

## Prophecy Being Fulfilled Today

### *The Beast Power and a one-world religion and government*

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Greetings, everyone, welcome to Sabbath services! I have a profound little paragraph to read to you. This was written back in 1931 when the first Socialists were trying to take over the government.

Quote by Adrian Rogers  
{<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/167272-you-cannot-legislate-the-poor-into-freedom-by-legislating-the>}

You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else....

- Who was the first one to proclaim that in the Bible? *Samuel!*
- What did he say when they wanted a king? *He's going to take from you!*
- What happened when it got to Solomon? *He took so much that there was rebellion!*

...When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.

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So, today we're going to cover part of this. We're going to cover *how the religions are going to come together*, and how there will be a temporary peace.

We need to know that God is in charge of everything. He's actively involved in the nations through his angels through Satan and the demons, and remember: ***Satan cannot get anything unless he first gets permission from God*** (Job 1-2).

Isaiah 46:9: "Remember the former things of old; for I *am* God, and there is none else, I am God, and there is none like Me."

*This is YHVH speaking!* This has nothing to do with mentioning The Most High, because the

One Who became Jesus Christ is the One Who took care of everything on the earth before He came in the flesh.

There were times when The Most High is mentioned, but The Most High in the New Testament becomes the Father.

- How do we know that?
- What Scripture tells us that?
- What Scripture tells us The Most High is the Father?

*Out of the mouth of an angel Gabriel to Mary, 'The power of The Highest shall overshadow you, and that which is begotten in you is Holy.'* That reveals the Father—The Most High—The Highest and The Most High are equal, wouldn't you say?

Therefore, all of those who follow that false doctrine... And it's still going on; some people are unfortunately falling for it, because they don't study. Satan comes along with an interesting idea. He doesn't come along and say, 'I'm the devil and I'm going to deceive you.' He comes along says, 'Hey, look at this, this is a good idea. What do you think about this?'

Verse 9: "...for I *am* God, and there is none else, I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning..." (vs 9-10).

Where else do we find this? What book of the New Testament? *Revelation!* 'I'm the Beginning and the Ending.' Worded a little bit differently, but accomplishing the same thing.

Verse 10: "Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things which were not *yet* done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'"

God is the One Who judges; God currently judges all the nations all the time. Therefore, when these difficulties and problems come upon them it's because of sin. That's over and over again down through history.

Verse 11: "Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. Yea, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass... [it will happen exactly as God has said] ...I have purposed it, I will also do it."

That includes all 14 things in prophecy. All of those things will come to pass in their time.

We're going to cover one of them today, and it's quite an astonishing thing!

Verse 12: "Hearken to Me, you stubborn-hearted who *are* far from righteousness; I bring near My righteousness. It shall not be far off, and My salvation shall not be delayed; and I will place salvation in Zion, for Israel My glory" (vs 12-13). *That's talking about Jesus' second return! These are thousands a years ahead of time!*

Now, the news did not carry this—they were more interested in trying to figure out what Trump is going to do—... Always remember that when the news is focusing fiercely on something, maybe something else is happening!

The pope and Islam's most important imam just signed the covenant that will push us much closer to **a one-world religion**. Let's understand that **none of these major events can happen** unless it comes directly from God and His throne with Christ at His right hand, **nothing!**

Rev. 5 we see that with the vision in Rev. 4 of the Throne of God and God and Christ that Christ was the only One Who could open the seals of the book. That book contains all the prophecies of the rest of the book of Revelation. Remember, this goes back to the book of Daniel where it talks about the Scroll of Truth in heaven.

Revelation 5:8: "And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having harps and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

Now that's an interesting statement. Our prayers grow up to God. He has different ones helping to go through these prayers to make sure that they're answered. That's partly why the 24 elders are there. Let's just take a look at that:

Revelation 8:3: "And another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar; and much incense was given to him, so that he might offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that *was* before the throne."

