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Hope for the Future

THE MILLENNIUM?

By Bro Need

Seeing the kingdom of men apparently is making great strides against the kingdom of God, let us “judge righteous judgment” concerning what is taking place. Let us take a short look at the Kingdom of God which was established in Genesis 1:1, 26-28.

We are forbidden to view the reign of Christ according to what we see around us, nor the events of past history nor on our own ideas: John 7:24 “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

We know that from the time of the fall, man’s thinking and ideas are corrupt. Though we are a new creation in Christ and must think biblically, we are still heavily influenced by the fall and by “the tradition of the elders”. Only those who have his “light” can see past “appearance”, and “judge righteous judgment”.

Psalms 36:9 “For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.”

The triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, are one God. Accordingly, it was Christ who not only spoke the world into existence, but it was Christ who spoke the law, prophets and psalms. Righteous judgment comes from accepting His word over what appears around us.

We must take great care, for the books of the law, psalms and prophets promise a curse on those who add to or subtract from the words of those books, or upon any who in any way try to change their meaning: Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, Revelation 22:18, 19.

Note that changing one thing about our God establishes a false god, an idol, e.g., denying the Eternal God who changes not; or denying the God of Election, denies the God of Scripture, and builds a god after our own imagination. (Arminianism’s god, among other things, does not control history. I have reprinted my little booklet that gives a short background history and compares Calvinism with Arminianism. Interested? Contact me.)

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We are required to study to discover who God is, and what is required of man in his future under God. What are the marching orders for the Elect in these sections of scripture which deal with man’s future under God? “Prophecy” holds a positive promise. It also holds serious dangers for those who seek to place God into a timetable

From the very beginning in the Garden, we have had two kingdoms on this earth. The first kingdom was the kingdom of God. Man was created to have dominion over God’s creation, and his dominion was to expand over the whole earth by obeying the command word of God. Adam was told to subdue and take dominion by obeying God’s command word. (Note that this dominion mandate was God’s first commandment to man. There are three “dominion mandates” given to men under God: Gen 1:26-28, compare Joshua 1:3 with Mat 28:19, 20. In Rom 4:13, the world is promised to Abraham’s seed.)

It could have been several years before Eve was created, for Adam had time to classify all the animals. He had intelligence and an unfallen mind, but he was not superhuman. He also had the responsibility to maintain the Garden. There were plants and animals to subdue and take dominion over in obedience to God’s command, Genesis 2:15-17.

The second kingdom was the kingdom of the Devil, or the Serpent, who promised man both life, and that he could “be as gods”. (Gen 3:4, 5. Rev 12:9 & 20:2)

• **BOTH KINGDOMS PROMISED A GLORIOUS FUTURE AGE.**

God’s glorious age would exist as man applied God’s command-word to all things. The covenant promise was then and is now that all things under man would prosper to the glory of God. (Deut 28)

The Serpent, who is a liar from the beginning, (Jn

8:44) offered a glorious age without God. He promised prosperity; man would be unhindered by the bands and cords of God's law. He could be his own god able to determine for himself what is good and bad. The serpent told Adam through Eve, that he could have all the things that pleased the eye and the flesh, as well as equal knowledge with God; he could control his own destiny without fear of death; he offered knowledge without God so he could take dominion over all creation; he could subdue God's creation for his own glory, rather than for God's.

• TWO KINGDOMS

* Two kingdoms came out of the Garden: the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the Serpent.

* Two law-systems came out of the Garden to advance those kingdoms: God's eternal law-word with the power of the Creator behind that law, and man's fiat law-word with the power of the creature behind it.

* Both systems promised to enable man to subdue and take dominion over God's creation:

The law of God—a godly law order based in the truth, “Thy word is truth”.

The law of man—the faith of our day, humanism, which is based in a lie.

God's kingdom is expanded by obeying God's command, as Adam was commanded to do. Satan's kingdom is expanded by ignoring or rejecting God's command-word, and accepting Satan's lie that man can be his own god, and follow what he thinks is right. “Christians”, by rejecting God's law, also expand the dark kingdom.

From the time Eve accepted the serpent's promise of a golden millennial age without the God of Creation, that golden age has been the dream of fallen man.

This nation was settled, however, in the belief that there would be a “golden age”, if man would obey the command word of God. That faith was spelled out in the Mayflower Compact, which was the agreement our founders made with God. We have developed the implications of that Compact in the past, and we are seeing God fulfilling his side of that agreement.

This “golden age under the law of God” was the basic faith of this nation until the War for Southern Independence. The faith in a future golden age under God changed even in the church as the church accepted Satan's lie that man did not have to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, and still inherit God's blessings.

There are many recent headlines revealing man's vain attempt to usher in a millennium without God:

“Karl Marx is the most assigned economist in U.S.

college classes

‘Communist Manifesto’ (published 1848) appears in more than 3,000 college course syllabi, researchers find.

More than 25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the onset of market-economy practices in China, “The Communist Manifesto” still ranks among the three most frequently assigned texts at American universities...

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/communist-manifesto-among-top-three-books-assigned-in-college-2016-01-27>

The “statist education establishment”, from the earliest years, is teaching that Marxism is the key to prosperity. They are being taught that man can control all things for his own glory by his own law-word.

Rejecting God's predestination through Godly obedience and Divine Providence, fallen man thinks he can predestinate his future through his laws. Actually, man does predestinate the future to a certain extent through the compulsory education laws. The children of today will control tomorrow; thus, the battle over who controls education. The founders of the “public schools” realized that humanism would not prosper without the Humanist Statist education system, which is supported by Christians.)

