

Conspiracy or Chaos?



'Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.' Isaiah 8.12.

Is there a plan at work in which 'behind the scene' powers are trying to bring in a New World Order or global government in order to control the people? Are organisations like the World Economic Forum bringing together government, finance, industry, media, healthcare, education and other institutions to cause radical change to our society in what they have called 'The Great Reset', allied to the UN's Agenda 30?

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which I wrote about how there was a plan laid by the World Economic Forum (WEF) to use crises like the Covid pandemic and the Climate Change issue to push for a transformation of global society. WEF leader, Klaus Schwab described this in his book 'Covid 19 - the Great Reset' which. The new order envisaged by Schwab would embrace every country from the USA to China and every industry from oil and gas to tech in 'a Great Reset of capitalism. His preferred future 'will only come about through some form of effective global governance.' He says this will create 'a new social contract that honours the dignity of every human being.' In other words, 'the Great Reset' is a blueprint for world government.

This subject is generally dismissed as a 'conspiracy theory', but it is not difficult to dig out statements from those responsible saying that this is precisely their intention. This ties in with Bible prophecies that there will be a world dictatorship, run by the Antichrist, in the final period of history before the return of Jesus Christ (Revelation 13). Behind this one will be the power of the devil: ***'The dragon (the devil) gave him his power, his throne and great authority.'*** (see verse 1-4). He will be at war with the people of God and have authority over the world for a brief while: ***'It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation'*** (5-10).

He will control the people with the 'mark of the beast' system which

they will have to sign up to if they want to 'buy and sell' (in other words participate in society): ***'He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.'*** (16-18)

Behind all this there will be a strong spirit of deception: ***'The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.'*** 2 Thessalonians 2.9-12.

It's happening now.

We see a number of things happening now which are preparing the way for this to happen. There is a spirit of deception that is using the world crisis that humanity is facing. This is pushing the globalisation project with the aim of taking control of the government, the economy and the means of communication. Here are a few examples.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has proposed an international pandemic treaty which would give the WHO power to declare a pandemic and then overrule national governments, enforce regulations worldwide, including lockdowns, compulsory vaccines and vaccine passports.

UNESCO has published a plan 'Guidelines for the governance of digital platforms' to regulate social media and online communication while cracking down on what it describes as 'hate speech,' 'false information' and 'conspiracy theories.' This may be used to silence freedom of speech including criticism of the globalisation project and the defence of traditional moral values. Already a number of organisations that publish such material are finding their funding cut off or access denied to some internet programmes.

At the World Government Summit in Dubai in February 2023, there was a call for accelerated changes to 'zero carbon', reducing, then eliminating the use of fossil fuels. The World Economic Forum proposed a system of 'ESG scores' (ESG stands for 'environmental, social, and governance factors') as a means of calculating how much energy businesses and individuals are using. These would be used by government to monitor and record your use of energy, with a view to stopping you using too much.

Speaking at the December 2023 COP conference in Dubai, King Charles III proposed bringing together 'public-private philanthropic and NGOs so that

they all play their part in delivering climate action, because public finance alone will never be sufficient.' By doing so, he said, 'we could mobilise the trillions of dollars we need – in the order of four and a half to five trillion a year – to drive the transformation we need.'

Critics of this say that it will do nothing to change the weather, but will be used as part of a destructive plan to transform the Global Financial System under the guise of Climate Change. This will enable the powerful banking interests that compose this group to recreate the entire global financial system for their benefit under the guise of promoting sustainability. It will empower the group of super rich power brokers who are pushing this plan while destroying the wealth of ordinary people. The government will take control of all property as a result of which people will end up enjoying the benefits of the WEF's Great Reset in which, according to their own propaganda, 'You will own nothing and be happy.'

In order to get people into line with this project they need to be put onto a digital ID system which will contain their personal information (e.g., government ID numbers, social security numbers, bank account numbers). In our last edition (October 2023) we showed how AI (Artificial Intelligence) will be used to gather together and monitor the enormous amount of information needed for this project to work.

The G20, the 19 most influential

countries on earth plus the EU, have endorsed several proposals to explore development of a 'digital public infrastructure,' including digital identification systems and potentially a centralised digital currency. The United Nations has made no secret of its plans to have a global digital identity as part of its Sustainable Development Goals set forth in Agenda 2030. Some of the more controversial technologies already being talked about for maintaining such a digital ID system are implants that can be inserted into someone in microchip form. You would then scan that chip ID over an internet enabled device to gain access.

The European Union has reached a final agreement on the establishment of 'European Digital Identity Wallets', the first central and fully digital identification system for all Europeans. It is moving forward with the development of its new central bank digital currency (CBDC)--the digital Euro. The USA is also moving towards a digital system that could be controlled centrally, which could allow the state to limit people on what they are allowed to buy.

They are also working on expanding the use of digital IDs to cover all online activities, which would be a significant step towards a global ID for everyone. This could then introduce a system of surveillance that could cut out dissenters from the system by controlling people's access and use of the Internet for communication. People who post material critical of the system could be cut out of using it and their posts removed. Critics of the system warn that it could result in your access to your financial assets being denied or stopped if you don't do what you're told. 'No ID, no access' would change the nature of identification and verification systems worldwide. Something like this is already in operation in China through its Credit Score system. Australia has plans to be cashless by November 2024.

Agustin Carstens is the General Manager of the Bank of International Settlements based in Geneva Switzerland. This is the central bank that governs all central banks. He says that they fully intend to introduce digital currencies to replace cash. This will enable them 'to track anyone, anywhere, anytime, and allow them to know what people are spending their money on.'

Students of Bible prophecy have long warned that our society was slowly marching towards acceptance of technology that is described in the Book of Revelation. Revelation 13 describes a time in which a 'mark' in the right hand or forehead would be used as both a symbol of identification with the Antichrist and a means to conduct



commerce. Without that mark no one can buy or sell. Agenda 2030 is still six years away but at the rate technology and society is changing, we may see such changes faster than anyone thought.

The Chaos Factor.

It's not all going well for the world government plan. People around the world are showing increased resistance to the programme. Many are questioning the 'science' behind the Covid lockdowns and vaccination programme and the 'Net Zero' plan to save the world from supposed global warming. Both of these were seen as ways to create a climate of fear that would make people accept the need for the globalist agenda. More people are realising that reaching the goals of the 'Great Reset' and Agenda 30 will lead to hugely increased government control of personal freedom, bringing in measures that will make us all poorer, hungrier and colder. This will reduce the world's population, with no real improvement in the problems they are trying to fix.

Implementing these changes requires some kind of order being in place in society. Increasingly the world is beset with situations which are spinning out of control and the threat that the whole system could collapse.

Michael Snyder has written a new book 'Chaos' in which he details some of pending crises which could hit our world soon. Here is a brief summary of some things he anticipates bringing chaos to our world. Readers will

recognise the similarity with Jesus' prophecy of wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes increasing in the days before His return.



Famine. Global food supplies keep getting tighter and global hunger has risen to extremely alarming levels. 2.4 billion people did not have enough food last year and 750 million experienced chronic hunger. Food prices are rising world wide and crops are getting devastated by natural disasters and bizarre weather patterns. War is preventing grain exports from Ukraine and Russia, while India has banned rice exports due to domestic shortages. John Kerry, US Climate Tsar, has said agriculture contributes towards 30% of global warming and so must be controlled. All

this will add to the global food crisis and the suffering we witness will be off the charts.