So, our prayers come up as incense to God. We find in the book of Revelation that the Holy Spirit helps us, because we don't know how to pray as we ought to pray and Christ also makes intercession for us. If we understand this with our prayers, this will give us much more conviction while we're praying that God will answer. God may not answer right away. If you ever had a prayer you've been praying about and somehow you forgot about it and then way down the road BING! There it is! I've had that many times.

Revelation 5:9: "And they sang a new song saying... [this is the song we're going to sing, but it's already prepared for us] ...'Worthy are You to take the book, and to open its seals because You were slain, and did redeem us to God by Your own blood, out of every tribe and language and people and nation, and did make us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth'" *That's one of the hymns we're going to sing when we're up on the Sea of Glass!*

Verse 11: "And I saw and I heard *the* voices of many angels around the throne..." **Remember:**

- God uses his angels
- He uses Satan
- He uses the demons

**to carry out his will!**

"...and *the* voices of the living creatures and the elders, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing.'.... [that's one of the great anthems in Handel's *Messiah*; notice how active God is]: ...And every creature that is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and those that are on the sea, and all the things in them, I heard saying, '**To Him Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing, and honor, and glory, and sovereignty into the ages of eternity**'" (vs 11-13).

It's hard for me to figure out how every living thing is going to give praise to God. I suppose after we're resurrected we will know how that is.

Verse 14. "And the four living creatures said, 'Amen.' And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped *Him Who* lives into the ages of eternity."

Revelation 6:1: "And I looked when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures say, like the sound of thunder, 'Come and see.' And I looked, and behold, *there was* a white horse..."

Now the SDAs [Seventh Day Adventists] make the mistake of saying this is Christ. *It's not!* This is the false Christ. I was just informed that the JW's [Jehovah Witnesses] believe the same thing, too.

Verse 2: "...and the one who was sitting on it had a bow... [but it doesn't say he has arrows] ... and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer."

When was this seal opened? We don't know exactly, but we know that Rev. 17 talks about Babylon the Great. We know that's referring to the Catholic Church. When did ecumenism start? *With the Catholic Church and the Protestants!* That was Pope John XXIII back in the 60s. Ever since then there's been more and more ecumenism. The Roman Catholic Church reaches out to other religions of the world, and has been particularly active with the Muslims. A major event took place this last week, but it wasn't in the news:

**Pope Francis, Leading Imam Sign Covenant Pushing Us Toward One-World Religion**

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That's why all the Bibles have been changed. Do you remember Joseph Ackerman's *New Testament Scripture Comparison* of 27 Bibles? Why were they changed? *Because on all the translating committees they have they have Catholics, feminists, homosexuals and transgenders!*

Now we have a homosexual Bible. They don't like to be called homosexuals. They don't like to be told that they're going to be judged by God, and if they don't repent thrown in a lake of fire. Well, that's true for everyone who won't repent. Let me read this; this will be astonishing.

**Pope Francis, Leading Imam Sign Covenant Pushing Us Toward One-World Religion—Feb. 5, 2019**

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A historic interfaith covenant was signed in the Middle East on Monday, February 4th, and the mainstream media in the United States has been almost entirely silent about it. Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb is considered to be the most important imam in Sunni Islam, and he arrived at the signing ceremony in Abu Dhabi

Where is Abu Dhabi? *That is on the Arabian peninsula!* And Abu Dhabi is the most westernized of the Arab nations.

...with Pope Francis "hand in hand in a symbol of interfaith brotherhood." But this wasn't just a ceremony for Catholics and Muslims. According to a British news source, the signing of this covenant was done "in front of a global audience of

religious leaders from Christianity, Islam, Judaism and other faiths"...

*this is a major event*

The pope and the grand imam of al-Azhar have signed a historic declaration of fraternity, calling for peace between nations, religions and races, in front of a global audience of religious leaders from Christianity, Islam, Judaism and other faiths.

*There has to come a time where the Muslim nations will submit to a peace for however long! It may not be a long time. But who knows.*

Pope Francis, the leader of the world's Catholics, and Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, the head of Sunni Islam's most prestigious seat of learning, arrived at the ceremony in Abu Dhabi hand-in-hand in a symbol of interfaith brotherhood.