“Education, or knowledge, without God only makes man more effective in his rebellion.”

God's eternal hand is against the kingdom of man, and his judgment against it will continue to worsen until His predetermined time for man is expired: Psalms 76:10 “Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.” God will only let sin prosper so far. He stopped the Tower. When will he stop the modern Tower builders?

Environmentalism is a faith that expects to help bring about earth's golden age by changing the environment, and rejects that sin is the problem. Man is clearly responsible to be faithful stewards of the earth, but dominion over the earth must be under Christ our King. Otherwise, no matter how clean the environment might be, there is still death in the pot.

More fiat money and laws will only result in more death. Only the new law of God written by the finger of God in the tables of the heart will produce the life man so desperately seeks apart from God. Only Holy Spirit conversion can give man both the desire and power to properly obey God's first command to man, i.e., exercise dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Gaines 1:26)

Godly dominion is commanded over agricultures, science, medicine, math, finances, the arts and every area of life. (1.)

Example: Agriculture laws include the sabbath law of rest for the land rather than more chemicals. How can the land be returned to “organic” after it has been “subdued” by manmade poisons? How can agriculture be returned to God’s way when it has been so corrupted by sin? Only the Lord knows how his law can return his vitality to the land.

Man desires to obtain the promise of Deuteronomy 28:3-12, by his own spoken word: the gods of this world speak, and the serpent’s faith tells them that their word will come to pass, and will produce the goodness promised in Deuteronomy 28. But “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is death.” (Pro 14:12, 16:25.)

Ferguson and Baltimore were set aflame by professional agitators who incited the blacks to riot. Though many more whites are killed by the police, there is no outcry that “white lives matter.”

* **Obama to Meet with Black Lives Matter and Other Hard Left Agitators**

by S. Noble, February 18, 2016

Barack can’t make Justice Scalia’s funeral but he does have time to meet with a hate group and Civil Rights leaders of the sixties era, including tax dodger Al Sharpton. The president is building a powerful and dangerous coalition of Marxists to continue his political revolution....

<http://www.independentsentinel.com/obama-to-meet-with-black-lives-matter-and-other-hard-left-agitators/>

The Muslims, in the name of their god, are practicing the most horrible trafficking in slaves and women the world has ever seen, yet there is no word of condemnation from the feminists nor from the race hustlers.

• **MORE SLAVES TODAY THAN AT ANY TIME IN HISTORY**

There are more slaves today than at any time in human history, reported Benjamin Skinner, a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. An estimated 27 million people in the world are forced to work, held through fraud, under threat of violence, for no pay beyond subsistence, in forced marriages, in sex-trafficking and prostitution. ...

Those wanting slaves replaced Indians with Africans purchased from Muslim slave markets.

http://www.wnd.com/2016/02/more-slaves-today-than-at-any-time-in-history/?cat_orig=diversions

As in the past, the Muslims are today’s leaders in providing slaves they take after killing the men, sparing the

young men for training as Muslim killers, and placing all the young girls and women into slavery. Muslims were the ones who provided the slaves worldwide, including to the Americas.

Peace in the city is promised through gun control laws. Peace is promised through laws against “recreational” drug usage. The right combination of laws will produce a golden age, a millennial age of peace.

Fallen man believes he can improve on God’s created order, so he speaks, and tells us that GMO is better than God’s designed. However, the destructive results of GMO are being hidden from the public, for the results do not confirm his faith. (Of course, there is a “love of money” involved. Though GMOs are doing unimaginable damage to God’s created order, they are hugely profitable to the multinational corporations, e.g., Monsanto.)

Fallen man believes he can improve on God’s creation of man himself, and produce a more perfect man. So he speaks, and then works to prove his word that he spoke by faith.

• **HEAD TRANSPLANTS, AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED HUMANS.**

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/head_transplant_man_will_be_attached_to_new_body_in_under_an_hour_and_aim_is_immortality_doctor_says_10198982.html ; http://www.nature.com/news/chinese_scientists_genetically_modify_human_embryos_1.1737

Fallen Faith: Since the Garden, man has believed he can “be as gods”, and he has an unshakeable faith that “as gods”, he can speak a word, “Let there be”, and it will be so. (Gen 1) He uses “science” to accomplish his word. (“now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do”, and his imagination runs wild. Gen 11:6.)

In other words, fallen man is speaking “as gods” with the faith that he can accomplish what he has spoken, e.g., improve on God’s created order. By faith, he believes his word is true, and then uses “*science falsely so called*” to prove his faith. So those who believe they can be “as gods” speak in public as though their word is true. Their faith requires that they speak, and then proceed as though the things they imagine are actually true. Man’s fallen faith controls every area of life and thought: education, finances, agriculture, medicine, politics, &c.

Scripturally, a strong military will not provide safety when God’s hand is against a nation. We see Russia venturing into the Gulf of Mexico. Sailors are captured by a small nation, and “the strongest nation on earth” simply issues warnings. (There is a movie, “*The Wind and the Lion*” which shows how this nation treated kidnapping

in the past.)

Human wisdom says that national banking laws, particularly the FED, can produce prosperity. Those 1913 laws have caused us to borrow from even our enemies. They are permitting this nation to be sold to foreign nations one parcel at a time. What could not be accomplished by force of arms, is been accomplished by “multi-national” corporations. The love of money have caused them to send wealth-producing production offshore, allowing our enemies to purchase the US of A on the open market, even the Chicago Stock Exchange. (2.)

