



# Sound the Trumpet!

Joel 2:1

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## In the News

### Atomic Agency Concludes Iran is Stepping Up Nuclear Work

by David E. Sanger

14May07 - Inspectors for the International Atomic Energy Agency have concluded that Iran appears to have solved most of its technological problems and is now beginning to enrich uranium on a far larger scale than before, according to the agency's top officials.

### Brightest Star Explosion Ever Spotted

By Beth Borenstein

07May07 - A massive exploding faraway star - the brightest supernova astronomers have ever seen - has scientists wondering whether a similar celestial fireworks show may light up the sky much closer to Earth sometime soon. (see Luke 21:11)

### Goodbye US Dollar, Hello Global Currency

by Jerome R. Corsi

The director of international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations has launched a scathing attack on sovereignty and national currencies.

In the article, "The End of National Currency", Steil clearly asserts the dollar and the euro are temporary currencies, perhaps necessary today. He argues "economic development outside the process of globalization is no longer possible."

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## Dark Clouds With A Silver Lining

These are dark, dangerous days for Israel. Four fierce and increasingly belligerent enemies are threatening her. Hamas, Hezzbollah, Syria and Iran are talking war and preparing for war. Iran is rushing toward attaining nuclear weapons to annihilate Israel.

To make matters worse, political instability is gripping Israel with Ehud Olmert's government in danger of falling. Missiles are raining down on Israel daily from the Gaza Strip. The call to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities is growing louder by the day. At this time Israel's PM Olmert is seemingly willing to make any concession for peace. Just as a peace agreement seems at hand, civil war breaks out between Fatah and Hamas, again delaying a peace treaty. It appears, at least to me, that after decades of attempts to bring about the peace, and after many near misses, the peace will not come until Antichrist appears out of Europe to make a false peace happen. Before this happens the Church will be called away. **We are living under the Sound of the Trumpet.**

## THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

Nearly 3,500 years ago God promised Israel in Deuteronomy 28 that He would bless them and make them the head of the Nations if they would obey Him and trust Him. In David's day it actually happened. God also warned Israel, if they refused to obey and trust Him He would bring awesome chastening upon them, at least for a period of time. That chastening began in the seventh century B.C. Israel was set aside and the gentile nations began to dominate and oppress Israel. Luke 21:24 tells us about that time, "and they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the gentiles until the times of the gentiles be fulfilled." Notice the phrase, "The times of the gentiles". During these times Israel would be set aside and the gentile nations would be ruling the world, they would have supremacy over the Jews.

In Daniel Chapters 2 and 7 God gave Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel each a vision, these visions brought the same prophetic message. The message told of five great empires which would rule the world during the time that Israel would be set aside, from 586 B.C. until Armageddon.

Only a sovereign God can write history before it happens. (If you wish to learn more of these amazing prophecies I suggest you read Dr. Renald Showers book "The Most High God").

The Bible tells us that Rome would be the fourth empire and that after a long period of time, a fifth empire would rise out of the Roman Empire. This fifth empire is pictured in Daniel 7:7 as ten horns rising up out of the head of

the Roman beast, we refer to it as the Revived Roman Empire. Today the E.U. boldly and clearly states that they are the Revived Roman Empire.

Notice what Daniel's prophecy said would happen to the Roman Empire. Daniel 2:40 "and the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise". Notice, "as iron that breaketh all these," this is what Rome did as it came to power in the first century B.C. Then notice "shall it break in pieces." This breaking up of the Roman Empire began in 486 A.D. However fragments of the Empire of Rome would continue for a long period of time, as indicated by the long legs of Nebuchadnezzar's image in Daniel 2.

The Roman Empire would continue in the form of the British, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and Belgian Empires, all sub Roman empires.

In Dan 2:40 it not only says that the Roman Empire would break in pieces (as above) but that it would "bruise".

I believe this bruising took place after World War II when the Roman sub-empires were forced to give up the Roman colonial system all around the world. Every one of the sub-Roman empires was involved. Immediately after this the E.U. was born as the treaty of Rome was signed in 1958. The E.U. is the embryonic form of the coming Revived Roman Empire. At almost the same time Israel was reborn as a nation in 1948. The stage was set for the last drama of the "times of the gentiles" to unfold. Israel soon will be back where she was when God left off dealing with her, under the Roman Empire. When Antichrist comes on the scene, Israel will be under both the Roman Empire and a Roman Emperor.

Bible prophecy lays out the details of this last day's scenario, toward which our world is rushing:

- A peace treaty for Israel
- A new world Government
- A world Church
- A global Economy
- A kingdom for Antichrist

All of this will unfold through the Revived Roman Empire.

## THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

We see a graphic symbol of a coalition which will dominate the world in the first half of the tribulation period (Rev 17:3). We see a woman riding on a beast. Who is this woman? In the book of Revelation there are three women who are symbols of religion.

