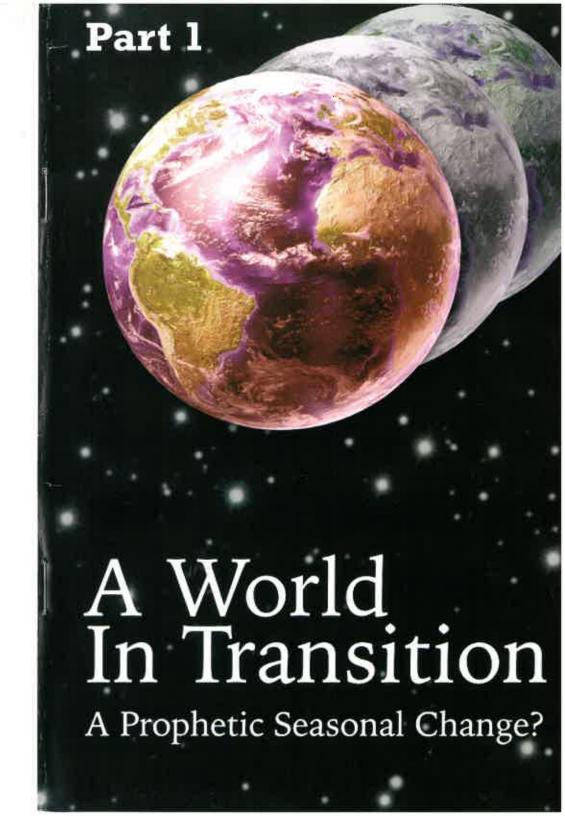


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A World In Transition

(A Prophetic Seasonal Change?)

Part 1

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CHAPTER ONE

What Is Going On?

Many today wonder what is going on around the world. It appears socialistic principles are transforming the whole world. Over the most recent years, democratic "free market" nations have purchased overwhelming portions of their own business sectors and treasury bonds under the notion of saving the global economies. Is this a real solution? Or is there a more sinister motive working behind the scenes?

ome of the most outlandish acquisitions and international "currency counterfeiting" ever to occur in Western free market democratic economies have been conducted over the last few years! It is amazingly outlandish because of the unbridled printing of money and business takeovers that have been so blatant and out in the open. Here in the United States, the big insurance conglomerate, AIG, has been "bailed out" by government funds. General Motors, recently subsidized (or acquired, depending on your point of view) by the US government, is now called, sarcastically, "Government Motors." Abraham Lincoln once said that if the United States and its free market ways were to fail, it would most assuredly begin from within. It appears that statement was more prophetic than even he imagined!

How did this happen? More importantly, why is it happening concurrently, around the world? These are complex and multi-faceted questions having to do with a relentless well orchestrated and thought-out conspiracy—that's right, I said "conspiracy"—that has been going on for a long time. Surprisingly, the patterns are traceable back to the origins of mankind. The strategy has been much the same over the centuries, causing God to flood the world during the time of Noah and then again, cause confusion when He confounded the languages at the tower of Babel. What is this strategy? It's been mankind's consistent sins and endeavor to "centralize" his hegemony,

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culture, and political power across international lines. It's been going on since humanity began to organize into social structures—a tireless effort to achieve a one-world order that spans generations and millennia.

How Does This Happen?

The historical record of this human effort to centralize power has been highly influenced by mankind's carnal nature. In the book of James we read, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war.... Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:1-3). This fundamental element within our carnal nature is core to what drives humanity to "nationalize" his social systems.

At the heart of some of the world's most horrendous dictators, tyrants, and socialists was the insatiable appetite for power and control. Again, notice what James says: "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth enviously" (James 4:5)? Undeniably, the Scripture is right! Our spirit does lust enviously for things which belong to others. This has been at the basis of all warfare and control for cultural and social dominance throughout humanity's history.

Presently, tensions of war, regime changes in the Middle East, and a resurgence of terrorist threats are building again. How and why is this happening? There are many causes "in play" that contribute to the surrounding geopolitical stress—far too many to enumerate in this short booklet. However, it is interesting to consider some principles and trends that have been instrumental in developing the conditions we find ourselves in today. Perhaps if we can understand the principles at work and trends that are unfolding, we'll be able to improve our insight about where all this is leading, who's behind it, and how it connects up with the prophetic words of God.

Understanding Some Principles at Work

There is a new term becoming more prominently used among what formerly were free-market nations. It's called *state capitalism!* This term is growing among free world economies because it best describes what is happening, and is more politically correct and acceptable than the *real* term, *socialism.* Due much to the economic intercourse with communist and socialist nations like China, Russia, Venezuela, and a variety of others, this term is now becoming more widely adopted for obvious reasons: it's more politically acceptable.

This incrementally improved political expansionism with socialist nations over the last two to three decades especially, in combination with the continuing emergence of these new markets, has resulted in accelerated motiva-

tion to develop greater trading relationships. This has underscored the reason for much of the progress in this area. Specifically, in China's case for example, they now own over a trillion dollars in US treasuries, and together with the US, continue to account for approximately 35 percent of the world's

GDP! Presently, Chinese exports to the United States alone amount to approximately 7.0 to 9.0 percent of China's GDP.

Actually, you could make the case that this imbalance of trade between China and the United States also had a contributing role in the present "global economic meltdown." We shouldn't forget that as far back as 2002, US monetary policy stimulated an excessive US demand for goods, which served as an expanded market outlet for an equally excessive Chinese supply of goods. Beijing directly contributed to the prevalence of "loose money" in the US by recycling US dollars earned from their trade into US bonds. This strategy came from Beijing due to their decision to keep China's capital account closed and



The US dollar and euro currency signs



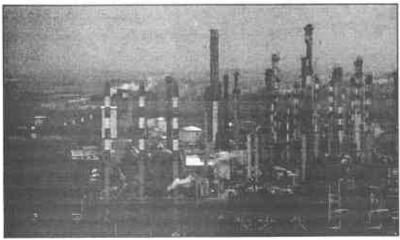
the yuan, China's currency, not freely convertible. They did this to avoid revaluating their currency. Obviously, this gave them the competitive trading advantage they were determined to maintain.

However, what many in the free world don't realize is that when you conduct trade with socialist/communist nations, you're doing business with and contributing to the success of the national political agendas of those in "state" (government) power. The reason for this is because so many of the companies are federally subsidized by the state, or government—hence the new term, states capitalism. Much of the broad based economic policies of growth in many of today's nations throughout the world are currently led explicitly by the state, fueled through investments by state-owned entities, and accompanied by powerful regulatory legislation intended to ensure the government's dominance of the economy. This arrangement and structure ultimately leads to the destruction of the free market, because the private business sector cannot legally compete or "size up" to the unfair marketing advantage the government has over private business. Cuba in years past, and presently the revivals of socialist policies in Brazil, Venezuela, and Russia, are good examples of this.

This alleged new state capitalist model—in plain English, socialism—is fast becoming the dominant global economic model among many nations of the world. Now, you may ask, why is this? And the answer to that is simply because certain trends are becoming apparent. Ostensibly, it's becoming more obvious that in order to compete in the global economic community of

commerce, business must be conducted differently. This major difference is due essentially to the vast amounts of socialistic political activity and principles implemented into the private sector of the business community around the world; but additionally, and more importantly, this encroachment has resulted in national (government) wealth funds, otherwise known as sovereign wealth funds. The development of this new type of financial portfolio is a serious threat to the free market capitalist model. Let me explain.

Many things have contributed to this, but there is one fundamental item that has given rise to this kind of national or state wealth fund that in the past was not available in the quantities it is today for these developing socialist states. It's real simple: money! That's right, Western revenue from the free markets is now shifting to parts of the world that never in their history had such prodigious amounts of disposable cash and capital. This trend is reshaping the international, political, and economic landscape. The Western "free market" model is under fire and fast becoming outdated and marginalized due to this and the enormous amount of accrued debt. It is having trouble competing with these changing economic trends that are redefining the way the world does business. State capitalism is fast becoming the new model



Mid-East Oil Refinery

and the fashionable way to structure your national economy if, as a nationstate in the community of the "world's order," you want to compete in the global market.

There are many young governments that have launched into some very progressive (liberal) reforms, which have been instrumental in driving their economic engines, and developing into some formidable markets. Today, the *reality* is, emerging international markets like Abu Dhabi, Ankara, Saudi Arabia,

Beijing, Brasilia, Mexico City, Moscow, and New Delhi make economic decisions about strategic markets. This trend has given rise to a new design of global competition that is not so much between political/ideological rivals anymore, but instead, competing economic models. When you merge economic policies of these particular types of trading partners whose obvious political agendas are in the backdrop, it makes for a whole new set of winners and losers. And that is what we are now beginning to see take place.

With the present worldwide financial crisis and international recession, the conditions have been exacerbated, opening up extraordinary opportunities for state-managed capitalism (socialism) to become a potent challenger to the free market capitalist system the West has been so used to over the last century, with the United States setting the course (which is no longer the case since



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the US has become the world's largest debtor nation!) Remember what God warned to those who would concede to borrowing from others? "He [foreigners] shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he [foreigners] shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail" (Deuteronomy 28:44). In Proverbs we are also reminded that the "borrower is servant to he that lends" (Proverbs 22:7).

An example of how state capitalism affects the world can be understood by examining the present circumstances surrounding the oil industry. When those of us in the West think of big oil companies, we think of Chevron, Exxon, Mobil, or perhaps Shell. These are the big multi-national companies of the West. But these are hardly comparable to some of the largest government owned oil companies of the world. Incredibly, sovereign state governments own the 13 largest oil companies of the world. For instance, Aramco is owned by Saudi Arabia; Iran has the National Iranian Oil Company; Gazprom and Rosneft are owned by Russia; China has the National Petroleum Corporation; Malaysia has Petronas; and Brazil has Petrobras. All of these, to mention a few, are owed by their governments. All of them have been nationalized to varying degrees.

The magnitude of this trend can only be realized by comparing the size of market share between the privately owned oil corporations (multi-national companies) with the state owned companies. The privately held companies presently produce only 10 percent of the world's oil and hold only three percent of the world's reserves. Comparably, the state owned oil companies pro-

duce and hold in reserve 75 percent of the global oil supply! But this is only the tip of the iceberg—it gets more stunning and sobering!

Understand that the oil industry is only one business sector. Unfortunately, for the free capitalist model, state owned corporations are now expanding into a variety of additional business sectors, from steel, power, mining, port management, shipping, aviation, automotive, telecommunications, heavy machinery, toys, and yes, even weapons sales. This growing number of government business "mergers" obviously adds to the leverage of bolstering political positions of these nation-states, which strengthens the growing state capitalist or socialist trends presently underway.

