

# The Watchman



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17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

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This book is dedicated to the glory of God, our Father, Jesus our Lord, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. So be it.

Michael Obi Okwuosah

# Introduction

At the beginning of the twenty-fifth chapter of the book of Matthew, Jesus tells a story about ten virgins. The virgins are waiting into the night for the coming bridegroom, whose feast they will attend. Five of them, described by Jesus as wise, bring extra oil for their lamps, while the other five, described as foolish, do not. As the night lengthens, all the virgins fall asleep. Suddenly, at midnight, a cry rings out, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him” (Matt. 25:6). The wise virgins use their extra oil to trim their lamps, while the foolish virgins watch their lamps go out and must go purchase more oil before they can meet the bridegroom. By the time they return, the feast has already begun and they are turned away when the bridegroom says, “I know you not” (Matt. 25:12). Jesus explains that the story is an allegory for the kingdom of heaven.

The contemporary church has much to learn from this story. In the first place, all of the virgins know that the bridegroom is coming eventually; they all had the same word of warning. In the same way all of the church has the warning that Jesus is returning; he, our bridegroom, is coming back for his bride. Even though all of the virgins have the same warning, not all respond to it in the same way. Half respond foolishly, by not being prepared, and the other half respond wisely, by bringing extra oil. We see that not being prepared is more significant than not having a little oil when, at the end of the story, the bridegroom refuses the foolish virgins entry and pronounces a comprehensive

judgment on them, saying that he doesn't even know them. From that judgment, we can see that the foolish virgins represent non-believing people within the church while the wise virgins represent those who truly believe in God. Thus, while all churching people have heard of Jesus' impending return, not all are truly saved.

Besides being in the same group, the foolish and wise virgins share another similarity: they all fall asleep. In the context of the modern church, we could say that the forces of spiritual darkness and deception within our culture have lulled the church, believers and non-believers, to sleep. Everyone in the church needs a wake-up call, a cry at midnight.

In the story, someone other than the virgins, someone who is awake, must make the wake-up call. The twofold purpose of this book is to prepare people to recognize the call when it comes and encourage them to be prepared by giving their hearts to Jesus now. When God's wake-up call comes, it will signal the beginning of trials that will sift the church and separate the wise from the foolish, the believing from the unbelieving. During this time of trial, the true church of God, those who really know Jesus Christ, will be revealed, and God's glorious desire for His people will be manifested.

Of course, not all who read this book claim to be followers of Jesus. The book has a message for you too, particularly as I discuss the role that America plays in Biblical prophecy. In some ways, America's situation is similar to the church's situation as it is described above: America, like the Christian church, began with Christian principles and goals and a glorious, God-given purpose, but America, like the church, has since become a mix of wise and foolish, believing and unbelieving, those

who follow God and those who do not. In the time of trial and trouble that is soon to come, America, the people of America, like the people of the church, will be separated, and God's original intent for this nation will be revealed. It is my sincere hope that by reading this book you will become equipped to recognize prophecy as it is fulfilled in contemporary events and to recognize God's wake-up call and the subsequent trials or judgments when they occur. Right now, as you read this book, I pray that God's Spirit will touch your heart, and that you will become a wise virgin, waiting for the bridegroom's return.



**Part I:**

# America's Destiny in The Bible



## **Chapter I. Sowing Tares**

### **The Wheat and the Tares**

America's destiny. The phrase conjures up different impressions in the minds of different readers. For most Americans, the image is probably that of shaping our own destiny; that is, after all, the American dream. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth than the idea that we are in control of our own destiny.

In the Bible, destiny begins and ends with God's plan for his creation, but within the context of that plan He has granted his creatures some measure of freedom to make choices. Those life choices, along with God's response to them, help shape our destiny within the context of His plan. The Bible makes it clear that men and women are to be fair and equitable in their dealings with one another. For example, even in Old Testament law, more than one witness was usually required before someone could be convicted of a crime and punished. Similarly, God's word was very clear about the penalties for various forms of errant behavior. God requires certain behaviors and rejects others. Our destiny as people, American or otherwise, is wrapped up in how we react to God's laws for our lives—laws which, far from being arbitrary, are embedded in the fabric of creation. Our destiny lies with God's judgment of us, not our own capacity to create our own ending.

As a metaphor for creating destiny, the Bible speaks often about seeds, watering, growth, fruit, and harvests. In one specific parable, Jesus describes a field in which the owner has sown wheat and his enemy has sown tares, weeds that look like wheat but bear no grain. Because



uprooting the tares also might have uprooted the wheat, the landowner allows both to grow together until they have developed fully, until they have produced their respective fruit. When the fruit is full grown and the difference between wheat and tares is evident, the owner's servants bring in the harvest, taking the grain to the barn and burning the tares.

The owner's field represents any group of people—for our purposes here, it can represent America. While most Americans readily acknowledge that this nation has the good seed—Christianity planted by God at the nation's beginning—few are willing to believe that tares have been sown here as well. In fact, as the following chart suggests and this chapter explains, tares of evil have been sown in America, and they are almost full grown and ready for harvest.

Table 1.1 The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares  
(Matt. 13)

- **Seeds:** The seeds of sin, those ideas and actions contrary to God's word, have been sown now over many generations.
- **Roots:** These evil seeds have germinated and the root systems reach out in many directions, thereby establishing a broad and sturdy foundation of widespread evil.
- **Stalk:** The stalk was formed and nurtured, thereby growing strong and tall. It is still growing.
- **Fruit:** In due course, fruit appeared in accord with the nature of the evil seeds planted (as is always the case).

- **Premature:** When the fruit first appears, it is small and not ready to harvest.
- **Ripe:** Eventually, the fruit ripens and is ready to be harvested. I believe God is almost ready to harvest both the wheat, His believers, by way of a glorious visitation and, the tares by way of judgment.

Considering the parable, we might ask, “From where do the bad seeds come?” The answer is found at the beginning of human history. Readers who have studied the Bible will know what took place in the Garden of Eden. There were basically two specific trees, the “tree of life” (which is symbolic of the mystery of godliness) and the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (which is symbolic of the mystery of iniquity). God allowed the inhabitants of the Garden to eat from every other tree, an action which was also synonymous with living in accord with God’s ways, word or guidance. On the other hand, they were told not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, an action which symbolized needing to figure out life for themselves if they refused to obey God.

The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, chose to disobey God and do their own thing, or so they thought. They did not know the multitude of problems their rebellion, called “sin” in the Bible, would precipitate. They could not understand that the fruit from the tree of rebellion would be poisonous from a spiritual standpoint. Indeed, by eating such fruit, they accepted Satan, the devil, as their god while believing they were simply “doing their own thing”. This thing, unfortunately, was satanic rebellion to the core—the very same kind of rebellion that got Satan

thrown out of heaven. (Isa. 14; Ezek 28) Here in the Garden, Satan had sowed the tares of doubt and disobedience in their hearts and minds.

Satan has also sown tares in America, and today they grow alongside the wheat in this “Christian” country. As a result, while all of us know there are a lot of good things about America, we are frustrated as we witness the decline we see going on where we live. We want America to rise to the destiny of the wheat, but too many in this nation seem to have chosen the destiny of the tares as the two forces compete for the fertile ground of our culture. Maybe it’s time to reconsider the underpinnings of our present direction, particularly for those of you who doubt that the tares have been sown in American culture. As I see it, present day events—the growth of both wheat and tares together and the nearness of harvest, or judgment—are unfolding in exact accord with Biblical prophecies. The tares are about to experience a winnowing judgment, and the wonderful destiny of the wheat, the glorious church, is about to be revealed.

In view of the foregoing, we may do well to consider the extent to which the tares have grown at this point in the human experience. Let’s think first about America and her experience:

- Family—Impact of divorce
- Extra-marital sex—Birth control pills
- Abortion—in U.S. ... close to 50 million
- Doubt and unbelief—Confusion among believers
- Anger and greed—Warfare and killing

It is apparent to virtually everyone that things are not going well either in America or in the world today. These are some of the more ominous indicators that have not

been previously present to this extent. In the sections that follow, I will speak in more detail about three specific areas of sin or evil in American culture today. These examples are representative not exhaustive, but they will give you a sense of this culture's decline.

Thankfully, the goodness and forgiveness God requires of us, He also requires of Himself. Thus, in the midst of this declining culture, He doesn't want anyone to perish (2 Pet. 3). His final judgment will not come until all have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:14) and have had a chance to accept or reject Him. The final days of this world have been spelled out in symbolic detail in the book of Revelation, which only God's Spirit can accurately interpret; however, this much is clear to all: God will judge all of His creation through His Son and the people will be separated, the sheep to the right and goats to the left, based on their response to God's Son. Not all will enter God's kingdom. Before reading examples of America's cultural sins, take a moment to pray and examine your own heart. Consider right now whether you are a stalk of wheat or a tare. How have you responded to Jesus Christ? Take a moment to be completely honest with yourself.

## **Consumerism**

Consumerism and materialism are deeply embedded in the fabric of American culture, so much so that sometimes we don't even notice them. "Consumerism" is a term generally used to describe the excess consumption, often with the purpose of using that which is consumed to define who and what we are. In a sense, we begin to define our own value by the choices we make in the things we buy and use. While all of us must consume food, water, clothing and so forth to live, and while God has provided

well for us since there are over 6 billion of us alive on this planet right now, God's intent was never for us to use material things to define ourselves.

Unfortunately, much of American culture is based on consumerism. The capitalistic system employs advertising to let us know the items available, whet our appetite to buy more than we truly need, and thereby further stimulate economic growth. While economic stimulation seems good in some measure, the consumption is also wasteful in the long run since, in many cases, we are using excessive amounts of irreplaceable natural resources and damaging the environment in ways some believe could eventually put an end to life on earth. Although many nations are guilty, Americans use more resources than others. For example, even though Americans account for less than 5% of the world's population, we consume many times that percentage in oil, steel, automobiles, food and many other items. Our "consumerist" habits cannot be sustained by the world's resource base in the long run.

Others point out that excesses have occurred before and mankind has brought things under control in time. This, of course, is true in many ways (e.g., water and air pollution). Now, however, the sheer magnitude of the problems is such that the solutions will be very difficult, if not impossible. It is feared that in some cases the solution may not be much less painful than the problem itself. As Western culture spreads and the population of the world increases, we will eventually come to a point where excess consumption will no longer be possible. When we combine population increases with profound increases in consumption (such as those underway in India and China, for example), the impact on the world's resources becomes even greater. As large population groups begin to copy

U.S. consumption patterns, prices will escalate as the supply of suitable raw materials dwindles. In other words, the excess consumption patterns originated in the U.S. could lead to shortages and outright exhaustion of resources much sooner than previously expected as India and China continue to escalate consumption. Price wars may not be the only type of war resulting from such behavior.

Many Americans seem to be completely unaware that their consumption habits have already destroyed the resource base in many third world countries. Although it can be argued that these countries willingly sold their resources at fair prices, it is also true that their future is bleak due to the exhaustion of their natural resources. What is the solution chosen to this problem of excess consumerism, and who will choose it? Will someone decide there are too many people? At that point, as consideration is given to the wasteful habits of our own time, do you think our grandchildren many times removed from today will appreciate our irresponsible attitudes and behaviors? How would you respond if you were in their shoes?

We must evaluate our own actions and attitudes in light of this information. Was consumerism (excess consumption) part of God's perfect plan? Did Jesus teach excess consumption or did He suggest that we find contentment with what we have? Is more a solution or does it just beget a desire for more and better, beginning a never-ending materialist quest? How is excessive consumption impacting your life choices today? How are you spending your time and your money? Will you look back on your life and feel that you spent your time and money well? Did you allocate too much of yourself to your career? To a hobby or a diversion?

## **Superficial Christianity**

Just as few Americans truly understand the depth of this culture's consumerism, so most Americans overestimate the value and power of American Christianity. The world's view of America is vastly different than the way Americans view themselves, and in many areas our image is in decline. Today, few knowledgeable foreign observers see America as a Christian nation. In fact, the church in America has never been as strong as many have believed. The seeds of destruction were sown early, and America has never been a nation which consisted only of Christian believers. Some estimate there may have been as many as one million (and possibly more) Indians in America before the first white man arrived, and most of them were pagans. Further, many of the whites who came to the "New World" did so to escape European justice in one form or another. Others came to exploit this new frontier for economic purposes. Thus, while America has considered herself to be a Christian nation for a long time, there have always been large numbers of unbelievers.

In considering herself to be a Christian nation, America has a confused sense of who she is. While the motivation for founding this country was indeed based on the freedom to worship as one chooses, and Christianity is what the founders had in mind, it would be an error to believe that Satan would allow this process to go unchallenged. He also planted seeds, described above as tares, even as the early Christians were planting wheat seeds by setting up a nation for free Christian worship.

Of course, while many Americans consider America a Christian country, and most foreigners believe America sees herself as a Christian nation, many Americans see the nation differently. From a practical standpoint, America

rests on the foundation of individual freedom to choose for oneself how one will live. Some choose to learn and speak about Christianity. Very few now choose to live as Christians and the practice is declining rapidly. Similarly, in the European nations from which America was colonized and whose social trends she sometimes follows, it seems hard to find truly practicing Christians. Based on recent trends, it will soon be hard to find truly practicing Christians in most parts of America. Most youth have no intention of practicing Christianity once they leave home for college or thereafter.

There is, of course, no reason to blame this decline on today's youth. The Bible was rejected by their grandparents in the 1960's when prayer and Bibles were removed from public schools (1963) and other public places. The concept of separation of church and state has now been warped beyond recognition as God has been removed from business and government. The source of the national moral character was removed and replaced with a moral vacuum. Tolerance for anything seeped in under the flag of "personal freedom." Morality of the lowest levels became acceptable to more and more families because "others were doing it". Sexual perversion spread like wildfire with extramarital sex leading to unwanted pregnancies. Aborting the unborn became commonplace. In fact, recent estimates indicate that 40 million unborn babies have been murdered in the USA. The murder of defenseless "unborns" is likely America's most heinous crime, as God sees it. Many Americans try to overlook this massive sin, but most other countries see abortion (in America and elsewhere) for what it is. Our Creator most assuredly will not overlook this rebellious behavior in the long run. Only a warped sense of self allows Americans to see these sins and at the same time claim to be a "Christian nation."



Sadly, divorce, adultery and fornication occur in the church as well as outside it. Scripture describes true believers by saying that they will believe in their hearts that Jesus is Lord and will confess Him with their mouth. In the final analysis, people act out of what they truly believe in their hearts. The church's current behavior speaks loudly about her unbelief. TV shows, movies, magazines and other media demonstrate America's depravity in clear terms. We vote for immorality by supporting this.

Not only that, but we also see a weak and empty Christianity in most American churches. For example, the Scripture says of Jesus' followers that they will love one another! It's hard to find many churches in America where this is true in more than a superficial sense. Americans are in love with themselves and their possessions.

The Christian church in America also violates Jesus' charge that his followers can't serve two masters: God and money. According to the Bible, "the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). Once again, looking at American behavior as the real indicator, it is easy to see how our careers, investments and savings accounts have attracted more of America's attention than God. The Wall Street Journal and news coverage of stock markets is interesting. Have you ever seen anyone tallying the number of souls saved today and year-to-date? Any comparisons of souls saved year-to-date this year versus last year? This may appear ridiculous, but money, the accumulation and spending of it, is a national pursuit. Another example that demonstrates the emptiness of American Christianity is its inability to impact the culture. The Scripture says of the church that no weapon formed against believers will prosper! It doesn't take much of a weapon to defeat an unbelieving church, one that does not live in accord with

what it professes. She is already powerless, having failed to believe the promises and assurances provided by her Creator and Sustainer. The church has relatively little influence on today's American culture, which is winning the battle hands down. In some post-communist countries, there is no church of consequence, so cultural values are the only choices presented; America is headed in this direction.

Another Biblical description of the church is that they should be looking for Jesus' return. Many Americans do not truly believe in God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit, much less anticipate His return. Some say they are Christians, but mean it's an attractive philosophy to think about and discuss, not obey and live. This is not what Jesus said or demonstrated. In view of this, how many do you really think are looking forward to being judged upon the return of Jesus? Only the truly righteous and redeemed have a positive attitude in this regard.

