

# The Blessed Hope!

**“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)**

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## Current Events through a Biblical World View!

### THE WAR ON CASH: WHO'S BEHIND IT AND WHY ARE THEY DOING IT?

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Cash is very efficient for small transactions. Cash transactions are immediate, flexible and anonymous. Cash does not need a password and can't be hacked. The usefulness of cash is not dependent on technology that might break down – and sometimes does, creating huge problems.

A benefit of eliminating cash and moving to a digital economy, they claim, is combating crime. However, cash isn't all that convenient for illicit transactions. It has the disadvantage for criminals of being small-scale. For large amounts of illicit transactions, you need to go digital.

The ideal medium for illicit drug commerce in 2014, for example, was – believe it or not – [Amazon gift tokens](#). More recently, money launderers have [used online gambling sites](#) to disguise their shady funds. Cash on the other hand has allowed crimes to be discovered. Not least of all because, unlike digital, cash requires a face-to-face transaction. In 2021, a [criminal ring attempting to launder money](#) in Canada was caught when they tried to deposit large amounts of cash with a bank.

So why are they trying to move us into a cashless society? And who is “they”?

At the end of 2019, [Kevin Dowd](#), Professor of Finance and Economics at Durham University, wrote an essay that was [published in the \*Economic Affairs\*](#) magazine.

You can browse Prof. Dowd's articles about 'The War on Cash' on his website [HERE](#). Our article is paraphrased from [a blog he wrote](#), as published on the Institute of

Economic Affairs (“IEA”) website, and his 2019 essay titled ‘[The war on cash is about much more than cash](#)’.

His essay details the arguments used by those pushing for a cashless society and a digital economy and why these arguments are faulty if not outright false. At 8 pages long it may seem daunting to some but it is written in an easy-to-read style with ample subheadings to use as markers to pick up where you left off should you choose to read it one section at a time. We encourage our readers to take the time to read his essay in full.

Proposals to abolish cash were first put forward by Kenneth S. Rogoff in 1998. These have subsequently been developed further by other economists as well as by Rogoff himself.

Among the principal benefits claimed for the so-called War on Cash (“WoC”) are that it would help combat crime and it would give central banks additional room for monetary policy manoeuvre. The policy is being promoted by an alliance of big digital payments firms, control ideologues and central banks.

The big digital payments firms promote WoC [for commercial reasons](#): they wish to eliminate a competitor so they can increase the fees they charge on digital transactions. They also benefit from collecting data on our spending habits, data which cannot be obtained if we pay by cash.

The second group promoting an end to cash do so as part of an agenda of increasing state control. They argue that cash should be abolished because “bad guys” – money launderers, drug smugglers and terrorists – use it. Yes, bad guys do use cash, but so do the rest of us. If we should abolish cash because bad guys use it, then the same argument applies to everything else they use including digital money, which is more widely used for criminal activities than cash itself.

The third group promoting the WoC are central bankers. As interest rates have fallen, central banks have seen their ability further to reduce interest rates become severely squeezed. Abolishing cash would enable them to overcome this constraint and allow them to push interest rates deep into negative territory in their efforts to stimulate the economy. The point here is that if central banks were to attempt to implement negative rate policies without first abolishing cash, then people would switch large-scale into cash to thwart their efforts. Thus, cash would need to be abolished to force people into negative-rate assets.

The use of cash confers important benefits that digital money does not. That the War on Cash would deprive us of those benefits is the least of its problems, however.

It also threatens to undermine our privacy by allowing all our spending to be tracked. Once the government has coerced everyone into using electronic currency that it can control, it can then also control how we spend it.

The government then has the power to control ... everything. It can identify and block payments to or from individuals or organizations of which it disapproves. Its control of payments would be absolute and it could use that control to go after its enemies – real or imagined makes no difference – and destroy them by depriving them of their sustenance.

Anyone who got on the wrong side of the authorities – political opponents, whistle-blowers, alleged criminals, anyone – can then be subjected to “cancellation” and made to disappear merely by blocking access to their bank accounts.

A government dominated by health fanatics could then compel us to follow personalized health “recommendations” determined by the latest health fad. A government dominated by environmentalist fanatics could force us to “save the planet” according to the dictates of the latest environmentalist fad. A government dominated by religious fanatics could prevent us from engaging in immoral activities, to save our souls. The possibilities are endless.

You may say that governments wouldn’t act this way. But governments are already well advanced along this path.

