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A must for those who do not want to be deceived... for the mystery of iniquity is already at work

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THE DAY IS COMING FAST...

Dear Reader, are you a Catholic, Anglican, Pentecostal or any other? Or maybe you are not even a Christian? Well, we are asking such questions for the last time because a time is coming, and it is near indeed, when it will no longer be possible to ask what religion or religious sect one belongs to. Why? Because all humanity would have embraced one world religion! At that time everybody on earth will belong, by force or by choice, to one global satanic cult called World religion and those who try to resist it would be considered enemies of humanity and would be severely dealt with.

We are seeing individual worship places, such as churches and mosques, for the last time. In the near future, under the united religious system, there would be only one worship place for each community, perhaps called global worship centre. We might then have something like global worship centre, Aba, Onitsha, Ikoyi-Lagos, (Abidjan, Ouagadougou, Bamako, Abuja, Accra, Lome, and Cotonu) and so on. It will then become illegal for any group to have a separate place of worship! All faiths – Christians, Moslems, Witches, Jews, Hindus, Buddhist and others would be made to worship together at the designated places. This would be happening worldwide and so there would be no hiding place.

Yes, One-world religion is coming fast, together with One-world government. In this global satanic worship system, a ‘Christian’ religious leader is likely to be at the head, for John saw him appearing as a ‘**lamb**’ (Revelation 13:11), in imitation of Christ the **Lamb of God**. This leader would be accepted and respected worldwide, not only as a religious leader but also as a political and economic leader – three roles in one! That man is coming!

Those who have received the Lord Jesus Christ by then would be in trouble, for one-world religion would essentially be anti-Christ in operation. True believers would be made to worship God in hiding, And, as the persecution increases, one by one, the love of many sincere Christians would begin to wax cold (Matthew 24:12). Only a few sincere Christian would endure it all – to the very end! (Matthew 24:13).

On the other hand, those who have not received Christ by then would be considered good people and they would be given all kinds of good things of **this life** by the government and its agencies. But they may **NEVER** have the chance to know the Lord Jesus Christ again!

Those who **know** and **prepare** in advance for this coming period of trial stand better chances of survival. The Christians who keep believing that they will not enter into any such persecution are likely going to be caught unawares, and as a result they might do like Peter did – **deny Christ!**

Therefore, the message of this book is to warn us all about the coming danger and to help us prepare for battle. Yes, we should get ready to ‘fight the good fight’ of our faith! If in the process it pleases the Lord to make us the **Shadrachs**, and the **Meshachs** and the **Abednegos** of the coming Babylonian worship system, good still, for Babylon cannot be complete without the **fire** of affliction.

Latest report indicate that we are just at the threshold of this anti-Christ, one-world religious system. It seems all that the world is waiting for is the official declaration! The present world-wide inter-faith movements are final warnings for those who are watchful. And so, ‘are you for Christ or the image of the Beast?’ We shall soon be made to answer this question – publicly! Now is the time to prepare your answer!

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The Rev. Robert Boulter of St. Margaret’s Whalley Range, Manchester, seen here with members of his congregation, teaches “I see no difference between Jesus and Mohammed”

Photo: Courtesy Howard Barlow. The Independent.

Sign of what is to come:

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Chapter 1

WHAT IS ONE WORLD RELIGION ALL ABOUT?

A prophetic event took place in September 1993 when the Parliament of the world religion was born! In what sounded like a make-believe story, more than 7,000 representatives of hundreds of religions gathered from all over the world, for eight days, in Chicago, USA to lay the foundation for the coming **one-world religion**!

Time International Magazine of 13th September 1993, reported the gathering, the first of its type, had as its chairman, **Rev. David Ramage**, a Presbyterian Minister, while a Swiss Catholic Minister, **Hans kung**, was the secretary. In that meeting, which included *Christians, Jews, Hindus, Confucians, American goddess worshipers, and assorted others, witches were also admitted and given a seat as a form of religion!* “After initial protests by the orthodox about the presence of the **witches**” the report said, “the conference went ahead unhindered. At the end, they all signed an accord for oneness, based on ‘peace’ and tolerance! By this conference the last lap towards a one-world religion has been flagged off!

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Chicago’s cosmic conclave

The event was billed as history’s greatest gathering of religious leaders, though one Buddhist monk grumbled that it was more like a grab-bag “supermarket of religion”. For eight days, 7,000 representatives of hundreds of faiths – from Taoism to Druidism, from Zoroastrianism to feminist goddess worship-mingled, argued and earnestly exchanged views at Chicago’s Palmer House Hilton Hotel. The Parliament of the world’s religions, the first such gathering in 100 years, was convened to “create for our time a new conversation” said the Rev. David Ramage, parliament chairman and a local Presbyterian minister.

There were plenty of chats to choose among – 700 workshops, lectures, discussions, art exhibits, and performances to be exact. During the week, Christian and Jewish leaders had a chance to huddle with Hindu swamis, Muslim imams,

Jain and Buddhist monks. Theosophists, Confucians and assorted others. The meeting culminated with the signing of a Declaration of global ethic. Written in advance by Swiss Catholic theologian Hans Kung and others, the nine page statement criticized sectarian violence, environmental abuses and sexual discrimination, and advanced “a culture of respect, justice and peace.

The inspiration for the massive interfaith meeting came from the world’s first dialogue held in 1893 during the great Chicago World fair, but that was a mere 400 – delegate conclave of 41 religions. Even after a century’s wait, no gathering of all the world’s religions would be complete without a little friction. A session of dis-

Picture on page 10

Echoes of one world religion!
Courtesy: Time Magazine, September 13, 1993.

Meaning of one world religion

The coming world religion is a time when all people of the world would be made to embrace a common religious system, which would obviously not be the worship of the Almighty God. From every indication, it is going to be a time of giving official worship to Satan, worldwide! In simple terms, it means bringing the various religions of the world – *Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Confucianism, Judaism, and so on* – under one umbrella.

New times and seasons

The coming world religion also means **changing of times** and seasons, as prophesied in the book of Daniel. That is, new worship ‘**times**’ and ‘**holy days**’ would be set while former worship days, like Sundays, would become work-days! Special days like Easter and Christmas would be outlawed and would ceased to be observed while new periods would be introduced for special observances. Such new public holidays could include, say, the birthday of the beast, anniversary days of the declaration of one world religion, celebration of the mark of the beast, and the likes! It will be so because the book of Daniel says the anti-Christ would change the set times and the laws.

He shall speak great words against the Most High.... And think to **change times and laws**... (Daniel 7:25).

The 'new Revised Standard Version says,

“He shall attempt to **change the sacred seasons and the law**”

In this new religious order, various religious cults are going to be admitted as part of the world religion! This was clearly indicated in the earlier-mentioned 1993 foundation – laying ceremony in Chicago, USA, where witches and wizards were admitted as religious leaders, along side Catholic, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Hindus, Jews and others.

Satan will be worshipped

Some will be shocked to learn that it is not God, the Almighty One nor His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that would be worshipped in the coming one-world religious order! Instead, Satan the devil is the one to be worshipped, in accordance with prophecy! Yes, God's word has said that Satan will be officially worshipped here on earth at the end time, and that will happen just before the kingdom of God itself comes. This account is recorded in Revelation 13:4.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast also....

Who are those to worship Satan? The whole earth, says the Bible. All unbelievers on earth and all unserious Christians will soon be made to worship Satan, officially.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him – whose NAMES are NOT written in the BOOK OF LIFE (Revelation 13:8).

Friends, is YOUR NAME written in the BOOK OF LIFE? Registration may soon close!

Two beasts will be at work

Those to prepare the ground for this global satanic worship are two satanic spirit, called Beasts. They will use devilish powers to prepare the entire world to receive Satan and to worship him! These spirits will operate through human agents.

The first beast

One of the beasts was sighted by John in Revelation chapter 13:1;

And I stood upon the sand of the sea and saw a beast rise out of the sea...

This first beast is the notorious anti-Christ, of whom we have heard so much. He is the **political beast** who will gather the whole world together, politically, to form one-world government. He will eventually become the leader of this world government when it is formed (Daniel 7:8 & 11:23). Thereafter, he will use his **political position** to support the establishment of the one-world religion, of which we are now discussing.

The second beast

The second beast was also sighted by John in the same Revelation 13.

And I beheld ANOTHER BEAST, coming out of the earth...

This second beast is the mysterious **religious Beast**, also called the **false prophet** (Revelation 19:20). We are going to look at this second beast more closely later, because of the very important, yet hidden, evil roles he will play at the end time. For now, just know that it is he who will gather the entire religions of the world together to form **one world religion!** It is this second beast also that would introduce and enforce the Mark of the Beast identification system.

Worship or die

The Bible said that those who would refuse to worship Satan under this one world religious system would be killed. Incidentally, it is this second beast also that would issue that decree and would personally make sure it happens!

Saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image of the (first) beast... And that as many as would not worship the image of the (first) beast should be killed. (Revelation 13:14-15).

In comparison, this second beast appears to be more deadly than the first one, yet many believers don't appear to know that fact.

When will one world religion commence?

It will happen just a little after one world government has been declared, for John saw the anti-Christ (that is, political beast) first before sighting the second beast (religious beast) later (Revelation 13:1 & 11). Again, in Revelation chapter 17, John saw the second (religious beast) riding on the political ticket of the first beast, thus suggesting that political unity of the world (world government) would precede

religious unity (world religion). In fact, it is the prevailing political unity of that time that would actually necessitate a corresponding religious unity also.

Present global events strongly indicate that a world government is very much around the corner. Expectedly therefore, corresponding global events in the area of inter-faith movements show that the hour of one world religion is also around the corner. All that the world is waiting for seems to be the official announcements, that of the world government first.

Duration of one-world religion

This One-world satanic religious order would last for a period of three and half years only, apparently in imitation of the three and half years Christ's earthly ministry lasted!

And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months... (Revelation 13:5).

*The Saints shall be given into his hands for **three and half years** (Daniel 7:25) AMP.*

Chapter 2

HOW ONE WORLD RELIGION WILL OPERATE

By issuance of satanic permits

The Bible says that this religious system of the anti-Christ will operate by issuing a form of identification marks to people on earth. All who would worship Satan at that time would be required to receive a common identification mark, called the *Mark of the Beast*, as a sign of loyalty to, and solidarity with the authority of the day. Those who reject the satanic mark will be considered rebels and will be mercilessly dealt with.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: (Revelation 13:16)

By denial systems

A type of 'divide and rule' tactics will be used to enforce the new religious order. Those who give their loyalty to Satan will be rewarded with material things – *free health-care, education, and other essential things and vanities of life* - while those who reject the satanic mark will be openly and severely punished, as a deterrent to others.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall KILL you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Matthew 24:9).

By electronic surveillance

There is a high possibility that the coming religious order will be operated and monitored through electronic surveillance. In fact, worshipping of the beast could be done through on-line electronic gadgets and computers, at that time. This is because John saw the image of the beast 'speaking' to the world. The beast is likely to make periodic appearances on global television networks – something like the **CNN or the internet** – to receive worship and to address the people of the world. At such times, everyone would be required to hook on to their TV-sets to participate in the worship and those who refuse to do so would be picked up by electronic devices and severely punished.

The *eyes of the little horn* in Daniel 7:8 strongly suggest a form of *electronic surveillance* by which the beast would monitor and control the world.

Whichever way it operates, all people of the earth would be made to give unalloyed worship to Satan the devil, someday soon, through his two beast. Only those who are in Christ Jesus would have hope of a sure victory. Are you sure you are in Christ Jesus? Ask God to reveal your spiritual life to you so you may know where you stand.

PURPOSE OF ONE WORLD RELIGION

Not for real peace

The world would be told that the purpose of one world religion is for ‘global peace’! (See 1 Thessalonians 5:3, Daniel 8:25). This would make it look attractive and desirable to a world torn apart by, and has grown weary of, wars and endless conflicts. And so, everyone will buy the idea so readily; ‘religious unity for global peace’. But it will be fake peace which will only last for a short while then destruction follows!

