right alongside of her?

That's something you need to read! All of these things come back, and here it's described:

Verse 1: "And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and spoke with me, saying to me, '**Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great whore who sits upon many waters.**'"

What are *the many waters*?

Here's a nice lesson in understanding the Bible!

Verse 15: "Then he said to me, 'The waters that you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.'"

What did Nebuchadnezzar write? *To all people, nations and languages!*

We will see that what has been done in the past is going to be repeated in the future on a grander scale.

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It's quite amazing how that the language in v 15 ties right in almost word for word what Nebuchadnezzar said. This is an angel conveying this to John.

Verse 2: "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication..."
—*having dealt illicitly with the people of the earth and also in cahoots with this woman!*

"...and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (v 2).

She will be identified here in a minute!

If you're drunk, can you really understand things correctly? *No!* This is another way of saying that ***the people of the world are spiritually blinded!***

- they may see some things
- they may have some things right in their religions
- they may have some things right in their economics
- they may have some things right concerning families

But it's never the whole truth!

Verse 3: “Then he carried me away in *the* spirit to a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast that had **seven heads and ten horns**, full of names of blasphemy.”

The “...**seven heads and ten horns**...” follow through in Daniel and Rev. 12, 13 & 17!

Verse 4: “And the woman *was* clothed in purple and scarlet, and *was* adorned with gold and pearls and precious stones; *and* she had a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominations and *the* filthiness of her fornication; and across her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT...

[goes clear back to Babylon]

...THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS... [all the religions of the world] ...AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (vs 4-5).

- all of the filth
- all of the abominations
- all of the crimes

Everything involved!

The woman can be identified by her actions as being the Roman Catholic Church and all her daughters, the religions of the world. What is the Pope Doing Today? Here's a report:

G20 Interfaith Forum Meets This Week To Advance The One World Religion Of Chrislam As Laid Out In The Pope's Declaration Of Human Fraternity
{<https://gospelnewsnetwork.org/2020/10/15/g20-interfaith-forum-meets-this-week-to-advance-the-one-world-religion-of-chrislam-as-laid-out-in-the-popes-declaration-of-human-fraternity/>}

Isn't it interesting what's happening in the Middle East with the nations? That's why they hate Trump, ***because he's stalling their one-world communist agenda!***

But he's also, I believe, being used by God to line things up so the other prophecies can be fulfilled concerning the Middle East, China and Europe.

As leaders from ten different religious traditions “gathered” through Zoom at a G20 Interfaith Forum hosted in Saudi Arabia, Pope Francis's Chrislam document on human fraternity had a central place in the discussions.

We'll probably get pronouncements on that!

Pope Francis: 'No one is saved alone'

{<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-interreligious-meeting-peace-rome.html>}

*I'll save that for another message! You have to belong to *their* religion; that's the end result of it!*

Francis becomes 1st pope to endorse same-sex civil unions

{<https://apnews.com/article/pope-endorse-same-sex-civil-unions-eb3509b30ebac35e91aa7cbda2013de2>}

Go back and think about how the Catholic Church was opposed to this for how long! In the few years of our lifespan, complete flip-flop!

Let's see some other things about this Babylon the Great, and remember *the seven heads and ten horns*. This is what they've been trying to do since the League of Nations. It hasn't succeeded, yet, but it's getting closer.

Revelation 13:1: "And I stood on the sand of the sea...
[the waters in Rev. 17]

...and I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns...
[identifying Satan's system]

...and on his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads *the* name of **blasphemy**."

- the rejection of the true Christ
- the rejection of the way of God
- the rejection of the Word of God

by twisting and turning it so that it fits where they want it to fit. That is all done by philosophy.

What you have with the churches and religions in the world is that *it's based on tradition and philosophy*. There are some Protestant Churches not quite all the way into it, but they'll come.

What John describes here is a summary of the description of the world-powers in the book of Daniel, chapters 2, 5, 7-12. That's a lot of area to cover.

Verse 2: "And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet like *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth like *the* mouth of a lion; and **the dragon**..."

[Satan the devil]

...**gave him his power, and his throne and great authority.**”

Luke 4—the temptation of Satan the devil against Jesus Christ. *The first one was:*

Luke 4:3: “Then the devil said to Him, ‘If You are *the* Son of God, command that this stone become bread.’ But Jesus answered him, saying, ‘It is written, “Man...””

