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THE DANGEROUS, DECLINING DOLLAR

This round all started with the action taken by the Federal Reserve the other day. With not enough buyers out there, the Fed announced that it would buy up \$600 billion in US government debt over the next 8 months. To that \$75 billion a month, add another \$35 billion in mortgage bonds.¹ The idea of course is to stimulate the economy enough to bring it out of a slump. Then add a very quiet program of the US government subsidizing state debts. In California's case, the Federal government is backing 30% of the debt issued this year. The problem in the individual states is enormous. The largest 15 states have spent on average 220% of their tax revenues over the last decade. And here's a piece of news. The "major federal government subsidy programs [for states] will run out in June 2011." That should be another crisis date – unless something is done to stop the bleeding.² And there seems little political will to do that.

So despite promises to the contrary, Ben Bernanke is creating over half-a-trillion dollars out of thin air. He's monetizing the debt. That action will have its affect.³ As more dollars get printed, of course their value will drop. Citi is predicting that we'll start to see the world's central banks "start dumping dollars" in the coming weeks. That will only hurry along the process of demise.⁴ Analysts see inflation exploding with consumer's getting hammered with higher gas prices at the pumps and the general rise that comes with that.⁵ One former major bank CEO surveyed the long-term trends and warned that if nothing is done, the bankruptcy of the United States will be a "mathematical certainty" within twenty to twenty-five years.⁶ Writing for Seeking Alpha, Michael Snyder detailed some of the reasons why this latest round of quantitative easing – [printing money] – is a looming disaster. Yes inflation will hit the American consumer, acting as a hidden tax on "every American" – and – it will be very hard to stop. Besides that it will damage the US dollar, which damages a very fragile Global Financial System. As countries realize that the real value of their dollars are dropping, it will become more difficult and expensive for the US to borrow money. And all that will threaten the "status of the dollar as the world's reserve currency."⁷

That's where Jeremy Warner picks things up in his article for the UK's Telegraph. To Warner, the dollar was doomed right from the onset of the financial crisis that struck in 2008. Both the "mighty dollar, and with it, very possibly, American economic hegemony," would be "long-term casualties." He points out the irony of the current situation. "It's a strange, Alice in Wonderland world that sees one of the planet's richest economies borrowing from one of the poorest to pay for goods way beyond the reach of the people actually producing them." There are many issues today confronting the global economy: "But what would certainly fix things would be the dollar's demise as the global reserve currency of choice." That's the same calculation that many nations and central bankers are starting to make as they begin to diversify their currency holdings. That's one reason we see the price of gold – and silver, rising so precipitously.⁸

And what does all this have to do with End Times Prophecy. Simply this: In the Antichrist System that will be imposed on the world there will be only one world currency. It seems clear – though not certain that it will be electronic. In order to get the world to that point of accepting a global New World Order, the US must be knocked off its superpower perch. The dollar must fail. It is likely that we will move to some sort of intermediate regional system on the way to world government. So the collapsing dollar advances the cause of the Antichrist forces in a couple of ways. A crashed dollar will rock our world. We can expect social upheaval, depressed standards of living, and increased government control to head off trouble. In the process, the PTB have let us know that they plan to use such a crisis to move the world toward those

regional units – like the proposed North American Union – on the way to a truly global government. **“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.”** (Rev 17:12-13)

AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH – PART V

In PART IV, we looked at how the emerging religious ethos is accompanying and helping define this emerging technology. This is the definition of the New Order that is coming into being. The Scripture is clear on the matter. There is coming a time when the world will dance to the tune of Antichrist, as the political, economic and religious spheres are totally controlled. But while we’ve glanced at these first shoots of this new religious phenomenon, it seems it would be helpful to look at where we’ve come from. After all, it is all part of the same age-old rebellion.

THE REBELLION IS BORN

“And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2Thessalonians 2:11-12)

Now this begins with a bit of an ancient history lesson. If you can hang with it, it will reveal some very interesting ties that go a long way toward connecting all of history. To understand it all we must know this. The flowering of the END TIMES REBELLION is but the final expression of a WAR AGAINST GOD that was born in the Garden and took its current form in the days of Nimrod, the Tower of Babel and the founding of Babylon. That’s where paganism began. In its modern form it gets all tangled up with the New Age Religion, - the teachings of Universalism; which tells us that all ways lead to God, - and the creeping apostasy in the churches that increasingly denies the authority of God’s Word expressed in the Scriptures.