Pestilences. Jesus warned there would be pestilences during the time before His return. Michael Snyder warns of dangerous pathogens being developed in bio labs around the world, with the danger that these may be released to create a new pandemic as happened with Covid. At the same time they are working on new vaccines to counter this which may cause more health risks and mass deaths.

Natural disasters. Michael Snyder relates coming disasters to the prophecies in Revelation. He questions the man made global warming theory and points to changes taking place in the sun and in the oceans, as well as the increase in earthquakes and volcanoes. For example he attributes the rise in ocean temperatures to the recent discovery of 'a sprawling field of hydrothermal vents' on the deep floor of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans that is releasing material 'hot enough to melt lead.' They have also discovered a giant hole 50 miles off west coast of USA spewing hot liquid into Pacific. This is an area known as the Cascadia Subduction Zone, which has the potential to trigger a west coast tsunami that would wipe out much of the west coast of America.

Some environmentalists are proposing deranged plans to 'block out the sun' in programmes to limit global warming, which could have devastating effect on the climate and food production. Meanwhile increasing volcanic activity

is releasing large quantities of ash into the atmosphere could be doing that job for them, resulting in a crisis of global cooling, not warming. As a result we can expect the increase of the kind of disasters resulting in the scenes described in the Book of Revelation for the Great Tribulation period.

The economy. The US economy has reached a historic tipping point with 2 trillion dollars added to the national debt in a few months in 2023. This now stands at \$33 trillion dollars. The first half of 2023 saw the second largest banking collapse in US history. Interest rates and unemployment are rising. More than 99 million working age Americans not in labour force. Housing is becoming unaffordable for many, either buying or renting, resulting in growing homelessness. Social conditions of crime, drug addiction and lawlessness are spreading across the nation. Major stores are pulling out of big cities because they cannot afford to operate due to rampant shop lifting.

Russia and China are working on their alternative world order plan through the BRICS alliance which is in conflict with the western based world order plan. If they succeed in removing the petrodollar system then it could cause the collapse of the dollar and the US economy. Michael Snyder writes 'The US dollar will never again be as dominant as it once was and great economic chaos is ahead of us.' Of course this applies equally to the UK and EU economies. China is also facing a growing financial crisis. Michael Snyder also writes of the dangers of wars spreading in the

Middle East and conflict between the USA and Russia and China. He also writes about AI taking control, as we wrote about in our July edition (available on request), the cultural transformation process, as Christianity is abandoned and destructive ideologies take over, the collapse of the population and even the potential for a supposed UFO invasion.

It may be that this is all part of the plan. In February 2023, there was a 'World Government' meeting in Abu Dhabi where Klaus Straub, the leader of the World Economic Forum gave a speech in which he said, 'We're anticipating a Black Swan event.'

What does he mean by that? A Black Swan event is something unexpected that happens and changes everything. So he is suggesting something big is coming to tip the world into a new world order. Is it a war? Is it economic collapse? A cyber attack bringing down the Internet or the power grid? Another pandemic perhaps? A supposed UFO invasion?

Some have speculated that they may manufacture such an event before the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024. This summit may be used as a means to move forward on the goal of central control of affairs by the UN. According to the website, this summit aims to address the 'major global shocks in recent years – including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine war, and the planetary crisis, among others – which have challenged our international institutions.' It plans to 'address gaps in global governance, reaffirm existing commitments

including to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations Charter.'

So create a crisis and then use it to bring in the New World Order through the 'Black Swan' event.

What can we do?

Whatever the case (and obviously there are a huge number of factors which remain unknown), our world is heading for a seriously unstable and dangerous time. All this ties in with the prophecies of the approaching time of the Great Tribulation which will precede the Second Coming of Jesus.

'For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.'

Matthew 24.21-22

All of these things are reminders of the soon coming of the Lord and the need to get right with Him, and so be ready for His return and whatever troubles we may face in the meantime. At the same time we are reminded of the words of Jesus:

'But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.' Matthew 6.33-34

Before Jesus returns to the earth all

born again believers in Jesus will be supernaturally taken out of the world in the event known as the rapture, to be with Him forever:

When Jesus returns or we die it will be too late to repent and believe, so make sure that you accept Jesus now. Avoid hell and accept life in Jesus' name.

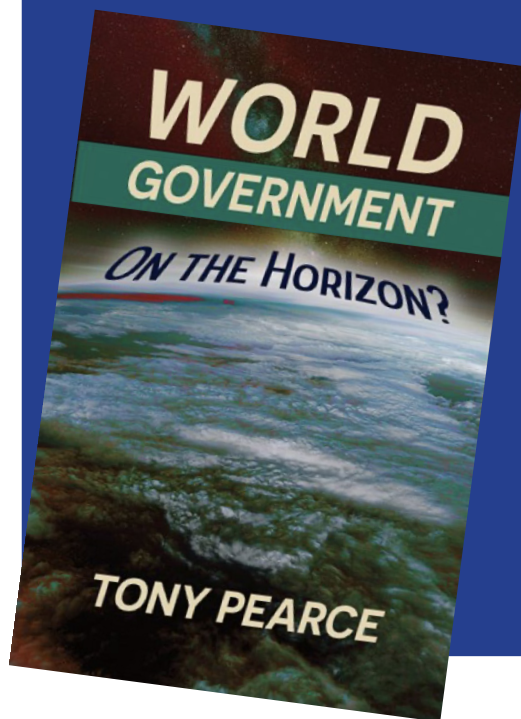
'For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.'

I Thessalonians 4.16-18

Those taken in the rapture will be given new bodies which will never get sick, or tired or die (I Corinthians 15). They will return to the earth with the Lord Jesus and participate in the great clean up operation when He will sort out the mess which humans have made of the earth and reign in righteousness on earth for 1000 years. Revelation 19-20. Finally this present earth and universe will be burned up when God will create a new heavens and a new earth for all believers in which righteousness will dwell forever. 2 Peter 3, Revelation 21.

Now is the time to make sure we have a place in the kingdom of God by repenting of our sins and believing the good news, that Jesus the Messiah died for our sins, and rose from the dead to give eternal life to all believers. He is coming back, not to suffer and die again, but to judge the world in righteousness, according to how we have responded to His offer of salvation by faith in Jesus the Messiah.

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Gaza War and Israel's Future



Israel responded to the appalling massacre carried out by Hamas on October 7th, the worst single killing of Jews since the Holocaust, by going to war with Hamas. Its aims were to eradicate Hamas in Gaza and to bring back the hostages taken on October 7th.

the last few years stockpiling missiles aimed at Israel. Hamas has put its missiles around hospitals, schools, homes, using civilians as human shields so that when Israel takes action against them the world will accuse Israel of war crimes.



At the time of writing Israel is making progress in its war on Hamas and has recovered 110 hostages. However the cost has been enormous. The death and destruction in Gaza has caused a huge backlash against Israel world wide and a rising tide of Antisemitism across the world. It has also turned into a recruiting ground for militant anti-Zionist forces to gather around the world.

For friends of Israel it has been a very painful time as we see the immense suffering of both Jews and Arabs in the war that was started by Hamas, backed by Iran, Hezbollah and allies. Most of the world has forgotten or ignored the fact that these forces wish to see the destruction of Israel and have spent

Gideon Falter, chief executive of the Campaign Against Antisemitism, expressed dismay, stating, 'Week after week, central London has become a no-go zone for Jews.' He cited instances of mass criminality, glorification of terrorism, and support for Hamas, leading to a sense of insecurity among the Jewish community in the capital.'