In other words, there was a concerted effort to make sure that all of the religions of the world were represented at this gathering. According to the official Vatican website, a tremendous amount of preparation went into the drafting of this document, and it encourages believers from all religions "to shake hands, embrace one another, kiss one another and even pray" with one another:

*that is astounding*

The document, signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb, was prepared "with much reflection and prayer", the Pope said. The one great danger at this moment, he continued, is "destruction, war, hatred between us."

"If we believers are not able to shake hands, embrace one another, kiss one another, and even pray, our faith will be defeated," he said. The Pope explained that the document "is born of faith in God who is the Father of all and the Father of peace; it condemns all destruction, all terrorism, from the first terrorism in history, that of Cain."

*quite a thing*

There is a lot of language about peace in this document, but it goes way beyond just advocating for peace.

Over and over again, the word “God” is used to simultaneously identify Allah and the God of Christianity.

That which is Christendom, the true God of the Bible is not the God of them!

Here is just one example and through this Document, call upon ourselves, upon the leaders of the world as well as the architects of international policy and world economy, to work strenuously to spread the culture of tolerance and of living together in peace; to intervene at the earliest opportunity to stop the shedding of innocent blood and bring an end to wars, conflicts, environmental decay and the moral and cultural decline that the world is presently experiencing.

Now God is going to let them have it—and Satan is going to lead it—to prove to mankind that no amount of ecumenism and getting together is going to bring peace. Who is the Prince of Peace? **Christ!** *That must come with his return!*

On top of that, the document also boldly declares that “the diversity of religions” that we see in the world was “willed by God”:

Freedom is a right of every person: each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action. The pluralism and the diversity of religions, color, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings...

**Yeah, He did it!** When did he do it? *Tower of Babel as punishment for their rebellion! They were getting together to bring world peace!*

This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected, as too the imposition of a cultural way of life that others do not accept.

That’s a wonderful statement. How long is that going to be good if it is enacted? How long do you think it will be good? What does the Bible say will be the ‘kickoff’ of it? We’ll see it a little later, because it’s going to happen!

In essence, this is saying that it is the will of God that there are hundreds of different religions in the world and that they are all acceptable in His sight.

*Now that’s totally contrary to the will of God in the Bible! What did Jesus say?*

John 14:6: “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; **no one comes to the Father except through Me.**”

All of this sounds so good, because people are worn out from war and fighting, and all of this sort of thing. So, this sounds wonderful! There are probably a lot of people will say that it’s about time.

Comment was made: As of 20 years ago the pope was saying that all religions should practice what they do. And she mentioned to this person, ‘What if they practice cannibalism! How do you handle that?’ *They couldn’t answer it!* What if they practice infanticide?

Sidebar: the battle is brewing for the Supreme Court decision somewhere down the road is to have abortions up to the point of birth or year two or five, whichever you like! And no abortion if there’s a heartbeat, and a heartbeat is day-21, and that’s the first day that a woman finds out she is pregnant. That’s going to be the trial of the whole nation at that point. What will happen? Because there have been 55-million murders in America through abortion.

What is Saudi Arabia? By the way. That was the first time on the Saudi Arabian peninsula that a Catholic Mass was performed. So, you had whatever this ceremony was from the imam, and whatever this Mass was from the pope. Twenty years ago they would have all run in there and killed both of them! How are all of these things accomplished?

Revelation 17:17: “For God has put into their hearts to do His will, and to act with one accord, and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God have been fulfilled.”

How does God do that? *Well, He uses angels, Satan and the demons!*

Is the big push for peace Satan’s way to show God, that ‘yes, You were wrong in casting me down. Look at what I can do. I can get all of these nations together and all of these religions together. I’ll prove to You that I was right.’ So, God says, ‘Go!’

