# The Blessed Hope!

# "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" –(Titus 2:13) Diamond & Nugget #131

#### There Can Only Be One Correct Interpretation!

A pastor friend of mine who lives in the Southern Hemisphere recently made a statement about Biblical interpretations that leads to stark disagreement among the various scholars and why so. When I read his statement it made a sound rational for a Pre-Tribulational Rapture of the Church. In the past two years many within the Pre-Tribulation Rapture believers and followers have been troubled by what the world has been subjected to since early 2020. My pastor friend unfortunately has been subjected to even greater tyranny than we have here in the U.S. This has not dampened in any way his firm belief we are going home very soon!

When it comes to Biblical interpretation there can only be one correct interpretation. There may be many applications but only one interpretation. This is a profound statement and a powerful statement that strengthens faith of the believer, be he a new convert or an old an experienced man of God as my friend. From that perspective I am pleased to share his comments and why they are reliable and trustworthy as a believer!

A common view held by theologically trained people is that everybody is entitled to their own view and one view can be just as valid as another.

It is understandable that some preachers take this view after sitting for several years listening to lectures from lecturers with diverse views and who don't believe in a verbally inspired Bible. One only has to look at the list of text books supplied to students in a theological college to realize that they express opinions of men and do not rightly divide the Word of truth.

It is all a matter of authority. Do we accept a particular view of scripture because an eminent teacher has a M.Th. or DD after his name, or because the Word of God states it?

After almost daily reading the Word of God for over 70 years I have discovered that even some highly respected and Godly writers can be entirely wrong on certain points of interpretation, so much so that I wonder sometimes how well to these "experts" really know their Bible. One excellent Bible Teacher whom I regard as reliable and sound

made a statement that the Biblical Flood of Noah's day was thousands of years before Abraham. Perhaps it was a slip of the pen but there is only one answer to the question of how long it was between the Flood and Abraham and any 6th grade primary school child can add the ages of each generation given in Genesis and can state with certainty that from the Flood to the birth of Abram was exactly 347 years.

But "scholars" don't want to take the Bible literally and want to accommodate the teaching of theistic evolutionists. Some may not go so far as to believe in evolution's millions of years but they want to stretch the time back to creation from the Biblical 6,000 years to 10,000 years.

If we believe the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God then we either accept its history to be the only accurate record of the history of mankind or we don't. What secular historians say has to be checked against the Word of God. If they disagree then they are wrong and the Bible is right. There can be only one correct interpretation.

#### **Different Views of Prophecy**

Recently a Bible prophecy writer from overseas published his comments on the truth of the Rapture of the Church. He stated that he had examined all the alternative views on whether the Rapture occurred before the Tribulation, in the middle of the Tribulation or at the end of the Tribulation and had come to the conclusion that the best explanation of scripture was that the Church would be raptured **before** the Tribulation. However he then went on to say that since all of these events were yet future we could not be sure which view was correct and that if the Rapture occurred at the mid-point of the 7-year Tribulation or at the end of the 7-year Tribulation, then we should all be ready to suffer the perils of the Great Tribulation!

So this respected Bible teacher says he found that the Bible taught a pre-Tribulation Rapture but it might not happen as the Bible says! Why would he make such a statement?

I believe the reason for his willingness to allow two views contrary to scripture is because he respects the views of false teachers who deny a pre-Tribulation Rapture! He has surrendered the **authority** of the Word of God to the authority of false teachers! Rather than fall out with his friends who have contrary views, he allows that their un-Biblical views could be as right as the Bible!

How do we know that we have the correct view of any Biblical subject? There can only be one correct view on any Biblical subject if we "rightly divide the word of truth".

If we look back in history to the theology taught in Christendom over the past 2,000 years we can observe all kinds of teaching ranging from ritualistic, idolatrous, legalistic, spiritistic to simple Bible-believing teaching. If the Bible as the Word of God, is not the final authority in all matters, then we will never come to a common conclusion on any matter.

We need to recognise that even among Bible-believing saints there will be differences in views because our knowledge of God's Word is progressing. We begin the Christian life as "babes in Christ" and we take years to grow up in Christ to full maturity and a full understanding of the Word of God. And we will never cease to learn. There are **no experts** in the knowledge of God's Word – we are **all students** until the day we die and go home to glory to receive perfect knowledge!

So what should be our attitude? Paul advised us to:

**Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

We need to be as the Berean Christians who received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so (Acts 17:11). God has put pastors and teachers in the Church for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come **in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God... (Ephesians 4:11-13).

It is God's desire that we all believe the **same thing exactly as taught in the Word of God** for there is only one correct view on any subject and we will find that view if we honestly and submissively study the Word of God in dependence upon the Spirit of Truth to teach us. Where there is difference we need love and grace as we recognize that each of us is still learning.

#### So When Will the Rapture Occur?

Let us approach the subject in the right frame of mind – willing to go wherever the Word of God leads us. And when we find the clear teaching of scripture let us hold fast to it with all boldness and without any compromise.

The first thing we need to acknowledge is that there are three classes of people that God deals with; The **Jew**, the **Gentile**, and the **Church** of God. (Galatians 3:28). In the Old Testament Israel was God's people and the Gentiles were the ungodly nations who usually were idolators. Israel was meant to be God's witness on earth (Isa. 43:10-12).

When Israel rejected her King and Messiah, Jesus Christ, God put Israel aside and scattered them among the nations while He began to gather a people from all nations to be the Bride of Christ and this was called the Church.

But God has made eternal covenants with Israel that cannot be broken and He has plainly stated that in the last days Israel will be chastened during a 7-year Tribulation and will turn back to God at that time. When they do, God will make a **new covenant** with them that will never be broken.(Jeremiah 31:31).

The Church of Christ began on the day of Pentecost and consists of individuals, from all nations, who trust in Jesus Christ. Each believer is espoused (engaged) to Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2). Christ is the Bridegroom of the Church (John 3:29).

The wedding day of the Church and Christ must occur in heaven BEFORE Christ returns to reign over the earth (Revelation 19:7-9) for He will "return from the wedding" (Luke 12:36).

