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 #71



Below is the projected goal of the globalists "Depopulation" agenda predicted by the Deagel Report, dating back two decades at least. The chart below shows the goal!

Country	2019 Pop	2025 Pop	Survivor Rate
Australia	25 million	15 million	60%
Brazil	212 million	210 million	99%
Canada	38 million	26 million	68%
China	1,390 mil	1,358 mil	97%
Columbia	49 million	49 million	100%
France	68 million	39 million	57%
Germany	80 million	28 million	35%
Greece	11 million	8.1 million	74%
Hungary	9.8 million	9.4 million	96%
Indonesia	267 million	267 million	100%
Iran	85 million	81 million	95%
Italy	62 million	43 million	69%
Japan	126 million	103 million	81%
Poland	38 million	33 million	87%
Mexico	129 million	124 million	96%
Netherlands	17 million	16 million	94%
Russia	147 million	141 million	96%
Saudi Arabia	34 million	25 million	73%
South Africa	56 million	45 million	80%
South Korea	52 million	37 million	71%
Sweden	10 million	7.2 million	72%
Thailand	69 million	64 million	93%
United States	333 million	99 million	30%
UK	66 million	14 million	21%
World Pop	7.646 Billion	6.83 Billion	
			reduction

Three countries are slated to lose the most in population: Germany, the U.S. and the U.K. These numbers represent the planned reduction (Genocide Mass Murder) of

upwards of a billion people. I have previously mentioned the Deagel Report and its prediction of huge losses of population. The Deagel Report for the U.S. population is directly below:



The statistical loss by country on page 2 above is a compilation from New World Order projection sites. It offers an insight that underlies the Covid-19 "Depopulation" Plan that has been underway since early 2020. The globalists in the UK and Switzerland pull the strings of the near future! The plan was long ago determined. The following email explains it all:

email from Patrick O'Carroll

Many slow-on-the-uptake imbeciles still think that the fraudulent, genocidal COVID HOAX was not planned.

Well, for a very long time, the COVID HOAX has been part of the plans of Kabbalist banksters and of the Zionist London-NY-Axis cabal or capstone (the English monarchy, the City of London, Wall Street and the House of Rothschild).

Forty years ago, a Bilderberg bankster "predicted" (or essentially spoke of his plans for) the COVID HOAX as a scamdemic for genociding the useless eaters.

The following statements were made in 1981 by the powerful Bilderberg bankster and unapologetic eugenicist Jacques Attali (often dubbed the Euro Version of Heinz-Alfred Kissinger (nickname Henry) because he was the longtime "advisor" to the French and European regimes). The statements are taken from interviews with journalist and lobbyist Michel Salomon in his 1981 book "L'Avenir De La Vie" (Future of Life), Seghers edition published in France under ISBN 222150237X, when Attali was a senior "advisor" to French president François Mitterrand:

"The future will be about finding a way to reduce the population ... Of course, we will not be able to execute people or build camps. we get rid of them BY MAKING THEM BELIEVE IT IS FOR THEIR OWN GOOD ... WE WILL FIND OR CAUSE SOMETHING, a pandemic targeting certain people, an economic crisis real or not, a virus affecting the old or the elderly, it does not matter. The weak and the fearful will succumb to it. THE STUPID WILL BELIEVE IN IT AND ASK TO BE TREATED. We will have taken care of having planned the treatment, A TREATMENT THAT WILL BE THE [FINAL] SOLUTION. The selection of idiots will therefore be done by itself: they will go to the SLAUGHTERHOUSE OF THEIR OWN ACCORD".

Did you hear that? Jacques Attali just said the following about anyone who took the Experimental-COVID-Bioweapon-Injection (ECBI, not a "vaccine"):

- 1. You are STUPID (because you believed that the COVID HOAX was legitimate or genuine and you ASKED TO BE TREATED);
- 2. You are AN IMBECILE (because you thought the treatment was "for your own good", although it was planned as part of the Kabbalist [final] solution to reduce the population of Goyim-Gentiles);
- 3. You are WEAK OR FEARFUL (because you fell for their hoax);
- 4. You are AN IDIOT (because you went to the slaughterhouse of your own accord);

5. And if we do not kill you with the COVID HOAX, we have other tricks up our sleeve such as a virus affecting the elderly, a pandemic affecting undesirables only, or a real or bogus economic "crisis".