In New York City a shocking event took place when a Jewish teacher was forced into hiding after being 'swarmed' by hundreds of students after they learned she had attended a rally in support of Israel. A New York Times report said hundreds of students stormed into hallways and 'ran amok, chanting, jumping, shouting, and waving Palestinian flags or banners, adding that many tried to barge into the teacher's classroom demanding she be fired for attending a pro-Israel rally.'

Social media has been awash with anti-Israel and anti-Jewish material, much of it aimed at young people. According to a Harris poll, 51 percent of Americans aged 18-24 believe Hamas was justified in its brutal terrorist attacks on innocent Israeli

citizens on October 7. A recent article in the Jerusalem Post explained that, 'Around five dozen individuals, some associated with Hamas and collectively boasting more than 100 million social media followers, have been waging a propaganda campaign against Israel on various social media platforms since the start of the war on October 7.' Mainstream media has shown consistent bias against Israel, discounting Israeli reports of Hamas crimes against Israelis and their own people and responsibility for the crisis.

Hamas and its charter.

Hamas openly proclaims its intention to destroy Israel in their charter. This says, 'Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it. ... The land of Palestine is an Islamic Waqf [Holy Possession] consecrated for future Moslem generations until Judgment Day. No one can renounce it or any part, or abandon it or any part of it. (Article II) Palestine is an Islamic land... Since this is the case, the Liberation of Palestine is an individual duty for every Moslem wherever he may be. (Article I3). The day the enemies usurp part of Moslem land, Jihad becomes the individual duty of every Moslem. In the face of the Jews' usurpation, it is compulsory that the banner of Jihad be raised. (Article I5). The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.'" (Article 7)

There is a danger of the war spreading as allies of Iran launch attacks on Israel and US bases in the Middle East. Hamas leaders in Lebanon have warned that a 'war of liberation' bigger than the massacre of October 7 is imminent, indicating the terrorist group's plans for another attack on Israeli civilians. Israel and Hezbollah continue to exchange fire on the Lebanese border. The Houthis in Yemen (allies of Iran) have fired missiles at Israel and at shipping in the Red Sea. Iranian allies in Iraq have attacked US bases in Syria. Turkey has condemned Israel for war crimes and threatened military involvement on behalf of Hamas. Russia too has shown support for Hamas. A wider war along the lines of the war of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38) remains a possibility.

Israel and the Bible.



As we said in our previous magazine (available on request), whatever happens in Israel matters enormously on the world stage, especially in the light of the prophecies of the Bible. According to the Bible God has made an 'everlasting covenant' with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and

Jacob (the Jewish people / Israel). Genesis 15, 17.7-8. Israel's history is prophesied in numerous places in the Bible, including warnings that they will be scattered among the nations if they disobey God and worship idols (Deuteronomy 28). At the same time there are promises that if they are scattered, they will return to the land God gave to Abraham (Ezekiel 36-37).

In Ezekiel 36.24-28 we read: ***'For I will take you (the House of Israel) from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you ... Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.'*** See Ezekiel 36-24-28.

This scripture implies a return to the land in unbelief, and then the Lord will give them a new heart and a new spirit as they turn to the Lord before He returns. There will be a time of trouble before this happens. A number of passages in the Hebrew Prophets speak of this, for example Jeremiah 30, Ezekiel 38-9, Zechariah 12-14.

One relevant passage to the current situation is Psalm 83:

'Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a

nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.'

For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You ... Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, who said, 'Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession' ... Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish, that they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.'

Three things to note from this Psalm.

1. The people involved are not just at war with Israel, but at war with God. 'Your (God's) enemies, those who hate You, those who have formed a confederacy against You.'
2. They are saying 'Let us cut them off from being a nation that the name of Israel may' be remembered no more' and 'Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession.'
3. The Psalmist appeals to God to intervene on Israel's behalf 'That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.'

The God they are at war with is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who gave the land to the descendants of Abraham by covenant as we read in Genesis 15: ***'Then He said to him, 'I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you***

this land to inherit it.” This covenant was renewed with Abraham’s son Isaac (Genesis 26.1-6) and his grandson Jacob (Genesis 28.13-15 and 35.11-13).

Following the Exodus, Moses led the people to the border of the promised land and read to them from the book of Deuteronomy. He taught them that their occupation and blessing in the land would depend on their obedience to the law of God (Deuteronomy 11.13-28). But even if their disobedience means they are taken out of the land as a judgement from God (chapter 28), they will be brought back in God’s time and purpose (chapter 30). This is because of the covenant made with Abraham.

The indication of Bible prophecy is that following their return they will face opposition from the nations that surround them. The Psalm describes the rejection of Israel by the people in the surrounding lands who say ‘Let us cut them off from being a nation that the name of Israel may be remembered no more’. This is the same message as the people who are chanting their opposition to Israel, saying ‘From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free.’ This means that the entire region from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea, should be free from Jewish control. If it then ends up in the hands of people like Hamas it will also be free of Jewish people.

Islam and Israel.

This ties in with the Islamic view that the world is divided into the Dar al Harb (house of the enemy / area ruled by non Muslims) and the Dar al Islam

(house of Islam / area where Muslims rule). The goal of the jihad is to turn countries in the ‘house of the enemy’ into the ‘house of Islam.’ Jihad may be a literal war / including use of terrorism or it may be a campaign to convert them to Islam by propagating the Muslim message, or infiltrating these lands and eventually taking over as Muslims become the majority.

In the Dar al Islam Muslims rule. Jews and Christians are allowed to live there and even practice their religions as ‘people of the book’ but they must be ‘dhimmis’. This is an Arabic word for ‘protected peoples’ which actually means second class citizens under Muslim rule. Dhimmis are not allowed to have any form of rule over Muslims. Christians are not allowed to evangelise Muslims or spread their faith. Dhimmis must pay a tax called ‘Jizya’ to the Muslims for their ‘protection.’ Once a country is in the Dar al Islam it must remain Islamic until the end of days. The whole of the Middle East is in their view the heartland of the Dar al Islam.

Muslim rule in Jerusalem began in 632 and continued in some form (apart from the Crusader period from 1099 to 1187) until the British took control from the Ottoman Turks in 1917. The Ottomans had ruled the whole area from 1517 to 1917. The State of Israel came into being in 1948 after the British handed over British Mandate Palestine to the UN, who decreed that the area west of the Jordan River should be divided into a Jewish state and an Arab state. The Jews accepted this ruling but the Arabs did not and five Arab armies invaded with the intention of

eliminating the Jewish state at birth. Against the odds Israel succeeded in pushing back the invaders and the borders were fixed at the ceasefire lines in 1949. Jordan controlled the West Bank (the biblical area of Judea and Samaria) and east Jerusalem (the Old City), while Egypt controlled Gaza and the Sinai. In 1967 a coalition led by Egypt came against Israel with the intention of driving the Jews into the sea and making an end of Israel. They were defeated in the Six Day War, leaving Israel in control of the whole of Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza and the Sinai and the Golan Heights.