—*talking of Himself, but also as the Creator of mankind for all human beings!*

He said, “...‘It is written...’” What did Jesus rely on? *The written Word of God!* Where is this found? *Deut. 8:3!*

“...“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God”” (v 4).
That’s a beginning place for understanding the Truth of God and how we are to live!

Verse 5: “Then the devil led Him up into a high mountain *and* showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, ‘**I will give You all this authority...**’

[all the kingdoms and nations]

...and the glory of them *all*; for it has been delivered to me, **and I give it to whomever I desire**” (vs 5-6).

Where did it begin? *With Adam and Eve!* Come all the way down through history. Notice the requirement:

Verse 7: “Therefore, if You will worship me in *my* presence, all things shall be Yours.”
*That is spiritual fornication! **Worshipping Satan the devil instead of God!***

If you don’t worship God the way God says to, by living every Word of God:

- Who are you worshipping?
- Do a lot of people worship Satan and not know it?
- By doing the things that he has setup in the world?
- *Yes, indeed!*

Revelation 13:2:

“...and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne and great authority.”

What did he have to do to get this? *What Satan said, worship him!* Any false Jesus is an

abomination to God. Any idol statue, any other religion in the world is an abomination to God and fornication. Any of those things.

- What's behind them?
- What's the power behind them?
- *Satan the devil and the demons!*

Look at the world today; look at all of the gross evil in the world. Is that not of Satan? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 3: “And I saw one of his heads as *if it were* slain to death, but his deadly wound was healed; and **the whole earth** was amazed *and* followed the beast.”

“...**the whole earth**...” Can we grasp that? Here we are a few here and a few watching on the Internet, a few scattered wherever they are in the world, and the rest of the world is held captive by Satan. *They don't know it!*

Verse 4: “And they worshiped the dragon, who gave *his* authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who *is* like the beast? Who has the power to make war against him?’”

This being the end-time shows that there's going to be a time of peace. What does he do?

Verse 5: “And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to him; and authority was given to him to continue *for* forty-two months”
—*after he had the wound!*

Verse 6: “And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.”

Notice that v 7 is what is coming; this is why the world governments hate Trump. There's a new DVD out on **amazon.com**: *The Plot Against the President*. Trump is about the only world leader that hasn't given himself over to Satan the devil. But notice what's coming, and think about what plans the different political parties want to bring upon us: *Socialist Democrat and Communist!*

Verse 7: “And he was given *power* to make war against the saints...
[it's going to come]

...and to overcome them; and he was given authority **over every tribe and language and nation.**”

{tie in Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar}

Verse 8: “And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from *the* foundation of *the* world.”

The only ones who are not deceived are those who know the true God! That’s why what we’re doing—and the Churches of God are doing—is very important. That’s why we all need to grow in grace and knowledge, because Christ is going to make us spirit beings, either through the resurrection or transformation instantly when He returns. ***We’re going to rule the world!***

Being in the Church of God and understanding the Truth is not just being in a church or religion. God is training all of us together to rule the world!

Have you ever watched the news and said to yourself: *If I had the power to do thus and such, I would do this!* You will have that power when Christ returns, ***not before!***

- the first part of this is the world kingdom of Satan just before Christ returns
- the second part of this is the world religion with the pope and all the leaders of the religions

Verse 9—***warning:***

“If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If anyone gathers *into* captivity, he shall go into captivity. If anyone kills with *the* sword, he must be killed with *the* sword. **Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints**” (vs 9-10).

What is it? ***That they endure through everything, even martyrdom!*** That’s happened in the past. We have the history book of that by John Guenther: *History of the Church of God*.

Verse 11: “And I saw another beast rising out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon.”

That’s what all of these activities are, to bring all the religions together!

Verse 12: “And he exercises all **the authority of the first beast** before him...”
—*over all the world!* So, this is religiously; the first one is politically and governmentally.

“...and he causes the earth and those who dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he performs great wonders...” (vs 12-13).

This is where it’s real catchy, because if you see something it is true. But those who know how to do ‘slight of hand’ will tell you that what you see may not be true. This is what this is going to be here, because this is of Satan the devil.

“...so that he even causes fire to come down to the earth from heaven in the sight of men”
(v 13).