Observe: The farther man moves away from his love of the Triune God, the more he is controlled by his “love of money.” He cares nothing about the damage to his “neighbor”. (1 Tim 6:10)

Russia now controls over 20% of US uranium. Their purchase was allowed after they made a total of \$40 million donation to the Clinton Family Foundation while she was Secretary of State.

God’s law as the law of the land will result in rain and financial prosperity.

We watched a historically accurate documentary on Oliver Cromwell, 1599-1658. He was converted around 1630. After the 1640 beheading of King Charles 1 for treason, Cromwell became the “Lord High Protector” of England. He was known as a Puritan. He instituted God’s laws nation wide. As a result of God laws being the national law, Great Britain became strong in every sense of the word. Though prospering under Christian national law, the people could not stand God’s laws, for their hearts were still lawless. After Cromwell’s death, England brought back King Charles’s son. He reinstated the king’s word as English law, and England descended back into the abyss. He made a point of persecuting the Puritans. That persecution caused them to flee Britain, and settle here.

Fallen man looks for a golden age when he can live without law, and therefore without disease and illnesses. Follow the news reports. The big thing right now is vaccines, which are used to stop God’s curse of his promised pestilence in Deuteronomy 28:21.

Get rid of the strictness of Commandments, Biblical Christianity, and those who insist on living by those commandment, and place everything under a single world law-order. The UN will usher in Satan’s promised golden millennial age without God. There will be no more wars, no need for national defense. There will be only universal peace. All men will be equal and there will be no need of judges. (All pigs will be equal, but

some more equal than others. The French Revolution tried that approach, and failed.)

Those who live by God’s law are the problem, because they have a law which conflicts with man’s law. In order for man’s golden age to come in, the Ten Words delivered by Christ through Moses, must be removed. Moreover, those who believe and follow those laws must be silenced.

We are in a religious war which started in the Garden. Whose law, God’s or man’s, will all creation be subdued under? Both claim that the result will be a golden age: one claim is based in Truth and the other in a lie. Christians must see and understand that only conquering the world for Christ through the Gospel and the teaching of God’s law can, AND WILL, bring in peace.

Of course, the serpent’s war is against the God of Scripture and his laws. The enemy of all righteousness desires any law order other than Moses’, even Muham-

mad’s Sharia law is preferable to Christian law. (Muhammad’s law permits a man to pour gas over his wife and set her

afire if she goes out of the house without his permission).

Being created in the image of God, man’s basic battle is against its own nature.

* Man’s hope is not in himself, but in the Redeemer God.

* Man must be recreated by his Redeemer, for only then can he move away from his sin and his death sentence to serve the kingdom of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

* Man’s life must be God-centered with God’s purpose first and foremost. God’s purpose is the expansion of his kingdom of righteousness, or justice. He is to subdue the earth under obedience to and the application of God’s commands. (Mat 6:33)

According to the tempter, the only hope for a glorious millennial age is a kingdom ruled totally by man’s law. It is a totalitarian kingdom where man, through force of arms if necessary, must control everything in order to usher in that glorious millennial. Therefore, the war that started in the Garden is against God. It is against God’s law and against his people who try to work out his

law in their areas of responsibility.

The war between two law-orders rages. The reality of that war against a godly order is seen in the sodomites' attack on Christian businesses, and the support they receive in the courts.

Clearly, we have two kingdoms in conflict, each seeking to exercise dominion over God's creation.

First, man was created and commissioned to subdue and take dominion over God's creation in the name of the Lord God. He was promised that if he would obey the law of God the Creator, he would have a golden age of peace and prosperity under God. The Word of God promises life and victory ahead as the result of the new birth, the new creation and obedience to God's eternal word.

Second, on the other hand, the Devil convinced man that he could have a golden age, a glorious millennium. It would be a wonderful time with no restrictions nor obligations established by God. He promised that he could rule "as gods" on earth. Nor would he have to worry about the wrath of God against sin, for he would not surely die. The Word of God promises death for those controlled by the spirit of the anti-Christ.

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

"The world" here includes the desires of our own flesh. Self-control under God is the foundation of the promised "glorious kingdom" of God on earth. Self-control under God as a new creation in Christ will accomplish what Adam failed to accomplish; that is, future victory over the world, flesh and the devil.

The great commission gives the redeemed a great task – Christianize the world: subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." The first man Adam failed, but the Word of God promises that through the Second man Adam, his people can do what Adam failed to do, i.e., obey the Word of God.

This vision of victory is common throughout the Scripture, e.g., Psalms 47:1-9.

Spurgeon:

But it is very clear that both the present sovereignty of Jehovah, and the final victories of our Lord, are here fitly hymned, while his ascension, as the prophecy of them, is sweetly gloried in. ...

Ver. 3. He, with whom is infinite power, shall subdue the people under us. The battle is not ours but the Lord's. He will take his own time, but he will certainly achieve

victory for his church. Truth and righteousness shall through grace climb to the ascendant. We wage no doubtful warfare. Hearts the most rebellious, and wills the most stubborn, shall submit to all conquering grace.

All the Lord's people, whether Jews or Gentiles, may clap their hands at this, for God's victory will be theirs; but surely apostles, prophets, ministers, and those who suffer and labour the most, may take the largest share in the joy. Idolatry, infidelity, superstition, we shall yet tread upon, as men tread down the stones of the street. And the nations under our feet. The church of God shall be the greatest of monarchies, her victory shall be signal and decisive. Christ shall take to himself his great power and reign, and all the tribes of men shall own at once his glory and the glory of his people in him. How changed will be the position of affairs in coming ages! The people of God have been under the feet of men in long and cruel persecutions, and in daily contempt; but God will reverse the position, and the best in character shall be first in honour.