Christ returns as King of kings to reign "immediately after the tribulation" (Matthew 24:29) so the marriage of the Lamb must occur in heaven while the Tribulation is on earth.

The 7-year Tribulation is a period specifically determined upon Israel (Daniel 9:24-27). It is the final seven years of **Israel's history** before they reign with Christ in His millennial kingdom.

This seven years is described in full in Revelation chapters 6 to 18 and there is not one mention of the Church on earth in those chapters. Israel is mentioned again and again and it is clearly "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7) when the nation is brought to repentance and again becomes God's witness on the earth preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to all nations of the earth (Matthew 24:14).

This total absence of the Church on earth during the Tribulation demands the removal of the Church BEFORE the Tribulation and that is exactly what we find in the epistles of Paul.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 Paul describes the Rapture. Every deceased believer in this Church age and every believer alive at the time, will be given resurrection bodies like unto Christ's body. The Old Testament saints won't be involved for they were raised when Christ rose (Matthew 27:52-53).

Immediately after Paul described the Rapture of the Church-age believers, he stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 that the **Day of the Lord**, which is another name for the Tribulation period, would follow and he categorically stated that while the Tribulation would come upon the ungodly ye, brethren, are **not in darkness**, **that that day should overtake you** as a thief... For **God hath not appointed us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, **whether we wake or sleep**, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together (1 Thessalonians 5:4-11).

Nothing could be clearer. Believers in Christ are **not appointed to the wrath of the Day of the Lord** (the Tribulation) and we can be comforted by that fact!

Furthermore, In his second epistle Paul answered the concerns of the Thessalonian believers who had been told by false teachers that they were already in the Tribulation.

If this was true, then they must have missed the Rapture because Paul had told them earlier that they would be raptured before the Tribulation.

Again Paul affirmed that the Tribulation could **not come** until the Rapture had taken place. He said:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for **THAT DAY SHALL NOT COME**, except there come the **departure first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). This is the correct translation of the verse consistent with the context and the Greek text.

"That day" is undoubtedly the "Day of the Lord" or the Tribulation and it CANNOT come until two things happen.

- 1. There is the Departure; i.e. the Rapture of the Church and
- 2. The **man of Sin is revealed** to sign a 7-year covenant (Daniel 9:27) with Israel and thus usher in the last 7 years of **Israel's history** before Christ returns to reign as King of kings!

These **two signs** will indicate to Israel and the world that (Matthew 24:3) has come. Jesus twice told the **Jewish believers** of this sign of the end of the age. He said there would be:

two in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left... Two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. (Luke17:34-36; Matthew 24:40-41). When John wrote the words of Christ to the Church at Philadelphia he said:

I also will **keep thee <u>from the hour</u> of temptation, which shall come upon all the world,** to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3:10-11).

The Great Tribulation will come upon all the earth and believers will be kept from the **very TIME – the HOUR!** 

After describing the Church age in chapters 2 and 3 of the Revelation John foresaw his **own Rapture** into heaven in Chapter 4:1-2.

the first voice I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.** And **immediately** I was in the spirit: and, behold... one sat on the throne.

We can have absolutely no doubt from these scriptures that the Rapture will occur BEFORE the Tribulation. We don't have to make allowance for a mid-Tribulation Rapture or a Post Tribulation Rapture. **There can only be one correct interpretation!** 

#### WWIII ALERT: RUSSIA FIRES MISSILES INTO POLAND

If you are curious as to how World War III starts, this just might be it will begin. Russia allegedly fired two missiles into Poland, killing 2. Poland is of course a NATO member country and is entitled to defense from the rest of the alliance in the event of a military attack. What that means is that all of NATO, including the United States, must confront Russia militarily, which Putin has already said he'd go nuclear if that happens. Russia has said they did not do it but claimed it was Ukraine and RT news even showed a picture that confirms it had Ukrainian markings and that it was an anti-missile rocket.

<u>Fox News</u> is reporting that Russia likely fired 2 missiles that struck a grain facility in the Polish village of Przewodów, which is 15 miles from the Ukraine border. Neither Poland nor the United States has confirmed they were Russian missiles but Polish media has identified them as such and the Polish government is having an "emergency meeting" about the situation. That is to say, yeah they were Russian missiles.

Further proof that the missiles came from Russia with love, the Russians engaged in a massive missile strike on Ukraine today, targeting infrastructure. Some of those missiles hit targets in Lviv province, which is right near where the missiles hit in Poland.

The Russian Ministry of Defense denied firing the missiles, calling the incident "deliberate provocation in order to escalate the situation."

"No strikes were made against targets near the Ukrainian-Polish state border by Russian means of destruction," said Russia in a statement.

Here's a chunk of one of the missiles and it should be pretty easy for experts to identify it as Russian or Ukraine's ordinance:



Also, who the hell else is flinging missiles around in the region? This is Russia all the way. That is likely the diatribe that will come out of the west.

Poland is a NATO nation and Article Five of the alliance agreement calls for the collective defense of member states. The U.S. and the rest of NATO are obligated to do something about this. The question is what exactly NATO will do in response.

Joe Biden has stated that the U.S. will defend "every inch" of NATO and a grain facility in Poland is at least 15 miles of NATO. Then again, Biden is a senile liar, who can't be taken at his word or in a serious way.

Another question is, why did Russia do this? It could be that a couple of missiles got away from them and hit Poland. Russia's military is inept and their weapons are of poor quality. If this was the case Russia would have apologized for the mishap but they have completely denied it.

The more likely scenario is that Russian president Vladimir Putin is testing Joe Biden and NATO. The missiles didn't land in the middle of nowhere, they hit a food production facility, so it was definitely deliberate. Putin is playing a game of chicken with Biden, banking that the illegitimate U.S. president will back down. But one can see how easy it is too muddy the water and blame Russia.

I don't envy Biden's options here. If he retaliates against Russia, that will escalate into a full-blown nuclear war in the blink of an eye. If Biden takes Russia's word that they had nothing to do with it and takes no action against Putin, the Russian president will be embolden and make further strikes into NATO territory.

