

THE GREATER RESET

and the men who saw it

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DEDICATION:
TO NATIONS, INCLUDING MY OWN,
WHO BELIEVE ALL IS LOST:
NO, ALL IS MERELY PROGRESSING
TO THE GREAT RESETS
PREDICTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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Reset? What is that all about?

Whatever it is, everyone seems to be talking about it. Try a book search for “reset” on Amazon. You’ll find that worship is being reset. COVID-19 is resetting us. They’ve reset grace, and prayer. And your diet, oh many diets in fact. Real estate, the internet, and even menopause, all reset.

There’s more: the economy, nervous breakdowns, hormones, your child’s brain, well-being exercises, video games, and church. And on and on.

None of that is what I intended this book to cover. I’m speaking about a geo-political reset, a shifting of the nations into a form that will match, when all the moving and shaking is finished, the very picture that God painted of the end-time world.

I am not imagining here. The financial portion of this restructuring was proposed in May, 2000, by Prince Charles of the U.K. and Klaus Schwab of World Economic Forum (WEF). The idea is to “rebuild the economy sustainably following Covid-19.”

You may believe Covid-19 was a quirk of nature. An accident. You may think it was deliberately sent out by China. Or that elites got together and planned the dissemination of this virus so as to tumble the economic patterns of the world to force a restructure.

Doesn’t really matter what we believe about it at this point. Satan is behind it, God is permitting it, and men are using it to demand change. Big change.

Biden and Trudeau on this side of the Pond are all in. We are

poised to “build back better” for a more “responsible capitalism,” they tell us.

They mean, socialism. Our new Democrat Party. Our new American-style socialism.

And for a season of grace, only Trump’s America stood in the way of this happening, worldwide. Amazing time to be alive, it was. Not so amazing at this writing. The plan to reset reemerges.

But as the subject formed within me, I realized I needed to talk about more than one reset. Things will continue to change. No static alignment of nations and governments is in our foreseeable future.

Men of this world, you have such small vision, such limited resources to see our future. God saw your “reset” before time began. You will bow and scrape and do all you can do to make the world better. Then you will die. What have you accomplished? Why did you give yourself to this?

As a poker player “sees” and “raises”, I see your reset through God’s eyes. I see it, and I raise you one: A greater reset that will enslave all mankind, based on the efforts you have been putting forth in this generation. What do you say to that? Think I am bluffing?

Next will come a greater reset than both of those, the ultimate freedom from your shackles. And more: the wonders of an eternity with God. You have nothing I desire, man. You are deceived and short-sighted and doomed to fail.

Nevertheless, Reset One seems to be in the process of happening now. The fraudulent American election of 2020 may have spelled the end of nationalism and a push forward quickly to that one world government so desired by the men of this world.

When the world has first been rearranged, the one whom the Bible calls the man of sin, or the antichrist, will take what has been accomplished and call it his own. The alignment may look somewhat the same, but his policies will be so awful as to be viewed as a second reset.

Third will come the reign of Jesus, as He descends from the skies, resurrects His people, and defeats those nations that have persecuted Him and His people. The long-promised visible kingdom of God will be manifested on earth. Jesus shall reign. Reset three is in place.

As I peruse the prophets, and the final book of the Bible from Prophet/Apostle John, it is interesting to note the restoration of the concept of "nations." Jesus will rule the world, but national groups will still exist, all giving their glory in some way to the New Jerusalem and its New Head. Nations have been his idea since the early chapters of Genesis.

The fourth reset, eternity, is barely mentioned in Scripture. There will be a time "after the thousand years" when the all-new heavens and the all-new earth will host an all-new people in all-new ways. We can only speculate.

How many resets will occur after that we do not know. But wonderfully good things will come to those who can only endure the first couple of major changes.

Seatbelts buckled! The time seems to be now. Those defeated at the polls in 2020 and other times need to understand that our battle now is not a political one, and never was. Politics is God's business. He raises up one nation, then another, according to His will.

Consider the early church. When did the church enter the political fight against Nero or other Roman leaders? Against Herod? Pilate?

When the church slowly became a political entity, headquartered in Papal Rome, is when she lost her vibrancy, her power. And when the Scriptures were eventually held back from the people by this church-State monstrosity, the world was plunged into darkness.

Did not Jesus say that if the light that is in us is darkness, how great is that darkness! The Gospel and the Scriptures are the light of this world. When the church loses its meaning, its purpose, what is left for the world to see?

Our business is the Gospel. Every member of every nation needs to hear the message of Jesus' death and resurrection, forgiveness of sin, and the coming of the Kingdom of God into hearts and into view.

Meanwhile, the background noise will get louder and louder.

RESET 1. The New World Order.

Men used to speak more freely of a New World Order. This is what I really had in mind when I first heard the word “reset.” Now I hear that word used a lot too, along with “globalism”.

Wikipedia is not the most scholarly of resources for knowledge of our world, but many of the basics are there. I found an article or two there that I will rehash and share here. There are, they say, at least two definitions of reset, or the old *New World Order*.

A conspiracy theory?

The first view is the conspiracy theory. Yes, that’s right. According to this left-leaning article, the New World Order is a theory put out by “militantly anti-government right” groups, as well as those who believe in fundamentalist Christianity and the end-time emergence of the antichrist!

The author contends that these right-wingers believe there is a secret elite who have a globalist agenda. These elite are conspiring to rule the world through an authoritarian government. There will be no more nation-states. This will be the culmination of history’s progress. This elite is responsible for systemic crises and controversial policies, as “steps in an ongoing plot to achieve world domination.”

Why, says the *Wikipedia* expert, people who believe these radical things are actively preparing for apocalyptic millenarian scenarios. That is, *the book of Revelation* is going to be fulfilled, evil things will rain down on the earth and usher in the Millennium.

Oh my! Such awful ideas could bring about mass hysteria and the rise of authoritarian ultranationalist demagogues! Could it be?

So that's one entry in Wikipedia about the New World Order. It's merely a conspiracy theory.

But as I look back over that article, nearly everything I read is the truth from God. *Not a theory at all*. That scenario *will be* acted out. A one world government. An attempt at world domination by one man. An elite group behind the scenes pushing for the end of nationalism, for example American exceptionalism, desiring for the world to come together into one happy family. And over that family, which in the end will not be happy at all, a man. One man. One brutal man whose desire will be to dethrone God and enslave mankind.

A political reality.

But there is another usage of NWO. Many. They are tossed around in the world of politics, but taken seriously. No theory here, they say. Men have spoken. Yet the definition given sounds so much like the "conspiracy", that is, the truth from Scripture. Here's how the elite see it, per *Wikipedia*:

... a new period of history evidencing dramatic change in world political thought and the balance of power... it is primarily associated with the ideological notion of world governance only in the sense of new collective efforts to identify, understand, or address global problems that go beyond the capacity of individual nation-states to solve.

How far is that away from the “right-wing fundamentalist” idea of what is coming, that is, what the Bible says is coming? Not far.

We have seen already, in 2020, how it can work. A disease strikes the planet. The planet works together for a solution. But addressing the problem means restriction. Lockdown. Control. Strong measures.

And cooperation. Enforced worldwide cooperation if necessary.

But what if the problem is not a disease? What if the problem is “hate-speech”? What if hate speech is defined as anything that seems to demean another human being. For example, calling sin, sin and listing those sins. Stories are trickling out in the western hemisphere of men, mostly pastors, being fined or jailed for such “crimes.” The record of North Korea, and other Communist and Islamic nations, is replete with such incidents. Imagine this on a worldwide basis.

Theory? Oh no. Already happening.

The New World Order will reset all things. Morals. Religion. Thought.

Not new. Very, very old.

The *Wikipedia* article goes on to relate a history of the usage of NWO. This is not a new concept at all. Mankind has, from the days of the Tower of Babel, wanted to come together and make its own rules and protect itself from those heavenly forces that might disagree. The ultimate proof of this desire will come out as mankind’s chosen leader will attack Jesus upon His return! Can you

imagine?

Let's leave *Wikipedia* now, and open our Bibles. Join me?

NWO thinking goes back to Genesis, as does every idea, eventually. After Eden and the expansion of the world's population, men entered into evil so great that God's own very first New World Order reset had to be initiated: *the destruction of all but eight persons*. A fresh start.

Let's do it right this time, humans.

But once more, more people meant more evil. Hearing of the history of the flood, and moving away from its Origin in Heaven, wicked men began to devise a way to guarantee there would be no recurrence.

Genesis 11 tells the story. The world's people were united. Not united around God. Tragically, when humanity gets together, it is to spurn God in some way. Such was the case here. Tradition [Josephus] says that it was Nimrod, mentioned in the previous chapter as a "mighty hunter before (or against) the Lord", who gained enough popularity among the assembled people to stage a rebellion against all things godly.

The idea was to have a tower that would reach to Heaven. For what purpose we are not told. But we speculate. Was it about running to safety if there were to be another flood? Surely only a few could be saved if the waters chased them into the tower. Or were there multiple towers? Archaeology confirms that.

Or perhaps it was something more sinister? Did little man think

he could himself reach into the heavenly sphere and bring down this flood-producing Deity?

Whatever was on his mind, was nixed by the Almighty. People together, reasoned God, is not safe for My plan. I'll have to split them up. Then comes the story of the confusion of languages that we learned as a child.

Here God was saying, *stay apart*. Let nations grow, but let no one ever rise again to bring the planet against Me. Dire consequences will follow.

Man, in verse 4, said, "Let us make for ourselves a name lest we be **scattered**..."

But in verse 8, God's response: "So the Lord **scattered** them over the face of the whole earth."

So much for the one world government That arrangement of the geo-political world was already disavowed of God in those ancient times. So much for a world ordered by man, especially one man.

He that sits in the Heavens laughs at our puny plans to dethrone Him. He will have the last laugh. That laugh may be coming sooner than we want to believe. But why does He seemingly allow nations to plot against His order in our own day?

Eventually the people who remained to build a nation around the original tower, built not only a nation, but an empire. In defiance of the God of Heaven, the Babylonian Empire created its own gods of wood and stone, and Satan had again his attempted

new world order, a combination of peoples and tribes with the full intention of taking over the planet.

That's when God stepped in and brought the Assyrians along to destroy Babylonian ambitions. Old gods got new names, but the same desire for power, and the same hatred of the original plan of God continued. Oh, and the capital of the new Empire was Nineveh, which just happens to be another city created by Nimrod in those ancient days of the original rebellion. What power was granted to this Satanic man!

More change ensued. Babylonia revived, and Nebuchadnezzar's version of the perversion came to power. Then several generations later, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome. Every one of these Empires had the same goal: a world ordered by them and their man. A new world order, rearranged around themselves and defying the God of Heaven.

The prophet Virgil.

Several decades before Jesus arrived on the planet, the Romans were still talking about a reset. After all the centuries, mankind was still not happy with itself. Even with an Empire, there was still the human condition to deal with. Men still could not get along with each other. They kept dreaming of a time when all the earth's wrongs would be made right.

Virgil was such a dreamer, a Roman poet who lived from 70 to 19 B.C. He is known to Latin students worldwide for his *Aeneid*, passages of which they would be asked to translate.

Another of Virgil's works contains a passage that has been with

us in America for all our history. In English it reads:

Now is come the final era of the Sibyl's song;
The great **order of the ages** is born afresh.
Now justice returns, return of Saturn's reign;
Now a lineage is sent down from high heaven.

Many years later, the Christians of the Middle Ages would look at Virgil's lines as a prophecy of Christ and His new "order of the ages". The Kingdom of God. The Catholic church, perhaps.

And of course, it was not long after Virgil wrote, that the King of all Kings was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Why not let it refer to Him?

Virgil had hope that something good would come to the world's system. Something that would create an order of peace and beauty and all the rest.

Jesus must have disappointed the dreamers who followed Virgil. His idea of "world order" seemed to be something dealing with the hearts of men. Only the believing Jews to whom Christ appeared connected the inner kingdom to a visible one, foreseen by their prophets.