All of this was a humiliating defeat for the Muslims, when a people described as dhimmis (the Jews) defeated Arab (Muslim) armies, captured territory previously under Islamic control and created a Jewish state. Jews ruling over territory considered to be part of the Dar al Islam, including Jerusalem, is seen as a 'contradiction to the march of history' (the phrase used by theologians at Al Azhar University, Cairo to describe events of 1967 war). This must be avenged.

Islamic theology has an end time programme in which a figure known as the Mahdi (Islamic leader) along with the Isa al Masih (the Islamic Jesus) will come. He will fight the Dajjal (Islamic antichrist) in a war over Israel. Isa will return (to Damascus) and complete the programme of Islamising the world. Then he will destroy the crosses and force the Christians either to convert to Islam or be killed.

If we go back to Psalm 83 we find an interesting verse which refers to Zeba

and Zalmunna. They were Midianite kings who led the invasion of Israel in the days of Gideon and are written about in Judges chapter 8. Note what they said: ***'Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession.'*** In other words, let us kick out the Jews and take the land that God has given to Israel for ourselves. After their defeat by Gideon they are brought before Gideon who executes them: ***'So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments that were on their camels' necks.'*** (New King James Version) Judges 8.21.

Most translations, including the Authorised Version, miss out the word 'crescent' and translate this 'the ornaments on the camels' necks'. The Hebrew word used for ornaments is 'saharonim.' If you look this up in a Biblical Hebrew dictionary (Gesenius or the BDB Hebrew lexicon) you will find a connection to the root word 'sahar', a word used for the moon, particularly the crescent moon. So it is likely that 'saharonim' / crescent ornaments would be dedicated to the moon god of the pagans living in the region in the days of Gideon. The moon god in pre-Islamic Arabic usage has been connected to the name Allah. In this case Zebah and Zalmunna with their crescent ornaments on their camels' necks are coming in the name of the moon god to take possession of the land given by the real God to the Jewish people.

According to Islamic teaching Mohammed took the name Allah from the many gods on the Kaaba stone in Mecca as the name of the God of his new religion, Islam. He also took the

symbol of the crescent moon for Islam, a religion which claims to have come out of Judaism and Christianity but is in fact hostile to both.



The reason for the hostility of most of the followers of Islam to the restoration of the land of Israel as a Jewish homeland is the religion of Islam with its devotion to another god who is basically at war with the God of the Bible – Allah. In the name of Islam they want to ‘take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession’ (Psalm 83.12).

The Palestinian Authority and the Two State Solution.

The leaders of the western world are united in condemning Hamas for their attack on Israel on October 7. At the same time they are looking to the Palestinian Authority (PA) to provide the answer to the conflict. Some hope the PA will be able to take over the running of Gaza in the context of the two state solution in which a Palestinian State is set up in roughly the territory of the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel’s Prime Minister Netanyahu has ruled this out, saying that Israel must remain in Gaza once the war has ended

and have control over the security situation.

This puts him in conflict with US President Biden who has said ‘A two-state solution is the only way to guarantee the long-term security of both the Israeli and the Palestinian people. To make sure Israelis and Palestinians alike can live in equal measures of freedom and dignity. We will not give up on working toward this goal.’ UK PM Sunak has said similar things along with EU leaders like Emmanuel Macron.

Unlike Hamas, the PLO, the power behind the Palestinian Authority (PA), was willing to recognise the State of Israel and its right to exist in order to sign the Oslo Accords in 1993, changing its previous position, which did call for the destruction of Israel. Many on Israel’s right wing believed that this was a deception based on the PLO’s ‘Phased Plan’ conceived in 1974. This called for the creation of a Palestinian entity on any area Israel chose to withdraw from. This would then be used as a base from which to work for the destruction of Israel. The PA and Hamas fought a war in 2005, as a result of which Hamas took control of Gaza in 2005, while the PA kept control of the West Bank.

Since then, there have been a number of efforts, led by the Americans, to make the ‘two state solution’ work but they have failed to make any progress. Jerusalem is a major stumbling block. The PA wants East Jerusalem as its capital, while Israel has passed a law making Jerusalem its undivided capital. There are also an estimated 670,000 Israelis now living in the West Bank / Judea and Samaria

(including 220,000 in the Jerusalem area). No Israeli government could contemplate evacuating all the settlements in the West Bank.

A major issue for Israel is their mistrust of the PA, because of their support for terrorism. At the present time schools, mosques and TV programmes in the PA pour out a constant diet of Jew hatred and calls for the elimination of Israel. Those who carry out terrorist attacks on Israelis are rewarded by the PA. After the Hamas attack on October 7th the PA Ministry of Religious Affairs posted guidelines for mosque preachers, instructing them what content they should include in their Friday sermons. 'All mosques must teach that extermination of Jews is an Islamic imperative.' (Palestinian Media Watch).

Hamas's mass murder of Jewish men, women and children on October 7 boosted its popularity among Palestinians. A survey revealed that 75% percent of Palestinians support Hamas's murder spree. Jibril Rajoub, secretary general of Fatah's Central Committee and a potential candidate to succeed Mahmoud Abbas as PA President, said Hamas' massacre against Israel was 'a defensive war' which would 'start an explosion in the West Bank and all the Palestinian territories'. He called on all factions to support Hamas and 'unite in battle against Israel.' Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh said Hamas' barbaric invasion of Israel on October 7th saying it was a natural response to "things done by Israeli citizens to Palestinians.' If elections were held again in the West Bank, all

public opinion polls show that Hamas would win.

As a result Israelis and Jewish people around the world are mostly in despair at the prospect facing them, with little or no hope of a peace settlement and the likelihood of a continuing war spreading further afield in the region, threatening the survival of Israel. In such a situation only God can offer any hopeful outcome.

Bible prophecies concerning Israel and the end times do speak of a series of wars and conflicts. However there are also passages like Daniel 9.27, Isaiah 28, Zechariah 12, which indicate that a global power will seek to impose a peace settlement on the area.

Daniel 9.27 is interpreted as being a prophecy of the false peace covenant that Israel will enter into in the last days: ***'Then he (the 'prince to come' or the Antichrist) shall confirm a covenant (a treaty) with many for one week (for seven years); but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.'***

Zechariah 12 indicates that there will be a controversy of who rules Jerusalem which will involve all the surrounding peoples (Jews and Arabs) and all nations (the UN, USA and all nations of the world): ***'Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and***

Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.'

Joel 3 tells us that these nations will enter into the judgement of God by attempting to divide the land of Israel and disperse its people: ***'I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land. They have cast lots for My people.'***

The covenant of Daniel 9.27 starts the seven-year tribulation period, the countdown to the return of the Messiah Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus). It is a covenant that the Antichrist, the final world ruler, will make with many in the land of Israel. He will also break it leading to the last war (Armageddon) and the return of the Messiah. This will lead to the time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30.5-II), out of which the Jewish people will be saved by the returning Messiah.

Knowing the Lord.

Coming back to Psalm 83, the Psalmist appeals to God to intervene on Israel's behalf: ***'That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.'***

For this to happen, Israel too must know God in spirit and truth. Today

God's purpose for Israel's salvation and deliverance from her enemies involves the acceptance of Yeshua and New Covenant.

'Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.' Jeremiah 31.31-34.

God's purpose for Israel in the last days is to bring them to the true God revealed in Yeshua the Messiah. When He returns there will be the final time of peace prophesied in Isaiah 2, the restoration of true worship of God in the land and a restored Temple in Ezekiel 40-48. He will set up the millennial kingdom ruling from Jerusalem and bringing peace and justice to the earth as promised in Isaiah 2.1-4 and in Revelation 20, prior to the final end of the world and creation of new heavens and new earth in which there will be righteousness and eternal rest for all believers.

