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"AND STRAIGHTWAY THEY FORSOOK THEIR NETS, AND FOLLOWED HIM" (MARK 1:18).
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Has the Time Come for the Appointed Feet Of World History? – Part One

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And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay (2:41–43).

These are the sobering words penned by the prophet Daniel describing the feet and toes of the image of a man that Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream. Depicting a series of world empires, the feet and toes of this image reveal the last world empire that culminates man's final attempt to control all humanity. This dream was interpreted to the Babylonian king in response to his disturbing thoughts concerning what would follow his reign. Clearly,

the dream was sent to him by the God of heaven, Who condescended to unveil to him what the unfolding of governmental history would be in the coming years after his rule. Yea, the revelatory dream disclosed the entire scope in God's providence of the "times of the Gentiles." Nevertheless, the dream culminated with Christ's kingdom destroying the image of man and filling the entire earth as the final chapter of earth's history.

The Image of Daniel 2

Over twenty-five centuries have passed since Daniel interpreted this dream sent by God to Nebuchadnezzar. Much of what the dream foretold has already come to pass. Looking back, we can test the accuracy of his predictions by the course of empires since then. The image of Daniel 2, which is given in the form of a man, historically covers a long period of time. A chronological order of events is depicted in this image as the dream

moves from the image's head and down to its feet. The beginning head of this long period of history concerned Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. Following a final human empire, the God of heaven finally sets up His everlasting kingdom and rules the earth through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is significant that the image of a man was chosen for this dream. This image represents man's governmental rule over the earth over the last two and a half millennia. It represents humanity's proud quest for a superman. Prior to the period of this image, God ruled Palestine (Canaan), the heart of the world, through His chosen race, Israel. But during this period represented by the image, man rules the world, including the center of the earth—Canaan. Though God is ever

ruling and guiding behind the scenes, man is at the public forefront of world governmental control. Following the last human empire of the image's toes, God will take over world government permanently.

This symbolism used of an image of man disputes every theory of evolution and reverses the supposed order of evolution. The evolutionist starts with mud and ends with gold; the image God gave to Nebuchadnezzar starts with gold and ends with mud. Evolutionists start with disorganized elements and end with a high order of government; the image begins with a high order and ends with anarchy. Even the United States of America has declined from a republic to a democracy; it continues its decline toward a form of communism. History has proved repeatedly that democracy inevitably leads to socialism and socialism leads to communism. This is why the presidential candidate Bernie Sanders used the term *democratic socialism* in his belief and desire for America to come to full socialism. Democratic socialism can then easily make the transition to full socialism and finally to communism.

Absolute monarchies have continued to fail because each time man was at the head of power. And government by the people alone will fail through the fact that the men that compose it continually prove a failure. When all the

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governments of men finally collapse, God will send His beloved Son back to earth. The earth will then know a true absolute monarchy with Christ as the Great Monarch in Whom there is no failure!

In Daniel's interpretation of the image of Daniel 2, Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon is the head of gold; the silver breasts and arms symbolize the dual kingdom of the Medes and the Persians; the brass belly and thighs symbolize Greece and Macedonia; and the iron symbolizes Rome. With the Roman Empire, the legs of iron have lingered the longest. How Rome secured the domination of the world fully justifies the prophecy of Daniel, that "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" (2:40). It is evident from the symbolism of the image that the iron kingdom with its complement of iron and clay, reaches from the time when Rome superseded Greece to the time when "the God of heaven [shall] set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed" (2:44).

Though the entire image stood before king Nebuchadnezzar, only a single point of the image chronologically existed at any given time. For instance, the Babylonian kingdom did not exist simultaneously with the kingdom of

Media-Persia; it faded out of view as it was superseded by the next kingdom. The same is true with the sequence of the rest of the parts. It is interesting to note that only the Head (Nebuchadnezzar's Empire) constitutes itself as a united whole. The silver is divided into the arms and breast. The brass extends from the abdomen to the upper legs or thighs. The legs also constitute a division which ends in the ten toes of the feet, a further subdivision.

Rome: The Legs of Iron

With this consideration in mind, we must carefully construct the broad outlines of the history of the Roman Empire from beginning to end, as it reaches into the feet and the ten toes. In the symbolism of the image, Rome begins in pure iron, found in the legs; however, it ends in a mixture of iron and clay. These substances doubtless symbolize different characteristics of government. As Rome began in Imperialism, it is reasonable to suppose that iron stands for *imperialism* or any government that is totalitarian; this iron is a symbol of power and control. When baked into pottery, clay has a hardened surface that is easily broken and does not mix with iron. Clay typifies a form of government with a tendency opposite that of imperialism; *democracy* and *socialism* are fragile, clay-like forms of government. Eventually, if permitted, man's final attempts at world government would

destroy humanity. From the image described and the prophecy rendered by Daniel, there will be at the end of the empires a final thrust to establish a global government that controls all the people of the earth.

Since the days of Rome there have been many attempts to bring about a global government, but they have failed. Napoleon was doomed from the beginning; the Kaiser of Germany would not know this hope; Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin were not successful. All these men tried but could not erect a global government of ruling power.

We historically find ourselves somewhere below the legs, and possibly on the eve of entering the feet which leads to ten toes. Daniel describes the feet as part iron and part clay. This represents a continuation somehow of Roman imperialism. Does this signify Roman Catholicism (as some commentators declare), or is this to be politically seen as a federation of nations arising from the ruins of the Roman Empire that is to emerge in history? End-time powers will seek to mix the iron of totalitarianism or imperialism with the clay of democracy and socialism. It is interesting to note that the last church age of Laodicea is a democratic church that spiritually destroys itself. But in the view of the last empire, it is clear you cannot mix the iron and clay; they simply do not blend.

The two legs of Rome are the two

divisions that came from the geographical division of Rome and Constantinople (in modern Turkey). Will one foot come from the one leg, and the other foot from the other leg? Hippolytus, one of the early church fathers, commented on Nebuchadnezzar's dream believing that the ten toes and the clay were democracy:

As these things, then are destined to come to pass, and as the toes of the image turned out to be democracies and the ten horns of the beast are distributed among ten kings.