Another Troubling Worldwide Socialist Trend

This has led to another serious and troubling trend confronting free market capitalism—it's called state funded business consolidation, or perhaps more correctly, business monopolization. This is an extremely distressing principle that has developed, empowering these emerging worldwide socialist initiatives!

What this means is, state capitalist or socialist nations are no longer satisfied with just competing on the economic level. Instead, they are intent on using their market dominance to further their political agendas. This is accomplished by leveraging the economic influences of the state owned enterprises that operate within the nation-states they do business with. In so doing, they are able to gain control of certain markets, generate enough revenue to buy out whole business sectors, or acquire assets of the "host" nation under the guise of "development," similar to what China is presently doing in parts of Africa. The obvious result is that over years of economic intercourse, political influence is steered toward favoring policies that generate more profits through trade or economics, which then ultimately results in political compromises, thus leading to government policy changes of the host nation. It acts just like a virus or the proverbial "Trojan horse!"

How does it work? These state owned companies help facilitate these initiatives by providing government money to consolidate. For instance, consider Angola's Endiama (diamond company); Azervaijan's AzerEnerji (power generation); or Kazakhstan's Kazatomprom (uranium), just to mention a few. There are literally hundreds, if not thousands, of companies now going through this transformation—takeovers—resulting in state owned corporations becoming the dominant players in multiple business sectors. Some of these have grown enormously large and have become monopolies in certain business segments, blocking any and all would-be competitors from the private sector.

Some examples of this are Russia's fixed-line telephone and arms export group; China's aluminum, power transmission, telecommunications, and air-

line monopolies; or India's national railway system, employing over 1.4 million people. These are enormously large companies, and cannot be competed against when one understands the governments of their countries own them. Clearly, this is extremely disruptive to the free capitalist system, because so often the rules are designed to favor the government enterprises at the expense of the privately owned enterprises.

Many don't realize an additional item working against the private business sector: companies that do remain in the hands of private business people also rely on government patronage, credit, contracts, subsidies, and/or loans. It's easy to see that if your privately held company is not on good terms with the government—who is in control of the legislative branch and often in conflict with private business—just maybe, it might find itself out of business, or its corporate assets frozen because your privately owned company didn't comply with some specific regulation designed by some government bureaucrat, or "cave" to a government request critical to a negotiation.

There is definitely an immense geopolitical movement of colossal proportions and consequence presently in progress, due highly to the suspiciousness of these potential conflicts of interest. The world is turning into and moving toward becoming a "hodge-podge" of varying degrees of socialist states that are structured to do business with each other as though they were singular corporations. The fact is, businesses and countries are consolidating into larger blocks of economic and political influence. As these trends become greater in scope, size, and scale, it becomes clear that unless your country "gets with the program," it will find it more difficult to remain competitive in the world market of the twenty-first century. This is due to the fact that countries of the world are becoming a conglomeration of their business sectors, directly due to government acquisition or indirect government ownership via silent government partnerships and/or phantom government financial backers.

Therefore, it's becoming plain that if you're in private business and want to compete and survive, you had better be in good standing with the government of your country. And secondly, the national government had better be in control of large segments of a variety of business sectors if it expects to compete in today's world market. In other words, the more socialized your country is, the better chance it has to compete in the global markets of today's developing "world order."

What Is The Prophetic Significance?

What's becoming more apparent each day is the United States of America, the last bastion of free market capitalism, is losing its appeal, compatibility, and most importantly, *credibility* as a desirable and workable system. We need not belabor the issues of the last few years of financial malaise and the

pathetic socialistic compromises by those politicos—Republicans, Democrats, and independents—which have attempted to fix the malfeasance. It's been a sorry effort by all those leaders within the educational, political, banking, insurance, and industrial business sectors and has only served to illustrate how out of step and inept the United States is with the world and its own secular constitution and "Christian" moral integrity.

The United States of America has had tremendous opportunity to revisit its origins and look deep within its cultural soul, redressing its relationship with those principles that have been so instrumental in its ascent to greatness and American exceptionalism. Regrettably, it has failed to do that because, as a nation, one specific relationship during this intensely bad time has been consistently ignored: our relationship as a culture of people with our God. Yes, we have in many aspects of our society today abandoned the God of our Judeo-Christian Bible. As a Christian culture—and we are, fundamentally, a traditional Christian culture, regardless of President Barrak Obama's assertion that we are not—this is a major mistake and perilous oversight we are making as a nation who has indeed been blessed by the God of our Bible.

For the leaders and people of the United States to marginalize this Living God, Who unconditionally blessed our nation with so much affluence and material wealth because of promises He made to our forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is just stunningly indifferent and derelict on our part as beneficiaries. Sadly, as a nation of people, we will be corrected for this unbelievable apathy. (Write in for our FREE twelve-hour lecture series titled *The Biblical Origins of the British Commonwealth and United States of America*.)

Conditions are building and circumstances are developing that will test the will of the American people and our leaders again. Never in its history has it had to face such indifference, political gridlock, and opposition to the fundamental principles of what underlies its social fabric. There are many forces at work, within and without, dedicated to taking down the United States of America. It appears that this time the global size and scope of the forces at work are well entrenched and may just be too ensconced and entangled to combat and resist with the "non-progressive free capitalist model." It's as if the world is repositioning itself and becoming one large socialistic environment, unfortunately revealing the free market capitalist system of the United States and other free world nations is no longer globally compatible in the new neighborhood of emerging socialist nation-states that implement the state capitalist model.

Over the last year, the US has struggled with enormous fundamental compromises to its constitutional foundation never before experienced. Many are saying that "the Republicans set the table and the Democrats are now serving dinner!" But regardless of our political opinions or observations, we need to be brutally honest about asking this question: Do we as a nation and

culture of free market capitalists have a choice, when considering the direction of the global business contingencies now becoming apparent? What are the alternatives we have as a free democratic republic in the face of such gargantuan and enormous geopolitical socialist or state capitalist trends and changes?

Consider the current "progressive" trends outlined throughout this chapter that are actually happening right now all around us. Then, bear in mind the recent acquisition of the banking and insurance industry by the US federal government, and in addition, some automotive companies/unions, in combination with "government friendly" corporations such as General Electric, Fannie Mae, and Freddy Mac—and the pending legislation of additional government encroachments with unsustainable financial obligations that are all designed to further socialize the government of the United States. Is it perhaps just possible our leaders see the handwriting on the wall and are simply positioning the United States for the ultimate compromise they now understand is a natural development and forgone consequence—surrendering our sovereignty to the World Order? I know that statement may come as a shock to some of you—it's startling to me too—but here's what I mean by that.

Without becoming fanatically conspiratorial, or too overtly preoccupied with secular intrigue and extreme suspicion in our observations, we need to start honestly asking some very serious and bold questions.

For example, is it even possible the American people would allow such a concession of sovereignty without a full-scale revolution? And what if we don't concede as a nation of free market capitalists to the socialist trends gaining worldwide momentum and acceptance—will we be able to survive and function as a nation-state within the socialist competitive economic world environment that's emerging? Or will it work to our national disadvantage within the international market place?

Additionally, if a new world currency were to be implemented, replacing the American dollar as the world's standard reserve, would the United States concede and adopt that currency? And if not, could the United States resist and still maintain global competitiveness? Would the American people stand for it? What would it mean for the exchange rate value of the dollar abroad and here at home? What would the consequences be for the national debt and those foreign nations holding billions of dollars in US treasuries? Would the Central Bank, issuing the new currency, forgive the debts like a quasi "Jubilee" year of release? Or would the nations holding the debt sell it off in mass quantities before the implementation of a new world currency, thereby causing the collapse of the US economy? What would the impact of a new world currency be on prices for goods and services imported from foreign nations, especially in areas of energy, such as oil or natural gas? These are questions, which just a few years ago would have been unthinkable to con-

sider. However, with today's developing circumstances and conditions, they are becoming reasonably plausible, gaining legitimacy, and building credible momentum in the public square.

It's time we begin to recognize these are actual existing circumstances that do indeed surround us! Even Warren Buffet said, "The patient that's on the floor with the cardiac arrest is not Wall Street. It's the American economy." And Gerald Celente, renowned economic trends forecaster, believes the United States is on its way to becoming a banana republic, marked with internal strife and anarchy over "taxation without representation," unemployment, over-regulations, and shortages of life's staples, such as food, water, and shelter. This is not a very encouraging picture of the world's once greatest superpower, now the largest debtor nation in the world. History has proven that once a nation begins to lose its currency value and becomes weak economically (Babylon, Greece, and Rome, for example), it is destined for ruin. It's an oxymoron to consider a nation a "superpower" when in reality its economy and currency is weak, and additionally, is indebted to and dependent on multiple nations of the world to buy up and sustain its debt!

Where is this really leading us? What's next? Are there prophetic events ahead that need to be considered with renewed perspective? And what is this conspiracy we mentioned? Who's behind it? Who's running it? And where are "they" taking the world? What is "their" agenda? And who is "they?"

CHAPTER TWO

Where Is the Conspiracy Leading?

Currently, the world appears to be gravitating toward global socialism under the guise of a new politically correct term: "state capitalism." What does this mean for the geopolitical future of the world, and in particular, the United States? Is it really the solution to world peace and prosperity? And what does our Bible say about this global movement?

n the previous chapter, we were left asking a variety of questions—questions that a few years ago would have been irrelevant for our time. However, in today's progressive socialist environment, it's just the opposite. Presently, these questions and observations have become very relevant!

It's important we recognize the operative word here is "presently." We should always keep in mind that geopolitical events and conditions are dynamic and subject to change. Therefore, when observing the propensities and trends of our changing world and considering what we may think are the connecting lynchpins to the prophetic fulfillments of our Bible, it's important we understand that caution is key. Speculation about current events, news headlines, or politics should be minimized—otherwise, we run the risk of looking foolish. This is precisely why we will stick close to what the Scriptures say about the future of our changing world throughout the remaining discourse of this booklet.

With that being said, let's consider what the *Bible* has to say about these "centralizing initiatives" which appear to be predisposed to nationalizing the world into some kind of socialist "World Order."

Some Biblical Imperatives to Consider

Revelation 18 explains an internationally centralized worldwide economic system has been implemented around what is described as an end-time Babylon. Notice what it says in Revelation 18:3: "For all nations [that's

comprehensive] have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings [plural] of the earth have committed fornication with her [political intercourse], and the merchants [plural] of the earth are waxed rich [became wealthy] through the abundance of her delicacies [economic policy and commerce]."