Doesn’t that sound like a conversation of Job 1? ‘*Yea, you put a hedge around him. Give him into my hands.*’ God said, ‘Okay, but you can’t take his life.’ After his family was destroyed, his crops were destroyed, his animals were taken, that God said to Satan, ‘Well, look at Job; he didn’t curse Me.’ What did Satan say? ‘*Well, skin for skin. Now*

*let me afflict him.* God said okay, but don't take his life. Job didn't understand that he was making himself like God. That's why he went through it.

How can the SDAs and the JW's believe this is Christ? *When you don't let the Bible interpret the Bible, but you make a declaration of it without Biblical proof, you can think you're right, but you're wrong!* How many ministers really devote themselves to:

- understanding the Bible?
- understanding the Word of Truth?
- to go through it?
- study it and study it?
- know and compare verse with verse, Old Testament/New Testament?
- put it all together?

**Hardly any!** That's why they can do it. And besides, if you believe one lie, isn't it easier to believe another lie?

I mentioned about the people who believe in a flat earth. Ken and I were talking about if it's a flat earth you must have a 24-hour sun day. The day must have 24 hours in order if it's flat to have sun continuously across the flat earth. Then it has to go under the flat earth and come back up again. They need to go out and take a tour around the ocean, and see if they can get a tour liner to take them to the wall that holds the ocean on the flat earth. If they can do that, then the earth is flat! But if they can't do that...

I'll tell you where this started. Before the turn of the century there was some kook who shot a cannon ball into the air. He said, 'I'll prove to you that the earth is flat by firing this cannonball in the air, because it will land just a few feet from where we are.' Well the truth is the cannonball never escaped the pull of gravity. So how's that for scientific engineering?

Let's look at the prophecy of the Catholic Church. The Old Testament says, 'I declare the end from the beginning. Jesus says I'm the Beginning and the Ending.' **He makes it all happen!** That's another proof that we know that Jesus was The Lord God of the Old Testament.

Now this is some sarcasm, or being cynical by God; Isaiah 47:1: "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground. *There is no throne for you*, O daughter of the Chaldeans, for you shall no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones and grind meal. Push back your veil, draw up your skirt, uncover your leg, pass over the rivers" (vs 1-2). *In other words, show this organization for what it*

*really is!*

Verse 3: "Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, your shame shall be seen; I will take vengeance and I will not meet *you as a man.*' As for our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* His name, the Holy One of Israel. 'Sit silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the lady of kingdoms'" (vs 3-5).

Why is the Roman Catholic Church called 'the lady of kingdoms'? *Because every nation on earth has an ambassador at the Vatican!* They don't live there but they're located close by.

Verse 6: "I was angry with My people, I have polluted My inheritance, and given them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; you have very heavily laid your yoke upon the aged. And you said, "I shall be a lady forever"; so you did not lay these *things* to your heart, nor did you remember the latter end of it. Now then, hear this, O lover of pleasures, who sits securely; who says in her heart, "I am..." (vs 6-8). What is the pope? *The vicar or replacement of Christ!*

"...*I am*, and none else beside me; I shall not sit *as a widow*, nor shall I know the loss of children.' But these two *things* shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness for the multitude of your sorceries, and for the great abundance of your enchantments, for you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, 'No one sees me.' Your wisdom and your knowledge has perverted you..." (vs 8-10). Where did that originate? ***With Satan! Satan perverted his wisdom by thinking he was good as God!***

"...and you have said in your heart, 'I *am*, and there is no one else.' But evil shall come upon you; you shall not know how to **conjure it away**..." (vs 10-11).

Remember what happened when Moses and Aaron went to the Pharaoh? *The magicians were able to duplicate the first three plagues; after that they couldn't, likewise here!* Let's see the similarity, because this is quite a thing when we understand it. Remember that the Chaldeans were the rulers of Babylon; they were the top elite. The ultra! Now it's 'uber' elite; that is the elite over the other elite. In other words, these up here have the crown these down here have shoulder pads with a stars.

Remember where we started: The Beginning and Ending, the First and the Last.

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... [this embodies all the false religions of this world] ...with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication..." (vs 1-2).