The promise of Christ's world-wide victory is through the preaching of the gospel, Psalms 110, is repeated many times: Matthew 22:14, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, Acts 2:34, 35, Hebrews 1:3.

The battle between two law systems started in the Garden. One being God's law used to subdue all things under Christ, and the other man's law used to subdue all things under his feet. The psalmist celebrates God's total victory before the end! In Psalms 2, the Lord invites us laugh with him at the vain efforts of the wicked, expect the total victory of Jesus, and joyfully proclaim Christ's total victory in the face of all adversities and battles.

End Notes

1. Banks resort to negative interest amid market collapse

["A negative interest rate means the central bank and perhaps private banks will charge negative interest: instead of receiving money on deposits, depositors must pay regularly to keep their money with the bank. This is intended to incentivize banks to lend money more freely and businesses and individuals to invest, lend, and spend money rather than pay a fee to keep it safe." The target is 10%. Thus, \$10,000 will only produce \$9,000 when withdrawn. The purpose is to force large depositors, companies especially, to spend the money.]

.... "We had previously considered them and decided that they would not work well to foster accommodation back in 2010," Yellen told the Senate committee. "In light of the experience of European countries and others that have gone to negative rates, we're taking a look at them again because we would want to be prepared in the event that we needed to add accommodation."

As the selloff intensifies, the concern is that, unlike in 2008, central banks worldwide have "run out of ammuni-

TRUTH

By Larry Lilly

One of, perhaps even my favorite Roman, was a lawyer named Marcus Tullius Cicero. History notes him as being a much more accomplished man than simply a lawyer. He is called a statesman, philosopher, and constitutionalist. One writer posited that he had learned of the coming Messiah and wore a cross some fifty years before the advent of Christ. Interesting to say the least.

As a strict constitutionalist, Cicero was hated by Caesar a passion so strong that Cicero came to his end in BC 43 at the hands of government assassins. His head and hands were severed from his body and nailed over the entrance to the Forum. His insistence that Rome was a Constitutional Republic and not a dictatorship cost him his head, literally.

On this Presidents' Day when the winds of lawlessness are blowing at near hurricane velocity, with ranting about what the current president is planning to do and backing it up with what other presidents have done, it makes you wonder where is the thought processes of the peasantry? Note this gem from Cicero:

"The first law for the historian is that he shall never dare write an untruth. The second is that he shall suppress nothing that is true." Cicero.

Think about "write an untruth" or "suppress a truth."

On many avenues recent history is marked with deletions as well as insinuations leading to incorrect conclusions.

Christian historians are as prone to redacting or rewording as are secular ones. Recently I spent an entire afternoon discussing a much discussed issue about Bible Believing people of which I am one. When the day was near over, the man who came to see me stated, "Larry, what you are showing me is true, but can the people handle it?" My answer was and is simple, "Jesus is the author of truth and is Himself the embodiment thereof."

I have to admit that I personally believe that any person who has their records sealed from public view is not fit for election as the local dog catcher or to have a special holiday day named after them.

I use a book written by Dr. O.S. Hawkins titled, *The Pastor's Guide to Leading & Living* as a training tool to teach men in prison to learn how to be a pastor figure to others in the prison. Hawkins makes this statement about interviewing prospective staff members; "Do you have any skeletons in your closet that you would not want me to find out about later?" Be up front!

John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

tion." [to control the economy]. ...

Cheap money policies, aimed at lowering the cost of borrowing, largely for corporate clients, have been implemented through policies known as "Quantitative Easing," in which central banks print money used in turn to buy government debt, with the goal of keeping interest rates at or near zero. (Thus, the private bank, the Federal Reserve, the FED, owns the public debt, bought with "money" they printed. The funds one borrows is fiat money—money spoken into existence by man's word: he spoke, and the money exists with a simple computer entry. Everything you borrowed money for is owned by the FED through your lending institution.)

"The artificial support from central banks is at a crossroads," Evan Lucas of IG Australia in Melbourne told the Guardian. "Central bank intervention will no longer create the holding pattern of the past year; markets now believe banks are out of ammunition."

The difference in 2016, compared to 2008, is that today – after nearly eight years of worldwide debt accumulating to unprecedented heights – central banks are "out of ammunition." Resuming a policy of Quantitative Easing printing of money to lower interest rates to zero would only result in further depressing commercial bank profits worldwide.

Read the article at <http://www.wnd.com/2016/02/banks-resort-to-negative-interest-amid-market-collapse/>

Negative central bank interest rates now herald new danger for the world

Sub-zero rates are becoming the "new abnormal" in a shaky world economy. With fresh panic hitting markets, are we finally hitting the limits of what monetary policy can achieve

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/economics/12149894/Mapped-Why-negative-interest-rates-herald-new-danger-for-the-world.html>

God's people must learn to live debt-free, following Paul's instruction to owe no man anything. (Rom 13:8) Get what funds you have out of the bank, leaving only enough to pay current bills.

2. China to buy Chicago Stock Exchange

"Congress Is Wary of Chinese Deal for Chicago Stock Exchange"

<http://www.bloombergvew.com/articles/2016-02-17/congress-is-wary-of-chinese-deal-for-chicago-stock-exchange>

China is buying up American companies fast, and it's freaking people out.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/chinese-outbound-acquisitions-concerns-2016-2>

3. Carrier workers' rage over move to Mexico caught on video

<http://money.cnn.com/2016/02/12/news/companies/carrier-moving-jobs-mexico-youtube/index.html>

Here's few zingers about truth that are worth a glance if not deep thought. I would recommend the deep thought.