Keep in mind that this chapter primarily describes the destruction of this Babylonian system. However, the context shows quite clearly that this world order was affluent and beneficial to other nations for a time, having become quite prosperous through nationalization and trade. Again notice: "Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants

of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore" (Revelation 18:10–11). Imagine that—the world is saddened, weeping, and mourning, because they cannot do business with this Babylonian system anymore, due to the swift destruction that came upon it.

So, what are some of the imperatives we should consider about this Babylonian system? *First*: It is a *global* system that emerges onto the world scene, becoming dominant in its geopolitical influence and worldwide economic benefit to other nation-states of the world (Daniel 7:23; 8:25; Revelation 18:7, 9–16).

Second: It appears to be a socialist coalition

made up of a) an autocrat (the beast); b) a religious

leader (the false prophet); and c) 10 independent nation-state leaders (kings) who combine their hegemony in confederation (social/military union) with this prominent charismatic autocrat. Notice: "And in the latter time [this is important to recognize—it's at the end time] of their kingdom, ... a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully [not using force], and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace [prosperity] shall destroy many" (Daniel 8:23-25).

Also, "Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon the earth, ... and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise" (Daniel 7:23–24). In addition, Revelation 17:12–13 says, "And the ten



Albert Pike was a grand master of the Scottish Rite of the Masons, well known in the late 19th century as an alleged modern-day founder of the conspiratorial Illuminati movement.

horns which thou sawest are ten kings [independent of the autocrat, or beast], which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour [a short time] with the beast [the autocrat]. These have one mind [implies

unification, confederation, or coalition], and shall give [concede] their power and strength unto the beast [the autocrat]."

Third: This Babylonian system historically is responsible for killing the prophets and saints, and will proceed to repeat Christian persecutions and cause martyrdom again in the future. Notice: "And I saw the woman [Mystery, Babylon the Great] drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus" (Revelation 17:6).

In addition, notice what this futuristic Babylonian system will do to modern day Christians at this time. "Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast,



Karl Marx

which was diverse from all the others...And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up... I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them [they will be harmed]... And he [the beast] shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out [beat down and destroy] the saints of the most High" (Daniel 7:19-25). Also notice: "And it was given unto him [the end-time beast/autocrat] to make war [violent harm] with the saints, and to overcome them [subdue them]: and power was given him [the autocrat of the fourth kingdom] over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:7). Even our Lord warns us that in the latter days, at the time of the end, many will be offended, betrayed, and delivered to be afflicted and killed (Matthew 24:8-13; Mark 13:8-9; Luke 21:10-19). This substantiates Daniel's warnings.

Fourth: We must remember, this happens at the end. We know this because it's this Babylonian system that fights our returning Lord, Jesus Christ, and the armies from heaven. Notice: "And in the days of these kings [the beast, false prophet, and ten kings] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed [it's at this time]; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Daniel 2:44). And further, "He [the autocrat/beast] shall also stand up against the Prince of princes [Jesus Christ]; but he [the beast/autocrat] shall be broken without hand" (Daniel 8:25). Also, "These [the beast and the ten kings] shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb [Jesus Christ] shall overcome them" (Revelation 17:14).

Clearly, there are many unanswered questions concerning these biblical prophecies, but here's the point: presently, world predilections indicate the global community of nations appear to be moving toward and closer to a socialist model, which the Bible claims will result in a world order that ultimately is going to attempt to control the entire world; and indeed, this is prophetically substantiated by many scriptures in our Bible and is further

J. D. Rockefeller, alleged international banker/filuminati.

accentuated by what is actually happening today with the trends we see in the world!

Simultaneously, while all this is going on, the United Kingdom has virtually conceded all of its positions with its former Commonwealth nations. Today, Great Britain shares its relationships and authority mostly in name only with the majority of these former nations, and has nowhere near the power and influence it once had with them. In addition, the United States, the last remaining superpower and obstacle preventing the socialization of the world, is close behind Britain in its decline.

This once prominent and unprecedented global power, like the United Kingdom, has also unfortunately plummeted to a position of secularism, moral decay, economic bankruptcy, and political disarray! Undeniably, the United States of America has also lost its way and is in decline because it has no national vision of who it is and what it should be doing. It has forgotten its identity—and has fulfilled, in a surreal kind of way, the meaning of its prophetic name "Manasseh"—which simply means forgetfulness!

The Conspiracy

Many, over the years, have claimed the real conspiracy behind this "New World Order" movement lies with many international elites. They reach back to the secret societies and/or brotherhoods like the Illuminati, Jacobinism, Freemasonry, or the Round Table Groups and claim these ruthless and progressive organizations are behind much of the gravitation toward this global socialist tyranny. They claim men like Dr. Adam Weishaupt, Giuseppe Mazzini, Moses Mordecai (alias: Karl Marx), Albert Pike, and the Bushes, or Roosevelt, to mention a few, were some of the intellectuals behind the genesis of this conspiracy. They allege these conspirators/socialists made inroads into the industrial, banking, education, media, and political sectors of the nations. Those who believe this further assert that these incremental encroachments of influence from men like John Ruskin, Sir Abe Bailey, John D. Rockefeller, John Dewey, Dr. Harold Ruggs, the Bilderbergers, Rothschilds, and yes, even some of the presidents of the United States, along with many more international politicos, in addition to organizations like the Council of Foreign Relations (CFR), Federal Reserve, Royal Institute of International Affairs, and of course, the United Nations, are all responsible for coordinating this conspiracy! But really-is this a fair assessment of who

is actually behind the scenes manipulating the horrific multi-millennia legacy of mankind's miserable and pathetic saga?

If we're honest with history, it's hardly realistic to conclude the Rothschilds and other international elitists who are considered part of the Bilderbergers, or for that matter, any other financial sage, was behind the scenes financing World Wars I or II and conspiring to take over the world, especially since such prodigious amounts of destruction and loss occurred to so many of these individual European bankers, industrialists, and educators during those times. Arguably, this would have to be considered the ultimate masochistic, self-inflicted "mother of all wounds" for all times! And furthermore, after one recognizes the magnitude of personal loss these families experienced in art, real estate, and in some cases, even the death of their own

loved ones as a result of these many historical conflicts, it hardly makes any sense that this would be the case.

Clearly, the present worldwide financial meltdown also goes to substantiate we can hardly blame the bankers to be behind some global conspiracy to take over the world when they themselves also suffered so many losses, bankruptcies, and liquidations, while still others required such enormous government bailouts. Again, it would hardly make much sense, when considering the magnitude of such personal loss and financial setbacks. Remember, many of these financial leaders lost their companies, jobs, fortunes, and sometimes their families and freedom. Some even ended up in jail! That's hardly good conspiratorial planning for taking over the world, when you, too, suffer loss of this magnitude in pursuit of swindling others out of their fortunes. Somehow, it just doesn't seem to make much sense.



Woodrow Wilson was an alleged Progressive conspirator, accused by many of being part of the Illuminati.

On the other hand, that's not to say there isn't a conspiracy, or at least a degree of manipulation occurring within these areas occasionally, because there is an agenda at work; and clearly, it could be considered a conspiracy. However, the size and scope of those behind it are far more powerful and deceitful in their operation than most of mankind realizes. It is indeed obvious, and most people don't realize it!

I'm always amazed when talking about this "alleged conspiracy," because eventually in the course of conversation comments will finally lead to statements like, "Well, they have arranged it," or "They have done this." or "They presently are working on it." Eventually, I'll get around to asking, "Who are they?" As a rule, generally, the answer at best is ambiguous, or the question is simply ignored and deflected to another subject. It just goes to prove, most people do not comprehend the size, scope, depth, and complexity of this very real conspiracy. Why is this? It's simple-most people ignore the spiritual factor and dimension of this conspiratorial agenda!

Unquestionably, this is what underpins the answer to this mystery. We can't ignore the spiritual facts because this conspiracy does, indeed, go



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Franklin Roosevelt, alleged conspirator connected with the Progressive Illuminati movement.

beyond the human realm. Your Bible points this out when it states the world is deceivedbut not by the international bankers, Council of Foreign Relations, the United Nations, or the Illuminati. It's much larger in scale and scope and far more deliberately insidious than that! Notice: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world" (Revelation 12:9). That's right! This fallen covering cherub, presently known as Satan the Devil, is in fact the one who is really behind this conspiracy! He and his minions, who left their first estate and are currently postured in rebellion against God, are the ones who are behind this lamentable legacy of human anguish, pain, and devastation. These demonic forces work within the hearts and minds of mankind, exploiting our lustful natures as well

as deliberately manipulating outside circumstances directly to serve their power mongering and destructive objectives. And yes, they work many angles, using multiple methods, including people, organizations, and even nations of the world to advance their specific goals—but always, of course, within the allowances of God's overall plan (Ephesians 2:1-3; 6:12).

Now notice who it is that gives power to this up-and-coming resurrected "king of the north," which is this Greco-Romanish Babylonian system. "And the dragon gave him [the Beast and ten kings] his power, and his seat, and great authority" (Revelation 13:1-2). Notice, it was that dragon, Satan the Devil (Revelation 12:9), who was behind this coalition and movement to nationalize the world order and confederate it into what the apostle John called "Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots [fornications] and Abominations of the Earth" (Revelation 17:5). John claims this system is the habitation of demons and the place of every foul spirit and unclean and hateful bird. It is a system that has influenced all nations to "fornicate" with it (political intercourse) in order to prosper (Revelation 18:1-3), living off the production of those who receive the "mark" it requires in order for one to

work and make a living (Revelation 13:16-17).

With that said and this perspective in mind, who can truthfully say to what extent the specific role of a certain individual or US politician like Teddy (or Theodore) Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, LBJ, Richard Nixon, Ted Kennedy, George Bush, or Barak Obama-or organizations, governments, and/or business sectors—played in this conspiracy? It's simply up for speculation! Who specifically financed what revolution and who in particular was behind Napoleon, Garibaldi, the Bolsheviks, Hitler, or the Federal Reserve, is frankly up for debate! Who really knows the truth, or the extent of involvement specific individuals or world conditions played, concerning these events? Frankly, in the grand scheme of things, does it really matter? Because, like it or not, we can't stop it, and it is what it is!