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
(1 Thessalonians 5:3)

...He (The Beast) shall magnify himself in his heart, and by PEACE shall DESTROY many: (Daniel 8:25).

Therefore we shouldn’t be deceived by the various ‘peace’ manoeuvres now going on among some top religious and world leaders, especially those from Europe and America. It is all hypocritical. The anti-Christ will use the word ‘peace’ as a trap to destroy many souls. God’s word has warned!

To oppose God and enthrone Satan

The real purpose of gathering the whole world together is to oppose God and persecute those who would stick to their faith in Christ. These satanic agents would subtly enthrone Satan and lead the rest of the world to worship him. That is the hidden agenda which many people will learn only too late. During that time, Satan’s man, the anti-Christ will openly oppose God and blaspheme His holy Name. And, backed by the new satanic laws, called world laws, which would have

been in operation then, he will treat believers in Christ as criminals and will kill many of them.

He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4) NIV

He shall defy the Most High God and wear down the saints with persecution, and he will try to change... laws. (Daniel 7:25)

Why would God permit Satan to be worshipped?

It is *difficult* to know why. However, I believe it would serve as a final trial to select those who would be rewarded in God's kingdom. God always tries His people before rewarding them, such as Daniel in the lion's den, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fire, John in the Island of Patmos, and of course, our Master Jesus on the cross. They all were promoted after they had endured their tests. Accordingly, the Lord Jesus Christ had told us that our own trial would come, and when it comes, only those who **endure** to the very end would be saved (that is, rewarded with eternal life in heaven).

*"Then shall they lay hand on you... and kill you... But as many as would **endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved. (Matthew 24:9 &13)*

He repeated this warning through John, saying

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be TRIED; and ye shall have TRIBULATION ten days: be thou faithful unto DEATH, and I will give thee a CROWN of life. (Revelation 2:10).

So God will allow this final trial of faith to come upon us so as to know those who will be willing to suffer for Christ unto the end. It is such believers that are worthy to receive the CROWN OF LIFE.'

Are you such a believer? Are you ready to suffer for Christ in this way?

His GRACE will help us if we are willing.

Chapter 3

HOW WILL WORLD RELIGION affect SINCERE CHRISTIANS?

As already mentioned, all these moves are aimed at God and his anointed. However, since Satan and his men cannot really get at God directly, they would then pour their venom on His true children, the sincere believers, and would try to stop us from giving God our worship. Concerning this world-wide anti-Christ plan, the Psalmist had wondered, saying;

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed... (Psalm 2:1-2).

The Lord himself shall not spare them!

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh... Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath... thou shalt dash them in pieces... (Psalm 2:4-9).

Terrible persecution coming

Before God destroys them, Satan and his men shall try to destroy true believers first. At that time it would be difficult for believers to meet and pray in Churches. I believe the new move called **Holy Ghost School** is a way of escape being introduced now by the Holy Spirit. This is because at the full time of the persecution the church would go back to the way it started – in people's homes! We would then talk of say, the church in the house of Lambert, in the house of Clement, in the house of Angela, and so on. And that would be just a few believers who are still enduring, the rest having perhaps surrendered to the authority of the beast.

*Greet Priscilla and Aquila... Likewise greet the church **that is in their house**...
(Roman 16:3&5)*

False accusations

Believers would be hunted for, by almost everyone because the world would see believers as law breakers who must be destroyed. Just as Jesus was accused of opposing paying tribute to Caesar, believers of the end time would be accused of, say, sabotaging the global peace efforts. They would frame up accusations that would portray believers as ‘lawless’ people. They will do this so as to place the believers against the state and the law, thereby giving the persecution official backing. In the process, many believers would be killed, some imprisoned, others maimed and tortured in various ways, as we have mentioned earlier – just to get them to denounce Christ! Some believers would actually deny Christ, in the process, the Bible has said! (See Matthew 24:12).

Treated as criminals

Believers in Christ would be the ‘criminals’ of the future! They would be treated as criminals because they would be blamed for the world’s problems, just as Emperor Nero did in Rome in the first century, when Christians were blamed for the fire that engulfed Rome.

World-wide hatred

The hatred for the Christians this time would be world-wide, and no longer restricted to, say the communist lands and the likes. ...And ye shall be **HATED BY ALL NATIONS, *for my name’s sake***”, the Lord Jesus did warn (Matthew 24:9). This world-wide dimension is because by then all nations of the world would have become ‘one’, under the global government which would have been in place already, with the same *anti-Christ world laws applying everywhere*.

Can believers avoid the coming persecution?

No, it cannot be avoided! God would allow it to happen for the manifestation of the true sons and daughters of God. It cannot be **AVOIDED**, it should rather be **ENDURED**, said the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:13). Daniel and his brethren did not avoid the Lion’s den nor the fire of Babylon, they **ENDURED** it all. The Lord Jesus Christ, our example did not avoid the cross, He **ENDURED** it. He had allowed the Father’s will to prevail and so He proceeded to **ENDURE** rather than **AVOID** the cup.

However, the only way to **AVOID** the coming satanic anger is to deny Christ, which is itself more dangerous! Peter tried to avoid persecution by denying the Lord three times, just because his time hadn’t come. When at last his **(Peter)** time

was ripe, he could no longer avoid suffering for the Lord. And so, in Rome, at his old age, he too endured to the end, being nailed upside down to the cross!

The great man of God, Paul, endured terrible persecutions and tribulations too. Said he;

We are troubled on every side ... Persecuted... cast down...Always delivered unto death for Jesus sake... (Yet) we faint not.... (2 Corinthians 4:6-16).

No true believers in the Bible successfully **AVOIDED** suffering for Christ. All they did including all the Lord's disciples was to **ENDURE** it. Ours therefore should not and cannot be different. Let's then get prepared to die for **Christ**, if need be, for it is actually those that suffer with Him that shall eventually reign with Him. (2 Timothy 2:11-13). If we decide to endure, Jesus will also decide to give us extra grace and strength to overcome.

What believers should do

That is why it is important that those who confess Jesus Christ **MUST** also try to know Him **personally**! So as to get all the power they need in times of trouble. Hypocrites and people who live in sin will not have enough power of the Holy Spirit to see them through in the evil day, and so such people would easily be swept off their feet. **Every believer in Christ should start now to draw close to the Lord so that He can prepare us and seal us with His own righteousness.** The Spirit-filled believers will surely overcome for '*the righteous will be bold as the lion*'.

Having the right **KNOWLEDGE OF GOD** and of spiritual things to come is indispensable at this dangerous time for while the fearful and the ignorant believers fall by the way-side, those who know their God shall stand, and shall go ahead doing exploits for the Lord (Daniel 11:32). That is why it is very important to spend time alone with God, in His presence, for it is in His presence that He reveals Himself deeply to us.

BABYLON THE GREAT and the coming world religion

Chapter 4

WHO IS BABYLON THE GREAT?

(Also called “mystery Babylon”)

A world religion is coming when sincere work of God would be in jeopardy. To this end, many Christians have been watching out for the anti-Christ as the one who would introduce and enforce all the evils of that time. However, it is not so! The Bible implies that the real evil force behind it all would be the second beast, called the false Prophet. ‘She’ is also known as **Babylon the great**.

Yes, the real architect and builder of the mighty empire of evil, where Christians will be slaughtered is the second beast of Revelation 13:11, sighted by John as having the appearance of a gentle lamb but speaking with the terrific force of the dragon! Let’s now examine her in detail, vis-à-vis her roles in the forth coming world religion.

Third in satanic trinity

Babylon the great is the third in satanic trinity; that is, Satan’s own equivalent of the Holy Spirit. As we have God the Father, (Jehovah), God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit, so do they also have satan the devil (Lucifer), satan the Beast (the anti-Christ) and satan the false prophet (Babylon the great). (See Revelation 16:13-14). As Jehovah the Father sat in Heaven and sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and later the Holy Spirit to come down to the earth, to prepare the way for His Kingdom rule on earth, so is satan the devil also going to send two of his trinity, that is the anti-Christ and the false prophet, to the surface of the earth too - to prepare the way for his satanic rule also! And as God gave power and authority to Christ for the work, so also will satan the devil, (the dragon) give his power and authority to his ‘son’ the anti-Christ, to operate on earth at that time.

And the dragon gave him (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority. (Revelation 13:2).

That is for the anti-Christ, our concern for no, however, is the third in satanic trinity, Babylon the Great (also called “Mystery Babylon”). The Bible referred to this entity as ‘she’ in many places because of her illustration as an unfaithful woman.

HER NAMES SPELL HER ROLES

There is something in a name. And so the various names of this satanic entity clearly tell us what her devilish activities would be. Let's consider those names as recorded for us in Revelation chapter 17.

And upon her forehead was a name written,
***MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, MOTHER OF HARLOTS,
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (Revelation 17:5).***

Close examination of these names, which she bears shamelessly on her forehead, clearly shows us that she is the one to watch, as far as end time troubles are concerned. Let's now look at her names one by one.

MYSTERY

Why is she called Mystery, that is, something hidden? I believe the reason is found in Revelation 13:11 where John first sighted her. Her appearance there was deceitful and so John called her Mystery. She appeared to John with double and misleading identities!

And I beheld another beast coming out of the earth, and he had two horns like a Lamb, and he spoke like a dragon.

Do you see that? This beast appeared like a lamb and like a dragon all at the same time! Isn't that a mystery indeed? For how would the gentlest animal on earth, a lamb, speak with the force and might of a dragon – the most ferocious animal.

Furthermore, soon after her appearance, John saw this 'dragon-lamb' doing something which the first beast could not even do. In Revelation 13:13&14, John saw her doing great wonders' and working great miracles, thereby appearing as a true lamb (**that is, a man of God**). **Soon in verse 15-17, John saw her again at work**, but this time doing something opposite, introducing world-wide satanic worship and killing those who refused to worship Satan. She was now behaving like a true dragon (that is, a satanic man!)

Therefore, how come that this 'man of God' (lamb) also appears as a man of the devil (dragon)? John must have wondered! What an end time satanic mystery indeed!

Meaning of the mystery

The coming world religion will be based on 'Mystery of iniquity', the Bible has said. That is, it will be operated through the highest form of deception and occult manipulations ever known!

For the mystery of iniquity is already at work... And with all unrighteous deception. (2 Thessalonians 2:7&10)

Here then is the mystery of the 'dragon lamb' beast. In reality, we are to expect a Christian religious leader (lamb) who would receive world-wide recognition. He would get into the good book of the coming world government as a 'man of peace' and champion of 'religious tolerance'. In accordance with the secret plans of the evil one, this man might be appointed to head the one-world religion.

Note that in the revelation this beast appeared to John as a lamb, in imitation of Jesus, the Lamb of God. This implies that, in physical appearance he would look like a 'man of God', but he would speak as a dragon, being the devil's man, in secret for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. He would do counterfeit miracles, great signs and wonders, using the secret powers of the devil, yet he will say 'in the name of God! By these occult manipulations he will deceive many people, and this is a warning to those who run about seeking miracles! Not all the miracles we will see at this end time are from God.

Therefore let us watch out for the man who would give orders to burn our churches and kill us for belonging to Christ. That man might be a Christian religious leader himself! **Warning;** Let us stop watching out for 'the devil' himself! Let us rather watch out for 'one of us' whom the devil would use to persecute us! Just the same way Judas, Jesus own disciple, did it in the beginning! Yes, the physical leader of the coming Mystery Babylon will be a man in manifestation, not the devil. He might be a 'Christian', not a Hindu! He will be respected world-wide because he will say 'peace' and 'tolerance' to everyone. That man is coming: a man of peace, a man of the people, yet a man of the devil, the second beast of the book of Revelation! His name is also the false Prophet; therefore he would look like God's prophet only he is a false one! The spirit of religion will possess and use him.

BABYLON THE GREAT (Mystery Babylon)

This is 'her' next name, implying that this second beast would do what the ancient empire of Babylon did to believers of that time. In fact 'she' would even do something worse, for being called 'the great'! And so, what did Babylon do? The

Book of Daniel tells us that Babylon introduced satanic worship of a golden image, and that whosoever refused to worship that image was killed. Prophecy shows that the second beast of the end time would do exactly that!