"It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place." Henry Louis Mencken.

"The least initial deviation from the truth is multiplied later a thousand fold." Aristotle.

"Beware of the half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half." Anonymous.

When you stop and think about it, truth/honesty in human relations is designed to act as a medicant, a healer. Based on this idea of healing there is seldom a need for the phrase, "Now listen here, I am going to tell you the brutal truth." There is a difference between telling someone the brutal truth versus a painful truth. Brutal is to do something with intent to harm. Painful usually means a little pain to enhance gain. Every gym rat knows this. The brutal against the painful tells more about the teller than the recipient.

In many ways the redeemed Charles Colson set the pace for people with something shameful in their yesterdays by leading, especially in his early writings, with a statement about his role in the Watergate Scandal. We all could learn a lot about being honest and up front and as did Colson discover a wide forgiveness from the Lord and His people.

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Daniel 7:13-14

CHRIST SETS UP HIS EVERLASTING DOMINION

By Thomas Williamson

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

These verses predict that the Messiah will come and set up a Kingdom and a dominion that is everlasting, and will never be destroyed. It is very important for us to know just when this event takes place. If Christ set up His everlasting dominion and kingdom at His first advent, then we are in that kingdom now. If He failed to set up the kingdom the first time around, and we are waiting for Him to try again at His Second Coming,

then we are not yet in the kingdom.

The Scofield note on Daniel 7:14 tells us that "Daniel 7:13-14 . . . antedates the fulfillment of Daniel 2:34-35." Okay, let's check out Daniel 2:34-35: "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

Daniel 2:44-45 tells us when this stone will smite the image: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed. . . . Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter."

This great kingdom, represented as a mountain that will fill the whole earth and never be destroyed, will be set up "in the days of these kings." Which kings? There is almost universal agreement that the image of Daniel 2 represents 4 great world empires and that the 4th great empire was that of Rome. Sometime during the time of the Roman Empire, God was going to set up a kingdom that would never be destroyed. If God did not keep that promise during the time of the Roman Empire, then it is too late for the prophecy to be fulfilled, because the Roman Empire is completely dead and gone.

Did God set up the kingdom promised in Daniel 2 while the Roman Empire was still in existence? The answer is yes: Christ said in Matthew 12:28, "If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you." In Luke 16:16 He said, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Paul, a Roman citizen, said that God "hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son," Colossians 1:13.

Did Christ set up an everlasting dominion at His first advent, thus fulfilling the promise of Daniel 7:13-14? The answer is yes: Christ said in Matthew 28:18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." It would be hard to imagine a more all-encompassing dominion than this - all power and authority, in heaven and earth.

We are now in that kingdom which was promised in Daniel 2:34-35 and 7:13-14. This is a strong argument for church perpetuity - the conviction that there always have been true New Testament churches on earth, from

the First Century until now. If the kingdom will never be destroyed, then the Lord's churches will always continue on earth, and Christ will receive glory through His Church throughout all ages, Ephesians 3:21.

Not only will there always be true Christians and true churches on earth, but there will also be a victorious growth of Christianity, which Daniel compares to a mountain filling the whole earth (see also Matthew 13:31-33, Galatians 4:27).

Some will object to the teaching that we are now in the Kingdom - they have been taught that the Kingdom is earthly in nature and does not begin until after Christ's Second Coming. But we have already seen ample teaching from the New Testament that we are already in the Kingdom and that it is not an earthly kingdom, since Christ told Pilate in John 18:36, "My kingdom is not of this world."

Also, we are told that the Kingdom set up in Daniel 2 and 7 is everlasting, and shall not be destroyed. That certainly would not apply to any temporal, earthly kingdom, which would come to an end when the Millennium is over. Clearly the Kingdom that was promised in Daniel 2 and 7 is spiritual in nature - we don't have to wait for it to be set up; we are in it now and it shall never be destroyed.

Somehow we have gotten the impression that Daniel 7:13-14 will not be fulfilled until Christ's Second Coming, but the text clearly states that the fulfillment takes place when the Son of man comes to the Ancient of days, and is brought near before Him. This took place at Christ's Ascension, after His resurrection. It could not possibly refer to Christ's Second Coming, since Christ at that time will depart from the immediate presence of the Ancient of Days, rather than being brought before Him.

Greg Bahnsen and Kenneth Gentry, in "House Divided," say concerning this passage, "Daniel sees the expansion of the kingdom to the point of dominion in the earth (Daniel 2:31-35, 44-45; cp. Isaiah 9:6-7). The Messiah's ascension and session will guarantee that 'all people, nations and languages should serve Him' (Daniel 7:13-14). It must be noticed that Daniel 7:13-14 speaks of the Christ's ascension to the Ancient of Days, not His return to the earth. It is from this ascension to the right hand of God that there will flow forth universal dominion."

Scofield is correct in stating that the events in Daniel 7:13-14 are identical with those of Revelation 5:1-7. But what we sometimes fail to realize is that the events of Revelation 5 are not in the future - they were fulfilled

shortly after His resurrection, when Christ ascended to the Ancient of Days. As a result of Christ rising, ascending to the Father and being seated on David's throne at God's right hand (Acts 2:29-36), it is a present truth that Christ has redeemed us to God by His blood, Revelation 5:9, and that we have been made unto our God kings and priests, Revelation 1:6, 5:10, 1 Peter 2:9. The Apostle John speaks of all these things as being in the past tense - they are already fulfilled. We are not waiting for Christ to set up that kingdom in which we serve as kings and priests, nor are we working to bring the kingdom in - it was already a present reality at the time that John wrote, and it is a present reality today.