Russia has not carried out any strikes against targets near the Polish-Ukrainian border, the defense ministry in Moscow said on Tuesday, following reports of a missile striking the village of Przewodow and killing two civilians.

Some Western media outlets and politicians have claimed that Russia is responsible for the incident. However, no evidence has been provided to support such assertions.

Missile fragments, photos of which were published by Polish media outlets on the scene, "have nothing to do with Russian weapons," the Russian Defense Ministry said.

Statements by the Polish media and officials about the alleged 'Russian' missiles falling in the area of the village of Przewodow are "a deliberate provocation in order to escalate the situation," the Russian military added. The Polish government believes it was an Ukrainian anti-missile that missed its Russian target.

Poland convened an emergency meeting of its national security council on Tuesday evening, after reports that at least two civilians were killed when one or more missiles struck the village in the Lublin region, just across the border with Ukraine.

While the AP reported that Russian missiles had crossed into Poland, citing an unnamed "senior US intelligence official," the Pentagon declined to corroborate the claim.

"I can tell you that we don't have any information at this time to corroborate those reports and are looking into this further," Air Force Brigadier General Patrick Ryder told reporters, when asked about the Przewodow incident.

Polish government spokesman Piotr Mueller called on the media and the public "not to publish unconfirmed information."

Officials from the Baltic states blamed Russia and claimed that Poland should invoke NATO's Article 5 in retaliation. Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky accused Russia of "terrorism" and said NATO needed to "act" against this "attack on collective security."

The point is that WWIII will likely begin by stupidity over a stray weapon that has yet to be proved as a Russian launched missile. With the wild accusations being shouted around, the parties are itching for an excuse to attack, and at a time when cooler heads should be seeking confirmation. Russia's Putin knows for sure that it was the UK that blew up the Nordstream pipelines, but has chosen not to retaliate against the UK. He has attempted to make his case at the UN Security Council with largely dismissal rhetoric upon the part of the UN. In fact, the U.S. State Department refused to give the Russian delegation visas to come to the UN in New York.

Each measure and sanction further emboldens belligerence and resistance by President Putin and his leadership. The war of words has gone on too long now and any return to normal is over, or at least highly unlikely.

On another front time is running out for a major blow up in the Middle East and it seems nothing can prevent it. In 1979 Persia fell to radical Shiite Islamists when the Shah of Persia was deposed. Immediately, Saddam Hussein saw Iran as a major threat to his Sunni minority Government in Iraq and in 1980 an 8-year war began with the loss of one million lives. In 1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait and in 2003 the U.S. invaded Iraq to depose Saddam Hussein. In 2011 the uprising against President Assad began in Syria and this drew Iran and Turkey into the conflict. President Obama withdrew U.S. forces from Iraq that same year leaving the way open for the new Shiite Government in Iraq to be reinforced by Iranian troops and militias.

Having gained access to Iraq, Iran began sending troops to assist the Shiite Government regime in Syria and supplying Iran's defacto army, Hezbollah, in Lebanon. Israel has continually attacked Iranian forces in Syria. In 2015 Russia came to the assistance of the Syrian Government and in 2016 the Turkish military entered the war in Syria. In 2018 Russia has large military assets in Syria including a naval base at Tartus and air bases at Latakia and elsewhere. The Iraqi and Syrian wars have brought the nations prophesied by Ezekiel right up to Israel's border and U.S. forces have been

removed as Russia has taken their place. Discussions on solving the Syrian problem have been attended by Russia, Turkey and Iran without any invitation to the United States! Israel is greatly concerned and Prime Minister Netanyahu has been to Moscow for urgent talks with President Putin. Israel has negotiated a buffer space on her northern border into which she will not permit the presence of any Iranian troops.

Meanwhile Iran is threatening to invade Israel and promises to destroy her within 25 years. The invasion of Israel could happen any time but the Rapture must happen first! We have already shown that the Rapture of the Christians must occur before the Russian invasion and could be even from a year to two years before. The sign of globally "missing persons" when "two shall be in the bed, one shall be taken and the other left", was given to Israel to warn them of the Great Tribulation. Paul told the Christians: "Yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord (Tribulation) so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" -(1st Thessalonians 5:2-3). But he assured them "God hath not appointed us to wrath (of the Day of the Lord), but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" -(1st Thessalonians 5:9). The Rapture could happen at any time and we need to be ready or we will be left behind for the horrors of the Great Tribulation.

There is only one way to be ready for the Rapture and it is by admitting we are sinners in the sight of a holy God. Then by faith, look to Jesus Christ who shed His precious blood on the cross to atone for our sin. The church cannot save you; good deeds will never gain you acceptance with God. The Bible says: "By grace (undeserved favor) are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works" -(Ephesians 2:8-10). Only Christ can break the power of sin in your life and set you free to serve Him. He will make you a "new creature in Christ", old things will pass away and all things will become new -(2nd Corinthians 5:17) if you will humble yourself before God and call on the Lord to save you. God wants you to be saved; if you go to eternal hell it will be your choice and if you miss the Rapture it will be your choice also. Eternal life is a free gift. Why not pray now and receive it? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" -(John 3:16).

Concerning this great event, one writer has said: "There is a sound to hear, a sight to see, a miracle to experience, a meeting to enjoy, and a comfort to feel." What a blessed anticipation! Sadly, many Christians today do not believe that the Church will be raptured before the Tribulation. Many think that we are either living in the Tribulation period now, or that the Tribulation has already passed into history, or even more tragically, that the Church will yet go through the Tribulation before Christ returns.

We only need to read from chapter 6 to chapter 19 of the Book of Revelation to see the horrific events described, and then ask the question, "Has there ever been a seven-year period of history when sequentially all of these events took place?" The answer has to

be NO! The Church will not have to go through these great sufferings. The Scriptures tell us that the Tribulation is a time of God's wrath against a world that has broken His law and rejected His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ -(Revelation 6:16). Twice in this epistle, Paul tells the Thessalonians that salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ will deliver Christians from that wrath. We "wait for His Son...Jesus...which delivered us from the wrath to come" -(1st Thessalonians 1:10), and "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" -(1st Thessalonians 5:9). The last seven years before Christ returns to reign belong to Israel. Those "in Christ" must depart first.

