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I'm going to start by reading part of an article published in World Net Daily News site; it's talking about the call for a One World Govt. & a Global Economic System. I think J.D. mentioned this in a video I sent out last week. Here's the quote:

<https://www.wnd.com/2020/03/former-british-prime-minister-wants-1-world-government/>

"Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown says it's going to take a one-world government to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's a two-part problem", the former Labor leader explained: "First the medical crises and then the economic shutdown imposed in response."

"This is not something that can be dealt with in one country, there has to be a coordinated global response.

"It should start with a task force of world leaders, health experts and the heads of international groups that would have the power to coordinate the response."

He explained: "This is first and foremost a medical emergency and there has to be joint action to deal with that. But the more you intervene to deal with the medical emergency, the more you put economies at risk."

While individual countries have their own issues, he said, it would take a task force to "make sure the efforts of central banks were coordinated; take steps to prevent the record flight of capital from emerging market economies; and agree on a joint approach to the use of government spending to boost growth," the report said." (What is needed is a global economy to mitigate the risk of global economic collapse).

Also, Pope Francis is following up on his 2019 call for a global religion and has set a date to repeat that call in Rome on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.cogwriter.com/news/religious-news/bin-pope-pushes-one-world-religion-on-israels-independence-day/>

So, we have a one world government, one world economic system and one world religion in the making.

All three are prophesied in Revelation chapter 13 and we are on the cusp of their fulfillment.

I could send dozens of videos and articles documenting the hundreds of events that are taking place around our world from pandemics to social unrest to the collapse of economies – all of which demonstrate our time in history.

The Lord is faithfully bringing information to those in the Church who have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to this generation.

I want to read two passages to set the stage for where we will be going tonight:

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. (2 Thess. 2:3-10)

And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. (Rev. 13:1-6)

Tonight, we're going to be looking at the work of the Antichrist, not primarily as it applies to the world, but as it applies to us – the Church.

We are now seeing Satan begin to build the global infrastructure for the Antichrist's kingdom.

Even though the Church will not be here when that kingdom launches, the fact that we are seeing the pieces fall into place now not only shows us how close we are to being removed from this planet, but seeing the underlying philosophy of the kingdom of Antichrist can help us avoid being taken in by this deception.

As one author puts it,

"We are to learn from the scriptures what the religious condition of the world and of the Church is at the period immediately preceding Christ's return; and what is predicted of the Antichrist. So, we must look at the nature of the apostasy as preparatory to the coming of the man of sin. Having a clear conception of that apostasy in its final development, we can examine the theological and philosophical tendencies of the present time in order to see how far it is a preparation for the fulfilment of the scriptural predictions."

Satan has intensified his efforts to bring about apostasy within Christianity.

It may be difficult for some to get their minds wrapped around the idea that the spirit of Antichrist is at work within the Church to draw her away from the truth - but it's clearly predicted so it's a reality we have to face.

We're going to look at the Antichrist's work to see the similarities between what he will do in deceiving the nations and how that approach is already active within Christianity.

As S.J. Andrews writes,

“In this enquiry we are especially concerned with the doctrine of Paul and John respecting the nature of the apostasy as preparatory to the coming of the man of lawlessness; we must proceed to examine the religious and the philosophical tendencies of the present time, that we may know its real character and how far it is a preparation for the fulfillment of the Bible's predictions. . . Do we see in its spirit and principles a preparation for the antichrist?” (Yes, we do).

In 1 Tim. 4:1 Paul calls this apostasy a 'departure'.

Some shall depart from the faith . . . and embrace doctrines of demons.

In his warning to the elders at Ephesus in Acts 20:29-30, Paul said,

I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among you men will arise, speaking that which is false, to draw away the disciples after them.

Something to never forget about the ambition of the enemy is recorded in Lucifer's boast in Isaiah 14:14

I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.

Satan's ultimate goal has always been to “be like God” – Satan imitates God to try and show that he can do what God does. Some examples would be:

- God is trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
  - Satan's trinity is himself as father, the antichrist as son and the false prophet as the spirit

- God has children
  - Satan has children: Matthew 13:38, “The field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one.”
- God marks those who belong to Him: In Rev. 7:3 we read, “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”
  - Satan will mark those who are his: Rev. 13:16, “And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead.”
- God is worshipped
  - Satan’s goal is to be worshipped as God – in the temptation of Christ, Lucifer said to the Lord, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” (Matthew 4:9)

To understand the schemes and power of the spirit of Antichrist in our generation, we have to look at the nature of the pharaoh’s magicians battle with Moses.