In essence, we have a form of religion, but it has no power because it is dependent on self, not on God; it violates the basic tenets of Biblical religion, that we will have no other gods before God Himself and that we will be His loving servants. It does not work and never will. We would do well to ask ourselves, "How many Americans wake up each day and ask God, 'How can I serve You today?'" The number is small. Would it be a single digit, or even less? Of course, people who don't believe in God, whatever official religion they claim, cannot really serve God or trust him. Sadly, most other people really don't care. In his grace, God cares so much He even allows us to reject Him. "No other gods before me"? It's time for us to examine ourselves and change before it's too late.

In conclusion, the Bible says that the church of Jesus Christ will have neither spot nor wrinkle when He returns to claim it. A dramatic cleaning will be required to get the church, true believers in Jesus, ready for Christ's return. Judgment begins with the house of God.

## **Homosexuality**

One form of evil is accompanied by others as well. Sin begets sin; perversion begets perversion. Homosexuality, which the Bible describes as sin, is prevalent in our sinful culture and is becoming widely accepted as an alternative lifestyle. In fact, gay marriage is already legal in one state. Not only that, but a look at TV, movies, magazines, etc. will show how pervasive homosexuality in America is today. The Bible clearly demonstrates that homosexuality is the final fruit of a declining society because it is the ultimate rejection of God's way. The table below illustrates how dangerous homosexuality is for the practicing individual and for any culture.

**Table 1.2 The Results of Homosexuality  
From the International Organization of Heterosexual  
Rights ([www.inoohr.org](http://www.inoohr.org))**

- Life expectancy - The life expectancy of male homosexuals is only 42 (39 if they die of AIDS) versus 75 for married heterosexual men. Only 9% of homosexuals live past 65 years of age.
  - Almost 21% of lesbians die of murder, suicide or traffic accidents which is 534 times higher than that of heterosexual females.
- Mental illness - Male homosexuals are 12 times more likely to have serious bouts of depression than their heterosexual counterparts. Some believe many of the problems of mental illnesses experienced are linked directly to the instability of homosexual relationships. One study revealed that almost 1/3 of homosexual males have over 1,000 sex partners in a lifetime.
  - 73% of psychiatrists say homosexuals are less happy than the average person.
  - Over 40% of homosexuals say they have had sex with strangers in public restrooms.
- Suicide
  - Homosexuals are 25 times more likely to commit suicide.
  - Half of all suicides are attributed to homosexuals.

- Child Abuse
  - Homosexuals commit 1/3 of all child molestations in the U.S.
  - Roughly 73% of all homosexuals admit having sex with boys. One out of 20 homosexuals is a child molester.
  - Have you heard of the North American Man and Boy Love Association (NAMBLA)? This is an organized child molesting homosexual group whose rally cry is “Sex before 8, before it’s too late.”
- Murder
  - Homosexuals account for half the murders in large cities.
  - Homosexuals are 100 times more likely to be murdered (usually by another homosexual) than the average person.
  - 50% of the women on death row are lesbians.
  - 37% of homosexuals participate in sadomasochism which produces many accidental deaths.
- Disease
  - Both AIDS and HIV have long been identified with the homosexual movement, especially in Hollywood and in the entertainment and artistic communities.
  - 1/3 of homosexuals and lesbians are alcoholics.
  - 78% of homosexuals have sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

- It costs roughly \$300,000 (2004) to treat AIDS victims during their abbreviated lives (these cases are a major factor in causing medical insurance rates to skyrocket in recent years).

It is difficult to review the facts above and not be shocked, angered or both. The facts are sobering. When we violate the designer's intent in any circumstance, things do not work out well. We could decide, for example, to put water in the gas tank of our car and gasoline in the radiator. We could argue that it is our car, that we purchased it with money we earned. Our arguments may sound reasonable to us, but the fact that we violated the designer's basic plan would negate all arguments. No matter how good the arguments sounded to us, the car would simply not function as intended. The same is true about personal choice and freedom. Homosexuality is a violation of God's plan for our lives and His creation (Rom. 1).

In fact, homosexuality represents the ultimate rejection of God and creation because it rejects the way God intended for creation to function and for His image to be replicated and honored. One of God's basic commands was for man to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth. The Creator of all things designed His natural order in such a way that the perpetuation of many species, including human beings, occurs as a result of mating between males and females. He also designed families, beginning with the male and female pair, into His grand scheme in order to provide care for the young while such care was needed. In the natural order, such processes are never challenged except by humankind, some of whom have become involved in sexual activities that pervert God's design.

If a society were to enter into the extremes of homosexuality, reproduction would cease and the species would end within a matter of decades. This sexual choice is not from God because, if followed to extremes, it would bring an end to the reproduction of what God has created in His own image and loves: namely, us human beings. Not only that, but if homosexuality were encouraged to reign throughout the world, who would eventually inhabit the earth? Satan, demons, devils, evil spirits and fallen angels. If God were to allow this to happen, Satan would succeed in altering God's plan, though there is no chance of Satan succeeding. All you have to do to gain insight into Satan's ways is to read a book written by a former Satan worshipper to find out that sexual perversion, especially homosexuality and lesbianism, is one of the focal points of their doctrine. Satan always distorts God's intent and sexual distortions are among the most powerful. In fact, the basic reason homosexual tendencies are so hard to correct is that most of them involve some form of spiritual infestation that requires spiritual deliverance to be fully effective.

As the parable of the wheat and the tares indicates, harvest comes when the fruit is ripe. Needless to say, all of the tares produced by American culture stem from the root of rebellion or rejection of God and His ways, and as a result, God may not consider homosexuality to be any worse than lying, gossip, greed, envy, pride or any other evil. Even so, within a given culture, different tares mature at different times, and while pervasive homosexuality is only one of the fruits of rebellion, it is the final one to ripen; it signals that harvest, or judgment, is near because it constitutes the ultimate rejection of God and His creation. It will immediately precede judgment today, just as it did in the days of Noah and Lot in the Bible.

## **The Source of America's Evil: Mystery Babylon**

The “tares” in American society result not simply from individual, personal wickedness, though individual wickedness certainly contributes. Instead, they stem from the influence of evil spiritual powers. Before considering this spiritual influence in America specifically, it is useful to look to Biblical and historical examples to see, in general terms, how spiritual forces influence human culture and government.

In terms of the parable examined above, the spiritual powers are the landowner's enemies who sow the tares. In the Bible, the Apostle Paul alludes to the influence of such powers on human events when, in his letter to the Ephesians, he writes that Christians struggle “not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world-forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:13). The terms used for these “spiritual forces” (“rulers... powers... world-forces”) indicate that the spiritual entities mentioned have both power authority in this world, the arena in which the “struggle” (Eph. 6:13) takes place.

The Apostle John, in the book of Revelation, describes these same spiritual forces by reviving a metaphor from the Old Testament (see Zech. 5:8). He pictures them as a harlot, who is also known in the Bible as the Queen of heaven, who seduces and then rules through the “kings of the earth” (Rev. 17:2). He also gives the harlot a name: “Babylon the Great” (Rev. 17:5). In addition, John gives the harlot the name “Mystery.” The use of the word mystery indicates that a hidden, secret, or spiritual Babylon is being described – that the harlot does not represent the physical land of Babylon but rather the spiritual forces that rule in the present world. The term “Mystery Babylon” refers to these spiritual forces to distinguish them from the physical land of Babylon.



John makes clear this Mystery Babylon seduces and commits “acts of immorality” with the human “kings of the earth” (Rev. 17:2). Here the Scripture implies that Mystery Babylon, the spiritual power, seduces humans to reject God’s words and ways and then rules through human kings and institutions. Returning to the parable of the wheat and the tares, we find a picture of how Mystery Babylon secretly infiltrates and corrupts a culture but is eventually found out and judged. In this story, God plants His own seed, but Satan plants seeds in the field as well. Satan, known in the Bible as the father of lies, a deceiver, and the accuser of the brethren, comes along behind God’s workers and plants tares, which are seeds of rebellion against God. Satan’s strategy is to subvert God’s people, causing them to misunderstand and rebel. His mastery of deception and half truths enables him to infiltrate God’s field and plant evil seeds, as he has done successfully throughout church history. God allows the two plants to grow together until harvest time, or judgment, because they look much alike while growing and are difficult to separate. In the case of Mystery Babylon, we see that the wheat, representing the true church, and the tares, representing Mystery Babylon’s influence and the false church, are allowed to grow together until the time of judgment and separation.

To summarize, the term “Mystery Babylon” describes an evil spiritual entity that exerts massive deterministic, ideological power over ideas and events in the world without revealing its true nature and while coexisting with the people of God. Its purposes are evil to the core and directly contradict the plans and desires of God. Mystery Babylon has characteristics similar to those of the Babylonian Empire, from which it draws its name, because the same

evil powers that controlled the physical empire also control Mystery Babylon. History reveals that, all major world powers have been dominated by the spiritual forces of Mystery Babylon.

From the beginning of civilization, human government seems cursed with desire for power, idolatry, and immorality. The first example comes in Genesis 11, with the attempt for world domination that ends in the unfinished tower of Babel. The inhabitants of Shinar (the same geographic area that would later become Babylon) desired to build “a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and ... a name for [themselves]” (Genesis 11:4). They worshiped the spiritual forces, building a tower which served as a house of worship and seeking to make a name for themselves rather than honoring the name of God. God intervened, and they never saw their goals fulfilled.

The pattern continues throughout history, as civilizations and rulers sought domination and worshiped various idols. The Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, and the Romans all ruled much of the known world and all committed spiritual adultery with the spiritual powers; as a result, those spiritual powers ruled through the human institutions of their religions and governments. In each case, citizens of the empire worshiped gods and goddesses that took on the characteristics of the ruling spiritual forces. In most ancient civilizations, an entire pantheon of gods and goddesses existed, but often two took places of prominence, representing female fertility and male power (e.g. Isis and Osiris, Ashtoreth and Baal, Ishtar and Bel, Diana/Artemis and Apollo or sometimes Zeus). The people worshiped the idols and the characteristics they represented.

But how does this relate to America? The American story fits the pattern of the wheat and the tares: God

brought His believers from Europe and planted His people in the new world, now called America, and Satan also followed suit with his people or the false church. Both groups have grown together. But in modern America, we see no such male and female gods or goddesses; our modern culture is far too sophisticated for such things. Our science and materialism teach us not to rely on antiquated superstition. While we don't see idols or temples, Americans consistently do worship and serve the spiritual forces those gods represented. Advertising alone demonstrates our culture's deification of sexuality, and consumerism shows our worship of money and economic power. Understanding that most modern minds will not believe in supernatural gods or worship statues, the spiritual forces have attached themselves to ideologies instead of idols, and seduced America just as they seduced ancient Babylon long ago.

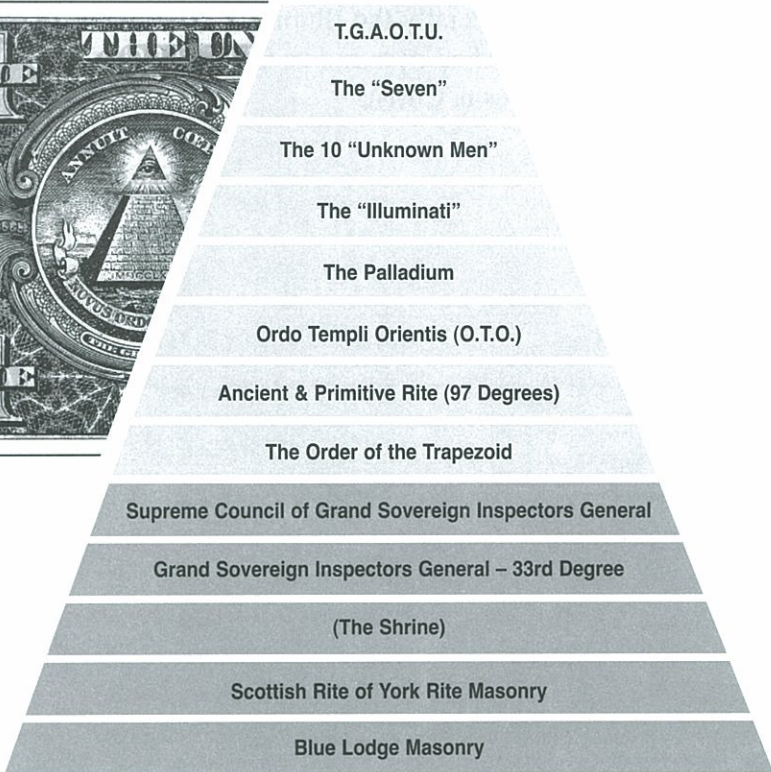
## **Symbols of Mystery Babylon in America**

Interestingly, despite our sophisticated skepticism, much of modern America's symbolism is tied to the ancient gods whose spiritual forces define our culture. Below we will consider how three of America's symbols (the unfinished pyramid, the Washington Monument, and the Statue of Liberty) relate to the symbols of ancient deities and modern cults.

The unfinished pyramid on our dollar bill, for example, points to the unfinished tower of Babel. This unfinished tower was located in Shinar, or Babylon, and, as described above, represented satanic rebellion sown into the culture by the forces of Mystery Babylon. The all-seeing eye is usually depicted on top of the unfinished pyramid, signifying the unseen force of Mystery Babylon watching over the completion of the evil spiritual kingdom. Satan chose this

unfinished pyramid as his mysterious symbol, and has used it many times since Babel. In fact, all six kingdoms that reigned over Israel during its history (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greece, Rome, and the coming kingdom of Anti-Christ) used or will use the unfinished pyramid as their official seal or symbol of power. Beyond that, the satanic church, and indeed all secret religious cults or sects, and especially the Illuminati (Enlightened Ones), see this unfinished pyramid as Christians see and revere the cross of Jesus Christ.

**“The Light of Illumination”**



**The Masonic Pyramid**

(See Appendix 3 to understand the spiritual meaning of the Masonic pyramid.)

Considering these facts, we see that the symbolism on the dollar bill implies that America is controlled by Mystery Babylon and is completing the goals of Babel,

domination and pride. Not only that, but we see that the U.S. capitalistic system, which controls the American economy and much of the world's, employs money as the final arbiter of our decision making process. Thus, while the dollar proclaims "in god we trust", what we really mean is that we trust economic power or money, known in Scripture as mammon, as the reigning god of America through capitalism. While Americans often take into account other considerations, the financial aspect of a decision usually carries more weight than anything else; economic power reigns as god in America just as Bel reigned as the god of power in Babylon. Few Americans acknowledge this idolatry because many rationalize that money is simply an economic tool; few realize that greed, the "love of money," has become the real motivating force in our capitalist decision making. What if the fundamental motive in economic decision making was to truly serve the needs of people? What if profits were primarily a guide for the wise allocation of resources? What if greed never entered the picture? By imagining such a system and comparing it to present reality, we can see the extent of Mystery Babylon's influence on our nation.

After Babel, Satan chose the unfinished pyramid to indicate past progress but unfinished business. He chose the finished pyramid to prophesy his completed future but used a different form called an obelisk, which is a pyramid on top of a pillar. In ancient Egypt and other Asian empires, the obelisk was used as a symbol of sun god worship because it pointed toward the sun and worshipers could climb it to get closer to the heavenly body they revered. Also, the obelisk served as a phallic symbol, representing sexuality and male power. Many Central Asian, Eastern and African obelisks are used as memorials to

previous leaders (i.e., pharaohs, kings, etc.), celebrating their power and focusing attention on creation rather than on the Creator. The obelisk is still widely used in Satan's churches: cults and occult religions.

The best known obelisk in America is the Washington Monument. It, too, focuses attention on the creation rather than the Creator, celebrating a human being as this nation's founder and obscuring God's role in America's history. Needless to say, God created both George Washington and the land in which we dwell. Beyond that, the Washington Monument's obelisk alludes to the obelisks of ancient Egyptian pharaohs, and to the worship of sexuality and sexual potency. Finally the Statue of Liberty mimics the design of ancient goddesses, such as the statue of the goddess Diana found in Ephesus (Acts 19:27, 35). This queen of heaven (Jeremiah 44; Revelation 17 and 18; Zechariah 5:5-11) was often worshipped by many different religious societies, including, Isis in Egypt and Ishtar in Babylon. These female goddesses and their statues were prominent in the ancient world and indicative of moon worship,

**ANCIENT EGYPTIAN  
OBELISK**



**ANCIENT GODDESS**



**WASHINGTON  
MONUMENT**



**STATUE OF LIBERTY**



complimenting the male sun worship symbolized by the obelisk.