In an outline form, let's compare the Ancient Babylon and the coming '**Babylon the Great**'

Ancient Babylon		the coming Babylon the great
Daniel 2:37-38	wealthy, strong, powerful	-Revelation 17:4; 18:3
Daniel 3:1	made image of gold	-Rev. 13:14
Daniel 3:4	reigned over peoples, nations, tongues	-Rev. 17:15
Daniel 3:5&6	worship image or be killed	-Rev. 13:15
Daniel 3:2	gathered all people, great and small	- Rev. 13:16
Daniel 3:12, 16-17	tortured true saints of God	-Rev. 13:7; 17:6
Daniel 2:1&2	held God's people captive	-Rev. 18:4
Daniel 3:5-6	opposed the Almighty God	-2 Thessalonians. 2:4
Daniel 4:25	destroyed by God at last	-Revelation 18:8; 20:10

From the above, one can see that the evils of ancient Babylon shall be here again under the coming one-world religion, spearheaded by the second beast, Babylon the great.

Implication for us

As we have seen, Babylon the great signifies great wealth (**Revelation 17:4:18:3**), great political power (**Revelation. 17:18**) and great religious authority (**Revelation 13:14**). The implication is that true believers will suffer total war on all fronts. Not only that religious power will be used against them, but also political and economic machineries will be used by the government of the day to press them to denounce their faith in Christ. This means we have to get ready to suffer in all areas of life until the Lord intervenes!

MOTHER OF HARLOTS

This is her third name and it implies that the coming world religion would be founded on falsehood and pollution. A mother is someone who produces (*give birth to*) new ones. Spiritually therefore, means this second beast will give birth to new satanic doorways (new evils) through which people would get into Satanism. New religious cults and secret societies would emerge, some of which might be

made to look so harmless at the surface that people would take them as good and desirables.

Thus in **Revelation 18:2** this beast was described as ‘a cage for every unclean bird’! She will release new evils that are not yet known. New forms of witchcraft, yoga, wiwa and the likes will be here, some registered in schools and colleges as ‘clubs’ and ‘societies’. The present ‘campus cult; palaver in our institutions of higher learning is only a pointer to what is to come. The Bible called it ‘perilous times’ and described it as ‘evil days’. Some of the occult-churches now springing up in different parts of the world, including our own country are part of her handiwork.

Harlotry here speaks of spiritual unfaithfulness to God. For instance, in Jeremiah 3:6-8 &13, Israel was called a harlot for turning to other gods rather than giving unalloyed faithful worship to the Almighty One.

Mother of harlots then means that this second beast will give birth to (introduce) new forms of spiritual unfaithfulness to God. This she would do by introducing new religious cults which would be made to look like Christian fellowships, through which they would deceive many. All these would then be brought together as part of the one-world religion! Some of such religious cults are springing up already in many cities of the world, including Lagos and unsuspecting people are trooping into them every day! Through the efforts of this evil Babylon, the entire world would experience a type of spiritual, social and moral perversion that has never been known before (Revelation 17:1-2). At that time, Mammon (the god of occult wealth) would also be at work, spreading vanity and materialism to seduce people from Christ. **He would assist mystery Babylon is setting up Babylon churches where money and materialism would replace the true worship of God. They will distribute cheap wealth to entice ministers, as well as world leaders and merchants of the earth (Revelation 18:7-24) just as Egypt enticed Israel with corn and cucumber.** Mammon will give occult goodies to seduce unguarded men of God, just like the porridge of Jacob which cost Esau his birthright!

We are to do like Daniel did. He rejected the enticing king’s meals which Babylon had offered him (Daniel 1:8). Today, it appears Babylon the great is having it easy with the ministers of God many of whom have taken several rounds of his wealth already, to the detriment of the gospel! How do we know them? – By the things they say. Just as the second beast appeared like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon, in the same way these ministers would look like Jesus’ men, but when you hear them

preach and speak, you would know they have been seduced by Babylon! They; preach' nothing else than how to make money and acquire sudden wealth, often through unrighteous ways! The Church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-17) is a type of **Babylonian church of false prosperity**.

Let us therefore watch out for possibly a renowned Christian religious leader with a world-wide influence through whose activities the second beast, the mother of harlots, would pollute the world and the church to an unimaginable level! To live a righteous life then would be a very difficult thing for iniquity would so much abound that the initial love of many believers would wax cold. (Matthew 24:12). But we are to endure all these and emerge at the end as champions for Christ (Matthew 24:13). May the Lord strengthen us.

ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

This is her fourth name. She is so called because she will do, and will cause abominations to be done, in all the world – as a normal way of life. She will do this under the umbrella of the one world religion over which she would preside as the leader.

What Abominations?

The Bible says she will destroy God's Temple and destroying or desecrating God's temple is an abomination before God. In Daniel 9:26 (repeated in Matthew 24:15) prophecies indicate that the beast will pollute the temple in Jerusalem (which would have been rebuilt by then). The Bible calls this action 'abomination that causes desolation' (Daniel 9:27).

The spiritual temple too

This beast will torture and kill end time believers and all those who would refuse to take the coming Mark of the beast (Revelation 13:14 & 17:6). And we know that the body of the believer is the spiritual temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16). Therefore killing the believers would amount to the same offence as destroying the physical temple at Jerusalem, hence God view it as another '**abomination that causes desolation**'. This position is clearly stated in God's Word.

*Know ye not that ye are the **temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16).*

Then the warning;

*If any man (in this case the beast) **defiles** the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which ye are (verse 17).*

Under the coming one world religion, both the physical temples (church buildings) and the spiritual temples (body of believers) will be severely dealt with, and defiled at the orders of the second beast. Revelation 13:7 and Daniel 7:25 indicates that she seek to destroy God's saints. Revelations 17:6 and 18:24 indicate that she will be blood – thirsty and will drink the blood of martyrs of Jesus. And Revelation 18:13 says she will also trade on **men's souls!** Men's souls and the blood of saints are precious to God. It is an abominable thing before God to temper with these!

Why 'he' and 'she'

If you noticed, I referred to this second beast as 'he' and 'she'. So why? It is because as a 'beast' the Bible used 'he' (Revelation 13:11), but as "Babylon the great" and "Mother of harlots", the picture became that of a woman, and so 'he' became 'she' (Revelation 17:1-5 and 18:2-24).

Essentially the 'he' and 'she' refer to the same evil power. The next chapter will make it clearer.

Chapter 5

THREE PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF BABYLON THE GREAT

Although the second beast is a spirit, yet she will manifest in the physical realm in three ways. Through each of which she will carry out her evil intentions, these three forms are

1. As a **FALSE PROPHET** – (that is, an individual person practicing false religion).
2. As a **MURDEROUS RELIGIOUS SYSTEM** - (that is, the coming one-world religion).
3. As a **CITY** – (that is, the headquarters of the coming world religion).

Through these three appearances the second beast will subject the whole world to years of satanic reign on earth. Let's now look at these in some details.

AS A FALSE PROPHET

Babylon the great will pose as a man of God! He will do great miracles to deceive people into accepting satanic worship. That is why it is dangerous for people to run about seeking miracles! This man will give such people so much miracles that they wouldn't realize when they have been initiated into the beast fellowship!

And he does great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those MIRACLES... (Revelation 13:13-14).

The people would be so intoxicated by the miracles that they would begin to worship the beast and share testimonies to his glory saying, ah, this is the real man with anointing; who is like unto him!

And they worshipped the beast: saying who is like unto thee; (Revelation 13:4).

When the beast appeared to John as an individual, John called him 'mystery', in that he looked like a lamb (man of God) but spoke as a dragon (man of the devil). This man will deceive so much by physical appearances that it would be difficult

for many to see any reason why he is not of God. He might call the name of Jesus Christ! He may even carry the Bible and perhaps 'preach' out of it and of course with signs and wonders followings! He might also wear a very large cross around his neck, to further display as a lamb! He is also likely to dress in a particular way, say in a flowing white robe, perhaps with purple piece of cloth to hang over, in imitation of 'the Lamb of God'. He will do everything to appear like a man of God and there lies the trouble for those who go by physical appearances only.

We should ask God for revelation and discerning Spirit. There will be no excuse for anyone who gets deceived because the Word of God is there as our standard. We are to seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness first, thereafter, all the miracles (good things of life) which we truly need will be added to us by God Himself (Matthew 6:33). We shouldn't wait until we see the beast itself. We should start now to judge every preacher that comes our way. Any preacher who tells us of miracles and money, money, money all the time, but does not emphasis the salvation of the soul, is likely to be operating with this spirit. Such preachers make alter calls just to 'bless you' rather than to lead the people to Christ!

Again don't be deceived by the apparent show of 'successes and 'wealth' such Babylonian preachers often exhibit on stage. It is all false. Pride of materialism and gains of this world are a sign of those who are perishing. Do not follow them, for the Bible has condemned such preachers as;

***Men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that GAIN (material success) is godliness. (1Timothy 6:5).
....Men whose God is their belly (Philippians 3:19)..... From such withdraw thyself! (1Timothy 6:5).***

For further warnings concerning these fore-runners of the coming false Prophet see 2 Peter 2:14-21, Jude 10-12, Revelation 3:14-19.

AS A RELIGIOUS SYSTEM

Apart from appearing as an individual false prophet, Babylon will also manifest visibly as a false religious system. Revelation 18:2 tells us that Babylon, as a religious system will be a 'habitation of devils'.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

This means we shouldn't expect anything good from the coming one-world religious system for devils and foul spirits will be in charge.

As a religious system also, Babylon will have world-wide influence, with kings and world leaders all under her control, lured as it were, with exceeding riches and cheap occult wealth and satanic powers.

For ALL NATIONS have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication; and the kings of the earth... and the merchants of the earth; are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Revelation 18:3).

Our attitude to Babylon as a religious system should be that of rejection, for what fellowship have children of God with people who have allowed themselves to be seduced by the devil? True Christians are asked to come out of this perverted system of worship and be separate and holy for the Lord.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. (Revelation 18:4).

Those who would be 'raptured' must heed this warning and follow the old-time standard of God's Word rather than meddle with the sin of the so-called modernized church system. The inter-faith movements now going on will lead to the final form of this adulterous religious system. It is sad that many present-day Pentecostal ministers who should have been warning us of these things are themselves warming up for the one-world religious system! Such ministers are now going back to the orthodox system of things, which they once criticized and from where they came out. It is like one going back to one's vomit. You will know them when you see them, now saddled as it were, with human traditions and routines, which things they once rejected!

Warning; true believers beware! Babylon is coming on stage and many of our leaders are among the chief actors! We should pray that God may make them the Nehemiahs, the Ezras, the Zerubbabels before the door finally closes.

Babylon as a city

Babylon is a spiritual, satanic City, but she will also manifest as a physical city. That is, the coming one world religion may have its headquarters located in one of

the present day cities of the world, from where the false Prophet will run the murderous system. That physical city is also referred to as 'Babylon', the capital city of one-world religion.

*And the **woman** which thou sawest is that great CITY, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18).*

As the seat of the coming world religion, decrees and persecutions shall go out of this city, to the rest of the world. Let us therefore watch out for one CITY in the world that would perform these three functions; Religious headquarters, Political headquarters and Economic headquarters. That city is the **Babylon city** of the end time.

Her ruin

Babylon City shall be set on fire at the end of the satanic reign. The same political leaders of the revived Roman Empire that would have helped set her up will also destroy her at the end, to fulfill God's judgment upon that abominable city.

And the ten horns... shall hate her and..., and shall make her burn her with fire, for strong is the Lord that judgeth her (Revelation 17:16) And the kings of the earth... shall bewail her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning... saying, alas, alas, that great CITY Babylon, that might CITY! For in one hour has thy judgment come. (Revelation 18:9-10).

They will stand afar and cry, woe, woe O great city, O Babylon, CITY of power. In one hour such great wealth brought to ruin. (Revelation 18:10&17).