COP 28

Global Warming or Cooling?



The great and the good gathered in Dubai for COP 28, the UN's annual climate conference, to discuss how to save the world from AGW (man made global warming) which threatens the future of humanity. They came in their private jets to eat fine food and tell the rest of us to stop using fossil fuels and eating meat, in order to save the planet.

They were a bit put out to learn that COP 28's host and president, Sultan Al Jaber, said in the run-up to the summit that there is no science behind demands to phase out for fossil fuels. 'A phase-out of fossil fuels would not allow sustainable development, unless you want to take the world back into caves,' he said.

Well, he would say that wouldn't he? The only thing that has changed Dubai from being a fishing village on the shores of the Gulf into a mega rich world city is the discovery of vast amounts of oil and gas extracted from the Arabian sands. This has helped power the industrial development of the world, without which we may not actually return to being cave dwellers, but would certainly be vastly poorer, colder and hungrier, and many people would die.

On the subject of being colder, as they gathered to discuss the perils of global warming at COP 28, God dumped some of the coldest weather ever recorded

in late November, early December in the northern hemisphere. Blizzards tore through eastern Europe knocking out power to thousands of cities, towns and villages from Lithuania through Ukraine all the way down to Bulgaria. Extreme cold up to -60C set in across the majority of Russia's 17.1 million km² territory, making this the third consecutive year that the country has suffered a big early-December freeze. In Moscow some of the biggest snowfalls ever seen in the capital led to widespread delays and cancellations at airports. Practically all of Germany was below the freezing mark. Germany's power grid, which is recklessly weighed toward renewables, is struggling to cope with the increased heating demand. Temperatures at Munich airport sank to -18.1C on Monday December 4 — extremely rare for early-December. It was so cold that private jets for delegates flying to the climate conference (to tell us to stop using fossil fuels) could not take off and were grounded in Munich.



Cold weather swept through North America and even parts of Australia were colder than usual for the time of year. Data shows that ice in the Arctic, Antarctic and Greenland is growing, despite Al Gore's claim in 2009 that 'There is a 75% chance that the entire north polar ice cap, during some of the summer months, could be completely ice-free within the next five to seven years.' The Greenland ice sheet showed record gains in November, while data shows that the majority of the continent of Antarctica, home to 90% of Earth's ice, has cooled by more than 1°C during the past two decades.

Of course the weather is changing constantly and periods of extreme cold may give way to times of unusually warm weather. One factor in this is the way patterns of wind flow in the jet stream have changed, causing very cold air to come down from the Arctic and then very warm air to come up from the tropics. According to climate change sceptics (like Electoverse - <https://electroverse.info> from whom I got the data above), burning fossil fuels has a minimal effect on the climate. The key drivers are changes in the sun, winds and ocean currents, over which we have no control. The climate is continually changing, with evidence of warmer temperatures than we have now in the time of Roman Empire and the Medieval Warm Period. Also the temperatures were colder in the Little Ice Age from the early 14th century to the mid 19th century. We have been emerging from this with warmer temperatures recorded from around 1850 up to now. This may be changing as changes in the sun and

increased volcanic eruptions bring colder weather to earth. In August 2023 a group of 1,609 scientists from all around the world signed a statement stating that there 'is no climate emergency.' They pointed out that Earth's climate has varied as long as it has existed, with the planet experiencing several cold and warm phases. https://www.ntd.com/over-1600-scientists-sign-no-climate-emergency-declaration_938916.html

The environmental movement feeds on a religious view expressed by King Charles III in his opening speech to the COP 28 summit:

'If we act together to safeguard our precious planet, the welfare of all our people will surely follow. We need to remember too that the indigenous world view teaches us that we are all connected not only as human beings but all living things and all that sustains life as part of this grand and sacred system. Harmony with nature must be maintained. The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth.'

This is a classic statement of New Age pantheism (god in everything), the idea of the interconnectedness of all living things as part of the 'sacred system.' This conflicts with the Biblical view of the separation of God the Creator from the Creation (earth and the universe). Charles is right that the earth does not belong to us. It belongs to God who made it. From a New Testament point of view, we (the human race) either belong to God through being adopted into His family by faith in Jesus, or the devil who controls the present world

system, which is at war with God.

Commenting on the rest of his speech Rhoda Wilson of the Expose wrote <https://expose-news.com> :

'Charles III said at COP28, '28 eight years ago I was most touched to be asked to speak at the opening of COP21 in Paris which of course culminated in the Paris agreement.'

The Paris Agreement adopted in December 2015 during the COP21 climate conference stipulates that the increase in the global average temperature is to be kept well below 2°C above 'pre-industrial levels' and that efforts are pursued to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above 'pre-industrial levels.'

However, as former renewable energy manager and head of the German Wildlife Foundation, Fritz Vahrenholt, discovered in 2017, closer inspection of the treaty text reveals that the term 'pre-industrial levels' is nowhere defined in this epochal UN document. Bjorn Lomborg is president of the Copenhagen Consensus Centre and author of 'False Alarm: How Climate Change Panic Costs Us Trillions, Hurts the Poor, and Fails to Fix the Planet'. In a 2017 video, he explained that the Paris Climate Agreement will cost, by estimates at that time, \$1 to \$2 trillion per year and climate activists say it will save the planet. The truth? It won't do anything for the planet, but it will make everyone poorer – except politicians and environmentalists. In 2015, Lomborg had already

explained that the Paris Agreement, if fully implemented, would lower temperatures around the planet by 0.05 degrees Fahrenheit. 0.05F is so small that it cannot be measured in Celsius.

'I pray with all my heart that COP28 will be another critical turning point towards genuine transformational action at a time when already as scientists have been warning for so long, we are seeing alarming tipping points,' Charles III told the audience at COP28.

We should question to whom Charles III prays. Gavin Ashenden, a former Anglican bishop and chaplain to the queen said in 2022 that he sees 'no evidence in Charles' public language that he relates to Jesus as Lord' and noted that he 'has chafed at the exclusiveness of Christianity and only recently committed himself to Anglicanism.' Observing Charles III, Ashenden believes he gravitates to spirituality, both Islam and Greek Orthodoxy.

As for 'tipping points,' climate change alarmists have been pontificating about tipping points for decades. Since 2001, at least seven different climate conferences have been touted as the 'last chance' to stop global warming. All of them have been proved wrong.

Philip Stott is a professor emeritus of biogeography at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and a former editor of the Journal of Biogeography.

He publishes a blog site called 'EnviroSpin Watch' to monitor UK media coverage of environmental issues and science. In 2011, Stott summarised the tipping point phenomenon: 'In essence, the Earth has been given a 10-year survival warning regularly for the last fifty or so years. We have been serially doomed. Our post-modern period of climate change angst can probably be traced back to the late-1960s, if not earlier.'

Charles III then describes as many catastrophic effects of 'climate change' as time allowed. After trying to frighten everyone into action Charles III revealed his solution.

His plan involves bringing together 'public-private philanthropic and NGOs so that they all play their part in delivering climate action,' because 'public finance alone will never be sufficient.' The world needs an 'international financial system combined with the innovative use of risk reduction tools like first loss risk guarantees,' he said. By doing so, Charles III said, 'we could mobilise the trillions of dollars we need – in the order of four and a half to five trillion a year – to drive the transformation we need.'