Jamieson, Fausset and Brown say concerning Daniel 7:13-14: "This investiture was at His ascension 'with the clouds of heaven' (Acts 1:9; 2:33-34; Psalm 2:6-9; Matthew 28:18), which is a pledge of His return 'in like manner' in the clouds (Acts 1:11; Matthew 26:64), and 'with clouds' (Revelation 1:7). The kingdom then was given Him in title and invisible exercise; at His second coming it shall be in visible administration. . . . The words, 'in the clouds,' and the universal power actually, though invisibly, given Him then (Ephesians 1:20-22), agree best with His investiture at the ascension." (That coming could also be understood as coming in clouds of judgment against the old Jewish world, 70 A.D. Ed.)

Matthew Henry agrees that Daniel 7:13-14 refers to Christ's ascension: "When the cloud received Him out of the sight of His disciples, it is worth while to enquire whither it carried Him; and here we are told He ascended to 'his Father and our Father, to his God and our God' (John 20:17). He was brought near, as our high priest, who for us enters within the veil, and as our forerunner. He is represented as having a mighty influence upon the earth, v. 14."

Concerning Daniel 7:14, Adam Clarke says, "This also is applied to our Lord Jesus by Himself, after His resurrection, Matthew 28:18. 'His dominion is an everlasting dominion.' Christianity shall increase, and prevail, to the end of the world."

Matthew Poole says, "This relates to His ascension, Acts 1:9-11, at which time, though King before, Matthew 2:2, yet now, and not before, He seems to receive His royal investiture for the protection of His church and the curbing of their enemies, which He says he had before, Matthew 28:18, 1 Corinthians 15:25, Daniel 2:44."

Christ's dominion, as described in Daniel 7:13-14, is a present reality, and it has been for almost 2000 years. It is time for us to get with the program, and to have un-

derstanding of the times, to know what God's spiritual Israel ought to do, 1 Chronicles 12:32.

WAR WITH THE WORLD

H. Rondel Rumburg

The war against God and His Word is as furious as ever. The world provides mindless entertainment but God's Word presents truth that must be thought out, believed and practiced or rejected. There is no fence straddling allowed. He said you were either for Him or against Him. This is a contention despised by the modern culture of paganism. Why? It demands attention, thought, repentance and faith. Who wants to contemplate his sin and seek resolution with the offended God? It is easier to reject any belief and enjoy the desires of the human flesh. Paul warned us via inspiration—"Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play" (1 Cor. 10:7). This is modern humanity! The god of Play and Entertainment is the god with whom men feel satisfied.

What follows is a description that captivated me because it encapsulates the war we are in today: "The old system just keeps coming back. Not that long after the Flood's waters had receded, Nimrod stretched forth his hands to receive the astrological charts from atop Babel's tower. The sands of Egypt were still between the toes of Moses when he proceeded down the mountain of thundering and lightnings, tables in hand, only to find the Hebrews dancing around a golden calf. The people of God multiplied under the Roman knife, but then the pantheon strangely reappeared over the church altar. The fire of the Reformation pushed the gods back until the icon-making machines of the twentieth century ushered them back again in living color." Arthur W. Hunt III

Popular culture has revitalized the pagan gods and now they are live in our homes. The need is the renunciation of idolatry and the transformation of God the Spirit. Only the Word of God can make one wise unto salvation. Most of the inhabitants of the modern culture do not like to read and that is true especially with the x-ray of God's truth. However, God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ still saves sinners, but they are hard to find in a culture of "I'm ok, you're ok!"

VARIOUS

** Establishment ghosts haunt Cruz:

"Those ghosts have been, in fact, hiding in the closet of

Cruz's wife, Heidi, Gheen said.

He said Heidi Cruz, as an executive for Goldman Sachs and former member of the Council on Foreign Relations, "works in the command center of the establishment elites. ..." (Goldman Sachs is one of the leaders in defrauding its depositors. Get your money out of the bank.)

<http://www.wnd.com/2016/02/immigration-watchdog-too-many-establishment-ghosts-haunt-cruz/>

However, Cruz is the only candidate with a Christian and constitutional voting record.

** Kids, 13-18, told to pick gender from 2 dozen options

<http://www.wnd.com/2016/01/kids-13-18-told-to-pick-gender-from-2-dozen-options/>

** Higher Learning: University Offers For-Credit Course on 'Taco-Literacy'

Required reading includes books like "Taco Planet" and "Tacopedia."

<http://www.truthrevolt.org/news/higher-learning-university-offers-credit-course-taco-literacy>

Colleges are hurting for money and for foolish parents from whom to extract that money. Easy courses mean more students, which means more money. Maybe a degree in making tocos will lead to a job at Taco Bell.

** Student punished for refusing to recite Islamic profession of faith

<http://www.wnd.com/2016/01/student-punished-for-refusing-to-recite-islamic-profession-of-faith/>

** 3 Deltona Middle School students accused of poisoning teacher

Three girls facing felony offenses, officials say. 2/27/16

DELTONA, Fla. —Three Deltona Middle School students are facing criminal charges for allegedly spiking a soda with spicy hot pepper that sickened their teacher, according to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office launched its investigation after being notified of the incident on Thursday. By early Friday evening, three 12-year-old girls were under arrest.

According to investigators, the incident was caused by a student who was angry about being disciplined. ...

<http://www.wesh.com/news/3-deltona-middle-school-students-accused-of-poisoning-teacher/38221364>

(The hot pepper spiked soda caused the 53 year old female teacher's throat to close to where she could not breathe. We need a new law. In this case, a "hot pepper free" zone.)