Modern Americans certainly don't see the dollar bill, the Washington Monument, or the Statue of Liberty in any such light. These symbols are links in a long spiritual chain that goes back to the early books in the Bible. In his power as a deceiver, Satan has convinced America to use these symbols without considering their roots.

In addition to these symbols, we see the influence of Mystery Babylon in the nation's capital, Washington DC, where the whole structure of the government and layout of the city were molded to conform to the symbology of Freemasonry. Many of the founding fathers were deceived into joining this secret society, probably without knowing about its satanic foundation. Likewise, throughout American history this secret religious cult has typically worn innocuous garments designed to deceive even its own members. Today most lower-level members feel they are part of a society doing good works for their community. Freemasonry and its associated "new age" movement are nothing more than the modern equivalent of the ancient mystery religions Satan has conjured up through the ages to contradict the life, death, resurrection and ministry of Jesus Christ. Freemasonry is a secret cult based on evil, ancient symbolism that accepts a one-world religion. This is evident when we examine Masonic doctrine as it relates to salvation. Masons don't rely on Jesus Christ, whom they consider simply a prophet like Buddha and Mohammed, for salvation. They rely on their own good deeds, their temple and a Masonic burial to get them into heaven. There is nothing Christian about such concepts. This deception has been successful, but like all of Mystery Babylon's deceptions it will fail when God has had His fill of our rebellion.



Despite this evidence, the connection between American symbols and ancient religions seems far fetched. Americans are tempted to argue that surely these borrowed symbols don't retain their original spiritual connections. A look at the tares in our culture, examples of which were considered above, shows that every tree is known by its fruit. Although modern Americans do not bow to their statuary, the symbols, and more importantly the evil spiritual powers they represent, influence and rule in America as much as they did in Babylon or in any other ancient world power. Beyond the examples above, we can tie certain specific tares, or examples of evil, to the symbols previously examined. We can see that, as in Israel, the wickedness originated in leaders from their secret connection with the spiritual world (Ezk 8:11:1-2)

The tare most clearly connected with ancient satanic symbols is sexual immorality. American culture has taken the idea of personal liberty to an extreme, and the decline of family values has coincided with the rise of sexual promiscuity. In accordance with the symbolism of the obelisk and the queen of heaven, we worship sexual organs and the sexual act rather than the God who created them for use in building families. In addition, sexual immorality has led to abortion. Abortion involves the murder of unborn babies by their own mothers. Many claim mothers have a right to choose both with regard to illicit sex and with the fruit of their own body. Surely satanic powers are behind this murder, just as they were behind child-sacrifice to the ancient god Molech. In both cases, the satanic powers tied immorality to human blood sacrifice.

Ultimately, Mystery Babylon consists of Satan's evil spirits controlling the tares or evil seeds sown shortly after America was discovered and the population began to grow. America began with holy, Biblical intent, but the

enemy soon sowed the seeds of discord. They can be seen throughout the nation's history, even in George Washington's famous dream (see Appendix 1) in which he prophesied much of what I have been describing. Seeds eventually bear fruit in accordance with their kind, and the Scripture says that by their fruits you will know them. America has done many good things, but the trend is clearly away from God and His judgment begins with His own people. The evil fruit, of which we have seen many examples from consumerism to homosexuality to abortion, is already heavy on the branches in America.

## **Obviously Guilty**

As we contemplate the evidence at hand, no one familiar with the Bible could argue that America is innocent. From a Biblical standpoint, there is absolutely no doubt that the USA has long been rebellious and is guilty on all counts. While the parable of the wheat and the tares and the power of Mystery Babylon may seem as if America had no choice, a return to John's description in Revelation illustrates America's guilt. John describes the influence of Mystery Babylon as an adulterous affair, and in adultery, both parties are guilty. In the same way, America is guilty of yielding to Mystery Babylon's seduction.

Christianity that is in true accord with the Bible already is virtually extinct in this land. You may have heard the story about boiling frogs. If you drop one in hot water, he will immediately hop out; however, if you place one in comfortably warm water and then turn up the heat, he will gradually be cooked and die. This is what has happened to America. Her church-going people have been far too comfortable for too long (see Church of Laodicea in Revelation 3:14) as Mystery Babylon and the tares have

slowly turned up the heat. There are not many Christians left who sincerely try to live in accord with Biblical mandates. If you were born before 1950, you know what has happened. The decline is obvious to those who were old enough to understand the way Christianity used to be in America. Even though it was far from perfect then, today there is little Christianity left. Like the frog, we need to be awakened to the truth; our awakening may require adversity and judgment.

## **Chapter II. The Harvest is Near: Events in America and Israel, God's Spiritual Clock Signals the Coming Judgment**

### **The Coming Defeat of Mystery Babylon**

The Bible shows us that the defeat of Mystery Babylon is not far off. Bible scholars generally agree that the ancient kingdom of Israel can be read as a metaphor for the Christian church, or the Bride of Christ. Using the same logic, the ancient Babylonian empire can be considered a metaphor for Mystery Babylon, the false church, or the bride of Satan (Jeremiah 44:17.) We can use the history of Israel and Babylon to predict the future of the true church and the false church, or the wheat and the tares, in America.

We also see that the Babylonian Empire controlled Israel. In times of old, God brought the Jews back physically to Jerusalem by causing another kingdom, Medo-Persia, to defeat Babylon. During this time, Medo-Persia had two kings, the latter more powerful than the former. Just as Israel was returned to Jerusalem by Babylon's defeat, so the church of Jesus Christ must rise in the last days to her destiny, which is spiritual Jerusalem (Hebrews 12). This will happen through the defeat of spiritual forces of Mystery Babylon, the false church controlling much of American religion. In addition to the rise of the church, the last prophetic kingdom, analogous to Medo-Persia, will also begin to rise. It will also have two kings, and the last one, known Biblically as Anti-Christ, will be more powerful than the first.

The defeat of the spiritual forces of Mystery Babylon will mean victory for the church of Jesus Christ, but it will mean judgment for America, which has participated in Mystery Babylon's activities. The judgment of the United States follows a Biblical principle of judgment and is an integral part of God's unchanging end-time plan.

## **The Biblical Principle of Judgment and God's End Time Plan**

The principle of judgment is found at the end of the parable of the wheat and the tares: when the plants bear fruit and harvest time arrives, the tares are gathered and burned and the wheat is gathered and stored. The Bible makes it clear that the physical creation originated in the spiritual realm. Indeed, God is spiritual and uses spiritual processes to control that which unfolds in the physical world. Thus we can see the parable's principle of judgment at work not only in the human world, but in the spiritual world as well.

In heaven before humanity fell into sin, God allowed Satan and his like-minded angels to rebel against His ways and His rule. Because Satan and his associates also know a lot about God, His Son, His Spirit and His angels, they know that iniquity has been discovered in their hearts, and that they have been judged, sentenced and cast out of heaven. They know that the beginning of their judgment has already taken place and their judgment will end in the lake of fire.

Even so, God allows Satan and his associates freedom for now. They fear God and must obey Him but are allowed to operate within God-defined limits for a period of time. They are already defeated foes, but they are allowed to attack uninformed, unbelieving or undisciplined sinners who do not repent, a fact that gives all of us good

reason to avoid sin. Within the context of his freedom, Satan seduced Adam and Eve into sin, and all of humanity fell with them. Since God is all-powerful, everywhere present and all-knowing, we can be sure that He was not surprised by the fall of humankind in the Garden. He knew in advance what would happen in the hearts and minds of His subjects and what He would do to redeem all who fell.

Even though Christ's sacrifice and God's redemption removed the deepest, most powerful judgment from believers, humanity's fall still brought the principle of judgment into the world. Just as Satan and his angels experienced judgment after their sin, so humanity began experiencing it. Throughout Biblical history, this principle was applied to cities, such as Sodom and Gomorrah, which were consumed by fire. Nations, such as the northern kingdom of Israel, which was conquered by the Assyrian Empire, and to the entire world, which was destroyed by flood in the days of Noah. Whenever the fruit of iniquity became fully ripened, judgment came.

In America and indeed in the world, the harvest is ready and the harvesting angels will soon be dispatched. When least expected, God's judgment will fall like a sword from the sky. It will be unmistakable, unavoidable and unwelcome. With a penalty matching the crime, divine justice will have been served in a righteous way. Beyond that, it is my understanding from the Holy Spirit that all the stories in the daily news are merely details controlled by God's overall plan for the end of this age and the beginning of the next. I have been reminded of the story of Noah and the ark. Noah did as God instructed and built the ark when there was no indication of rain. Many thought he was a fool and continued their evil ways. In due course, the animals began to get on board. I wonder what the neighbors

thought when they saw them loading up. They were as blind to that sign as most are today to the signs of the end times. Most people just assume the end will not come in their lifetime, but whenever the end comes somebody is going to be wrong.

Still, even after considering this Biblical principle of judgment and the facts of America's evil listed above, you may believe the world will go on forever. Or, maybe, you feel it will self-destruct some day, but not any time soon. There are many different points of view. Surely all of us can agree that whatever is going to happen is not completely up to us. We can also agree that there is little we are able to do to preclude, defer or alter whatever is coming. We can't even change our own nature and behavior outside of God's grace. If you don't agree, consider the world wars of the last century and current terrorism, all of which happened during the most politically enlightened, scientifically advanced time in history. Our past gives me little hope that we are likely to stop greed and self-serving, conflict-causing behavior. The Bible indicates that God will judge our sinful behavior.

Even so, while those who hold a Biblical worldview agree about the coming judgment, not many are focused on the end time events around which this judgment will occur. Those who are, however, see alarming signs on the horizon. Many feel that we have entered the end time period specified in the Bible. I am one of these, particularly as I consider current events making daily news in the world, many of which have been foretold long ago. The Holy Spirit has revealed much of today's news to me in many visions over the last several years; though I did not know the exact timing or the international details involved, I was given the truth via explanatory visions and Biblical prophecies which continue to come to pass even as I am writing this book.

I'm not the only one to believe that God has an end time plan. The sequence and processes for end time events designed to hold His creation accountable have already been established by God and have been revealed in the book of Revelation. Most Bible scholars see this as a plan that will not be changed, though not everyone agrees on the exact meaning of all the symbology.

Even some Muslims take the end time plan seriously, since Islam itself is in agreement with portions of the Bible, including many of the teachings of Jesus, whom it considers as a great prophet and teacher. Saddam Hussein saw himself as the modern-day embodiment of King Nebuchadnezzar, a Biblical king of Babylon who had a prophetic revelation about the future of Israel and Babylon. By identifying himself with Nebuchadnezzar, Hussein saw himself and his Iraq playing the role specified for Babylon in the Bible. While Hussein's self-aggrandizing view merely foreshadows prophetic reality, it does illustrate an important Biblical point: end time events are intimately connected to the nation of Israel and events in the entire Middle East.

## **Israel as a Spiritual Clock – Signs of the End Times in the Modern Middle East**

The history of Israel is like a spiritual clock; certain events concerning Israel demonstrate that particular prophesied time periods have arrived. As a result, Bible scholars have attempted to fit the current events manifesting in and around Israel into God's holy plan as revealed in Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and the minor prophets of the Old Testament. In this way, we can follow the unfolding of end time prophecies more accurately.



The Bible was written over thousands of years, and that writing ended two thousand years ago. Biblical prophecy shows that the nation of Israel had to exist before the end time prophecies could begin to unfold, but during most of those two thousand years, Israel did not exist as a nation. Then, in 1948, Israel was reconstituted, and since that time the media has focused on this tiny nation. Most announced one tragic event after another, both in Israel and the Middle East. Without a Biblical worldview, why is the world so focused on Israel and that region?" Why has Israel specifically and the Middle East generally seen so much of the world's conflict and continued warfare? Why are Bible times, places, and events focused on a small part of the globe (probably less than 5% of the world's surface), from Northern Africa to the Middle East to Southern/Eastern Europe? Why are both Russia and China mentioned in the Bible only briefly, and North and South America not at all, except by personal revelation from God's Spirit? The answer lies in the correct understanding of Scripture.

First, for His own reasons, God chose the Middle East as His geographical focal point. Bible scholars generally agree that Israel and its people were chosen by God long ago. Dominating the world scene, the Jews, God's chosen people, continue to be the focal point of an endless struggle, which has its roots in Biblical history.

The Bible explains that God chose the children of Israel, the Jews, as His own people and planned for His earthly throne to be in Jerusalem. Even before his people were called Jews or Israelites, God called Abraham out of the Ur of the Chaldeans, in present-day Iraq, and gave him and his heirs the Promised Land, present-day Israel, as an inheritance. As Israel's history progressed, God established Jerusalem as His own capital and Israel's and placing His temple and His throne, the Ark of the Covenant, in Jerusalem.

At the same time, Satan, always attempting to counterfeit and supplant God, established his own capitol and throne in Babylon, the site of the tower of Babel, his first attempt of world domination and the first significant influence of Mystery Babylon. Scripture shows us that just as Mystery Babylon represents Satan's influence on the world, so physical Babylon, located in present-day Iraq, was his physical capitol from which to challenge Jerusalem. In addition to the tower of Babel, we see that the queen of heaven, a female consort to Satan, is pictured as living there with her king in Zechariah 5. In Satan's mind, using Babylon as his capitol is only temporary. He hopes to overthrow God's rule on earth and claim Jerusalem for himself – taking God's earthly throne after failing to claim control in heaven.

Satan's use of Babylon as his physical, earthly capitol is merely one example of his attempts to counterfeit and replace God's designs. Table 2.1 compares Satan's counterfeits, titled below as the Mystery of Iniquity, with God's original designs, titled as the Mystery of Godliness.

**Table 2.1: The Mystery of Godliness and the Mystery of Iniquity**

<b>Mystery of Godliness</b>	<b>Mystery of Iniquity</b>
The Word with God in heaven (John 1:1)	Satan rebelled and fell in heaven (Isa. 14 and Ezek. 28)
The Tree of Life	The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
The Second Adam, Jesus, who redeemed creation from the effects of the fall.	The First Adam, who sinned and brought all creation under the effects of the fall.
Abraham (Promised Land or Canaan)	Nimrod (Shinar or Babel)
Isaac – Jacob – 12 Tribes of Israel	Ishmael – 12 Tribes
The Nation of Israel	The Babylonian Empire
Jerusalem (capitol)	Shinar (Capitol)
David (King of Israel)	Nebuchadnezzar (King of Babylon)
The Temple of God	The Temple of Satan (see Zech. 5:5-11, Dan. 1:2, Gen. 11)
Jesus Christ of Nazareth	Satan and the Anti-Christ
12 Disciples	12 Disciples (10 horns + Anti-Christ + false prophet)
Christ's first coming – cut off by death, resurrection, and ascension	Spirit of Anti-Christ's first coming as Nebuchadnezzar – cut off by death
Christ's physical second coming from heaven as ruler of the world	Spirit of Anti-Christ's second coming from the bottomless pit (see Rev. 9 and 17) as the ruler of the world, physically manifested in the Anti-Christ
Christ returns to Israel to fulfill the covenant	Satan fulfills a covenant with Shinar
Christ as the King of Kings	Anti-Christ as the King of Wickedness
Christ sits at the right hand of God with the sheep (believers)	Satan and Anti-Christ stay among the goats (unbelievers)
Christ as the head of the Church Lion of Judah	The Anti-Christ as the head of gold in Nebuchadnezzar's statue/Lion of Babylon
The Body of Christ/The Church	The Body of Satan/The statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream

This table demonstrates Satan's passion to counterfeit God's plan and to attempt to usurp God-ordained institutions. Below we will consider the role Satan's counterfeit institutions play in the current conflicts in the Middle East. Note that Satan is not inactive in Western culture. In the same year that the American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain, German professor Adam Weishaupt started an organization known as the Illuminati. This group's

philosophy became known as Communism and slowly infiltrated much of the world with its one-world government agenda. Thus Satan attempted, even in Western culture, to counterfeit and oppose a political force for freedom and justice. (For a more extended treatment of this issue and its connection to freemasonry, see Appendix 2.)