The word *iron* in our English Bible is mentioned 95 times in the Old Testament, basically referring to iron weapons. Thus, we carefully view iron as usually a symbol of war, strength, fighting, oppression, and absolute control. The word *clay* is used 26 times in the English Bible in the contexts of potter's clay, a clay seal, a clay body, or clay feet.

The End Time: Two Forms of Government

This prophecy clearly declares that the iron and clay do not mix; the final kingdom, a world kingdom will be partly strong and partly weak. As we view governments today around the world, it is surprising to note that the ideologies and concepts of governments are diminishing; there are only a very few being exercised in nations. It seems that we have come down to basically two forms of gov-

ernment—clay and iron governmental philosophies. These two symbols in our contemporary are simply the description of the clay of democracy and socialism, or the iron of communism and totalitarianism.

Communism in the mid-twentieth century was depicted as the “Iron Curtain.” In the Russian Revolution of 1917, communism tried to mix the iron and the clay. In contrast, the West practiced the clay of democracy while the East became the stronghold for the iron of communism, including both the Soviet Union and China. Has it not been observed that the symbol of communism in Russia is the iron hammer and a sickle? For seventy years from 1917 to 1987, the iron grip of communism clashed with the clay of democracy, leading pro-communist dictators to crush any democratic opposition. However, ironically, iron and clay countries continued to buy, sell, and trade with each other. As a result, China has become the largest communist nation on earth. Iron still rules in large parts of the Eastern hemisphere while clay (democracy) is prominent in the West.

It should be observed that in the late 1980s, with the breakup of the Soviet Union and the collapse of the communist doctrine in much of Eastern Europe, there was an increased mixing of iron and clay. Communist countries began to experiment mixing the clay

of democracy into their governments, and democratic countries began to integrate socialism into their thinking and their governmental policies.

The Iron Power of Islam

After the fall of communism, a new form of political iron began to emerge in the land of the ancient empires, the Middle East and parts of Europe. This new form of political iron is found in the spiritual and political powers of Islam, especially the strict form of Islam called Islamic Jihad. This new concept of the iron has been arising against the Western nations. While Islam is stronger in the East, democracy is stronger in the West. As the war against fanatical jihadists and terrorists increased, the Western democratic powers attempted to create Islamic democracies in Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Arabia, and even among the Palestinians in Israel. Of course, this was very difficult because totalitarian iron does not mix with brittle clay. Within this Islamic struggle, another battle has emerged as Muslims have continued to fight against Jews and Christians. In nations where strict Islam is followed, Islam has repeatedly persecuted and murdered Jews and Christians.

It is important to realize that when the struggle to mix iron and clay begins, it is a sign that soon the final ten toes on Daniel’s image will emerge. As we look at Europe and the Middle East, the land of much of the ancient

Roman Empire, the hope to mix these opposing views has not unfolded as expected. The clay-democracies of America and Britain have led the charge to transform the Islamic world and create peaceful coexistence among the Islamic religions and nations. This failure to “mix” is rooted in the ideology of Islamic militants and strict followers of Islam that reject the intermingling of “liberal democratic ideas” with their strict observance of Islamic law and tradition. They believe democracy is too open-minded in its acceptance of vices and carnality; sadly, secular democracies allow alcohol, drugs, promiscuity, sodomy, etc., that are forbidden among most Muslim countries. Women in Western democratic nations often expose their bodies in very immodest fashions, something forbidden in a strict Islamic culture. As the West in the more recent decades has been attempting to “liberate” Islamic nations using democracy as the motivating force, it is clear that the clay is not mixing with the strict iron of Islam. Our present-day global governments are testimonies to why clay will not mix with iron.

Conclusion

In the year 2020, America finds itself a crumbling nation. Birthed as a republic, it has mutated into a radical democratic nation. A republic government has elected representatives who establish its laws. A democratic government establishes its laws solely on

the voice of its majority population. In the latter the majority has unlimited power, whereas in the former a written constitution limits the majority and provides safeguards for the individual.

If a republic is neglected by the people, it can deteriorate into a democracy where government is controlled by popular and manipulative feelings of the people. Democracy eventually ends in anarchy—a system in which each individual determines his own rules and standards of living. A republic can also devolve into an oligarchy, where the government is run by a council or a group of elite individuals (for example, Russia). In a worse scenario, democracy could devolve into a dictatorship, where one individual oppressively rules the country. Unlike the stability of a republic, a democracy is susceptible to the whims and passions of immediacy.

In these days of growing individualism (existentialism) and its new cloak of postmodernism, man lives by his momentary passions. Sadly, this is the way laws are being passed today in the United States. The pressure of riots and revolution by certain segments of society manipulate the moment for their desired change. This was made evident in 1984 when the Supreme Court declared “public policy as the interpreter of the law.” This is how the same-gender marriage was passed, as well as the legalization of sodomy in our country.

Oh, the disinformation that is peddled by our contemporary governmental leaders, the fake news media, and popular literary writers. Every day we read that America is a government of democracy; therefore, we become accustomed to hearing of this form of government, even accepting the illusion that this was what our founding fathers gave to us. Although our founders discussed democracy as a form of government, they carefully chose not to take this road of government for our country. In fact, this was so clear in their decision that they warned us never to become a democracy. John Adams in his writing, "An Essay on Man's Lust for Power, with the Author's Comment in 1807," clearly declared the following:

No simple form of government, can possibly secure men against the violences of power. Simple monarchy will soon mold itself into despotism, aristocracy will soon commence an oligarchy, and democracy, will soon degenerate into an anarchy, such an anarchy that every man will do what is right in his own eyes, and no man's life or property or reputation or liberty will be secure and every one of these will soon mold itself into a system of subordination of all the moral virtues, and intellectual abilities, all the powers of wealth, beauty, wit, and science, to the wanton pleasures, the capricious will, and the execrable [abominable] cruelty of one or a very few.

As a country our government has fal-

len fully into this pit of our impending destruction.

Our next article will carefully view where we are in the light of both history's prophecy and the reality of the present distresses that control America's government and society. May God enable us to see the nearing of the feet of the image of Daniel 2. §

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Several secular authors of the twentieth century became alarmed at the direction the United States of America was heading. Although they contributed no spiritual insight, they foresaw a path of choices and directives that would bring the West to the precipice of destruction. As secularists, they had insight into the final overthrow of personal freedoms and liberties that would bring a sad end to the Western world.