That means working with them *politically and religiously*. What keeps the economies of the world going?

Revelation 18:3: "Because all nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her luxury."

I think this may answer why all the elite are angry at Trump. *It's because he didn't join them!* He made his money legally without their assistance, except banking and so forth. But he never joined them. That's why they hate him! He's 'upsetting the apple cart.' ***He's upsetting their taking and stealing and so forth!*** He's working for nothing! What President have we ever had who worked for nothing? Now, he may be helping America to keep from collapsing prematurely. That's not to say he's a righteous man before God. But you look at some of the judges in the book of Judges; some of them were not so sharp.

Revelation 17:3: "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."

Now you can get all of that if you get the Daniel/Revelation series that goes through all of this. The transcripts with the sermons done over many Sabbaths to do it.

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..."

Isn't it interesting that when the pope does the official Mass, right there under the serpentine altar in St. Peter's Basilica, he has a golden cup.

"...filled with abominations and the filthiness of her fornication; and across her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (vs 4-5).

So, here you have the main Babylonian religion and all of the daughter religions that developed from the Tower of Babel. That's why if you've never read the book *The Two Babylons by Alexander Hislop* you need to read it. Because he shows all of these religions in the world go back to

three persons. The reason there are different names is because of the different languages.

When God scattered the people at the Tower of Babel, they took with them there gods: Nimrod, Semiramis and their son Tamuz. They had different names. In Egypt it's Cyrus Osiris, and I forget the one for the sun. *It's all one!* Now they're all coming home. Remember what we read there in Isa. 46, 'I will not suffer loss of children.'

Revelation 18:7: "To the degree that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, give to her as much torment and sorrow. For she says in her heart, 'I sit a queen enthroned, and am not a widow; and in no way shall I experience sorrow.' For this very reason, her plagues shall come in one day..." (vs 7-8).

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How can enemies for centuries like the Catholics and Arab Islam come to this point of embracing one another?

Let's look at an example; this is Pilate; Luke 23:6: "And when he heard Galilee *named*, Pilate asked whether the Man were a Galilean; and after determining that He was from Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, *since* he also was in Jerusalem in those days. And when Herod saw Jesus, he rejoiced greatly; for he had long been desiring to see Him because he had heard many things about Him, and he was hoping to see a miracle done by Him. And he questioned Him with many words; but He answered him nothing. All the while, the chief priests and the scribes stood vehemently accusing Him. Then Herod and his soldiers treated Him with contempt; and after mocking *Him*, he put a splendid robe on Him *and* sent Him back to Pilate. **And on that same day, Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, because before there was enmity between them** (vs 6-12).

Satan comes along and makes peace and makes war as 'the god of this world.' That's how all of these things are going to come about, and he also works through human beings to accomplish it.

Revelation 12:9: "And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan... [John takes care of all the names of Satan right there] ...who is deceiving..."

This is interesting, because in the Greek this is what is called a present tense participle. It cannot be 'who *has* deceived,' but it is who ***is* deceiving** the world. Since he is the ancient serpent, he has been deceiving the world all through that time.

“...is deceiving the whole world... [with the exception of the Churches of God] ...**he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him**” (v 9).

This is going to be the thing that is going to help kick off the Great Tribulation. That’s going to upset the peace between the Muslims and the Catholics.

This is what is going to take place: There is going to come a one-world ruler. It’s probably going to come a little differently than the elite have been planning, because a lot of the nations are following Trump’s pattern: *their nation first*, rather than all together in one great area. So, it probably will reduce back to nations and then be brought back again into some sort of a different organization later on.

But here’s this *beast* that’s going to come up. Now there are two applications of *the beast*.

1. the territory, which will be the world
2. the man who’s the leader

That goes together with what we find in the book of Revelation, that the king and the kingdom were synonymous.