"400 seconds: General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Aerospace Force, said Iran has obtained technology for hypersonic missiles," wrote the newspaper with alleged links to Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

The expert further referred to the hypersonic missile as a game changer as it could bypass most modern missile defense systems.

On its part, Israel deploys some of the worlds' most advanced and cutting-edge air defense systems, including the Iron Dome and the Arrow series. These air defense systems have a burgeoning demand in the international market, with even war-torn Ukraine pleading for the systems.

However, here's a thing about hypersonic missiles: they cannot be intercepted. These missiles travel five times (or more) than the speed of sound and follow an unpredictable trajectory in which it becomes impossible to intercept them.

Neither Israel nor its "iron brother" United States has operational hypersonic weapons, much less a defense against them.

Only the People's Republic of China and Russia have operational hypersonic weapons. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) or North Korea is suspected of having tested a hypersonic missile.

If Iran's claims are true, it would be only the fourth country to possess such weapons, ahead of modern and economically well-off countries like the US and Israel.

Iran's Hypersonic Tech Could Escalate Tensions. The announcement by the IRGC Commander about the development of a hypersonic missile has essentially been downplayed by the United States and international institutions.

The international community has gone so far as to assert that the Iranian military is notorious for exaggerating its military development.

Speaking at the United Nations COP27 climate meeting in Egypt, IAEA's chief Rafael Grossi said, "We see that all these announcements increase the attention, the concerns, increase the public attention to the Iranian nuclear program."

However, an expert on Iranian efforts who wished to be anonymous told EurAsian Times, "A Hypersonic Glide Vehicle flies a shorter distance; hence 400 seconds could be possible."

That being said, the development of hypersonic missiles and open threats in newspapers could lead to a rise in tensions between Iran and its regional rivals. Iran is already reeling under the pressure of economic sanctions for years.

Meanwhile, Israel has issued several direct threats to Iran. In September this year, then Israel's Prime Minister Yair Lapid stood in front of an F-35 stealth fighter jet and said: "If Iran continues to test us, it will discover Israel's long arm and capabilities. We will continue to act on all fronts against terrorism and against those who seek to harm us."

The phrase "long arm" referred to the F-35's new capability to fly long distances without stopping for refueling to target Iran's nuclear installations. Israel has been preparing its aerial force, particularly the F-35s, to attack Iran's nuclear facilities. This indicates that the warnings are a typical forte in the Israel-Iran relationship.

Israel and other Middle Eastern countries are also stitching together a Middle East Air Defense (MEAD) alliance to counter the alleged threat posed by Iran and its proxies and their proliferating drones and missiles. The coalition, still in its nascent stage, was officially acknowledged by the Zionist state and is being put together by the United States.

Iran continues to be under the scanner for joining the Russian arcade by providing expendable kamikaze drones and even ballistic missiles to Moscow to strengthen its combat capabilities against Ukraine. Additional sanctions have been imposed on Tehran by the West on top of existing ones.

I will repeat some comments I made in the last Blessed Hope as why everyone needs to be on alert to what is coming.

The most corrupt country in the world (Ukraine) has been selected to provoke a conflict that will annihilate the Russian and United States by insane policies dictated by NATO and the U.S. deep state leadership. The U.S. has been drawn into a war through its thinking that what is good for the Ukraine is bad for Russia. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin has stated publicly that the support of the Ukraine Nazi leadership is good.

The old slogan, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend" in this case will result in the death of all parties caught in this Satanic death trap. Since the Russian (special operation) invasion of Ukraine that began on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the overarching agenda behind the scene is to destroy both the U.S. and Russia. The elite will give the Chinese CCP responsibility to enforce the advanced CCP system of social credit score and 'QR' technology measures for enslavement of nations around the world. The CCP now has Chinese police stations in locations such as Vancouver, Canada, New York City, and Germany. Reports of Chinese police stations in several locations around the

world have been reported and people are not sure why this is taking place. John Kerry revealed COP27 is about replacing capitalism with socialism / communism!

The outcome of this war through U.S. support for NATO/EU and the WEF will be to hand the world and its independent sovereign states over to the remaining United Nation Agenda 21, and its derivative entity of what will become remnants of socialism and communism. The Rothschild's attempted to provoke a war between the CCP in China with the U.S. in 2019 and 2020 but failed when sanity prevailed.



The extent of Sir Rothschild's power can be summed up in this famous 2015 photo of the banker boss poking then-Prince Charles in the chest. If I were to surmise what was said, I would suggest perhaps he said, "You are going to be the Masonic Messiah for the homeland of Ashkenazi Zionism! We have replaced the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! And don't you forget it!"

At 91 the death of Sir Evelyn Robert Adrian de Rothschild was no surprise but it came at a time when the House of Rothschild is engaged in a Global Reset. If anything, his successor may have decided to accelerate the plan to crash the world economy in order to cause enough confusion and chaos as possible in order that the world is so overwhelmed with despair and are forced to submit to the UN/WHO/WEF if for no other reason than to have food and heat this winter.

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(2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3-4). The Apostle Paul had taught that there are two unmistakable signs that the judgment of the world had commenced. The first was the Rapture of the Church and the second was the revelation of the Antichrist. This is the name we use to identify the last world dictator, called by Paul, "that man of sin". Many people in history have been identified as the Antichrist because they have been against God.

Reports from the COP27 at Sharm el Sheikh is that it is all about 'Show us the money!'

The big news, such as it was, from the plenary session was that "Loss and Damage" funding would be added to the conference agenda, after more than three decades of trying. This long-sought funding has been the goal of 16 island nations seeking money from developed nations to subsidize their economies at risk from climate change that purportedly is leading to rising sea levels. Being added to the conference agenda was seen by some as a significant victory, yet it hardly guarantees billions of First World dollars will flow. Hope springs eternal as they say. Climate change is being used as extortion of the industrialized nations.