George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four*

In June of 1949, the English novelist George Orwell published his ninth and final book. It was simply called *Nineteen Eighty-four*. Although Orwell was a socialist, he feared that through the newly formed United Nations a totalitarian government would arise and destroy the freedoms and liberties known at his time.

Orwell's novel presents a fictional totalitarian government ruling a portion of the world. The all-controlling government of Oceania is led by Big Brother; Big Brother is presented to society as the savior of humanity from all harm and danger. While the people of Oceania have been brainwashed to believe in Big Brother, twenty-four-hour control is maintained upon the

population. Two-way monitors are installed on every street and in every room of their houses. These cameras observe every action, hear every word, and even seek to discern attitudes from facial countenances. No word can be said against Big Brother; even contradictory thoughts are punishable by death if found guilty of what Orwell coined *thoughtcrime*.

Several times a day in Oceania, no matter where a person is, a *Two Minutes Hate* routine is practiced. Big Brother projects onto monitors the images of various enemies of the state. For two minutes the people shout their hatred against these enemies and their countries. Continued propaganda helps control the people's thoughts and emotions. All news is provided and interpreted by this superstate twenty-four hours a day. At the end of the *Two Minutes Hate*, they conclude by expressing verbal and emotional love and adoration for their supreme party leader Big Brother.

Despite such absolute control, Oceania is a war-torn country; all its cities are dilapidated and basically in ruins. Nevertheless, the minds of the people have been convinced by Big Brother that the buildings are beautiful. Their concepts of wretchedness and beauty have been reversed through mass

manipulation of thought. People are starving; food is scarce. Yet, the government has convinced them that they have much; this deception they view as the norm of life. Amidst all its filth and wretchedness, constant surveillance and propaganda are maintained.

The novel advocates the end of families; only certain couples are appointed for procreation. No love is to be expressed by husbands, wives, or even children. Children are often asked to spy upon parental adults and report to the government.

Truth no longer exists in Oceania. The government party controls every source of information, managing and rewriting the content of every newspaper. Oceania's history is blatantly reinterpreted and altered into new facts for the ruling party's purposes. The language of Oceania is called *Newspeak*, which restructures thought and limits the ideas people are capable of formulating in their thinking. And most certainly there is no more humanity. Everything that was part of humanity is stripped from everyone. All the clothing and hairstyles are unisex; beauty and adornment are eradicated. Conversations can never be personal or individual; all speaking must promote Big Brother. For any unruly citizen, Big Brother does not hesitate to use torture unto submission, often destroying the brain and creating a zombie-like citizen totally passive to all of life.

A Glimmer of Hope

But amidst the dark oppressiveness of this government, Orwell placed within the novel a glimmer of hope. A group of people called Proles were the working class. They lived in their own filthy, impoverished district of Oceania. However, these people were not shackled by telescreens and monitors, nor by the language of Newspeak (they could speak Oldspeak). They were a remnant of people that had the precious gift of freedom. All the people who belonged to the supreme party of Big Brother were told that the Proles were animals. But the Proles lived more like real humans of the past. They married for love; they worked for their family, which brought a preciousness to the home; they sought pleasure in recreation. These people held the key to the past because nothing could change their so-called unintelligent, stubborn minds. They also held a key to the future because nothing could erase their primitive human nature. But to the rest of the country who had given their allegiance to Big Brother, there was the constant bombardment of information from the supreme party. While the Proles represented individualism, the rest of Oceania embraced a government-controlled collectivism.

Orwell's View of a Coming Society

George Orwell wrote his novel to warn the Western world of the powers of totalitarianism's hunger for absolute

control. He believed a full concept of surveillance was inevitable for the West. In 1940, Orwell stated, "Almost certainly we are moving into an age of totalitarian dictatorships." He believed two characteristics were already marking Western civilization in his day: *Collectivism* and *Hedonism*.

Collectivism is a set of ideologies in which the goals of a certain collective (such as a state, a nation, or a society) are given precedence over the goals of individuals. Socialism, communism, fascism, and nationalism to him were all part of collectivism. Orwell believed collectivism necessitated a total control over society. Yet, Orwell himself was a socialist, believing that capitalism was too inadequate to portray all the perspective views of humanity:

It is not certain that socialism is in all ways superior to capitalism, but it is certain that, unlike capitalism, it can solve the problems of production and consumption.

Orwell believed the gap between the rich and the poor would inevitably be destroyed as collectivism became entrenched in the Western world. When asked what type of collectivism would arise, Orwell responded, "The real question is whether capitalism, now obviously doomed, is to give way to oligarchy [totalitarianism] or to true democracy [democratic socialism]." Orwell had hoped that democratic socialism would take over the West,

nationalizing all industries and abolishing the extremes of rich and poor. This would result in all citizens possessing a common status of living and class. Orwell's socialism did include freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, which he hoped could be retained. But the problem he grappled with (as well as other socialists of his day) was the absence of any examples in the past or present that had existed in such perfection. Each example (Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union) had quickly moved to totalitarianism. They had become an oligarchic collectivism, and not a true democratic socialism.

Oligarchic collectivism is the belief that an elite few have the absolute control over society to bring about a collective set of beliefs. They use force and deception to gain power and then crush everything that opposes them. Once in power, they crush not only economic benefits for the people but also their civil rights; both, Orwell believed, should be a liberty of the people. Orwell feared that though there was a needed death of capitalism, its death would give rise to an oligarchic collectivism in Western civilization, all because of the West's pursuit of hedonism.

Hedonism is an ethical position that the goal of living should be the maximization of pleasure and the minimization of pain and discomfort. Orwell sadly viewed the profound growth

of hedonism in Western society. He believed that this weakens people and makes them incapable of mounting a reaction against those who would try to rule over them.

While the West has become more hedonistic since Orwell's death in 1950, it has not led to totalitarian dictatorship taking control. At least this seems to be true up to the time of this new coronavirus.

Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*

Another warning of totalitarianism arises in Aldous Huxley's novel *Brave New World* written in 1931 and published the following year. This work was greatly influenced by both past and current events in England and around the world at that time. It is notable that Huxley wrote his novel between World War I and World War II, at the rising of technological optimism in Western civilization.