**FIRST** in Rev 12:1 the woman is the symbol of Israel (cp Gen 37:9, 10).

**SECOND** in Rev 19:7 we see a woman who is the wife (bride) of Christ (the Lamb). This woman is the symbol of the true church of Christ.

**THIRD** in Rev 17:3 we see a woman who is called a harlot. A harlot is a woman who is unfaithful to her husband and causes others to be unfaithful. This woman is the symbol of Apostate Christianity. This is Christianity which claims to represent Christ but is unfaithful to Him and to His Word.

Satan has two driving passions (Isaiah 14:13, 14); 1 - to rule over all of creation and 2 - to be worshipped in place of God.

His final attempt to accomplish this in the last days will be made through the Harlot and the Beast, through apostate Christianity and the kingdom of Antichrist, through a world church and a world government. These two entities are now in the formative stages.

**A World Government** is now being fashioned; the infrastructure is rapidly forming all around us. It will not be fully realized until Antichrist

appears, and proceeds to bring it to full fruition.

**A World Church** is the second entity which is rapidly forming in our world today. It started slowly in the twentieth century and has been gaining momentum until it is now like a snowball plunging downhill. If you honestly examine the broad base of the Ecumenical movement you will find, denial of the Deity of Christ, denial of the Virgin Birth, denial of the efficacy of the shed blood of Christ and denial of the authority of God's Word. The Ecumenical movement is Apostate and to identify with it is to enter into union with Apostasy.

My heart is grieved to see churches and individuals, who formerly held to sound doctrine, now moving toward Ecumenism. There are a few who are sounding a warning but almost no one is listening.

Two verses which relate to this issue are Matthew 24:4, 5 where Jesus said the great sign of the last days would be religious deception, ecumenism is very deceptive. The second verse is Revelation 18:4 which is spoken to believers involved in the Ecumenical (Harlot) Church during the tribulation period, (this seems incredible and demonstrates the deceptiveness of Ecumenism). The call is "Come out of her my people."

Dear Brother or Sister in Christ, if you are associated with a church or a group involved in Ecumenism, heed your Lord's words, "come out of her my people".

## ECUMENISM – WHAT IS IT?

There has been a loss of understanding, recently, especially among younger believers, as to the purpose and agenda of the Ecumenical movement. Ecumenism is an attempt to unite not only all of Christendom, but all religions into union where theology and belief are set aside. The late Pope John Paul II stated, "The

challenge of peace ... transcends religious differences.”

The Ecumenical movement is an attempt to unite belief and unbelief, light and darkness, sheep and wolves.

By its very nature and purpose it must reject the fundamentals of the faith once delivered to the saints.

Jude, our Lord's half-brother, not only exhorts us to be uncompromising in our faith, but to contend for it. “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

The Apostle John also refuted Ecumenism in 2 John 9 - 11 “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.”

Jesus stated that believers are to come out of Ecumenism (Rev 18:4). Paul warned against Ecumenism in 2 Cor. 6:14-17. For the past 100 years, separation from Ecumenism has been the defining point of orthodoxy among Fundamentalists. Although few may realize it, the ultimate end of Ecumenism will be realized as stated in Rev 13:8 “and all that dwell on earth shall worship him.” The ultimate end of ecumenism will involve the whole world bowing down and worshipping Antichrist. As previously stated the broad base of the Ecumenical movement denies the absolute authority of God's Word, the virgin birth, the deity of Christ and efficacy of the shed blood of Christ. In short they deny the faith once delivered to the saints. Ecumenism is a part of the last day's deception (Mt 24: 4, 5). The true believer will have the insight and the courage to reject Ecumenism.

## *The Coming of Antichrist*

Today there are two prospective kingdoms on collision course. God has appointed a man to rule this world, see Luke 1:31-33. Satan has chosen a man to rule the world. See Rev. 13:4-8. We have two rulers on a collision course, Jesus Christ and Antichrist. One of the most significant events of the last days is the rise of Antichrist. He will be the most rebellious, anti God, human being who will ever appear on the face of the earth.

The Person of Antichrist

### 1 – **He is an intellectual genius**

Dan. 7:8 “in this horn (antichrist) were eyes like the eyes of a man”. Eyes refer to intelligence in scripture, the capacity to view a situation, to understand it, and to use the situation to advantage. He will be a man with incredible intellectual capacity.

### 2 – **He will be an outstanding orator.**

Leadership is based upon the ability to speak and sway men. Dan. 7:8 “a mouth speaking great things”, Dan. 7:20 “a mouth that spoke very great things”. Men and women everywhere will be attracted to him, will like him, will trust him and follow him. They will say, this is the kind of man the world has always needed, he is our kind of man!