Church-cities of today

It is not interesting to note that the spirit of Babylon is already here with us! Some churches now refer to themselves as 'cities'! They now answer such names as 'city of praise', 'city of riches', 'city of prosperity', 'city of glory', 'city of miracles', and so on. Haven't you seen or heard of such Church-CITIES? Look very well around you and you will find one!

Please note that there may be nothing apparently wrong in churches answering cities! However, it is the spirit that I am talking about, the spirit of the hour.

At the full time, all these small PENTECOSTAL CITIES shall give way to one large, universal city, called the 'city of power' (Revelation 18:10, NIV). Through which Satan shall be enthroned and worshipped on earth. It will be a murderous city where sincere believers in Christ shall meet their sudden death. It will be, in most respects, like the ancient CITY OF ROME which devoured the early church. That is the ultimate 'Babylon city'. It will be a prosperous and power religious city from where abominations will spread to the rest of the world!

And so, is your church now a city? What city? Whose city?

Summary

As we have seen, Babylon the Great is coming and she will appear in three forms – as an individual, as a religious system and as a geographical location called city. Through these three forms Babylon the great will oppose God and make war (persecute) the saints (that is, true believers in Christ) and will lead the whole world to worship Satan officially, for a period of about three and half years. Those who agree with this beast will carry on them a global identification formula called Mark of the beast, which will enable them to get almost anything they want in this life, including free housing, free education, free health care and other necessities of life.

On the other hand, those who reject this Babylon system will be in real physical dangers throughout the period, including *the danger of starvation, and general deprivation, imprisonment and all forms of maltreatment, including possible death*. These believers shall however be rewarded for their **steadfastness** at the end of it all, when God would grant them eternal life in his Kingdom!

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be TESTED, and you will have tribulation (persecution)... Be faithful until death, and I will give you the CROWN OF LIFE. (Revelation2:10).

These are the realities of the time we are about to enter into. The choice will be difficult really, for those who are not prepared, yet it will be inevitable. The ultimate choice will be ours and now is the time to prepare. May the Lord grant us wise decisions.

Chapter 6

Powers of Babylon the great

The Bible indicate that this second beast shall be powerful and her powers shall be in **three** main areas, namely; *Political, Spiritual and Economic powers*. Through these she will literally have the entire people of the world at her mercy. Let's examine these powers.

Her political powers

John saw her in the revelation exercising powers over all the earth; over peoples, over multitudes, nations and tongues! She will rule the world indirectly through the anti-Christ, her political partner (Revelation 13:11-12).

And he said to me, the waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. (Revelation 17:15).

Note that her powers shall be over 'all nations' (Revelation 18:3). Consequently, World leaders (Kings of the earth) will all come under her influence.

*And the woman which thou sawest... **reigneth** over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18).*

Her spiritual powers

Her spiritual powers will include;

1. The power to work miracles, signs and wonders (Revelation 13:13 &14, 19:20).
2. Power to gather the whole world to worship Satan and power to kill those who would dare refuse her command. (Revelation 13:8, 15)
3. Power over various devils and familiar spirits which she would use to multiply spiritual abominations on earth. (Revelation 18:2)

4. Witchcraft powers of manipulations through which she will deceive the people of the world and cause them to do her will. (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10; Revelation 18:23)

She would rally the entire world religions together to form a one-world religion. That would be the ultimate manifestation of her spiritual powers! As it has been said earlier, the spirit of this Mystery Babylon is already operating in many churches today, preparing the way for her physical appearance. We should watch and pray that we be not taken unawares.

Her economic powers

In addition to political and spiritual powers, this second beast will also control the global economy by controlling business activities world-wide. The Bible says 'buying and selling' (Business activities) will be controlled by her, she will do this effectively by introducing a form of global business permit to people and commanding that only those who have the permit would be allowed to do business.

And that no man might BUY or SELL, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Revelation 13:17).

International trade will come under her direct portfolio and she will use the issuance of these business permits to ensure that everyone bows to her! Those who support her satanic system will have almost everything they want, including great riches. Businessmen and international merchants will take advantage of that to make quick gains, at the expense of their soul, the Bible says. Wealth will be a decisive weapon in the hand of this second beast.

...And the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And the merchants... are made rich by her.... (Revelation 18:3b &15).

But her power shall come to an abrupt end. At the time she and her teaming supporters are celebrating their ill-gotten prosperity, God will end her reign abruptly, to her shame, and to the shame of those who have supported her in defiance of God's Word.

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day... and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God that judgeth her... And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her... for in one hour so great riches is come to nought... and they cried when they saw the smoke of her burning... The

merchants..., who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, (Revelation 18:8-15).

The next verse leave no doubt whatsoever about the important place International trade occupy during her reign.

And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, (Revelation 18:17-18).

Yes, they will all be sore frightened by the suddenness of her destruction. Let us resolve therefore to suffer economic deprivation for the sake of our faith in Christ (Knowing that we shall be rewarded at the end) rather than enjoy the riches of iniquity for so short a time, only to lose one's soul in all eternity.

Her affluent appearance

Remember, Babylon the great within our context simply means the coming one-world religion. Concerning wealth, this Babylon appeared to John as a wealthy woman, adorned with every costly ornament, full of seduction and vain glory, offering riches to people and alluring them by her delicacies.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand... (Revelation 17:4).

Compare this with the wealth of the ancient Babylon that later enslave Israel. This means that the coming satanic one-world religious system shall be wealthy to excess and this wealth shall be used as a weapon to seduce people away from God! The spirit of materialism (now called prosperity in some places) which has already gripped many Pentecostal Churches and their ministers is indicative of the time we are in. Today some gospel ministers appear on televisions and elsewhere just to exhibit their affluence! That is the spirit of Babylon in action, "my God is not a poor God", such ministers often say, in defence of their apparent display of materialistic tendencies. Our God is not a poor God we know. All the same, we should be careful not to misrepresent Him by our naked show of wanton greed and insatiable lusts (2 Peter 2:18). Let's beware of the **prosperity of the wicked**, as the Bible calls it. (Psalm 73:3).

Her gifts

One can only give what one has. Accordingly, her gifts will be like those of the ancient Babylon who gave Israel gold and silver, but then held them in bondage. Ancient Babylon also tries to seduce a man of God, Daniel, by offering him the king's delicacies! (Daniel 1:5-8). But Daniel refused to be seduced. Babylon's gifts are like the corn of Egypt and the porridge of Jacob, in each case, accepting the gift meant bondage!

Warning; the coming Babylonian system will behave like the ancient Babylon. She will try to bind men of God and sincere believers with gifts of silver and gold (Good things of life) which many undiscerning ministers would readily receive as **'open doors'** and **'breakthrough'**. Many men of God are already entering into doors opened by this woman, to the detriment of their calling!

John saw this woman holding forth a golden cup in her right hand, obviously offering it to people. A golden cup is something everyone would obviously desire, but John was not easily carried away. Instead he wanted to know the real meaning of that beautiful gift. And so God opened his inner eyes and what did he see? He saw that the golden cup was containing abominations!

*And I saw the woman.....having a **golden cup** in her hand full of ABOMINATIONS and FILTHINESS of her fornication: (Revelation 17:4).*

How could a beautiful, costly thing as a cup of gold contain abominations and filthiness? This is the mystery of the hour we are in. the Bible called it Mystery of Iniquity (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Believers are hereby advised to be careful of the gifts they receive, for many golden cups of abominations are out there already. Indeed Babylon seems to be opening more doors today than God is. And so, if one might ask, who was it that gave you the last 'open door' that you have just received? Let's note that what will destroy the soul at the end time may in fact look good and desirable on the surface! **Golden cups now contain abominations.** Let's ask God to open our eyes when next we are presented with one.

BABYLON'S TRADE

As we have seen earlier, Babylon the great will use all means – force, peace, gifts, buying and selling, to get people. In doing that, her ultimate aim will be to destroy their souls. Hence her ultimate TRADE is men's souls, exchanged for material gains. These are some of her articles of trade, as the Bible records;

The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen... and all manner of vessels of ivory... brass... iron... marble. And SOULS OF MEN. (Revelation 18:12-13).

Dear Reader, how can souls of men be counted among articles of trade? Yet that is Babylon's end time business! How will she buy souls of men? By giving them material things in exchange! Remember the **golden cup** of abominations...! (Revelation 17:4). It is such a subtle business that one might not even know by the time it is done! It will be like Esau and the porridge of Jacob. That is why this exposition is urgent. So that we have to be watchful henceforth.

Chapter 7

IS BABYLON RISING OUT OF ROME?

There have been speculations as to what part of the present world *Babylon the great (the beast of false religion)* would come from. For various reasons, some have pointed to Rome, some to Nazi Germany, yet some others say it is the USA. I don't know which opinion you hold, and why. However, to understand this mystery, we shall need to go back to the very beginning when God gave the first ever revelation concerning the political arrangement of the end time. That revelation was given to king Nebuchadnezzar and interpreted by Prophet Daniel. See Daniel chapter two for details.

The Revelation

In that dream, king Nebuchadnezzar saw a man's image, having a head of gold, shoulder and some arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs and feet part of iron and part of clay. And according to the interpretation provided by Daniel, the image represented the five human kingdoms (World empires) that would be, from the time of Babylon up to the end of the World. Historically and prophetically these empires have been identified as follows;

1. THE HEAD (GOLD) – BABYLONIAN EMPIRE (Daniel 2:36);
586-538BC
2. THE ARMS (SILVER) – MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE (Daniel 5:28);
538-335 BC
3. THE BELLY (BRASS) – GREEK EMPIRE (Daniel 10:20); 335-146 BC
4. THE LEGS (IRON) – ROMAN EMPIRE (Daniel 2:40); 31BC-1453AD
5. THE FEET/Ten Toes – (IRON & CLAY) – YET TO COME (....?)

It is this **fifth** and last empire of man represented by the ten toes, that we are now concerned with. It is out of this 'ten toe' empire that the two **beasts** will arise. So, what present day geographical location do the ten toes represent? From what part of the world will this last empire come?

Empire of iron

A clue is given in the interpretation of the two legs of the image – which we were told (and is now a historical fact) was Roman Empire. This Roman Empire is represented in **Daniel 2:40** by iron. In the next verse (**verse 41**) we were then told that the last empire of ten toes (which would come after the Roman Empire) would also have iron in it, in addition to some clay. It is represented by iron and clay.

And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes of potter's clay and part of IRON... (Daniel 2:41).

This means that this last empire shall comprise Rome (iron) and some other lands outside Rome (clay). Therefore the last empire of the world which is about to come is likely to arise out of a geographical location which would include the areas known as the ancient Roman Empire (iron) as well as some areas outside the former territory of Rome (clay).

And just as iron and clay are opposite in many respects, and cannot cleave together, even so this last empire will be brought about by certain unusual alliances between peoples of two opposite ideological cum, geographical blocks who naturally would not have come together for anything! The Bible also says that this empire will be 'divided' obviously meaning a type of east and west divisions, as it was in Rome.

Western and Eastern Europe?

A close study shows that the 'ten toes' of Daniel 2:42 is the same as the 'ten horns' of Revelation 17:7 and possibly refers to the executive members of this last empire. Expectedly, these will come out of the territory known as the ancient Roman Empire (Now Western Europe).

Current affairs strongly suggest that the present-day Europe could be it. The successful formation of the European Economic Community (EEC) out of the

geopolitical area that made up the ancient Roman Empire is highly prophetic. What more, with the plans for the formation of a greater European Union now in place, one is obviously seeing the ancient Rome rise again! Greater European Union implies the coming together of the Iron (EEC) and the Clay (Former Eastern European nations).

With the signing of the **MAASTRICHT TREATY** in 1992 and the possible Monetary Union by 1999, Europe (Rome reincarnate) appears ready and able, and is indeed moving fast, to fulfill this prophecy. It might be the end time empire that would arise out of the ancient Rome! The book of Daniel (**7:8**) suggests that a political row will eventually reduce the executive members to seven, at which time the Beast would emerge as the leader. In fact the innermost circle will eventually be reduced to seven. Let's watch events in western and Eastern Europe, especially as they move near Monetary Union.!