In his 1997 book "Millennium; Winners And Losers In The Coming Order", Jacques Attali also described the whole process of taking down the USA's borders and how the USA is to have a non-white majority within decades. He also boasts that "the next economic-refugee boat-people" would be US citizens leaving the USA in search of a better life. Because Jacques Attali delights in the Kabbalist plan to bring total chaos to the world, which is a Zionist conspiracy at which he has always been at the very core. Jacques Attali must be viewed not as an incidental commentator but one of the top Kabbalist advisors who helped to shape the whole agenda of the Zionist London-NY-Axis cabal (the English monarchy, the City of London, Wall Street and the House of Rothschild).

In their fundamental Sabbatean-Frankist irreligion, the Zionist CHABAD and their top Kabbalist banksters believe that the Antichrist will not come to the Earth unless it is first in a state of total chaos. They believe that it is THEIR job to do everything to ensure that the Earth reaches that state of total chaos. And the fruits of their efforts can be seen everywhere today, although their efforts are not abating but increasing.

Today, Jacques Attali is a happy pensioner. None of the Goyim-Gentiles who willingly gave their lives to fulfill the Kabbalist desire for total chaos, **ever yet** got the idea of bringing Kabbalist banksters like Jacques Attali or his ilk to justice. Maybe someone will soon develop the strength, confidence or courage to foil this plan for total chaos? **Share this:**

Although this email may come as a shock to many, it does not shock me in the least. In fact, it confirms information I shared in a recent Blessed Hope about the Zionists hold on the CDC and vaccine industry. You can find that in Blessed Hope #69.

Now that the crooked FDA has approved the experimental Pfizer/BioNTech, you can expect mandate of it for the U.S. Military and shortly after for you. They will have to do it quickly since a planned war did not breakout last year as was planned. The Vaxx was meant to follow a war between China and the U.S., not before. It will not matter that the Nuremberg Treaty or other therapy treatments eliminate the so-called Covid. Those who have not been vaxxed will be hunted down like a rabid dog! The four experimental vaxxes, along with 162 others were to be launched after a war created health and safety issues with the deaths of countless millions.

After COVID we can draw two major conclusions:

- The Western world success model has been built over societies with no resilience that can barely withstand any hardship, even a low intensity one. It was assumed but we got the full confirmation beyond any doubt.
- 2. The COVID crisis will be used to extend the life of this dying economic system through the so called Great Reset.

The Great Reset; like the climate change, extinction rebellion, planetary crisis, green revolution, shale oil (...) hoaxes promoted by the system; is another attempt to slow down dramatically the consumption of natural resources and therefore extend the lifetime of the current system. It can be effective for a while but finally won't address the bottom-line problem and will only delay the inevitable. The core ruling elites hope to stay in power which is in effect the only thing that really worries them.

The collapse of the Western financial system – and ultimately the Western civilization – has been the major driver in the forecast along with a confluence of crisis with a devastating outcome. As COVID has proven Western societies embracing multiculturalism and extreme liberalism are unable to deal with any real hardship. The Spanish flu a century ago represented the death of 40-50 million people. Today the world's population is four times greater with air travel in full swing which is by definition a super spreader. The death casualties in today's world would represent 160 to 200 million in relative terms but more likely 300-400 million taking into consideration the air travel factor that did not exist a century ago. So far, COVID death toll is roughly 1 million people. It is quite likely that the economic crisis due to the lockdowns will cause more deaths than the virus worldwide.

The Soviet system was less able to deliver goodies to the people than the Western one. Nevertheless Soviet society was more compact and resilient under an authoritarian regime. That in mind, the collapse of the Soviet system wiped out 10 percent of the population. The stark reality of diverse and multicultural Western societies is that a collapse will have a toll of 50 to 80 percent depending on several factors but in general terms the most diverse, multicultural, indebted and wealthy (highest standard of living) will suffer the highest toll. The only glue that keeps united such an aberrant collage from falling apart is over-consumption with heavy doses of bottomless degeneracy disguised as virtue. Nevertheless the widespread censorship, hate laws and contradictory signals mean that even that glue is not working any more. Not everybody has to die and migration can also play a positive role in this.