Yes, an external kingdom is still in our Book, but it has not yet appeared, and men have gone on fighting and hating one another. And searching for the perfect ordering of mankind.

Following pagan Rome came the efforts of *Papal* Rome to unite all around their version of Christ. This Rome kept God's people from their own Scriptures and enforced an Empire-like rule on the people

of those centuries that we now call the Dark Ages. The Golden Age they dreamed for lived only in the hearts of the elite, that group that the kingdoms of men always seem to produce.

Napoleon and Hitler and Stalin and Mao and all the other would-be order-makers of the world rose and fell with no final solution to man's ills.

The New World Order comes to America.

But wait. We passed something. A kinder and gentler nation. A people destined to be great and in a large measure, good, also. Surely they could bring about this new world? Well, they evidently thought so. Have you ever looked closely at the great seal of the United States. Or at the back of a dollar bill?

There it is in plain sight. **Virgil lives**. His very words, taken in the 1780's from Roman history and placed forever on our nation's tradition: *Novus Ordo Seclorum!* "New order of the ages", from the poem. A New World Order!

Our original patriots did indeed believe they would help bring peace to the world, especially the New World which they had conquered. The dream has persisted, despite the things going on in the aforementioned tyrannies of Germany and Italy and Russia and China and the others. America has stood out.

In more recent history, we can trace NWO thinking back to Woodrow Wilson. The First World War had ended, and the President wanted to be sure this would never happen again. We need to come together and talk things out, he reasoned. His desire gave birth to the formation of the League of Nations.

Birthed in 1920, the League had forty-eight nations attached to it soon after opening for business. But the business of keeping men's hands from each other's throats proved to be too much. With some limited successes over the next twenty years, the League's ultimate failure took place when yet another World War arrived in all its horror and gore.

The New World Order would have to wait.

But maybe not long. A book by that very name appeared in 1940 by H. G. Wells. *The New World Order* "addressed the ideal of a world without war in which law and order emanated from a world governing body..." Sounds like more of that conspiracy theory to me. And Wells was not even a fundamentalist. Not even a Christian. He was merely echoing unconsciously the dream of this world, spawned millennia ago, in Satan's domain.

But it's a dream that, when fulfilled, won't work out too well.

Wars and rumors of wars.

Hope, springing eternal, brought another thrust against fallen man in the form of a second amalgamation of nations, inaptly named, as its future would prove, the "United Nations."

At first the term applied to those Allied nations lined up against Germany and Japan in 1941-42. But shortly after the end of the war (1945), over fifty nations came on board with the new idea, and a world order of peace and cooperation once more arose.

The U.N. also has had a checkered existence in terms of

success. Decisions have been made, documents signed. But lacking ultimate strength of enforcement, it has largely been ineffective in its pursuit of peace and a world of complete cooperation. Men won't have it. Not yet.

Need I list the names, or even the number, of wars and conflicts and disputes that have come and gone and come back again since the "United Nations" has been around? On the other hand, is it hard to imagine what would happen if those united nations had a single leader backed up by the greatest military ever seen on earth? Then what?

This is where "reset" must head, if Bible prophecy is to be fulfilled. In my country, several steps toward that reset have been taking place of late.

After the two World Wars and Korea, came a long period known as the Cold War. No shots fired, but many threatened. Reagan is credited by some for having brought this gloomy period to an end, followed by the first President Bush.

Bush the First and Gorbachev the Last.

It looked as though things were settling down, when Iraq under Hussein needed to be dealt with. The first challenge to Bush's famous NWO proclamations. But the war proved a catalyst for the moving ahead with the dream.

Bush said,

A hundred generations have searched for this elusive path to peace, with a thousand wars raged across the span of human

endeavor. Today that new world is struggling to be born, **a world quite different from the one we've known.**

Well put, Mr. Bush. Later he would add,

Now we can see a **new world** coming into view. A world in which there is the very real prospect of a **new world order.**

Really, Mr. President? Has the world changed all that much?

Perhaps he gained some of his thinking from fellow world-leader Mikhail Gorbachev of Russia. "Gorby" was making the rounds of speaking engagements, hailed as a new peacemaker since he had aided in the fall of Communism in his USSR.

In a talk at the U.N. in the first year of Bush's Presidency, he shared his new ideas. His vision for the world, and the world was listening, was, for example, giving the United Nations an expanded role in world affairs. He believed the Soviets should be allowed more involvement in international organizations.

These and other components for world peace had people looking to Gorbachev as another Woodrow Wilson, FDR, and Churchill all in one.

Above all, he claimed, we need tolerance. I quote:

Tolerance is the alpha and omega of a **new world order.**

My, my, they all sing the same song. But when they try to sing together, the music is still a bit – a lot – discordant.

There were skeptics. *Time Magazine* (July 1990) opined that perhaps the Russians were trying to lure innocent nations into their web with all this talk of peace and tolerance and world order. Problem was, the West had no response, at least not right away, to the former Soviet leader.

Later in the year came Bush's New World Order speech, delivered to Congress, and soon he was sharing the spotlight with Gorbachev, even passing him in the opinion of many. Now *he* was Woody and FDR and probably a few others in the sheep-like minds of Earth's citizens.

There will come a day when a man such as a Gorbachev or a Bush will arise in a crisis time to speak similar words to the world, and the world will not only listen, but follow.

A chorus singing the same tune.

Bill Clinton

not only signed on to the idea of the 'new world order', but dramatically expanded the concept beyond Bush's formulation...

says that *Wikipedia* piece.

After eight years of Clinton came Bush's son, who also had business in Iraq, but not as popular. He was responding to some intelligence he had received about weapons of mass destruction being housed by the Iraqi dictator. He seems to have taken the luster from the whole NWO thrust, but the goal of the nations did not die with Bush.

Henry Kissinger could be heard echoing the dream in 1994.

The New World Order cannot happen without U.S. participation, as we are the most significant component. **Yes there will be a New World Order**, and it will force the United States to change its perceptions.

Fast forward fifteen years. Kissinger is still repeating the mantra when giving advice to incoming President Obama about the current Israeli crisis:

It is time to reevaluate American foreign policy... I think that [Obama's] task will be to develop an overall strategy for America in this period, when really a 'new world order' can be created. It's a great opportunity. It isn't such a crisis.

Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the U.K. used the same term in speeches in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003.

There is a **new world order**, like it or not...

...the call was for a **new world order**. But a new order presumes a new consensus. It presumes a shared agenda and a global partnership to do it.

Shockingly enough to a non-Muslim mindset is the call of former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, of unhappy memory, for such an order. One shudders to think of the consequences to the world if he were ever to become the head of such a government:

He is said to have suggested that it was time to propose new ideologies for *running the world*. Iran's stated goal is to establish a

new world order based on world peace, global collective security, reciprocity and justice.

Of course, when Communists and Islamists speak of peace and justice, they mean peace and justice by their rules, on their terms. Otherwise, it's off with their heads. How many times will foolish men be sucked into these pipe dreams by men of proven tyrannical murderous habits?

Once too many times, for sure.

Does the desire for a world dominated by one ideology, one set of laws, even one man, still exist? It is reported that Mr. Obama left a note of the Resolute Desk of the Oval Office for Mr. Trump. It read, in part, that,

It's up to us, through action and example, to sustain **the international order** that's expanded steadily since the end of the Cold War, and upon which our own wealth and safety depend.

Trump. The meddler on the roof.

Get involved, America. Get with the global program, Trump.

We can readily see now why Mr. Trump has been so mercilessly and steadily scorned by the left-leaners among us. What a disappointment to those who were hoping we could finally let go of the age-old time-worn traditions of American exceptionalism, American patriotism, flag-waving enthusiasm, and enter the program of the entire known world.

We stand today at a critical time of the proposed reset. We came remarkably close in 2016 to electing a leftist who would have continued the plunge into the darkness of worldwide socialism.

I said worldwide. Americans are so concerned about whether their own nation will be communist or capitalist. What they don't understand is that the course of the world is at stake here. America with all its wealth and know-how can join in with those deceivers who would have Marx ideology rule the planet, and make their dream a reality within a truly short time.

Or America can start taking care of its own issues, be American, isolate itself from the world's certain agenda, and remain the greatest country God ever allowed to be on the planet.

In 2020 the lines were drawn between these two philosophies even more sharply. With the election in doubt for weeks, riots burning down portions of our cities, leftist marches and threats everywhere, and a pandemic killing thousands of our citizens, America teetered on the brink of extinction as a nation.

Then two globalists entered our Senate from Georgia. And the attempt to reinstate Trump took a disastrous turn as leftist-inspired rioters breached the Capitol during the sessions meant to "stop the steal". A woman was left dead.

Swiftly the media picked up the narrative. Trump incites riot. Trump must be impeached. Trump off Twitter and all Social media. Along with all of his partners in crime.

Once more we see how a reset can take place so quickly. Trump, an inspirational populist, had gathered a huge crowd for a peaceful protest. A tiny fraction of the multiplied thousands who were there got taken over by Antifa and others. They had planned this attack long before Trump's final rally, as witnessed by the fact that they were carrying implements of destruction on their persons.

But Trump was finished. For a while. Millions knew that the left had gotten away with the crime of the century, and Trump, deserted by friend and foe, was left to bear the burden of a lost nation.

Why now?

Why all of this? Why now? What has brought this once great country to a place where half of its people desire a new world governed by man?

There's been a slow creeping evolution in a downward spiral - call it *devolution* - toward the one socialism she seems to crave. America played with the idea of the League of Nations. But did not join it. Then she entered *fully* into the United Nations. But she has opposed many of its decisions, and been vocal about the UN leaving the US.

Then the Paris Peace Accord. And of course, NATO. The Iran nuclear deal. In and out of treaties that threatened to take away her sovereignty, her special character, her "exceptionalism."

But the forces of Reset are formidable. There are nations all over the planet, and voices all over our nation, clamoring for a new

world. A fresh start. And the evil within our borders that reaches out to these forces, who can stop it?

Is there no future for us? Is it too late? Is God's judgment to fall on us now as it has fallen on nations and empires all over the world that have left God out of their plans?

How much of this lifting of God's hand of protection has to do with the evil we have become?

There are an estimated forty to fifty million abortions worldwide, according to the World Health Organization. These abortions take place in Communist countries, Islamic countries, Hindu and Buddhist countries, countries with no religion. But America has worn the name "Christian."

Yet we kill one of those forty to fifty right here. One million a year. Three thousand a day. Murdered in the womb of their mother. Some of those mothers claiming to be Christian? Perhaps God is displeased with this?

Fifteen to twenty million persons in the United States identify as "gay." Five percent of the population. Many of them are now uncovering their shame before the populace. Is the God who created marriage and marital relationships perhaps ready to end the gay parade?

There are many more national sins. Have they pushed us over the edge, in God's sight. Many believe so.

And there is yet another factor entering into the demise of nationalism. The former head of the one-world government of

Rome is still with us, waiting for another time in the sun.

Where stands the Papacy on the coming reset?

BIO

“George”, we would have called him.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the future Pope Francis was to become “the first” in several categories. First Jesuit Pope. First from the Southern Hemisphere (though he is ethnically Italian), first Pope from outside of Europe since Syrian Gregory III in the 8th century!

Why study the Pope when speaking of a New World Order? Easy. The Popes lost their rule centuries ago and would do most anything to get it back. Their aim, like all new-worlders, is world domination. They would say it is for kinder gentler motives, but the world has already seen what a Roman Catholic rule looks like, and for now is not interested.

But if the Pope can join hands with those who seek a rearrangement of nations, and help bring it about, perhaps the world will forget the brutality of its former reign. Let’s see if this Pope is the man we have been looking for.

The present Pope’s father was an Italian immigrant who left the fatherland during the reign of Mussolini. In Argentina, the family grew to five children, the oldest of which was Jorge. As a youth he attended a technical school and soon became an assistant in a chemical lab. Before this more professional work, Bergoglio had

served as bar bouncer and janitor.