What are they going to say when they see that? *Look, Elijah called fire down from heaven!*
But you read the book of Job, who also called fire down from heaven? *Satan!*

Verse 14: “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by means of the wonders that were given to him to perform in the sight of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth that they should make an image for the beast, which had the wound by the sword, yet, was alive.”

Notice how fantastic this is going to be. You can just imagine how the masses of people in the world are going to go after this. It’s going to be phenomenal.

Verse 15: “And he was given power to give life to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast also could speak; and he causes everyone who will not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”

Tyranny!

Goes right back to what Satan started with Nimrod after the Flood! Notice the next part, because we’re getting close to this right now.

- How many of you do all of your business by cards?
- What if that card were canceled on you?
- What would you do?

You go to the store than they say, ‘We don’t take cash anymore.’ *I have cash and I need to pay for it, I don’t have a credit card any longer.* ‘Well, you need to have the new currency.’ Let’s read what that new currency will be:

Verse 16: “And he...
[referring to the first beast]
...causes **all**, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond,
to receive a mark in their right hands, or in...

[or *upon*—Greek ‘epi’]
...their foreheads.”

Verse 17: “So that **no one may have the ability to buy and sell...**”

The old doctrine on this when I first read it was, the mark of the beast is already here and it's Sunday-worship. **NO!** Why could it not be Sunday-worship? If they closed everything down on Sunday, for day of worship, where could you still buy and sell? *On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; for those who don't keep the Sabbath, Saturday.* So, the mark of the beast could not be Sunday. That's the sign of the system. It says:

“...**no one may have the ability to buy and sell unless** he has the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (v 17).

How close are we to this?

Have you heard of the *wearable tattoo*? They're now working on it, and guess who's doing it? *Our friend and fellow Bill Gates!* All in technology. They're working on tattoos, so you can put it on your right hand, and I'll just add that the forehead, I think, is a governmental official.

- you don't need money
- you don't need credit cards

You can just scan the tattoo and buy whatever you want, sell whatever you want. The locks on your doors at home are set with a swipe and it opens up.

- in Estonia they're about 90% this way
- in Sweden they're about 80% this way

Companies put chips in the hand, and now with a tattoo you don't need a chip. What are they going to say when you refuse the tattoos. 'Surely you want to feed your family, don't you? Look, all these people are doing it.' We're close! Here's what it will be:

Wearable Tattoo: Scientists Print Sensors Directly Onto Skin Without Heat
{<https://www.provaeducation.com/news/wearable-tattoo-scientists-print-sensors-directly-onto-skin-without-heat/1698948/>}

In addition to being more comfortable and less intrusive than today's wearable devices, the technology—described Monday in the journal *ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*—can also collect more precise biometric measurements.

If you don't have it, you don't exist!

Have you ever seen the movie *Enemy of the State*? They canceled all his credit cards, his phone, his bank accounts, every ownership that he had. They were chasing him down to kill him,

to get rid of him, because he was going to be a whistleblower against corruption in the government.
A foretaste!

My wife Dolores always said, ‘Satan always telegraphs what he’s going to do through movies, plays and cartoons.’ Think about cartoons with your kids. Who is the most occult organization in the world? *Walt Disney!* Think about Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs:

- the wicked witch
- the speaking mirror
- the poison apple
- the seven dwarfs

All of that is occult!

What do our children watch today? Look at it and ask yourself: How close are we to all of this?

I want to cover something that is speculation and opinion; it’s not dogma, but it’s possible that it could be so.

Revelation 12:7: “And there was war in heaven...”

- What kind of war are you going to have in heaven, in outer space?
- Have you heard President Trump say that we have weapons 17 times faster than the speed of sound’?
- What kind of weapon would that be?

That’s got to be mighty powerful!

[Pentagon Shifts Focus to Directed Energy Weapons Technology](https://news.usni.org/2019/09/05/pentagon-shifts-focus-on-directed-energy-weapons-technology#:~:text=Pentagon%20Shifts%20Focus%20on%20Directed%20Energy%20Weapons%20Technology,-By%3A%20Ben%20Werner&text=ARLINGTON%2C%20Va.,of%20research%20said%20on%20Wednesday.}) by Ben Werner, Sept. 5, 2019

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Again, Satan telegraphs what he’s going to do via movies and television. What is ‘directed energy weapons’?

The Department of Defense is focusing its directed energy weapons research on technologies ready to field now, placing on the backburner plans to create more complex space-based technology, the Pentagon's head of research said on Wednesday.

