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## The Mystery of Iniquity; Part I

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Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

II Thessalonians 2:1-8

### Introduction

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

II Corinthians 4:3-5

It is such a dangerous age that we live in. It has always been so for the church of Jesus Christ, however. Jesus spoke of Saul of Tarsus to the man of God, Ananias, only three days after Saul's conversion on the Damascus

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John 1:35-41

Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

Note: What Andrew said we have found the Messias.

And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God; Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the

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road, saying, "...he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:15-16). Years later, when Paul the apostle visited the churches to "confirm them" in their faith, he told them, "...that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). We should notice Paul's words to the saints at Philippi in Philippians 1:29, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake." History records the sufferings of those apostles and prophets who "first trusted in Christ (Ephesians 1:12)" during the first and second generations of the church. Every one of the eyewitness apostles, including Paul, who never knew Christ after the flesh, died a martyr's death with the exception of John. The catacombs of Rome contain the bones of tens of thousands of Christians who suffered and died in Nero's persecution of the church. Throughout a period of over a thousand years which we call "the dark ages," millions of people were murdered, believers and unbelievers alike, at the hands of the "Holy Roman Empire," and at the "whims" of one who called himself "the vicar of Christ." The city of Jerusalem, which we continue to call "the Holy City," has had more wars fought over it and more blood shed in it than any other city in the history of the world. According to the words of Jesus, however, the worst is yet to come. Speaking of the signs of His returning in Matthew 24:21-22, Jesus said, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." I know, both by the scriptures and by the direction of the Holy Spirit that this generation, which began when Jerusalem returned to Jewish control in June, 1967, will not pass before all these things take place (Luke 21:29-32). It is the "time of trouble" the angel of God spoke to Daniel about in Daniel 12:1. The prophet Zechariah tells us the nations will invade Israel to capture Jerusalem. During that war, the city of Jerusalem will fall, and half of it will go into captivity (Zechariah 14:2). In Zechariah 13:8, he says, "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein." While the worst of this "time of trouble" will be in the nation of Israel, it will also be a worldwide calamity as the "locust army" of two hundred million will "slay the third part of men" (Revelations 9:15-16). Remember that Jesus said, "...except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." "Those days" will only be shortened only by the return of Jesus Christ to this earth.

**Matthew 24:29-30:** "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

**Zechariah 14:3-4:** "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east...."

### The Mystery of Iniquity

**Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.**  
Matthew 24:23-25

It may seem an incredible thing to say, but the "greatest danger" the church faces in this generation is not the events of the time of great tribulation that is about to break upon the entire world. I do not say this to give anyone a false sense of security, because I can assure you that the "church

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beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. **Daniel 9:20-25**

**To finish the transgression**

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**To seal up the vision and prophecy**

**To anoint the most Holy**

**Note: Daniel 9:20-25 was fulfilled to the letter and to the very time it was to be fulfilled by Jesus Christ.**

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. **1 John 3:1-8**

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his **seed remaineth** in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. **1 John 3:9-12**

**Galatians 3:27**

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Romans 6:3**

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall

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of Jesus Christ" will not be caught away before the second coming of Christ, which is "immediately after the tribulation of those days." The "assurance" of the children of God who "love the truth" and are walking "in the Spirit" is found in Revelation 9:4, where God, who "commands the locusts (II Chronicles 7:13)" says, "And it was commanded them (the locusts) that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but **only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.**" God is going to "seal" a faithful remnant of His church to protect them during the time of tribulation. He will "pour His Spirit" upon them as on the Day of Pentecost, and they will harvest the earth (Revelation 14:14-16), and bring the gospel of Christ to the remnant in Israel, all during the time of "great tribulation, **such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**"

The often overlooked sign of the coming "tribulation" is the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:24; "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." It is because of these false ministries, which have worked to deceive the children of God for over nineteen centuries (remember that Paul said, "the mystery of iniquity doth already work"); it is because of these that such horrible times have come and are coming upon the inhabitants of the earth. It is with this in view that I will review Paul's second epistle to the church at Thessalonica. It is a letter that was written to encourage them during a time of great persecution and tribulation against them. He indicates his reason for the letter immediately after his salutation to them. He writes, "...we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure" (II Thessalonians 1:4). His letter is a brief synopsis of things that must happen before the "coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" and our "gathering together unto Him" (II Thessalonians 2:1). In the first chapter, Paul clearly shows that the "second coming" and the "rapture of the church" is one and the same event. The key to understanding this is found in the word "when," which he uses two times in the following scriptures:

**II Thessalonians 1:6-10:** "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who are troubled rest with us, **WHEN the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; WHEN he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.**" Examine these words of the apostle closely and notice that God will give "rest" to the saints "when" Jesus returns with His mighty angels to take vengeance on the ungodly, which will be "when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe in that day." The second coming of Jesus Christ is the "blessed hope" of the saints, and the greatest nightmare of the unbelieving world, all in the same day.

### II Thessalonians 2:1-13

1. "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him..." Notice that the subject in the second chapter is the same as in the first. It is the "second coming of Jesus Christ," and "our gathering together unto Him," which is commonly spoken of as "the rapture of the church."

2. "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." The "day of Christ" is His second coming as Paul has already described it in detail in the first chapter. He tells these saints at Thessalonica not to be shaken or troubled by any means by those who would tell them that the coming of Christ was at hand. There were certain things that must take place before Jesus would return for His church.

3 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not

come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition..." The apostle reveals two of these events that must take place before the coming of Christ to gather His people.

"...a falling away first..." The Greek word that was translated "falling away" is "apostasia," which means exactly what it sounds like, an "apostasy." Numerically, there are more "false teachers" and "false prophets" in the church of this generation than at any time in history. The "apostasy" is not something that is going to happen in our future, because it was already beginning in the day that Paul wrote this epistle. He said, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work" (verse seven).

There is a mistake that most teachers of prophetic events make. They believe the things which were foretold by Jesus and His apostles are still future events in our day, even though they were spoken almost two thousand years ago. When we study the prophecies of the scriptures, we should study them from the timeframe they were given in. An example of the error most modern teachers of prophecy make is found in Revelation 4:1: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.**" I have heard teachers throughout my lifetime claim that this verse speaks of the "rapture of the church." They go so far as to add to the scripture, quoting the last phrase of this verse to say, "...I will shew thee things which must be here, after the rapture of the church." Such teaching is an obvious perversion of the Word of God, and is condemned by our Lord Jesus Himself; "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book**" (Revelation 22:18).

"...and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition..." Jesus promised to show John things that "must shortly come to pass" (Revelation 1:1). These things were future events in the day that John received the revelation, but some of them have been fulfilled in our past, as the record of history will show. An example of this is "...a falling away first..." Within two hundred years after the death of the apostle John, the church had entered into a period of time which we call "the dark ages." Gross spiritual darkness ruled over the entire earth for over twelve hundred years. This was the time spoken of in Revelation 13:1-10, which was fulfilled in the "holy Roman Empire," which we know as the "Roman Catholic Church" of the dark ages.

**Revelation 13:1-10:** "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. **And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death** (wounded by the reformation); and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? **And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies** (the pope in Rome claimed infallibility and held the power of life or death in his hands); and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (the prophetic equivalent of twelve hundred and sixty years). **And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them** (Fox's Book of Martyrs records only a few of the tens of thousands of believers who were tortured and murdered in the most horrendous ways); and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations (kings and emperors were required to prostrate themselves before the pope, and even to "kiss his toe."). **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**"

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4 **“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”** What could fulfill these words any more perfectly than the pope of the Roman Catholic Church during the dark ages? And what could better fit the description given of the “harlot” in the seventeenth chapter of Revelation than the apostate church?

Revelation 17:3-9: *“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus (tens of thousands who were tortured and murdered during the dark ages and by the inquisition): and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth (the seven hills the city of Rome was built upon).”*

5 **“Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?”** The apostle had already warned the saints in the churches of the coming apostasy, and the arising of diabolical men who would deceive the people and rule over them as lords. In Acts 20:29-30, when Paul bid farewell to the elders of the churches at the end of his second missionary journey, he told them, *“I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”* He continued in the next verse to remind them, *“Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears”* (Act 20:31).