In addition to the very real concerns regarding total government control and destruction of our civil liberties, the WoC threatens to undermine our privacy, expropriate large amounts of legitimately acquired wealth, expose us all to the risks of fallible digital systems, inflict severe adverse effects on the vulnerable and enable central banks to embark on dangerous negative interest rate policies.

Source: <https://expose-news.com/2024/05/06/the-war-on-cash-whos-behind-it/>

## **Under 1% of Catholics agree with denomination's teaching on sanctity of life issues: report**

By Ryan Foley, Christian Post Reporter Tuesday, May 07, 2024

Less than 1% of American Catholics agree with all three of the Catholic Church's teachings on the sanctity of life issues, showing the widespread existence of what some call "cafeteria Catholics" in the United States, according to an analysis.

Researcher Ryan Burge, an associate professor of political science at Eastern Illinois University who publishes articles on a Substack called "Graphs About Religion," shared data Thursday about the beliefs of Catholics in the U.S., focusing on their views on abortion, capital punishment and euthanasia.

Burge attributed the motivation to conduct the research to comments made by Cardinal Wilton Gregory of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, who referred to President Joe Biden as a "cafeteria Catholic" during an appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation" on March 31.

Gregory defined a "cafeteria Catholic" as someone who "chooses that which is attractive and dismisses that which is challenging." Referring to Biden, Gregory stated, "Like a number of Catholics, he picks and chooses dimensions of the faith to highlight while ignoring or even contradicting other parts." In other words, a "cafeteria Catholic" picks and chooses which parts of the faith to abide by, much like someone selecting food in a cafeteria rather than accepting all the teachings of the faith.

When investigating the phenomenon of "cafeteria Catholics," Burge discovered that "it's not just many Catholics who disagree with the teachings of the church."

*"In fact, if you look at the data, it's nearly all of them," he wrote.*

Using data from the General Social Survey dating back to 1988, he measured the percentage of U.S. Catholics who said they did not support abortion for any reason and also opposed the death penalty and euthanasia at 0.9% in 2022.

The share of U.S. Catholics who aligned with church teaching on all three matters reached a high of about 7% in 1989 while fluctuating between 2.6% and 6.2% in the years since. The 0.9% of U.S. Catholics whose positions on the three issues matched those of the church in 2022 constituted an all-time low.

After noting the Catholic Church's teaching that "Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an ends or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law," Burge presented six graphs documenting U.S. Catholics' positions on abortion over time based on data found in the General Social Survey collected between 1972 and 2022.

Three of the six graphs showed that until recently, most U.S. Catholics opposed legal abortion if a woman "wants no more kids," "is not married" or "can't afford more." However, in all three of those cases, support for legal abortion is at about 50%, according to the most recent data.

*"From the 1970s through the 1990s, the share of Catholics who would allow an abortion [if a woman doesn't want more kids] was right around 40%. Now, about half of Catholics would support an abortion in that circumstance," Burge stated. "The trend line is largely the same when Catholics are asked about electing an abortion in a situation where the woman is not married. Now, about half of Catholics would support the right of a woman to obtain a legal abortion in that case."*

On the other hand, the overwhelming majority of Catholics have consistently supported legal abortion in cases where the "mother's health" is at risk, the baby was conceived as a result of rape and the baby was determined to have a "serious defect."

The most recent statistics show support for abortions in those cases hovering at around 90%, 80% and 75%, respectively. Support for legal abortion in cases where the mother's health was in danger has never dropped below 80%, while the percentage of

Catholics who favored legal abortion in the other two cases has never dipped below 70%.

*"If you look at the stated opinion of rank and file Catholics on abortion, there's clear majority support for elective abortion in almost every circumstance," Burge wrote. "For instance, at least three quarters of Roman Catholics favor a woman's right to obtain an abortion if she became pregnant due to a sexual assault. Nearly the same share are supportive of abortion if the child has a serious birth defect."*

Burge shared a statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops illustrating the Catholic Church's opposition to the death penalty, highlighting their declaration that *"no matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so."* He presented a graph showing consistent majority support for the death penalty among U.S. Catholics from 1974-2022, ranging from a low of 55% in 2021 to a high of 81% in 1990, with the most recent data measuring Catholic support for the death penalty at 61%.

When looking at data about U.S. Catholics' support for euthanasia, also known as assisted suicide, Burge found that about 70% of American Catholics supported helping or letting people commit suicide in cases of incurable disease in 2022. This represented a stark increase from the 36% who expressed support for euthanasia when the question was first asked in 1977.