Yet some will insist, Don't we have a right to our personal opinions about this? And yes, of course, all of us are free to speculate in this area, because, undoubtedly, it makes for lively and interesting conversation. But understand and recognize this fact: it's speculation at best, as to how specific men, politicos, demagogues, organizations, round table groups, or international revolutions fit into this "web" of grotesque deception and worldwide charades. What's simply being suggested is to guard against allowing this kind of speculation to come between us as Christians. Let's not allow these topics or theories, or our politics, become divisive "doctrinal tenants." It's just not worth it—nor is it productive for our Christian unity (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Instead, stay focused on what is really important: the bigger picture, and how Satan is really behind all this manipulation—how he, Satan, is steering the global drifts and leanings that are now developing by means of the type of policies being initiated by the nations of the world and driven by the demonic lust for destroying God's plan! Remember, that's really the objective behind all this corruption, deception, violence, death, and destruction. The agenda being implemented by the contradistinctive forces of God are designed-or "conspired," if preferred-with the goal and intent of undermining everything God loves and is working toward accomplishing.

Presently, it appears that state capitalism, which is underscored by government involvement and ownership of private assets (socialism), as opposed to private ownership (free market capitalism) unhampered by government involvement, is becoming the New World Order's model of global commerce. When overlaid onto the system described in Revelation 18, what is happening now in our world becomes very cogent to Bible prophecy. The actual real world confirmation of our present geopolitical trends and events of emerging markets and how they are developing and positioning themselves is simply stunning, and cannot be ignored any longer!

This is because it's exactly what the Bible plainly illustrates will be the economic system dominating the world at the time of Christ's return. It is

John Winthrop's City upon a Hill, 1630

Now the onely way to avoyde this shipwracke and to provide for our posterity is to followe the Counsell of Micah, to doe Justly, to love mercy, to walke humbly with our God, for this end, wee must be knitt together in this worke as one man, wee must entertaine each other in brotherly Affeccion, wee must be willing to abridge our selves of our superfluities, for the supply of others necessities, wee must uphold a familiar Commerce together in all meekenes, gentlenes, patience and liberallity, wee must delight in eache other, make others Condicions our owne rejoyce together, mourne together, labour, and suffer together, allwayes haveing before our eyes our Commission and Community in the worke, our Community as members of the same body, soe shall wee keepe the unitie of the spirit in the bond of peace, the Lord will be our God and delight to dwell among us, as his owne people and will commaund a blessing upon us in all our wayes, soe that wee shall see much more of his wisdome power goodnes and truthe then formerly wee have beene acquainted with, wee shall finde that the God of Israell is among us, when tenn of us shall be able to resist a thousand of our enemies, when hee shall make us a prayse and glory, that men shall say of succeeding plantacions: the lord make it like that of New England: for wee must Consider that wee shall be as a Citty upon a Hill, the eies of all people are uppon us; soe that if wee shall deale falsely with our god in this worke wee have undertaken and soe cause him to withdrawe his present help from us, wee shall be made a story and a byword through the world, wee shall open the mouthes of enemies to speake evill of the wayes of god and all professours for Gods sake; wee shall shame the faces of many of gods worthy servants, and cause theire prayers to be turned into Cursses upon us till wee be consumed out of the good land whether wee are going: And to shutt upp this discourse with that exhortacion of Moses that faithfull servant of the Lord in his last farewell to Israell Deut. 30. Beloved there is now sett before us life, and good, deathe and evill in that wee are Commaunded this day to love the Lord our God, and to love one another to walke in his wayes and to keepe his Commaundements and his Ordinance, and his lawes, and the Articles of our Covenant with him that wee may live and be multiplyed, and that the Lord our God may blesse us in the land whether wee goe to possesse it: But if our heartes shall turne away soe that wee will not obey, but shall be seduced and worshipp other Gods our pleasures, and proffitts, and serve them, it is propounded unto us this day, wee shall surely perishe out of the good Land whether wee passé over this vast Sea to possesse it;

Therefore lett us choose life, that wee, and our Seede, may live; by obeyeing his voyce, and cleaveing to him, for hee is our life, and our prosperity.

described as a socialist confederation of ten nationalized nation-states, led by an autocrat (the beast) and religious leader (false prophet), who are both demon possessed (Revelation 16:13-14) and who also *mark* the people for serving the State. This system, in combination with the ten kings who confederate with this autocrat (the beast), ultimately face off with Christ and the armies of heaven in the final battle known as Armageddon (Revelation 16:16-18). The result is the *destruction* of this evil Babylonian system (Revelation 16:19-21).

Are We There Yet?

As we look out over the landscape of countries throughout the world and consider the geopolitical propensities we've been discussing, it's painfully apparent the global community of nations is, indeed, steering its way in the direction of this "Babylonian World Order." However, there remains a very stubborn obstacle standing in the path, presently obstructing and preventing all of this from being accomplished—the *United States of America!*

We don't need to belabor the current political and economic trauma the United States is in. Clearly, there are forces in and outside of the United States dedicated to its destruction, and currently becoming more transparent in their evil agendas. With the advent of the present economic crisis the United States has recently experienced and is still recovering from, in combination with so much corruption, moral and political decay and confusion, double standards, secret meetings, and shameless behavior from so many public servants, it's become disappointingly obvious that particular aspects of the American culture have accelerated in decline, thereby contributing to putting the United States at terrible risk. This has resulted in an internationally inferior condition. The United States is a paralyzed "paper tiger"—strapped by political gridlock, which is filibustering any real progress to solve the dissention and polarization that has continued to increase over the last four to five presidential administrations.

This is not surprising in light of the abandonment of God's thundering words, principles, and expectations from a people who adopted the Judeo-Christian heritage and originally claimed the God of Israel to be the standard of their moral and social behavior—the very foundation of their hegemony.

Believe it or not, the United States and United Kingdom had the opportunity to stand as beacons to the world community who doesn't have a clue as to who the God of Israel is, nor His firstborn Son, the Savior of mankind, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Our nations of multiple ethnicities and races, segmented into a great nation and a company (commonwealth) of nations, have been historically, and still are, the greatest cultural force on earth promoting the name of Jesus Christ. Without the people's participation, prodigious amounts of money, resources, and missionary efforts—regardless of their

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imperfections and sinful manners—the record is clear: God has used them to advance the name and knowledge of Christ as humanity's Savior as no other culture of people on earth! For reasons of promises made thousands of years ago to a man called Abraham, this was a very important prophetic objective of God our Father for promoting His salvific plan.

However, this chapter in the life of these nations appears to be approaching the end. The promises of great wealth, affluence, and power have been fulfilled! It's becoming obviously dismal and lamentably disheartening that as a "birthrighted" culture, we have failed God! We have been weighed in the balances and, to our shame, as a people who claim the Judeo-Christian Bible as God's Word and model of social and religious identity—have been "found wanting."

We are the cultures held responsible, and held accountable for failing to live up to the standard set by Jesus Christ. Why? Because it was the intention of the Living God to use these particular cultures to set the example for the rest of the world, as a "city upon a hill," to live for the God they claimed to be the true God, and the Savior they promoted.

Unfortunately today, the United States and the British Commonwealth nations are socially compromised, and have lost their way. They no longer consider the God of Israel or the name of Jesus Christ to be of much influence for social or religious value anymore. Nor do the words of His law have any long-term efficacious effect on the lives of the people He has blessed with so much. Yes, the God of Israel, in the name of Jesus Christ, has blessed America and the Commonwealth of Britain with many great successes throughout their history and much affluence over the last four to five centuries. But as the world turns, "change" has come—and unfortunately, the "fundamental changes" these cultures have embraced and are presently experiencing by the legislation they have chosen to pass, legalizing many social perversions according to God's law—is not the kind of change that will ingratiate us into a closer, more favorable relationship with the God of Israel. No, quite the contrary—God is not amused!

CHAPTER THREE

What Is the Prophetic Significance of Great Britain and the United States?

There are international forces at work today attempting to forge a greater global influence on the sovereignty of individual nations, including the United States. Climate change, economics, terrorism, and a variety of political threats with potential wwps are all having their effect to leverage influence and control. Where is this leading the United States and the global community?

cultures that have adopted His Word, the Judeo-Christian Bible, as their standard for social and religious identity. It was suggested that historical facts prove the United States and the United Kingdom prophetically represent the "birthrighted" cultures that are, indeed, the modern-day recipients of the physical promises of wealth, affluence, and power originally promised to Abraham of Ur (Genesis 12:1-3). And furthermore, it was mentioned they carry the name of the end-time nation called Israel, which was prophesied to be divided into two broad profiles: 1) a company (commonwealth) of nations, and 2) a single great nation (Genesis 48:19-20).

With this in mind as a plausible worldview, it becomes reasonable to believe that God had specific expectations for these nations. Understandably, then, a lot of questions are answered as to why, over the course of their national histories, these cultures have enjoyed such great blessings of mate-

rial wealth, achievement, and protection from natural disasters and international calamities—having also enjoyed military successes, relatively speaking, when compared to the rest of the world over the last 400 to 500 years. But it is unequivocally apparent that the United States and United Kingdom have failed to live up to God's expectations. And the mission He had in mind for these nations—that of becoming an example to the world "as a city on a hill"—clearly has never been accomplished!

This is to our shame as a culture of multi-ethnic people who claim the name of Jesus Christ, the God of Israel. We have been given so much and been obviously blessed by God our Father for approximately ten to twelve generations; yet we have miserably squandered our wealth, influence, and power by mismanaging our resources and affluence, while exacerbating our condition in abandoning the God who blesses us. It's a pathetic legacy to our God, after one realizes how much He has done for us!

Without a doubt, this understanding of "prophetic significance" has been debated for well over a century or so, and will most assuredly continue to be contested. Though it may be difficult to understand and accept that the cultures of the British and American people are the end-time, modern-day Israelites prophetically mentioned throughout the writings of the prophets, let's just suppose: WHAT IF it's true?

Let's Consider Some "Real Life" Historical Facts

Before we answer this "What if" question, let's consider some actual historical facts. This will help add some context to this perspective before resuming our present discourse on the global trends that appear to be leading us in the transition toward this Greco-Roman Babylonian system which is prophesied to emerge in the end times and take on the role of ultimately invading and occupying Palestine and other Middle Eastern and North African countries as the king of the north (Daniel 11:40-43).

The sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, once said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: ...it [the Revolutionary War] connected in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity." Charles Hodge of Princeton Theology Seminary said, "The proposition that the United States of America is a Christian and Protestant nation is not so much the assertion of a principle, as the statement of a fact." Conversely, to illustrate how far the American culture has drifted from this perspective, consider what the forty-fourth president of the United States, Barack Hussein Obama, said multiple times while in office: "The United States is not a Christian nation."