After examining the evidence in table 2.1, we better understand the source of the current Mid-East conflict. In the same way that Satan has consistently created counterfeit versions of God's realities, he is attempting to eliminate the seed of Israel, thus destroying God's covenant, and replacing them with his own covenant people, the seed of Ishmael. The Anti-Christ, having been given power by Satan and by earthly rulers, will arise as the leader of the attack on Israel. The spiritual realities summarized above are from the Bible and are being played out in the Middle East and in the media daily. Today, members of the twelve tribes of Israel have reoccupied the land God gave them centuries ago and have claimed Jerusalem as their capitol. At the same time, Arab states and Islamic extremists deny Israel's right to exist and fight, often using terrorism, for control of Jerusalem. Israel is surrounded by Arab states, all of which oppose her existence and claim Israel and Jerusalem as Arab land.

The Arabs' claims to the land parallel and counterfeit the claims of the Jews. The Arabs trace their spiritual lineage back to Ishmael, whose father Abraham is described as the father of the nation of Israel. Both Jews and Arabs are Abraham's heirs. Abraham fathered Isaac through his wife Sarah, and Isaac fathered Jacob, whose twelve sons became the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel; but Abraham also fathered Ishmael through his wife's slave Hagar, and Ishmael's descendants became the Arabs. Thus, both Jews and Arabs claim the Promised Land for the same reason:

they are Abraham's descendants. This history gives insight with regard to the conflict in the Middle East. It also reveals why there is no human solution to resolving these issues. While Israel's current conflict with the Arabs may seem hopeless, given the centuries of war and persecution the Jews have endured, the Bible reveals that God often orchestrates the rise, fall, and behavior of other nations around his plans for Israel. For example, in ancient times God told Abraham that his heirs would serve as slaves in Egypt for 400 years, and they served 430 years. God also revealed that after their time of slavery Egypt would be judged and that the children of Israel would leave with great riches. When Pharaoh let the Israelites go, they left loaded down with silver and gold. Besides Egypt, God involved another nation, the Amorites, in his plan for Israel. God delayed Israel's return to the land by four generations because the iniquity of the Amorites was not yet finished. For some reason, God's plan allowed the sinfulness of the Amorites to mature before His people returned. Note how the behavior of another nation was defined by His plan for Israel and dictated its timing. Similarly, America's conduct and future will be defined by God's plan for modern day Israel.

Isn't it interesting that America's military is engaged in Iraq as I'm writing this summary. The war could be anywhere on earth, but it is in the Middle East and it has a direct bearing on Israel's future. If America falls, or if America's support for Israel is withdrawn for any reason, Israel will not last long as a separate nation. America supports Israel, in part, because of the influence of the American Jewish community, but while many wealthy and influential Jews live in the US, their economic and political influence alone does not explain the full depth of the relationship that exists. America is linked to Israel

historically because of the Judeo-Christian roots that both find in the Bible. If, despite the historical and modern ties, America's support for Israel were to cease, Israel would collapse economically and politically. Perhaps America's coming judgment will be the trigger that initiates end-time events in Israel and the Middle East.

## **An Inviolable America?**

In the preceding sections, we have observed that the fall of Mystery Babylon, the powerful spiritual forces controlling America, is prophesied. We also noted that American culture is deeply sinful, and that God always judges sinful nations. Finally, we have determined that a catastrophic judgment of America could be used by God to bring about prophetic events in Israel related to the end times. Before moving to the ways God may use to bring about judgment, let me speak to those who believe that America is safe from harm.

North America is a unique place in the world. It is protected by two oceans on the east and west. The northern flank of the United States is protected by Canada's vast geographical land mass, its relatively small population, and its mostly friendly strategic alliance. Mexico is a friendly and militarily weak neighbor to the south. Small Central American countries separate North America from South America. In view of this relative isolation, America has been largely free from the frequent wars and invasions experienced by nations in Europe, Africa and Asia. Consequently, America has been able to focus on geographical expansion along with agricultural and economic development for most of its history.

The North American colonies were born, at least in part, as a result of religious persecution in England. The

pilgrims came across the Atlantic to be able to worship freely. The Constitution of the United States of America continued this pattern, providing for the freedom to worship as one chooses. This country eventually became a stronghold for Christianity. If one calculated the number of Christian missionaries sent out into the world and the economic support offered to other nations, the U.S. would be seen as being far ahead of all other nations. Therefore, it is not surprising that most of the missionaries who have developed written languages for remote people groups came from English speaking countries, particularly the USA. They went to remote parts of the world so “lost people” could hear the gospel message and be “saved”. This is still going on in “unreached people groups” all over the world. Beyond that specific type of ministry, America has provided the vast majority of both missionaries and aid to developing countries for many decades.

Most Americans are not aware of the true impact of Bible translators who are often the first ones to create written languages in primitive societies. They are also unaware of the true role of the USA in the spread of Christianity around the world. The best estimates of Bible translation organizations indicate that a relatively small and declining percent of the world’s population do not yet have access to the written, printed or oral Bible in 2005. According to the Bible, the end will come only after all have heard the gospel. In addition, the Bible itself states that no one knows when this will be but God alone (see Matthew 24:36-41). With modern radio and TV broadcasts via satellite covering most of the world, this Biblically mandated trigger for end times events, the complete spread of the gospel, could become a reality much sooner than expected. The American impact on missionary work was news to me when I first learned about it. I was once again embarrassed by my own

ignorance of the work by many often unknown people who shaped the destiny of people all over the world. God has truly used America to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ far and wide, and in the past, America has seen itself, and been seen by others, as a Christian nation.

In addition to its impact on the spreading of God's word, America has also been a powerful force in world events. Let's look back in history and consider where the world might be without the USA. Western Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East might well be dominated by Nazi Germany. Israel would not exist as a separate nation, and the Jewish race might no longer exist in any significant way. Much of the remainder of the world could be dominated by communism. Japan might be dominating much of the Pacific. England could be little more than a German puppet. North, Central and South America might no longer be independent and therefore would have little influence on world events, except to supply resources and slave labor.

There is no question that America has played a significant role in shaping the world's history for the last 150 years. Both the geopolitical and economic maps of the world would indeed be different, were it not for America's contributions. One might argue, in light of her Christian heritage and undeniable geopolitical, economic, and military might America is currently safe from all threats.

If you believe in America's inviolability, please take to heart what I said earlier. Spiritual truths mold and shape the way history unfolds in this world. Nations rise and fall in accordance with God's plan. There are no exceptions. God alone reigns supreme over all creation. He chose and gifted America for His own reasons and has used this nation for His own purposes for a long time.

In addition to reigning supreme and using nations at will, God also operates by the Biblical principal of judging sin.



Just as America is not an exception to God's reign, so she is not an exception to his judgment. As the evidence above suggests, the cups of iniquity are now almost full. Judgment is coming. Nothing can stop it. The family of God will be the first to be shaken. God's people will be awakened and purified so they can serve effectively during the judgment. Woe to those who do not have ears to hear or eyes to see, and do not anticipate the coming judgment.

In conclusion, America was chosen by God to be one of His agents in the world, much like Israel, and America has certainly played a major role in spreading the gospel and stopping the spread of totalitarian evil in various forms. However, much like Israel, America's obedience has faded. In some ways, America is too prosperous for her own good. Americans have developed too much faith in themselves, their science, their technology, and their possessions and overlooked God's role in their basic existence. Forgetting God or downplaying His importance is not a good idea. He has given America much leeway and has dealt patiently with her in many ways. We should learn from the often used example of ancient Rome that saw itself as invincible, but declined to insignificance. Roman society, much like America's today, was increasingly deviant before its fall; the love of money and power, immorality, and homosexuality had corrupted its people when they fell.

In short, the upheaval I have been told is coming will leave no doubt in anyone's mind about God's ultimate control. The crucial importance of spiritual matters will become very evident and the events will unfold exactly as specified in the Bible. The real Church of Jesus Christ will rise all over the world before the end time harvest begins. It will soon be evident that Jesus is indeed exactly who He says He is, the Son of God and the only way of salvation.

## **Chapter III. Tools for Harvest: How Current Events Relate to Judgment**

When workers go into a field to harvest crops, they take tools. Similarly, God uses certain, specific tools to judge nations. In Scripture, we see that his tools haven't changed over time. When He judged Egypt, God used plagues that caused physical and economic chaos. When He judged Israel and Judah for their disobedience, he often used other nations and wars. When He judges Mystery Babylon God may use similar means, as the book of Revelation suggests. It says that several kingdoms "will hate the harlot [Mystery Babylon] and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire" (Rev. 17:16). The picture seems to be one of economic privation and physical violence. But how could such violence be brought to bear against America, the most powerful nation on earth? What tools might God's workers use for this harvest?

To find channels of judgment, observe current events and natural disasters, such as plagues, pestilence, weather, earthquakes, terrorism, etc. There are economic and violent threats to America in the world today. God could use any one of them, or any combination of them, to judge America. More importantly, we also see current events that may have prophetic significance or relate to specific prophecies regarding the judgment of this nation.

## **Economic Threats**

One of America's greatest economic weaknesses is debt. It is sobering to realize the extent to which the typical American household is indebted (84% of GDP in American households vs. 50% in EU). Similarly, American households save less than 2% of their disposable income as compared with 12% in the EU. It wouldn't take much of an economic downturn to put many Americans out of work with disastrous economic consequences. Europe is already very competitive with the US in many ways, and will become more competitive in the future.

Personal debt is not the only problem. The federal government carries a massive, multi-trillion dollar debt. America's annual trade deficit could reach \$800 billion this year (2005). Such large and growing global imbalances will have to be dealt with at some point, and that time is close.

Part of America's trade deficit stems from oil imports. Western economies, especially America's, have become even more dependent upon Middle Eastern oil. The world's economies have become so interdependent that even modest fluctuations in the price of oil have a profound affect on everyone. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets periodically to decide how much oil it will produce. OPEC's decisions have far reaching consequences on the American economy, which directly impacts gasoline prices. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia continues to be the most critical player in OPEC. Al-Qaeda has recognized this, since it has launched several terrorist attacks aimed at reducing Saudi oil production. No one knows how disruptive such attacks might become.

In addition to damaging America's economy by reducing the flow of oil, Arab and European nations could also affect America's economy through currency exchange

rates. For example, if Arab economies decide to invest more in the Euro, there could be disastrous consequences for the dollar and the American economy. Economic and currency troubles could come from other sources as well. Economies and currencies rise and fall continually in relation to others on a daily basis. Only a few decision makers control the flow of most of the world's money supply. Errant, evil or even selfish decisions by these few could send world commerce into a real tail spin. Our national economic systems are already so interdependent that downturns anywhere are felt everywhere. Small changes may cause only ripples, but big ones can and do unleash dire consequences.

Beyond these unintentional economic forces, intentional attacks on America's economy are under way in other areas of the globe as well. For example, regional economic relationships have emerged in Europe, Southeast Asia and South America. All of these are intended to strengthen each area making it more competitive with the U.S. economy at a time when it is heavily in debt and has a graying population. At best, we can see that well before 2025 America may no longer reign as the world's leading superpower, instead being one of several, and declining, while others, such as China, are rising. This gives pause to consider the times ahead.

## **Threats of Violence**

Isn't it ironic that some Middle Easterners hiding in caves in Afghanistan can bring terror to a global power such as the USA? The attack on the World Trade Center and the advent of international terrorism has changed our world and America's security forever. Even threats against the US now cause fear to spread like a plague across the country. Billions are now being spent on "Homeland Security," but we see little real improvement. With our

new systems for alerting the nation to a heightened level of awareness, the “alerts” often work to the advantage of the terrorists. They can disrupt American life without actually doing anything. Furthermore, with so many warnings and so much anxiety, who knows how Americans will respond to the next real attack? Only a few years back, America was proud of her military power, now, she is the helpless victim of misguided terrorists with well-guided planes and weapons of mass destruction. Terrorism is no longer just a story about what’s happening on the other side of the world; now, it’s happening here, to us. Americans have been killed in their homeland and are being killed abroad. The truth is that we have no real defense in spite of our legendary military power.

Our military no longer has the protective impact it once had because the nature of the threat has changed. America’s geographical circumstances no longer offer the protection once taken for granted. Jet planes, missiles, porous borders, biological weapons, nuclear bombs, etc. have made previous “defense concepts” irrelevant in many ways. Can we change defensive strategies fast enough? Will our new solution be 100% successful? One mishap could prove disastrous for our society and economy.

One example of a threat America has so far failed to address effectively involves its lengthy and porous borders. Illegal aliens flood across America’s borders, and authorities seem unable or unwilling to do much about it. Illegal drugs are easily smuggled into this country on a daily basis. Government officials admit that cargo containers coming via ship through our ports allow easy flow of almost anything. In such an environment, terrorists can smuggle themselves and their weapons into the United States unhindered. Not only that, but the U.S. is also an open society with great

respect for individual human rights. We are even concerned about the treatment of several million illegal aliens already present in our midst. Validated intelligence reports indicate that the illegal alien population may include terrorists who have already decided to attack America from within her own borders, and even these terrorists are protected by her laws and Constitution, which were not designed for such scenarios.

In addition to being able to enter the United States easily, terrorists have access to many weapons of mass destruction (WMD) which they could bring with them. During the beginning of the Iraq war, a lot of publicity was given to the WMD America expected to find in Iraq. Failing to find WMD does not mean they didn't exist. Even if WMD's did not exist in Iraq, other anti-Western countries, including North Korea, Syria, and Iran are well along the way in deploying their own WMD programs. Pakistan, or at least some of its senior scientists, has played a significant role in the development and deployment of missile-borne nuclear weapons, spreading technology as far as North Korea and Iran.

Who knows what nuclear proliferation has occurred that has not yet been discovered? There is much speculation about Russia's handling of nuclear programs and dealings with suspect nations. There is also a strong rumor that close to 100 suitcase nukes are missing, and no one knows where they are. Middle Easterners have plenty of buying power, and some of these bombs could have found their way into the hands of Islamic terrorists. Beyond nuclear explosions, nuclear material can be used to contaminate conventional explosives, and a dirty conventional bomb can cause havoc anywhere. Similarly, biological agents are also devastating as well as uncontrollable. America is truly at risk and many in the world think they know how to bring her down.

While politicians seek to avoid this truth at all costs, it is obvious that some very radical Islamic adherents are the source of most of today's terrorist activities. Most agree that only a small percentage, perhaps 5%, of Muslims are extremists, but it is disturbing to see massive demonstrations of support for terrorist activities, especially in many Middle Eastern countries. It may be true that the "dirty work" is being done by a small portion of the Muslim population, but many believe that a large majority are glad it is being done and privately support terrorism in many ways, including large cash contributions.

Islam's current popularity and growth show that Americans have cause to worry, even if only a small percentage of Muslims are extremists. Current sources estimate the world's population to be slightly larger than 6.4 billion. It is estimated that 22% are of the Islamic faith. Furthermore, Islam is growing rapidly and some credible projections indicate the faith will have roughly two billion adherents by the year 2025, and only 30% of them will be Arabs. The Muslim population of Europe is also growing rapidly due both to immigration and conversion, and there are already over eight million Muslims living within the borders of the USA. If only 5% of the Muslim population become extremists, there still will be roughly seventy million (5% x 1.4 billion) "extremists" spread throughout the world today. Roughly five hundred million Muslims live in the twenty-one Middle Eastern countries in Israel's immediate neighborhood. Using the same percentage, possibly twenty-five million are likely to be extremists. The population of Israel is a little over six million. Demographics suggest that lasting peace in any form is not likely in the near future.

In the new context of global terrorism, there is one thing on which both terrorists and their adversaries can

agree: the world's future will not be like its past. In fact, the fundamental belief of the terrorist mindset is that death is preferable to what's going on in this evil world. The terrorists give Western culture credit for being the origin of evil and believe Allah has given them a destiny that includes annihilation of the source. It remains an open question whether or not they will annihilate themselves, and indeed the whole world, in the process of stopping what they see as being the cancerous growth of Western imperialism and culture.