The Catholic Church teaches that because *"direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons,"* it is *"morally unacceptable."*

Burge noted that Catholics are not the only religious demographic that doesn't adhere to the teachings of their churches. He pointed to a poll conducted by Ligonier Ministries and Lifeway Research that asks specific doctrinal questions.

Among Evangelicals who participated in the survey, about a quarter (26%) said they don't believe the Bible is literally true. Meanwhile, more than half (56%) said that *"God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam,"* and 43% said that *"Jesus was a great teacher, but he was not God."*

Research from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University's American Worldview Inventory 2024 finds that only 6% of professed Christians in the United States hold a biblical worldview.

*"The typical American adult is not a worldview purist but is essentially a worldview plagiarist, combining beliefs and behaviors borrowed from an average of nine recognized worldviews into their personal worldview blend,"* the report stated.

## **Rafah Invasion Reciprocity Continues!**

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) attack on Hamas positions in Rafah, in southern Gaza, began Monday with a fight to seize two key strategic points: the Rafah-Egypt border crossing, and the Philadelphi road along the Egyptian border.

Israeli forces, including artillery and armored forces, encountered moderate resistance from Hamas fighters as they battled for several hours along the three kilometers between ...Images and videos on social media showed an Israeli tank arriving at the Rafah crossing, then the Palestinian flag being replaced by the Israeli flag — the first time in nearly 20 years that Israel has physically controlled that border.

It was nearly 20 years ago that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, forcibly disengaged that Israeli controlled Gaza Strip and handing control to the Palestinians; then, they held an election, won overwhelmingly by the bloody-Hamas.

From that moment onward, Hamas has controlled Gaza and has unleashed continuous bloody hell upon all people living there.

Overnight (Monday), IDF ground troops began a precise counterterrorism operation based on IDF and ISA [Israel Security Agency] intelligence to eliminate Hamas terrorists and dismantle Hamas terrorist infrastructure within specific areas of eastern Rafah.

Prior to the operation, the IDF encouraged residents in the area of eastern Rafah to temporarily evacuate to the expanded humanitarian area in Al-Mawasi, where the IDF has facilitated the expansion of field hospitals, tents, and an increase in water, food, and medical supplies. International organizations working in the area were also encouraged to temporarily evacuate prior to the beginning of the operation.

**Almost instantly, the Hamas crossing called Rafah fell under control of the Israeli Defense Ministry.**

IDF ground troops are continuing to operate against Hamas terrorist operatives and infrastructure in the area of the Rafah Crossing in eastern Rafah.

There is a specific reason the IDF wants to establish, and then control, Rafah Crossing during this entire operation.

Israel hopes to hold the Rafah crossing as a way of preventing Hamas leaders from escaping Gaza, or importing more weapons to Gaza, during the ensuing fight for the town, which is where Hamas's last four battalions are located.

The United Nations objected to Israel taking the Rafah crossing, saying that it will obstruct the movement of aid into Gaza. Hamas attacked the Kerem Shalom crossing over the weekend with little objection from the United Nations.

There is currently a surplus of humanitarian aid supplies in northern Gaza, and local informal markets are said to be bustling with a variety of foods and other goods, though the United Nations says that Gaza is running low on fuel.

**As the official peace talks got serious, Israeli officials came to the belief that Hamas was cooperating with Biden!**

Israeli officials said Monday that Biden administration officials had secretly worked with mediators, without Israel's knowledge ... with Israel beginning its operation in Rafah by warning civilians to leave, Hamas suddenly announced that it agreed to a "ceasefire" — on unfamiliar terms that Israel had not actually offered.

Israel, regarding the move as a bluff aimed at the international media in an attempt to pressure Israel to abandon the operation, decided to send junior-level diplomats to Cairo, Egypt, to explore talks, while continuing to fight in Rafah.

Israeli officials claim the Biden administration knew about the latest hostage and ceasefire deal proposal Egypt and Qatar negotiated with Hamas, but didn't brief Israel before Hamas announced it accepted it on Monday.

When the Israelis read Hamas' response, they were surprised to see it contained "*many new elements*" that were not part of the previous proposal that Israel agreed on and that was presented to Hamas by the U.S., Egypt and Qatar ten days ago ...

**Jewish officials felt 'blindsided' by American forces.**

The Biden administration has publicly opposed an Israeli attack on Rafah for months, ostensibly to protect civilians but also likely to preserve Hamas as leverage to compel Israel to accept a two-state solution as an outcome of the war.