Make that trillions of dollars! An UN-backed report released last week asserts that developing nations (excluding China) need investments beyond \$2 trillion annually by 2030 to meet the UN's climate goals established by the Paris Agreement.

This is astronomical fantasy, and more so especially with U.S. and European economies experiencing the worst inflation in 40 years and at or near recession in large part due their own imposition of climate policies that raised energy costs on consumers and businesses.

Call it "Sharm el Sheikh-down" of the U.S., which is sure to continue. It is the whole point of climate politics – the money. It's always about the money.

My gut (intuition) tells me that Prince Charles of Wales has to soon assert his pseudo-power and quickly at that because the world is fragmenting into blocs of nations that are not happy campers or unlikely to submit to any global leadership unless seduced by trickery or strong-armed pressured to comply. The WEF plan has led to countries buying even more coal, Germany cutting down trees for fire wood, and pressure from another stolen election in the U.S. is exacerbated unsettling with supply line shortages, a forthcoming railroad strike, all surely to anger the folks on the reservation (U.S.) causing social unrest, civil disturbances, rejection of government policies, taxation, in response to the social cohesiveness of the U.S. Many go so far to predict civil war between the "blue" and "red" states.

As an example, President Joe Biden is asking Congress to provide more than \$37 billion in emergency aid to Ukraine, a massive infusion of cash that could help support the nation as Russian forces suffer battlefield losses in their nine-month-old invasion.

The administration's funding request, which comes as lawmakers begin their postelection session, also seeks \$9.25 billion in COVID-19 funding to prepare for a possible winter surge and help combat the virus nationwide. Government funding expires in mid-December, and the Ukraine and COVID aid would be part of the package to fund the government through the end of September 2023.

The request for such a sizable amount of money for Ukraine comes as the GOP is poised to take control of the House following the midterm elections. House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, who is in line to become speaker, has warned that Republicans wouldn't support writing a "blank check" for Ukraine if they capture the majority.

This is greatly troubling since this past week it was revealed in the bankruptcy of the FTX cryptocurrency scam, literally millions of people, businesses, and pension funds will never see their original investment in \$50 billion stolen by a younger Jewish version of Bernie Madoff, who then donated to the Ukraine only to be laundered back through Ukraine money-laundering millions to Democratic candidates on behalf of Joe Biden. Sam Bankman-Fried, the crypto wunderkind who founded the exchange three years ago and then drove it into the ground this past week is hiding out in the Bahamas seeking ways to escape to Dubai where there is no extradition agreement with the U.S.

According to new FEC documents, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell grabbed large sums of money from FTX and quietly pocketed it. According to the documents, someone from FTX, the crypto business that failed last week, donated \$2,500,000 to McConnell's Senate Leadership Fund.

Thelibertydaily.com reports: The money goes from taxpayers, is sent as "aid" to Ukraine, which gives a good chunk of the laundered money to FTX, which contributes to the Uniparty Swamp. This prompts the Uniparty Swamp to repeat the process, and as we've seen over the past several months, its working wonders. Corporate media barely reports on all the money getting laundered there on a weekly basis. No Democrats and very few Republican politicians bring up the issue. Nearly everyone is on the take.

McConnell is among the top recipients that have been found so far.

If you're going to run a con, you have to keep people from following the money. Sadly, if FTX hadn't collapsed it's very likely this con would have continued unabated for years, even decades. That's the state of geopolitics today.

Shalanda Young, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, said that more than three-fourths of the \$40 billion approved by Congress earlier this year for Ukraine has already been disbursed or committed. The Biden administration has asked for a total of \$37.7 billion in additional support.

"Together, with strong, bipartisan support in the Congress, we have provided significant assistance that has been critical to Ukraine's success on the battlefield — and we cannot let that support run dry," Young said in a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The proposed Ukraine assistance includes \$21.7 billion for military, intelligence and other defense support, \$14.5 billion in humanitarian aid and to help keep the Ukrainian government functioning, \$900 million for health care and support services for Ukrainians living in the U.S. and \$626 million for nuclear security support to Ukraine and for modernizing the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. How much of that will be stolen by Zelensky, no one can say but maybe enough to buy another mansion like his \$35-million dollar palatial estate in Florida.

U.S. aid to Ukraine has already included tens of thousands of missiles and rockets for air defense and anti-armor systems, and more than 84 million rounds of ammunition, as well as drones, tanks, trucks, radars, body armor and other gear.

Ukrainian leaders have begged for more advanced, longer-range weapons, but the U.S. has been careful to not provide systems that would allow Ukrainian forces to strike deep into Russia or hit Moscow.

In recent months the U.S. assistance has centered on air defense systems and a constant stream of ammunition. Those systems have been critical in helping Ukrainian forces mount a massive counteroffensive that has been able to beat back the advances of Russian forces in the south and east and recapture key territory.

The retaking of Kherson, the only provincial capital captured by the Russians, was one of Ukraine's biggest successes in the nearly nine-month-old Russian invasion. It dealt a stunning battlefield loss to Moscow, but large parts of eastern and southern Ukraine remain under Russian control and fighting continues.

Russian airstrikes have been targeting civilian infrastructure, including power grids, and they are causing widespread blackouts around the country. The attacks appear aimed at leaving Ukrainian civilians in the cold and dark as winter approaches.

Biden sought \$13.7 billion in emergency funding in September, and signed a bill that authorized roughly \$12 billion and kept the government funded. The world is going to hell in a hand basket at this rate, and with more than 50 countries on the verge of financial collapse, you best be ready for the Rapture, cause what is in store for the world is not something I want to be watching or living through.

Martin Armstrong previously reported that sources inside the International Criminal Court (ICC) would move to charge Putin with war crimes. No head of state has EVER been charged for the actions of those on the battlefield. Russia is not a member of the ICC, and neither is the United States for that matter. This has merely guaranteed that we are heading into World War III. Putin will not attend the G20, for not he certainly cannot when the West would use the event to stage an arrest of Putin. They have burned all the bridges for negotiation or peace.