The formerly known as second and third world nations are an unknown at this point in time. Their fate will depend upon the decisions they take in the future. Western powers are not going to take over them as they did in the past because these countries won't be able to control their own cities far less likely countries that are far away. If they remain tied to the former World Order they will go down along Western powers but won't experience the brutal decline of the late because they are poorer and not diverse

enough but rather quite homogenous used to deal with some sort of hardship but not precisely the one that is coming. If they switch to China they can get a chance to stabilize but will depend upon the management of their resources.

We expected this situation to unfold and actually is unfolding right now with the November, 2020 election triggering a major bomb if Trump had been re-elected. When the Democrats and Biden (stole) the election there would be very bad consequences as well. There is a lot of bad blood in the Western societies and the protests, demonstrations, rioting and looting are only the first symptoms of what is coming. However a new trend is taking place overshadowing this one.

The situation between the three great powers has changed dramatically. The only relevant achievement of the Western powers during the past decade has been the formation of a strategic alliance, both military and economic, between Russia and China. Right now the potential partnership between Russia and the European Union (EU) is dead with Russia turning definitively towards China. That was from the beginning the most likely outcome. Airbus never tried to establish a real partnership but rather a strategy to fade away the Russian aerospace industry. Actually Russia and China have formed a new alliance to build a long haul airliner. Western Europe (not to mention the United States) was never interested in the development of Russia or forming anything other than a master slave relationship with Russia providing raw materials and toeing the line of the West. It was clear then and today it is a fact.

Russia has been preparing for a major war since 2008 and China has been increasing her military capabilities for the last 20 years. Today China is not a second tier power compared with the United States. Both in military and economic terms China is at the same level and in some specific areas are far ahead. In the domain of high-tech **5G** has been a success in the commercial realm but the Type 055 destroyer is also another breakthrough with the U.S. gaining a similar capability (DDG 51 Flight IIII) by the middle of this decade (more likely by 2030). Nanchang, the lead ship of the Type 055 class, was commissioned amid the pandemic and lockdown in China.

Six years ago the likelihood of a major war was tiny. Since then it has grown steadily and dramatically and today is by far the most likely major event in the 2020s. The ultimate conflict can come from two ways. A conventional conflict involving at least two major powers that escalates into an open nuclear war. A second scenario is possible in the 2025-2030 time-frame. A Russian sneak first-strike against the United States and its allies with the new S-500, strategic missile defenses, Yasen-M submarines, INF Zircon and Kalibr missiles and some new space asset playing the key role. The sneak first-strike would involve all Russian missile strategic forces branches (bombers and ground-based missiles) at the different stages of such attack that would be strategic translation of what was seen in Syria in November 2015. There was no report that the Russian had such a capability of launching a high precision, multiple, combined arms attack at targets 2,000+ kilometers away. Western intelligence had no clue whatsoever. The irony is that since the end of the Cold War the United States has been maneuvering through

NATO to achieve a position to execute a first strike over Russia and now it seems that the first strike may occur but the country finished would be the United States.

Another particularity of the Western system is that its individuals have been brainwashed to the point that the majority accept their moral high ground and technological edge as a given. This has given the rise of the supremacy of the emotional arguments over the rational ones which are ignored or deprecated. That mindset can play a key role in the upcoming catastrophic events. At least in the Soviet system the silent majority of the people were aware of the fallacies they were fed up. We can see the United States claims about G5 being stolen from them by China or hypersonic technology being stolen by Russia as the evidence that the Western elites are also infected by that hubris. Over the next decade it will become obvious that the West is falling behind the Russia-China block and the malaise might grow into desperation. Going to war might seem a quick and easy solution to restore the lost hegemony to finally find them into a France 1940 moment. Back then France did not have nuclear weapons to turn a defeat into a victory.

If there is not a dramatic change of course the world is going to witness the first nuclear war. The Western block collapse may come before, during or after the war. It does not matter. A nuclear war is a game with billions of casualties and the collapse plays in the hundreds of millions. With the abandonment of Afghanistan by Joe Biden, this reality is closer than one might think! China plans to take back Taiwan at any cost even if it means war with Japan and the U.S. combined. They have the manpower to sacrifice in such a venture.