At age 21 the future Pope developed pneumonia. After recovery, he had career choices to make, and he decided on the priesthood. Three years of Seminary, and then entry into the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), 1958. His vows were taken in 1960. Poverty. Chastity. Obedience.

Hard to move on without a comment about “poverty.” That vow is supposed to be for a lifetime. And although it is true that this Pope has done away with many of the frills of the Papacy, and lived a humble existence in comparison to his predecessors, his estimated worth at this moment is \$25 million. Not sure how all that works into the poverty vow.

Anyway, in 1960 he received a philosophy license, and began teaching literature and psychology in various schools.

He entered his theological studies in 1967 and in 1969 he was ordained to the priesthood. Titles and offices one after another were awarded him from 1969 to 1992.

Then it was on to the episcopate. Auxiliary Bishop. Bishop. And in 2001 Archbishop Bergoglio became Cardinal Bergoglio. His rise in power continued until in 2005 he was being considered already for the Papacy. But not quite. Not yet.

It was not until 2013, when the Cardinal was 76 years old that he was finally elevated to the top position, when he took the name Francis in honor of the saint who so loved the poor.

All men are flawed. All Popes are flawed. As a Protestant, one

of the greatest things that troubles me about this Pope and any Pope is the fact that he *is* a Pope, a “Holy Father” when such titles are forbidden among the people of God.

And of course, his message.

ROME: ALWAYS THE MIXED MESSAGE.

Catholic doctrine sometimes meshes with Christian doctrine, and many are therefore enticed to join up. There are familiar sounding words within Rome.

So to look at this man’s beliefs and critique them is not so easy. Some Popes who have controversy with Romanism turn out to be near Protestants. Others have no connection to the Christian faith at all.

The news about this Pope is that he tends to be on the liberal side. But many Catholics consider him quite conservative.

He does repudiate abortion.

But though he is opposed to gay marriage within the church, he welcomes civil unions of the same people.

If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge?” he philosophizes. “What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered. They’re children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable because of it.

But, same-sex marriage “disfigures God’s plan for creation.”

Divorce and remarriage has always been against Roman law. But Francis says,

It is important that the divorced who have entered a new union should be made to feel part of the church.

On the one hand he does not want old rules to be overlooked. On the other hand... he does.

The Pope plays a little fast and loose with Scripture also. The Lord's prayer, prayed for millennia by earnest believers in and out of the Catholic Church, recently got a make-over by the Pope. "lead us not into temptation" should not be there. God doesn't lead into temptation.

Not my words. The Pope's words.

FRANCIS THE GLOBALIST

Bergoglio's (sorry, Pope Francis') strongest arguments are against right wing fascist-like politicians who stress taking care of their own nation as opposed to contributing to the global agenda. For example, Mr. Trump.

A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not of building bridges, is not Christian.

Mr. Trump's response to this attack was characteristic of the American leader:

He accused the pope of being a "pawn" of the Mexican

government and warned that the Vatican would be attacked by ISIS if he (Trump) were not president.

Things settle down after the election, but the Pope has made it clear in other ways that he is definitely a New World Order man.

But then, the Pope *must be* a globalist. The Roman “church” he heads is global. Political. Catholic. The nations must be united and at peace to further Rome’s agenda.

Hidden behind the Pope’s plea for charity and peace among nations is a globalist agenda that sounds just like the dreams of world leaders past and present.

Massimo Faggioli speaks of all this in an article in *La Croix*, April 29, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic will have an impact on the world order and international relations, and of course also on the Catholic Church.

The papacy stands out as a global reference point. That's partly because most world leaders have lost credibility.

Can’t trust world leaders? Trust the Pope.

But it's also because Pope Francis, from the very beginning of his pontificate, has continually articulated the vision of the **one human family** in this one world: a world made of borders that can become thresholds for new human relations.

The very definition of globalism.

Papal teaching in recent years has paved the way for a "global peace process" [they] could not be more visibly different from the policies of the strongmen that currently lead governments in places like the United States, Russia, India, Turkey and Brazil.

Rome vs the world. When all else fails, come home to us.

And how do you like that, Americans? Trump was a "strongman" like the ones in Communist countries and under dictatorships.

After the pandemic, there will be

a **new world order** with quite different consequences in different countries. In Italy it meant the rise of Fascist rule between 1922-1925 and for two decades until the end of World War II.

He fails to mention Rome's silent compliance with the dictatorships of those years, and must be blind to compare them with America today, as he will strive to do...

We can already see that the global health crisis has confirmed Pope Francis' interpretation of our times as a disruption of globalization.

What? We were on our way to a world government when COVID-19 slowed down our plans? Then thank God for COVID-19! When God has separated nations, as He did in Genesis 10, let not man bring them back together again.

He enlarges on his idea:

There are different ways of looking at the consequences of the pandemic on the world order. Some see this moment as a crisis of internationalism in terms of trying to stop globalization as the path to prosperity.

However one sees it, the pandemic certainly could accelerate shifts in the balance of power in particular parts of the world.

Balance of power. Code word for the New World Order.

The biggest question concerns relations between and among Europe, the United States and China. The Vatican has already had to significantly adapt its geopolitical posture towards three entities over past several years, especially after Trump's election and thanks to the epoch-making agreement between the Holy See and the Chinese government on the appointment of bishops of September 2018.

There is no question that the response to the pandemic has deepened the crisis of American leadership in the world. The United States' legitimacy as a global leader has always been based on stable domestic governance, the provision of global public goods and the ability (and willingness) to coordinate a global response to crises.

But now? No more. Trump looks out for America! Read on:

The coronavirus pandemic is testing all three elements of US leadership. So far, Washington is failing the test, said two US-based experts on Asia in a recent essay in **Foreign Affairs**.

He goes on to question Catholic power and response in Europe.

COVID-19 will also accelerate the shift in power and influence from West to East,

wrote **Stephen Walt** in the magazine *Foreign Policy*.

South Korea and Singapore have responded best, and China has reacted well after its early mistakes. The response in Europe and America has been slow and haphazard by comparison, further tarnishing the aura of the Western 'brand', he said.

Down with the West, in particular America. And China? Responding well, thank you.

A GROWING THREAT

No, the Pope did not write the preceding articles. But he well could have. And the Papacy has always been a factor in world events. There is no question which side Rome has taken and will take.

Rome is forever busy reaching out to non-Catholic entities to get on board. Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus. And other Christian entities are now dropping their guard, forgetting the reasons and the rhetoric of the Reformation, coming to Rome sweet home.

We've heard recently of bizarre meetings of Catholic leaders and Protestant preachers, embracing each other's differences, washing each other's feet, yea even kissing those appendages in public, to let God's people know that we are all one.

But we are not. Not really. The stage is simply being set for visible oneness in religion and polity. Our enemy is attempting as he always has to subvert the ordering of God in Genesis, the creating

of nation states that would live independently of one another, so as not to give Satan any ideas about ruling the entire world.

Many of these nations have determined that God will be their sovereign. Others continue to ignore Him and reap the benefits. So far, the world has resisted the idea of unity.

No longer. The threat of disease and war and poverty now rises up and demands oneness, at any price.

The price: the faith of Jesus Christ. Let it go!

Rome has shown no great zeal for truth over the centuries. Only for power. Bow to our man and you are part of the family. Go your own way and life is not good for you.

The present Pope will indeed walk in the footsteps of the men before him who have given their Papacy to the reunification of all who dared to leave them. And all men like sheep have strayed into the fold of their warm embrace. All but a few.

If indeed Rome is the city called Babylon, as Revelation 17 indicates, her glory will be short-lived in the end time. The political power that brought her up from near extinction will cast her off its back ultimately and give allegiance to one man.

World religion will collapse, and the religion of antichrist will rear its ugly head.

All of these facts are found in Revelation 17. Take a look. Do we wonder why Rome has not promoted meaningful study of a Bible that is true?

And speaking of the true, where does the true church fit into all these matters?

The “True” Church?

God intended for His church to be salt and light in every nation where it found itself. Never was it promised that all men in a nation would turn to Christ, but the church living out the life of Christ would so permeate the culture with its ways that a certain level of morality and peace and therefore God’s prosperity would surface.

In other words, “Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah (Psalm 33:12).” And God promises to heal the land of those who repent. Seeing our nation as it is today causes us to conclude that the church has stopped being that salt, that light.

Here is John MacArthur, in a December 2020, letter to his supporters:

As all discerning Christians know, our nation has reached a point of godlessness and immorality that appears beyond remedy. There is a feeling among true believers that the cultural Christianity and morality that our nation has tried to hold onto has been replaced by blatant sin and deception. It is common to meet faithful Christians who fear for the future that their children and grandchildren will face. It is almost a sense of dread.

At the same time, this freefall into unrighteousness is dragging many churches and religious organizations with it as they attempt to court the world and the culture. It has been popular for churches to connect to the world in an ill-conceived attempt to reach non-Christians only to find that the world may like your style but hate the truth.

Finding biblical fidelity, spiritual integrity, doctrinal clarity and Christian courage seems more difficult now than I have ever seen it...

There are many outside the Roman church who will proudly keep their distance from that organization, but with less and less reason. That is, they have no clue any longer what the reason is. They think of themselves as the “true” church, and some of them are.

Some are as false as Rome.

OOPS! MISSED IT!

Take the “prophets” of our day. How many of them told you in the name of God that Donald Trump would win the election and serve a second term? Where are they now? Let me give you some of their names so you will be sure to avoid them, especially when your checkbook is out.

And let us be like Jeremiah, the true prophet, in the midst of all this chicanery. Babylon is falling. The nation has sinned against God and deserves its punishment. America has bowed to the abortion industry. The sexual perversion industry. Crime of all sort. The destruction of the family. Violence. Her judgment is just. Let God’s people know that judgment of their nation is coming and is just.

Trump was not defeated by Biden. That is laughable! He was defeated by the evil that festers in our nation. And in our church. But listen to the “great” prophetic voices among us, like Pat Robertson, Denise Goulet, Kat Kerr, Greg Lock, Mark Taylor, Taribo West, Kevin Zadai, Marcus Rogers, Paula White, Kris Vallotton, Curt Landry, Jeremiah Johnson, Shawn Bolz.

All of them claimed Mr. Trump would win a second term. All of them need to be ignored in the future. For examples,

On 10-21-2020, the very well-known and somewhat respected head of CBN and Regents College **Pat Robertson** predicted a certain win for the President, to be followed by a series of upsetting riots and chaos in the country.

But on 12-22-20, the charismatic leader who himself ran for President, was quoted as saying that Mr. Trump should “move on.” Forget it. Ain’t gonna happen. Words to that effect.

Not the first time he has called it wrong. *USA Today* reports

In 1976, he predicted the world would end in 1982. And in his 1990 book, *The New Millennium*, he said the world would be destroyed on April 29, 2007.

If false prophecies make false prophets, well...

Then there’s

offbeat ones like the pink-haired **Kat Kerr** of Jacksonville, Fla. Back in 2018, she said that not only would Trump have two terms, but so would Vice President Mike Pence when he will run for president, as will Pence’s running mate. “For 24 years,” she said, “we will have God in that White House.”

(From unplugged.com)

I don’t need to believe “Kat” any further, and neither do you. And when you check out her teachings, you want to keep on running from her falsity:

The following is from evangelicaltimes.org

As with the psychics and mediums of spiritism, she [“Kat”] also ‘visits’ deceased loved ones, in order to bring back reports to the bereaved on their status. Always she reports that the departed are safe in heaven, much to the bereaved’s comfort. In one instance, according to her testimony, a person who had lost a loved one was surprised to hear of the deceased person being in heaven at all!

She reports that every human being has at least one guardian angel from the moment of conception. These angels go with believers along the road of life and at death accompany them all the way to heaven. Sometimes, however, Jesus personally does the work of escorting to heaven, at least for those who have been especially faithful.

She has learned that, if a person does bad things while on earth, the guardian angel is owed an apology upon arrival in heaven!

Is it possible that Trump’s demise was brought about to expose these prophetic nightmares, yes, even the ones given by a person that became close to the President?