Revelation 13:1: “And I stood on the sand of the sea... [that’s a depiction of the world] ... and I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns... [pictured is a ‘scarlet colored beast’ (Rev. 17)] ...and on his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads **the name** of blasphemy.” *Notice that it didn’t say ‘names’—plural.*

Verse 2: “And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet like *the feet* of a bear...” *You find all of these listed in Dan. 7.*

This is showing that at the end-time all of these nations who were ancient nations, and now will be combined into one unit.

“...and his mouth like *the* mouth of a lion; and the dragon ... [referring back to Rev. 12] ...gave him his power...” (v 2).

Satan has authority to give power. Didn’t he offer that to Jesus during the temptation? *‘If you worship me, I’ll give you all the world.* Look, you can be Messiah right now!’

“...gave him his power, and his throne and great authority. 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*” (vs 2-3).

Look how quickly movements spring up today. Think how this is going to be. This is Satan’s grand finale to deceive the whole world.

Verse 4: “And they worshiped the dragon...” *You worship the dragon through one of his religions—even though they may be fighting against one another. Satan’s house is divided; that’s why it can’t stand.*

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?’”

I was watching Morgan Freeman interview a Jew. They were standing at the Wailing Wall. Freeman said, ‘Do you believe there’s going to be a Messiah?’ *Yes.* Do you believe he’s going to be from God? The Jew said, ‘We’re looking for a man!’ What does that tell you?

This is talking about the coming beast power; Daniel 9:27: “And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week...”

Why can that not be Christ? *A lot of people think it is because of the phrase, middle of the week!* But why can that not be Christ? What covenant do we enter into because of Christ’s sacrifice and our repentance and baptism? *An eternal covenant!* It’s not for one week. So, **this is the beast power making this world-covenant!**

One week is seven years in prophecy; so, the first three and a half years are going to be glorious! Wonderful! Everybody’s going to be happy, *except those Christians that they have to get rid of because they’re against the old system!* That’s why there’s going to be great persecution against the Church.

“...And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease...” (v 27).

When Christ died, He did not cease the sacrifices and offerings; they continued. The veil in front of the temple was ripped, showing that the way to the Holy of Holies in heaven was open. But did the Jews continue their sacrifices? **Yes! They didn’t cease until 40 years later when the temple was destroyed!**

“...and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation...” (v 27).

**He’s going to make everything desolate!** This goes into Satan himself. Who are the three that

go out and say, we've got to fight the return of Christ?

- the beast
- the false prophet
- Satan

“...And the fully determined end which is decreed shall be poured out upon the desolator” (v 27). *It's all going to backfire in the end run!*

Revelation 13:4: “...‘Who has the power to make war against him?’” [that will be temporary] ...And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to him; and authority was given to him to continue **for forty-two months**” (vs 4-5)—*three and a half years!*

Seven years in the midst it's cut off. That's when the deadly wound comes and he's healed. He comes back to life, and he's empowered more with Satan the devil. Here's what he does.

Verse 6: “And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. And he was given *power* to make war against the saints...” (vs 6-7).

That's the persecution against the saints. How many of us today will be willing to stand if we live into that time? That's the question we have to ask because, as we covered recently, ***baptism is your death warrant if you're not faithful to the end!***

“...and to overcome them; and he was given authority over every tribe and language and nation... [everything on the earth] ...And all who dwell on the earth will worship him...” (vs 7-8)—*because when he comes back to life, he's going to be proclaimed God manifested in the flesh!*

“...whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from *the* foundation of *the* world. 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 8-10). *They go through it all and they have faith and they have endured!*

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.” ***So, it looks Christ like, claims to be Christ like, but it's Satan!***

Verse 12: “And he exercises all the authority of the first beast before him... [over every tribe and nation and language] ...and he causes the

earth and those who dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

He's 'god' manifested on the earth! He's going to do such glorious things, and probably be the one to proclaim the Jews need to build their temple, and the Jews will all be happy for the first three and a half years.

- How long is it going to take to build the temple?
- What if it's about close to three years?

Then they start the sacrifices! Then *the beast* is wounded and he gets angry. He comes and he goes into the temple and says, 'I'm God!' That's going to be quite a thing! Here this second beast, the false prophet, because it looks like Christ. 'So, he says, 'This is God.'