Charles III is demanding such extraordinary amounts of money to fight a fabricated climate change crisis. After which it will become clear that the 'transformation,' the 'sustainable future' Charles III speaks of is one where 'we own nothing' and they own and control everything.'

The Bible does indicate that in the last days before Jesus returns, there will be environmental problems as natural disasters hit the earth, including times of great heat:

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21.25-6

The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Revelation 8.7-9.

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. Revelation 16.8

These events are associated with the cosmic upheavals at the end of this age, when the judgements of God fall on the Antichrist world system in the Great Tribulation period that precedes the Second Coming of Christ to the

earth. Humans have no power to cause or to stop these things from happening. Finally there will be the ultimate piece of global warming when the present earth and universe is burned up and God creates a new one.

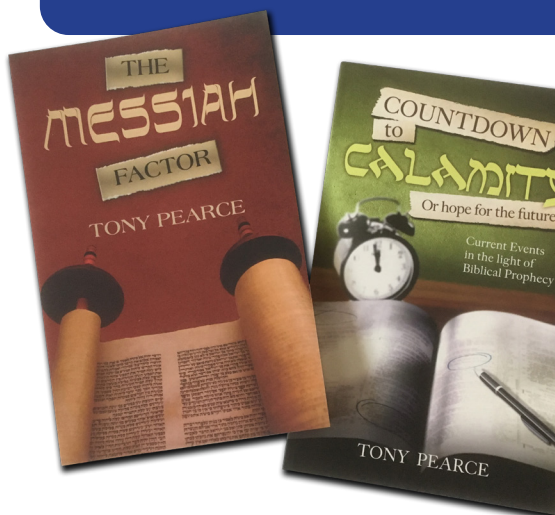
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3.10-13.

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The assault on the people of faith



Christianity is the world's most persecuted religion with the assault on all forms of the faith coming most severely in Muslim majority countries and Communist countries like China and North Korea. According to Open Doors, a Christian organisation that monitors persecution of Christians around the world, around 360 million Christians live in countries where persecution is 'significant,' where they may face murder, imprisonment or kidnapping for their faith and see their buildings and other religious facilities destroyed.

Severe persecution and suppression of Christianity exists in large areas of the world and is getting worse. In addition we see a growing anti-Christian movement in supposedly 'Christian' nations in the western world, as well as the abandonment of Christian principles in major denominations of the Christian Church. Here are some relevant examples.

Anti Christian hate crimes rise in Europe. Religiously motivated hate crimes against Christians in Europe jumped by 44 percent in just one year, reveals a sobering report by a prominent Christian persecution monitoring group. The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe (OIDAC Europe) released its Annual Report 2022/23, which documents a sharp rise in violent

incidents and social hostility against Christians, as well as in vandalism and arson attacks on churches.

The report also underscores legal developments in several European countries that infringe upon the religious freedom of Christians, including 'hate speech' legislation, under which some Christians have been prosecuted for voicing mainstream Christian beliefs in public. There has also been an increasing trend in hate crimes perpetrated on Christians by radicalised members of ideological, political, or religious groups that follow an anti-Christian narrative.

Worrisome violations of Christians' right to freedom of speech have included the criminalisation of Christians for preaching or praying in the open air. The rights of Christian parents in the education of their children have also suffered through legislation that would criminalize parents for expressing dissenting opinions on homosexual or transgender issues or for discouraging their children from undergoing treatment to change sex through 'hormone therapies' for gender dysphoria.

One of the main sources of anti-Christian aggression are radicalised members of extreme political groups,

with a majority of cases coming from far-left political groups, radical feminists, or LGBTIQ groups, the report finds. At the same time, OIDAC has also documented anti-Christian attacks by radical individuals from far-right groups, satanist groups, and radical Islamist groups.

Church buildings are under attack throughout Western Europe, with very recent examples from Austria, Germany, Italy and Sweden. No Western nation, however, seems to experience as many attacks on its churches as France. Investigative journalist Amy Mek reported on July 1, 2023: 'Attacks on Churches are the norm in France; two Churches a day are vandalized — they are being burned, demolished, and abandoned, and their adherents are being sacrificed on the altar of political correctness.'

In July 2023 Muslims attacked and desecrated several churches in France, by breaking the doors and windows of one church and spray-painting anti-Jesus and pro-Mohammed graffiti on its walls and disturbing Christian services by shouting 'Allahu Akbar.' In one incident the assailants savagely beat the parish priest calling him a 'dirty Christian' and spewing other 'anti-Christian insults.'

Islam's assault on the West.

In a recent video exposé, Italian news group Fuori dal Coro unveils the growing influence of Islam in Italy through an extensive investigative video. The report focuses on Tablighi Jamaat, a contentious Muslim

missionary movement recognized as the world's largest religious proselytizing group. Operating globally, the group raises concerns due to its ties to terrorism, promotion of strict Islamic rules, and its ambition to replace Western laws and principles with Sharia.

The group's ultimate goal is a 'planned conquest of the world' in the spirit of jihad. The video kicks off with chilling declarations foretelling a grim future: 'There will be a massacre of millions of people,' setting an alarming tone that permeates the entire investigation. Simultaneously, there is an expressed desire to conquer Rome, echoing a prophecy from Mohammed. The movement wants to impose the laws of the Qur'an on the entire West.

At the same time the opposition to Israel following the Gaza war has proved an opportunity for the spread of Islamic fundamentalism in the west. TikTok re-published Bin Laden's infamous 'Letter to America,' in which he explained why he attacked the United States on 9/11. The letter was full of violent hatred for Israel and the Jews, with justification of terrorism against Israel and the west and a condemnation of American society. It concludes with a description of Bin Laden's vision of a world governed by Islamic law.

The letter was taken down because it promoted terrorism, but not before it had received over a million views in one day and approval from over 100,000 mainly young Americans. Some young people said reading

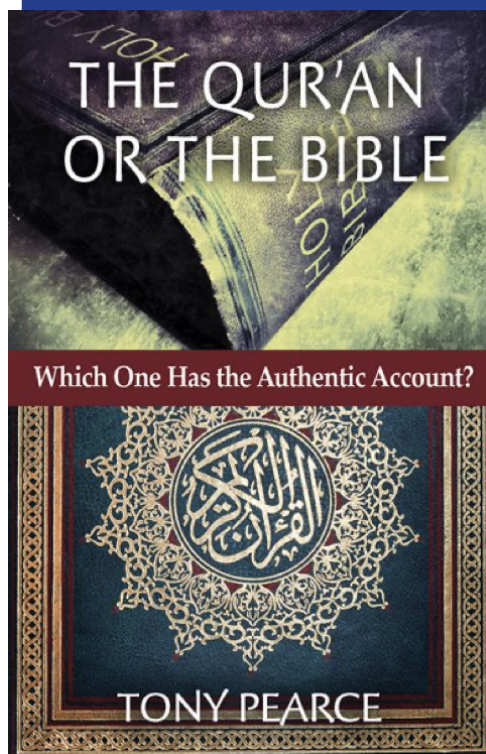
it had changed their lives, making them favour Islam in its war on the west. In his 'Letter to America' bin Laden portrays Islam as 'the religion of showing kindness to others, establishing justice between them, granting them their rights, and defending the oppressed and the persecuted.'