So, let's ask ourselves: Do you really think it's all just coincidental that the cultures of the United States and United Kingdom subscribe to a Christian heritage and just happen to have their history solidly ensconced within the

framework of the writings from both Old and New Testaments? We're supposed to believe it's all just coincidental that the fact of their social, religious, and political views "just happened" to be based on the religious tenets

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and covenants that clearly connect with the belief that the God of Israel and Jesus the Christ are deity and represent their God rather than Buddha, Vishnu, Mohammad, Hara Krishna, or some other god? And furthermore, we're just supposed to believe it was coincidental that this Christian faith "just happened" to result in initiating a worldwide missionary work, second to none, for advancing the name of Jesus Christ as the exclusive Savior to the world for centuries? Really? What do you think the chances of that are? Seriously, what do you think the odds of that happening



Mayflower Pilgrims

are—especially, when considering the many varieties of different religious and faith-driven possibilities that could have been, instead?

Additionally, is it just another coincidence that the British and American governments just happen to be the primary charitable providers and protectors for that little Jewish Israeli state in Palestine since its commencement in 1948? Why them, of all people? Doesn't it seem a bit strange that, to their own national risk and political detriment in some cases, they, the USA and UK, insist on maintaining such an affinity and protective concern for the Jewish people? Why do you think that is? It almost seems as if they're related, like family, with their heritages connected somehow with each other. Could this be possible? Without us even realizing it, could it actually be at the basis of this cultural predisposition? In light of the geopolitical realities of the last sixty or so years, this is certainly something to seriously reflect on and consider, because it surely seems to present, if nothing else, a strange curiosity.

And what about this historical fact: the British and American nations seem so close, and in times of trouble, figuratively lock arms in support and defense of each other-allied, as though they were brothers. These are just a few historical realities we should recognize and seriously think through, as

we ponder the possibilities of this "What if" question regarding this plausible *Israelite* connection and worldview.

With this in mind, it's also an unquestionable fact of history that the United Kingdom and United States are closely interconnected. History proves that what ultimately became the United States was originally nothing more than a handful of colonies that were part of the Commonwealth of Nations, primarily settled by the



Thomas Jefferson

British and others from the United Kingdom. At the time, Britain was a world power, growing in its global influence and control. At its peak, the British Empire flew the Union Jack flag over a network of "commonwealth" nations that covered about 21 million square miles (33.7 million kilometers) of the earth. This translates to about 2.3 times the geographical size of China, which is about 9 million square miles (14.7 million kilometers).

There has never been in the history of the world an empire as large and geographically all consuming and powerful as the British Commonwealth of nations. Over its history, this trajectory of ascent finally achieved world power status, with London becoming the financial capital of the world and its currency, the pound sterling, becoming the world's standard reserve currency at the outset of the twentieth century. It controlled virtually all the key gateways of the world, i.e., Gibraltar, Suez Canal, Khybar Pass, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malta, Panama Canal, etc. (rf. Genesis 22:17), and brought an element of education and technology that "seeded" many undeveloped cultures throughout the world at the time, such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Egypt, Eritrea, India, Iran, Libya, Madagascar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc. (rf. Isaiah 27:6). It was a stunning accomplishment by such a small, but aggressively gallant, hard working, and creative culture.

After previously failed attempts in the late 1500s, England finally successfully settled Jamestown, Virginia in 1607, followed by the colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620. This was the commencement of what would ultimately become a very great nation and superpower in its own right. Actually, United States history proves many of these first settlers from the United Kingdom were bound with the purpose, from the start, to propagate Protestant Christian standards and moral values in the name of Jesus Christ. Consider the first charter of Virginia, which was granted by King James I in 1606 and written before those first settlers left England. It plainly stated the goals of the colony were to be for "propagating of [the] Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance for the true knowledge and worship of God."

Following the settling of Jamestown came the New England colonies, which undoubtedly were Christian and Puritan in custom and style. The

Pilgrims (Separatists) landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620, but before even setting foot on the ground, they authored the "Mayflower Compact." This document clearly states they came "for the glory of God and the advancement of the *Christian faith*." Frankly, if the truth were known, approximately half of those on the Mayflower were from a congregation of Puritan Separatists (Pilgrims) originally from Scrooby, England, who moved to Leyden, Holland and finally left for Plymouth, looking for religious freedom from the Church of England. In other words, this was nothing more than a relocation project for a *Christian congregation!*

Later came the colony of Providence, Rhode Island, named after God, founded by Roger Williams in 1636, whose charter openly stated evangelistic goals that the colony "may win and invite the native Indians of the country to the knowledge and obedience of the only true God and Savior [Jesus Christ] of mankind." This was followed by the first complete constitution in the US. It was the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, 1639. This document states the purpose of the colony was "to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the gospel of our Lord Jesus which we now profess, as also the



discipline for the Churches, which according to the truth of the said gospel is now practiced amongst us." In other words, they were "practicing" the tenets of the gospel. It was their culture to be Christian in principle, standard, and value!

I could go on mentioning so many more original charters, Puritan constitutions, and compacts of those original colonies that in total exceed 100 different documents that finally led up to the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, the Northwest Ordinance, and of course the

Abraham Lincoln Constitution; but suffice it to say, the United States' Protestant "Christian roots" are obviously clear and plain for those who are honest and honorable with history.

Also, for anyone to disavow that many state constitutions today still maintain, in their original documents, requirements that state and federal representatives must publically claim belief in the Old and New Testaments and Jesus Christ, are simply refusing to accept reality! These are national facts of United States history, which is no longer required to be taught, and is unfortunately ignored, or being rewritten from an angry and disruptive perspective. God is simply not included!

It would do us all well to remember Benjamin Franklin's interesting statement and consequent observation made in the course of his "plea to prayer" at the Constitutional Convention on June 28, 1787. He said, "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of

this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?" This happens to corroborate the biblical truth that the most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever He will (Daniel 2:20-21; 4:25).

After reviewing the facts, to deny the United States was originally intended to be established as a Christian (Protestant) nation with the goal of propagating the name of Jesus Christ is at best disingenuous or flagrantly ignorant—or, at worst, intentionally malicious! There is far too much ignorance and malice today regarding the history of the greatest combination of superpowers the world has ever known, which historically, the Living God has blessed beyond all other nations of the world (Genesis 49:22–26; Deuteronomy 33:13–17). One cannot apologize for this, because it is the substantive reality of our world history. John Adams, second president of the United States, once said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclination, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." It simply is what it is! To deny it would be to repudiate the reality of history and the providence of God's prophetic writings.

In other words, to deny the documented facts regarding these two world powers is to deny the very will of God and His involvement in leading and blessing these nations with His promises that ultimately led them to become the world powers—not just regional—that they became (Genesis 35:10–11; 48:10–22; 49:1, 22–26)!

But Where Are They Today?

With this in mind, consider the words of Abraham Lincoln, who said in a speech on January 27, 1837: "At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reach us, it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be the author and finisher. As a nation of freemen we must live through all time, or die by suicide" (emphasis mine).

Clearly, what we see happening around us is exactly what appears President Lincoln warned would happen. It's as though the United States is now on a path of national self-destruction—suicide, if you will. From a peak position of being a nation that controlled 80 percent of the world's resources, with only about 6 percent of the world's popu-



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n the Book of Deuteronomy, God warned the House of Israel that their failure to hear His voice and obey His commandments would result in many curses overtaking them, including gradual economic ruin and foreign control and domination. "The alien who is among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you will go down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you will be the tail" (Deuteronomy 28:43–44).

The fulfillment of these prophetic warnings have been dramatically illustrated in the economic decline over the last 50 years of the modern descendants of the House of Israel, especially among those nations who represent the inheritors of the birthright blessings given to Ephraim and Manasseh—Great Britain and the United States.

In 1960, the combined exports of the Anglo-American nations amounted to \$31.2 billion, which represented 24 percent of total world exports (World Trade Organization, Statistical Program, Time Series, 1960 World Exports, International Trade Statistics 1900-1960, Statistical Office of the United Nations, May 1962, Tables XXII and XXIII). It is also interesting to note that in the same year, the United States had a trade surplus of \$3.5 billion (U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, 1960-2004, BOP Basis, compiled from official statistics of the US Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis). In addition, for fiscal year 1960, the United States ran a budget surplus of \$3 million (Table 1.1 Summary of Receipts, Outlays, and Surpluses or Deficits, 1789-2013, http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/fy09/sheets).

In 1965, the Gross Federal Debt of the United States was \$322 billion, which amounted to 46.9 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (Historical Tables, Budget of the U.S. Government, Fiscal Year 2010, Table 7.1 "Federal Debt at the End of Year: 1940-2014"). The Public Debt, that amount of the gross debt held by institutions outside of the US Government, amounted to \$260.8 billion. Of that amount, only \$12.3 billion, or 4.7 percent, was held by foreign nations (Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2008, Table 16-6, "Foreign Holdings of Federal Debt").

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In less than 50 years, the economic decline of the Anglo-American powers is reflected in grim statistics. In 2009, the combined exports of the United States and the United Kingdom amounted to approximately \$1.4 trillion. While this figure is much greater than their combined exports in 1960, the two nations' overall exports, as a percentage of total world exports, dropped dramatically from 24 percent in 1960 to barely 11 percent in 2009 (WTO Secretariat, World Merchandise Trade by Region and Selected Country, 2009).

The United States had a budget surplus in 1960; however, by 2009, the estimated annual budget deficit amounted to \$407.4 billion (Table 1.1 Summary of Receipts, Outlays, and Surpluses or Deficits, 1789-2013, http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/fy09/sheets). While the United States maintained a trade surplus in 1960, it had run into deep trade deficits by 2009. In 2009, the United States trade deficit was \$378.6 billion ("US Trade in Goods and Services, BOP Basis, 1960-2009," US Census Bureau, March 11, 2010).

In addition, the federal gross debt in 2009 was about \$12.8 trillion, which amounted to 90.4 percent of GDP. The gross debt for 2011 is estimated to be \$15.6 trillion, which will represent 101.1 percent of GDP (Historical Tables, Budget of the U.S. Government, Fiscal Year 2010, Table 7.1 "Federal Debt at the End of Year: 1940-2014"). If these estimates are accurate, the federal gross debt in 2011 will exceed the total value of all goods and services produced in the United States.