### **Current Events with Prophetic Significance**

America is currently at war in Iraq and involved in the so-called peace process in Israel. While America is not mentioned in the book of Revelation, both of these nations are. Both contain enormous Biblical and symbolic significance, as the discussion of Mystery Babylon indicates. While realizing that historical boundaries have changed somewhat on numerous occasions, it is correct to observe that the following significant places were located in or close to what we now refer to as modern day Iraq:

- Garden of Eden
- Tower of Babel (Babylon)
- Plains of Shinar (Babylon)
- Ur of the Chaldees (Abraham's hometown)
- King Nebuchadnezzar's home (Babylon)
- Palaces and former governance of Saddam Hussein, who claimed to be Nebuchadnezzar's descendent

In addition to the significance of Iraq as the location of Babylon, Israel also has deep, Biblical significance. In the global battle against largely Islamic terrorism, which



originated in the Middle East in societies which oppose Israel and even deny its right to exist, America is seen by many antagonists as being the real problem behind Israel's continued existence. From this perspective, America's influence must, therefore, be eliminated for Israel to fall. In prophetic terms, America's elimination could cause Israel to come under the influence of a one world order predicted in the Bible.

## **Summary**

Rest assured, the invisible empire, dominated by ten human rulers, referred to in Revelation 17 as the ten horns of the beast, who are themselves controlled by evil spirits and ultimately by Satan himself and who are behind the Middle Eastern terrorists and other world events believe they know what they are doing. They intend to bring America down without a traditional military conflict. Since they couldn't win a conventional war, they have chosen one they believe that they can almost certainly win due to their significant level of control over commerce, world economics and finance, and oil – the single commodity which provides the energy foundation for all Western economies in the form of gas for automobiles, electricity, plastics, derivatives, etc. – other economic factors, and terrorism. The never ending conflict in the Middle East and spread of worldwide terrorism indicate that spiritually significant events are taking place that may dramatically alter the shape of the future many expect.

While these hidden human rulers believe that they are in control of this situation, Biblical history reveals how God works. He uses one nation in the punishment of others. He even uses the work of godless nations and evil powers to accomplish his goals. He is allowing events to unfold in such

a way that His judgment will fall on America at the right time. In fact, all of the possible tools of judgment listed above have specific, prophesied relation to end time events, as you can see in Table 3.1 below:

**Table 3.1: Contemporary Indicators of the End Times and America's Judgment**

- The cultural decline of America, through scientific materialism, the denial of God, and other cultural factors is far advanced, indicating that judgment will come soon.
- Widespread acceptance of homosexuality and other societal sins indicates that judgment and the end times are near.
- The formation of the European Union, EurAsia, other multi-nation economic unions threatens the U.S. economy and fulfills prophecy in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, found in the book of Daniel in the Bible.
- The increasingly interconnected one-world economy both threatens America's economy with sudden downturns and sets the stage for a coming one world government.
- Widespread use of coded chips already enables the controls regarding buying and selling in the end time period that are foretold in the Bible (see Revelation 13:16).
- A shift in the world's balance of power, already well underway, causes China and perhaps some multinational confederations to surpass America in economic, political and military power, thus setting the stage for prophetic events to unfold without significant American involvement, as America's absence from the final stages of the book of Revelation suggests.

- Oil, largely in Islamic hands, is the basic economic leverage for American economic decline.
- Fear, caused by terrorist attacks and threats, causes widespread economic reaction, weakening America and ultimately bringing about economic destruction from within.
- Weapons of Mass Destruction, widely available and spreading to irresponsible nations and organizations, threaten American stability and seem to make possible the types of destruction foretold in the Bible.
- The reconstitution of Israel as a nation, completed in 1948, makes possible end time events foretold in the book of Revelation, and the link between Israel and the United States gives Islamic terrorists reason to target America. (The Jewish populations in Israel and America are about 5.24 million people and 5.28 million, respectively.)
- Upheaval in the Middle East, centered on Israel, ongoing for decades, and intensifying signals the beginning of prophesied attacks on that country.
- Rise of Anti-Semitism, especially in Europe but also spreading all over the world, turns world opinion against Israel and the United States and relates to the prophesied alliances against Israel in the end times.
- Once America is judged and loses its power on the world stage, Israel will be forced to look for another champion. According to the Bible, once that champion arises, it will only be approximately seven years until the ultimate end of this world as we know it.

Many sincere people have claimed that the end is in sight, sounded the alarm on prior occasions and lived to realize their error. Only God knows for sure. Even so, we

are told to examine the signs of the times and right now many are pointing to many dramatic changes, if not prophetic events.

During this time of upheaval, we should remember that God is not willing that even one soul perish. He has given us both the right to choose and full responsibility for the choices we make. He knows exactly how the mental processes work that He created for our use. He knows that there are belief structures we can choose that necessarily reject both Him and His Son. He knows that when the hearts of unbelievers are sufficiently hardened, there may be no further need to allow life in this world to continue, and it will be a good time for Him to change the entire structure of reality. As this time approaches, all of us need to examine our own life, and repent of our own sin.

## **Chapter IV. A Call to Repentance**

After reading the preceding three chapters, you may think I am crazy or getting my information from someone who is. I have had many surprises and questions over the years as I've studied prophecy and end time events. At the same time, you know that I have dedicated my life to Jesus Christ and the gospel of peace, and that I believe the Bible is God's word. I have a deep and enduring personal relationship with Jesus Christ and talk with Him on a mostly continuing basis.

At one point early in my study of the Bible and before I was given these current revelations, I thought I knew what I was talking about when I described prophecy. This didn't last long because my relationship with Jesus began to blossom, and the Holy Spirit began to reveal Bible truths to me in a very different way. It was quickly evident that a mere intellectual understanding of the Bible wasn't worth much.

The Bible says God's Spirit will reveal the future to us (John 16:13). When He does, and it begins to happen as He said, it will get one's attention. My understanding and life changed profoundly as a result of the Spirit's personal revelations to me over the last several years. On many occasions, God has revealed future events to me, after which I watched them occur on my TV. I no longer question God. I do question myself, however, and my humanness, and possible misunderstanding is always a factor to be taken into account. Even so, I have exercised diligence in formulating the material in this book, and, as I see it, I am placing both my reputation and life at risk in presenting

this material. The entire work has been done with great care; what I am sharing with you is what Jesus has revealed to me, at least as I understand it.

Perhaps you will take seriously the prophetic word I am offering. Perhaps you are skeptical. In any case, please consider the truth I am about to offer from God's word; it applies to each of us and involves God's desire for each of our lives.

The Bible says many things about the gift of life that each of us has been given. Starting even before we were born, it says that God Himself knit us together in our mothers' womb. He gave us the traits, abilities, gifts and so forth we need to play the role He has designated for us in His eternal plan. Not only that, but the all-knowing God has numbered the days of our lives. He is not bound by time. Although we are free to choose, He knows the choices we are going to make and the consequences attached to them. If we are His children, our names have already been written in the Book of Life because God knows the end from the beginning. In addition, some day we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ because God has committed all judgment unto His Son, and none of us is without error.

God's plan, both in our individual lives and in creation, cannot be stopped, and God will not change it because it is already perfect from His point of view. In a way, it's almost like a drama being played out here on earth. To us, here on earth, it appears that many events are controlled by human action or inaction and there is an element of truth in this perspective. We do have roles to play. However, the ultimate truth is that we are like players on a stage. We may choose the roles we prefer, the costumes we want to wear, and even the act in which we want to appear. Some of us, like

Hollywood superstars, have become “legends in our own minds.” So we play on without realizing that the divine Author has already chosen His script, players, timing and end result and He continually works us into the roles He has devised for the final scenes of this creation or drama.

When we do realize that God is directing the production, we are faced with a choice: we may join His drama company and willingly play the part He has prepared for us, or we may continue in our rebellion, believing that we are choosing our own roles but all the while reading lines from His script, just as the evil kings in the Bible did when God used them to accomplish His judgments on Israel. At the ultimate curtain call, none of our roles or costumes will matter. God will only care whether or not we are a member of His company or team. The choice to join, right now, is ours, for though God does not want anyone to perish; He also does not force anyone to join His team. He gives all of us every opportunity and encouragement to turn to Him, but some will not do so. It will be a sad day for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit when the final curtain closes on lost souls bound for eternal turmoil with Satan, their chosen leader.

God allows each of us to choose our own point of view, though this means that some of us will choose wrongly. We see this multiplicity of views throughout our culture creating a broad spectrum of belief: some believe there is no God; others worship mountains, animals or TV personalities; still others choose from various religions available. All of these opportunities to choose mean that we are fully responsible for the choices we make.

What will we say when we stand before God and He asks us to explain what we have done with the gift of life He has given us? God is everywhere present throughout

our life, and there is no place to hide from Him. From His perspective, our entire life is our response to the gift of life He has given us. In other words, the way we live our life is our real prayer of thanksgiving to our Creator. Some of us have chosen to believe or simply to live as if God does not exist. He is saddened by our pride and rejection of Him and His ways. His sadness arises from His love for us and His certain knowledge of how it all ends. Those who have rejected Him will also be rejected, like the tares being burned at the end of the parable. Those who have accepted Him, like the wheat, will be brought into His household and treasured by Him forever.

Please take a moment now to consider how you have responded to God's gift of life. This is a personal matter as well as a societal trend. Regardless of the trends in American culture, choose for yourself whom you will serve. I pray you choose the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, repent of your sins, and allow Him to cleanse you and fill you with His life-giving Spirit.





**Part II:**

# Interpreting the Book of Revelation



## **Chapter V. Introduction and Comfort**

You may realize that much of what I have said thus far is being confirmed almost daily on national TV and in the press. To be used by God who to see into His mysteries of creation and life itself touches me deeply. It is most humbling to be shown some of the divine wisdom He used in defining the ongoing processes underlying the interaction of many human generations and the world He created.

The following pages represent my best efforts to communicate what I believe the Holy Spirit has shown to me through the book of Revelation. In this way, we are able to place the coming judgment of America within the greater structure of God's prophetic revelation. I submit this revelation for your review and pray that you will ask God to guide you into His truth concerning it.

As I share this, God has revealed to me some things which will be distressing to those without the proper perspective. Allow me to give some measure of comfort to you. Keep in mind the following truths about the church of God.

- The church will see tribulations but will not see the Great Tribulation. We will be removed, or raptured, before the final days begin.
- We will return to reign with Jesus during His 1,000 year reign on earth.
- Satan, having been bound during Christ's 1000-year reign on earth and afterward briefly loosed, will be confined in the lake of fire forever.
- A new heaven and earth will descend and will be even better than the original creation.

- God will live with us in peace and happiness forever.
- We need not be concerned for our own well being, but many of our friends and neighbors are at risk. They have made their own choices. Time is rapidly running out. We must do what we can to help them to salvation.
- Prayer is our primary weapon. Let's use it with the understanding that soon it will be too late.

## **Chapter VI. Statements of Faith about God and His Plan**

Everyone has the inalienable right, granted by God in His grace, to believe what they will. At the same time, our beliefs have consequences. Our beliefs about God are foundational to understanding the Book of Revelation since He is the Author via His Son and Spirit. So, we will consider some truths about God and His plan for this world. May the Holy Spirit employ these truths and settle them in our hearts.

First, God formulated His purpose for His creation long before the foundation of the earth was laid. God alone decided how His creation would function, with purpose and order. He chose divine concepts involving time and eternity and envisioned a creation which reflects who and what He is. Specifically, His life flows into this ever-renewed, self-sustaining creation through love, which defines God in Scripture. He devised words and spoke His creation into existence. Even now, His divine words are embedded in the fabric of His creation; they are living elements that continue to generate new life as they are spoken by His people.

While He created and sustains the physical world, God is a spiritual being. He created heaven, its occupants, and divine processes. We don't know why God does not allow many of us to see into the spiritual realm or see spiritual beings very often. I believe that it has to do with developing our faith for "we walk not by sight but by faith" (2 Cor. 5:7), "for the just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). Similarly, it is clear that the physical realm came out of the

spiritual and is controlled by the spiritual. As a result, by better understanding truths of the spiritual realm, we can change our understanding of the physical realm and anticipate to some extent what God will do in this world.

Creating the spiritual and physical realms was part of God's plan, but that plan continues past the moment of creation. God's plan is certain to be fulfilled because it flows out of Him and is sustained by Him. Nothing can preclude the destiny He Himself has decided, defined and decreed. Thankfully, God's plan is very different from any plan man might devise. Who could envision allowing rebellious people and evil spirits to have their own way for a while, cavorting about with seeming impunity? Who would envision planning for someone to sacrifice His own son as a substitute for unborn, sinning strangers? It is comforting to realize that a heart and mind far beyond human reason was at work in devising and is currently at work carrying out the divine plan.

God's way is the only way; we have no options of our own devising. God is subservient to no other being. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and everywhere present. He does not make mistakes and all of His creation, including Satan and his evil associates, must abide within the boundaries He has created. God needs no advice nor counsel, and His plans stand because they grew out of His own heart. At the same time, as mentioned above God's plan allows evil to have what seems like free, uninhibited reign on earth, but the Creator still reigns supreme over His entire creation and will bring all things into accord with His word and plan in due course, no matter what may seem the truth from a human perspective. Thus while this fallen world is tainted by sin, God's plan remains perfect. Eventually this tainted world will be destroyed and replaced by a new and perfect one, in which God will dwell with His people.

All sin will be dealt with and those who insist on rebellion will live with Satan, the leader they have chosen and refused to leave.

God knows this very well and is long-suffering or patient with sin because He wants all souls to choose His divine path to eternity. God abhors sin, but sometimes delays judgment to give all more time to choose His way, the only way, to salvation, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Likewise, God disciplines those He loves to reveal their rebellious and lost state and thereby encourage them to choose His Son as their Savior. Throughout human history, via His prophets, angels, circumstances, events, Scripture, and other mechanisms God has always told humankind in advance what was going to happen so we could decide on a new direction and prepare for what was coming. Still today God is not willing that even one soul be separated from Him until that person has been given every opportunity to repent and change directions.

At the same time, God is not kidding about judgment! We must either accept His way (His Son) or reject Him. Even by refusing to decide, we have chosen to reject Him and live in eternal separation from God. In God's plan we alone have the authority to choose and we alone are solely responsible for the consequences of our choices. Because God is perfect, there is no need to pray for a change in God's plan; pray instead that many more will choose Him and be saved before the end comes.

Table 5.1: Statements of Faith

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God is perfect in every way; He cannot make mistakes and has no need to change.</li><li>• God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere-present.</li></ul> |
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- God is without beginning or end.
- God existed before creating what we think of as “His creation”.

- God’s creation reflects His heart, mind, will, purposes and chosen methods.
- God’s creation changed when sin entered as He allowed humankind and angels to choose rebellion.
- God reigns supreme over His entire creation, even in its fallen state.
- Nothing can happen in God’s creation unless He allows it.
- God is purposeful; He has reasons for what He allows; He allows rebellion, sin and consequences; He uses these as a stimulus to cause those who are lost to reconsider their course in life.
- God is not willing that even one soul should be lost; His grand plan extends over many human lifetimes and generations; He decides events, times, places.

- When God’s plan reaches its last phase, it will be obvious to all that God:
  - \* is loving, kind and patient.
  - \* has provided for every need.
  - \* sees all of us as being equal.
  - \* allows us to choose rebellion against Him or unity with Him.
  - \* gives us the end result we choose for ourselves.
  - \* treats all of us with fairness, equality and dignity.

- What some now see as errors or unfinished business will be dealt with clearly and effectively in God's end-time scenario; there will be no loose ends.
- The process of judgment will leave no question in anybody's mind as to who is in charge; vengeance belongs to God alone.
- When the final curtain falls, it will be too late for us to decide where we will stand; our names are either written in the Book of Life or they are not.
- The final day of this creation is on its way; only God knows when He will decide that we have had enough time, that more time won't change anything for the better because we will have hardened our own hearts by our own choices.

- We have been forewarned. Neither God nor His plan will be changed.
- His word stands firm; it is His reference point for judging us.
- God's word is not given to us for our evaluation; it is given to us so we can see the changes needed in our life, and God, through His Son and Spirit, will change us to the extent that we allow.
- Who will pass the test of obedience to God's word?
- Is your name written in the Book of Life?
- Today is the day to make needed changes. Tomorrow may be too late! God already knows which choice you will make, but you have to take the action yourself—the words "Jesus is Lord" must be spoken by you.