- What is that? *There's a picture, a direct beam to destroy!*
- What did we read in Gen. 11? ***Nothing that they imagine to do shall be restrained from them!***
- What is our greatest problem in space today? *There are thousands and thousands of satellites!*

You have your cell phone, your computer, it works via towers and satellites.

- What is the thing they're preparing for in space in defense? *An enemy could send a satellite up into space and direct it over to destroy our satellites!*

Think how dependent we are!

- What do you suppose the 'direct energy' weapon will do?
- How far will that technology go?
- What will that do to the whole world?

Think about if the Chinese had this!

Verse 7: "And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels warred against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels warred."

What's the power behind a lot of these technologies? *Satan the devil!*

- Have you ever seen the documentaries on the Third Reich and the Occult?
- Where did get those ideas of weapons?

Is this going to be the thing that will backfire on the beast? *Don't know!*

Verse 8: "But they did not prevail, neither was their place found any more in heaven....
[they still have the ability to come before God]

...And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan...

[tie in with Gen. 3, carried forward to our day today]

... who is deceiving the whole world..." (vs 8-9).

How much have you been deceived just these last three weeks by the major tech companies by stopping all of the knowledge and truth of what the *former* Vice President (Biden) and his family had been doing? They have all the 'goods' on him right now! If it weren't for one station, we would never know. Think about that! Is that deceiving people? *Yes!*

I want you to read what Isaiah says, that one of the first tasks that God is going to do when He sets up the Kingdom. He's got to lift the deception off the whole world! **Who is deceiving the whole world?** *Satan the devil through all of the governments and institutions that he controls!*

Isaiah 25:7 "And He will destroy in this mountain...
[His Government]

...**the face of the covering, which covers all people**, and the veil that is woven over all nations.

This is not a little something written in an ancient book. This is today's news!

Revelation 12:9: "And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan, **who is deceiving the whole world**; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him."

Look at what's going on. This 'directed energy weapon,' here's what they're looking at:

"We're looking at high powered microwaves," Griffin said. "We're deferring work on neutral particle beams indefinitely. It's just not near-enough term."

The neutral particle beam is a game-changing space-based directed-energy capability for strategic and regional missile defense. MDA will design, develop and conduct a feasibility demonstration of a first stage accelerator subsystem," according to the Fiscal Year 2020 Research Development Test and Evaluation department-wide project justification for the Missile Defense Agency.

So, they already have the basis to do it. Think about that!

Where does that leave us today? *Let's see what we need to do!* These things are coming, but ***to be forewarned is to be forearmed!***

Let's see what Jesus said concerning the events of the Tribulation. He's talking about the end-time generation. How many of us are in the end-time generation? Right here in this room we have three generations.

Matthew 24:34: “Truly I say...
[if He says so, it’s going to happen]
...to you, this generation shall in no wise pass away until all these things have taken place....
[notice how sure it is to happen]:
...The heaven and the earth shall pass away, **but My words shall never pass away.**”

Always remember that! Always remember that He was the Lord God of the Old Testament. So, all the prophecies pertaining to today will happen. Everything in the book of Revelation will take place.

Verse 36: “But concerning that day, and the hour, no one knows...
[we may come close, but we don’t know]
...not even the angels of heaven...
[they won’t know until they’re told to go do thus and such]
...**but My Father only.**”
Tie in Rev. 5! The seals of Revelation will not be opened until God the Father tells Christ to open them.

Verse 37: Now, as *it was in* the days of Noah, so shall *it* also be *at* the coming of the Son of man. For as in the days that *were* before the Flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark; and they were not aware until the Flood came and took *them* all away; so shall *it* also be *at* the coming of the Son of man” (vs 37-39).

That’s quite a thing! They didn’t know until the earth broke up, the waters came out and the rain came down! ***They’re all gone!*** All geology testifies to the Flood, everywhere!

Verse 42: “Watch, therefore, because you do not know in what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have been watching, and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you also be ready. For **the Son of man is coming at a time that you do not think**” (vs 42-44).

- we can see ahead
- we can see the possibilities
- we don’t know how far in the future
- we don’t know how short in the future
- we don’t know how those things are going to be

But they will be!

This is quite an incredible thing when you tie it all together, and realize that the only thing that has changed is time and weapons.

- Satan is the same
- human tyranny is the same
- false religions are the same

The Truth of God is the same!

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