Trump’s personal spiritual advisor **Paula White** was very convinced this second term was going to happen, yet was holding daily prayer meetings just to be sure.

Something to ponder there. If God has made a statement that something is going to happen, isn’t it settled whether I pray or not?

Evidently not. The “unplugged” site quoted above tells us she called for angels to come from Africa and South America to help President Trump win the 2020 election.

And Hollandsentinel.com reports that White sealed the deal with this utterance in “tongues”...

“Tika hatta onda ora batta ronda aka aka ora manda rasa ta, etc.,” while promoting Trump.

Please do not bother looking up Paula’s “speaking in tongues” prophesy on your Google translator. I’ve never seen nor heard a language, ancient or modern, composed almost exclusively of two syllable words.

Kris Vallotton, “prophet” at Bill Johnson’s Bethel Church of Redding California, is in for the second term. Trump will win. But when the votes didn’t come in for Trump in November, Kris begged forgiveness:

“I take full responsibility for being wrong. There was no excuse for it. I think it doesn’t make me a false prophet, but it does actually create a credibility gap. A lot of people trust me; trust my ministry. I want to say I am very sorry to everyone who put their trust in me. There was this major, major mistake.

“I want to say I’m sorry and I want to look into the reasons why there was a disconnection there in what I heard. I have always believed that when you make a public declaration; that if you get it wrong, you have to make a public apology.”

I disagree with Kris in one point. I think men who speak in the name of the Lord a false prophecy, are false prophets. Period.

Kris took down his apology soon after he posted it... thinking maybe he was right after all? He wasn't. He said on Instagram, essentially, if Trump wins, I'll rejoice that my word was correct. If not, we move on [my words].

So, when you hear "prophets" of today telling fortunes, predicting the future, you know there's a 50-50 chance that their "prophecy" is correct. Or incorrect. Same odds you and I have.

But not of God, either way. A fortune teller will get it right often, but have no connection to God at all!

And then there's **Jeremiah Johnson**, a serious charismatic in Lakeland, Florida. Got it wrong. But defending himself immediately:

"I don't believe that if you miss a prophecy [it] makes you a false prophet."

Interpreted that means, keep the offerings coming. Don't desert me now. (From Eternitynews.com)

And **Charlie Shamp**. I can do no better than quote that "unplugged" site again:

One such individual is Charlie Shamp, 38, a North Carolina evangelist who — unusual even for this movement — has affixed the title of "Prophet" before his name. Interviewed on Nov. 10, he said his fellow prophets had called the election correctly despite what the headlines say.

"When you have tested prophets that have got numerous prophetic words over the years correct, you begin to question the narrative that is presented to us and stop questioning whether the prophets got it right or not,"

he said. “When we have the church believing the media more than the prophets, there needs to be a discernment coming back to the body of Christ after four years of lies from the media.”

Shamp has prophesied that a sudden turnaround will happen in Pennsylvania and told [interviewer] Schultz that God will post a double rainbow around the White House as a sign. Without mentioning names, he took a shot at some prophets who had backed down from their predictions of a Trump victory.

“Those who do not have a spirit of discernment, they are backing down but we’re not backing down,” he said. Noting that he had predicted two years ago that a “red tide” would sweep the 2018 elections (it didn’t), he excused his mistake by saying God had intended for that to happen, but “something not right in the American election system” had stymied the divine will. At the time, Shamp apologized for his mistake.

“I took a hit for that and I said, you know what – I am going to bow down,” he remembered. “But I do not bow down anymore. There were too many inconsistencies that happened on Tuesday; too many things that, if you have eyes to see and ears to hear, church, you know that something was not right.”

Hey, no honest person is saying that Trump did not win. Or that there was no cheating. But you said some specific things that never happened. And Trump is not President, here in January. You are a false prophet, sir. Step down and admit it.

When Biden is inaugurated on that awful day in late January, the prophets will spiritualize their prophecies, rework them so as to come out smelling like the roses they are not. Shamp is already blaming believers:

“The justice scale is resting in the center, the heart of the nation,” said Shamp. “It’s either going to go one way or the other way. The only deciding factor that is going to change this moment in history is the church. The church has to rise take hold of the prophetic word, decree it and do not let go of it.”

Interpreted: My prophecy was not wrong. It’s your prayer life that stinks!

But it’s not the first time Shamp has been off. Way off. The *Heterodox Research Initiative* reported this failed Shamp prophecy of a few years back:

Today while I’m prayer I was taken to Maine, the State located on the East Coast of America where I was shown a massive amount of fish and lobster caught in fishing nets. I heard the Lord say, “Maine, oh Maine, you will break all records in the fishing industry this year.” For the Lord says, “You shall be a sign to the nation that abundance and blessing are returning to America. The working men and women of America will partake and touch luxury and wealth where they never have before. Where they felt for years that they could never catch a break the Lord says, this will be a time of abundant blessing and prosperity for my people.” The Lord said to me again, “Watch the fishing industry of Maine for it will be the sign!” -Charlie

Maine did not break all records that year, and actually showed decline.

Then there was that hurricane that Shamp said was a backlash to the Kavanaugh episode. From the same research:

Prophet Charlie Shamp gave a prophecy that Hurricane Michael [2018] would be silenced. It was apparently silenced down to a CAT 4 with 155mph winds at landfall, causing much damage and life lost. Shamp engaged in some prophetic chest thumping, indicating major world leaders should come to him

for insight into the future. Based on the definition of silenced, I suggest world leaders refrain from going to him.

Silenced, for the record, means compelled to silence. Suppressed. A hurricane that kills and damages is not a silenced hurricane. Shamp was wrong. Dead wrong.

Dabbling in prophetic politics, Shamp prophesied that in the November 2018 midterm, conservatives would carry House and Senate. Republicans would hold the House, and gain nine seats in the Senate! From the same source as above:

Charlie Shamp's prophetic word about the 2018 midterm election was going just fine until it was hacked and meddled with by reality. Shamp and most of his supporters will flippantly shrug their shoulders at using God's name in vain and speaking falsely in his name, and move to the next "prophetic" word.

The Republicans lost the House. Gained two Senate seats. Not even close, Charlie. No one needs to fear or follow you. You are a totally false prophet. And don't use the "prophesying in part" argument of 1 Corinthians 13:

Prophesying in part, and knowing in part doesn't mean God won't communicate clearly when he gives a word. That didn't mean God communicated incompletely when he gave a revelation, it meant sometime in the future we would have full revelation on all things.

Enough of Charlie Sham Shamp. There are others...

Like Shawn Bolz and his "feeling" prophecies.

"I felt like Trump was going to be president twice and that he would have an encounter in his second term, more of an encounter for God and who he is and for his family," Bolz said. "There's going to be more boldness in the second term and it's going to be disruptive, but I think it's helpful because there's so many systems in place that are old and tired, and need to be knocked down."

(FoxNews.com)

Not only that, he said in March 2020, when the virus was just taking hold, that it would lose its hold within a couple weeks or a couple months. I write about this miserably failed prophecy here in January 2021, as serious spikes still are occurring all over the country.

The prophets stick together. And go down together. Write them all off. Open your Bible and read God's prophecies. Some have already come to pass. All will eventually!

It will be hard to trust any public pronouncements after the flood of falseness we have endured... not just from the politicians, the media, the pollsters, but our own people... if they really are our own:

"All the prophets are still saying that Donald Trump is going to win, that God spoke long before this election," Stephen Strang – the founder of Charisma magazine – tells his podcast The Strang Report in a mid-November episode "We are not to listen to negative reporting."

Jeremiah Johnson told his YouTube channel:

"As someone who is in touch with all the prophets in America, who have prophesied that Donald Trump would win a second term, they are not giving an inch. They are not willing to

budge. They are not willing to repent. All of us are unanimous, believing the word God spoke to us that Trump indeed would win a re-election. And that what's happening right now, the false prophets of the media literally cutting themselves, they are dancing in the street, they are shouting.”

(From eternitynews.com)

How many of these prophets saw the coming of the COVID-19 crisis? The breaching of the Capitol building? A woman shot and killed in the Capitol? A stolen election?

I won't have to list those prophets. There are none. Prophecy in this confused age is guess-work, and comes from within the human spirit. And that's the nice way to say it.

Why spend so much time speaking of false prophets? Well, isn't it true, as one of them said in our day, that the existence of false prophets implies the existence of true one? Yes, indeed. There are true prophets. And in a later section we will highlight their prophecies of a coming reset after all the human efforts are finally spent.

These “prophets” of our day often ignore true prophecy. Prophecy about themselves, for example. Horrible promises as in 2 Peter and Jude, of their future.

They will, as Rome did, point people away from the Word of God, and to themselves. It's so much easier to listen to someone's dream, after all, than to buckle down and start searching the Scriptures, prophecies by true men of God.

The Bible is just so hard, they will tell you. Too many facts. Too many details. Too many rules. These are the folks that know all the baseball scores, and all the modern songs of our day, every word. If you let them, they will recite or sing their knowledge flawlessly. But the Scriptures, well...

DOMINION THEOLOGY

Some of these “true” believers, a growing number of them, are “Dominion Theology” folks. I’m sure it is only coincidental that the company that helped steal our major election is named “Dominion.” But the philosophy behind these “theologians” is just as faulty and just as dangerous.

That philosophy which is stealing the hearts of millions of believers is the idea that Christians are world changers, conquerors of all the areas of human life and thought. Christians, they say, are to be leaders in every imaginable field of endeavor. Finance. Recreation. Business. The Movies. Everything.

They are in fact to take *dominion* over all humans in the name of Jesus, then present to Jesus a perfect world when He returns.

No. That’s not true. But you see how globalism even enters the hearts of God’s people and makes them join hands with other globalists, especially Globalist number one in the “Christian” world, the Pope of Rome.

Jesus called His people to a cross. He called them to suffering. Poverty. He called them to bring others by the foolishness of preaching, into the Kingdom. We are aliens here, looking for a city. We are on a pilgrimage, asking others to join with us in our trek to the heavenly Canaan.

None of that changed in our generation. Those that have followed this dream have gone astray and will suffer great loss, if they are saved at all. Some have joined us thinking the Christian walk is a power play, a way to show off human talents and call it spiritual. A way to “be me”, to glorify flesh, to reach my own personal “destiny” and life goals. Me. Me. Me.

It is not the way of Jesus, this Dominion thing. And it’s been around for decades. If you count Rome’s power plays, it’s been around for centuries! It will fail.

No. It has failed. Is the world better today after all these attempts by so-called Christians to conquer it “for Jesus”? From the Crusades to the mega-congregations of our day, how has society become better and more fit for the return of Christ?

Whether Dominion voting machines or dominion theologians, all attempts by man to manipulate God’s plan will end in awful darkness and shame. Come out. Be separate. Take the offence of the cross on your own shoulder. Suffer shame for His Name.

Dominionists and their friends in Rome may reset history indeed, but Christ will not be in it. Christ suffers alone in yon Garden and on yon hillside. Those who love this Christ, not the fake one being promoted by media and microphone, will go outside the Camp and suffer with Him.

By the way, two true prophets are coming. Only two. They are mentioned in the book of Revelation. They lived once on earth. They never died, but they have an appointment with death and will keep that appointment before a watching world.

These men will teach the truth to God’s people that are left in the world at that time. Precious few. They will also announce truth,

we assume, to the world, and accompany their teachings with miracles. As all true prophets they will be hated by the world and worldly believers. Hence their death.

Do any of our modern prophets fear for their lives because of their sugar-coated and mostly false utterances? Show us the scars, and the true miracles and power that accompany true prophets of God.

Oh yes, Paul said we may all “prophecy.” The word of God does indeed find its way into our hearts and then our mouth-gates. And most effectively, those words come from the words of the apostles and prophets of old, found in your Bible. Let the Word of God flow in this way.

But don’t confuse this with the message of the man of God that is straight from heaven. Two men will wrap up prophecy at the very end. Until then, best to pass on these Holy Scriptures to our generation.