## Chapter VII. The Content of the Book of Revelation

### Outline

The book of Revelation is one of the most complex books of the Bible, largely because it is full of symbolism. The symbolism can be difficult to understand, so here is an outline for clarification. It's also useful to consider the Biblical significance of a few numbers that appear often in the book and throughout Scripture.

Table 7.1: Biblical Numbers

For some reason, God is rather fond of certain numbers and uses them frequently:

- 3 = Father, Son, Spirit (Godhead)
- 7 = Six days of creation plus one for rest
- 12 = Number of disciples, tribes
- 40 = Days of rain; years in wilderness
- 6 = Number for mankind
- 666 = Number for Satan's final rule over fallen mankind

Regardless of God's rationale, these numbers seem to have significance throughout His creation and are frequently used in the Book of Revelation.

Table 7.2: Outline of the Book of Revelation

- Background (Daniel 2)
  - \* Nebuchadnezzar had a dream including seven kingdoms who would attack the nation of Israel to correct her drift into sin.
  - \* Six of these kingdoms have finished their work.
  - \* Israel rejected their Messiah; God grafted the Gentiles into His plan via Jesus and the Church Age which was to last 2,000 years according to II Peter 3.
    - The church is the spiritual kingdom of Jesus; He is its spiritual Head and dwells in the hearts of true believers as they live on earth. They are physical but He is spiritual.
    - Satan is His spiritual adversary and leads many fallen angels organized as principalities, powers, rulers of darkness in this world and wicked spirits in high places (see Ephesians 6:12).
    - Most of Satan's evil spirits are under the leadership of a spiritual being he calls the "Queen of Heaven". She also rules over Mystery Babylon which is spiritual in nature (see Revelation 17 and explanation above) and has built her physical home in the land of Shinar, physical Babylon or Iraq, (per Zechariah 5:11).
  
- Introduction: (Revelation 1)
  - \* Revelation of Jesus by God's Spirit
  - \* Vision of Jesus and explanation
  
- Seven Churches: (Revelation 2-3)
  - \* Subjects for use in self-evaluation
  - \* Rewards for overcomers (2 of 7)
  
- Vision of Heaven: (Revelation 4-10)
  - \* Father reigns supreme
  - \* His ways, creatures are much different
  - \* He has a sealed plan only His Son is worthy to open.
    - Seals are broken in heaven by Jesus
    - Trumpets sound, results manifest on earth
  - \* The Father alone will decide when the time comes.

- \* Angels do the work; evil spirits are released on earth to act in accord with their fallen nature.
- Witnesses/Beast: (Revelation 11)
  - \* God's witnesses are empowered to testify and torment unbelievers. They are killed by Beast from bottomless pit.
  - \* They lie dead in streets for 3 days, are raised to life, and ascend.
  - \* Earthquake, 7,000 slain, those who survive glorify God
  - \* Kingdoms of world come under God's Christ who reigns forever.
- War in Heaven: (Revelation 12)
  - \* Woman in childbirth; dragon wants to devour the child before it is born.
  - \* The child to rule all nations is saved.
  - \* Michael casts Satan and his angels out of heaven.
  - \* The accuser is overcome by blood of lamb, testimony.
  - \* Woe to the inhabitants of earth.
- Beast Out of Sea: (Revelation 13)
  - \* Seven heads, ten horns, and blasphemy against God.
  - \* Leopard, bear, lion with power from the dragon.
  - \* 3 1/2 years, war against saints, overcome them
  - \* People worship the beast (those whose names are in Lamb's Book of Life are raptured and do not worship).
  - \* Another beast, who is the false prophet, deceives the world by miracles and an idol of beast.
  - \* Those who worship the beast get the mark, name or number (666) on right hand or forehead.
- Fall of Babylon: (Revelation 14)
  - \* Lamb on Mount Zion with 144,000 (first fruits)
  - \* The angelic messenger proclaims "Fear God because His judgment has come."
  - \* Babylon falls because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
  - \* Wrath of God upon those who worship beast.
  - \* Angels reap a harvest of earth which is ripe.

- Wrath of God:  
(Revelation 15-16) \* Seven angels with seven plagues given seven vials full of the wrath of God.
  - \* Seven vials of wrath poured out on earth:
    - On those who had mark of beast – they develop sores
    - On the sea – it's turned to blood and people died
    - On rivers and springs – they're turned into blood
    - On the sun – men are scorched with fire
    - On seat of beast – darkness and pain come to those who received the marks of the beast
    - On Euphrates – it's dried up so that armies from the East can cross for Battle of Armageddon
    - Into air so that Babylon received God's wrath
  
- Mystery Babylon: \* Great spiritual whore, kings intoxicated, wine of her fornication  
(Mother of harlots)  
(Revelation 17)
  - Sits on many waters (influence extends over all oceans)
  - Kings and inhabitants intoxicated (deceived by her and participate with her)
  - Wine of her adulteries (worship other gods such as money)
  - \* Woman sat on scarlet beast, blasphemy, 7 heads, 10 horns.
  - \* Clad in purple and scarlet, gold cup full of filthiness
  - \* Forehead: Mystery, Babylon, Mother of Harlots, abominations
  - \* Woman drunk with blood of saints, martyrs (those who bore testimony of Jesus).
  - \* Beast from bottomless pit, once was, is not, will come
    - Is the eighth king
    - Going to destruction
  - \* 10 kings without kingdoms; give power to the beast.
  - \* The beast will make war with Lamb but will be overcome.
  - \* Waters are people, nations, multitudes, languages.

- \* Woman is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.
- \* Beast and kings hate prostitute and will bring her to ruin.
- \* God's words will be fulfilled.
- Fall of Babylon: (Revelation 18)
  - \* Babylon has fallen; it's occupied by devils.
  - \* Merchants of the earth are rich from her excessive luxuries.
  - \* Voice from heaven says don't join in her sin.
  - \* God will double her penalty because she has glorified herself.
  - \* Kings will lament the smoke of her burning; she no longer buys their cargoes.
  - \* Judgment came in one hour; her riches reduced to nothing.
  - \* God has avenged His apostles and prophets.
  - \* Her sorceries deceived all nations.
  - \* In her was found the blood of prophets, saints, others slain.
- Marriage of Lamb: (Revelation 19)
  - \* Glory and power belong to God.
  - \* His judgments are true.
  - \* He condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her adulteries.
  - \* He has avenged the blood of His servants.
  - \* The time has come for wedding supper of the Lamb.
  - \* The bride is ready: clothed with righteous acts of saints.
  - \* To keep the testimony of Jesus is spirit of prophecy.
  - \* A rider, faithful and true, on white horse
  - \* Description: eyes/fire, head/crowns, robe/blood, name/word of God, mouth/sword, rule/iron scepter, treads winepress of/wrath of God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords
  - \* Armies of heaven follow on white horses in fine linen.
  - \* Beast, kings of earth, false prophet, armies all defeated and cast into the fiery lake of burning sulphur.
- 1,000 Year Reign: (Revelation 20)
  - \* Angel from heaven, key to abyss, a great chain
  - \* Seized Satan and bound him for 1,000 years in abyss, no deception

- \* Martyrs resurrected and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years
- \* Satan released at end of 1,000 year reign, deceives nations and gathers army, surrounds Jerusalem, but fire comes down from heaven and destroyed the evil ones.
- \* Devil thrown into lake of burning sulphur where beast and false prophet had been thrown to be tortured day and night forever.
- \* Great white throne: books were opened and the dead were judged per what they had done.
  - If name not in Book of Life, thrown into lake of fire (second death)
  - Death and Hades also judged per what they had done and thrown into lake of fire
- New Jerusalem: (Revelation 21)
  - \* New heaven and new earth
  - \* Holy city (New Jerusalem) coming down from heaven dressed as bride
  - \* Old order of things passes away
  - \* God comes to live with His people
    - Will wipe away every tear
    - No more death, mourning, crying or pain
  - \* I am Alpha and Omega
    - Those who are thirsty drink freely of the water of life
  - \* Excluded: cowardly, unbelieving, vile, murderous, sexually immoral, practitioners of magic arts, idolaters, liars (all sent to lake of fire – second death)
  - \* City laid out as a square, 12 gates with angels at each, one for each tribe, streets of transparent gold
  - \* No temple, because God/Son are its temple/source of light
  - \* Nothing impure will ever enter city, only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
- River of Life: (Revelation 22)
  - \* River of life flows from the throne of God.
  - \* Tree of life with healing leaves
  - \* Jesus is coming soon to reward everyone according to what they have done
  - \* This book is My testimony for the churches.



\* Do not add or subtract from what I have given you.

The previous summary describes the content of the chapters of Revelation. It does not explain how we should apply that content to our own lives or how that content relates to specific events in the world. Those are considered in the remainder of this chapter.

## **Revelation as a Warning**

We studied in detail the Biblical principle that God judges man based on his actions. His judgment usually does not come without warning. The Old Testament is filled with many stories of people being told in advance that their sinful ways had severe consequences. The story of Noah and the Ark (see Genesis 6, 7 and 8) is one of the best examples. God observed that humankind had filled the earth with violence and evil thoughts, but Noah found grace in God's eyes. God decided that the time had come to judge the inhabitants of the earth, and chose to use a great flood. When the flood came, Noah and his family was spared because he was a just man who walked with God. Everyone else perished. God saved a remnant, Lot and his family, when He judged Sodom and Gomorrah. That is not to say that other people had no warning. Have you ever wondered what Noah's neighbors thought as they saw all kinds of animals filing peacefully into the ark? Some of the animals should have been eating the others! It should have been clear to all that something big and very different was taking place, and that it was the last warning. After all, Noah had been building his giant boat for about 120 years.

Noah's story is also interesting to consider because it illustrates God's use of certain symbolic numbers, many of

which appear in the text of Revelation. For example, Noah was told seven days in advance of when the rain was to begin and the flood came at the beginning of the seventh century of his life; seven indicates completion throughout the Bible, just as it did in the beginning when God rested on the seventh day of creation. Likewise the flood came immediately after Noah had completed his sixth century; six is the Biblical number that signifies mankind. In the same way, according to Biblical prophecy, God's creation continues under man's dominion for 6,000 years, then Jesus returns to reign for the next 1,000 years (for a total of 7,000 years). Nebuchadnezzar's dream in the book of Daniel involved seven kingdoms (of which two had passed) that would come against God's chosen people, Israel. In the Book of Revelation, there are seven seals followed by seven trumpets/seven vials, all of which lead toward the opening of the Book of Life. These and other numbers with Biblical significance help us understand the symbolism in the book of Revelation, just as they help us understand the message God was sending through the life of Noah.

Like the Old Testament, the New Testament has its own warning, and in fact the entire book of Revelation can be taken in this light. Just as in Noah's day, God's warnings were visible to all. God's end time plan covers everyone in one way or another. His Son returns for His believers before the second half of God's judgment, the Great Tribulation, begins. Those who remain, the unbelievers, will experience the Great Tribulation. As we anticipate this coming judgment, some worry that evildoers seem to be getting along in this world better than people who are diligently trying to do what's right. Jesus Himself addresses this in the Book of Revelation. He speaks of seven churches and their characteristics, both good and bad. Jesus points out that each church, which can be read metaphorically be a person,

a small group of people, a church or country, should examine itself for the changes, needed. It is more important to evaluate ourselves, heed Revelation's warnings, and repent before the judgment of evil than to worry about why evildoers seem to be flourishing right now. Table 7.3 provides a summary of Jesus' indicators for self-evaluation.

Table 7.3: Self-evaluation in the Letters to the Churches

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| 1. Ephesus<br>(abandoned Jesus)       | - You have forsaken Jesus, your first love, and you have fallen. Repent.<br>- If you overcome, you will gain the right to eat from tree of life in paradise.  |
| 2. Smyrna<br>(impoverished believers) | - You experience affliction and poverty and are yet rich spiritually.<br>- The devil will persecute you to test your faith.<br>- Be faithful to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life.<br>- If you overcome, you will not be hurt by the second death.   |
| 3. Pergamum<br>(multiple gods)        | - You live where Satan has his throne.<br>- Remain true to My name.<br>- You hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to mislead the Jews.<br>- If you overcome, I will give you some hidden manna and a white stone with a new name written on it.   |
| 4. Thyatira<br>(tolerate evil)        | - You tolerate Jezebel who misleads all regarding sexual immorality and eating of food sacrificed to idols.<br>- I will strike her children dead and repay each according to deeds.<br>- If you overcome and do God's will to the end, you will receive authority over the nations, and will rule with an iron scepter. |
| 5. Sardis<br>(hypocrites)             | - You are reputed to be alive, but are dead.<br>- Wake up! Remember, obey; otherwise, I will come to you like a thief in the night.<br>- If you overcome, you will be worthy, unsoiled and dressed in white, and your   |

- names will never be blotted out from Book of Life.
6. Philadelphia (heard and had faith)
- I have placed an open door no one can shut.
  - You have little strength but have kept My word and not denied My name.
  - Endure patiently; I will protect you from hour of trial coming on the whole world.
  - If you overcome, you will hold on to what you have and will be a pillar in the temple of God; I will write on him the name of God, My name, and name of city of God, the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven.
7. Laodicea (intellectual belief -heard but did not have faith)
- You are neither hot nor cold.
  - You are lukewarm; I will spit you out.
  - You believe you are rich and do not need a thing.
  - But, you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.
  - Those who are loved will be rebuked and disciplined.
  - I am knocking.
  - If you overcome, you will sit with Me on My throne just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

After giving man this frame of reference for self-examination Jesus goes on to say that He rebukes and chastens those He loves so they will become more zealous and repent, or change direction. He went on to say that He is standing at our door, the door to our heart, and is knocking. He did not say He would shout or knock our door down. We have to want to hear, open the door and welcome Him into our innermost being where we will live together with Him and He will reign as King over our lives (see Revelation 3:19-22). However, we must leave, put aside, or overcome our present beliefs. These are deceiving us into trying to rule our own lives. Jesus understands our

struggle because He overcame many temptations to sit with His Father in heaven.

Most of us would much prefer to continue ruling our own lives and to change, adjust, or ignore God's word rather than be changed by it. This is not to God's desire. God is loving, kind and patient. He gives us plenty of time and many opportunities to choose His way. Even so, if we don't want to obey God for a short time on earth, there is no need for us to go to heaven where eternal obedience is required and where it makes possible a divinely joyful life in full harmony with God and the joy He has prepared for us. Obedience is not optional and there is still time to repent and change our own life; that is the message of Revelation.

## **Revelation as God's Plan for Judgment**

God has a plan for His creation. He also has a good plan for every life He gives. He knits us together in our mother's womb, thereby giving us the characteristics we need to play the role for which we were created. Truly, each of us fits uniquely into the fabric of God's panoramic vision of His creation, which extends far beyond our earthly lifetime. Unfortunately, we often make choices that do not fit into God's desire for us, so God's plan must involve dealing with sin.

The history of ancient Israel gives us yet another Biblical example of sin followed by warning followed by judgment. God chose the Jews as His people and gave them a land to live in. He told them, first through Moses and then through His prophets, what He was going to do before He acted. The Bible is clear that the Jews agreed to be God's people, and therefore to obey Him, and He agreed to be their God. As a result, all went well for Israel when they obeyed, but they fared poorly when they disobeyed. Their failures were

consistently pointed out, often by God's prophets, before God disciplined them. Sometimes, discipline came in the form of drought, famine, or plagues. Other times, God used neighboring nations to punish Israel. Regardless of the means He used, God took forceful action to stop sin and reward obedience over the generations in Israel.

In the book of Revelation, we see the ultimate example of dealing with sin, not just on a personal or even a national level. God deals with the sin of the entire world once and for all. God is pictured holding a book, written within and on the back side, and sealed with seven seals (see Revelation 5:1). This is the Book of Life that contains the names of those who are saved; those whose names are not written in it are cast into the lake of fire (see Revelation 20:11-15) at the great White Throne Judgment. This is God's final judgment, and the book of Revelation, in addition to explaining this judgment, describes all of the events that will precede it and will constitute the end of human history. I have explained some of these events below. Table 7.4 explains various terms connected with the end times and the coming judgment.

Table 7.4: End Times Terms

- Mystery Babylon
  - As we covered in detail above, Mystery Babylon, controlled by the evil spirits in the heavenlies, is the source of the evil now manifesting in America. These evil seeds (tares) were planted long ago and are now bearing fruit in accordance with their evil kind.
  - As Mystery Babylon is judged, America falls as a result of World War III and her support for Israel has little significance thereafter.