Europe analysts agree

A strange confirmation of what we are talking about came through Western analysts themselves as reported in the Time international magazine of December 9, 1991. In it, a strange picture of a woman sitting upon a beast appeared. What made it more wonderful was that the picture had all the characteristics and appearance of the same Woman (Mystery Babylon) who sat on the beast as recorded in Revelation 17:3.

More surprisingly, we were told that the picture represent the emerging European Empire, which was also the subject of their discussion. They were literally suggesting there-in that "Mystery Babylon" was about to come to lime light in Europe, in all her three appearances which we have already discussed.

Picture on page 57

This image appeared in the "Time Magazine" of December 9, 1991, and they said it represented the 'THE NEW EUROPE'. What a Mystery.

And John said, "... I saw a woman sitting ... Beast... where the harlot sits are peoples, multitudes, nations... (Revelation 17:3&15)

The position of Rome

Will Rome become the spiritual capital city of the revived Roman Empire? Most likely, suggests current affairs. Of all European cities, Rome seems to have been chosen for special roles.

In the first place, the first ever thought for a revived Roman Empire reportedly came through an occult group known as the CLUB OF ROME. Who in 1971 presented an agenda called 'RIO' (Reorganizing International Order) to the world. It was also through their effort that the European Common Market (now the European Economic Community) came up. Again some other major decisions concerning the community have been taken in Rome, of all places.

The 1957 decision to form the EEC was taken in Rome, instead of say, London or Paris or somewhere in Germany! The all-important MAASTRICHT accord again took place in 1992, with John Major and other European leaders travelling down to that ancient city of power to append their signatures! Why Rome of all places? Will Rome then become the spiritual city of power referred to in the Bible, the religious capital-city of the one-world religion? If so, it then means the second beast (that is the false Prophet also called Babylon the great) would live in Rome, from where she would wield spiritual, political and economic powers, as we have seen earlier.

If this is so, then we should expect a repeat of (or even something worse than) what the ancient Rome did to Christ and His followers. Rome crucified Christ and later killed those that wanted to maintain true faith in Him. Rome adulterated the Christian faith with all forms of idolatry and goddess worship. At last the State and the Faith got married and Roman Empire then became 'holy'. 'Holy Roman empire' may be here again – to kill the followers of Jesus Christ and all those who would want to live holy lives for Christ. Roman Empire is rising again, this time bearing a new name; "United Europe"? As we watch current global events, let us bear these things in mind so that no one is taken unawares.

Chapter 8

NATIONS ARE GETTING READY

The introduction of the one-world religion will be marked by a worldwide hatred of Christ and His followers. This is understandable in that a regime has to be done away with in order to introduce another. And so, all nations of the earth will hate Christ and His followers, and that will lead to unprecedented worldwide persecution of believers. At that time, religion would come under the state and the state will use all its organs to make the persecution most effective, in accordance with prophecy.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of ALL NATIONS for my name's sake. (Matthew 24:9).

Through these worldwide persecutions, the organized church would come to an end, replaced by the world religion! **Nevertheless, true Christians will remain obedient to the Lord Jesus, in their individual lives, and operate as DISCIPLES of Jesus.**

Current global events strongly indicate that nations are now getting ready for that hour, as hatred of God and His Christ is now sweeping across the world. As at the time of writing this book (1996), reports of anti-Christ activities by various governments and their agencies were pouring in from all over the world, some of them unbelievable! The surprise was that some of the worst reports were coming from places least expected, like the USA, God's own country. Let's see some of those reports.

ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT IN THE USA

Of all places, the USA, God's own country appears to have taken the lead in these anti-Christ campaigns. Let us consider just these few examples which were widely publicized by both the US and the international press.

Murderer set free

This report appeared in the Time Magazine of December 9, 1991.

*Last month, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court threw out the sentence of a murderer who killed a 70 years old woman with an axe on the ground that the Prosecutor had **UNLAWFULLY** quoted the Bible to the jury in his summation urging the death penalty.*

Can you imagine that? A murderer was set free because the prosecutor had cited the Bible during his closing argument. The Judge got angry that the Bible had been quoted and that God had been mentioned. Seized by the spirit of anti-Christ from the pit, the ‘learned’ Judge asked the murderer to go home – free. Unbelievable you would say?

But are we surprised? Barabbas, a murderer, was set free by the people so that Jesus might be killed! **(Matthew 27:17-23)**. Jesus is about to come again and so, the same opposition. And Satan knows how to work out his evil designs using governmental organs and people in authority.

Neighbours hate the cross

In another development, a Catholic hospital was prevented from erecting a cross on the building by angry neighbours who did not want to see the sign of Christ near them! As usual, these were not acting alone; they had the government and the judiciary solidly behind them.

The town of Oak Park, Illinois, blocked a private Catholic hospital from erecting a cross on its own smokestack because councilors say; some local residents would be offended. (Time Magazine, December 9, 1991)

What a demonstration of anti-Christ stance indeed. “We do not mind the building, the painting, even the mortuary and every other thing, but for the sign of Jesus Christ, no way”, the angry neighbours seemed to be saying. In case you are thinking of a one-man-show type of opposition, you are wrong. It was a deliberately planned movement against God and his Anointed. Continued the report:

This is not simply a struggle between believers and non-believers, or between liberals and conservatives. The conflict is far more subtle. It gets to the very heart of America’s identity... By isolating God from public life... the courts have replaced freedom of religion with freedom from religion.

Remember, Satan will use the State and its various organs to first make Christianity look undesirable. Then, having removed Christ from people’s hearts,

they will then inspire the people to fill the vacuum with something else – satanic state religion. ‘State religion’ is satanic worship in disguise.

Says Lee Boothby, in the same report;

What you are tending to see in the USA is a NEW SECULAR RELIGION. People will be conditioned to accept any other dogma but Christ's. They would be prepared to reverence and worship in any other name but not that of Christ (or even God).

The report continued;

It is a strange definition of free speech and religious liberty.... that prohibits mention of God.

*‘Angela Davis, a Communist, was the speaker at my son's high school graduation’ says Barkley Law Professor – **Philip Johnson**. ‘People have to listen to the most heavy-handed dogmatism. Then, suddenly the Constitution is violated – if an agnostic hears the word ‘God’, this is absurd. If we have to put up with things we do not agree with, why is only God excluded? He queried.*

Class teacher fights God

It is absurd, I agree with Philip Johnson. And to confirm this absurdity comes yet another report, this time about a teacher who had instructed her pupils to strike out the name of God from a text book the class was using! ‘It's unlawful to mention God in a public place ...’ she had said!

In Decatur, Illinois, a Primary School teacher discovered the word ‘GOD’ in a phonics textbook and ordered her class of seven years olds to strike it out, saying that it is against the law to mention God in Public places..., (Time Magazine, December 9th, 1991)

Dear reader, more terrible things are happening in the USA and everywhere, all propelled by the same spirit that is behind the coming one-world religion. They have to remove Christ in order to replace Him with the ‘Image of the Beast’. (Revelation 13:15).

Americans now worship mystery Babylon

The USA is fast fulfilling a big prophecy, a negative one though – that of **apostasy**. As we know, the spirit of apostasy (great falling away from faith) will be here before the rapture of the church takes place.

*... For that day shall not come, except there come a **falling away** first...
(2 Thessalonians 2:3).*

1 Timothy 4:1 then added;

*...**In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;***

Indeed, the USA, a one-time champion of the Christian faith, is fast giving heed to seducing spirits and devilish doctrines especially doctrines inspired by Mystery Babylon.

Goddess worship

Through the satan-inspired New Age Movement, Americans are now replacing the sincere faith they once had in Christ with a new sweeping urge for the worship of a goddess, whom they call Mother Earth.

Mother Earth is indeed a real spiritual entity known in various places by some other names; **Irene, Isis, Madonna, Astarte, Gaia, Sophia, (wisdom)** and so on. A former occult Grand Master, Iyke Uzoma, in his book; Occult Grand Master now in Christ wrote that this goddess was recognized in occult circles as the head of the occult kingdom of the earth and lived in a spiritual city called 'Nu'. I believe it is the same evil entity that the Bible also referred to as Queen of Heaven (Jeremiah 7:18). It is this principality that Americans with all their computers and space stations are now condescending to worship. The goddess worship has spread so much that in 1990, Americans celebrated her officially. They called it "Earth Day celebration".

For further confirmation of this, here is a report which appeared on page 70 of the Time Magazine of May 6, 1991;

***Nature worship** was part of **EARTH DAY FESTIVALS**, from Boston, where **goddess gospel singers** performed on the water front, to Berkeley, California, where devotees drummed and sang... The goddess is not just the female version of God, she represents a different version concept. Various groups follow a brew of wicca (witchcraft), paganism, New Age... and evocations of female power... While some draw upon ancient rituals, other invent new ones....*

This worship, often carried out in disguise under various covers, such as Green Peace Environmental Movement, The New Age Movement, and assorted other names, is a clear manifestation of the fact that Mystery Babylon, described in Revelation 17:5 as obvious evil, is already riding high in the US. This has far-reaching implications for Americans.

Disasters are coming

It is unfortunate that the USA is making herself anti-Christ at this time! The Bible has rightly said that righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to a nation. When Americans started her history through godliness, God in turn blessed her so much that she easily became the number one nation on earth. Now that the same America is turning around to crucify the Christ whom she once preached, God has no choice than to turn His back on her also. And we know the ugly consequences of that – destruction!

Certainly, one is to expect more serious disasters upon America, as a sign of God's displeasure. The current waves of *earthquakes and tremors, wild fires, floods, rising crime waves*, to mention just a few are only early warnings. Sexual perversion, drug problems, robberies, juvenile crimes, family break-ups, moral decadence and general loss of value, and other social vices not yet known are going to cripple the American nation, so much so that it might become an outcast among nations. This is a prophecy which must be taken seriously because it will be speeded up.

The only way out is for American believers to come together and hold unto the hand of God in intercession, weeping and pleading, till God delivers America, otherwise, at the fullness of time, every American would be affected! The experience of the Jews should be a pointer.

ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT GRIPS GERMANY TOO

What is happening in the USA has started spreading to Europe, Israel, and other parts of the world. The war against God and his anointed has spread to Germany also, again with the Judiciary playing a big role on the side of the beast. *Crucifixes* are now being removed from places where they have been placed for ages, in Germany. The people suddenly woke up and said they no longer want to see Christ on the cross or even the cross alone. Again the war has been carried to the schools.

Summary of the message is that we are worshipping God freely for the last time. Every door is now closing against us. Those who have not received Christ may soon never have the opportunity again forever. Time is fast running out for all of us. Christians, let's put off every hypocrisy and things that distract us, and let's run this race with the whole of our hearts and lives, now before the final whistle goes, for time is running against us.

May the Lord strengthen us.

PICTURE ON PAGE 67

COURT CONTROVERSY: Ruled unconstitutional, a crucifix is removed from a German schoolroom.

TIME, AUGUST 28, 1995.

Germany: Antichrist spirit on rampage.

Photography by: Time Magazine, August 28, 1995.

ARTICLE ON PAGE 68

America's Holy War

U.S. courts have fenced religion out of public life, but believers who think the judges have gone too far are fighting to bring God back

By NANCY GIBBS.

To say that God is everywhere in American life is as much a statement of fact as of Faith. His name appears on every coin, on every dollar bill and in the vast majority of state constitutions. Schoolchildren pledge allegiance to one nation under him. The president of the United States ends his speeches with a benediction. God bless America.

In a country born of a pilgrim's dream, a country that exalts freedom of worship as a sacred right, perhaps none of that is surprising. What is surprising is that for most of the ensuring 200 years, Americans have not stopped arguing about God. In the past decade alone, the U.S. Supreme Court has decided more religious cases than ever before and each day brings a fresh crusade.

At issue is the meaning of the basic principle enshrined in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; that Congress and by late extension the states "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise

thereof.” The modern Supreme Court has taken that to mean that government cannot do anything that promotes either a particular faith or religion in general. Many Americans who honor the principles of the Constitution have nonetheless bridled at the bleaching of God from the public tapestry. The backlash was a long time coming, but now it has arrived with a vengeance.