In order to understand the coming End Times religion of the Antichrist, we must first get a handle on the world’s first and on-going attempt to establish a human-generated religion. After all Alice Bailey, prophetess of the New Age, clearly teaches that the coming of the New Age ‘Christ’ (Antichrist), will be followed by the “definite restoration of the Mysteries” that age-old religion founded near the dawn of civilization itself.⁹ You see, it’s all related. Man’s End Times rebellion has its roots in all those ancient forms of Satanic worship that have permeated societies from Egypt and Babylon to the present.

The history of man made religion can be traced back to a man named Nimrod. He first shows up in Genesis 10:8-9, where we are told **“Cush was the father of Nimrod, who grew to be a mighty warrior on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD”**. We can actually trace it back even farther. Nimrod was the great grandson of Noah through Noah’s grandson Ham.¹⁰ He built several cities in Babylonia, (including Babylon), and also founded more cities in Assyria, including Nineveh. His existence is testified to by the fact that besides the Bible he shows up in the ancient literature of the Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and Hittites; being the central figure in the Epic of Gilgamesh. He is even written of by the Jewish-Roman historian, Flavius Josephus.¹¹

Just who was this man? Now the word Nimrod, may not be a name at all but rather an appellation derived from his chief characteristic. The root word in the ancient Hebrew means “rebel”, and rebel he was. Extra-Biblical literature tells us that he was born of the mixed parentage of ‘the gods’ and men. Genesis 6 tells us of these unnatural unions that produced **“giants on the earth in those days, [before the flood] and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown”**. (Genesis 6:4) Many scholars believe that these “sons of God” refer to nothing less than the Fallen Angels who followed Lucifer when he rebelled against God. More on that later. In addition, get this, there is a Masonic connection. The Masons can trace their roots to the globe’s first master builder. Mackey’s *History of Freemasonry* names “Nimrod as one of the founders of Masonry”.¹²

Now Nimrod became the founder of empires, (Babylon & Nineveh), the builder of the tower of Babel, (an open act of rebellion against God), and the dictator of the known world. His was an empire that exercised both civil and religious control. He introduced the black arts including “astrology, occultism and devil worship”. He married a beautiful woman named Semiramis, and together they established a religion based on the worship of themselves, - and eventually their son. It was a religion full of mystery and ceremony and secret sacred knowledge. As a unifying centerpiece, he began to build a tower that was to house an astrological / astronomical observatory at its’ peak. So when God scattered the people after their attempt to build the Tower of Babel, they took aspects of their Babylonian Mystery Religion with them to the far ends of the earth.¹³ What they took with them was a strange amalgam of both the dimly remembered “revelations of God” as well as the Devil & Nimrod worshiping cultic ideas that originated in Babylon. This system is known as ‘The Babylonian Mystery Religion’.¹⁴ As we will see later, this manifested itself in some very interesting ways. Just for the record: While Semiramis was busy developing her following, Nimrod was gathering one of his own, - again transferring from culture to culture with only the name changing. In Israel and the surrounding nations such as Phoenicia, Syria and Caanan; - the Babylonian god named Bel became the more well known and Biblically condemned Baal. (It is from here that we get Satan’s appellation Beelzebub, or Lord of the Flies.)¹⁵

You see, the people apparently bought into this whole notion of worshipping Nimrod, Semiramis and her son, Tammuz. Banking on the remembered promises of God later recorded in Genesis 3:15; - that salvation for the human race would come from ‘the seed of the woman’; - she presented her son as the fulfillment of that prophecy. So Nimrod and Semiramis developed what you might call a ‘shadow religion’ or imitation of God’s real plan, - as best they could. Tammuz would play the role of the world’s savior. Semiramis, desired worship for herself and was presented as the ‘mother of this savior’. She became the only way to God and the “Queen of Heaven”.^{16 17} Through their contacts with other cultures in the region, even the Hebrews picked up the worship of this “Queen of Heaven”. Jeremiah 7:18 quotes God saying: **“The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger”**. Chapter 44 of Jeremiah details how the Israelites persisted in their rebellion by continuing this pagan worship. They subsequently lost the favor and protection of God for a season on account of this sin.