- Israel is soon invaded by the Anti-Christ and his coalition of nations.
- Tribulation Period
  - A seven year period in which God's judgment is poured out, the first half of which is called the tribulation.
- Great Tribulation
  - This is the term used to refer to the last half of the seven year tribulation period.
- End Times (after the Tribulation Period)
  - Jesus returns at the end of the tribulation period, defeats the evil hordes at Armageddon in Israel, and sets up His kingdom and reigns for 1,000 years.
  - In due course, the new heaven and new earth come, and God comes to dwell with His people.

## **The Seals**

God's final judgment comes from reading the Book of Life, which contains the names of all who are to be saved and live with God forever. The Book is pictured as being sealed with seven seals. What are these seals and why do they exist? Why must such an important book remain unopened and unread until the seals are broken? The answer to these questions comes from understanding Jesus, the one who can break the seals.

The text describes Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, as the only one found worthy to open the seals and look in the book. He is the only one worthy because He was the one who shed His blood to redeem lost sinners to a Holy God. The names in the book are people He redeemed who will reign with Him on the earth. In addition to being worthy because He has redeemed those named inside the book, Jesus is worthy because the seals represent judgment against those whose ultimate crime is rejecting Him.

No matter what specific sins a person commits, the rejection of Jesus and His teachings is always the root cause. Thus, we see this rejection leads to the judging events unleashed when each seal is opened. Only Jesus can open the book because He redeemed those inside; only Jesus can break the seals because the judgment they unleash judges rejection of Him.

The following metaphor helps us understand why there are seven seals and seven different judgments rather than a single large judgment. Since sins are different, we can imagine that each type of sin is represented by dollar bills of different denominations. Each time a sin is committed by man, it is thrown into an unsorted pile for temporary storage, metaphorically creating a mixed pile of bills of all denominations. At first, there is no need to organize the pile, but when it's time to take action, all the \$1 bills will be sorted in one stack, \$5 bills in another stack and so on. The bills in each pile are the same and can then be dealt with appropriately. In terms of the metaphor, each stack of bills, representing one category of sin, is attached to a particular seal. When each seal is broken, one at a time, disciplinary actions related to that specific bill, or type of sin, are unleashed upon the earth, thus giving everyone cause to reconsider their course in life. In order to motivate men to choose Him before it's too late, God deals with the piles in order from least to worst, meeting out smaller penalties and then progressing to larger penalties as the seals are opened. Such progression, designed to warn us and cause us to seek him before we are judged, reflects God's love for us.

Why does God allow sins to "pile up" before sorting and judging them? The answer could be to give humans more time to see their error and change their ways; the



Scripture says, for example, in 2 Pet. 3:9 “God is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” We might also answer by saying that He has allowed it for a reason beyond our comprehension. In any event, God neither overlooks nor forgets any sin. All accounts will be settled in accordance with God’s word before the books are finally closed. Referring to God’s settling of accounts, Scripture says, “vengeance is Mine sayeth the Lord”. Yet even in these last days, when God’s frightening wrath is unleashed and sin is judged, He is still loving. He knows that sometimes people can’t choose to change in comfortable circumstances but may be able to do so under hardship. Even as God judges sin, His plan is to save all even though He knows that some will rebel.

In addition to the monetary metaphor, there is another facet of the seals to understand God’s plan in Scripture by using the metaphor of a puzzle. A puzzle in a box contains a complete picture, but when the pieces are scattered the picture is unclear. This lack of clarity explains the many inconsistent interpretations of God’s prophetic word. When the puzzle is put together, the picture, in this case God’s plan of judgment, becomes clear and understandable to all.

In some ways, God can be thought of as an architect who has prepared meticulous plans. Though these plans are mixed like puzzle pieces in Scripture, God sees the entire picture. The seals are like parts of the plan—the foundation, walls, roof, garage, etc.—each of which comprises part of the whole. The sequence in which the plan is followed is of great importance. Actions are initiated in a particular sequence as each seal is opened. Rather than considering the seals as new construction, we might do well to think

of them as demolishing and repairing an old house that has fallen into a state of disrepair. Sin is the cause of creation's decay, and each seal is designed to deal with a particular area of sin.

In God's grace, both demolition and repair serve as an invitation for the house itself, creation and man, to start repairs. The first six seals can be thought of as progressively severe "wake-up calls" intended to force all to reconsider where they stand with regard to God and His creation. The final seventh seal, then, represents the beginning of action on the planned events.

In addition to seals, the text describes trumpets being blown by angels. The opening of the seals constitutes a step-by-step process to trigger specific pieces of God's plans. The sounding of the trumpets is a series of signals causing God's workers, the angels, to initiate the work of judgment and cleansing. As with the seals, God alone knows when He will decide to tell them to make the sound. So, the sounding of the seventh trumpet represents the end of the church on earth, the rapture of true believers in Jesus Christ, and the subsequent rise of the Anti-Christ. Seven means completion.

Beyond the seals and the trumpets, we discover three woes in the book of Revelation. The woes are connected with the opening of the abyss that releases Satan's fallen angels and demons. They are freed to carry out the terrible things to be received by those who have rejected God's Son. These will receive what their master, Satan, has been planning for them all along. It will not be what they expect. In this context, each woe reflects the progressive takeover of the earth world by satanic forces of evil.

## **God's Throne Room**

Revelation then describes the judgment of sin on the earth. It also describes God's throne room in heaven. Table 7.5 lists various descriptions of the heavenly throne room.

Table 7.5: Descriptions of God's Throne Room

- There is a Book of Life in which is recorded the names of those saved.
- There are a golden throne and a golden altar with holy fire, golden implements (censer, vials, etc.), and incense.
- Elders in white with golden crowns are sitting on 24 seats around God's throne; they fall down and worship Him who created all things, including them and us, for His own pleasure.
- Out of the throne comes lightning, thunder and voices.
- Seven lamps burn before the throne, representing seven spirits of God.
- A sea of crystal, like glass, is before the throne.
- Four beasts with six wings and eyes all around, one like a lion, another like a calf, one with a man's face, and a fourth like a flying eagle give glory, honor, and thanks to God and continuously cry "Holy, Holy, Holy."
- Untold numbers of angels sing and do the work God assigns.
- There are golden vials full of odors which are the prayers of saints of all ages for Jesus to come and render justice, judgment and equity as promised by God's prophets; this reward is held in abeyance until God decides the time is right, and then all of these prayers are answered in full.

Now that we have investigated the content and the events in the book of Revelation, we can consider the order

in which those events will occur in our world. This order was discovered through much prayer and the revealing work of the Holy Spirit. Table 7.6, found on the next 2 pages, puts the puzzle together in two different, complementary ways so that we can see the sequence of end time events.

Order	Related Seals: 1-7 (Revelation 6,8); each seal is linked to progressively worse consequences	Related Trumpets 1-7 sounded by 7 angels (Revelation 8, 9, 11:14)	Related Woes (Revelation 17, 18, 19:1-5)
<p>The Opening of the 7th Seal and God's entry into the throne room inaugurate the 3 1/2 year <b>Tribulation Period</b></p>			
1	<p>7th Seal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● God enters the throne room</li> <li>▲ Silence and awe accompany the beginning of the end of an era</li> <li>▲ The judgment process begins</li> <li>▲ Golden censer, incense, prayers of the saints, fire from the altar is hurled onto earth</li> <li>▲ 7 great plagues are released by 7 angels</li> <li>▲ The opening of this seal initiates the tribulation process that is detailed in the first 6 seals</li> </ul>	<p>(Trumpets 1-4 involve destruction by plagues and pestilence)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st Trumpet: 1/3 of earth, trees, and grass are burned</li> <li>● 2nd Trumpet: 1/3 of the sea turns to blood, creatures die, and ships are destroyed</li> <li>● 3rd Trumpet: 1/3 of rivers and springs become bitter</li> <li>● 4th Trumpet: 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened</li> </ul>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st Seal: A white horse with a crown and conquest. The 1st ruler of Daniel's 7th great kingdom appears. Daniel's 4th beast representing Satan's last kingdom appears. (See also Gog in Ezekial 38-39)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5th Trumpet: The Abyss is opened (Rev. 9) by a fallen star (angel), locusts (satanic angels/demons) attack people without God's seal, torture but not kill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st Woe: Rise of the 1st ruler of Daniel's 4th beast, Satan's last or the 7th kingdom (Rev. 17:9-11, beast from the bottomless pit); the destroyer torments people for 5 months; economic collapse occurs with grievous famine; the fall of Mystery Babylon and USA begins.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2nd Seal: A red horse and the image of a sword and death</li> <li>● 3rd Seal: A black horse with scales of balance (symbols of famine)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6th Trumpet: 4 angels bound at the Euphrates River are released to kill 1/3 of mankind; an army is formed with 200 million mounted troops; the remaining 2/3 of mankind do not repent but continue in sin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2nd Woe: World War III erupts out of conflict in the middle east; Mystery Babylon and the USA fall completely; world-wide famine and chaos result from World War III</li> </ul>
<p>Two witnesses are empowered by God (Rev 10,11); the Rapture of the Church occurs, inaugurating the 3 1/2 year <b>Great Tribulation Period</b></p>			
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4th Seal: A pale horse symbolizing death and Hades; ? of the earth is killed by the sword, plague, famine, and beasts.</li> <li>● 5th Seal: The souls of slain martyrs are under the altar; white robes</li> <li>● 6th Seal: An earthquake occurs; the sun turns black; the moon turns red; stars fall; the sky is rolled up; people hide from God's wrath; the Lamb, Jesus, comes to judge (Rev. 6:16)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 7th Trumpet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Inaugurates this period by initiating the rapture of the church (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:16-17)</li> <li>▲ The 7 Vials of God's Wrath are poured out (Rev. 15-16)</li> <li>▲ Christ reigns over the world, rewards the saints, and destroys His enemies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3rd Woe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ The Anti-Christ arises after the Rapture</li> <li>▲ The ministry of the two witnesses continues 3 1/2 years (Rev. 11:3) until they are killed and then raised from the dead (Rev. 11:7)</li> <li>▲ An earthquake occurs collapsing 1/10 of Jerusalem and killing 7,000.</li> <li>▲ Anti-Christ's kingdom ends, and the millennial reign of Christ begins</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Tribulation Period (1st 31/2 years)	Great Tribulation Period (2nd 31/2 years)	Sequence of Events after the the Great Tribulation	The New Heaven and the New Earth (Rev. 21-22)
<p>America (Mystery Babylon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>America falls, defeated by the invisible empire using China and Russia as the main foes, and no longer supports Israel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satan is cast out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven onto the Earth (Rev. 12, Eph. 6:12; see also the prince of Persia/Greece in the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven in Dan. 10:13, 20).</li> <li>The accuser of the brethren is cast out and no longer has access to God because the archangel Michael overcomes.</li> <li>Satan is in Earth's atmosphere (1<sup>st</sup> heaven).</li> <li>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Woe occurs.</li> <li>Anti-Christ is revealed and leads Gog and Magog (7<sup>th</sup> kingdom, 8<sup>th</sup> king according to Rev. 17:11)</li> <li>The false prophet arises under the authority of Anti-Christ, whom all the world must worship.</li> <li>The mark of the beast is required of the whole world (Rev. 13:16-17).</li> <li>Satanic powers are fully unleashed on earth so that Hell is fully manifested on earth, horror after horror.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Because Satanic signs and wonders tempt even the elect, God shortens the Great Tribulation; otherwise even the elect would not survive (Matt. 24:21-24).</li> <li>Christ comes again to rule and reign.</li> <li>The Lord and His armies, including the 144,000, come to Armageddon, and Christ prevails (Joel 2:1-11, Rev. 19:11-21, Eze. 39)</li> <li>Christ sets up his kingdom for a 1000 year reign in an environment similar to the Garden of Eden.</li> <li>Following the 1000 year reign, Satan is loosed for a short time and then cast into the lake of fire.</li> <li>The White Throne Judgment begins (Rev. 20:11-15).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The old heaven and earth pass away.</li> <li>The new heaven and new earth come down (Rev. 21).</li> <li>Time ceases, and the River of Life flows from the eternal throne of God.</li> <li>God dwells with His people.</li> <li>The glory of God and the Son cannot be avoided; we are united with the Godhead and see God's face as He is (Rev. 22:4).</li> <li>This new heaven and new earth are vastly better than the Garden of Eden. (Matt. 24:21-24).</li> </ul>
<p>The Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church is raptured, leaving complete spiritual darkness with the 2 witnesses as the major light.</li> </ul>			
<p>Israel (The Woman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 1<sup>st</sup> ruler of the 7<sup>th</sup> kingdom appears (Dan. 11:19).</li> <li>Israel is forced to negotiate a 7 year peace plan (Daniel's last week in Dan. 9:27).</li> <li>Anti-Christ's coalition known as Gog and Magog invade Israel (Eze. 38-39).</li> <li>The remnant of Israel (144,000) flees into the wilderness (Petra) for 3<sup>1/2</sup> years and experiences supernatural protection (Rev. 12:14, 16).</li> </ul>			
<p>Other Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other nations are described as part of the beast (Rev. 13 and Dan. 7:7).</li> </ul>			

## **Our Response to Revelation as Judgment**

Rather than taking God's plan seriously, some of us spend much time evaluating the truth of God's word in terms of whether or not we can see it worked out in our own lives. This is a mistake. First of all, when we think we have all the facts to reach a conclusion, we don't. With regard to prophecy some of the relevant facts may not even occur within our lifetime. Second, even if we did have all the facts, we could not evaluate them properly since we are too self-centered, do not know God's perspective or objective, and because our minds are nowhere close to God's mind. Third, while we may know some present facts, we do not know the future, except to the extent God has revealed it to us in various prophecies, including the Book of Revelation. Finally, we do not know or understand all of the various aspects of the unseen spiritual world. It holds mysteries that have a direct bearing on our attempt to evaluate God's work, of which we know very little.

Since the Holy Spirit can reveal to us anything we need and since an inerrant, all-knowing God will not fail to give us all we need, it does not seem likely that He expects us to spend any energy trying to evaluate either Him or His divine plan. If he expected us to do that, he would have given us the information and perspectives we so clearly lack.

Our efforts to evaluate God reflect our unbelief in Him and His character, a frightening prospect when Scripture teaches that "the just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). Surely we cannot both judge God and have faith in Him. Evaluating any aspect of God is without merit. Even thoughts that evaluate God reflect spiritual pride.

## **Summary**

As we consider the text of Revelation, we cannot help but see that God will make it evident to all that His reign cannot be contested by man, Satan nor any one else. God's complete control will lead to the fulfillment of the prophetic manifestation of the glorious church (Ephesians 5) without spot or wrinkle. Before the rapture, as the warning goes out, the church of Jesus Christ will be empowered and filled with the Holy Spirit for the harvest of the nations (Revelation 14).

After this harvest, the son of perdition, or the Anti-Christ, is revealed and before the Great Tribulation, believers will be removed from this world in the rapture. This Great Tribulation, the most devastating period in human history, will last three and a half years and will occur during the reign of the Anti-Christ. It will give unbelievers a very clear and final view of their chosen leader, Satan, and the horrors that he brings. If they fail to repent, they will spend eternity in hell.

After the Anti-Christ and false prophet have been cast into the lake of fire and Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years, Christ will return with His saints for His 1,000 year reign. Though Satan is subsequently released for a short time and allowed to deceive many, he is finally cast into the lake of fire to burn forever. His reign and influence cease.

Finally, new visions of eternity are revealed when a new heaven and new earth are unveiled after the White Throne Judgment, when hell and death also are cast into the lake of fire. God then comes to dwell with His people. We don't know what will happen when God's presence becomes evident to us, but we believe our life will change in such profound ways which are beyond comprehending now.



The Bible says that God Himself is the source of life, including eternal life (John 6:27) and that we receive the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord (Romans 6:23). Eternal life is defined, both then and now, as knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent.

I am aware that many disagree with that Jesus is the only way to God and that other religions claim similar authority. Likewise, some believe that all religions lead to the same destiny. The Bible says that the road is straight and the gate for entry is narrow. Somebody is wrong. Only God is right. Satan is a deceiver and has been from the beginning. It appears that he may have a lot of company in the wrong place.