Works such as *Brave New World* and *Nineteen Eighty-four* are called dystopian novels. Dystopian novels present an imagined state or society where there is great suffering and injustice. It is interesting to note that Huxley borrowed some of his plot as well as the title from Shakespeare's play *The Tempest*. The phrase "brave new world" is taken from Miranda's speech (Act V, Scene I):

How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, that has such people in't.

Huxley was additionally influenced by H. G. Wells, who wrote several utopian novels including *A Modern Utopia* (1905) and *Men Like Gods* (1923).

Huxley's *Brave New World* is set in the "World State city of London... where citizens are engineered through artificial wombs and childhood indoctrination programs into predetermined classes based on intelligence and labour." To keep the population peaceful, they constantly consume a soothing, happiness-producing drug called *soma*. Huxley imagined a genetically engineered future where life is pain-free, but meaningless. We should note, George Orwell's novel was influenced by Huxley's novel. We do not recommend the youth to read Huxley's novel because of its descriptive rawness of evil and sin; such descriptions caused the work to be censored in many countries (Ireland, Australia, and India) when it was first published.

The unique setting of *Brave New World* is a futuristic world state, where its citizens are "environmentally engineered into an intelligence-based social hierarchy." As in certain aspects of *Nineteen Eighty-four*, Huxley's novel anticipates (as a science fiction work) tremendous scientific advancements in classical conditioning, reproductive technology, and psychological manipulation over global humanity. In the story, only one individual seems to see what has happened to the technologically advanced world.

Contrast Between Huxley and Orwell

Perhaps Huxley may have had a greater grasp of the way the 20th and 21st centuries would freely lay hold of totalitarianism. Huxley, like Orwell, was an anti-hedonist (denying that pleasure or happiness is the highest good, or the proper end of all action). However, Huxley viewed hedonism differently than Orwell. Huxley believed that hedonism could be used as a tool to strongly oppress human society. He believed that people are willing to forego freedom for “sensory pleasure and endless consumption.” If a society could be structured to give more time to pleasures, gratifying human desires with materialism, drugging themselves from the harshness of reality, then persuasion and conditioning could control society rather than painful physical coercion (Orwell’s belief). Hedonism was sufficient incentive to gain extreme control over the people.

Note the contrasts between Orwell and Huxley’s approach: Orwell feared such a society would ban all books; Huxley believed none would want to read. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed; Huxley feared the truth would drown in a sea of irrelevance. Orwell feared a captive culture; Huxley feared a trivial culture. In *Nineteen Eighty-four*, people are controlled by the infliction of pain upon them. In *Brave New World*, society is controlled by the political

powers promoting pleasure. In short, Orwell feared that what we dread in the realm of pain and suffering would ruin us. Huxley feared that what we desire would ruin us.

The West it seems has been taken completely by what Huxley feared. As the proverbial frog that could be boiled to death by raising the water’s temperature slowly, the West’s intense desire for more and more pleasures and conveniences has conditioned us to give up our freedoms and liberties with little resistance. Recent years have proved again that the West has accepted greater and greater intrusion into its freedoms for the sake of these conveniences and pleasures. Up to this time, Orwell’s control of a society by the infliction of pain has been proved unnecessary. But such control is inevitable.

Though Huxley’s view of the West seems more viable at this time, we cannot ignore Orwell’s perspective altogether. Orwell knew Huxley’s position and did not deny that the hedonism Huxley feared was a possibility. Orwell believed that Huxley’s hedonism would be temporary, leading to a time when totalitarian brute force finally controls society. This perspective will be in place by the time Antichrist comes.

The Present Powers of Destruction and Globalism

Orwell knew that totalitarianism

could not be fully functional until capitalism died and collectivism was established. Capitalism has not died as quickly as he predicted. Collectivism has yet to fully form in the West. Nevertheless, the recent coronavirus crisis may be the local, national, and global crisis that has been needed to quickly implement actions that will bring into permanent play powers needed for the coming Antichrist. Almost overnight this crisis has brought us into a final transition into the powers of totalitarianism. We have never witnessed, at least in the United States, such dictatorial decisions made by immature, foolish, and irrational leaders who have risen within the ranks of the godless to become leaders of this nation that was once under God. We ask the question in wonder: How did such godless, America-hating, imbecilic individuals enter the forum of leadership in our country? They have slowly but methodically made their way up the ladder of political power to rule collectively our country.

This virus crisis has brought such evil out of the woodwork of society, boldly defying everything this “one nation under God” once believed in. We are now witnessing the progressive influence of socialism covering our nation as a thick poisonous fog, which through this crisis is making its way into our society, overthrowing our small businesses, producing massive unemployment. And now, the flow

of “stimulus packages” as a swirling river of free money is coming to us from Washington, DC, through the democratic liberalism that has longed for such an hour in America. We are being forced to live under the god-like providence of the government for our very existence. And more money is promised!

We will never be able to go back to former days of living before God and faith in His providence. Our entire nation is quickly becoming a welfare nation. We have been lied to, manipulated by an invisible virus that only God knows the true and the false about. The media caused an entire nation to enter the shackling chains of fear and panic. Nearly every death certificate during these months has been forced to declare “COVID-19” as a contributing cause of death. Every other reason for death has been laid aside. Apparently, only one deadly culprit rules the land. Yet, the mass overflow of our hospital systems is nonexistent. Additional hospitals built were never really needed. All but emergency surgeries were delayed because we were told over two million would die by the invisible virus.

Out of the chaos and confusion, our country is being rebuilt to become a socialistic nation. We did not vote for this; it has been forced upon us through fear! It was a fear that was instilled falsely in us by an evil news

media, evil doctors, and demonic globalists who are out to destroy the final bastion of Western civilization, the United States of America. Governors, county commissioners, and even mayors are absurdly and insanely wielding their political powers to hold absolute control over their populated precincts. We have witnessed, dear reader, totalitarianism in its ruthless, diabolical manner, and we have witnessed the ripping out of our nation's heart and soul! We will never be the same again!