The mode in which they battled Moses was by imitating whatever he did.

If Moses performed miracles to get the people out of Egypt, they would work miracles to keep them in.

The most satanic resistance to God’s testimony in this world in the last days is those who, in his power, imitate the truth.

People like this can do the same things, adopt the same forms, use the same phraseology and profess the same convictions as Christians.

If the Christian feeds the hungry, visits the sick, teaches the scriptures, witnesses to the lost, engages in prayer, sings worship songs, then the imitator will also do all these things.

Some of you may remember this quote from Vance Hafner that I shared a couple years ago,

“The devil is not fighting Christianity. He’s too smart for that. He is producing a counterfeit Christianity, so much like the real one that good Christians are afraid to speak out against it. We are plainly told in the Scriptures that in the last days men will not endure sound doctrine but will heap to themselves teachers to tickle their ears. Popular preachers have developed ear-tickling into a fine art.”

The enemy doesn’t try to destroy the church by persecution alone, but also by deception – the substitution of the imitation for the real, so that when those in our churches believe they are experiencing genuine spiritual reality, they are actually experiencing what is coming from the principalities and powers who disguise themselves as angels of light.

It’s like Hosea said in Hosea 4:6,

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Remember what the church really is - the body of Christ. It is Christ in visible expression (no more, no less), it is not an organization or denomination or movement; *we* have made it those things, not God.

The Church in its pure and true state is the visible, outward expression of the invisible indwelling Spirit of Christ.

This is not about who and what we are, but about who Christ is in us.

As Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20,

It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

Christ desires to live in us and is not impressed by our attempts to imitate Him – to try and do what only He can do.

This is not the age of a new movement or religion, but of God indwelling His people and revealing Himself to the world through them.

Satan’s deception is to limit or remove our complete dependence on Christ and replace Christ’s life coming through us with the best imitation of the Lord that *we* can produce.

That way the enemy not only deceives us, but also eliminates the spiritual impact that would come against him and that would bring life to the world.

As T. Austin Sparks writes in an essay on the Holy Spirit,

“The Holy Spirit came into this world to bring the life of Christ into and through the Church.

The Spirit to reproduce Jesus Christ in the lives of men and women. The Church is that or it is nothing.

All our activities and efforts and energies and expenditure; all our sacrifice and machinery, our movements and our teaching: everything that has become a part of so-called ‘Christianity’ has to be tested by one rule: Is it resulting in the expression of Jesus Christ in the lives of men and women, so that it is demonstrated from heaven that Jesus is as truly here in this world now as He ever was in history?”

The purpose of the church is to be filled with the life of Christ and have that life expressed through us. In 2 Cor. 4:11 we read this,

For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested through our mortal flesh.

In most of our churches the life of Christ in His people has been replaced by the lives of religious Christians – our desires became primary; His became secondary.

The Church must be a people who are able to see through the surface and penetrate to spiritual reality.

We must be able to give a spiritual interpretation to all that is around us.

What we are seeing in our generation is a well-developed, spiritual conditioning of the Church to move into a state of apostasy.

We are being conditioned to base reality on what our senses, intellect and reason determine rather than seeking to become spiritually discerning people.

We are incredibly blessed to be living in the generation of our Lord’s return, but Satan is also aware of this and he knows his time is running out.

His wrath is intensifying and his attempts at deception are becoming much more dangerous and subtle.

He has had 6000 years to study us and to learn what works and what does not work when it comes to neutralizing us.

The ultimate determinant of truth, of genuine spiritual life, of whether something is from God or not, is not miracles or opinion or observation, it is *only* the Word of God – thoroughly understood and thoroughly believed.

Satan operating in the spirit of Antichrist is producing a counterfeit Christianity which will assist him, like useful pawns, in developing the infrastructure that is now being built to bring about a global religion based on that which is sensual as over against that which is truly spiritual.

We're living in a time when knowing the difference between what God is doing and what the enemy is doing is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish.

As I mentioned early, it is imperative that we are able to see through the external traditions and human actions to the reality.