Repeating: "*... to preserve Hamas as leverage to compel Israel to accept a two-state solution as an outcome of the war ...*"

American negotiators are clearly supportive of Hamas' battle plan, whose leaders can count upon Biden's men to be fully supportive of this final result well before the plan was laid out for the entire world to see.

Biden's America is now under God's curse: "***And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...***" -(Genesis 12:3)

America is now under God's official NATIONAL CURSE!

**Keep mindful of the Biblical "theme" or "pattern" of the 40+1 date that is approaching in 10 days. From the April 8<sup>th</sup> Eclipse 40 days brings us to the eve of the Biblical date for Pentecost on May 19, 2024! While Pentecost is acknowledged as the birth of the church, it could be the date for the Rapture.**

**Defense Secretary Austin confirmed that America was, indeed, withholding key ammunition resupply from Israel!**

**Biden admin confirms blocking arms shipment to Israel** according to Israel365 News, May 8, 2024

*"The Biden administration on Tuesday night confirmed reports that it had held up a munitions shipment to Israel. A senior official told CBS News that the United States last week stopped a delivery of thousands of heavy bombs over fears that they could be used during Israel's military operation in Rafah."*

National Security concerns what might occur, not what is occurring! Israel is taking steps to ensure that none of these weapons are actually being used. The Worry Free Western Media is daily painting these *"what might occur"* weapons as actually occurring, the facts on the ground notwithstanding!

**An all-out effort to force Israel to cave to Biden's demands**

NEWS BRIEF: "US holding up sale of thousands of precision weapons to Israel". Israel365 News, 8 May 2024.

"The Biden administration is effectively delaying the delivery of up to 6,500 Joint Direct Attack Munitions ... at issue is the sale of up to 6,500 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs)—a guidance kit that converts "dumb bombs" into "smart" precision-guided munitions."

**Never before has an American Christian-based government fought against any Islam-based force.**

**Iran announced it is broadening its war against Israel!**

NEWS BRIEF: "[Iran Announces: It Is 'Broadening the Battlefield' in War on Israel, U.S.](#)," Breitbart News, 8 May 2024

*"The commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Maj. Gen. Hossein Salami, claimed on Tuesday his rogue regime is "broadening the battlefield" against Israel and America to hasten the collapse of both nations."*

Note that the battle is against two forces simultaneously:

*"... the battlefield" against Israel and America to hasten the collapse of both nations."*

Has President Biden even acknowledged that our enemy is Islam nor that Islam looked at both Israel and America as equal enemies. Once Islam is declared an enemy President Biden cannot grant any aid and/or comfort to them without triggering the "aid and comfort" section to our Constitution!

Listen:

["ArtIII.S3.C1.4 Aid and Comfort to the Enemy as Treason -- Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort."](#)



Iran is announcing that her original battle plan against Israel is **now broadening**:

As American and British troops were building up to an attack in March, 2003, Iran suddenly sprang forth in a burst of frantic diplomacy with her Arab neighbors. In successive Daily News Updates throughout that March, we noted that high-ranking officials visited the capital cities of virtually all Arab nations in the Middle East. Then, on March 21, 2003, The Jerusalem Post published a story which publicized the reason for this frenetic diplomatic frenzy.

Here is "key" important thing to note:

The strategy was announced in March, 2003, as Coalition Forces began attacked Iraq!

*"Iraq is a swamp', Khamenei said in his address to the guards. 'The Great Satan will get caught in that swamp; and that will speed up its inevitable collapse'. In a recent article Velayati spelled out a strategy aimed at 'confronting the Great Satan in a number of fronts.' "*

He then spelled out those "number of fronts".

1. Iraq
2. Afghanistan
3. Azerbaijan
4. Israel

Now that we know Iran is the mastermind behind the current fighting in Iraq, we must address the issue of possible geopolitical ramifications. If Iran has, indeed, engaged American forces with her agents, that means she is beginning the battle to protect her nation by attacking her enemy on the soil of Iraq. Technically speaking, this tactic changes the entire political-military equation. Now, we are technically at war with Iran, making this conflict a Regional War. But, why should we be surprised, for that was the stated aim of Iran's March 21, 2003, "*lighting many fires*" plan.

Just now coming true.

Just now broadening!