6 **“And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.”** The only thing that was keeping the church from sliding into the apostasy of the false teachers was the ministry of Paul and the other apostles of Jesus who continually preached the truth of the gospel of Christ. The only guard against apostasy today is those few men and women of God who boldly declare the truth. The prophet Isaiah describes the gross darkness that covered Israel in his day; *“The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, BUT WE WALK IN DARKNESS. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men”* (Isaiah 59:8-10). In verses fourteen and fifteen, the prophet tells why darkness prevailed over the land; *“...judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey.”* Religious traditions of men will pass from generation to generation, but “truth” will cease to exist if those men and women who truly “know the Lord” do not pick the truth up from where it is fallen and boldly proclaim it in our generation. I declare to you that the church of the twenty first century is again “falling away” into apostasy, but we who “love the truth” must uphold it and thus hinder the working of that “man of sin” (the spirit of antichrist).

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be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Romans 6:1-9

**But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. James 1:14-15**

### Special Note

**Jesus is not a fruit picker going around picking off corrupt fruit, He said cut down the corrupt tree. We are the planting of the Lord. How can he get glory out of a corrupt tree.**

#### Isaiah 61:3

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **Matthew 7:16**

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. **Matthew 7:20**

#### Matthew 7:17-18

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

#### Luke 6:43

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

#### Matthew 3:10

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

#### Luke 3:9

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

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## WHEN YOU HEAR OF WARS AND COMMOTIONS

*By: Kirbbie L. Cowart*

We here at the Shepherds Voice for years have been warning people of the coming judgment of God on people that have rejected the truth. Even before 911 God has shown men of God, the coming judgment that has come upon this nation. The only thing left is to repent and if we don't repent it will only get worse. In 1990 God showed me the coming commotions that are coming to this nation. What you see on the news about the unrest in the Middle East will be worse here. People that have heard me preach about the coming unrest in America will tell you it is playing out just like I have said it would. Jesus said in Luke 21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. 10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

The commotions in this verse in the Greek 181, Strong's is instability, disorder is not this what we are seeing with these Middle East Nations and even in this Nation that will only get worse if we don't repent. Lewis Ferrakhan has call for an uprising in America like what is taking place in the Middle East. He has said the Islam messiah is alive in the world today and many other Islamic leaders are saying the same and are calling for a worldwide uprising. Jesus said in Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. Do I need to even talk about earthquakes that are taken place on a daily bases? Even how the News media is talking about the food shortage worldwide. Images of starving masses in Turkana, Pokot, Baringo, Samburu, parts of Coast Province, Ukambani and North Eastern Kenya have become the big news stories, 10 MILLION will die this year they say. The world recession, resulting in poverty and homelessness, has devastated the health care systems of many countries and diseases once thought banished by modern science have made an alarming comeback.

Epidemics of typhoid, diphtheria, and even the Black Death, have afflicted areas of India and the former Soviet Union. Deadly new strains of Malaria, Tuberculosis and Cholera are becoming resistant to all known anti-biotics and are killing millions of people.

Even the common bacteria that cause pneumonia, children's ear infections and many other every day diseases are evolving into forms untreatable by all known medicines, threatening a chilling post-antibiotic era where even the simplest infections could quickly escalate into fatal diseases.

Jesus said there would be an abundance of pestilences or diseases marking the time of His Return. Epidemics, like AIDS, will become widespread as we enter the final era of mankind on this planet.

I have said all this to tell you this is the greatest time to be alive in, in the history of mankind. To many people it is a dreadful time but to the child of God it is the greatest. A time of rejoicing, triumph for the child of God, Jesus said in Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass,

then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

### What Can We Do?

We can awake out of our sleep and repent and ask the Lord Jesus to forgive and surrender our live to him and come into obedience to him as Lord of our life. We can pray for our family to fine Jesus as their Lord and savior. We can go to church and seek him to become Lord of our life. We can be ready when Jesus comes back. We may not be able to change the world events. We can ask him to change us into what would be pleasing to him.

If you are not going to a church that will tell you the truth it is time for you to seek for one that will. Now What Are You Going To Do?

Luke 21:6-11

As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass? And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Matthew 24:8.

It refers to the birth pangs experienced by a woman in childbirth. So in using this word Jesus indicates they will follow this pattern just before he comes again. A woman's birth pains begin with a single pain and then continue to increase in frequency and intensity until the child is born. These three phenomena, earthquakes, famine, and pestilence had never, in historical records, followed this pattern until Old Jerusalem and the Temple Mount were taken from the Jordanians in 1967.