I'm going to read a quote from a book called, *"Christianity and Anti-Christianity in Their Final Conflict"*,

"The antichrist will present himself to men as the object of divine honor. The world sees in him the representative of their own religious ideals. He will not come as a specter of the night, but as an angel of light, the morning start of a new age. In him the modern spirit will find its truest representative and exponent. He will be regarded by his generation as the highest type of our evolved humanity, the noblest embodiment of its dignity, its consummate flower. He will be recognized as a natural king of men and his kingdom, rising grandly before the world, will be welcomed as the full evolution of the democratic idea, the realization of popular aspirations the end of social strife, the unity of nations, the natural outcome and highest product of our civilization and the ultimate goal of human history. It will be welcomed by the multitudes as the long-promised Kingdom of God. But his appearing cannot occur until the antichrist spirit of leaven has spread through Christendom. This will be the final test of Christian faith and discernment."

The world will worship this man as the fulfillment of all their hopes.

He will solve the world's problems at a level they never dreamed possible.

He will convince the world of his supernatural power and will seek to establish his alleged deity through miracles.

The apostate Church will have already adopted these principles as their values and mission (signs, miracles and wonders) and many will join these movements because this imitation will so closely match what we see in the Bible, they won't be able to tell the difference.

The author goes on to say,

“Before the world will be two kings and two kingdoms. He who is to set up the true Kingdom of God is the incarnate Son returning from Heaven; he who will set up the kingdom of man, is a son of the earth; and the question which must then be answered is, Which king and which kingdom will the nations have?”

There's more to distinguishing good from evil than what appears obvious on the surface.

And as W.D. Miller wrote,

It is a serious mistake to presume that the Christian can maintain a neutral or passive attitude toward error. He must oppose error as definitely as he embraces truth. Error is never static or stagnant, but is always aggressive. Error ceaselessly seeks to corrupt, efface, and neutralize the truth, and to destroy all those it captures. The grand reason for opposing error is to retrieve precious souls from its blight and to deliver them from bondage unto freedom and from darkness to light.

Don't forget that in Matt. 24 when Jesus was asked about the time of His coming and what the signs would be that would show it was near, the first thing He listed, the highest priority He gave, was this:

Take heed that no one deceives you.

This is ultimately our greatest test and our greatest danger.

This is why we need to know what the enemy is doing in our generation to draw us away from the truth.

When we can see clearly who and what the counterfeit is, we won't be taken in by it.

I'm going to close with some comments by Archbishop Trent,

“We learn that evil is not, as so many dream, gradually to wane and disappear before good; but is ever to develop itself more fully, even as on the other side good is to unfold itself more and more mightily also. Thus, it will go on until at last they stand face to face, each in its highest manifestation in the persons of Christ and of Antichrist. Both are to grow, good and evil, till they come to a head, till they are ripe, one for destruction, and the other for full salvation.”

So, I want to sum up by giving you a possible scenario on what's happening with this pandemic – and remember, these are the actions, not just of flesh and blood, but primarily of the spiritual forces under Satan that rule this world.

This is a planned world-wide event to create fear and eventually bring order out of chaos (which has been the modes operandi of nearly every tyrant in history). It means we have moved into an acceleration phase of the establishment of global governance.

There had to be a world-wide disruption event planned and implemented to bring the world's population under the control of a centralized world government, eventually headed up by the Antichrist.

The final form of his kingdom cannot launch until the Church is removed, but we are extremely close to that time.

It would appear that the infrastructure of the one world government will be in place when the Antichrist comes on the scene – he will simply be stepping into the leadership role as president of the world.

The global economic system with the mark of the beast would be a byproduct of the power grab of the Antichrist.

And the unified religious system of the world will be the achievement of the false prophet.

Any call for a world government or world leader is the spirit of Antichrist.

We have entered what Jesus called “the beginning of sorrows” (or lit. “birth pangs”) in Matt. 24:8

And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.  
All these are the beginning of sorrows.

We are at the 6000-year point in human history (2000 years from Adam to Abraham, 2000 from Abraham to Christ and 2000 from Christ to now. We still have a 1000-year reign of Christ on earth to finalize God’s 7000-year plan to consummate the post-fall program for humanity. “7” is the Biblical number of completion:

Seven days of creation; the seven churches of Rev. 2 & 3, seven spirits, seven stars, seven seals, seven vials, seven trumpets, and hundreds of other examples in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

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Sometime when you’re lying in bed at night, staring at the ceiling, take a few minutes to think about the implications of the fact that the age of the Church is nearly over.

You will be standing face-to-face with the Lord – this age will have ended and the Day of the Lord will begin.

My prayer is that when our Lord returns for us, we will be standing firmly and clearly on the ground of Truth.