### **What Lies Ahead: A Biblical Overview of the End Times**

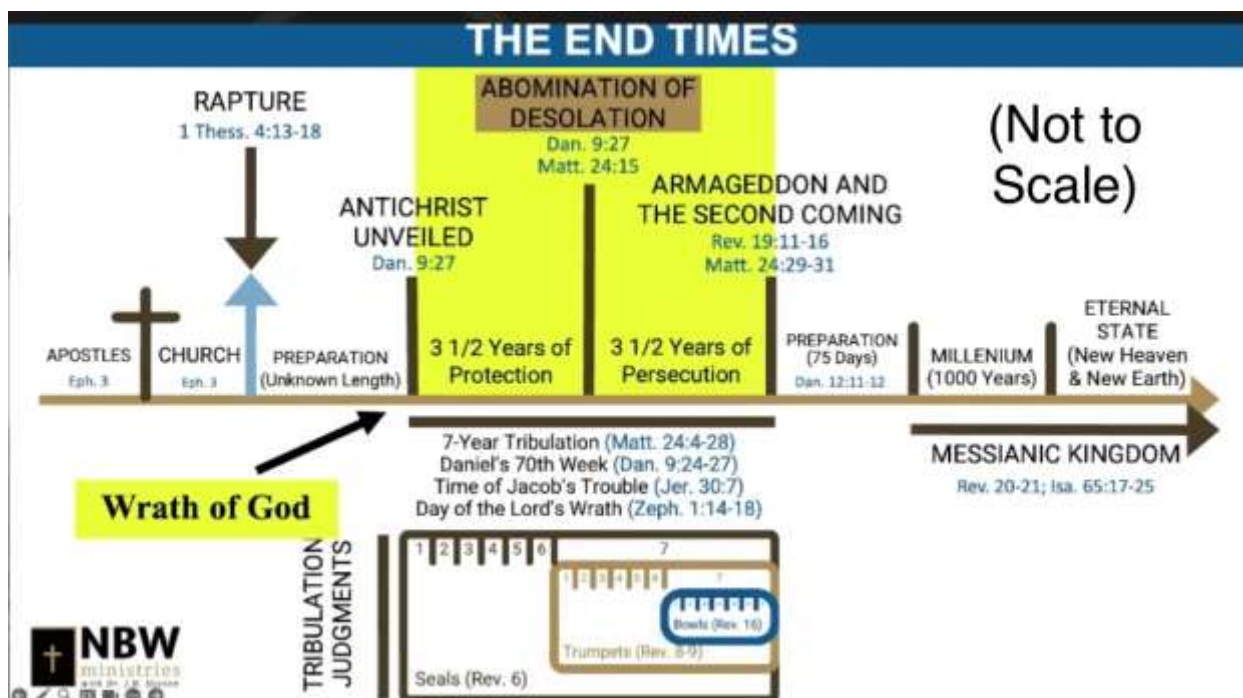
One of the best books I have ever read was by J B Hixson and Mark Fontecchio. It was published in 2013 as I recall. Mr. Hixson was a then graduate student at Dallas Theological Seminary. I purchased the book at the time I was physically damaged by Wi-Fi-induced Lymphedema/Lymphorrhah. We had moved back to central Kentucky no more than six months before. Between moving and adjusting lifestyle accommodations required with my disability my copy got buried in Rubbermaid containers and as they say, "*out of sight, out of mind*". Dr. J.B. Hixson did a Compass International presentation which led me getting my wife to doing a search for me on what follows.