When clarifying what Islam really has in store for infidels, bin Laden quoted many of the most militant verses, such as Koran 9:29: 'Fight those among the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) who do not believe in Allah, nor the Last Day, nor forbid what Allah and his Messenger have forbidden, nor embrace the religion of truth, until they pay the jizya with willing submission and feel themselves subdued.' Jizya is a tax levied on non-Muslims (so called protected people or dhimmis) to be paid to show their submission to the Muslims.

Muslim influencers are targeting young people with messages encouraging them to reject the New Testament version of Jesus in favour of the Islamic one. According to RAIR foundation 'The controversial YouTuber, Sohail, with an extensive following of nearly 1.5 million, frequently employ deceptive tactics when engaging with Christians. Their goal is to create an illusion that the Jesus portrayed in the Quran is the same as the Jesus in the Bible, and then to go on to say that the Quran provides a more authentic portrayal of Jesus.

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However the Islamic Jesus actually refutes basic Christian beliefs and affirms Muslim claims that Mohammed is the last and most important of the prophets. Islam does not respect the

Jesus of the Bible, the Christian faith, or its followers; it is hostile to all three. The Quran specifically denies Jesus' death by crucifixion and resurrection, substituting it with an alternative narrative that Jesus was too holy to be put on the cross and was taken straight up to heaven. This teaching rips out the heart of the Gospel message that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the third day. According to Islamic teaching Isa (the Islamic Jesus) will return at the end of days. He will then 'destroy the cross' and eradicate all religions except Islam (Ibn Kathir's Tafsir, Vol. 3, pp. 31-32). This isn't a subtle disagreement; it's a direct assault on the cornerstone of Christianity.'

People in Europe and America are being targeted with this message, and the anti-Israel movement over the Gaza war is being used as a means to recruit young people to the Islamic movement. One supporter of this wrote on social media: 'The Islamic Takeover of America is going well... 'Moses was not a Jew. Moses was a Muslim. Jesus was not a Jew. He was a Muslim. Abraham couldn't have been Jewish. He definitely couldn't have been Christian. So he was a.... Muslim!! Islam is the final revelation. They have the Old Testament. They have the New Testament. BUT the Quran is the Final Testament! Allahu Akbar.'

Allahu Akbar actually means Allah is greater. Greater than the God of the Bible. In the final conflict this will be revealed as a strong delusion when the Lord Jesus returns in power and glory

to put down all antichrist forces and set up His true Messianic kingdom from Jerusalem. But in the meantime many people are going to be deceived by the Antichrist.

Established Church in confusion.

The pathetic response to all this from the leaders of the established churches is basically one of surrender to the antichristian forces which are attacking it. So these churches are being undermined from within and facing division and collapse when they should be affirming the truth of the Gospel message as the only answer to the crisis now coming on the world. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, has told Christians not to speak about their faith unless you're asked to. A far cry from Jesus' command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Matthew 28:18-20.

The confidant and secretary for left-wing female Archbishop Antje Jackelen of the corrupted Church of Sweden, a theologian named Jacob Wiren, has written a new book which claims that the Church should regard Mohammed as a prophet. He says that the New Testament allows for prophets to come after Jesus and therefore Mohammed should be acknowledged as a prophet by Christians. In fact the New Testament reveals that it is the final revelation from God and anyone who adds to it (in the sense of giving a further word from God) is accursed (Revelation 22:18-19). Since the Qu'ran states that Jesus did not die on the cross, nor is He the Son of God or one

with God it comes into the category of being 'antichrist' according to 1 John 2:22-23. Jacob Wiren is not alone in his apostasy as many church leaders look to unite Christianity and Islam in a false religion known as Chrislam.

The Church of England is in danger of splitting over its policy on homosexuality and same sex unions. This deepened with its decision on 16 November 2023 to approve a proposal to encourage its bishops to continue their work in creating and implementing liturgical prayers of blessing for same-sex unions. The Synod additionally voted to approve an amendment that will allow clergy to go ahead and conduct standalone services of blessing on a trial basis.

In response to this the Most Rev Dr Laurent Mbanda Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican church of Rwanda Chairman Gafcon Primates Council, sent out the following open letter:

'This means that, beginning next month, Anglican clergy in Church of England churches will be able to do what the prophet Balaam could not and would not do by going against the Word of God and blessing that which God has condemned (Num 24:12-14).

Holy Scripture is clear and unequivocal in its affirmation that the only proper context for sexual intimacy is the relationship of a man and woman who have been joined together in marriage. All forms of sexual intimacy outside of this context are condemned as immorality and are behaviours from

which the people of God are regularly called to repent. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, the apostle Paul tells us 'not to be deceived' on the seriousness of such immorality and warns us that those who fail to repent of it will not inherit the kingdom of God. And one of the behaviours he specifically names is that of homosexual activity. Elsewhere the New Testament specifically warns against false teachers who promote sexual immorality within the church (2 Peter 2:1-3, Jude 3-4, Rev. 2:19-24) and instructs us not to listen to or heed their words.

This week, the Church of England has made it clear that they disagree with Holy Scripture. They have decided that they can bless that from which the Bible calls us to repent. What is more, although these motions were passed by very narrow votes among the clergy and laity, the bishops gave their support and approval by a very clear majority. This is a tragedy for Anglicans, for not only has the Church of England done what its own Thirty-Nine Articles forbid by approving ceremonies that are 'contrary to God's Word written' (Articles 20, 34), but a majority of its bishops have broken the vows which they swore at their consecration, to 'banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word' (BCP Ordinal).

We lament the actions of the Church of England's synod this week and we commit ourselves to pray and support those within its fold who continue to uphold the authority of God's Word and to defend the faith 'once for all delivered to the saints' (Jude

3). Nearly fifty percent of the clergy and lay delegates at the Synod voted against these motions and we have no doubt that they, along with many other Anglicans throughout England, are currently experiencing grief and pain over these developments. We grieve with them, and we recommit ourselves to supporting the ministry of biblically faithful Anglicans throughout England, especially through the faithful ministry and mission of the Anglican Network in Europe.

Jesus Christ has promised us that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his church (Matt 16:18). Today we remember that promise and, even as we grieve, we rejoice that Christ is both the head of the church and the Lord of history and that his Word and his Kingdom will prevail.



Jesus as a recruiting sergeant for Russia's war effort.

Elena Gold, writing on the Quora website, featured this image of a 'Jesus ikon' behind soldiers with Kalashnikovs, in between the letters

Z and V – symbols of Vladimir Putin's 'special military operation in Ukraine'. She writes 'The halo around Jesus is supposed to symbolize the letter O, which is also used in propaganda posters: 'ZOV' as the 3-letter abbreviation. The word 'zov' in Russian (Russian: зов) means 'call from away', meaning Jesus is calling you to join the war. Highly powerful! 'God is with us!' yell Russian propagandists and military priests.'

This is just the latest attempt to use Russian Orthodox Christianity as a justification and a recruiting sergeant for Putin's war on Ukraine. Putin has previously said he is trying to save Russia from the West's 'woke' values, in particular the promotion of homosexuality, which he described as an attempt to 'destroy our traditional values and force on us their false values which lead to degradation and degeneration and are contrary to human nature.'