I am a historian and I have seen and recognized events that might not be viewed as important, yet they have Biblical significance. The Bible provides for us a lot more information than most pastors are aware of. The Bible is a road map in many ways yielding sign markers that enable us to see the Hand of God at work and validating the Truth of the Biblical message. This is revealed in so many ways, and I wrote a series back in 2016 and 2017 as a study of how God unveils His relationship throughout Scripture. The series title is sprinkled through the 1,189 chapters of the 66 books that make up the Bible. Why is this series important? It provides foundational evidence for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture and for our watching.

Deliverance before Judgment

This series was introduced a few days into the new year of 2016 which may very well be a transitional year in which the Rapture of the Bride (Church) and the Great Day of the Lord or the beginning of the Great Tribulation occurs. Readers are encouraged to exercise "Combat Faith" spoken of by Bible prophecy scholar Hal Lindsey. His book carrying the same title explains: Now more than ever, we must learn to break the "faith-barrier" to overcome worry, anxiety, and fear and enter into a new dimension of peace and stability... to claim the invincible inner peace that God has promised each of us... no matter what the circumstances.

According to filmmaker and former BBC reporter Adam Curtis, a new system of political and social control is emerging. This, he argues, can be seen by the recent merging of conceptual arts and politics in the visual world of corporate media and the Internet. The perception management of yesterday is now a 24/7 "Alice in Wonderland" visual appearance of reality.

The new cyber control of what equates to 'appearance' as opposed to what 'reality' actually is relies on the creation of confusion in the minds of people with the consistently present question, "What is now fake and what is now real." In a world so managed and controlled by the uber-elites, their canopy of media outlets, and their corporate control of the mind, what can be trusted or true?

Nothing is what it seems. The Orwellian world is here, and confusion and uncertainty is now the master plan of a ruthless, global elite. The vaudeville of contradictions in corporate news reporting and commercialized commodified culture that pounds us daily results in the inability to fathom a coherent narrative to the history we are living and the lies we are being told. This of course, is the plan: immerse the public in confusion.

Much has been written over the past twenty years concerning Bible prophecy, the Bible's understanding, the signs of the times, etc. Everything written since 1997 has been prepared to support an understanding of the signs of the times, our relationship to the Bible, and to be a beacon for the closeness of the Lord's Second Coming. There can be no title as appropriate for this series than that which has been chosen to herald the Lord's return: "Deliverance before Judgment". While Lucifer and his minions are hard at work seeking to undermine the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view and "The Blessed Hope", the goal of this series launched countermeasures to buttress "Combat Faith". I formerly published two monthly publications that were published for "seven" years each, even though the length of time for each had nothing to do with the significance of the number "seven". In the end, the funds to keep them going dried up.

Bible/Biblical Forensics began initially, two decades ago as a worship bulletin insert with the focus on teaching an "apologetics" Bible theme based upon Scripture and related disciplines. Its purpose was to educate, affirm, and exalt faith in the Word of God. My wife was a church secretary and organist, seeking a source of Bible content to offset the stream of poorly qualified pastors the church had been receiving during her employment. Thus, "Bible/Biblical Forensics"© became a tool to teach the laity. It was offered to pastors in general, as an educational piece, which could be used to tutor their folks, about the Bible, faith, and theology and to provide evidence for apologetics from wherever God's truth could be found.

The evidence for God and Jesus Christ is not limited to the Bible, but is revealed in every academic discipline in a liberal arts education. Even our word "history" stands for "His Story", namely the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you learn nothing else, it is important to recognize and understand that in God's Master Plan for Redemption, "Deliverance comes before Judgment". As Lucifer wages last ditch efforts to thwart Christ Jesus in ways that may not be fully recognizable, things are going to be strikingly terminal this year. For many of us it will be next month. It often comes as a shock to discover the illiteracy still existing, even among believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In order to grasp the Bible, one has to think systematically, while simultaneously differentiating between the "Big" picture and the "Little" pictures that seem to get the most focus. In this initial segment of the series, we will begin with the Ark. The larger "Big" picture of Noah's Ark and the family that survived the flood are often portrayed as being unrelated especially as it pertains to the topic of "Typology". The 8th chapter of Genesis prefigures the Ark or a true Type of Christ. "And God remembered Noah and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth that was with them in the ark, and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged (settled down). The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained." The Hebrew term for 'remember' means to begin again to act on their behalf.