## Sequential Order of End Times Events

J. B. Hixson, Ph.D.  
Not By Works Ministries

1. The rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; John 14:1-3)
2. The Judgment Seat of Christ in heaven for all church-age believers (1 Cor. 3:10-15; Romans 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10)
3. The Marriage of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7)
4. Formation of a western alliance, probably led by the future antichrist, that invades Egypt (Dan. 11:40-43)
5. Battle of Gog & Magog (Ezek. 38-39)
  - a. Formation of a Northern alliance against Israel (Ezek. 38)
  - b. Invasion of Israel by this Northern alliance (Ezek. 38:16)
  - c. The Western alliance protests (Dan. 11:44).
  - d. God supernaturally intervenes allowing the Western alliance to defeat the Northern alliance (Ezek. 38:21-39:7).
  - e. This gives the antichrist world notoriety and paves the way for his reign of terror (Dan. 9:27).
6. Unveiling of the antichrist (2 Thess. 2:3)
7. The antichrist signs a peace treaty with Israel (Dan. 9:27; 1 Thess. 5:3).  
Ø This constitutes the official commencement of Daniel's 70th Week (Matt. 24-25; Rev. 6-18). Daniel's 70th Week is also called The Great Day of the Lord's Wrath (Zeph. 1:15); Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jer. 30:7); The Tribulation (Matt. 24); Day of the Lord (many OT passages).
8. The Seal Judgments begin (Rev. 6).
9. The ministry of the 144,000 world-wide witnesses begins (Rev. 7, 14; cf. Matt. 24:14; 13:47-50).
10. The ministry of the two special witnesses begins (Rev. 11).
11. The antichrist kills the two witnesses (Rev. 11).
12. The two witnesses are resurrected (Rev. 11).
13. The antichrist's reign of terror intensifies. He sets himself up as God and demands worship (Dan. 9:27; Rev. 13; Matt. 24:15). This event is called the abomination of desolation.
14. The trumpet judgments begin (Rev. 8-9).
15. The false prophet, second in command to the antichrist, takes on an increased role (Rev. 13).
16. The false prophet controls commerce (Rev. 13).
17. There is severe persecution of Jews and all believers (Rev. 12-13).
18. The fall of geographic, political and ecclesiastical Babylon (Rev. 18)
19. The bowl judgments begin (Rev. 15-16).
20. As the antichrist proceeds with his program, nations from the east (the Orient) will unite and attempt to stop him. (Rev. 16:12-16).
21. The armies from the East and West will face off in a series of battles in an area around the mountains of Megiddo north of Palestine. This campaign is called Armageddon (Rev. 16:14; 19:17).

22. Climaxing the campaign of Armageddon, Christ will return to judge the nations and establish His Kingdom (Zech. 14:4; Matt. 25; Rev. 19:11-21).
23. The antichrist and false prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:17-21)
24. Christ will judge the world to see who may enter the Messianic Kingdom (Matt. 25:31-46).
25. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb takes place at the inauguration of the Messianic Kingdom (Rev. Rev. 19:9; Matt. 8:11).
26. The millennial reign of Christ over the earthly kingdom (Rev. 20:1-6)
27. The binding of Satan during the millennial reign (Rev. 20:1-6)
28. The loosing of Satan at the end of the millennium (Rev. 20:7-10)
29. One final battle between Satan and God called Gog and Magog (not the same as Ezek. 38-39) at the end of the millennium (Rev. 20).
30. The Great White Throne judgment of all unbelievers (Rev. 20:11-15)
31. The final destruction of Satan, the antichrist, the false prophet and all unbelievers (Rev. 20:15)
32. The destruction of the old heaven and old earth and the recreation of heaven and earth in sinless perfection (Rev. 21)
33. The Everlasting reign of Christ over the New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21)



As we anxiously anticipate the Lord's call to **"Come up hither"**, I thought Dr. Hixson's research would be a blessing to the readers. The more information that we have it becomes and builds a stronger foundation for our faith. Myopic "near-sighted" vision can distort the long-term view in such a way that it discourages folks. The message presentation that Dr. Hixson gave was called the "Departure" and he identified "10 Reasons The Rapture Before the Tribulation. Link and list below:

## **The Departure ~ 10 Reasons The Rapture Happens Before Tribulation**

55-minutes

[CLICK HERE](#)

Excellent and fun Bible prophecy teaching by pastor and pre-everything Bible prophecy expert, JB Hixson, a past *Steeling the Mind* conference speaker.

JB also shares excellent charts... don't you just love a great prophecy chart! I could analyze the above chart for hours. Just saying...

I viewed the message and in case you missed it, I have noted below Dr. Hixson's 10 key points that confirm the Rapture is Pre-Tribulation.

- #1 The Church is Promised rescue before the Prophetic Wrath of God – 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:9.
- #2 Daniel's 490 year prophecy was made exclusively with Israel ~ Daniel 9:24.
- #3 The Church had no part in the first 483 years of Daniel's prophecy
- #4 No mention of the Church in any passage
- #5 No mention of the Church after Revelation 3
- #6 The Tribulation is Jewish in nature specifically called a "Time of Jacob's Trouble" ~ Jeremiah 30:7
- #7 The Church is represented by the 24 elders is already in Heaven prior to the start of the Tribulation in Revelation 4:4-5
- #8 The doctrine of Immanency demands it
- #9 The descriptions of the Rapture as bringing comfort and blessing do not align with the descriptions of judgment and wrath that come with Christ's Post-Tribulation ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:8 and Titus 2:13
- #10 When the Lord returns to take the throne and inaugurates the Kingdom. Believers will be coming with Him ~ Jude 14-18 and Revelation 19:14.