For those who know well the Scripture, there will be no great shock when the “beast” of Revelation takes the reins of the new world order and makes it his own personal plaything. In Reset number two.

RESET 2. Babylon and the reign of Antichrist.

If the trends we discussed under “Reset 1” continue, a world order dominated by socialistic ideas will emerge. In time, the realignment of nations will bring on the reign of antichrist.

I am no prophet. As you have just read, I repudiate those who speak in the name of the Lord today and are consistently wrong in everything they predict. I refuse to guess or trust my own changing spirit to come up with messages for God’s people.

For you see, God has already spoken. What I will share with you from Revelation 17 and other such chapters, is God’s truth. It will come to pass. And if the reset we see after America’s 2020 fall continues, it may start looking like the end very soon. Heed God’s Word.

Revelation 17 (NASB, 1995.)

The seventeenth chapter of Revelation has been discussed and fought over so often that men wish to ignore it today. But that is unfortunate. Revelation 17 tells us of

- the final world religion.
- the identity of Babylon.
- the antichrist’s identity.
- the ordering of world empires.
- the order of events of the end times.

Certainly it is worth a little examination of Revelation 17 to enlighten us on these subjects, yes? Let’s try it.

THE END OF THE WORLD

As the curtain opens on this chapter (17), it is evident that a bit of backtracking is about to take place. For, by the end of chapter 16, all the great cities of all the great nations have fallen. Babylon, a world empire and world religion, has fallen. Islands and mountains are no more. Hailstones are falling on the residents of earth as one final blast of judgment.

John is then beckoned by an angel who participated in that awful scene and asked to look more closely at Babylon and the entity she has ridden to power, *before* they met their cataclysmic end. A sea of mysteries is suddenly uncovered, and we do well to see what John saw.

After all, the Holy Spirit has told us in the very first verses of the book, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy and heed the things which are written in it” (Revelation 1:3). So read with me, hear, and heed.

THE WOMAN IS ROME

First there is a description of a prostitute sitting on many waters. She is defined in verse 18 as “the great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.” Straightforward enough, I think. We Christians have shied away from “naming names”, but is there any other great city in John’s day – “reigns” is present tense – that could meet such a description but the city of Rome?

Did not Rome do awful damage to the Christian Church in John’s day and thereafter? Did not pagan Rome pose many threats to the Church for centuries? Did not pagan Rome melt into Papal Rome with its burning of Scriptures and their translators? Did not Rome consign to the flames those believers who spoke against her

in those long years we call the Dark Ages? Dark because the Word of God was held back from God's people and the world?

Has all this been explained any better? Why should we try to hide something that is as clear as can be here in God's Book?

The woman sits on many waters, on many nations, but zoom in a little and you will see (v. 3) that she is aided in her world conquest by a scarlet "beast." An animal with seven heads. And ten horns. He is soon to be explained, but not before the woman herself gets a close-up.

BABYLON AND ROME.

Beautiful attire. Purple. Scarlet. The colors of royalty. Colors of bishops and cardinals of the Roman church, some have said.

Extraordinarily rich. Is there a religious power on earth more worthy of this description than the Roman church/state headquartered in the Vatican? Though listed as a religious organization, the earthly side of Vatican City is the 18th wealthiest nation in the world, on a per capita basis.

The church is rich in its art, its land, its gold, its edifices, its investments, its political connections. Every source that tries to describe wealthy religious institutions puts Roman Catholicism at the top of the list.

JEREMIAH SAW HER TOO

She carries a cup filled with things and practices that God hates, things that damn men to eternal punishment. Jeremiah had a vision of the original city of Babylon (Jeremiah 50-51) of which John's revelation is an echo:

Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord, intoxicating all the earth. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are going mad. Suddenly Babylon has fallen... (vs 7-8)

And then the describing angel departs from the image of a city we thought we knew and talks about a Babylon in Jesus' day. This New Testament era Babylon is "drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses – martyrs – of Jesus."

John is puzzled. We are too. Weren't you talking about the old city of Babylon, angel? The one that came against your people Israel? How is it that this woman is tied in to the killing of Christians?

We read on.

ONE BABYLON, MANY LOCATIONS

Did I speak of the "original" Babylon? Did I give the impression that all the Old Testament talk of Babylon is simply that, Old Testament?

I have become more and more convinced that there is only one Babylon, re-named and superimposed on city after city, the final manifestation of which is none other than the city of Rome.

Jeremiah said with John, a little later in Revelation, that Babylon will fall suddenly. But the "original" Babylon did not fall suddenly. Hundreds of years after the Medes and Persians captured her, she was alive and well, even into and after the time of Jesus.

If we look at the bigger picture, we could say that Babylon **has never fallen at all**. She lived on in Medo-Persia. In Greece. In Rome. Rome pagan. Rome Papal. A kingdom still with us today.

AND NOW WHERE?

For this we need help from Daniel. Remember the statue of Nebuchadnezzar, that foretold the kingdoms of earth after him? The statue represented Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and a tenation confederation flowing out of Rome that would culminate in the coming of Christ to establish His own kingdom (Daniel 2).

If Rome was “Babylon” in the first days of the Roman Empire, why is it not still Babylon, now and until the end?

While America was thoroughly engaged in disputing and defending a fraudulent election, on November 10 there was a meeting of the Mediterranean Union. Nothing sinister here. Nothing spectacular. But proof that Rome still lives, that the Roman Empire can arise at any time God sees fit. A report of the meeting from ec.europa.eu:

The UfM Trade Ministerial Conference stressed the importance of ensuring that Mediterranean partners can take full advantage of opening markets. The newly launched trade and investment initiatives supported by the EU and implemented by partner organizations – the International Trade Centre, the International Labour Organization and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development – will contribute to that aim. Worth a total of €11 million, they will strengthen the impact of trade and investment on job creation in the Southern Mediterranean and encourage inclusive economic development.

The Ministerial Conference was held under the UfM Co-Presidency of Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis**, Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade, and Eng. Maha Ali, Jordanian Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply, in the presence of Mr Nasser Kamel, UfM Secretary-General.

Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade Valdis **Dombrovskis** stated: *“The Mediterranean region has been well-known throughout history for its thriving trade in knowledge and goods. I am pleased to see that the current pandemic did not stop this, and that we agree that vibrant regional trade can play a vital role in economic recovery in the EU and the broader Euro-Mediterranean region. That is why we need to continue working on deepening our engagement with our partners in the region. I strongly encourage businesses from both the Northern and Southern shores of the Mediterranean to take greater advantage of the opportunities that this regional trade, investment and economic partnership provides.”*

Jordanian Minister Eng. Maha Ali stated: *“This important Ministerial conference coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Barcelona Process of Euro-Mediterranean partnership, which laid the foundation for the formalisation of the Union for the Mediterranean and introduced a long-term regional framework for cooperation under the North-South Co-Presidency. The unprecedented social and economic vulnerabilities in the region aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic calls more than ever for solidarity and effective cooperation addressing compelling issues with special attention to the Southern shore of the Mediterranean. Jordan stands ready as Co-President of the UfM to work with the EU and the Southern Mediterranean countries to promote regional sustainable development under the Union for the Mediterranean framework.”*

UfM Secretary-General Nasser Kamel said: *“The current pandemic has led to far-reaching global disruptions of value-chains, contraction of trade and investment flows. Any ‘new normal’ in which enhanced trade and economic integration do not assume protagonism would not stand up to the legitimate aspirations of people on both shores of the Mediterranean. Today’s meeting demonstrates the common will of 42 countries to work together in these areas and illustrates the UfM’s action-driven methodology which turns our political*

mandates into concrete initiatives through a multi-partner regional dialogue.”

Summary: Lots of big money being generated in the region. Lots of interdependence. Lots of power. Keep your eye on this region.

But let us leave Babylon for a time and move on with chapter 17. The answer to my question about Babylon today may be clearer, later.

THE “BEAST”.

The woman sits on many waters, which are many nations. But the immediate location of her seat is atop a monstrous animal, which was first introduced to John’s readers in chapter 13. We should go there if we are to understand the seven heads and ten horns on this beast.

John first sees the beast rising out of the sea. From John’s perspective in the Roman Empire of the first century, this can only be the Mediterranean Sea. From the middle of a configuration of nations surrounding the Mediterranean Sea arises one who somehow represents all the evil empires of all time, all those who have come against God and His people.

To assure us we are on the right track here, several animals are mentioned as part of his description. The animals are the same as the ones mentioned in Daniel 7! These were the representations of the four kingdoms that would appear in Daniel’s day and forward.

Seven heads are seven kings and their kingdoms, which we will see back in chapter 17. But before that, verse 8, is a serious key to unlock a mystery for us. This animal, the beast that many evangelical scholars see as the antichrist, lived once before. He is

not alive on earth now. But he is going to arise from his holding place, do his dastardly deeds, then go to everlasting perdition.

Hear it again. The antichrist – if indeed we may assume that the beast is the antichrist – already lived on Planet Earth, was a historic figure, in John’s day. Also in John’s day, he was not alive on the Earth. But he was alive somewhere. How do we know? Because that same person is going to reappear on the Earth in the last days foretold here in Revelation 17.

A resurrected Emperor!

He will come out of the “abyss.” The Pit. How does this work? Chapter 9 of Revelation makes it clear. Whether speaking in symbolic or literal language, the message to us there is that the bottomless pit holds evil forces that, when the pit is “unlocked” somehow, are unleashed on the earth. In chapter 9 it is a horde of locusts. In our chapter 17, it will be antichrist.

But as Paul says in 2 Thessalonians, “That which hinders will hinder until he is taken out of the way.”

He has been preserved from death? Perhaps. Or he is resurrected from the dead, mimicking Christ, the One that antichrist hates so much.

His body will rise, be united to his spirit in the “Pit,” and then be filled with the spirit of Satan, says Revelation 13:2, “... and the dragon [the devil] gave him [the beast] his power and his throne and great authority.”

WISDOM: SEVEN HEADS, MOUNTAINS AND KINGS.

This prophecy is not child’s play. The angel tells us that to understand this word takes wisdom from God. This is my

understanding of what John was being told:

Based on the prophecies of Daniel 2 and 7, we know five of the seven mountains, or kingdoms, that have been raised up historically. Daniel was able to define Neo-Babylonia, that is, Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon, then Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. He also saw an outgrowth of that Roman Empire in the very last days.

Where are the other two?

Before Neo-Babylonia was Assyria. And before that, old Babylonia, based on the original city of Babylon, begun by Nimrod of the book of Genesis. These kingdoms form the backdrop of all Bible history! In every generation, in every empire of men, antichrist, anti-God has attempted to thwart the plans of the Creator to have a kingdom of His own.

That kingdom will come, and "Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun doth his successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more."

But there is another kingdom or two before that one.

Before we move on, we must take note that the angel said "kings", not "kingdoms." Is there one man that stands out as the very worst of men in each of these Empires?

Babylonia: Nimrod himself? A rebel against God, says Josephus. He is the one who caused a tower to be erected that would reach to Heaven. A mighty hunter "against" the Lord.

Assyria: Sennacherib? Killed with a sword, as is hinted for the death of antichrist

Neo-Babylonia: Nebuchadnezzar? Did he ever fully repent?

Medo-Persia: Was it Xerxes?

Greece: Antiochus Epiphanes is a candidate for sure in Daniel's prophecy, chapters 11-12. One moment the prophecy is speaking of Antiochus, and the next it is describing the end time king, or antichrist. Daniel 11 is fascinating and many point to this man as the one who shall return.

Rome: If there is one man in the Roman Empire who personified evil against the church, it would have to be Nero.

But Nero it cannot be, because of verse 10. The angel there tells us that "five have fallen." That is, Babylonia, Assyria, Neo-Babylonia, Medo-Persia, Greece. And he says that "one is." Rome, for sure. But Nero was not living when John received this message. Trajan would be the man...

... if it were not for verse 8: the beast "was and IS NOT..." We're left with the first five candidates.