Ironically after 70 years of Communist atheism warring against the church, Putin has tried to promote Russia as carrying the torch of Christian civilisation after the West's plunge into ungodly materialism, secularism, and individualism. He is encouraged in this by Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill, who supports the anti LGBT stand, and the war in Ukraine, which he says is being fought for 'God and mother Russia.' He said in a sermon on 25th September 2022 that those soldiers dying in the war are a 'sacrifice in the course of carrying out your military duty. This cleanses away all sins.'

This gave me the opportunity to post this response on the website, which is able to reach Russians and Ukrainians. 'Trying to recruit a fake Jesus into the war in Ukraine is the ultimate insult to God and to genuine Christians. Putin, Patriarch Kirill and their allies should read the Bible (Matthew 24, 2 Thessalonians 2, Revelation 13 and 17). The real Jesus Christ prophesied wars like this one would increase in the last days of this age and that the world would be dominated by antichrist dictatorships and false religious systems like the ones that exist in Russia and the Russian Orthodox Church. Read about it in English, Russian or Ukrainian on Light for the Last Days website. 10 Signs of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ 10 признаков второго пришествия Иисуса Христа

If you can use Russian or Ukrainian (or English, French, Spanish, Chinese) 10 signs booklets let me know. I have plenty of them.

False prophets in the last days.

Jesus warned us that in the last days there will be false christs and false prophets as well as persecution of true Christians leading to the arrival of the Beast, the False Prophet and the Dragon (the devil), the satanic trinity that will rule the world in the final seven year period before the return of Jesus (Revelation 13).

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. Matthew 7.15

'Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.' Matthew 24.9-11

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives us instruction on how to live in the face of all this. In a message I gave on this subject based on Matthew 7.7-27 (available on request or on the Internet) I concluded: 'Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and enable you to walk in newness of life, on the road that leads to life no matter how difficult it may be. Reject the false prophets who deny the truth of the Gospel and feed on the true teaching of faith in Jesus Christ to produce the good fruit of the Holy Spirit. Build your house on the rock of faith so that it will stand in all the storm and stress of life on earth. And whatever you want people to do to you, do also to them for this is the Law and the Prophets.'

How long can we go on like this?



Look at what is happening around the world and you see a number of dangerous situations threatening the future of humanity – wars, environmental problems, diseases, food shortages, growing violence and immorality in human behaviour, national and personal debt threatening the collapse of the money system, bringing increase in poverty and social disintegration. Political and religious leaders have no solution – in fact what they do often makes things worse. But God does have an answer. These things happening now were written about centuries ago in the Bible as signs of the last days crisis that will happen on earth which will come before the return of the Messiah to judge the world and save it from destruction.

According to the Bible there will be a period of time in which events will take place fulfilling prophecies concerning 'the last days' of this age.

1. There will be an increase in wars, famines, plagues and earthquakes leading to a time of great trouble on earth. Matthew 24.6-7, Luke 21.10-11.
2. Israel will be restored as a nation with opposition from surrounding countries leading to the last war of this age over the status of Jerusalem. Psalm 83, Ezekiel 36-9, Zechariah 12-14, Luke 21.20-24, Revelation 16.16
3. The earth will be full of violence

'as in the days of Noah' and many people will be afraid of what is going to happen. Luke 17.26-27, Luke 21.25-6, Genesis 6.11.

4. There will be an attack on biblical teaching on morality and family life. Luke 17.26-30, Matthew 24.12, 2 Timothy 3.
5. There will be pollution of the earth and problems with the environment leading to natural disasters happening. Isaiah 24, Revelation 8.6-11.
6. A dictatorship will arise, suppressing opposition and bringing submission to an evil spiritual power, known in the Bible as the Antichrist. Daniel 7, Revelation 13 and 17.
7. There will be an increase in knowledge which will give rise to increasing powers to control humanity through technology. Daniel 12.4, Revelation 13.
8. There will be false prophets who will lead people astray causing confusion about God and salvation. Matthew 24.5, 24.23-27, Revelation 17.1-6.
9. There will be an attack on the basic truths of the Bible and opposition to those who teach the Gospel. Matthew 24.10-11, 2 Timothy 4.2-5, 2 Peter 2, 1 John 2.18-23.
10. The message of the Gospel will reach all nations, despite persecution. Matthew 24.9-14, Matthew 28.18-20.

In the last days there will be a series of calamities which will have no human solution. For details read the Bible, Matthew chapter 24, Luke chapter 21, Revelation chapters 6 to 19. God will save the world from destruction through the return of Jesus the Messiah. When He came the first time He came to suffer and die for our sins, fulfilling many prophecies in the Hebrew Bible like Isaiah 53. When He comes the second time He will have the power of God to judge the world in righteousness and set up His Messianic kingdom from restored Jerusalem.

According to the Hebrew Prophets and the Book of Revelation the Lord Jesus will then reign in person on earth for 1000 years, clearing up the mess humans have made of the planet because of our sins. See Isaiah 2.1-4, Revelation 20. After the thousand years God will dissolve the present earth and universe and create a new one. In the letter of Peter we read:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. ... But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3.10-13. Revelation 21.

In the same letter Peter tells us that before this happens many people will be scoffers, mocking this idea and saying that life will just go as normal and nothing will change.

'Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.' For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.' 2 Peter 3.3-9

These verses are being fulfilled in the present time as people scoff and mock the idea of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. But He will come and there will be a time of great trouble coming soon, which would lead to the end of life on earth if God did not cut it short (Matthew 24.21-22). He will prevent this happening by the Second Coming of Jesus. The reason God is delaying this event is that He wants as many as possible to repent of sin, believe the Gospel and be saved from the judgement of God which is coming on the world because of the sins of humanity.

What can you do about it?

These are four steps you can take to find salvation and be ready to meet the Lord. Do this now so you will be prepared and equipped for all that is coming on the world. You will also be ready for the moment of your death or the moment that the Lord Jesus comes to take those who believe in Him to a place of peace and security (see I Thessalonians 4.13-5.11).

1. Believe that God loves you and has a wonderful future prepared for you.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3.16

2. Recognise that your sins separate you from God.

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you. Isaiah 59.2. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3.23.

3. Believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead to save us from our sins.

Christ / Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures, He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. I Corinthians 15.2-3.

4. Repent and believe the Good News.
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1.15

You can pray right now: 'Lord God, thank you for loving me by sending the Lord Jesus into the world to die for my sins and rise again from the dead. I

know I have sinned and broken your commandments. Please forgive me and come into my life by your Holy Spirit, as I put my trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord of my life. Amen.'

Please look up the Bible passages quoted here. If you don't have a Bible let us know and we will send you.

Wise words from Jesus

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Matthew 7.13-14, 24-26

THE STORM IS COMING SO GET ON THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE AND BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ROCK OF SALVATION IN JESUS THE MESSIAH.

Conclusion



All the things that we write of in this magazine are pointers to the fulfilment of Bible prophecies of the last days in our day and the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The most important thing we can do, in the light of this, is to call on the name of the Lord for salvation, so we are ready to meet Him at His coming.

Dear Heavenly Father, I admit that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus the Messiah died in my place, shedding His blood to pay for my sins, and that He rose again from the dead to give me eternal life. I am willing right now to turn from my sin and accept Jesus the Messiah as my personal Saviour and Lord. I commit my life to you and ask you to send the Holy Spirit into my life, to fill me and to take control and to help me become the kind of person you want me to be.

Thank you Father for loving me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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