Dr. J.B. Hixson states finally that 'The Departure' found in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:1-3 seals the deal!

## **7 Proofs The USA Is Moving Away From God**

**1) More than four-in-ten US voters say the country is likely to get ripped apart in a second civil war within five years, a shocking new survey reveals.**

***The Rasmussen Reports poll shows that 41 percent eye a civil conflict, compared to 49 percent who say it's not likely. Another 10 percent said they were not sure.***

**2) Gallup survey, only 36 percent of Americans approve of Israel's military campaign in Gaza...**

**3) 65% of Americans do not approve of the Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade**

**4) More than 20 percent of Generation Z adults (22.3 percent to be specific) now identify as LGBTQ+...**

**5) The number of transgender troops in the U.S. Army has doubled since 2020...**

***The Pentagon has spent more than \$26 million treating transgender troops since 2020, official records show.***

**6) By a vote of 692 to 51, the United Methodist Church has voted to approve LGBTQ clergy and same sex weddings in their churches...**

***The United Methodist Church, one of the largest Protestant denominations in the U.S., has voted to repeal its ban on LGBTQ clergy as well as prohibitions on its ministers from officiating at same-sex weddings.***

**7) Only 3.6 million babies were born in the U.S. last year, and the birth rate is now at the lowest level ever recorded...**

***The birth rate in the US has declined to a new low, according to data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.***

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## **If Truth Could be Acknowledged, America No Longer Exists**

Paul Craig Roberts • Friday, May 10, 2024

Alan Dershowitz, the epitome of a Harvard law school left-winger back in the days before the left-wing went Woke, endorsed two of my books dealing with Washington's dangerous assaults on American Civil Liberty.

Dershowitz's failing is that as a defender of Zionist Israel he silences even Jews, such as Norman Finkelstein, who are critical of Zionist Israel. But when it comes to U.S. civil liberty, he stands on the Constitution if Israel is not in the picture.

This is unusual for the left-wing today, which opposes the Constitution as a racist document intended to suppress black people.

In former periods of our history the American left was a countervailing power that protected civil rights. Those days are gone, and Dershowitz is the last.

I doubt that Dershowitz is a Trump supporter. But to Dershowitz, it is the law, the Constitution, that is important. In a recent article, Dershowitz says, *"Every American should be appalled at this selective prosecution. Today the target is former President Donald Trump. Tomorrow it may be a Democrat."*

In other words, Dershowitz is concerned that the U.S. is becoming a Latin American country in which every outgoing president is prosecuted by his successor. Instead of law as a protector, law becomes a weapon.

Dershowitz has this to say:

*"Trump's underlying crime is seemingly a minor misdemeanor — falsifying business records — which long ago expired under the statute of limitations. In order to turn it into a felony within the statute of limitations, prosecutors will have to show that Trump falsified the records in order to impact his election, thus constituting a federal election felony."*

*The problem is, however, that federal authorities have not prosecuted Trump for this federal election crime. Moreover, state prosecutors have no jurisdiction over federal election law."*

In other words, there is no legal basis for Trump's indictment.

This has from the beginning been completely apparent, and now it has been stated by America's most prominent legal authority, a person far more knowledgeable than any member of the U.S. Supreme Court.

*"I have been teaching, practicing and writing about criminal law for 60 years. In all those years, I have never seen or heard of a case in which the defendant was criminally prosecuted for failing to disclose the payment of what prosecutors call 'hush money.' Alexander Hamilton paid hush money to cover up an affair with a married woman. Many others have paid hush money since. If the legislature wanted to criminalize such conduct they could easily enact a statute prohibiting the payment of hush money or requiring its disclosure. They have declined to do so. Prosecutors cannot simply make up new crimes by jerry-rigging a concoction of existing crimes, some of which are barred by the statute of limitations others of which are beyond the jurisdiction of state prosecutors."* <https://dailycaller.com/2024/05/08/opinion-trumps-trial-is-a-stupendous-legal-catastrophe-for-the-history-books-alan->



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In other words, America's pre-eminent lawyer declares the totally unAmerican Biden Regime enemy of the U.S. Constitution to be a direct threat to the existence of a rule of law and a free America.

Despite this, watch the Woke left, women, Woke white males, if male they are, vote Democrat. A country, such as America, which has lost the support of its principles by its own population is a destroyed country.