The fight is not so much over what people ought to believe; it is over what they can say, and where, and to whom. The battle ground has spread from the courtroom to the schoolroom to the town square.

- Last month the Pennsylvania Supreme Court threw out the sentence of a murderer who killed a 70-years old woman with an axe on the ground that the prosecutor had unlawfully quoted the Bible to the jury in his summation urging the death penalty.
- In Decatur, Illinois, a primary school teacher discovered the word God in a phonics textbook and ordered her class of seven-year olds to strike it out, saying that it is against the law to mention God in public school. She later apologized.
- The town of Oak Park, Illinois, blocked a private Catholic hospital from erecting a cross on its own smokestack because councilors say; some local residents would be offended.

Time, December 9, 1991
Courtesy: Time Magazine, December9, 1991.

ARTICLE ON PAGE 69

When God was a woman
Worshippers of Mother Earth are part of Goddess resurgence

To mark Earth Day last week, four women and two men stood on a hilltop; outside mount Horeb, Wisconsin, literally praying to Mother Earth. ‘Sacred Earth power, bring healing to planet Earth’, intoned barefoot Selena Fox, priestess of circle Sanctuary, worshippers responded with a crescendo chant “clean soil, clean soil” then pledged to do a variety of ecological good deeds and joined in a hug. Similar

Nature worship was part of earth day festivals, from Boston, where goddess gospel singers performed on the water front, to Berkeley, California, where devotees drummed and sang for a crowd.

The ceremonies were part of a growing U.S. spiritual movement: Goddess worship, the effort to create a female-centered focus for spiritual expression. Most participants are women who seek a deity other than God the Father, and a faith less patriarchal than the Judeo-Christian tradition seems to offer. Adherents claim the movement involves as many as 100,000 U.S. women.

Judeo-Christian God is transcendent, the Goddess is located “within each individual and all things in nature” she says.

Various groups follow a brew of Wicca (witchcraft), paganism, New Age ideas and evocations of female power, some inspired by Native American and African tradition. While some draw upon ancient rituals, other invents new ones.

A witch teaches in an institute at California’s Roman Catholic Holy Name College. A book by two United Methodist pastors proposes experimental Bible reading about the crucifixion that replace Jesus with Sophia (Wisdom), a name for the divine personality used by Goddess minded Christians.

Movement advocates say Goddess worship restores a prehistoric belief that was eradicated in Europe and the Middle East around 6,000 years ago by patriarchal invaders. The prepatriarchal utopia is portrayed as egalitarian, peace loving and “gynocentric”. New scholarly backing for the creed comes from archaeologist Marija Gimbutas in the language of the Goddess and the forthcoming Civilization of the Goddess. The author contends that worship of the “old European great Goddess” goes back to 25,000 B.C. though Gimbutas major evidence stems from Farming cultures in South Eastern Europe from 6,500 B.C. on especially their ubiquitous female statuettes.

There are numerous skeptics, including female religious thinkers. Carole Fontaine of Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts, for one complains that feminist writers delete historical evidence that is “embarrassing or contradictory. Carol Meyers of Duke University argues that there

Courtesy: Time Magazine, May 6, 1991

Chapter 9

The present ECUMENICAL MOVEMENTS **Prelude to ONE WORLD RELIGION**

The talk of a one-world religion, based on 'peace and tolerance' is on the lips of almost every religious leader today, with the Pope obviously taking the lead. Good as this may see, yet, it spells the time we are in. Inter-faith movements are fast springing up all over the world with the intent to harmonizes all religions of the world into one, thereby removing the 'things' that divide us.

Catholic, Anglican, the Orthodox

One of the biggest ecumenical moves today is that which seeks to re-unify the Catholic, the Anglican and the Eastern orthodox folds. When this happens, "the over 800 million Catholics, the nearly 100 million Anglicans and the 170 million Eastern Orthodox followers' would become one large (Babylonian?) family, thereby constituting such a formidable force that other religious would find quite hard to resist. And with the Pope already very keen on global religious unity, he would easily get other religion to 'join in'. He has demonstrated that ability already.

By March, 1996, Rome provided a strong signal that this re-unification was very much on course. This information was contained in a four page letter from the Pope's top ecumenical adviser, Jan Cardinal Willebrands, to the 24-member Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, charged with the task of seeing to the re-unification matter.

'What is required'? Wrote Willebrands, is that the Anglican Commission ... state formally that it professes the same faith concerning essential matters... In other words, Canterbury should state positively that Anglicans believe the thing Rome believes in....

This report was widely circulated through the Time International Magazine of March 17, 1986.

Pope calls for urgent unity

The Daily Times of March 14, 1994 also reported that the Vatican was not relenting in its effort towards one-world religion

‘Pope John Paul II said yesterday that Roman Catholic Church should urgently strengthen its dialogue with other religions’, said the report. “The Church feels strongly about the urgency of Ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue, he told pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square. Today the life of the Church would be inconceivable without dialogue and ecumenism. It stated.

Ecumenical conference in Jerusalem

Another echo of world religion was heard from the Middle East by way of a global religious summit that took place in Jerusalem in early 1994. Part of the report carried by the Daily Times of January 28 and February 14, 1994 read;

Heads of the different Christian Churches from all parts of the world – Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Main-line protestant and Evangelicals assembled in Jerusalem on 1st February, 1994 for a four-day unique HISTORICAL meeting, which has been described by the Vatican as the first ‘International religious meeting of its kind’.

Heads of Churches and denominations from 96 different countries took part in the conference, together with leading ‘Rabbis from world Jewry and from Israel. ‘Participating church leaders included Cardinals, Primates, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Moderators, Presidents and Chairmen of Protestant conferences... the report added

This conference has a **unique historical dimension** – being the first time ever that heads of principal Christian denominations would be coming together in such large numbers for a meeting of any kind; it goes without saying **NEVER BEFORE** has such a meeting taken place between Christian and Jewish religious leaders’, the reports concluded.

Peace without Christ?

Another perplexity at this historic (or more correctly Prophetic) meeting was that each participant held a white pigeon at the end, with which they all posed for a group photograph, saying ‘**we have the key to world peace**’.

What a fallen standard indeed! Could you have imagined Paul, Elijah, Daniel, or any of the disciples of old participating in such a gathering where Christ was not given due recognition? What a wonderful opportunity for any true disciple of Christ to have reproved the rest and tell them the TRUTH –that peace can only

come to man through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and unless man returns to Him, peace will continue to elude him, for there is no peace for the wicked says the Word of God.

In 1st Thessalonians 5:3, we were warned to beware of such ‘peace’ efforts which would come at the end-time

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

Peace can only come to us through the Lord Jesus Christ. Who is the **PRINCE OF PEACE** and it is only those who are born again and are obedient to the Spirit of Christ that are entitled to such peace, forIn ME ye shall have peace, He has said (John 16:33).

If those leaders were sincere, and needed a symbol of peace, they should have held the Cross, rather than the pigeon. However, in hypocrisy, they did not want to offend the Jews and other unbelievers by holding the sign of Christ. **And so, they hid Christ behind the white pigeon** for the sake of ‘peace’ and ‘tolerance’

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord... (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)

ARTICLE and PICTURE ON PAGE 75

Key to world peace

A conference of world Christian leaders which ended in Jerusalem early in the month has advocated tolerance as the key to world peace.

According to a communiqué issued at the end of the summits, Christian leaders and their Jewish counterparts expressed optimism that world peace can be achieved if Christians can spread the message of tolerance among world religion.

The theme of the conference “Religious leadership in secular society” was clear reflection of the death of moral education and leadership role model in the modern world. The communiqué added.

Issues discussed at the summit include, Genetic engineering, model of leadership, ethnicity amongst others relating to religious leadership.

Nigeria was represented at the summits by over seven religious leaders.....

PICTURE

Christian and Jewish religious leaders at the conference in Jerusalem
Courtesy: The Daily Times”, February 14, 1994

Chapter 10

SAINTS PREPARE FOR WAR

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints... And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: (Revelation 13:7; 17:6).

We have seen that one-world religion is very much around the corner. We have seen also that the nations of the earth, propelled by the spirit and power of hell, are getting ready for the ultimate persecution of believers. What should we do then?

“Prepare for war”. Says the Spirit of Christ, for Jesus our Great Commander, the Man of war, is Himself ready, waiting to give us victory!

The Spirit speaks expressly that in the last days wickedness will increase and that the love of many shall wax cold (Matthew 24:12). The hour is here indeed. Christians waiting to be ‘raptured’ should get prepared for ‘war’ for the antichrist spirit will stir up unprecedented opposition to ‘test’ us. Rapture will occur in the midst of terrible ‘shaking’. But the Lord has assured us already, saying;

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison that ye may be tried... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

Even though testing will come through huge clouds of opposition, we are to exhibit strong faith in the Lord. We are to hold our confession unto the end. God will give us special grace in the face of increasing trial. He strengthened the Lord Jesus Christ at Gethsemane. He upheld Stephen. He will not leave us nor forsake us either. He will strengthen us in our own time.

THE SAINTS GONE BEFORE

God has always taken glory in the death of His saints who deny not their faith in the face of stiff opposition. Such people overcome to the end, and receive their crown of glory, and the secret is; “they loved not their lives unto death”.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH. (Revelation 12:11).

Let us see the boldness of some of those wonderful Saints that had gone before, who held their testimonies unto the end. As we read the accounts of them, let their testimonies be a source of courage and power and determination unto us, as we await the ‘final whistle’ and the call home.

John Foxe

A 16th Century Scholar and ardent follower of Christ, in typical Shakespearean writing gave beautiful accounts of the persecutions and martyrdom of the early church.

Referring to our Lord’s statement in Matthew 16:18, that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church, John Foxe made the following wonderful deductions, stating three key implications of that verse. He wrote;

First, that Christ will have a church in this world. Secondly; that the same Church should mightily be impugned not only by the world; but also by the uttermost strength and powers of all hell. And thirdly, that the same Church notwithstanding the uttermost of the devil and all his malice, should continue.

(See Foxe’s Book of Martyrs, 1981)

This is the basis of the account of some of the terrible experiences the Lord’s chosen disciples passed through and the wonderful courage they exhibited in the face of it all, and the ultimate triumph that greeted them at the end, despite all odds. **I am going to quote John Foxe extensively** in this place (from his above-mentioned book)

For his wonderful work is most relevant in our own time.

Most cruel wickedness

Talking about the way and manner of those persecutions, Foxe wrote;

The tyrants and organs of Satan were not contented with death only, to bereave the life from the body. The kinds of death were diverse, and no less horrible than diverse. Whatsoever the cruelty of man’s invention could devise for the punishment of man’s body, was practiced against the Christians –stripes and

scourging, tearing, stoning, plates of iron laid unto them burning hot, deep dungeons, racks, strangling in prisons, the teeth of wild beasts, grid irons, tossing upon the horns of bulls. Moreover, when they were thus killed, their bodies were laid in heaps, and dogs there left to keep them, that no man might come to bury them, neither would any prayer obtain them to be interred.

Dear readers, have you suffered up to the shedding of your own blood? Certainly not. We have not. In these last days when God is being presented by many preachers as God of prosperity and blessing only, rarely telling us that He is God that tries His disciples too. It's important that we take note of these past accounts, so that should the Lord count it necessary for us to experience any persecution at any time, we should not begin to wonder if God is still there. Yes, He is always there, just as He was there in those days past. He watched the bodies of His saints torn apart by wicked men, but their souls He wrapped in glory and perpetual bliss! Let us now see some of those faithful who passed through the purifying fire of affliction.

James the Apostle

After the death of Stephen, when he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 6&7), the apostles were scattered to different places, each with the word of God in his mouth. James was the next apostle to be killed in the hands of the persecutors. A dramatic event took place as the man that had accused James himself became touched of the Holy Spirit. James had forgiven him, bearing no resentment and the two were executed together, to the glory of God!