Perhaps even more alarming is the percentage of the public debt owned by foreign nations. In 1965, foreign nations held 4.7 percent of the United States' public debt. In 2006, foreign nations held \$2.1 trillion of the public debt, which amounted to 44.2 percent of the total public debt (Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2008, Table 16-6, "Foreign Holdings of Federal Debt"). As of February 2010, foreign nations held \$3.7 trillion of the public debt, which amounts to 65.8 percent of the total public debt. Of that amount, China and Japan combined held \$1.64 trillion, or 43.9 percent of the total public debt ("Major Foreign Holders of Treasury Securities," Department of the Treasury/Federal Reserve Board, April 30, 2010).

As of June 30, 2009, the United Kingdom's total external debt in US dollars was \$9.088 trillion. The public debt represented 68.5 percent of GDP in 2009 (CIA World Factbook, https://www.

cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/uk.html). As of March 2010, public sector net debt was £890.0 billion, which is expressed as 62.0 percent of GDP. In addition, the public sector showed a current budget deficit of £14.8 billion as of March 2010 (Office for National Statistics—Public Sector Economy, http://www.statistics.gov. uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=206). Finally, the UK's trade deficit for 2009 was \$122.3 billion ("United Kingdom Trade Statistics 2009," Daniel Workman, March 3, 2010, http://import-export.suite101.com/article.cfm/united-kingdom-tradestatistics-2009).

lation enjoying those resources—and then succumbing to the current position of the world's largest debtor nation, presently generating approximately \$1.5 trillion per year in deficit spending (presently exceeding \$16 trillion of accumulated national debt) or more—which necessitates the USA imploring other nations to lend to them like beggars, in order to maintain the "international Ponzi scheme" required to remain solvent—is simply outrageously deplorable and unconscionable.

It's a disappointing commentary that plainly indicates a sad miscarriage of multiple decades of massive political (Democrats, Republicans, Progressives, and Independents alike), economic, social, and religious mismanagement!

Unfortunately, prosperity is problematic. It seems as though it's almost natural that as prosperity increases, it becomes easier to forget God. Over time, affluence seems to feed the delusion that the prosperity was accomplished by those who prospered. John Wesley of Great Britain had this insight: "I fear, wherever riches have increased, the essence of religion has decreased in the same proportions.... For religion must necessarily produce both industry and frugality, and these cannot but produce riches. But as riches increase, so will pride, anger, and love of the world in all its branches." God warned the ancient Israelites of this possibility, and it applies very appropriately to the present condition of our culture today. Please, get your Bible and read how applicable Deuteronomy chapter 8 is for our present-day cultures! Without a doubt, the United States and United Kingdom are paralleling ancient Israel.

The United States has become weakened in its political, economic, and military condition. Culturally, we have become a very secularized and humanistic hegemony, engrossed in our own personal lifestyles and pursuits of personal pleasures, clearly forging toward what could easily be considered a neo-pagan society. Also, the United Kingdom has virtually lost control of all its "commonwealth" nations. Essentially, within about a dozen

years or so after World War II, the United Kingdom's age of colonialism was effectively over. It was bankrupt and wounded due much to the effects of two world wars. Since then, it too has conceded to a humanistic secular society whose culture is more concerned with self-absorbed pleasures, entertainment, and leisure. Its Parliament is in disarray, suffering from a lack of vision and purpose as well. Today, the sun does indeed set on this once globe girdling, world dominating British Empire. It has lost its luster, fading into something so far removed from the grandeur it once had as the glistening mighty United Kingdom.

There was a time when the cultures of the United States and United Kingdom were like "lions in the forest" (world) "among the beasts" (nations of the world). At one time, not too long ago, they could have had their own way with any nation of the forest. They were a powerful duo when combining their geopolitical influence and military might. Two world wars in the twentieth century illustrated this, as they teamed up to push back the tentacles of tyranny and untangle the invasion of socialism upon the world. Like brothers covering each other's backs, they fought alongside each other; and in the case of World War II, fought side by side in two theaters of war simultaneously: Europe and the Pacific Rim—and won!

This is history! This is fact! And if they weren't blessed with the success they achieved, the world would be significantly different today—and all of us know it! Regrettably, so much has been lost over time and generations; and the deep sense of gratitude we should have for these nations and allies who also sacrificed so much, including the intervention of the God of Israel, is sadly being forgotten! Things are not the same today. Circumstances and world conditions are very different. There has never been a time like the times we presently are in. It has decisively changed!

So Let's Presume It is True!

If, then, the biblical origins of the lost ten tribes of Israel do indeed connect with the United Kingdom and United States, and these cultures are actually the descendants of the lost ten tribes—if we allow for this possibility—then what is it we are beginning to witness?

Comparing historical statistics with the present output of performance and the growing economic debt plainly illustrates a very sobering contrast revealing that conditions are not getting better. But more importantly, and most recently, a loss in respect and admiration for free markets, human liberty, freedom, and "trusted" political leadership is apparent! The world community is losing confidence in the American culture of free markets, liberty, and political leadership. In other words, the rest of the world is losing its certitude in the American system because they perceive we have an unsustainable amount of uncontrolled greed and debt, combined with political and

business corruption, declining morals, and no national vision. Make no mistake: this is a perilous trend and illustration of a worldview that America is in decline, regardless of whether or not you believe in the Israelite cultural origins of the United States and United Kingdom.

Unmistakably then, this poses a glaring, but reasonable question: Is this visible evidence that God is finally beginning to remove His "protective hedge?" Is the economic mismanagement of the United States going to be the fundamental element of America's weakening, decline, and ultimate fateful collapse? World history has proved this to be true with most nations, empires, and kingdoms of the past that experienced similar political, religious, moral, and financial failures. This is a sobering statistical reality!

The reason for asking these questions is simply because the answers appear to be obvious, after considering a few items of recent history. For instance, since the climactic end of World War II, up until the beginning of the twenty-first century, for about fifty years now, the United States has virtually enjoyed an uninterrupted ascent to power and greatness that is unmatched. Actually, since the early 1990s, the case could be made that the United States was the last remaining "superpower" from the Cold War era. Once the Soviet Union defaulted in 1989 and ultimately began to dismantle

in 1991, the United States had no peer. For all intents and purposes, the ongoing threat of nuclear war between these two titan nations was diminished for the time.

However, circumstances have changed again! It's been about two decades since that event occurred, and Russia is *rebounding* and presently regaining its position of influence and strength. China is also on the rise and gaining prominence among the nations of the world as a viable emerging market to be seriously considered. It's now the second largest world economy, behind only the USA. In addition,



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India, Brazil, the Middle East, Europe, and a variety of Asian nations are all legitimate markets, competing for their fair share among the community of nations. The world is far more interlinked and interdependent than ever before. This has been made evident by observing the effects of the recent economic "meltdown," and how ALL nations have been impacted by it. The world has become a much smaller place, and more intimately connected within the fraternity of nations throughout the world.

As we have tried to illustrate throughout this booklet, the global community has become more dependent on each other in many ways, and the Untied States is presently in the middle of it. Unfortunately, the United States

is also a major contributor and has even been blamed as the *primary* cause for much of the world's economic woes and political malaise.

With that being said, the United States also remains a major obstacle to the gravitation of the World Order's move toward global socialism. Currently, it presents a real "stumbling block" for the advancement of this world's inclination toward that, and further complicates this because its money is the world's reserve currency—and to its additional advantage, its debt has caused many nations to become addicted and co-dependent to its market by seducing them to produce excessive goods and services to supply it—while at the same time, Americans strive to satisfy their immense appetite for spending, which generates prodigious amounts of debt. It's quite a sad and convoluted reciprocating system, and unfortunately leads to subservience to the lenders (Deuteronomy 28:43—44). This is illustrated very poignantly by China, who holds over a trillion dollars in US treasuries (US debt), and thereby enjoys quite a position of influence over US foreign and currency policy.

However, for the present, the perception of the alleged superpower status of the United States and its "Triple A" treasury bond rating (which has been downgraded and is at risk again, as I write), in combination with the American people's ability to buy foreign goods and services, continues to provide an element of stability to the world's geopolitical and financial situation. How long can this charade and immense Ponzi scheme be maintained? It's hard to say. However, it is slowly being eroded, and many nations who have been buying up the debt of the United States are beginning to see the "handwriting on the wall." This has caused some of our largest lenders to back away from financing the deficits we continue to generate, because most realize it's just a matter of time before the US dollar will lose considerable value via inflation and perhaps more recession; and obviously, nobody wants to be holding excessive dollars when that happens.

What has been considered as the solution for the time being is now being conducted under the label of "QE3." This allows for the Federal Reserve Bank, via the Treasury, to authorize the printing of an unlimited amount of money at the rate of \$40 billion a month to buy up mortgages and treasuries other nations will no longer buy. These nations see the unsustainable economic condition the United States is in and do not want to get caught holding worthless paper dollars when it comes time to "pay the piper."

The nations of the world know it's an oxymoron to claim "superpower" status when your country lacks a unified political vision, the value of the currency is at risk, and the nation is considered the greatest debtor nation in the history of the world—with no indication of reducing the debt or spending. At the same time, its military might is perceived to be nothing more than a "paper tiger." Unfortunately, this is the present "real world" status of the

United States of America, and to a similar degree, the United Kingdom. It's quite a disturbing change from the positions of military supremacy, respect, economic dominance, and influence these former superpowers had throughout the past five centuries.

Both of these former "lions of the forest," metaphorically speaking, have been tamed, and are much more moderate than what they once were—and considering today's world conditions, should be. But in our present "politically correct" environment, it's neither practical nor acceptable to do much more.

Additionally, the United Nations has provided a venue for smaller, less consequential nations like Iran, North Korea, Jordan, Syria, Libya, Pakistan, Venezuela, Cuba, etc., who, if they choose to act defiantly and with impunity toward requests made upon them by other nations of the world, usually can expect very little to no real action of retribution.

What all this illustrates is the unfortunate world bias that has grown over the years, and how perceptions have changed and consequently are paralyzing the global community from really being able to implement any kind of real solution regarding any category of issues facing mankind today. This cannot and will not last for long. The world's community of nations is "progressively" moving toward this socialist Babylonian Mystery System—and it will not be denied, regardless of the size, power, or might of any obstacles attempting to prevent it—and that includes the United States of America!

CHAPTER FOUR

Prophetic Events for the Future

The United States remains one of the last bastions of freedom, liberty, and free market capitalism; however, how long will it last? In a world that appears to be gravitating toward world socialism under the guise of "state capitalism," the question is: When will the compromises and concessions finally break this anti-socialist country we know as the United States of America?