Matthew 24:21-24

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inso-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Suppose that someone proposed to give you five billion dollars if you would double a penny he gave you for forty days. Would you take the deal? A single penny on the first day would produce two cents on the second day, four cents on the third day, eight cents on the fourth day, sixteen cents on the fifth day, thirty-two cents on the sixth day, sixty-four cents on the seventh day, and only \$1.28 on the eighth day. So, based on what you've read so far, it seems like a pretty good deal. But on day forty you would have to fork over more than five million dollars. This principle is now being added into the famine equation.

The world's famine outbreaks in the developing countries have been occurring closer and closer together in time since World War II, and this trend, like a woman's birth pangs, will definitely accelerate until Jesus comes. Why? A few thousand years ago eight men and women descended in an ark "upon the mountains of Ararat," and then began to multiply. At first, like the penny, the increase was slow and insignificant numerically. When Jesus was born, the world population had only reached about 200 million. When Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, it had only reached 400 million. But, like the multiplying multiples of the penny, it began to accelerate about the time of the Civil War, and exploded after the Great Depression of the thirties. In 1989 the world population reached five billion and, the same year, eleven million of the earth's residents died of starvation. The world population passed six billion in October of 1999, and is predicted to reach ten billion in 2030. There is no way under heav-

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## WHEN YOU HEAR OF WARS AND COMMOTIONS

en that the developing countries across the Bible Lands of Asia and Africa, where most of this increase is forecast to occur, can fail to have an ever increasing, massive famine. Some say the population will only reach 8.5 billion in 2030. But even if this is true, how can the additional 3.5 billion be fed if 11 million died of starvation in 1989 with a population of only five billion.

Some say, don't worry, agricultural technology will solve the famine problem. No way! The latest U.N. study found ten percent of the world's soil profile badly damaged. The three-year study accessed soil conditions on a global scale, and involved more than 250 soil scientists.

This new report shows the first clear sign that population is outpacing the food available for humans. The trend is mostly because of record world population growth, but also reflects a slowdown in decades of increasing food supplies. The main sources of food – farms, ranches, and oceans – all appear to be approaching, or may have reached, their maximum per-capita output, according to Vital Signs 1993.” The simple truth is this, the world's maximum food production, since the mid-nineties, has not been able to keep up with the stork, and the ever increasing population will cause it to fall farther and farther behind. Earthquakes, pestilence, and famine will continue to increase the pain of God's creation while it awaits the manifestation of his sons at the appearance of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

### Why Didn't The Media Carry This Story?

Friday, November 30, 2012 9:15

(Before It's News)

I find this down-right scary!!!!

On September 13, 2012, the Dept of Homeland Security graduated its first class of FEMA Corps youth, aka the Homeland Youth. Image courtesy of DHS.gov .



October 7, 2012. Vicksburg.

The federal government calls them FEMA Corps. But they conjure up memories of the Hitler Youth of 1930's Germany . Regardless of their name, Obama's Dept of Homeland Security has just graduated its first class of 231 Homeland Youth! Kids, aged 18-24 and recruited from the President's AmeriCorp volunteers, they represent the first wave of DHS's "Youth Corps", designed specifically to create a full time, paid, standing army of FEMA Youth across the country!



On September 13, 2012, the Department of Homeland Security graduated its first class of FEMA Corps first-responders, "Homeland Youth". While the idea of having a volunteer force of tens of thousands of volunteers scattered across the country to aid in times of natural disasters sounds great, the details and timing of this new government army is somewhat curious, if not disturbing!

DHS raising an armed army!

The first problem one finds with this 'new army' is the fact that they are mere children. Yes, 18 is generally the legal age a person can sign a contract, join the military or be tried as an adult. But ask any parent – an 18, 20 or even a 24 year-old is still a naïve, readily-influenced kid.

The second problem with this announcement and program is its timing. Over the past two years, Obama has signed a number of Executive Orders suspending all civil and Constitutional rights and turning over management of an America under Martial Law to FEMA!

Also in that time, domestic federal agencies under DHS, including FEMA, have ordered billions of rounds of ammunition as well as the corresponding firearms. Admittedly, these new weapons and ammunition are not to be used in some far-off war or to fight forest fires in California , but right here on the streets of America !

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