Says Foxe;

When this James... was brought to the tribunal seat, he that brought him was the cause of his trouble, seeing him to be condemned and that he should suffer death, was in such sort moved therewith in heart and conscience that as he went to the execution he confessed himself also, of the accord, to be a Christian. And so they were led forth together, where in the way he had desired of James to forgive him what he had done. After that James had a little pause with himself upon the matter, turning to him he saith, "Peace be to thee, brother" and kissed him. And both were beheaded together; AD 36.

Andrew the Apostle

Andrew was said to have brought many to Christ through his diligent work amidst the "Scythians and Sogdians, to the Sacae and in a city which is called Sebastopolis, where the Ethiopians do now inhabit". He was crucified by the hand

of Aegeas, governor of the Edessenes and buried in Patrae, a city in Achaia. But the beautiful thing was his reaction to his death sentence and to the cross where he was to be crucified. He glorified God by his doggedness of faith. Said Foxe;

Andrew, going towards the place and seeing afar off the cross prepared did change neither countenance nor colour, neither did he fail in his speech, his body fainted not, neither was his mind molested, nor did his understanding fail him – as it is the manner of men to do, but out of the abundance of his heart his mouth did speak, and fervent charity did appear in his words...

O cross, he said, most welcome and long looked for. With a willing mind, joyfully and desirously I come to thee, being the Scholar of Him which did hang on thee; because I have always been thy lover, and have coveted to embrace thee!

Praise God. What a testimony of the sufficiency of the Grace of God in all situations! Flesh and Blood could not have spoken those words; the Spirit of boldness and sound mind was at work inside a vessel that has been wholly yielded to be used.

May God grant us such faithfulness as we now approach the end time violence!

James the brother of the Lord

James was reportedly so perfect in his ways that everyone called “James the just man”. He so worshipped God and interceded for the Church and for the people that his knees were said to have become toughened and lost the sense of feeling – due to “constancy” of kneeling in prayer. By often kneeling ... lost the sense of feeling, being benumbed and hardened like the knees of a Carmel”, reported Foxe.

That was a man of God indeed. He was occupying till the end, always found on his duty post. Something happened that spoke of his love for Christ and of his preparedness to lay down his life too.

Being a respected man, the persecutors promised not to kill him as long as he would dissuade others from following Christ. As agreed, they placed him on the top of a very tall building and gathered all the people before him. A tremendous crowd was gathered at the arena, so that James would openly denounced Christ and also ask the people not to follow Christ anymore. Being a ‘just man’, his statements would avail much, they reasoned.

And so, James, lifting up his voice before the entire generation that gathered before him said these words, which sounded like bombshells to those that had planned this evil. Rather than denounce Jesus, James decided to lift up Christ up the more before the teeming crowd. This was what he said;

Why do you ask me of Jesus the Son of Man? He sitteth on the right hand of the Most High, and shall come in the clouds of Heaven.

Look at that. A man who was supposed to be denouncing Christ had turned the occasion into one of the most wonderful witnessing the Lord had received. And you can imagine the anguish of his persecutors

“...And one of those who were present , a Fuller, took an instrument, wherewith they did use to beat and purge cloth and smote the just man on the head, and so he finished his testimony.... Foxe wrote. Praise God.

MAY GOD HELP US TO MAINTAIN THE TESTIMONY OF OUR CHRIST - UNTO THE END, WHATEVER WAY AND WHENEVER IT MAY BE, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

Bishop Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius, the Bishop of Antioch (after Peter) was unmoved in his faith in Christ. He went about exhorting believers and strengthening the faith of them that wavered. Consequently he was given to the wild beasts – as the price for his faith. Just before his death, he made these statements which became a source of great inspiration and courage to the Churches in Rome, Smyrna, and places far and near.

These were the words of the faithful Bishop during his trial;

Now I begin to be a disciple, I care for nothing, of visible or invisible things, so that I may but win Christ – let fire and the cross, let the companies of wild beasts, let the breaking of bones and tearing of limbs, let the grinding of the whole body, and all the malice of the devil, come upon me, be it so, ONLY MUST I WIN JESUS.

And when the Bishop heard the lions roaring, the lions that would soon pounce on him, he reportedly said;

I am the wheat of Chris; I am going to be ground with the teeth of wild beasts, that I may be found pure bread.

O! The faithful's past! How does God see me in comparison, burdened with the faithlessness and unfaithfulness of the end time! May your Grace, O Lord shower upon us afresh the unshakable unalloyed faith of our brethren past, that our work, when put side by side theirs, on the day of rewards, may not suffer disdain too great, such that our faces may refuse to be lifted up to thee.

Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna

He was a devout and resolved follower of Christ who paid dearly in defence of his faith. Yet he was honourable and respected even among his persecutors. The Procouncil desiring to spare his life during his trial had asked him to 'reproach Christ' before the people that had gathered, and regain his freedom, to which Polycarp replied;

Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never once wronged me, how then shall I blaspheme my king, who hath saved me?

He was yet offered another opportunity to live, if only he would "swear by the fortune of Caesar". To this the elderly Venerable replied;

Since you still vainly strive to make me swear by the fortune of Caesar, as you express it, affecting ignorance of my real character, hear me frankly declaring what I am – I am a Christian - and if you desire to learn the Christian doctrine, assign me a day and you shall hear.

At this his persecutors called for the wild beasts and later fire, hoping to frighten him by so doing and to get him renounce Christ, to which threat Polycarp the Bishop relied;

You threaten me with fire, which burns for an hour, and is soon extinguished; but the fire of the future judgment and of eternal punishment reserved for the ungodly, you are ignorant of....

Soon after this, Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna was burnt alive to the glory of God and for the testimony of His Son Jesus the Christ.

Dear reader, I hope you still remember what we are doing – we are getting ourselves tuned up for whatever persecution the spirit of anti-Christ may bring upon the church of the latter days. The message of this hour is, "Saints, prepare for war" and only those who have made up their minds for Christ shall survive unto

glory. Those who truly in spirit will agree with the word, that, indeed the kingdom of God suffereth violence and the violent taketh it by force (Matthew 11:12). We are looking at the brave labours of the heroes past so that we should not disappoint the Lord if any trials come upon us too.

For if we suffer with Christ; we shall also reign with Him (Romans 8:17).

In these days when we rarely hear people preach on God of trials, I believe it's timely to read these accounts for we are still dealing with same God of the old. He has not changed for He changeth not! Trial is an integral part of His Love package for us! And so, let us look at one or two more

Blandina

Blandina the generous mother, was tortured along with Sanctus of Vienna and Attalus of Pergamos among others. Contrary to expectation, this woman exhibited so great a courage and fortitude throughout her ordeals that even those "who successively tortured her from morning to night were quite worn out with fatigue reported Foxe.

She was suspended from a stake and exposed as food for wild beasts. Rather than shed tears and tremble with fear. Blandina was said to have bowed in prayer. Her fine figure praying and the stake on which she was suspended, the two inadvertently formed the figure of a cross, and the report said;

The sight inspired her fellow combatants with much alacrity, while they beheld with their bodily eyes, in the person of their sister, the figure of Him who was crucified for them. None of the beasts at that time touched her...

She was later brought down and tortured severely, before she gave up the ghost, having been a source of great inspiration to her brethren.

After she had ENDURED stripes, the tearing of the beasts, and the iron chair, she was enclosed in a net and thrown to a bull; and having been tossed some time by the animal and PROVING QUITE SUPERIOR TO HER PAINS, through the influence of hope, and the realizing view of the objects of her faith and her fellowship with Christ, she at length breathed out her soul.

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Dear Brother (Sister), begin to compare your present trials and sufferings with all these. What we often complain about and call 'trials' these days are most of the

time nothing indeed in comparison with the standard already reached and kept by our past brethren. But we all are striving for the same glorious rewards! Did God hate them and love us extra? Not so. Did Christ not die for them too? Definitely He did.

Why then do we murmur and fidget at any little trial these days? Let us begin to realize our errors in thinking that Christianity is eating and drinking. We have to strive, and fight, in defence of our faith for believing in Christ entails suffering for Him too. For it is written;

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to BELIEVE on Him, but also to SUFFER for His sake (Philippians 1:29).

So you see, we are called not only to be “Believers” in Christ but also ‘sufferers’ for His sake! So, what is it that you are ‘suffering’ now for Him? Whatever it may be, we should suffer for Christ with determination and with joy knowing that;

The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18).

It’s really sad when we consider what happen these days in the area of trials. The problem is not with God, nor with our past brethren. It lies with us! It lies with our vision. The vision these days is the vision of prosperity, wealth, fruits of the womb, good family, good job. We seem to know him only as God of material blessings and abundance. We do not seem to have a balanced vision which must include the hard realities of our faith; for we shall receive “a hundred fold” of blessings in this life “with persecution” says the word of God (Mark 10:29-30). The earlier we accept this truth, the better for us as the end now comes.

Alban

Alban was the first martyr in England. He had kept a persecuted Christian in His house, hiding him from those who sought to kill him. In the process Alban himself became “born again” by observing the life of his guest! When reports reached the agents of Dioclesion and Maximian – the Emperors, officers were sent to arrest and to bring Alban’s guest for the slaughter.

But rather than give up his guest, Alban gave his own life in exchange. He was as usual offered the opportunity to save himself, if only he would denounce Christ and worship at a shrine set before him at the command of the judge.

Reported Foxe

...blessed Alban... feared not at all the menaces of the prince, but being armed with the spiritual armour, openly pronounced that he would not obey his command...

“If you desire to hear the variety of my religion”, he had said; I do you to wit, that I am a Christian, and apply myself ALTOGETHER to that calling.

He was later killed!

Yes, for us to endure all things even to the end of this period, like Alban we should “apply ourselves ALTOGETHER to our calling”, to the “high and holy calling” we have received. We should TOTALLY yield ourselves and surrender ALL THINGS to Him who has called us, holding back nothing, not even our lives if need be.

Well, we have seen our brethren led to the slaughter, yet they praised God! They murmured not, they looked not back neither blamed they one another. They rejoiced in afflictions –knowing that in every fire of trial. God comes down as the fourth man. We should copy them. Commented Foxe about their faithfulness;

The faithful, while they were dragged along, proceeded with cheerful steps, their countenances shone with much grace and glory; their bonds were as the most beautiful ornaments; and they themselves looked as brides adorned with their richest array, breathing the fragrance of Christ. They were put to death in various ways; or in other words, they wore a chaplet of various odours and flowers, and presented it to the Father.

Halleluiah!

Chapter 11

HOW TO PREPARE

From every indication, the world is moving fast towards a one-world religion, with all the implications for believer, it is an item of prophecy of the end, and therefore, it cannot be stopped nor avoided. Prayers and fasting cannot stop it. It is coming, as sure as the Lord Jesus is coming too. How do we prepare then, since we cannot avoid it? Yes, we cannot escape a world religion and the reign of Babylon, so says the Bible. It will surely be here, before the rapture takes place!

...For that day (of the rapture) will NOT come until TWO THINGS happen: first, there will be a time of great rebellion against God, and then the man of rebellion will come-the son of hell (2 Thessalonians 2:3) LB

The great rebellion is the formation of a worldwide satanic worship system under the one world religion. It will be the greatest rebellion ever – the entire world to worship Satan in place of God! The falling standard of righteousness and the growing lack of fear of God in our Churches these days show that the time of the final rebellion is near. So how do we prepare for the challenge ahead? How do we prepare for war?

Be born again

The first line of defence is for one to be born again – by receiving the Lord Jesus into one's heart. This is explained in John 3:3 as an eternal requirement for everyone, irrespective of one's social or religious standing. A simple but sincere prayer, said from the bottom of your heart, asking the Lord Jesus to forgive you all your sins, and inviting Him to come into your heart, gets one 'born again'. The real work of changing the heart and transforming the entire life is not for us to understand. Ours is to invite the Lord in, in a very simple form. When He has come in, He knows how to really make us 'new creatures' (2 Corinthians 5:17). So, invite the Lord Jesus Christ into your life today, in fact right now – if you have not done so already.