This crisis has brought to the forefront talk of how to nationalize all the major companies in every field of the economy. The previous administration in the White House encumbered the small businesses with penalties and heavy taxation, hoping to drive them out of business. The present administration lifted much of the albatross around the businesses' necks. But this crisis will eradicate most of the small businesses in America, as the Liberals hinder money through the stimulus package for the small businesses. Oh, what will our country be after coming through this stimulated mess of lunacy brought on by the drunken madness of leading doctors, a fake news media, and corrupt politicians?

Conclusion

We still declare with full confidence that God and His providence continue to wield the highest power! God has permitted all of this, including the lies,

delusions, and fears running rampant throughout our nation. God is turning our nation over to a reprobate mind and delusional thought. We are rapidly being hurled by providence into the last stage of history before the secret coming of the Lord and the open coming of the Antichrist. Preparations are being made for both comings.

One preparation is the working of the Holy Spirit within the hearts of His remnant around the world. The Rapture will be a singular moment in time when a variety of ages of men and women, boys and girls (who know the redemption of God's Son at Calvary) will be caught alive off this planet of growing, intense hatred for God and His people. One generation of living saints will know the catching up from this evil world at the most critical hour of history, the darkest hour for God's people (down in the valley of nuts, as Song of Solomon 6:11 describes); it will be a season of extremely complex problems with no answers. His people will simply trust in God to keep them through the unknown. We are in the sifting and shaking of professing Christians (Heb. 12:25–29) that will make all the previous testings small in comparison. And even our Lord declared that the intensity of the delusionary power of "The Lie" will be so great, that if it were possible, the very elect would be deceived (Matt. 24:24–26).

Every End-time, true ministry of

God finds itself caught in the web of this confounding hour. We have the voice of the world, the voice of our national government, the voice of our state government, the voice of our local governments, speaking from secularistic, atheistic presuppositions under the guise of public safety. Their voices have been carefully fine-tuned to maintain a sense of fear. Fear of what could happen to us, and fear of what will happen to us if we do not submit to their authority. We are being told that we are as ignorant children who do not know what is best for us; therefore, we need the parental exhortations from the ones who tell us they know. We are shown pictures and images while bombarded with projected models of two million deaths. We have heard Dr. Anthony Fauci (who has not personally seen a patient in over twenty years) present so-called scientific facts to later contradict himself as the weeks unfolded. The world's future is being placed in this man's hands for its salvation?

Over these months we have been introduced to a new definition of the word *quarantine*, which is a strict isolation imposed to prevent the spread of disease. The English word comes from the Italian *quarantine* meaning "forty," which comes from the Latin also meaning "forty." Historically, a quarantine referred to a period of forty days imposed upon ships when suspected of carrying an infectious or

contagious disease. It is the separation of a person or group of people reasonably believed to have been exposed to a communicable disease (but perhaps not yet symptomatic) from others who have not been exposed, to prevent the possible spread of the disease. It is the sick or the suspected who are quarantined, not the healthy!

The word *isolation* is used when someone or something is set apart or separated from other persons or things. We have come to a crisis hour, for some reason, in the belief that we are all to be quarantined or isolated so we will not be affected. Not only the sick but also the healthy are quarantined. Social distancing to many may seem like a small thing, since most people already live by the cell phone and computer apart from others. These live more by social networking. For a long time we have been psychologically preparing for this "social distancing."

One of the greatest atrocities perpetrated against God's people through these months by our state leaders under the guise of "safety" has been the attack on our worship of God! We have witnessed a prelude to how this will be addressed in the future for the sake of public health. We are being told that we must be willing to give up God and our worship with God's people for the sake of our health and the health of others. Yes, this is where we have been brought to in our country, the United

States of America. God knows we have little by little given up our liberties and freedoms “for the sake of” so many things over these years. This renewed attack on our freedoms came upon us

like a tornado, and we were not ready for its power. May God grant us an understanding of these times, and to know how we as Christians ought to live. **S**

Has the Time Come for the Appointed Feet Of World History? – Part Three

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John Adams, our second United States President, declared:

A constitution of government once changed from freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.

We are now experiencing with growing permanency the principles of this statement in our country. Our freedoms are diminishing with paralyzing rapidity and in shocking proportions. How has this become a reality in the last stronghold of Western civilization, the United States? Both freedom and liberty have been our watchwords and beacons of hope for many across recent centuries?

Fear: The Compelling Force

Fear has been the major weapon of compelling force wielded by governments during these recent months of 2020. The human mind instinctively seeks relief from fear and especially the growing angst of the unseen and unknown. When crises come, Christians naturally seek consolation from Scripture and through prayer and

faith in God. But if we place our faith in natural hopes or dwell upon that which is creating fear, we become totally unrealistic, irrational, and unfaithful to God. This can produce reactions that drive us away from God and His Word.

We are drawn to the words of Robert Nisbet, an American-born sociologist of the 20th century, who wrote a thought-provoking little book entitled *The Present Age: Progress and Anarchy in Modern America*. He made a unique observation about the collapse of socialism by pointing out the following:

The death of socialism in the West opened the field of ideology, of “isms,” to a number of entries which had not been especially noticeable before the Second World War.

One of these “isms” was the rise of *egalitarianism*. Egalitarianism includes all the equality movements that have overwhelmed America in recent decades—equality for women, races, religions, genders, moral preferences—to name a few. Nisbet suggests that the

void in the minds of intellectuals left by the death of their “beloved” socialist theories led to the rise of a host of strange cults, radical causes, and utopias. Nisbet writes

Socialism, held these vagaries—to the extent that they even existed as ideals in the minds of most intellectuals—together or kept them down as mere latencies—for exfoliation perhaps in the very distant future. But when socialism ceased to be the energizing faith of the Left in the West—primarily because of the repulsiveness of the Soviet Union, Fascist Italy, and Nazi Germany, one and all founded by life-long socialists, but also because of the indisputable fact that the Third World nations that took up capitalism—as in the Pacific Rim countries to the west—were faring immeasurably better than were those that took up socialism—when the socialist dream passed, the result was a mess of new idols in the marketplace.

This failure is what has brought the current fascination in liberal government and academic circles with “politically correct” thinking. Socialism, though theoretically idealistic, will not work without enforcement by governmental powers. Though socialism has proved a failure without totalitarian government, the political ideology of socialism continues to be thrust upon us in ideological terminology and rhetoric.