God is clearly exposing the wickedness of statist's education for the world to see. How can Christians ignore what is taking place, particularly when the anti-Christ spirit of the state is starting to force the Islamiza-

tion of the U. S. of A. The state education centers are wicked and dangerous dens of iniquity. (They depend on “Gun free zone” and “Drug free zone” signs to protect them from shootings and drugs. Without Christ, there can be no logical thinking; they are an idiot: “early 14c., ‘person so mentally deficient as to be incapable of ordinary reasoning;’”) Standing before God, no Christian will be able to justify turning HIS children over to the anti-Christ to be educated in anti-Christian values.

“But my school is different!” Get your head out of the sand, and read the curriculum that the children are required to learn, especially those books they are told not to take home. At the very least, a family is defined as a group of people living together. Furthermore, they are clearly being converted to Islam, *i.e.*, peace through conversion to Mohomadism.

** Zika Outbreak Epicenter In Same Area Where GM Mosquitoes Were Released In 2015

<http://www.infowars.com/zika-outbreak-epicenter-in-same-area-where-gm-mosquitoes-were-released-in-2015/>

** Reports of Zika Cases Growing Quickly in U.S.

CDC says the majority are travelers bringing the disease home

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/reports-of-zika-cases-growing-quickly-in-u-s-1456521970>

It seems we have another plague, as is Lyme’s Disease, released upon mankind by a government gone mad, believing it can be “as gods”. We have yet to see what plagues have been released by GMOs. The Lord sits in the heavens and laughs at man’s madness, while the righteous as well as the unrighteous must suffer at the hands of that madness. Read Deuteronomy 28:15ff.

• SAFE AT LAST

I took down my Rebel flag (which you can’t buy on e-bay any more) and peeled the NRA sticker off the front door. I disconnected my home alarm system and quit the Neighborhood Watch.

I bought two Pakistani flags and put one at each corner of the front yard. Then I purchased the black flag of ISIS (which you CAN buy on e-bay) and put it in the CENTER of the yard. Now, the local police, sheriff, FBI, CIA, NSA, Homeland Security, Secret Service and other agencies are all watching the house 24/7.

I’ve NEVER felt safer and I’m saving \$69.95 a month that ADT charged me. Plus, I bought a dish-dasha and keffiyeh for myself and an abaya for my wife to wear when we shop or travel. Everyone moves out of our way and security can’t pat us down.

Safe at last - only in USA!

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God’s Judicial blindness is upon us

AMERICA’S SUICIDAL SELF-IDENTITY PROBLEM

By Bob McCurry

“We the People” in our “exceptional” pride and unrepentant arrogance have methodically and systematically produced a land and culture loaded with and defined by people who really and truly seem to believe that they are whatever they label themselves to be.

We have men who think they’re women.

We have women who think they’re men.

We have homosexuals who think they’re healthy.

We have “transgenders” who think they’re...well... whatever they think they are at any given moment.

We have white people who think they’re black people.

We even have humans who think they’re animals.

And we have stark raving Socialists who think they’re conservative Christians, including the biblically illiterate strip club and casino promoter who is in the process of sucking up huge numbers of evangelical votes in the Republican primaries.

Welcome to America!

Be sure to take a picture...at this rate, God will likely not suffer its existence for very much longer.

Repent and reform accordingly.

Wake-up, Pastors! Wake-up, Christians!

• JUDICIAL BLINDNESS AND THE FOLLOWING HEAVY HAND OF JUDGMENT AGAINST A NATION.

What has happened in the last decade that has caused those who profess to be God fearing, Bible believing Christians to flock to a man who is an open pagan? The choice will be between the anit-Christian, Trump, and Hillary, who should be in prison.

I was going to “reinvent the wheel”, but space is limited, so let me urge you to check out two past articles concerning Judicial Blindness and Judgment:

<http://biblicalexaminer.org/w200907.html#JudicialBlindness> ;

<http://www.biblicalexaminer.org/w199207.htm>

As Bro McCurry said, “Be sure to take a picture”. We will have to tell our children and grandchildren what this nation was like, for its Christian history is being erased from memory. The winners of any war rewrite history.

God’s heavy hand of judgment is upon us. The Christian America as founded so many years ago is now history as much as is the 1000 year old distinctly Christian Byzantine Empire, which gave us the Western Christian Justinian code as Western law.

Humanism has waged an all out war against that

“code”, and has won. America, as every other nation, has chosen death over life, and God is letting all who have forsaken him be turned into hell.

Interesting note: Constantine founded Constantinople in 330 AD, which became the capital of the Byzantine Empire. It established gold and silver as its legal money, so it became the world center of trade, and accumulated great wealth. In 1204 AD, because of its wealth, the Crusaders on their way to free Jerusalem from the Turks, Muslims, plundered Constantinople. The city finally fell to the Ottoman Turks in 1453 AC.

Christians should know that the answer is not in man, but it must be in the Man, Christ Jesus. The answer is in Matthew 28:19, 20, not the voting booth. The gospel and instruction in the applications of the law are the only ways to stop the disintegration of our nation, and of the world. The rise of “the Donald” and the total dedication of the establishment to exalt Hillary shows us that even Christians have placed their faith in men who are in the spirit of the Anti-Christ.

Yet in spite of the apparent impending flood of fiery wrath against sin, we have a sure promise: judgment descends like the rain so that righteousness, justice and salvation might flourish as the crops in the field. What a marvelous day in which the faithful servants of God live.

BILL GOTHARD

The Gothard Truth comes out in the courtroom, to the shame of the name Christian.