It is not my purpose here to narrow the search for antichrist any further. I have published works about this subject elsewhere. I am attempting now to set the state of the final condition of the world when all is ready for the end. One of these men will return. Revelation Chapter 13, verse 3, tells us that one of the heads of the beast was wounded fatally, but healed. That's resurrection.

I must mention in passing the distraction known today as the seven-mountain mandate. According to its founders, and there are several competing voices for who that might be, there are seven spheres of influence that Christians are to conquer before Jesus comes.

I call it a distraction because it takes people's attention away from the real seven-mountain scenario of Revelation. In each of those mountains there reigns one who hates believers and will do anything he can to stop them. The sad truth is that Christians will conquer none of those mountains, but be slaughtered and sent to Heaven.

THE END-TIME KINGDOMS.

Here is where the angel is extremely specific about what is coming, what the world will look like in the very end of days. Listen carefully.

After telling us that five mountains have fallen, and one – namely Rome – is in existence at present, in John's day, he says that there is one which has not yet come. And as I write, it still has not yet come. But it will come. And it will remain only a short time. The number three and one half is mentioned several times in different ways in Revelation. Most believe that this "short time" of the seventh kingdom will be three- and one-half years, or the first half of what is commonly called the Tribulation, but which should Biblically be known as Daniel's "seventieth week."

Hang on now. More detail. That is not the last kingdom and king to look for. There is an eighth. The eighth (are you listening?) is one of the seven. Read it!

That sounds like a new piece of information, but it is what I have been saying. Antichrist is a resurrected Emperor. He is one of the seven kings and his kingdom is one of the seven kingdoms.

ANTIOCHUS?

Antiochus Epiphanes was on his way to challenge Rome when his world and his very life fell apart. Will he return to finish what he

started?

I quote from my book *The Last Message of Daniel*, the portion that foretells how a rising Rome interrupts Antiochus' own rise [Daniel 11:29-30]:

11:29a. “At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south”

In 168 [B.C.] is the third invasion of the Sixth War. Some say he [Antiochus Epiphanes] had actually placed the crown on the head of Euergetes [Egyptian monarch] in the last campaign and is coming this time ostensibly to correct that matter by crowning the rightful heir. Now, the rulers of Egypt have already come up with a plan for joint regency of the two brothers plus the mother. But Antiochus needs a reason. He returns to make things right, and works at it until winter stops him.

In the spring, he raises a siege of Alexandria and marches toward Memphis [in Egypt]. Philometer [brother of Euergetes] is properly installed as king. But when Antiochus is gone, the brothers talk again and decide, with Mom, that they don't need Antiochus telling them who will rule. The joint regency is re-established.

Antiochus, used to his own way, as was his dad, is not at all pleased. He attacks Memphis, then Alexandria, and has decided to crush this little satrapy in one blow, when he is interrupted, proving what God said, that

11:29b “it shall not be like the former or the latter.”

Not like former conquests of Egypt, not even like the last time he was here. Rome is on the scene again. The nemesis that had curbed his father's ambitions is ready to squelch his too.

11:30a “For ships from Cyprus shall come against him;”

In between these two trips, Egypt has cemented its ties with Rome. When the triumvirate of Egypt hear that

Antiochus is on the way, they get a message to their Big Brother [Rome]. Ships sailing out of Cyprus carry a Roman embassy to within a mile of Alexandria, where they wait for the approaching Epiphanes. Livy [Roman historian, 64 B.C. to A.D. 12] says that on their approach Antiochus salutes them and holds out his right hand to Popilius [consul of the Roman Republic], but into that hand Popilius delivers to Antiochus the decree of the Senate: Back off! Go home! Or else!

Popilius draws a circle where Antiochus stands and says, "Now choose, before you come out of this circle, whether you will evacuate Egypt or attack her."

It was an easy decision. Even a madman will not dare come against the rising might of Rome.

Antiochus immediately takes out his wrath on Israel, an easier target. But his passion against Rome remained. Will he return to breathe his ire on both entities?

THE TEN HORNS

More in verse 11. What about the ten horns? The beast has seven heads but ten horns. The seven deal with the past. The ten deal with the future. There will be ten kings and kingdoms that will join with antichrist to take over the world.

The statue's ten toes and the ten horns of both Daniel's and John's vision are all the same. A ten-nation confederacy will arise, flowing out of the "legs" portion of the statue of Daniel 2. That is, flowing out of Rome.

THE SEVENTY-WEEK PROPHECY CONFIRMS.

This is why, in the seventy-weeks prophecy of Daniel 9, it is said that the "people of the prince that shall come" shall destroy the sanctuary and the city etc.

It was the Romans who did that destruction in A.D. 70. The

prince that shall come will be the ruler over a revived Roman Empire.

That is what it will look like in the last days. Europe will rise. Not China. Not Russia. Europe. Not Islam.

But read on.

A seventh kingdom will emerge from Rome's old territory, but endure only a short time before antichrist comes by a miraculous entrance, says Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2, and takes over the kingdom.

Ten European/Northern African nations will unite and give their power to the beast (v. 12-13). They will also turn against the woman, Babylon. All religion will be banned as the beast claims the right to be worshiped. Here then is the prophecy of the destruction of Babylon finally fulfilled (v. 16).

Soon Christ returns, and all the kingdoms of men become His kingdoms (v. 14).

The rollcall of end-time nations.

What nations will be present in the very end, before Jesus comes?

THE UNITED STATES?

People have looked high and low in the Scriptures for my beloved nation in that day. I do not believe they can find it. Speculation that surrounds this strange conclusion:

- America is the victim of an all-out nuclear attack from one of the nations whose nuclear program we helped finance. Perhaps Iran? Perhaps North Korea?

- America's debts, coupled with left-wing propaganda that said we should have no borders, finally bring her down to a third-world status, and therefore has no meaningful role in end-time events.
- America joins hands with the one-world socialist movement, the desire for "reset", and becomes part of the rise of Europe, losing its identity, perhaps even reverting to colony status. God's judgment on a perverted nation that killed babies and promoted sexual errors of all sorts, a place of violence and no protection for the few keepers of the law left standing.

CHINA?

In 2020, the eyes of the world turned to this Eastern megaland. China has always been a mystery to the world, whether under her ancient pagan ways, or under Communism. She has been a devourer of much flesh. The smaller nations surrounding her have felt the vacuum power sucking them to her side. Some have resisted. Some have not.

But it was left to this awful year, for China to become a major threat to our own country. Fears abounded. Will china pass us? Has she already? Will she then threaten us militarily? Does she have those capabilities? Will China indeed rule the world one day, as it seems her aspirations point in that direction?

Only that last question can I answer clearly. No, China will not rule the world. On the authority of God's Word through angels to Daniel I can affirm that the only world powers to be on this planet have already been. An outgrowth of the final one, Rome, is

scheduled for the very end time.

China will make much noise though. She may indeed pass us. She may have already. This would line up with the other end time facts, namely a one-world government that is ruled from Europe and only attaches to the United States as an equal, not as a world power any longer.

Some of the noise to which I refer is recorded by both Daniel and John. Daniel's angel sees the antichrist wreaking havoc on the planet, gobbling up nation after nation, Hitler-like. He gathers a nearly universal following until he is interrupted on two fronts: The East, and the North:

Daniel 11:44, "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him [antichrist]..."

Those rumors take a little more substance in Revelation 16:12. Judgments are falling worldwide, even before the return of Christ. A long-standing water dispute regarding the Euphrates River, is suddenly turned into an international incident. The waters of that great river are totally shut down, and marching over the land that appears is an army headed by the "kings of the east."

Surely China is involved in this westward march. We are given no more details here. In Revelation 9, a similar scene involving the Euphrates and a huge army is painted for us. Here, the soldiers seem to be mechanical. And one third of mankind is destroyed!

We don't rule China out of end time prophecy, for sure! But though she causes huge destruction, and always has, she will never ascend to the top spot of Earth's reign. That position is left for only

three kingdoms as we see it now:

- The 10-nation confederation of the revived Roman Empire, under the seventh world ruler.
- The antichrist, who moves into power of the final Roman Empire.
- The long-prophesied and desired Kingdom of God headed up by Jesus Christ.

AND RUSSIA?

The Daniel prophecy above that refers to “rumors out of the East” also mentions the same out of the North. Due north of Israel, the place where antichrist will have moved his religious headquarters by then, is Moscow. The great Bear of the North has plagued mankind for centuries, and will continue to do so until after the Millennium, when it seems that Satan will use that barren land to re-gather for one last assault on Israel, even as Messiah reigns!

Ezekiel the prophet sees all of these happenings. We infer that if Russia is still around after the Millennium, she certainly is here before it, during the Tribulation. But there seems to be no reference to it, other than those ugly rumors that wend their way down into antichrist’s hearing and make him take notice.

Russia will be quite possibly joining with China in that last attempt to gain world power.

ISLAMIC COUNTRIES?

Before the world was fearing China’s takeover, you may recall that Islam dominated the news cycle. Saddam Hussein. Osama Bin Laden. Taliban. Isis. Muslims in our own government. Humanity

jumps from one conclusion to another, guessing with no basis, speculating theory after theory.

Islam will not rule the world, though it too will make its attempts. You will remember that the original Roman Empire encircled the Mediterranean Sea. The southern portion of that ring today is all Islamic.

Daniel saw a group of ten nations that would rise in the end. If indeed a Roman-like monster is to rejoin humanity, it will rise with democracies and kingdoms joined in a loose but real alliance to thrust its power into the faces of yet another cowering humanity base. In that sense, yes, Islam will be in power in the last days, but somehow in cooperation with non-Islamic democracies.

EUROPE.

There seems to be no doubt that Europe, at least great portions of it, will be around in that last reset of history. The Common Market. The European Union. Union for the Mediterranean. See all the attempts already to unify that block of nations. Oh, Europe shall rise.

Did you not see the advertising for EU in its early days? The picture of a woman riding a beast? Simply Google "Europa and the bull." Straight out of Revelation the enemy flaunted his program before us! And where was the treaty signed that confirmed the coming together of Europe's power? Of course! Rome itself!

Don't be distracted by China or Russia or the Muslims. Rome will indeed rise again.

RESET 3. The Ultimate Earthly Reset.

Jesus returns to His capital, Jerusalem.

The Devil will have his day, short though it be. After his sickly reign comes the glorious time seen by prophets and apostles and all his saints since. We've dubbed it the "Millennium" because of the one-thousand-year period assigned to it. But in Scripture it is *the Kingdom*.

The Kingdom is set up upon the return of Christ with His own people, gathered in from the four winds of heaven and every righteous grave. They will go up to Him, then descend with Him until His feet "stand on the Mount of Olives" (Zechariah 14:4).

Zechariah tells more about that moment. All the nations will have been gathered against Jerusalem to battle, "and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled... Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle (14:2, 3)."

We've been taught for decades that the evacuation Jesus was talking about in Matthew 24 had to do with the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. What if it had to do with His coming, and the days, even years, just before His coming, as per Zechariah?

Consider this order of events: Antichrist sets up the abomination of desolation. The people leave Jerusalem, as Matthew 24 relates. The Tribulation breaks out. False Christs appear. Then Christ comes and settles the score Himself. That's all possible within the Zechariah prophecy and the words of Jesus.

Then the Reset. **The Greater Reset.** Matthew 25 describes it. Here again the interpretations we have received traditionally don't quite match the wording given in Scripture. We've been told that when Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these, you did it to Me," He was talking about nice things you and I do for poor people. Well and good. Might work. But...

Sheep and goat nations divided.

...what if the words are literally true? Matthew 25:31 and following...

1. The Son of man comes. Of course, His church is with Him, caught up from earth and brought from heaven, as are the angels.
2. The nations of the world are gathered before Him. Not the church. They are behind Him, resurrected and secure. No, not them, but the people who lived up to the coming of the Lord.
3. The nations are separated. Good and bad.
4. The separation is based on how they treated God's people *during the Tribulation* and perhaps other times.
5. The nations that were pro-Jesus enter into the Kingdom Age, supervised by the Kingdom people, the church of God.
6. The nations that fought Jesus are led off to punishment.

