REVEALING OF THE ANTICHRIST

Putting the Final Pieces in Place

THERE IS A SENSE that the one called the Antichrist is on the scene today and that it is our generation that will see him in person...eyeball to eyeball."

The sense of his presence putting in place the final pieces before he reveals himself appears to be a no-brainer. The whole world seems to be energized with a sense of anticipation that a major world changing global event is about to take place. That much looked for event is the revealing of the Antichrist who will offer solutions for the world's economic woes.

There are two main events at work today that will set the stage for the revealing of the Antichrist. The one is the collapse of the U.S. Economy and the second is the realignment of the nations into economic unions.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY

Since World War II the U.S. dollar has been the world's primary reserve currency, meaning that the rest of the world buys and sells according to the value and strength of the U.S. dollar. As long as the dollar remains a relevant currency, then the world is not able to move toward a global economy. The U.S. economy must collapse before the Antichrist's economics is established and is presently being moved toward this collapse. Already the government is in a position of debt that it cannot get out of; the Euro is now the dollar's strongest competitor and will overtake the dollar; the housing and financial crises are just another wedge to prevent economic stability; our outsourcing of jobs overseas transfers our manufacturing and technological base out of America; and the move of nations out of the U.S. dollar into the Euro will eventually cripple the U.S. dollar. We have to look at our economic situation and realize there are serious troubles that many believe are impossible to overcome. I agree and am convinced that the stage is being set to usher in a cashless society when the U.S. collapses.

Revelation 13:16-18 warns that the Antichrist will establish an economic system throughout the entire world that will require everyone to buy and sell with a mark, not cash. A cashless society, as we see being established today, will be here soon. There is no doubt that the collapse of the American economy will usher in this "mark" system throughout all nations. When the electronic/computerized system is ready, the plug will be pulled on the U.S. economy; that day could happen any day now. We could wake up one morning and find ourselves buying and selling in a brand-new way. When it will happen is now a matter of a cold, hard, calculating decision when the decision makers say, "It is time." What Americans don't realize is that this could all literally happen at any moment. We could wake up one morning and 'poof' life as we know it has drastically changed.

THE REALIGNMENT OF NATIONS

Even as the collapse of the U.S. economy is in motion, so is the realigning of all nations into economic unions. Presently the European Union, African Union, Union of South American Nations, the Pacific Union, Caribbean Community, Central Asian Union, and the Asia Union have been formed. The Mediterranean Union, South Asian Union, East Asian Union, and the North American Union is now in the process of becoming economic unions. Having only a dozen or less economies to control is much easier than having hundreds of varied economies. It has been said that "Whoever controls the money, controls the people." When the Antichrist mandates the cashless global economy, he will also have control over governments and peoples.

In Revelation 17:11-13 we are warned that the Antichrist will establish ten kingdoms on the earth when he is in power. There is no doubt that the economic unions now being formed today will become the kingdoms that will be given to the Antichrist's hand-picked chosen kings. Having these realignments in place is also a pre-requisite to the revealing of the Antichrist to the world. Once ready, along with the infrastructure for a cashless society, the plug will be pulled on the U.S. economy and will disappear into the drain of history. Those nations resistant to the unions will not be able to trade with the majority of nations who are part of a union. All nations will eventually comply compelled by necessity.

WHAT DO WE DO?

There is no doubt in this author's mind that the collapse of the U.S. dollar and the present economic realignment of nations will pave the way for the revealing of the Antichrist. Our question now is: "What do we do?"

According to Daniel 11:32, 33 there are three things we can do as we see these things happening:

- 1. Be strong. Many will see what is taking place on the earth and will become fearful.
- 2. Do exploits. Many who understand what is happening will take action to expose what is really going on.
- 3. Instruct many. Those who understand are to explain to others what is going on.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Truly these are dark days we are living in. The darkness will become so great that the Gospel will be banned and Christians killed; these days will soon be here—it won't be long. It is crucial that we share the good news that Jesus shared with us in Mark 1:15: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

In our twenty-first century sin and darkness is great and embraces all aspects of our culture. It is imperative that the light that remains shines wherever it is. You are that light and as you shine doing your good works, remember that no one will ever know the one you're working for if you don't tell them; how will they hear if there is not someone to tell them? (Romans 10:14)

The Bible is clear that most people, inside and outside the denominations, do not fear God, neither

put their trust in Him. You do not have to be part of the most people. You can put your trust in Him today and then go and tell everyone you know about the God who created the world, died for their sins, rose from the dead, and gave a marvelous hope to all who will receive it. Time is short. Most people need to hear the message that Jesus taught. Do your part to help them to hear the message that Jesus preached:

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