### 3 – **He will be a master politician.**

First he will captivate the Revived Roman Empire but after 3 ½ years he will rule the whole world. In Rev. 6:2 we see him with “a bow” and no arrows; he uses political means to conquer the whole world. Dan. 11:21 “and he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries”. The world will say, “this is our man”, “he is a good guy”, “he can get things done”, “he thinks like I do”.

4 – **He is a commercial wizard.** He will bring unprecedented prosperity to the whole world. Initially it will appear to be for all. Dan. 8:25 “and through his policy also he shall cause deceit to prosper in his hand”. He will control such institutions as the World Bank and the World Trade Organization. He will use them to develop a prosperous world economy. Rev. 18 describes prosperity for a few, such as the world has never known. Everything that is sold anywhere in the world will be under his control. See Rev. 13:17

### 5 – **He will be a military genius.**

The greatest military genius the world has ever known. Dan. 7:23 “... and he shall devour the whole earth and tread it down and break it in pieces”. When civil wars and unrest arise, he will say, “give me control of your police forces and your armies and I will take care of the problems”. By the time the world wakes up it will be too late! Rev. 13:4 “who is able to make war with the beast?”.

6 – **He is a religious leader.** “all that dwell on the earth shall worship him” Rev 13:8. See also 2 Thess. 2:4.

## *The Transitions of Antichrist*

In the first half of the tribulation period he appears to be a benevolent, charismatic, popular leader. He has something to please everyone. He totally deceives Israel, the Church and the nations. Even when he kills and brutalizes people, they will think he has a good cause in what he does.

In the second half of the tribulation period he turns against the harlot church and utterly destroys it. See Rev. 17:16. He turns against those who come to Christ and refuse to worship him Rev. 13:15. Millions will be slaughtered. Rev. 7: 9, 13, 14. He turns against Israel Zech. 13:8 see also Matt. 24:15-21. Finally he turns upon Christ Dan. 8:25.

7 – **His fate** 2 Thess. 2:8

Understand three things:

I. The church must be raptured before Antichrist appears on the scene. 2 Thess 2: 1-3.

II. There are no signs for the rapture, it is imminent event that could happen at any moment.

III. There are a multitude of signs in scripture that now indicate that Christ's Second Coming is drawing near. However we know the Rapture must precede the Second Coming so the Rapture must be near at hand.

The stage is set for the tribulation period to begin and Antichrist to appear on the scene.

There are 11 major situations in our world today which indicate Antichrist is about to appear on the stage, but that is a topic for another day!

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## In the News

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### Roman Catholic Church May Join With the WCC

from Understanding the Times

Pope Benedict has promised to bring unity to Christianity. While this seems to be an impossible task, there are signs that "Christian unity" may be attained in the near future.

Further, there may be another bridge in the making. It is called the World Council of Churches and the "social gospel."

The Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches are now dialoging together about further cooperation with regard to ecumenism.

### Speed through the checkout with just a wave of your arm

by Valerie Elliot

12May07 - It may sound like sci-fi fantasy but shoppers may one day be able to pay their grocery bills using a microchip implanted in their body. The idea is already catching on with today's iPod generation. According to research released

today by the Institute for Grocery Distribution (IGD), a retail think-tank, almost one in ten teenagers and one in twenty adults are willing to have a microchip implanted to pay shop bills and help to prevent card or identity fraud and muggings.

### Bush OKs 'integration' with European Union

by Jerome R. Corsi

08May07 - President Bush signed an agreement creating a "permanent body" that commits the US to "deeper transatlantic economic integration," without ratification by the Senate as a treaty or passage by Congress as a law.

### FBI's Mueller: Bin Laden Wants to Strike US Cities with Nuclear Weapons

by Ronald Kessler

15May07 - Osama bin Laden and his terrorist group desperately want to obtain nuclear devices and explode them in American cities, especially New York and Washington, D.C., FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III tells News Max.

In an exclusive interview, Mueller also acknowledged that bin Laden is still active, though isolated.

### New Apostasy Bill to Impose Death on Anyone Who Leaves Islam

by Qaiser Felix

09May07 - Islamabad (AsiaNews) - A draft bill adopted in first reading by Pakistan's National Assembly is now before a standing committee. Tabled by a six-party politico-religious alliance, the *Muttahida Majlis-i-Amal* or MMA, the Apostasy Act 2006 which the government sent to committee would impose the death penalty on Muslim men and life in prison on Muslim women in case they leave Islam. It would also force them to forfeit their property and lose legal custody of children.

### New World Order

from Olive Tree Ministries

It says in Revelation 13 that there will some day be a one world system; a one world government. Some have termed this "the new world order". Another term heard frequently that means the same thing is "globalism". Various organizations are playing into this. The leading ones include the United Nations, the European Union, and NATO, but more minor players would be world trade organizations like the "North American Free Trade Association"

(NAFTA). The Antichrist will be the chief globalist and will head up this one world system during the Tribulation. The stage is being set.

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