And so the visible kingdom begins. The geo-political reset is on. All remaining nations are aligned with Christ. But that does not imply that every individual has had a heart change. At the end of the Kingdom Age, the unbound enemy will still find on earth those who would rather side with him than with Christ. We'll see how

that goes later...

What Moses saw.

...but first, let's see what this kingdom will look like once it is in operation. For this vision, we will visit Deuteronomy, the Psalms and the prophets. There is so much in the Psalms that I only share a line from several of the most obvious references. Then the prophets. Isaiah will be first and say most. I will add comments as needed.

But we begin with the great prophet Moses. His last days were spent in giving severe warnings to the Israelites. There are curses and dreary predictions. Even a song he composes tells of the sorry disobedience of the children of Israel he has guided through the wilderness.

But at the very end of his last prophecy, a tribe-by-tribe telling of future status, the Spirit of God causes Moses to look to the very end of the real Israel and say this:

The eternal God is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and he drove out the enemy from before you, and said, "Destroy."

So Israel dwells in security, the fountain of Jacob secluded, in a land of grain and new wine; his heavens also drop down dew.

Blessed are you, O Israel; who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, who is the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! So your enemies will cringe before you, and you will tread upon their high places."

Israel would walk through many valleys and lower depths than that in its coming days. But before them still is the promise of Moses of a prosperous land and a remnant people governed by God Himself.

What the Psalmists saw.

The Psalms saw it much more clearly. Here are portions of many such writings. David, Solomon, and the sons of Korah, join their voices in expectation of a coming kingdom.

Psalm 2:6 - I have installed My King on Zion, My holy hill.

Psalm 2:8 - I will make the nations Your inheritance, the end of the earth Your possession.

Psalm 22:28 - For dominion belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.

Psalm 37:11 - But the meek will inherit the land, and enjoy great peace.

Psalm 37:29 - The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.

Psalm 47:8 - God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne.

Psalm 48:1 - Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, His holy mountain.

Psalm 67:4 - May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Psalm 72:8 - All kings will bow down to Him, and all nations will serve Him.

Psalm 72:19 - Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Psalm 86:9 - All the nations you have made will come and worship before You, O Lord; they will bring glory to Your name. Psalm 98:2 - The Lord has made His salvation known

and revealed His righteousness to the nations;

Psalm 98:3 - He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Psalm 102:15 - The nations will fear the name of the Lord; all the kings of the earth will revere Your glory.

Psalm 102:16 - For the Lord will rebuild Zion and appear in His glory.

Psalm 102:21 - So the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem.

Psalm 105:10-11 - He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant; I will give you the land of Canaan.

Psalm 110:2 - The Lord will extend Your mighty scepter from Zion; You will rule in the midst of Your enemies.

Psalm 111:6 - He remembers His covenant forever. He has shown His people His power, giving them the lands of other nations. Psalm 125:2 - As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people both now and forevermore.

Psalm 132:13-14 - For the Lord has chosen Zion, He has desired it for His dwelling; this is My resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it - I will bless her with abundant provisions.

What the other prophets saw.

Much of the following prediction is used by believers in our own day as applying to themselves. There's some truth there. He who has brought the Kingdom of God into present-day hearts is the same One who will rule in that day. Kingdom people are kingdom people in every age. But too often, a literal physical kingdom is ruled out by the "kingdom now" folks. Here is Isaiah...

ISAIAH

Jerusalem will be called a city of righteousness, a faithful city.

Transgressors will be crushed.

The mountain of the Lord's House will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills. And all the nations will stream to it.

Many people will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways, and that we may walk in His paths."

The law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And He will judge between the nations [sounds like Matthew 25?] and will render decisions for many peoples. And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.

It will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy.

Then the Lord will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

A child will be born to us, a son will be given to us [the Christmas story]; and the government will rest on His shoulders [suddenly the Millennium story]; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

There will be no end to the increase of His government of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore.

[Now the King of this kingdom] A shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse... the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord... And He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

[A real earth will real people and animals as after the creation. But no violence.] And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them.

And the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

They will not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

[Truly Jesus will be in charge.] In that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples. And His resting place will be glorious.

In that day you will say, Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted. Let this be known throughout the earth.

On that day the deaf will hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. The afflicted also will increase their gladness in the Lord, and the needy of mankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. [What He did when He was here, but multiplied.]

All who are intent on doing evil will be cut off.

Jacob shall not now be ashamed. They will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob. Those who err in mind will know the truth, and those who criticize will accept instruction. [Satan is bound. Men are free.]

[A normal earth with abnormal prosperity.] He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork.

You will have songs in the night when you keep the festival, and gladness of heart as when one marches to the sound of the flute, to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel. [One of many clues that the kingdom will be oh so Jewish.]

And the Lord will cause His voice of authority to be heard, and the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger, and in the flame of a consuming fire, in cloudburst, downpour, and hailstones.

Behold, a king will reign righteously and princes will rule justly. Each will be like a refuge from the wind and a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry country, like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land. [The government will be on His shoulders, for sure!]

Then the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, and the ears of those who hear will listen. The mind of the hasty will discern the truth, and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly.

No longer will the fool be called noble, or the rogue be spoken of as generous.

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness will abide in the fertile field. And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. [Even spiritual blindness will be absent.]

Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, and in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places.

Your eyes will see the King in His beauty. Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an undisturbed habitation, a tent which will not be folded; its stakes will never be pulled up, nor any of its cords be torn apart. [Specific locations point to a literal kingdom.]

But there the majestic One, the Lord, will be for us a place of rivers and wide canals on which no boat with oars will go, and on which no mighty ship will pass.

The wilderness and the desert will be glad, and the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it will blossom

profusely and rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it. The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. [Yes, some of this has happened now, but far greater then.]

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. [As when He was here the first time.]

For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the Arabah. The scorched land will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, its resting place, grass becomes reeds and rushes.

A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it. No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there.

But the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. [Isaiah did not mention Gentiles in the kingdom, but these verses surely include them!]

Indeed, the Lord will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

All your sons will be taught of the Lord; and the well-being

of your sons will be great.

In righteousness you will be established; you will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; and from terror, for it will not come near you.

No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. [How they love to use this verse today. But weapons against us prosper in every persecuted land today. Not then.]

You will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. [Nature as it was meant to be.]

Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, and instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, and it will be a memorial to the Lord, for an everlasting sign which will not be cut off.

The foreigners [Gentiles?] who join themselves to the Lord to minister to Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the sabbath and holds fast My covenant; even those I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar.

For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. [God's order, God's original plan, will be carried out.]

Foreigners will build up your walls, and their kings will minister to you; your gates will be open continually, they will not be closed day or night, so that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, and the nations will be utterly ruined. [The kingdom

will include nations all over the world, under the administration of the Jerusalem King and the saints He appoints to office.]

The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the juniper, the box tree and the cypress together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary.

The sons of those who afflicted you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; and they will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will not be heard again in your land, nor devastation or destruction within your borders; but you will call your walls salvation and your gates praise.

Then all your people will be righteous; they will possess the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified.

The smallest one will become a clan, and the least one a mighty nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time.

Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. [The Tribulation will have had an awful effect on the world. Kingdom-age people will be rebuilding.]

Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

But you will be called the priests of the Lord; you will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

[Natural childbirth, marriage, all the normal things of life will continue. But with honest and powerful oversight.] Their offspring will be known among the nations, and their

descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them because they are the offspring whom the Lord has blessed.

The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will designate. You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

No longer will there be an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days. For the youth will die at the age of one hundred, and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed. [Yes, the enemy known as death will still be present, but it will not be allowed to dominate like it did before. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.]

They will build houses and inhabit them. They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. As the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, and my chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity.

Before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain.

I will extend peace to Jerusalem like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you in Jerusalem.

I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meschech, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. [Evangelism continues into the Millennium!]

Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the Lord, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offerings in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.

I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites.

And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from sabbath to sabbath, all mankind will come to bow down before Me. [Believers will be in charge with Jesus. But all inhabitants of the world will be made to worship the King in Jerusalem. Life will be about Jesus, as it should be.]

Then they will go forth and look on the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die and their fire will not be quenched; and they will be an abhorrence to all mankind. [Sinners will still go to fiery torment. A constant warning will be visible to all.]

JEREMIAH

At that time they will call Jerusalem "The Throne of the Lord," and all the nations will be gathered to it, for the name of the Lord. Nor will they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart. [Note how the prophets speak the same message, though most did not know each other. God speaks the same to each one.]

In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house

of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north that I gave your fathers as an inheritance.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.

I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing.

[Here is King Jesus again.] Behold the days are coming when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, "The Lord our Righteousness."

They will no longer say, "As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt," but, "As the Lord lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them." Then they will live on their own soil. [This could have some reference to the lands north of Israel such as Russia, which in the last days are seen as Israel's enemy, per Ezekiel.]

He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock. For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he.

They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion, and they will be radiant over the bounty of the Lord, over the grain and the new wine and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; and their life will be like a well-watered garden, and they will never languish again.

Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together, for I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow.

I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people will be satisfied with My goodness. [Notice the revival of strictly Jewish practices.]

They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. [True among kingdom people now. Even truer in that day.]

The city will be rebuilt for the Lord from the tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. The measuring line will go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah. And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord; it will not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever. [Notice again specific names, which point to a literal kingdom, whose prophecies must be translated literally, not according to the imagination of the false teachers.]

David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; and the Levite priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to prepare sacrifices continually. [David, priests, offerings, sacrifices. Seems Jewish to me!]

EZEKIEL

I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it.

And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

On My holy mountain, on the high mountain of Israel [“holy mountain” “high mountain” is used repeatedly by the prophets to indicate the final disposition of the kingdom], there the whole house of Israel, all of them, will serve Me in the land; there I will accept them and there I will seek your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your holy things.

And you will know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the land which I swore to give to your forefathers.

O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt.

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes. [Here is where kingdom now and kingdom yet to be intersect. A literal physical kingdom is seen by all the

prophets, and Jesus, and the apostles. But all kingdom people will have been brought into that kingdom by the Spirit of God.]

You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by. They will say, "This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited."

Like the flocks for sacrifices, like the flocks at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men.

I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life; and I will place you on your own land. [The dry bones rise and become a mighty people during this time.]

I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land. And one king will be king for all of them.

My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. David My servant will be their prince forever. [Is the literal David to serve under Messiah? Or is

David a code name for Jesus, as He was the “Son of David”?

I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

Son of man, this [temple] is the place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the corpses of their kings when they die.

Describe the temple to the house Israel...

There follows a detailed description of an altar, sacrifice, the “Prince”, the Levites’ ordinances, the division of the holy land, offerings, water coming from the temple, and more. The entire setup of Millennial worship is written in advance for our perusal (Ezekiel 43-48).

Scholars struggle with the interpretation of Ezekiel, but it seems to me we are being given insights into the one thousand years that are found nowhere else in Scripture.

DANIEL

We all know of Daniel’s revelations. At the end of the chapter 7 vision Daniel gets a glimpse of the coming kingdom. An angel must describe for him what he saw.

In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all

these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

The Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom. The sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.

Here also is angelic description of our future, to a very distraught and confused prophet:

Many of those who sleep in the dust will awake... Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

HOSEA

The number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered; and the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint for themselves one leader...

Then I will give her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

In that day I will also make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, the birds of the sky and the creeping things

of the ground.

And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land, and will make them lie down in safety.

I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, and I will say to those who were not My people, "You are My people!" And they will say, "You are my God!" [This acceptance begins when Christ enters the heart, but it will be universally manifested in a literal kingdom.]

I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely. I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon.

Those who live in his shadow will again raise grain, and they will blossom like the vine. His renown will be like the wine of Lebanon.

JOEL

I am going to send you grain, new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied in full with them; and I will never again make you a reproach among the nations.