## **800+ JEWISH PROFESSORS URGE BIDEN, SENATE TO OPPOSE 'DANGEROUS' ANTISEMITISM BILL**

May 9, 2024

*"Criticism of the state of Israel, the Israeli government, policies of the Israeli government, or Zionist ideology is not—in and of itself—antisemitic,"* reads a new letter.

A Dartmouth University professor who once served as the school's head of Jewish studies and was violently arrested at a Palestinian rights protest last week was among more than 800 Jewish educators who had signed a letter as of Thursday, demanding that lawmakers and U.S. President Joe Biden oppose a bill claiming to combat antisemitism.

The Awareness of Antisemitism Act, said [the letter](#), would actually "amplify the real threats Jewish Americans already face" by "*conflating antisemitism with legitimate criticism of [Israel](#).*"

The bill, which was [passed](#) by the Republican-controlled House last week over the objections of 70 progressive Democrats and 21 Republicans, would codify the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) [working definition of antisemitism](#), which includes "targeting of the state of Israel" and "*drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.*"

The Awareness of Antisemitism Act, which could soon be taken up by the Senate, would require the Department of Education to consider the group's working definition when determining whether harassment is motivated by antisemitism.

The professors noted that the working definition has been "*internationally criticized,*" with more than 100 civil society organizations—including some Israeli groups—[calling on](#) the United Nations last year to reject the IHRA's interpretation because it has been "*misused*" to shield Israel from legitimate criticism.

*“We hold varied opinions on Israel,” reads the letter. “Whatever our differences, we oppose the IHRA’s definition of antisemitism. If imported into federal law, the IHRA definition will delegitimize and silence Jewish Americans—among others—who advocate for Palestinian human rights or otherwise criticize Israeli policies.”*

The professors pointed out the irony that by using the IHRA definition—which also includes *“accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel”* than their own home countries—the bill *“hardens the dangerous notion that Jewish identity is inextricably linked to every decision of Israel’s government.”*

*“Far from combating antisemitism, this dynamic promises to amplify the real threats Jewish Americans already face,”* the letter reads.

Annelise Orleck, the Dartmouth professor who was [arrested](#) last week, was joined by other Jewish academics including City University of New York professor Peter Beinart and professor emeritus Avishai Margalit of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in signing the letter.

Orleck, a labor historian, told ABC affiliate WMUR after her arrest that she hopes Dartmouth and other schools that have cracked down on and condemned pro-Palestinian protests in recent weeks will *“stop weaponizing antisemitism.”*

The professors urged political leaders who are *“earnestly concerned with antisemitism”* to *“join hundreds of Jewish scholars from across the globe who have endorsed alternative definitions of antisemitism—such as those contained in the [Nexus Document](#) or [Jerusalem Declaration](#). Unlike the IHRA definition, these documents offer meaningful tools to combat antisemitism without undermining Jewish safety and civil rights by insulating Israel from legitimate criticism.”*

When the Antisemitism Awareness Act was passed by the House last week, Jewish-led Palestinian rights groups were among those that condemned the proposal.

Biden has angered pro-Palestinian rights groups by [suggesting](#) the campus protests that have spread across the U.S. in recent weeks, with students and faculty demanding an end to U.S. support for Israel as it bombards [Gaza](#), are inherently antisemitic.

*“Criticism of the state of Israel, the Israeli government, policies of the Israeli government, or Zionist ideology is not—in and of itself—antisemitic,”* reads the professors’ letter, which was first publicized Wednesday. *“We accordingly urge our political leaders to reject any effort to codify into federal law a definition of antisemitism that conflates antisemitism with criticism of the state of Israel.”*

Blessings,

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# The **A B C**'s of Salvation

## **A** Admit that you sin.



Your sin separates you from God and keeps you from Heaven. Every sin must be punished. Your punishment for sin is Hell.

Romans 3:10 • Revelation 21:8

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23a

## **B** Believe in Jesus.



Jesus Christ, God's own Son, came to die for your sins. His death on the cross can replace your death in Hell. He only asks that you believe Him.

John 3:16 • 2 Corinthians 5:21 • Isaiah 53:5-6

...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23b

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

Romans 5:8

## **C** Choose to allow Jesus to save you.



God is waiting for you to receive His gift of salvation. If you ask Him, God will remove your sin and give you a home in Heaven!

John 14:1-2 • Titus 3:5-7 • John 1:12

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13