Verse 13: “And he performs great wonders, so that he even causes fire to come down to the earth from heaven in the sight of men.” *That's the power of Satan to do it!*

What's going to happen when everybody sees this on television, on their handheld smart-phones? *Everyone's going to see fire come down from heaven in the name of God!* Everybody's going to believe it, because 'seeing is believing'—right?

Sidebar: They now have a way to create faces, movies and pictures: cameras. They can create your face and have you committing a crime on one of the surveillance cameras, and you were never there and you didn't commit it. But there it is, you were there and you committed it, because 'we have the evidence.' Amazing!

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. And he was given power to give life to the image of the beast...” (vs 14-15).

Another miracle! How is that going to be? *I don't think it's going to be trickery!* I think it's going to all be **demoniacally manipulated** by the demons.

“...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” (v 15). *It almost sounds like some of the policies of the politicians in America today!*

Verse 16: “And he 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 their foreheads so that 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” (vs 16-17).

How did we say *the mark of the beast* was going to come? *A blessing! A wonderful thing!* You can do away with all of your keys. In Sweden and in Estonia—Estonia is more into this kind of thing than any nation on earth—but in Sweden they’re going for it. Put it in your right hand. You can open your car door, you can open your house door, you can turn on your computer, whatever. Now, think about this: ***You cannot buy or sell!***

- How long will you last if you can’t do that? *As long as you have enough edible food in your cupboard or storage!*
- Then what are you going to do?
- Do you have enough for three and a half years, where you can hide out wait for the resurrection?

*Who knows!* I imagined there will be some who will try that. We’ll have to wait and see. They’re already working toward it right now; they don’t like cash. I try and do almost everything in cash or check. What are you going to do when that won’t work? It gets down to:

- Are you in the Church because you really love God and you’ve dedicated your life to Him?
- What are you going to do if you live down to this time and you’re alive and they’re coming after you?
- What are you going to do when you go into the store and you say I want to buy this, and they say, ‘We don’t accept cash any longer’?

Now, the closest you can get to not having *the mark* is having a card. But cards can be duplicated. The mark cannot. When they go to *the mark*, and you can’t use a card, you know there’s not much time. We’ll have to wait and see how that goes.

Let’s see how *the beast* is going to come. This is talking about ***the final beast***:

Daniel 8:23: “And in the latter time of their kingdom... [the kingdom of the Greeks, which was broken down into four subdivisions] ...when the transgressors have come to the full...”

When will transgressors come to the full? ***Worshiping the beast*** (Rev. 13)! ***All the world will wonder and worship the beast!***

“...a king, fierce of countenance and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And

his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power. And he shall destroy marvelously, and shall prosper and *do his own will*, and destroy the mighty and the Holy people. And also through his cunning he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand...” (vs 23-25). *All the demon activity will probably be under his authority for a short time!*

“...And he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in time of security shall destroy many. He also shall stand up against the Prince of princes. But he shall be broken without a human hand.... [Isn’t that what’s going to happen to the beast?] ...And the vision of the evening and the morning, which was told *is* true. But you shall shut up the vision, for it belongs to many days to come.’

And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days....: (vs 25-27). *That was a pretty powerful one to receive!*

Let’s see how this is going to come. First of all, *the beast* because the sacrifices to cease. 2-Thess. was known by John because John and those who are alive with him at that time canonized the New Testament. That’s why he put in Matt. 24 and Mark 13, ***‘the one who reads let him understand!’*** When he said when you see the abomination of desolation standing in the Holy Place, let the one who reads let him understand.

He added that in there because we find in 2-Thess. that there had to be a temple. John was told to ‘measure the temple’ (Rev. 11). This is why we can know that they’re going to build the temple in Jerusalem.

2-Thessalonians 2:3: “Do not let anyone deceive you by any means because *that day will not come unless the apostasy shall come first...*”

What is the fullness of the apostasy? *The whole world worshipping Satan!* That’s the fullness of the apostasy.

