

CURRENT EVENTS AND THE BIBLE

Greetings precious people, this week we are going to examine another of today's events and how it relates to the Word of God the Bible. In the Book of Revelation we are told that there will be a "One World" monetary system; government; religion in the "Last Days". This week we will consider the second "One World Orders", government.

Former President Bush (senior) spoke many times of the "One World Order" and a "New World Order". This line of talk was repeated by his successors Clinton and Bush Jr. as well as our present leader. Many other national leaders have spoken of the need for a: One world; Global society and leadership. This of course is setting the world up for the final one world government, religion, and currency. **New World Order** is a term used to describe the uniting of the world's superpowers to secure and maintain global peace, safety, and security. Synonymous with the term New World Order are the terms one world government, global governance, and globalization. All these terms are used interchangeably and at different times to communicate to different audiences. Make no mistake - they all basically mean the same thing.

It is of great importance and interest the growing number of countries in the world that are moving toward this end. Many of the poorer nations would benefit (at least they think so) from this move. If we are all "one" then we all will have the same rights and privileges. The standard of living will be raised tremendously for many in the world. Of course if the masses are brought up to a higher standard of living then it only stands to reason that there will be others who standard of living must be reduced to make it an even playing field. Recently the leaders of Venezuela and Iran have pledged to bring in a new world order.

There is one nation that stands as an enormous obstacle to all this happening, yes you may have guessed it, the USA. The major roadblock is the Constitution which our founding fathers established. The USA, at least in theory is radically different than any other nation in the world due mostly to the foundation upon which it was established. The UN is leading the charge to do away with the sovereignty of our nation and tragically there are a number in our government that is in favor of this.

In his apocalyptic vision in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John sees the "beast," also called the Antichrist, rising out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 13:1). Combining this vision with Daniel's similar one (Daniel 7:16-24), we can conclude that some sort of world system will be inaugurated by the beast, the most powerful "horn," who will defeat the other nine and will begin to wage war against Christians. The ten-nation confederacy is also seen in Daniel's image of the statue in Daniel 2:41-42, where he pictures the final world government consisting of ten entities represented by the ten toes of the statue. Whoever the ten are and however they come to power, Scripture is clear that the beast will either destroy them or reduce their power to nothing more than figureheads. In the end, they will do his bidding. (Just a few weeks ago Europe elected a leader to head up the United States of Europe. This is the revived Roman Empire that the Bible speaks of. We are seeing the fulfillment of prophecy occurring before our very eyes!)

John goes on to describe the ruler of this vast empire as having power and great authority, given to him by Satan himself (Revelation 13:2), being followed by and receiving worship from "all the world" (13:3-4), and having authority over "every tribe,

people, language and nation” (13:7). From this description, it is logical to assume that this person is the leader of a one-world government which is recognized as sovereign over all other governments. It’s hard to imagine how such diverse systems of government as are in power today would willingly subjugate themselves to a single ruler, and there are many theories on the subject. As we consider the increasing problems of our day such as economical; food; water; “natural disasters; wars and rumors of wars it is only logical that these will be so devastating and create such a monumental global crisis that people will embrace anything and anyone who promises to give them relief.

Jesus told us that when these things begin to take place look up for your redemption draws near.

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