Now the United Nations has also ensured that we have no choice but to enter into World War III. This is the agenda. The United Nations General Assembly has now

adopted a resolution calling for Russia to pay war reparations for its invasion of Ukraine. This is to include the billions of dollars in damage and destruction, as well as reparations for the loss of life. This, too, GUARANTEES there will be no resolution, and this entire event was staged to force Putin to move in to protect the Donbas when Ukraine and the West have torn up both the Belgrade and Minsk Agreements because they want to destroy Russia for climate change.

Russia is the largest energy producer in the world. Some 50% of its GDP is all energy. The UK/U.S. blew up the pipeline deliberately to cut off the sale of energy to Europe. What the UK/U.S. did was an act of war. Of course, nobody in the West and certainly not the ICC or the United Nations would EVER rule against the United States. The West is on this climate change mission, and they are desperately trying to destroy Russia using Ukraine as an excuse.

This UN resolution states plainly that the Russian Federation "must bear the legal consequences of all its internationally wrongful acts, including making reparation for injury, including any damage, caused by such acts." It boldly goes even further, stating that it will establish "an international mechanism for reparation for damage, loss or injury."

This is the very same action that was taken against Germany following World War I. They imposed draconian reparation payments that impoverished the German people and caused hyperinflation when the government seized 10% of all private wealth to try to make those payments in December 1922 and laid the very foundation for Hitler's rise to power.

### **WORLD WAR III IS ONLY MONTHS AHEAD!**

Since the 2020 election, the Democrat Party's platform was to destroy the United States as a global power in 4 years or less.

It's working pretty well.

- \*\* 5 million illegal aliens across the US southern border
- \*\* 800 deaths of illegal aliens crossing into the US that we know about
- \*\* Record inflation something we haven't seen in 40 years
- \*\* Massive Failure on the international stage Afghanistan debacle
- \*\* Arming our enemies like the Taliban with \$80 billion in US weapons
- \*\* Jailing the opposition and raiding the former president's home
- \*\* Record corruption Pelosi and Biden families
- \*\* Destroy the US energy infrastructure

Exit polling on Tuesday showed Americans have had enough. 73% of voters were dissatisfied or angry about the destruction of the country.



The picture today is crystal clear, that America's Saviour is not #45, he was nothing more than controlled opposition to keep the conservative populus pacified, contained and hypnotized that he [DJT] is coming back. Its not going to happen and November 8<sup>th</sup> has confirmed my point! The media was successful in its daily propaganda attacking and smearing Trump with one accusation claim after another. Your real Saviour and "Blessed Hope" is the One that will sit on the throne of David, Jesus Christ Himself in Person! Donald J. Trump announced on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> that he plans to run in 2024.

A new poll carried out by YouGov in the days following the elections last week, revealed that more American voters prefer Trump's presumed rival, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, to the ex-POTUS in an imagined contest for the 2024 Republican presidential nominee.

According to the survey, which collected a wide variety of data about voter behaviors and preferences, 23% of respondents said they would prefer to see DeSantis as the Republican nominee for president in the 2024 elections, and 20% said they would prefer Trump. A Rasmussen Report said 60% of the U.S. says NO to a Trump run for the Presidency!

However, a stunning 41% said they preferred neither candidate, and another 16% said they weren't sure. The question was not restricted to Republican voters, and three out

of four of those who said "neither" also said they voted for Joe Biden in 2020 instead of Trump. Global events from my vantage point precludes an election in 2024!

There will be no election in 2024 with the Rothschild-induced financial collapse. The FTX crypto exchange bankruptcy last week was Lehman Brothers bankruptcy on steroids with a magnitude of 6-sigma. It will be at least another month or two before it becomes known who and how much was wiped out in the scam!

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York and major banks will launch a three-month test of a digital dollar in hopes of studying its feasibility. The truth be known it is a done deal and we will go to a "cashless economy" in just a few months, another Bible prophecy being fulfilled by the Biblical "Mark" of the Beast! -(Revelation 13:17-18).

The initiative was announced by the regional <u>Federal Reserve</u> bank and nearly a dozen financial institutions on Tuesday. A news release referred to the experiment as a "proof-of-concept project" in which the banks will work with the Fed's New York Innovation Center to simulate digital money representing the deposits of their own customers and settle them through simulated Fed reserves on a distributed ledger. This is the "Cashless Economy" the book of Revelation warned us about.

"The [project] will also test the feasibility of a programmable digital money design that is potentially extensible to other digital assets, as well as the viability of the proposed system within existing laws and regulations," according to the news release.

The news comes as cryptocurrency and blockchain technology have exploded to prominence in the mainstream financial world. While the flagship cryptocurrency bitcoin peaked a year ago and has since been in precipitous decline, the technology behind such tokens has attracted interest from not only private financial institutions but also central banks across the globe.

In January, the Fed took a first step toward weighing the use of a central bank digital currency when it released its much-anticipated discussion paper and opened a four-month public comment period to receive input.

The paper said that a CBDC could streamline cross-border payments and could further enshrine and preserve the dominance of the dollar's international role, including as the world's reserve currency. In a previous article I shared this concept called "Libra" in Europe. The "Cashless Economy" is structured on a system of computer units and this announcement is a "simulation" experiment, do not be fooled as it is all but ready for implementation and worldwide roll out! The Ukrainian situation has served to accelerate the move from "SWIFT" and the Rothschild-owned/controlled (BIS) or Bank of International Settlements to keep other countries from jumping on the bandwagon with the Russian BRICS bloc of members created to block a global government system.

The BRICS bloc is a direct threat to the New World Order global "Great Reset," that being pushed by Klaus Schwab, the House of Rothschild, and of the Antichrist himself,

Prince Charles of Wales. The crack between the two powers began two or three years ago but is in full motion as each recognizes what is at stake here.

The global population is projected to reach 8 billion on 15 November 2022, and India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023, according to <u>World Population Prospects 2022</u>, released today on World Population Day.