Tt's becoming obvious that the government's encroachment of state's rights and involvement with the business sector of the United States **L**is increasing. Legislation is consistently being passed, designed to allow the United States federal government to exercise control and/or influence on the states, or in the private business sector that was never intended. Though unquestionably true that free market capitalism or a representative democratic republic is not the answer to mankind's problems, the fact is, neither is socialism the way to world peace—especially when it's apparent the end time Babylonian system described in Revelation is configured as a socialist confederation led by an autocrat or tyrant and deceptive religious leader or false prophet who combine their strength with ten other kings fully intending to rule the world by controlling the masses with a mark, which is required for anyone who wants to earn a living and exist peaceably within the system. This is a disturbing picture, especially when one realizes the world appears to be growing more comfortable with socialist values and would be more accepting of a scenario as described in Revelation 13 and 17.

Let's not forget the historical legacy of tyranny, communism, and socialist reformative government. The history of these forms of "cultural management" is filled with oppression, bloodshed, and slavery. The governments of Napoleon, Mao Tse-tung, Stalin, Karl Marx, Juan Peron, Adolf Hitler,



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Mussolini, Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein, and so many more that could be mentioned, are grotesquely recorded as macabre events, void of human rights and saturated with control and unjustified prejudice, murder, execution, and thievery! Revelation 13, 17, and 18, in combination with Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, all portray a repeat of socialist tyranny that will ultimately gain control of the world (Daniel 7:23), force people to receive some kind of mark that allows them to fit in and become "sociocrats" of the system (Revelation 13:16–18), while persecuting and killing anyone, including those Christians who refuse to conform to this condition of governance (Daniel 7:21, 25; Revelation 13:7; 17:5-6;

18:20; 20:4). This will not be a pleasant time for people, and in particular, people of the Christian faith.

As mentioned in chapter three, a major obstacle, the proverbial "elephant in the room," right in the middle of these unrelenting, lumbering socialist world trends now building momentum is the United States of America, and the United Kingdom to a lesser extent. It's becoming clearer as we go forward that the representative form of government we now enjoy in the United States, including Great Britain to a degree—although currently, socialism has infected the British to a larger extent—is indisputably incompatible with what is described to emerge upon the world's geopolitical stage. And the pressure is on both the US and Britain to conform and concede to this struggling and very troubled socialist model, like iron and clay, which is rooted in the historical patterns that are being explored, tested, and experimented with by the European Union, the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Court. These are very real and influential political, monetary, and judicial forces that Britain and the United States have been resisting and contending with on issues that seem insistently relentless with intent on merging the nations of the world into a single, confederated Socialist World Order!

Prophetic Events to Consider—Coming Our Way

There are far too many prophetic events in our future to mention here in this short booklet, but one is of particular interest because it represents the beginning of the end. The Bible describes it as the "abomination of desolation" (Matthew 24:15-25). Many of us who are familiar with history know in approximately 167 BCE, Antiochus Epiphanies conducted a previous "type" of fulfillment concerning this event when

he invaded and occupied Israel and the temple in Jerusalem. It was during that time he set out to desecrate the temple by offering swine's blood on the altar, dedicating it to Olympian Zeus. This was a "small type" of the abomination of desolation.

However, notice what takes place in the *latter* time again, but this time on a much larger, more prominent scale. Daniel writes, "for the words are closed up and sealed [regarding this prophecy] till the *time of the end...* and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate [abomination of desolation] set up, there shall be..." (Daniel 12:9–11). And then he continues to describe some days of significance. But—did you notice? Daniel claims *the daily sacrifice will be stopped* and this will begin to commence the ultimate, *end time* "abomination of desolation!"

Obviously then, it's evident sacrifices will be conducted in the last days, thereby also implying a temple, or at least some kind of altar of some significance that will be erected where the Jews in Palestine will conduct these sacrifices—and the cessation of those sacrifices commence this *latter-day* abomination of desolation along with armies surrounding Jerusalem, as Jesus also described in Luke 21:20–22.

Additionally, Daniel mentions that a king of the north, which is this socialist Babylonian system, moves into the "glorious land," Palestine, and occupies the area, pushing southward to "stretch forth his hand upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape." Nor will Libya or Ethiopia (Daniel 11:40–43). Also, after he invades and occupies these areas, there will be threats from the east and north of Palestine—most likely China, Russia, and other Asiatic countries around the Pacific Rim—that will trouble him, this socialist confederation of ten kings, the beast, and false prophet, to the extent he will execute a *preemptive attack* on these nations (Daniel 11:44). Ultimately, this will be where he meets his end (Daniel 11:45). Jesus Christ will conquer this tyrant and others in the Valley of Jehoshaphat at the battle of Armageddon (Joel 3; Daniel 7:17, 27; 8:25; Revelation 16:16–21)—but not before this Babylonian system causes a *time of trouble* like never before in the history of the world (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:15–22; Mark 13:14–20; Luke 21:20–28).

This is quite a prophetic scenario the Bible describes, and is certain to result in a great deal of destruction and human anguish. However, we mention it here because it pictures a markedly explicit distinctive contrast with what we presently have throughout our world today. Yet, it's also important to recognize it confirms there are some major upheavals ahead for the current Israeli Jewish state, and which indicates, when these disturbances happen, it is the beginning of the end! This invasion of the land of Palestine, or Judah, identified as "the abomination of desolation" (Matthew 24:15–25; Mark 13:14–25; Luke 21:20–26), is a major sign that many of the events now about to happen

hereafter, are in fact the ones literally described in the Bible!

Why isn't the *remnant* of Jacob, or Israel, mentioned? We are told he would be a lion among the Gentiles in the world (Micah 5:7-8)—that the tribe of Joseph, or Israel, "in the *latter* days" (Genesis 49:1) would be a fruitful bough with affluence and material blessings running beyond his borders, while others grieved him and shot at him in his strength (Genesis 49:22-26; Deuteronomy 33:13-17).

However, there is absolutely no mention of Israel at this point in the "time of the end" (Daniel 11:40). Oddly though, the land of Palestine is mentioned, geographically, as the "glorious land." This is where the Jews are currently, and is described as being invaded and occupied (Daniel 11:40-45) in the end time. Remember, Jesus Christ mentioned that, too, but no mention of the house of Jacob, Israel, tribe of Joseph, Manasseh, or Ephraim. The silence pertaining to these cultures at this time—while the invasion and occupation of Palestine, today's modern Jewish state, occurs in the latter day—is deafening! Why? How could this happen? This could never happen while the United States in combination with Great Britain remain strong and committed to protecting the Israelis, or Jews.

Where is the nation of latte-day Israel, not the Israeli Jews, during this time of world calamity? And why, as you would expect, aren't they protecting the "glorious land" where the Israeli Jews are, instead of allowing it to be invaded and occupied by the king of the north, the Babylonian Mystery system, which also, by the way, continues to proceed and run roughshod throughout the Middle East? This is certainly an unusual situation to say the least, since the present policies of both the United States and Britain are committed to protecting this Jewish nation-state. So where are they—especially if this "latter day Israel" is this prophetic powerhouse the Bible claims it to be in the last days?

Knowing the historical and current protective nature and policies the United States and England have toward the Israeli Jews, this question demands an answer! How could the USA and Britain allow the Jews in Palestine, the glorious land, to be invaded, conquered, and finally occupied? Where are they? These are questions to ask yourself in light of biblical prophecy! Where is the United States and Britain? Why aren't they protecting the Jews at this time?

It's undeniable that the Bible describes these events and world conditions and precisely explains the land of Palestine will be occupied by this Babylonian resurrected Greco-Roman kingdom of the north who settles in the Middle East, fulfilling its destiny with prophecy. And it's unequivocally apparent that the United States and Britain are "missing in action." WHY AND HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME?

Answering Some Questions

It's imperative we begin recognizing the socialist initiatives in progress around the world and stop denying the development of this reality surrounding us. Political leaders of the world are intent on orchestrating unilateral cooperation when addressing the issues facing the world today; this presently includes certain political factions *embedded within* the United States and England. America and England are under enormous pressure from the world community of nations to compromise their *sovereignty* and concede their resources and national objectives, by spreading their *wealth* to a "World Order."

There are many things in play—but there are also many problems! The European Union is challenged also, with currency issues and debt, which is jeopardizing the euro. The EU is also contending with individual nation-



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states inside the Union who are financially distressed and wrestling with debt and bankruptcy. Germany is conflicted over "bailout money," but reluctantly contributed to a massive £932 billion bailout of Greece, hoping to stop a financial contagion from causing a destructive chain reaction within the European Union. Greece, in particular, has had some very serious problems, as does Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain (PIIGS). It remains to be seen how all of this will resolve, and what will happen to the euro and European Union of present. However, the current financial crisis has the potential of greatly restructuring and reshaping Europe's currency issues and its political relationships within the Union.

Also, Iran, modern-day Persia, is complicating world conditions with its

determination to obtain nuclear weapon grade plutonium. They're not cutting back or reducing their efforts, nor are they intimidated by the international community's trade sanctions, which are designed to reduce their pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. Instead, contrary to stopping this initiative, it has increased their motivation, where most likely they will have the capability of weapons grade nuclear material within a few years—unless, of course, something prevents them from accomplishing this goal. When and/or if this occurs, the potential of war in the Middle East will escalate. The danger of an arms race may very well begin in that part of the world, while aggravating and thereby compelling the Israeli Jews to possibly do something *independently* of the United States. The possibility of a preemptive attack of some sort is a very plausible consideration.

We could speculate about many scenarios—North Korea, Syria, Egypt, Turkey, Al Qaeda, Hamas, Muslim Brotherhood, etc.—and what might or might not happen, but here's the point: the geopolitical climate is in flux. There are many "balls in the air," including regime changes in the Middle East such as Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Syria, and perhaps more to come. Anything could happen to ignite the potential powder kegs that are spread throughout the world. We have many possible "lightening rods," many potential conditions that could lead us down the path of circumstances necessary to coalesce the nations that will finally fulfill what has been previously read, described, and explained from our Bibles. The future doesn't seem to indicate things will get any better soon.

With that said, we should be able to understand that the present geopolitical climate, or nation-state arrangement, is *not* positioned as described in the Bible at the end. That's not to say circumstances couldn't explode *tomorrow*, changing the world forever, as happened on July 28, 1914, the beginning of World War I; or December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day, the beginning of our involvement in World War II; or 9/11, the 2001 terrorist attack on the USA.