But I will drive the northern army far from you, and I will drive it into a parched and desolate land, and its vanguard into the eastern sea, and its rear guard into the western sea. And its stench will arise and its foul smell will come up. [More reference to Gog and Magog, perhaps, mentioned by Ezekiel?]

Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, for the Lord has done great things. Do not fear, beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, for the tree has borne its fruit, the fig tree and the vine have yielded in full.

He has given you the early rain for your vindication, and He has poured down for you the rain, the early and latter rain

as before.

The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil.

Then I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locusts has eaten, the creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, my great army which I sent among you.

You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; then My people will never be put to shame. [A super-abundant planet for the favored of the Lord.]

Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls. [Once more, a salvation that begins even today, but that will manifest itself globally at that time.]

Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will pass through it no more.

And in that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah will flow with water; and a spring will go out from the house of the Lord to water the valley of Shittim.

AMOS

In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old: that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name.

The days are coming when the plowman will overtake the

reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills will be dissolved. [Abundance unimaginable.]

And I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit.

I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them. [Never again. This time it will be true. Never again.]

OBADIAH

On Mount Zion there will be those who escape [from the judgment of God and the devastations of man] and it will be holy. And the house of Jacob will possess their possessions.

Then the house of Jacob will be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame; but the house of Esau will be as stubble, and they will set them on fire and consume them, so that there will be no survivor of the house of Esau.

The deliverers will ascend Mount Zion to judge the mountain of Esau. And the kingdom will be the Lord's. [Mostly about Edom's judgment, but in a millennial context.]

MICAH

Everyone will sit under his vine and under his fig tree with no one to make them afraid.

In that day I will assemble the lame and gather the outcasts, even those whom I have afflicted. I will make the lame a remnant and the outcasts a strong nation, and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on and forever.

[The Ruler] will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord. He will be great to the ends of the earth. This One will be our peace. [Jesus, the King in His kingdom.]

Then the remnant of Jacob will be among many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers on vegetation which do not wait for man... like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, which, if he passes through, tramples down and tears, and there is none to rescue.

Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries, and all your enemies will be cut off.

ZEPHANIAH

Then I will give to the people purified lips, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him shoulder to shoulder.

From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, My dispersed ones, will bring My offerings. [Literally men will travel the world to get to Jerusalem and bring their gifts to the King.]

I will remove from your midst your proud, exulting ones, and you will never again be haughty on My holy mountain. But I will leave among you a humble and lowly people, and they will take refuge in the name of the Lord.

The remnant of Israel will do no wrong and tell no lies, nor will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths; for they will feed and lie down with no one to make them tremble.

In that day it will be said to Jerusalem, "Do not be afraid, O Zion. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious

warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.” [How misused is this verse! The victors, after the battle is over, are being lifted up by the Commander.]

I will gather those who grieve about the appointed feasts. I am going to deal at that time with all your oppressors, I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will turn their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

HAGGAI

I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.

On that day I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant, and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you. [No need to spiritualize this man’s identity. Some day he will be great among us.]

ZECHARIAH

I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem. My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.

Jerusalem shall be inhabited without walls because of the multitude of men and cattle within it. I will be a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst. [Literal city with a special house in that day.]

Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst.

Many nations [Gentiles will be made to worship and serve the Lord in that day.] will join themselves to the Lord in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. The Lord will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Judah.

I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain. [Doesn't get any more specific than that. No need to interpret. Just believe.]

Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because of age. And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in the streets.

I am going to save my people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; and I will bring them back and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.

It will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing.

The fast of the fourth, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth months will become joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah. [Literal Jewish feasts to be revived? Why not?]

It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants

of many cities. The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts. I will also go."

So, many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord.

In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

Ephraim will be like a mighty man, and their heart will be glad as if from wine; indeed, their children will see it and be glad, their heart will rejoice in the Lord.

I will bring them back from the land of Egypt and gather them from Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon until no room can be found for them.

In that day a fountain [some want to say "a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins..." More likely, the living water is meant here.] will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.

And if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, "You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of the Lord." And his father and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies.

Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a hairy robe in order to deceive; but he will say,

“I am not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.”

And one will say to him, “What are these wounds between your arms?” Then he will say, “Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.” [would that we could rid ourselves of the false prophets in our own day!]

Two parts of the land will be cut off and perish. But the third part will be left in it. And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them.

In that day living waters [from the fountain above?] will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.

All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin’s Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king’s wine presses. People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security. [Again the specifics point to the literal. Let’s stop the spiritualizing of texts!]

Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship

the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

In that day there will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO THE LORD." And the cooking pots in the LORD'S house will be like the bowls before the altar. Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.

MALACHI

From the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

What the Gospel Writers saw.

JESUS (and others in the Gospel stories)

Jesus preached the Kingdom of Heaven, the "Good News" of the Kingdom. It was a kingdom that would come first among us who believe in Jesus. Kingdom principles were to guide our lives. Seeking first the kingdom was not just about the *future* earthly kingdom

expected by His disciples and all true Jews.

But to rule out that coming kingdom would be to take much of Jesus' message away from Him and the prophets and apostles. A dangerous practice. The physical kingdom was thousands of years away when Jesus spoke to His chosen ones. It was not necessary then to focus that far away. But as the days draw near when Jesus shall surely come and set up that reign, it is important to take a closer look at what He told us.

No word of God, spoken by the prophets we have heard thus far, will fall to the ground unfulfilled.

I include now only those kingdom quotes that point to the future, without in any way denying that "the kingdom of God is among you" even now.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. [We pray regularly for Jesus to come and set up a kingdom!]

Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.[A literal place is indicated.]

Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

Many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; but the sons of the kingdom [unbelieving Jews] will be cast out...[That's clear enough!] The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks and those who commit lawlessness. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him. Then the King will say to those [sheep] on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.

If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell.

(at triumphal entry, worshipers:) Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David.

(about Joseph of Arimathea)... a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God...

(Gabriel to Mary) ... and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. [A Jewish kingdom, given to the first Christians!]

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out.

And they will come from east and west and from north and south and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.

When you see these things [cataclysmic signs] happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near.[He told them once that the kingdom was already among them – because the king was there – but here he speaks of the kingdom as future.

You [disciples] are those who have stood by Me in My trials; and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you, that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

(Disciples to Jesus) Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?

(Jesus to disciples) It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority. [No denial of a kingdom, only saying that it isn't time yet.]

The thief on the cross wanted to be remembered when Jesus came into His kingdom. Jesus did not deny that there was a kingdom, and told the man that that day they would be together in Paradise. Wherever Jesus is, the kingdom is.

What the apostles saw.

PAUL

Then comes the end, when Jesus hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign [in the Millennium] until He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. [Remember that there is still death during the thousand years. But death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire just after that period.]

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom.

JAMES

Did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

PETER

The entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

JOHN

Most of John's Revelation is about the final tribulation and judgment. But at the end of his visions...

I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of

the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

And he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed.

Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.

This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

What do we see?

Through the eyes of all of the above, we see a coming kingdom. A millennium. We agree with the vision of Moses, David, Solomon, the sons of Korah, other unnamed Psalmists, thirteen of the sixteen writing prophets, Jesus, Paul, Peter, James, and John. The witness testimony is staggering. His kingdom is coming! Saints, are not the records I have just shared enough to compensate, in your thinking, for a pandemic or two, a stolen election or two, a socialist regime, some persecution and other difficulty, even a universal Tribulation?

We are not the defeated ones. We do not lose. Jesus wins and we win with Him.

RESET 4. Eternity.

Precious little is told us about life after the Millennium. I have never worried about that. Why should I need to know about something that cannot happen for at least one thousand years plus? Jesus will teach His people over those centuries exactly what to expect.

I have hesitantly believed that the last two chapters of Revelation are about this eternal state. Some might see this as a close-up view of the Millennium, although the statement is made that there is no death at that time, whereas death does still occur in the Millennium.

In 2012, in my work called *The Kingdom Handbook*, I wrote these words:

Very little is recorded for us regarding the period after the reign of Christ. We have already seen that God will receive this beautiful product called the kingdom at the hands of His Son and His Son's bride. The earth will flee away along with the old heavens (Revelation 20:11). There will be no place for them. Then comes the final judgment of all earthlings except those who were raised 1000 years before and have already been reigning. This [final judgment] would include all the unsaved dead of all time, including the last thousand years, plus the Gentiles still living on earth who have not accepted Christ's terms, and have once more yielded to the wiles of the Devil as he is released. Satan and all his followers are cast into a lake of fire. Is that lake on the old earth? Does it stay there? Is the

earth then cast adrift? Would this explain the term outer darkness, used by Jesus several times, and the “blackness of darkness” used by Jude? However, it seems that this lake is visible, even in the new world, according to Isaiah 66 and Revelation 21-22. We’ll have to wait and see on this one.

When the planet goes and the judgment is passed, all God’s people are in Heaven, and soon descend from that heavenly state to a totally new planet that has no sea, no divisions of persons. This is what John sees in Revelation 21, the final status of the City. It is my belief that [by then] the city has been lived in for a thousand years, but is now making a new appearance for the new earth.

Revelation 20 gives us a few more clues about “after” the 1000 years (and how is it that there are those among us who deny this period of time to the church and the world? Why would God make up stories about our future?)

When Christ comes, the devil will be bound one thousand years. His influence in the minds of men will not be fully gone, even with Christ ruling the world. But he himself will not tempt any longer.

After that thousand years we see him reassembling those who are “never-Jesus” people, and attempting a coup. He has a huge assemblage, remarkable when you think of it, “the number of them is like the sand of the seashore (Revelation 20:8).”

There is nothing more than an approach of this vast army. No struggle. And then a dissolution of it. By fire. Now the devil is gone

forever.

There follows the great judgment on the wicked. Then eternity begins in the next chapter.

Now perhaps it will be good for you to read Revelation 21 and 22 for yourself.

Other than chapter 20, I know of no other passage that tells of the reset that follows the Millennium. Old earth gone. The skies around us, gone. The sea, gone. All new. God Himself living with us. Death and pain, gone. All sin and sinners, gone.

An enormous city for the people of God in the middle of everything. God and the Lamb are a Temple in the middle of that city. No sun. No moon. No night.

Strangest of all, to me, the world is still divided into “nations” in that day! Nations of the godly. They bring their glory into the city.

A river. The tree of life. Leaves to heal the nations. No more curse.

I want to take a deep breath and tell you that this is the final reset. But I can't. The Bible doesn't tell us that. Eternity is long. What adventures await the people of God in Revelation 23? We know nothing! Our future is glorious beyond measure.

Let not today's resets trouble you.

Review.

So those of you, true believers in the real Jesus, who are concerned about the new world order, please calm down.

- What may indeed be forming after the tragic occurrences of the 2020 election and the COVID-19 nuisance, is all in line with the perfect plan of God. The world, unlike we are told by dominionists, is not scheduled to get better and better, but worse and worse.
- Yet another “new world order” will occur when antichrist comes to power. This too is in line with prophecy and though it will be difficult for us beyond words, it will soon enough pass into history.
- The world’s “new” is only new for a short time. It will quickly grow old and eventually be reset by Jesus Himself. At His coming will appear the Kingdom of God prophesied by Jewish prophets and apostles for hundreds of years. Every detail will come to pass literally in those days.
- But wait, there’s more. God has even better things than the Millennium. Another reset of which we are told, in the last two chapters of the Bible
- And then, God knows. And He’ll tell us, in good time.

None of these resets are to be feared. They are to be expected and celebrated. They fulfill prophecy. They will be constant. Sure. The only permanence in any of them is in the mind of God. A plan is in place. It will come to pass!

One more thing.

We have discussed in this book geo-political resets and geo-political kingdoms. But there is another kingdom among us even now. There is a reset of life available to all who will reach out for it.

The lordship of your life may now be in the hands of one who does not deserve to be in charge: you. If you can hear King Jesus' voice calling you to Himself, as the Scripture says, "Do not harden your hearts." He will literally enter your very existence, turn it all around, make everything new.

A new order for your life is that close. What do you say?