In the conclusion of Nisbet’s book

(written in 1988), he suggests that the climate in America appears to be as ripe for a revolution in the world of ideas as it was in the 18th century, when our founding fathers first established a constitutional republic in the New World. This position is where the advocates of a new world order prefer us to be—poised on the threshold of a new era, a new world, and a new political theory.

One of the mental weapons they will use in their revolution of ideas is the weapon of fear and dread over something that could globally destroy much of humanity. War has brought such fear to a nation; the loss of wealth, home, and property has brought this fear; and the dreaded phobia of losing health and ability of life has equally brought such fear. The abounding of such fears has helped to overthrow the people of great nations. Sometimes, such fears have been unfounded while a populace was overcome by an evil hoax.

The Global Hoax of Darkness

One crucial truth always ignored or denied by utopian dreamers was clearly understood by the writers of the Constitution of the United States—the depravity of man. Every utopia has presumed that it can build a perfect world order with imperfect and depraved people. The so-called Marxist dream attempted through indoctrination, coercion, torture, and

execution of life to change the hearts of its citizens. In the case of Plato's *The Republic*, citizens were placed in perpetual bondage to a class of rulers whose natural intellect and understanding placed them above the people. Our present-day Progressives and Socialists believe they have been entrusted with psychic "illumination" (not realizing they are being instructed by demonic beings referred to by the New Agers as "ascended masters").

Despite such utopian claims, we are often reminded of the words of Sir John Dalberg-Acton of the 1800s who was addressing an Anglican bishop:

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men.

In this crucial hour in the history of our country, this principle has been proved through the mandates of governors, mayors, and other local powers.

In all the leadership of the world, both men and women are amassing great wealth through the power of their leadership. Vladimir Putin is reputed to be the wealthiest billionaire in the world today while also deepening in his own corruption. It is estimated that some of the wealthiest people in the world live in Russia. And then, there are the many politicians who have been in power over many years who have amassed their wealth through their political scheming and corrupt usage of the government. Though

Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the House, makes some \$223,000 a year for her position, her worth is estimated from between \$200 million to \$500 million (depending on what source appraises her worth). In his brief political career, Barack Obama now a private citizen continues to amass his hundreds of millions of dollars. Government leaders in both democracies as well as socialist and communist states continue to become wealthy through currency manipulation, theft of state property, and embezzlement, while people are dying of starvation, disease, and squalor. This contrast is clear between the people of North Korea and their dictator Kim Jong Un, reportedly worth an estimated \$5 billion.

James 5:1–6 truly becomes a fulfillment of these days:

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days [Received Text, "in the last days"]. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

The founders of America created a constitutional republic where power was divided among the people, the state governments, and the federal government. At the federal level, power was again divided across executive, legislative, and judicial lines. Power was then limited again, not only by a written constitution, but by brief terms for those who held office. And the colonies came together believing collectively in the God-given rights and freedoms of each individual.

Our founding fathers studied the civilizations of the past thirty centuries, all the way back to the Greeks and Romans. However, the experience of the founding of America was in no way a precedent for forming a world government of totally diverse peoples. It is one thing to have people of colonial America come together in federation against an oppressive power. It is another thing for the United States of America to merge with a world government where Muslim and Marxist dictators stand as equals to our government, surrendering our sovereignty unto a global consensus. But this is what is presently being pressed upon us by creating fear concerning our lives and our families.

The powerful, liberal bureaucrats of America know that people desire to live the way they want, where they

want, with whom they want, and to worship their God the way they want. These desires drive the social engineers of the deep state government toward great anger; they fear losing control of the people to direct them into what the elite feel is best for them.

But because human government can never really change people's hearts, they lean toward massive military force and an equally massive police power in order to control what the leaders believe is the best for society. For a global government, such a world army or world police will not come cheaply. The coming world government is going to have an immeasurable cost, not only affecting our finances but also our liberties and personal lives.

Through the coronavirus this year, America is experiencing a foretaste of how this governmental absolute control will be instituted and then accepted. It is almost surreal that we as a nation have been brought under the oppressive control of governmental leaders during these recent months in every aspect of our lives. We are told how we are to live, what we are to buy, when we are to buy it, how we are to buy it. We have been forced to give up our jobs and submit to a mock house arrest. It has structured a new class of people, destroying basically the middle class of America.

In 1974 (the year of the birth of the Foundations Ministries), the Dec-

laration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, advocating that “the prevailing disparities in the world be abolished.” This global mandate of the UN declared several laws: (1) the transfer of wealth to Third World nations; (2) nationalization by Third World governments; and (3) economic special protection for poorer countries. In simple understanding, the Third World in the United Nations has already voted to take away the wealth of Europe and America and give it to themselves. Only the lack of police powers currently in the United Nations and the veto power of the Security Council have prevented this resolution from being implemented. President Donald Trump has been in constant battle with the UN over these matters.

Apart from President Trump and a handful of conservative leaders, the leadership of America is collectively pressing for the principles and laws of this country to be destroyed and all Americans to enter a world citizenship under global government. If this comes about, dear reader (and it will), our Constitution and Bill of Rights will no longer apply. The pressure arose during the days of the Obama Administration, as noted with his bold anger to endeavor to outlaw private gun ownership in America. Although President Trump has been an advocate

for this liberty, these changes are coming soon. The new global government cannot have a system that permits people to keep arms; it cannot allow for dissenters to foment riots and revolution. The right to keep and bear arms will be one of the very first casualties of liberty in the coming world government.

Our Freedoms Are Being Taken One by One

In these most recent years, only the overwhelming providence of God has kept this country from sliding into the abyss of destruction. For some reason, Heaven is keeping us by an iron thread of Sovereignty from our final total collapse, and from losing the final few liberties and freedoms we still have. Already legal hate crime laws and the enforcement of political correctness have made it a crime to speak out against the beliefs of a Muslim, a Hindu, or an animist, or against the beliefs of a communist or a socialist. Christians are now being brought to court for speaking out against the sins of homosexuality or pedophilia, or for refusing to assist such “strange flesh” with their businesses. The Christian is being quelled and choked from every side. We may witness in our lifetime “freedom of religion” taken away and claimed to be for the cause of the greater good, for the plurality of the nation, yea, the world. Already Christians are being

muzzled in speaking about their faith. One way we are losing our freedom of religion is the pressing for the equality of all religions, races, sexual practices, and belief systems. We must remember that just a few years ago a court in the District of Columbia held that the right to forbid discrimination based on sexual preference overrides the existing Constitutional First Amendment rights of religious liberty.