Knowing that world conditions still need some serious rearrangement and modification if they're going to match the script described by our Bibles, it becomes painfully clear, when considering the threats and perils surrounding us, that we should not and cannot risk underestimating the times in which we live. We must remain *vigilant* and physically, emotionally, mentally, and, most importantly, *spiritually* prepared to do the best with what we have, and materially reduce our expectations—because anything could change at any given time, making conditions and circumstances brutally more difficult and different from what we in the "free world" have generally been used to, since the end of World War II!

It's apparent there are some enormous, monolithic geopolitical events on the horizon that portend to be extremely earth shaking, and will assuredly affect the world in ways we cannot imagine. The global financial difficulties and challenges are only the beginning of our troubles. It's apparent that potential conditions are now beginning to come together, which will begin to accommodate the necessary *chain of events* to lead the world into the circumstances required to move the worldwide community into some of the most stupendous geopolitical changes the world has not seen since the first half of the twentieth century! The description of those changes and devastation to come clearly illustrates we haven't seen anything yet!

What Major Cataclysmic Event Is On the Horizon?

In light of some of this plain evidence, and perhaps some unanswered questions we may have about this information, let's review and consider Revelation 6:1-6 with some renewed emphasis. This is the chapter in which we are introduced to the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. We are told about the fourth horseman verse 8: "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hades [the grave] followed with him..."

Now notice what's next: "And power was given unto them [Death and Hades] over the *fourth part of the earth* [25 percent of the world's population], TO KILL with the sword [second seal: war], and with hunger [third seal: famine/pestilence], and with death [fourth seal], and with the beasts of the earth."

Did you notice what we just read? Read it again. Now, let's consider what's really being said here. Clearly, a war is described, resulting in the destruction of 25 percent of the world's population! Consider this: that equates to about 1.75 billion human casualties, based on a current world population of about seven billion people. This translates to a death toll of more than twenty times that of World War II, based on 50 to 75 million total causalities in that war! But notice another very interesting point beyond this fourth seal: the fifth seal describes a Christian martyrdom, which is followed by the sixth seal, described as great signs in the sky! And while you're trying to comprehend the magnitude of this cataclysmic event, keep in mind this sobering fact: Christ doesn't return yet! This is just the fourth, fifth, and sixth seals—not the trumpet plagues! There remains much more pain, suffering, and devastation yet to come! This is just the beginning of sorrows (Mark 13:8). Remember what our Lord said: "But when you shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not immediately" (Luke 21:9).

Also, consider this additional biblical fact: there are two more major world wars beyond this one mentioned in chapter 6, described in Revelation 9. These are the fifth trumpet (first woe) and sixth trumpet (second woe). These two trumpet wars result in another invasion with weapons that cause pain and suffering, but not necessarily death (Revelation 9:1–12), followed by another war resulting in the obliteration of one-third of the remaining three-fourths of the world's population (Revelation 9:18). This would leave approximately half the



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earth's population remaining at the time of the *beginning* of the seventh trumpet, which heralds our Lord's return and the final battle of Armageddon in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:11–17; Revelation 16:16–21).

These events should be seriously recognized and kept in mind within this context. Let me reiterate: the *present* world and geopolitical arrangement of the community of nations is *not* currently matched up with what is described in our Bible as this ten nation confederation, led by an autocrat, or tyrant, who runs a very affluent Babylonian system of commerce (Revelation 18), in conjunction with a religious leader described by John the apostle as a false prophet (Revelation 13:11–18). It's apparent, then, that some kind of huge, gargantuan, enormous *shake-up* is ahead that will result in the removal of the major obstacles obviously blocking much of this from happening.

Let me remind you: one of those major obstacles just happens to be the birthrighted cultures of the United States of America and, to a lesser extent, the United Kingdom! And when the *removal* of these two major balances of power occurs, there simply won't be any place for "Christian freedom lovers" within this coming Greco-Babylonian, Roman, socialist system that emerges. If you're a *true Christian*, you will find yourself in conflict with the Socialist Greco-Babylonian system described in Revelation 17:11–13 and chapter 18, which ultimately fights Christ upon His return (Revelation 17:14).

Notice the advice God gives to all real Christians about this coming sys-

tem and any who receive the "mark" that is required in order to become a working constituent of this governmental system. "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people [be you separate], that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4). Furthermore, we are told this government requires you to receive this "mark" in order to make a living (Revelation 13:16–18), and it's those who don't receive the mark who are to rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years in the Millennium (Revelation 20:4).

It's obvious that this "mark" will cause those who accept and receive it to compromise God's laws and the testimony of Jesus Christ in their lives for social peace and acceptance with the governance of the state system. It will be crucial for Christians at that time to choose not to participate in this Babylonian Mystery system, and then just accept the consequences of their resistance. Otherwise, based on Revelation 20:4, it appears they may forfeit their birthright to eternal life!

Will the United States Be Neutralized or Eliminated?

This is an interesting question that is gaining serious consideration, because some within the Christian Evangelical and traditional Protestant movements, along with some Sabbath-keeping groups, are advancing the teaching that because the USA and Britain are not mentioned during the times we have been reviewing, they are part of the Babylonian Greco-Roman system. But is this possible? Do the patterns of history describing how God dealt with Israel and Judah portray Him as allowing them to sin and abandon Him without correction?

We are told if we want to know the future, we should understand history (Isaiah 41:21–22). If this indeed is the formula or principle for developing the proper worldview, then notably, the rise and fall of the original nations of Israel and Judah is the *template*, or *pattern*, God is working within. Therefore, why should it be any different for the cultures of those *latter-day* Israelites and Jews who have abandoned God as their ancestors did? It wouldn't!

With this as a premise, if we're going to understand the question concerning the future of the United States and British Commonwealth cultures, we must first understand this undeniably clear fact: many people, and alleged Christians, too, want you to believe the writings of the prophets are all fulfilled—that there is no present twenty-first century literal application to their writings. There are Christians today called preterists, who claim the prophecies written by the prophets in the Old Testament have all been fulfilled, and the only remaining value is they are simply historical writings. They even go as far as making the pronouncement that Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, and even the whole book of Revelation, including Daniel's prophecies as well, are all historical, and were fulfilled when Titus invaded and occupied Jerusalem in

AD 70, when Rome ruled, declined, and then finally fell. They also assert that all the texts pertaining to Israel are only directly linked to the *original* nations of Israel and Judah. They claim anything beyond that is pure speculation or conjecture, and is not remaining true to the text.

Can this be true? Especially, when certain prophecies are plainly prefaced with "in the last days," "latter days," or "end times." Or, contextually, the prophecy makes absolutely no sense to the people and/or conditions unfolding at the time of the writing. Are we expected to simply *ignore* these indisputably plain and clear questions of *critical thinking*?

These queries deserve serious examination—particularly in light of the fact that we know the Bible is a comprehensive document revealing the plan of God from the beginning to the end (Revelation 1:11; 22:13). From that perspective, it would assuredly include the mention of the greatest nations in the history of the world, since it clearly includes smaller nations of less consequence down through history—wouldn't you think?

And yet, many will insist and emphatically assert that nations like Russia, China, Europe, or the British Commonwealth and the United States are *not directly* mentioned in the Bible—but Libya, Jordan, Ethiopia, Egypt, Syria, or Israel of old are—and yes, they are! However, that's the point: if the Bible is unequivocally God's complete and exhaustive Word—and it *is*—then why wouldn't it mention the larger nations of consequence in the "latter days and times"?

The truth of the matter is, the Bible *does* disclose the identities of these end-time nations and what will befall them if they insist on continuing as "children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:1-3). These insights are contained in the writings of the Old Testament prophets, regardless of what preterists may think, say, or try to discredit!

The key to understanding is viewing things as God does—through the *lens* of Israel. Without developing an "Israelite worldview," we cannot understand the *story of man* as God intended. Remember, the Bible can be considered the story of one man's family—Abram of Ur, and the promises given to him by God. That requires a certain perspective, which in the course of this knowledge of salvation identifies the nations that presently carry the prophetically distinct names of *Israel* and *Judah* on into the "latter time." We must understand and recognize, there is a "latter-day Israel" and a "latter-day Judah" that plainly exist in the *end time* when the Messiah returns, because the story of Israel is a "comprehensive constant" throughout the entre Bible about how these nations are recovered *again* from captivity in the *end time*—a *second* exodus (Isaiah 11:10–11; 27:13; Jeremiah 16:14–15; 23:5–8)—and then preserved on into and during the Millennium as a model nation to the rest of the world!

This understanding is paramount if we're going to grasp the prophetic significance of following the thread of Israel's—Jacob and his twelve sons—

story throughout the history of mankind. To understand the significance of the story of Israel and the validation it provides that God is involved with the salvation process of His plan through the prophetic promise of the *Scepter*, which is Jesus Christ, through the tribe of Judah (Hebrews 7:14), is to understand how He's *literally* involved with enlarging His family, and bringing many human sons and daughters into this redemption through Christ. World events and conditions, in combination with life's circumstances in general, play major roles as the *crucible* of the Christian conversion experience. Without these events and God's Holy Spirit within the individual, the salvation process would not develop mankind spiritually—especially since world conditions have had such a major effect and impact on the Christian movement and its development within the cultures of humanity through so many different variations of tribulations and challenges down through the eras that have, consequently, influenced Christian lives and communities in such personal ways.

Comparably speaking, what mankind is heading into will be like no other time in his history (Matthew 24:21–22; Mark 13:19–20; Luke 21:22–24). The physical events and resulting conditions, which will include martyrdom for some (Luke 21:12–19; Revelation 6: 9–11; Daniel 7:21, 25), are going to be enormously intense *Christian character-building opportunities* for these latter-day Christians, especially throughout the former Commonwealth countries of England and the United States of America.

So What's the Point?

This brings us back to the earlier question, mentioned in chapter three: What if—what if it's true that the United Kingdom's Commonwealth nations and the United States are, in fact, the cultures identified as the end-time nations carrying the name "Israel" with the nation there today in Palestine being called more appropriately latter-day Judah? What if all this is true?

With this perspective in mind as an acceptable premise of truth, let's assess some writings of the prophets and frame their warnings in light of this Israelite worldview by using the prophetic principle of duality, or as some scholars would say, the "apotelesmatic principle." And then, perhaps we might be able to answer the question about the United States' future with the overlay of what comparably happened to these cultures in the past. Using that comparison of the history of original Israel, let that answer the question as to why they're not mentioned and/or included in the description of the future Middle Eastern invasion, helping to resist this king of the north, the end-time Greco-Babylonian system, from invading, conquering, and occupying the latter-day Israeli Jewish state in the glorious land, Palestine, as described in Daniel 11:40–43.

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