"This year's World Population Day falls during a milestone year, when we anticipate the birth of the Earth's eight billionth inhabitant. This is an occasion to celebrate our diversity, recognize our common humanity, and marvel at advancements in health that have extended lifespans and dramatically reduced maternal and child mortality rates," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres. "At the same time, it is a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our planet and a moment to reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another," he added.

The global population is growing at its slowest rate since 1950, having fallen under 1 per cent in 2020. The latest projections by the United Nations suggest that the world's population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050. It is projected to reach a peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s and to remain at that level until 2100.

World Population Prospects 2022 also states that fertility has fallen markedly in recent decades for many countries. Today, two-thirds of the global population lives in a country or area where lifetime fertility is below 2.1 births per woman, roughly the level required for zero growth in the long run for a population with low mortality. The populations of 61 countries or areas are projected to decrease by 1 per cent or more between 2022 and 2050, owing to sustained low levels of fertility and, in some cases, elevated rates of emigration.

More than half of the projected increase in the global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in eight countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania. Countries of sub-Saharan Africa are expected to contribute more than half of the increase anticipated through 2050.

"The relationship between population growth and sustainable development is complex and multidimensional" said Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. "Rapid population growth makes eradicating poverty, combatting hunger and malnutrition, and increasing the coverage of health and education systems more difficult.

Conversely, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, especially those related to health, education and gender equality, will contribute to reducing fertility levels and slowing global population growth."

In most countries of sub-Saharan Africa, as well as in parts of Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean, the share of population at working age (between 25 and 64 years) has been increasing thanks to recent reductions in fertility. This shift in the age distribution provides a time-bound opportunity for accelerated economic growth per capita, known as the "demographic dividend". To maximize the potential benefits of a favourable age distribution, countries should invest in the further development of their human capital by ensuring access to health care and quality education at all ages and by promoting opportunities for productive employment and decent work.

The share of global population at ages 65 and above is projected to rise from 10 per cent in 2022 to 16 per cent in 2050. At that point, it is expected that the number of persons aged 65 years or over worldwide will be more than twice the number of children under age 5 and about the same as the number under age 12. Countries with ageing populations should take steps to adapt public programmes to the growing numbers of older persons, including by establishing universal health care and long-term care systems and by improving the sustainability of social security and pension systems.

Global life expectancy at birth reached 72.8 years in 2019, an improvement of almost 9 years since 1990. Further reductions in mortality are projected to result in an average global longevity of around 77.2 years in 2050. Yet in 2021, life expectancy for the least developed countries lagged 7 years behind the global average.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all three components of population change. Global life expectancy at birth fell to 71.0 years in 2021. In some countries, successive waves of the pandemic may have produced short-term reductions in numbers of pregnancies and births, while for many other countries, there is little evidence of an impact on fertility levels or trends. The pandemic severely restricted all forms of human mobility, including international migration.

"Further actions by Governments aimed at reducing fertility would have little impact on the pace of population growth between now and mid-century, because of the youthful age structure of today's global population. Nevertheless, the cumulative effect of lower fertility, if maintained over several decades, could be a more substantial deceleration of global population growth in the second half of the century," added John Wilmoth, Director of the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Moscow stands alone in its battle against the US-led NATO military bloc and is capable of vanquishing its enemies on its own, Russia's former president Dmitry Medvedev has said.

"Russia alone is fighting NATO and the Western world," Medvedev, who is the deputy head of the nation's Security Council and the leader of the ruling United Russia party, wrote on his Telegram channel on Saturday.

"We are capable of destroying a mighty enemy or alliances of enemies by ourselves," the former president stated, adding that during its military activities Moscow is seeking to preserve the lives of its soldiers and civilians.

Medvedev wrote that Russia has not yet used "its full arsenal" of weapons and has not struck "all potential enemy targets." He added that "there is time for everything."

"It is Russia who today is forming the future world order," the ex-president argued, stressing that "this new equitable world order will be formed."

Medvedev's words come amid Kiev's increasing reliance on Western military and financial assistance in the ongoing conflict. The U.S., together with the EU and several other countries, imposed sweeping sanctions on Russia after Moscow launched its military operation in late February.

Make no mistake about it, for the West, Ukraine is a proxy war for the NATO/U.S. on behalf of the Illuminati Masonic/Jesuit-controlled Vatican.

The Ex-Russian president names key reason for the Ukraine conflict. Kiev has received massive military assistance from the West during the conflict. The U.S. announced an additional \$1.1 billion for Ukraine in September, bringing the total amount of military aid for the country to nearly \$17 billion since President Joe Biden took office in early 2021.

Russia sent troops into Ukraine on February 24, citing Kiev's failure to implement the Minsk agreements, designed to give the regions of Donetsk and Lugansk special status within the Ukrainian state. The protocols, brokered by Germany and France, were first signed in 2014. Former Ukrainian president Pyotr Poroshenko has since admitted that Kiev's main goal was to use the ceasefire to buy time and "create powerful armed forces."

In February 2022, the Kremlin recognized the Donbass republics as independent states and demanded that Ukraine officially declare itself a neutral country that will never join any Western military bloc. Kiev insists the Russian offensive was completely unprovoked.

In early October, the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, as well as Zaporozhye and Kherson Regions, officially became part of Russia following referendums that saw the majority of local residents vote in favor of accession. The residents of those four Republics voted between 92% and 97% in favor annexation by Russia.

The Apostle Paul had taught that there are two unmistakable signs that the judgment of the world had commenced. The first was the Rapture of the Church and the second was the revelation of the the Antichrist. This is the name we use to identify the last world dictator, called by Paul, "that man of sin". Many people in history have been identified as the Antichrist because they have been against God. But "anti" also means "instead".

of". This man will not only be anti-God, but he will demand universal worshiped instead of God.

In previous segments of this series as well as other articles, I have noted with an abundance of evidence that Prince Charles of Wales, now King of England, is "that man of sin". My analysis is that old "sausage fingers" is close to signing the Daniel 9:27 Covenant. Actually it is a "reconfirmation" of the former 1993/94 Oslo Accords. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:" From my analysis the road ahead is running out for the entire world. The world is desperate for a leader and the hubris of the U.S. political system will not offer anyone near equal to rival Prince Charles.