He that is in you

First John 4:4 says that ‘**greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world**’. Jesus is the ‘He’ that is in us. The moment Jesus is in one’s life, no satanic entity, however powerful, can overthrow the person because Satan and his evil gang recognize and respect Jesus as their Lord and Master, He being their Creator. (Colossians 1:16). Those who don’t have Jesus in them will find it difficult to survive these end time perils from the forces of hell.

Prove every Spirit

The next thing is to test (examine) every spirit to know whether they are of God or not. This is necessary because at this end time, many evil spirits (familiar spirits) will try to behave like the Spirit of God, especially in areas of signs and wonders, and they will deceive the people.

*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show **great signs and wonders**; so much so that, if it were possible, they shall **deceive** the very elect. Behold, I have warned you in advance. (Matthew 24:24-25).*

When you are born again, God will give you the power to enable you discern these spirits. Again this injunction is given to us in First John 4:1;

Beloved, believe NOT every spirit, but TRY the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

If you sincerely ask God to help you, he will, so that you will be able to identify not only the Mystery Babylon; but also identify those preachers who are presently manifesting her spirit – in various churches.

Start Holy Ghost School

Holy Ghost School means you learning directly from the Holy Spirit. For you to do this, you have to provide a regular time when you should separate yourself to God’s presence – in your house or your office. This time you have chosen is called Covenant time.

During your Covenant time every day, you are to study discipleship books and then keep quiet for some time for you to mediate on what you have heard.

Note that this covenant time is not a time for the usual long prayers and other things. It is a time for us to be in God’s presence; eating at His table by studying

discipleship books and allowing Him teach us and speak to us. It is a 'quiet time' when we keep in His presence for Him to teach and speak to us and direct us. If you keep covenant time in this way, every day, you will soon become so close to the Lord that you will begin to hear his voice clearly. Once you are able to hear His voice in this way, then you have nothing to fear. When dark days comes, His voice will direct us on how to walk victorious

This is the best preparation we should make. Let us cut down on the many religious activities we have got ourselves into. Many of those activities are not what God wants for us now. He wants us to come to His Presence every day, so that He can prepare and equip us now – before the evil days fully come. Believers who are not prepared now may have their Love wax cold on that day! (Matthew 24:12).

May the Lord Jesus help us all to get prepared in his presence, now.

Chapter 12

FURTHER WARNING CONCERNING BABYLON ENDTIME BUSINESS TRAPS AND TRADES

Dear Reader, we have seen some of the evils that Babylon spirit is going to unleash upon Christians in the last days ahead. We have also seen some of the preparations we have to make so as to overcome. However, we feel compelled to still draw your attention to something else which this spirit is doing already in our midst, and which seems to be taking many people unawares. That is the business traps of Babylon.

Today, Babylon spirit is busy distracting and binding many Christians including pastors and fellowship leaders, and taking them captives, so that they won't be able to prepare for the coming end time battles. How is she binding them? Through her end time business and trades. Yes, apart from worldwide persecution of Christians which is coming, Babylon has another deadly weapon which is using "business" and trades to bind and destroy the souls of men and this operation is happening right now.

Because of the importance of this matter, we have decided to examine here in details, some of the end time business traps of Babylon, especially as it affects Christian believers.

Spirit of buying and selling

This spirit is called Babylon the great, for she will be great in riches and wealth, with gold and silver in abundance, just like the physical Babylon was under Nebuchadnezzar. Through the abundance of gold and silver, she will bind nations and their people through unholy trades. She will use trade and business to attract and then destroy people. She is the spirit of buying and selling.

In Revelation Chapter 18, John saw this spirit using trade to bind the whole earth. In the end time, this spirit will make laws and regulations concerning world trade. She will introduce attractive businesses and trade to people and nations, she will make her merchants rich, but her real motives is to enslave them with riches and take their souls to hell. (Revelation 18:13).

Christians beware; this spirit of Babylon is already in operation in many places, even in Churches, where many Christians are already bound by her through distributing her products.

Let's hear what John said about her end time business operations;

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become a dwelling place of demons... the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury... For your merchants; were the great men of the earth for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. (Revelation 18:2-3 &13).

Take note that this fallen Babylon spirit will make people rich through trades. She will use sorcery, witchcraft power to manipulate people into her illicit trades, and there she uses money to cover their eyes, and then destroy their souls.

Are you a businessman? Are a trader? Are you doing anything at all, to get money? Now examine the business you are doing. Is it really from God? Is God happy with you in that business? Ask Him for revelation, for the spirit of Babylon has caught up with many Christians and Pastors already, who now distribute her products for her.

Come out of her

In Revelation 18:4, ***John further said; and I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.***

This place clearly shows that God's people will be bound by this evil power of trade, and unless they quickly retrace their feet, they too will be destroyed when her judgment comes, for her judgment will surely come at the time appointed, at the end of all these things.

This is God's call to every sincere believer to come out of her. As we see end time events unfolding, as we see the last empire of the world being formed, we are to come out of every entanglement we have with the spirit of Babylon because God's judgment can strike at any time.

Spiritual exchange

All who get involved with this evil spirit of trade are doing so at the risk of exchanging their souls for money. A look at her merchandise reveals this.

*"Merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen... fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, horses and chariots, and **slaves and souls of men**. (Revelation 18:11-13).*

Dear Reader, how can one count slaves and souls of men among articles of trade? How can one count souls of men, together with gold and silver and chariots (fine cars and airplanes)? How can one hide souls of men among things displayed in the shop and in the warehouse? How can you buy or sell souls of men? Do you know by the time your soul is bought? Do you know when your soul is sold?

That is the mystery of end time trades of Babylon. As you get rich through her business activities, as she gives you money and other material things, she receives your soul in exchange! This is the way it happens, through unseen spiritual exchange! That is the Mystery of her end time business traps.

That was what happened to Esau, when he ate Jacob's porridge. He could not endure a little hunger, a little want. He couldn't wait for God to provide for him. He was in a hurry to have his bodily need met, and so he accepted Jacob's porridge in exchange for his birthright. This is what is happening today. Many people are in a hurry to get their needs met. And so, they get into the unseen hand of Babylon spirit who quickly arranges one business or the other for them. Like Esau, such people will weep and lament and desire to have their spiritual rights restored, but it would be too late.

Looking carefully lest there be any... profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. (Hebrews 12:16-17).

HOW TO IDENTIFY BABYLON PRODUCTS AND BUSINESS

Let this guide you, Babylon spirit is operating already in the world and in Churches. One way she gets people is the use of **forms and registers**. She makes people to fill certain forms before they get her products and business. She makes people register their own names, and in addition fill in the name of some other person. When you register your name and register another person's name in their form or register, you have willingly and consciously made yourself a Babylon

business partner! By so doing, you are now entitled to distribute and sell her products and to receive her rewards, which are mainly cash benefits, promotions and special gifts at their conventions. By so doing, you have sold your soul to hell, for Babylon the great is also the Queen of hell.

There are many Babylon products in the market now, including certain herbal mixtures, beverages, food items, cosmetics, house-hold wares, electronics etc. whatever the product, their mode of operation is to get you to register, and fill in someone else's name. By doing this you are helping to bring more souls to hell in exchange for material things and gains.

Babylon business in churches and fellowships

Be warned, dear reader, the woman that sits upon the beast is here already, moving in spirit, seeking to populate hell with more souls of men! She uses business, trade, and money to lure people into hell. In fact, many Pastors and Christians are already in her net. They now gather together to promote her products even in the house of God! They give "testimonies" of what her products have done for them, since they joined her trade. They no longer testify of the goodness and healing power of Jesus. They now talk more of Babylon products and how they have "prospered" since they became distributors. They who used to preach Jesus in buses now preach for Babylon instead, advertising her products and asking people to sign their forms and register their names. This is a fast moving game of death which has caught many believers unawares. Churches and fellowships leaders now introduce Babylon trade to their members and register their names in the book of death, in the process! What a shame.

If you want to buy a drug, go ahead and buy, but why fill forms and register? If you want to buy rice, go ahead and buy, but why register your name and that of another person? If you need anything – go ahead and buy, if God allowed you, but why must you register your name, what more, another person's name? Where are those names being sent to? What are they doing with the names? Yes, they may give you "good explanations" for registering the names, but you must now be wise. Babylon the great is recruiting souls of men for hell. Ask God and He will reveal these things and even more to you. "Come out of her my people...." He has said.

Babylon will be judged

At the end of the time allowed her, Babylon will be judged by God. It is then that the eyes of many will open to realize they have been deceived. Many who sell her products now, many who are involved with her today, will then cry, like Esau cried, but it will all be in vain. This is the time to seek God's help and receive it, for grace is still available.

Revelation 18:8-19

*Therefore her plagues will come in one day — death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burnt with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her... The kings of the earth... will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, Standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, the great city Babylon... For in one hour your judgment has come. And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn... The merchants..., who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing... For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as **TRADE ON THE SEA**, stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning.... weeping and wailing, For in one hour she is made desolate.' (Revelation 18:8-19) NKJV.*

Are you a businessman or woman? What is your business? What is that business that you do? How clean is it? Will it endure the coming judgment? Are you an importer? What things do you import? Whose products are you importing? Are a distributor? A sales person? Who are you working for? Whose products are you distributing and selling? Even you; the Exporter! What do you really export?

You may have good excuses for doing what you are doing. You may see nothing wrong with what you are doing. But a day is coming when Babylon traders and distributors and sellers will stand afar off terrified with fear and torments, as God's end time judgment comes upon this harlot, Babylon, and upon all who worked for her. On that day, will you like to be one of such tormented souls?

Esau saw nothing wrong in accepting Jacob's porridge with the conditions Jacob gave to him. Neither did Jacob and his sons see anything wrong in going to Egypt, an ungodly nation, for corn. At the end, they all paid dearly for their spiritual carelessness

Today, many Pastors and leaders, and their church and fellowship members are happily involved in distributing and selling Babylon products, all in the name of making ends meet. Like Esau and Jacob, these Christians leaders and their followers may see nothing wrong in what they are doing. But like Esau, their eyes

will one day open, to realize what a grave mistake they have made, a mistake that may be too late to be corrected, a mistake of eternal damnation.

Yes, those who now replace the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ with the gospel of Babylon products will surely pay for their callousness and presumption. Yes, those who help register people in Babylon products register, instead of helping to register them in the Lamb Book of life, will surely be rewarded with the wages of damnation, seeing they have mocked God and made havoc of the gospel of Christ. Esau was hungry, and had no food. Jacob was truly hungry and had nothing to feed his large family. But these were only tests for them, to know whether they really believed God or not. The hardship condition that pushed many Christians into these unholy trades with Babylon, are usually tests of their faith, to know where they truly belong, to God or to Babylon, for by their fruits you shall know them.

This is a call for self-examination and repentance before things become too late. Ask God to reveal these things to you. If at all you are a serious Christian.

When you are not sure

If someone is presenting something to you, to buy or sell and requires you to register your name, and perhaps to register someone else too, then you must be careful, for that could be one of the killer – trade of hell.

Then pray and say;

Father God of revelation, please reveal to me the source and meaning of this thing. Should I go ahead with the transaction, or should I stop at once?

If you pray this way, sincerely, God will surely come to your help by answering you, for there is a God in Heaven who reveals hidden things! Daniel 2:28. Yes, these are the days of revelation when no one should walk in blindness anymore.

This night ask the Lord to reveal these things to you. Ask Him to reveal Babylon's end time business traps to you directly if you truly want to know.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

One of the most fearful prophecies of the end-time is about to be fulfilled, that is, the prophecy about a ONE-WORLD RELIGION- when all religions and various cults will come together to implement a worldwide satanic worship.

At that time, true believers in Christ will be in great danger through unprecedented persecutions that will be carried out by all nations (Matthew 24:9). At that hour too, the love of many Christians will wax cold through increased anti-Christ activities. (Matthew 24:12). However, those who have knowledge and are prepared in advance will overcome (Daniel 11:32).

How should believers prepare? These things are urgent! For the Mystery of Iniquity is already at work.... (2 Thessalonians 2:7).

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