However it was not just the Israelites that were involved in this abomination. Statues began appearing all around the world depicting the likeness of the Queen of Heaven, all in the form of a mother holding an infant child. The worship of mother and child spread throughout the ancient world, taking on local names. In Egypt, mother and son were Isis and Horus or Osirus. In parts of India it was Devka and Krishna. The Greeks called the mother figure Ceres or Irene or Aphrodite and Eros. Rome gave us Venus. Even Germany and Scandinavia had their versions. The cult spread as far as Japan and China where the mother Shing Moo was portrayed holding her child with a halo of light around her.¹⁸ *Now where have I seen that before?*

What’s even more interesting is the whole look of the thing. This Mystery Religion introduced practices that while innovative at the time, were adapted successively by the various adopting cultures. One of the central feasts of this religious system was based on the ‘resurrection’ of Semiramis’ son, Tammuz. The story goes that he was killed by a wild boar and after 40 days raised from the dead. Temple virgins would fast those 40 days each year, in mourning over the dead son. After the days of fasting came the feast of Ishtar, (from whence we get our name Easter), which is just another name for Semiramis. During that Feast of Ishtar, colored eggs serving as a sign of fertility became part of the celebration. Son and mother were both being honored: He as savior and she as Co-Mediatrix between God and man.¹⁹

Summarized below are some of the practices and characteristics of this Mystery Religion:

- The son, Tammuz was the ‘savior of the world’.
- Semiramis was the “Queen of Heaven”.

- Salvation came by following certain ceremonial rituals or sacraments.²⁰
- A period of purging followed death, ‘cleaning’ one of his remaining sins. Instead of entering paradise, the dead person would at first reside in an intermediate place where they awaited the release of their soul.
- To release the soul from this bondage, prayers for the dead were instituted as well as a system that credited donations to the Babylonian priesthood to the account of the imprisoned dead person.²¹
- An order of virgins were dedicated to Semiramis alone. They wore long robes and lived in community.²² These vestal virgins were known as “Daughters of Nimrod”, and according to one source they got their name from the Chaldean word “NUN”.²³
- A black robed celibate priesthood was developed. They were marked by the ‘clerical tonsure’ or the shaving of the middle of the top of the head bald, leaving the edges to grow in a circle in honor of the Sun God. In the Old Testament this became a mark of the priesthood of Baal and was forbidden in Leviticus 19:27 & 21:5.^{24 25}

In some form or another, this strange hybrid religion manifested itself throughout the ancient world. It was headed by a supreme High Priest who took the title Pontifex Maximus, (bridge maker), - and who served as the gate or bridge between life on earth and the afterlife. This Pontiff remained in Babylon, - a kind of head of the amalgamated pagan religions, - through the life of the Babylonian and Medo-Persian Empires when the seat of power moved to Pergamos, in present day Turkey. It remained there officially until 133 BC when the leadership of this “Babylonian Priesthood” moved to Rome. Pergamos, however remained a hotbed of Satanic / pagan activity. Jesus Himself acknowledged this fact in his letter to the Church at Pergamos found in Revelation 2. In Revelation 2:13, He instructs John to write **“I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is”**, and later refers to the city as **“where Satan dwells”**.

By 63 BC the civil and religious power had merged once again, - just as in the days of Nimrod. It was in that year that Julius Caesar was made Supreme Pontiff of the Babylonian Order. From that point forward that religious office became the purview of the line of Roman Caesars until AD 376, when the Emperor Gratian refused it as an improper office to be held by a Christian. Two years later, Damasus, the Bishop of the Church at Rome was prevailed upon to accept the office. Thus in the words of Clarence Larkin, author of *Dispensational Truth*: “So in AD 378, the Head of the ‘Babylonian Order’ became the Ruler of the ‘Roman Church’”.²⁶ Thus was laid the foundation for the infiltration of the Church and the Great Apostasy of the Last Days.

UPDATE: ISRAEL

The US and Israel are at odds again. It is becoming a regular thing since the current president took over the reins, PM Netanyahu insisted to VP Biden that “the only way to ensure that Iran is not armed with nuclear weapons is to create a credible threat of military action against it, unless it stops its race to obtain nuclear weapons.” Of course, Obama’s Washington disagrees. Defense Secretary Gates carried the administrations message that threat of force is not the only way. So Tehran will continue on its nuclear building program until the price paid to stop it is much higher than today.²⁷ Meanwhile Arutz Sheva, a leading Israeli paper, featured an article in which a former Iranian Revolutionary Guard, makes the case that Iran will not hesitate to use nuclear weapons against Israel once they have them. *“Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s government] will use the nuclear bomb against Israel, they will use it against Persian Gulf countries, and they will use it against Europe to bring about that last hadith (Islamic commentaries on sayings and activities of Mohammed and his companions) that calls for total chaos, lawlessness, and havoc in the world, which creates the circumstance for Imam Mahdi (the Islamic messianic figure) to appear.”*²⁸ That’s the exact scenario envisioned by Iranian President Ahmadinejad a few years back. Created chaos – (including, by the way nuclear terror against Europe) - is also the announced modus operandi of the Illumined / New Age types in their quest to create the New Age Messiah. So said, Peter Lemesurier in his 1981 book, *The Armageddon Script*.

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