## **Chapter VIII. Conclusion**

America, without doubt is, a great and powerful nation. She has been long used by God to accomplish His kingdom building purposes on a worldwide scale. Unfortunately, too many Americans are infatuated with technological superiority and the “physical things” they have produced. They have forgotten the God who created America, its resource base, and its people. Immersed in self-sufficiency, they have lost touch with God altogether. They truly believe America will rise above any problems. However, America is not an exception to the principles and judgment of God, and she will soon be plunged into catastrophic events of global proportions.

The parable of the wheat and tares applies to America. God was not surprised that Satan planted tares in this new nation, founded in pursuit of individual liberty, especially for the purpose of choosing one’s own form of worship. Now, as the tares grow to maturity, most Americans have forgotten the ultimate source of their prosperity and worship their money and the things they can buy with it. God has shown great patience in dealing with us, but no nation is allowed to go on its errant course forever. In the fullness of time, God’s judgment comes assuredly. The coming turmoil will separate the sheep from the goats. God will soon deal harshly with those who have rejected God’s Son and sought to undermine the church. At the same time, persecution experienced by the church will awaken God’s people to their dependence on Him, leading to the realization that they have been adopted into God’s own family.

We have considered the tares in American life and the influence of Mystery Babylon in creating them, and God's Spirit has revealed to me that the rise of homosexuality is a key sign of near-term end-times events. Homosexuality represents the extreme rejection of God's way of recreating man. Based on the spiritual understanding I was given, homosexuality will not grow very far from where it is today. Other sins are also abhorred by God, but they do not signal the beginning of the end, because they do not lead to extinguishing the human race made in God's image. Satan and his evil spirits conjured up homosexuality because they would be the only benefactors of an earth world without humans of any kind. God will not allow their plan to succeed. He will judge this sin and all others with it.

Those who doubt God's judgment would do well to remember what happened to His people, Israel. They were called by God and given the opportunity to serve Him as His anointed ambassadors to the world. Instead, they rejected Him as their king, insisting on a human king. Then rejected His Son who came as their Messiah. Too self-centered, they did not recognize the great blessing they were given. The awful consequences of Israel's disobedience are reported in the media today. Their pain is far from being over.

In the same way that Israel was disciplined for its disobedience, so America will also be shaken to the core. A profound change will occur in the balance of power existent in the world today. This coming change is already evident to many international observers. Many foresee that America will be one of five or six (Russia, China, India, Europe, America, South America etc.) who share world power. Further, America is seen as a declining power while the other nations are ascending. This is merely human reasoning without regard to God's plane. The purpose of

this shaking is to prepare the way for the final chapter of God's plan for this age. When America falls, Israel will not be far behind, and thus America's fall will usher in the end-times period of judgment described above.

A basic prophetic picture of what will happen to America is clear in Revelation 17 and 18. The basic sequence will include major natural disasters or plagues, intensified terrorism on land, sea, and through all water sources which will lead to economic collapse and severe famine. In these conditions, a third world war will begin, and New York and Washington D.C., along with other states, will be devastated. The invisible empire or powers with the ten yet unknown world rulers will make her desolate and naked, will eat her flesh and burn her with fire, using all available weapons (e.g. terrorism, communism, international unions, economic/financial unions, false religious unions, cults and occult unions etc.) as tools to precipitate the economic collapse, famine, destruction, and desolation of major cities and states. This judgment will totally cripple the nation. The process has already begun with 9-11 and strange signs in the earth, land, and sea (e.g. earthquakes) and disastrous weather (e.g. Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma).

The events precipitated by the shaking of America will cause many to grow closer to God. The shaking will produce difficult times and we should follow Joseph's example in getting ready for the seven years of famine (see Genesis 41). No one knows how long America's "shaking" will last. There is no reason for Christians to fear the worst of the shaking because God will exalt the humble. As in Noah's days, the wheat "true believers," like the ark, will rise up and serve as a witness, leading millions to the Lord Jesus Christ. Then they will be raptured before the horrors of the Great Tribulation manifest.

As mentioned above, there is no reason to pray and ask God to change the end-times plan He has already proclaimed in the Bible. God's purposes will be achieved. Every man is free to choose his or her own destiny. Our deeds, good or bad, will be dealt with so that God's love and justice are fully revealed for all to see. All will be settled in full. God's love and justice will be evident to every one, along with the fact that He does not show favoritism and that all people are equal in His eyes. It is their response to His offer of salvation through Jesus Christ that will separate the wheat from the tares.

Just as we shouldn't ask God to change His plan, we are not qualified to evaluate God and His ways. The wisdom of man is of no value to Him who created all. He reigns supreme over His creation, regardless of our beliefs. What we believe does not change God; it merely changes how we experience Him in His creation and in eternity. It would be well if we reconsidered our position with regard to Him. Those of us who have accepted his salvation will get to know Him much better, and all of us truly need to know where we stand before it's too late.

It is my prayer this book will open the eyes of your heart so you can comprehend the truth regarding your own commitment to Christ. If changes are needed in your life, act quickly. It will soon be too late. God gives everyone plenty of time and opportunity to choose so that no one can complain of unfairness. We have already judged ourselves by the decisions that we make. We make our own eternal beds. Please reconsider the eternal bed you are preparing for yourself. God loves each of us too much to demand that we surrender to Him. Unless you commit yourself to God, you will surely perish. Jesus is the only way through whom we ensure eternal life with God.

## **Appendix 1: George Washington's Prophetic Vision**

What follows is a prophetic vision attributed to George Washington and archived in the Library of Congress.

“I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this very table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite to me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time, did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes. By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become powerless. Even thought itself suddenly became paralyzed.

“A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitant. Gradually, the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy, and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move, all were alike

impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

“Presently I heard a voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ While at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. ‘Son of the Republic,’ said the same mysterious voice as before, ‘look and learn.’ At that moment I beheld a dark shadowy being like an angel standing or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a dark cloud raised from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities spring up, one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, ‘Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.’

“At this the dark, shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened specter approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking, I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced the word ‘union,’ bearing the American flag, which he placed between the divided nation and said ‘Remember ye are brethren.’ Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, became friends once more, and united around the National Standard. And again I heard the mysterious voice say ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: From each of these countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who moved with the cloud, marking by land and sailing by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I had beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ When the voice had ceased the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast.

“Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment



## **Appendix 2: “Christianity vs. Freemasonry”**

**by James D. Shaw**

In the U.S. 150 years ago, Freemasons were not permitted to belong to churches. If it were discovered that a church member was a Mason who refused to leave the lodge, he must leave the church. Freemasons found it difficult to survive in a country where they were limited to unchurched members for their lodges. Soon they tried to give Masonry a Christian mask. Freemasonry could not deny its deistic faith, but it could place a Bible on its altar and require a belief in God for all members. (It was not necessary for the candidate to specify which God!)

Few Christians realize that Freemasonry is a phallic cult. Webster's *New World Dictionary* makes it clear that the phallus is the image of the male reproductive organ, “worshipped as a symbol of its generative power.”

*The Encyclopedia of the Occult Sciences* states that Masonry teaches basic religion through symbols, belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, esoteric lore of alchemy, and the Kabala (ancient Hebrew sorcery-Ed.). Adept Masons state that their symbols were “deduced” from the Essenes and Druids, having been passed down from pre-flood days to Noah; then to Egyptians, Chaldeans, and masters in Israel.

Freemasonry is a world wide conspiracy to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ on earth, a means to bring about a one-world church and government. With the Unitarian and Theosophical system in Masonry it is nearing this goal.

Unsuspecting Christians, who do not know that Masonry is controlled by Satan, are also aiding it instead of exposing it.

Mormonism has its roots deep in Freemasonry. Joseph Smith died giving a Masonic sign, “the grand hailing sign of distress.” No Mormon believes he can enter heaven without these signs, grips, and passwords.

The Illuminati, founded by Adam Weishaupt, in 1776, spread their poison of worldwide revolution through freemasonry lodges. Karl Marx was paid by a European international banker, to put Weishaupt’s ideas on paper for the masses. This document was the *Communist Manifesto*.

A founder of Soviet Bolshevism, C.G. Rakovsky, was one of the victims of the show trials under Stalin before World War II. To save his own life he offered to tell Illuminati secrets involving freemasonry in the world conspiracy. He told his captors “this great secret” which every Mason on earth should surely want to know:

“Every Masonic organization tries to attain and to create all the required prerequisites for the triumph of the Communist revolution . . . But since the Communist revolution has in mind the liquidation, as a class, of the whole bourgeoisie, the physical destruction of all bourgeois rulers, it follows that *the real secret of masonry—is the suicide of Freemasonry as an organization, and the physical suicide of every more important Mason.*” (From *Fourth Reich of the Rich*, by Des Griffin, p. 254)

There you have it. Not only is freemasonry evil, but it is conspiring in a movement which seeks its destruction!

Freemasonry is also the worship of Lucifer. It is anti-Christ. The name of our dear Savior is never permitted to be used in any rite in all of freemasonry. In John 10:30 the Lord Jesus said, “I and the Father are one.” Yet *the lodge leaves Jesus out*. How can a lodge member who professes

to be a Christian enter a lodge that leaves Jesus and the Holy Spirit *out*? If he is a believer who has the Holy Spirit indwelling, should he not be fearful of grieving the Holy Spirit?

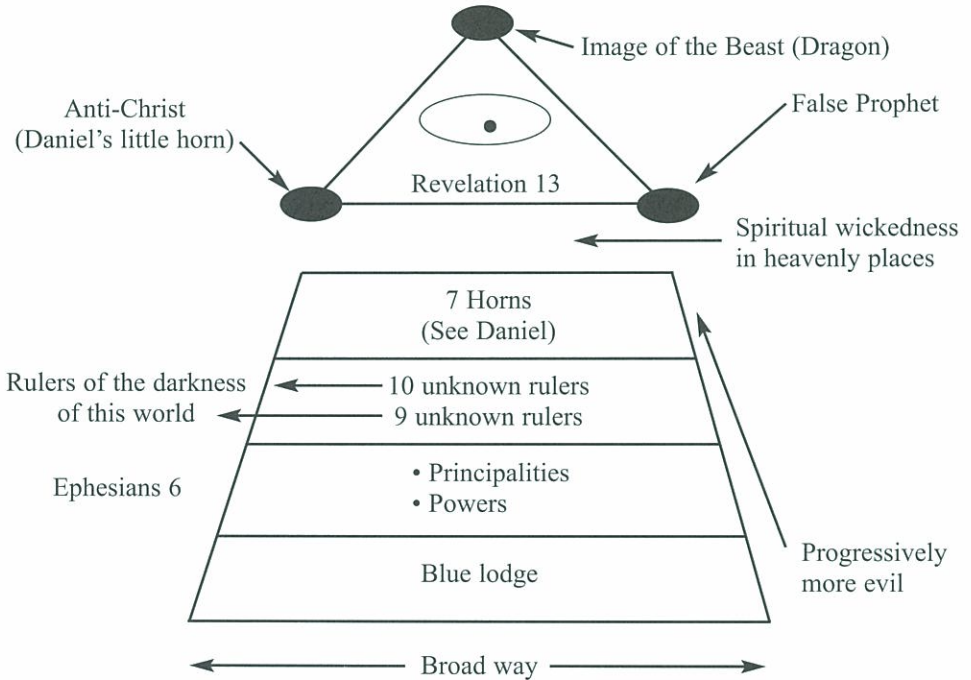
As a former 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason, I beg those in Masonry, the Eastern Star, and other secret societies to “come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.” (2 Cor. 6:18)

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## Appendix 3: Symbol of Freemasonry –Illuminati (Satanic Light Bearer)



Spiritual revelation given to Michael Obi in January 2005 explaining how Satan has used deception to entice unsuspecting people into his kingdom since the beginning.

- **Heaven** - As their leader, Satan appealed to the pride of his angelic helpers and caused them to join him in rebelling against their Creator, God, thereby attempting to take God's place.
- **Garden** - Satan used the same prideful approach to entice Adam and Eve to join in the rebellion. Note the symbology of the trees and their fruit. Both trees produced fruit, but the tree of the knowledge of

- good and evil produced bad fruit. God knew this and told them, for their benefit, not to eat its fruit.
- If they wanted to continue to obey God, there was no need for this knowledge; the quest for knowledge is associated with the desire to find one's own way rather than simply following God's guidance.
- **Babel** - As you know, Satan, for prideful reasons, inspired the builders of the Tower of Babel to reach into heaven thereby making a name for themselves and disobeying God's command to scatter across the face of the earth. (Genesis 11:1-9).
- **Pyramid** - Since Satan is not a creator, he must operate within the order established by God. He wants to be worshipped and provide a way to get to heaven. God would not allow him to complete the Tower of Babel, so he chose the unfinished pyramid as the symbol of his unfinished, but still intended, plan of conquest.
    - One reason for choosing a pyramid is that it also symbolizes the satanic trinity (Dragon/Satan, Anti-Christ, False Prophet) and contains Satan's "all-seeing eye". The small pyramid on top of the unfinished pyramid results in its completion and he thinks it results in victory for him. It does not!
- **Symbols** - Note that God has used the same methods and symbols down through the ages (angels, prophets, priests, sacred texts, temple/church, homes, places, songs, worship, etc.) to mark His places and guide His people.
    - Satan has produced his own counterfeits using the pattern established by God.
- **Deception** - Satan's deception is always attractively packaged but always appeals to human pride and the idea of "doing it ourselves" through knowledge and abilities we earn as a result of diligent effort, which enables us to move upward in a hierarchy based on our competitive accomplishments.
    - Here, too, Satan's ways are diametrically opposed to the free gifts given by God.

- **Broad way**- The broad way refers to the method of enticing one into his evil kingdom.
  - These enticements include all cults, the occult, worldly religions, spiritists, Satanism, sects, new age, false or harlot church, ecumenism and others.
  - Knowledge of something “seemingly” good is always the bait, so it was with the fruit of the forbidden tree.
  - Something seemingly good causes a person to let his guard down for a while, and soon it’s too late to escape under your own power.
- **Blue lodge** - This is the entry point for the Masonic lodge. Most of those who enter never go beyond this level. Since it seems to have merit in various ways, many of these men behave meritoriously in their community and spread good news about the lodge.
  - Remember, Satan is a master of deceit. It is not difficult for him to deceive masses of man. He has been at it for a lot longer than we have been alive.
  - Some, however, seek to better themselves and move above their associates.
- **Principalities/Powers** - Satanic mediums of national and international leaders of government, both visible and invisible.
- **Rules of Darkness** - There are 10 human beings (rulers) now used by Satan to carry out his evil plan.
  - This number will be reduced to seven (horns per Daniel) in due course.
- **Evil Trinity** - This trio of Satan, Anti-Christ and false prophet is presently unseen but will eventually be loosed with God’s permission to fulfill the rest of their evil plan.
- **Iniquity Fulfilled** - God allows Satan to conceive a rebellious plan and to work for a long period of time to thwart God’s own plan for redeeming His creation.
  - Meanwhile, God takes Satan’s evil schemes and uses them as a stimulus to move His own people out of darkness into the light.

- By allowing Satan's plan to reach its fulfillment, God demonstrates to all that He has total control over all of His creation.
  - God ends Satan's career, plan and evil impact forever and Satan and his followers enter into the curses ordained by God for him and his disobedient followers.
  - It becomes crystal clear that God allows each of us to make our own bed and that Satan has truly earned his reward
- **Blessings** - Those who choose to obey God and follow His Son are given eternal blessings far beyond our comprehension.

# *America's Biblical Destiny Unveiled*

## *End Time Puzzles Solved*

America is the key to understanding End Time puzzles and the Bible's book of Revelation. Without clear understanding of America's place in Bible prophecy, the book of Revelation will remain a puzzle and a stumbling block to many prophecy writers/readers.

In this discussion of world events and Bible prophecy, Pastor Michael Obi revealed the answer to all who have been searching for truth and balance about the End Time: (major shakings, plagues, unprecedented famines, catastrophes, earthquakes, devastating terrorism, economic collapse, and finally the glorious rise of the true church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and the soon coming World War III WWIII) and why the Middle East, especially Israel, will remain head line news.

The slumber will definitely be over. Reading this book will help you prepare before it's too late. God's clock is about to strike midnight.

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