We are soon coming to a forced universal spirit, a global theology that must include all religions. This belief in the natural appeals to Buddhists, Hindus, and even to ecumenical Christianity, including the present Roman Catholic Pope Francis I (whose inter-faith meeting recently was a positive declaration for world religions coming together and dissipating whatever differences there may be).

In recent years biblical evangelism has been limited in America and around the world. In most parts of the world, Christian evangelism is a crime bringing several years imprisonment; however, this penalty is not true for Islamic evangelism. The power to overthrow this Gospel method will initially become more and more restricted, and then finally, unlawful. When that hour comes, we will witness the implementing of a law of world indoctrination and thought control.

Dear reader, do we see what is coming in our country? Control of the

press has been prominent in the Soviet countries and China, and within the Third World nations. The United States has now fully witnessed the deep state taking full control of the mainstream news media.

Inevitably, private and home schools will have to be shut down. All expressions of thought must be controlled through public indoctrination. There will come required courses in world citizenship at all levels of society, teaching the rights and obligations of citizens of the world. Remember, this is what the Greek philosopher Plato called for. This is what happened in the soviet system in Germany, and in communist China; and is becoming the norm in the public schools in America today. The national schools around the world are preparing a new generation of children to be world citizens, promoting a reverence for the earth (Mother Nature), a sacredness for the environment, for the animals, and for people of all ethnic, religious, and sexual orientations. It would be a global brainwashing, as Orwell's "newspeak" concept. Only what is good about the leader can be printed. Everyone will be indoctrinated with a uniform set of ideas and beliefs. And with the technology of our time, there will be mass meetings of the world via satellite, where cheering throngs will extol its leader, and marvel at all he offers for the global community.

The world could not have known

global control prior to this time in history. A key contributor to this inevitability has been the alarming exponential development of technologies, especially supercomputing. Formerly, it would have been impossible to control global populations. Totalitarian governments have exercised great control over the bulk of their populations, but people could always hide themselves and their monies in some way from the authorities. Often from tyranny escape was possible to a free country somewhere. With assistance from without, revolt was possible. But under a totalitarian, one-world government, there will be no land of freedom. There will be no large power like America holding forth ideals and assisting escapees with political asylum.

The day will come in the rise of a man (and men under him) who will endeavor to rule the world of humanity with a rod of iron. Every citizen will be given a number, coded with his nation, his religion, and his personal identity. The world wonders at the super high-speed mainframe computers that can process trillions of bits of information with lightning speed and accuracy. All of this could now control a world of information about every citizen on the planet.

A checkless and cashless world currency is fast approaching. This development will help monitor and control all movement of wealth. All

wealth could be frozen, and assets of every individual totally controlled. The supercomputer in Brussels called "The Beast" handles worldwide bank clearings at the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT). Yes, much technology for the global government is in place already.

In this coronavirus crisis we have witnessed governors controlling what we could and could not purchase, what stores are open or closed. This will become the global norm sometime in the future. When will this be initiated? We know by prophecy that all transactions one day will require the mark, the number, or the name: "No man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Rev. 13:17). But what are the prelude regulations and governmental mandates that eventually lead to absolute, full authority? Are we witnessing such prelude exercises just prior to the Rapture?

In the early months of this crisis, we have already heard of geo-tracking technology used to monitor the movement of infected individuals locked in their homes. Smart phones are monitored by governments; drones are used to check for people not following social distancing. Global satellites already monitor the large use of GPS in our electronic devices. China has over 200 million cameras that can register

and monitor the intricate details of its citizens, while they also track citizens through their smart phones. In reality, almost all of our phones and smart TVs come from China. Perhaps the world is looking to Chinese technology for the hope of global surveillance.

The growing governmental authority over our homes and children is coming through different cloaks of influence. The recent controversies over Planned Parenthood and their illegal activities have been revealing their real identity and purpose. Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, advocated unrestrained sexuality, particularly among teenagers. To address the common results of such wanton behavior, she advocated sterilization and abortion. Sanger's agenda was an unrestrained licentiousness that would demand involuntary sterilization. Perhaps one of the reasons she was so heavily funded by the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations was that she wanted what is called eugenics or "good genes" by which an elite group under her leadership could delete the undesirables and create a master race. Sanger strongly advocated sterilization of blacks, Jews, Southern Europeans, fundamentalist Christians, mental defectives, and the relatives of mental defectives. In 1920, she wrote *Breeding the Thoroughbred*, a crucial publication which became a revelation of her motives and purposes for Planned Parenthood.

When the Government Becomes God

We have come to the hour when socialists, communists, and advocates of a welfare state want to solve all the problems of man through full government control. For them, government takes the place of the need of God. Up until this virus crisis of 2020, more than half of America (from the rich to the poor) received some financial assistance from the government. Now with stimulus packages passed in Washington, we continue to become addicted to the handouts and care of the government. When the government becomes god, society's major crimes will be defined as those breaking government regulations or the laws of their god. Morality becomes whatever a majority in Congress or the Supreme Court says it is at any point in time.

Thomas Jefferson described a hope for America when he said, "That government governs best which governs least." The founders of America at Plymouth Rock and in the Massachusetts Colony felt that they were organizing a society based on the Ten Commandments. They truly perceived this new land as a successor to the nation of Israel, and they endeavored to model their institutions of governmental order after the Bible. In fact, the one who interpreted Scripture to them, their pastor, was given a higher place than the governor of the colony.

They believed they were building “the mountain of the Lord’s house,” above all other mountains. All the early leadership of America had been steeped in the biblical principles of the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments. They knew the nature of God, the nature of man, the role of the family, and the moral order as established by the God of Scripture. Many of them also knew the imperative need of a change of heart by God through Christ.