Six more women accuse minister with ties to the Duggars of sexually abusing and harassing them at school where Josh was sent after he abused his sisters

* Eighteen people have filed a complaint against Bill Gothard and the Institute in Basic Life Principles, including six new women * One woman, Jennifer Spurlock, claimed she was sexually abused by Gothard for years as a teenager. Daniel Dorsett, one of Gothard’s drivers, claims in court filings that between 1994 and 1996 he saw the minister abuse more than 150 girls

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3453944/Woman-details-sexual-abuse-suffered-teen-hands-minister-treated-Josh-Duggar-church-leader-s-driver-alleges-abused-150-girls.html>

Search “Bill Gothard” at Spiritual Sounding Board for latest legal brief, and more about his “sex abuse” than you want to know.

<http://spiritualsoundingboard.com/?s=Bill+Gothard&submit=S>

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One would think that with all the lurid publicity about Gothard, that Independent Baptists would be scrambling and jumping all over each other to publicly disassociate themselves from him, but I know of no church that has cut loose from Gothard. Is it because they want to continue to use his “Chain of Command” teachings to control their lay people? No doubt those churches will find it more and more difficult to persuade people from an evangelical background, who have heard about Gothard, to join any church who associates with him.

I have seen the terrible anguish of those who have tried to leave professed Bible believing churches that follow a Gothard type of “Chain of Command”, which gives the pastor dictatorial power over the people. My wife and I have seen that anti-Christian “Chain” in action, as it is used to control and abuse the “Sheep of His Pasture”, the people of God.

PERSONAL

Not much has happened in the last few weeks, other than medical. We have had many doctor visits to the VA in Chillicothe: 1. Eyes (cataract surgery) requiring at least 5 visits to him by the time both eyes are done. 2. Terrible back pain from the scoliosis which developed from my short left leg; Chillicothe sent me to a shoe store that specializes in special shoes, again in Cincinnati. (My heating with wood days are about over, and we must switch to LP. Ouch!) 3. Breathing problems; surgery scheduled in Cincinnati. 4. I am being referred to a neurologist by a doctor who is doubtful of but concerned about Parkinson’s Disease. 5. I have been referred to a dermatologist for an unidentified growth that requires further examination. 6. Another “scan” for an unidentified mass close to my spleen.

“Brethren, pray for us.”

The Lord is good in that he has provided the medical help as needed through the VA. Care is a little slower here than it was in Martinsburg WV, but it is as good as any civilian medical care.

It seems like the above is all about “me”, but “me” has consumed our time for the last month, and will totally consume our time for the next several weeks. However, we do plan to go to a Bible Conference March 18, 19th in Indianapolis, for which I have reprinted most of my booklets. (<http://www.1689conference.org/> See www.biblicalexaminer.org for a list of those books.) We would certainly like to meet you there.

We are used to living on a mountaintop where the water drained away quickly. Here, because the clay soil prevents the water from seeping down, it seems like we are living in a swamp. In fact, it is so flat and the water table so high that it is common practice to unite the ends of the septic "leach" lines together, and drain them to a road side ditch, which we need to do. We have been assured that it will dry out, and the many fields around us will be planted.

Though the young can sing the following with heart, the aches and pains that come with old age allows us to sing it with meaning. It is in the Trinity Hymnal, written by Samuel Rutherford, 1600-1661:

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for, The fair sweet morn awakes;
Dark, dark hath been the mid-night, but day-spring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwellth In Emanuel's land.

The King there in his beauty Without a veil is seen;
It were a well spent journey Though sev'n deaths lay between:
The Lamb with his fair army Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwellth In Emanuel's land.

Oh Christ, he is the fountain, The deep sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwellth In Emanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear bride-groom's face;

I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of Grace;
Not at the crown he giveth, But on his pierced hand:
The Lamb is all the glory Of Emanuel's land. Amen

The things that go with old age remind us that life is like a vapor which quickly dissipates into the air, leaving only a memory behind, Use what time you have left for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom on earth.

May God add his blessings to his word.

DROPBOX

A couple of years ago, some folks requested that I make my Sunday messages available. They are located at [dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com), a very useful, free program for sending large files. (I commonly used it to send 100 meg files.) Many new computers come with dropbox installed. It works with Windows and Mac. The files are available in either rtf or doc.

**** Past Examiners, PDF:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u7s7laa9fwj21p0/AADryPu6R6a0PsXkCuNoShxea?dl=0>

• **EPHESIANS:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8g549gw6oqvsoxg/AAB8H1JwOd0KGY34TsYpVMRja?dl=0>

**** Hebrews.** Due to time restraints, only Hebrews ch 1-8 are finished.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fpqpcsi8e0cjr26/AACGA01-q0v3HXm24L7674Xqa?dl=0>

**** Jonah**

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/aorapi75i6bbtfi/AAABM_EX7nB0BqeyqclCjiIa?dl=0

**** Tongues.** 15 Mp3 messages delivered by George Gardner in Bangor Main maybe back in the early 80s. These mp3s were made from cassette tapes I purchased back in the '80s. I have kept them available on Dropbox by requests; download and use them for the glory of God. Mr. Gardner, who also has some books on the subject, was deep in the tongues movement, and speaks from personal experience. The mp3s are here:

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(Windows, but installs on Mac under Wine, and Linux. Someone gave me a stack of 3.5" disk back in the late 1980s, and I have used it ever since. It was unbelievable how much time it saved in my study. When Larry put it on CD, Scouby was a \$40 option, which I got. Now, it is included. TWOT was also an expensive option back then.)

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