“...and the man of sin shall be revealed—the son of perdition. [tie in with Rev. 13 and Dan. 8] ...the one who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is an object of worship; so that he comes into the temple of God... [that’s what it will be called] ...and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God” (vs 3-4).

That never happened in 70<sub>A.D.</sub> with the destruction of the temple. That’s why John wrote, ‘the one reads let him understand,’ because he didn’t understand; he knew that was for a future time.

Verse 7: “For the mystery of lawlessness is already working; only *there is* One Who is restraining at the present *time* until it arises out of

the midst.... [Christ holding everything to the time schedule of God] ...And then the lawless one will be revealed..." (vs 7-8).

Notice that this is at Christ's return; so this is why John wrote that. When the temple was destroyed in 70<sub>A.D.</sub>, Christ didn't return.

Verse 8. "And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth, and will destroy with the brightness of His coming)."

The final result of that is the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19). The beast and the false prophet are cast in there.

Verse 9: "Even the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan..."

It's going to be a vast satanic and demonic wondrous world, that's all going to collapse down into the Great Tribulation, and then on into the book of Revelation to the return of Christ.

"...with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the Truth, so that they might be saved" (vs 9-10). **How important is the love of the Truth?**

*The beast goes into the temple and says, 'I'm God.' Now then, let's see what happens just before then. Why does he come down into Jerusalem and go into the temple? Because the truce with the Muslims and the Catholics will be broken! They can't help themselves. They hate each other.*

Daniel 11:40: "And at the time of the end, the King of the South shall push at him..."

Sidebar: I've got a whole article about What the Muslims want to do in the whole Arabian peninsula is to modernize it make new cities, because they're trying to look at it time when they run out of oil? My question is: How are they ever going to get enough water to do what they want to do?

"...And the King of the North shall come against him... [that's how he's coming down and going to go into the Holy Land and into the temple] ...like a whirlwind with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and sweep through. He shall also enter into the glorious land..." (vs 40-41)—*that's where the temple will be!*

Verse 42: "And he shall stretch out his hand also upon the countries. And the land of Egypt shall

not escape." *That'll probably be the central power of the King of the South at that time!*

Verse 44: "But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall alarm him..."

- What's happening with China?
- What is the plan of China?
- *To become the leader of the world by 2030 and align with Russia!*

*This is what it's talking about!*

"...Then he will go forth with great fury to destroy and to utterly annihilate many" (v 44).

As we know in Rev. 9, the hordes of 200-million are coming from the east.

Let's see that this is right up to the end of time; Daniel 12:1: And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble... [the Great Tribulation] ...**such as never was since there was a nation even until that time**.... [we haven't seen anything, yet] ...And at that time your people shall be delivered... [that starts with the 144,000] ...every one who shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (vs 1-2). *Doesn't tell you that there is a 1000-year spread between the two!*

Verse 3: "And they who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro... [that's what we're doing today] ...and knowledge shall be increased" (vs 3-4)—*that's what we have today!*

Then he wanted to know how these things are going to be, v 8: "And I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, 'O my lord, what shall be the end of these things?'....[ Daniel never knew] ...And he said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white and refined. But the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, **but the wise shall understand**" (vs 8-10).

Daniel was told he was going to die, and 'you'll never know.' In other words, the only time that these things will be rightly understood, some have been partially understood, some of had some elements of more finish to it, but here we are at the end. Even we have understood them a little better than when we first knew them years ago.

Here's what we need to keep our mind on. This is what we are going to do at the resurrection. God is going to give us the authority to work under Christ, to bring peace to the world, to bring God's way to the world and to help them live their lives according to God's way. That will be during the Millennium.

Revelation 20:4: "And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast, or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.) This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and Holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with Him a thousand years**" (vs 4-6)—*and after that into all eternity!*

So, in spite of all the difficulties and problems that are going to come, ***if we remain faithful we'll keep these things in mind and God will bless us, and we will attain to the completion of God's plan for every one of us!***

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