When these values are lost, and God is viewed as no longer needed, and man is no longer viewed as depraved but becoming as god, then only a cesspool of darkness and hopelessness can be the outcome. Man is prone to suicide; he is prone to self-destruction. In recent months governors have made themselves gods, believing they can eradicate our problems through their human sovereignty of “Thus saith my word!” They have become drunk with pride, believing they must wield their power, and, magically, the problem will go away. They falsely believe the “iron” of authority will mix with the brittle clay of humanity.

The Final Freedom: Freedom of Worship

As a Christian in the End Time and as a pastor of a portion of God’s flock, I have believed that both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North

Carolina most honorably support and protect our liberty and freedom to worship God without any hindrance. In a recent letter to our parishioners, I expressed these words:

I write this letter today regarding the ongoing mandates that have become more and more contradictory between governors, county commissioners, and mayors. While Republican governors are loosening their mandates, Democratic governors are tightening their demands. It is evident that we are nearing the secret coming of Christ; our Christian liberties and freedoms in this country are quickly and intentionally being eroded by the atheistic powers of government. The very first amendment of the United States Constitution declares, ‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.’ Since the virus was declared a global pandemic, it has prompted global mandates that have profoundly affected public gatherings to worship. This action is unprecedented in world history. Every part of the First Amendment is now being questioned and attacked by many state governors. In recent days, Governor Cooper’s own words are coming down harder upon meetings for worship.

The Constitution of North Carolina

is even stronger in its defense of this liberty. Found in section 13 concerning Religious Liberty are these words:

All persons have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.

It was evident that the governor of our state (and many others) had overstepped his authority.

When our state's mandates unfolded quickly, it initially allowed a maximum of 100 to gather in the same room; it then moved to 50 and finally to 10. In some states the mandate only allowed 3 people together. Half of Foundations congregation began meeting in eight different rooms of various buildings, while the other half met in their homes (via internet streaming). For the next service the groups rotated. Our heart was greatly concerned for Hebrews 10:25:

*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves **together**, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching [the Second Coming of Christ; emphasis added].*

Another passage was Matthew 22:21:

Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

And a third passage found in Acts 5:29:

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

When our state governor's temporary mandate window concluded without any reprieve, we then knew we must obey God rather than man. Our state was taking away our liberty of worshiping *together*; it was violating our "inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of our own consciences, and no human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience." We made the decision on a certain Wednesday to return to the sanctuary "together" with social distancing. Local county sheriffs declared the latter part of that week that they would not interfere with worship services because they were sworn to uphold the Constitution of North Carolina rather than the governor. By Saturday a judge placed a restraining order on our governor's mandate concerning worship services, which opened the liberty of congregant meetings. Although we thank God for this, we have had to remain true to what we knew was needed to be done.

What will the coming days hold for God's people in America? The "testing of the waters" has already commenced; these actions are unprecedented in our history. The "powers that be" have

confronted the very God of Heaven and a man's conscience before his God in this matter. The only action lacking this time has been police enforcement. Yes, this was a trial run by state and federal powers. They have learned much; they will be back again with police-state enforcement next time. The cost will be higher, and the test will be greater for God's people. In these days nearing the Rapture, we must be prepared to make decisions that may cost us our very lives.

Conclusion

As a child, I often heard my father preach that we were in the period of the ankles of this image of Daniel chapter 2. The prophet commenced his interpretation of the dream by stating, "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible" (Dan. 2:31). The implication is that Nebuchadnezzar could not take his eyes off what he saw; it was so magnificent. One of the things that fascinated Nebuchadnezzar was the immense size of the image. The description unfolds with adjectives heaped upon adjectives. Amidst the image's immensity, there was an extraordinary splendor about it; it was beautiful; and because of its tremendous size, the appearance was terrifying. Its greatness may have frightened the king as he beheld it in his dream.

This image is "man," in the "times of the Gentiles," in his terrifying glory of ruling the earth. But the prophecy also proves that governmental rule of man grows worse and worse with time. Government must become "iron" to rule (Rome). The final empire (the feet and the ten toes, yet to come) will be government iron trying to mix with humanity's brittle clay. The force of oppression will have to increase in the belief that it is the only way to rule mankind.

Globalist government is now the great conversation of mankind. This recent pandemic has pressed leaders to speak more and more of it under the guise of "saving us from destruction." To achieve their goals, the true God must be overthrown in the mind of humanity. Man must be elevated as the great savior through the terrifying glory of his own science and technology.

Following the persecution of the disciples by the Sanhedrin Court, note the words of Acts 4:25, 26:

Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ.

This part of Psalm 2 seemed to have been fulfilled in the days surrounding the crucifixion of Christ. But Psalm 2

continues, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" (verse 3). We have come to this hour in this prophecy where man globally struggles to break away from all God-consciousness in society.

There truly is an intensifying hatred against God and His people that is stronger than any other hatred ever known against anything in history. Why does such hatred exist from the nations, the people, and rulers? They *imagine*, or they "invest deep *meditation*" (the same Hebrew word of Psalm 1:2) on such hatred. The Psalmist declares that such thinking is emptiness and futility. Before they took this stand, they had "counseled together." The entire world leadership in this declared pandemic has "counseled together" through their similar mandates. The master minds in all of this counsel had in their subtle purposes for these mandates to separate God's people from one another, to keep them isolated, without the strength of one another, and perhaps over a long period of time isolated from one another, hoping they may not want to come back together. The world is seeking all ways to cast off the restraints of God's morals and any obedience to heaven's mandates. It continues to intensify its hatred for those desiring to live a life of honest conviction according to the Scriptures. The world will not cease in trying to hinder righteousness in the lives of God's people (2 Thess. 2:7).

The year 2020 may be the most transitional year in the history of the world. This year may commence the beginning stage of the formation of the feet of Nebuchadnezzar's image. We are seeing for the first time globally a mixing of authoritarian iron with the brittle clay of humanity.

Dear reader, we must be ready to face this iron in the days ahead; we must be watching and praying, lest we fall into temptation, lest the crisis hour overtakes us. We want to be found ready for the secret coming of our beloved Saviour in a Rapture. It is the only hope for the Remnant before the Great Tribulation Period. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" S

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