God's Word is very clear as to the origin of the Antichrist; he arises as head of a revived Roman Empire. In chapter 7 of the Book of Daniel, when introduced to the fourth beast representing the Roman Empire, Daniel was told that the ten horns on its head represented ten kings that will rule this kingdom and that "another shall rise after them". He would "speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints (the Jewish people) of the most High...and they (the Jewish people) shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time" -(Daniel 7:25).

Antichrist's first appearance in the Book of Revelation is as the first seal judgment is opened at the beginning of the Tribulation -(Revelation 6:2). Here he is seen as a rider on a white horse going forth "conquering, and to conquer". The rider has a bow but no arrow, indicating that his rise to power will be by peaceful means. A crown is "given to him" meaning that men will submit to him. He will be a leader amongst men, who will emerge as a political genius to stabilize the world in the midst of a vacuum caused by the Rapture of the Church.

"Therefore", because of the blessed hope, the believers are to "stand fast" while they wait for the Lord to come. Our behaviour in the interim period now comes into view. Practical holiness is again linked to the hope of the Lord's return. The command to "stand fast" is predicated on the assurance that we are ordained (appointed) to participate in the Rapture before the Tribulation. It is in fact the ground of Paul's appeal to "stand fast". Paul mentions four ways we are to "stand fast" until we are raptured into His presence. All four of them concern the Word of God.

1) The first way to "stand fast" is to believe the truth. It is the very foundation stone on which our new life is built. We are saved through "belief of the truth". Paul says this was "from the beginning" -(2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:13). It is an evidence of salvation that we implicitly believe the Bible. We are "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" -(1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:23). We live in an age when people would prefer to doubt the Word of God because its message condemns their worldly lifestyle. If we are to stand fast, we need a strong "belief of the truth". We must judge every issue by the plumbline of God's Word. Modern versions have brought confusion and uncertainty about the words of Scripture, but "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified

seven times" -(Psalm 12:6). When Paul wrote to Timothy, he told him: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" -(2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17). The reason we have been given the Word of God is first to bring us to salvation, and then to spiritual maturity in Christ.

2) The second way to "stand fast" is to guard the Truth. "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions (all the teachings Paul had shared with them) which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle" -(2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:15). The Greek word translated "hold" is krat-eh'-o. It means "to use strength, i.e. seize or retain." It could be translated "hold fast". It is important that we take a strong stand for the Word of God. It is not wrong to insist upon the integrity of God's Word. We may be branded as intolerant and inflexible, or even legalistic, but God wants us to be intolerant to sin in our lives, or we won't stand fast in an evil world.

As Christians, we are constantly bombarded with psychology and anti-Christian teaching. Christian counselling is largely humanistic and un-Biblical. Self-worth and self-confidence have become the goal, whereas Paul wrote: "I am crucified with Christ: neverthless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" -(Galatians 2:20). The wisdom of man has replaced the Word of God. There is a constant danger of being swept downstream by the current of an ungodly culture, and it may appear easier to go with the current. The Hebrew Christians were warned to "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip (drift away)" -(Heb.2:1). When you resist, you increase your strength. Stand firm, don't give way, resist the drift and you will gain strength to fight the next spiritual battle.

The third way we are to "stand fast" is to proclaim and practice the Truth. Paul's prayer was that the Thessalonians might be established "in every good word and work" -(2 Thessalonians 2:17). It is no good defending the Truth if we do not demonstrate the Truth by the way we live. When Lazarus was raised from the dead he did not have to give a lecture proving Jesus had the power to raise the dead, people could see that he was alive. Finally, if we are to stand fast until Christ returns we must pray for the spread of God's Word. Paul wrote: "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified" -(2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:1). If our Christian service does not have as its goal the propagation of the Word of God then we have to question the value of our service. We must also remember that we do not stand fast alone. We are labourers together in God's harvest field and should pray that the Word of God will abound through others who are called to the mission field and teaching ministries. Our prayer support is vital. The truth of the Lord's return is the greatest reason why we should stand fast. "Stand fast!"

Jesus stated: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is" -(Mark 13:32-33). Bible prophecy however, is quite clear that there will be seven years of Tribulation immediately preceding the

Lord's return to reign. That period is divided into two periods of 1,260 days. Antichrist will move into the Jewish Temple halfway through the seven years and once the Tribulation begins it will be possible to count the days to the return of Christ. So what did Jesus mean? There is an event which will trigger the beginning of the Tribulation and that event is the Rapture of the Church. Only the Father knows the moment when the Church is complete and the "fulness of the Gentiles" has come in -(Romans 11:25).

I have been watching for several weeks now the references to the world was approaching 8-billion. When it was declared a few days ago the world had reached 8-billion I kept thinking about the prophetic implications and the meaning of that statement. In the Bible, the number eight is often connected to a new start, a fresh beginning. For the Jews in the Old Testament, circumcision (the spilling of blood) on the eighth day marked the beginning of a Jewish life. In the New Testament, after Christ's blood was spilled on the cross, the resurrection on the eighth day signifies hope and a new life for anyone who accepts his free gift of salvation.

Keep looking up! As I noted before the roadway is quickly running out for a world with no exits outside of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. As a Bible-believing Christian who watches geo-politics intently, I know I am anticipating the Rapture in the short-view of what is occurring now. Do not be distracted by the holidays coming up, they are important, yes, but keep a close eye on how Satan will exploit through distraction, deceit, in bringing chaos to the world.

# THE ABC'S OF SALVATION



## ADMIT

Admit you are a sinner and have made mistakes.

### BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus is God's Son, died on the Cross for you, and rose up from the grave on the third day.

## CONFESS

Confess Jesus as the Lord of your life. And commit yourself to a life of following Jesus, and serving others.

(Romans 3:23; John 1:12; Romans 10:9)

# Amen

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