

## 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 final of the three one world systems: religion.

In the Book of Revelation 13:2-16 we are told, "The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. 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. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world..... Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed."

Did you notice the number of times the term "worship" was used concerning the Last Days leader? Worship and religion will be a very real part of the last days. As we consider the worlds current religions that are strongly opposed to one another it may seem difficult to see how this could possible take place. Let me point out 3 things that are in the process of happening right now that will enable this One World religious leader to step onto the scene and receive the worship of the multitude.

First, there is a coming together of the world's religions through such groups as the World Council of Churches; National Council of Churches; Ecumenical Movement; Emergent Church to name a few. These are all working together to break down the barriers that exist keeping religions separate and distinct. The Roman Catholic Church under Pope John Paul was the most instrumental person of all to bring the world religions together under the banner of "peace". On a number of occasions he invited the world's religious leaders together to Rome to pray for peace. Among these were Imans, witch doctors, shamans, Hindu and Buddhist priests and many more.

Secondly, as we saw weeks ago there is going to be a battle that will take place as many of the Muslim countries and Russia will gather together against Israel in an attempt to destroy it. In Ezekiel 38 & 39 we are told when this happens God will intervene and destroy 5/6<sup>th</sup> of the opposing forces. This will for certain have a devastating affect on the

radical Islam agenda. And quite possible the up and coming religious leader will take credit for this saying it was his power that brought the destruction.

This leads us to the final point which is related to the second. In the verses cited from Rev. 13 there was mention made of the supernatural power that this leader will have in order to perform unmistakable miracles. We also see this mentioned in Paul's letter to the church in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12, space does not permit me to print this portion of Scripture so I trust you will read it in your own Bible. If you do not have a Bible request one and I will send one to you free of charge.

We are on the edge of entering the "Last Days" dear one's, look up for your salvation is near.

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