After 150 days of reeling on the water, the ark finally came to rest, most likely on Mount Ararat since it was the highest mountain in the region. -(Genesis 8:5). After another seven months (377 days totally) Noah, his family, and the animals exited the ark.

The Bible is full of parallels or "Types". We can see how God arranged the affairs of many Old Testament people and events to provide us with similarities leading us to Jesus Christ, the focal point of the Gospel. Consider the following parallels:

- After 5 months of providing refuge and laboring to accomplish its work of saving its occupants from judgment of sin, the ark finished its mission: the work of salvation -(cf. John 19:30).
- The ark's construction was made to be waterproof and resistant to decay by sealing it with "pitch" inside and out. The Hebrew word for pitch "kosher" means a "covering". But it's also the Hebrew word for 'atonement'. Henry Morris writes: this is the Bibles first mention of 'atonement' "It sufficed as a perfect covering for the ark, to keep out the waters of judgment, just as the blood of the Lamb (Christ) provides a perfect atonement for the soul".
- The Jewish date that the ark rested -(Genesis 8:4) and the date Jesus Christ rose from the dead are the same: "The seventeenth day of the seventh month".
- The ark became the bridge from the old, evil world to the present one -(Genesis 7:7; 2nd Peter 3:6-7). God would help Noah and his family with their new life in

their new world. And God graciously provides deliverance from spiritual death to us through His Son, Jesus. This is symbolized through water baptism -(1st Peter 3:21). He saves us from God's judgment of sin. He not only gives us the opportunity for a new beginning, but also offers help in our daily walk.

- Although Noah wasn't perfect, he is described as a "righteous man who walked with God" -(Genesis 6:9). Jesus was the perfect, blameless man who consistently obeyed His Father -(Hebrews 4:15).
- Noah was like a "second Adam", since all people come from him -(Genesis 8:15-9:17). Jesus Christ is called "the second man (Adam)" since He is the only source of eternal life -(1st Corinthians 15:47; Acts 4:12).
- Human evil had reached a deplorable high, so God decided to destroy His creation with a flood -(Genesis 6:6-7). In God's timing, He will wipe out His creation again, but this time by fire -(2nd Peter 3:12-13) and then re-create it new once more -(Revelation 21:1).

Each of us share some similarities with Noah as we look forward to the removal of sin and its curse that comes with it.

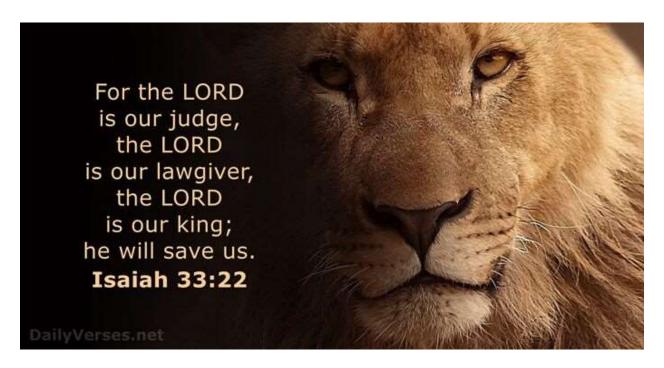
This lesson from Genesis is a picture of Jesus as a bridge for us to God the Father and a new life. We have the choice to accept or reject God's gracious invitation of new life through Jesus Christ. The entire story is of a literal, visual portrayal of Noah, is a representation of the Scriptural truth "Deliverance comes before Judgment" in the grand theme of the Bible. As this series will illustrate, God has a plan that provides believers with a provision for deliverance before judgment is executed on an unbelieving world of mankind. This underlying theme encompasses the entire Bible, from Genesis up through the days preceding the Day of the Lord as described in Daniel's 70th week of Judgment upon His people, "the apple of His eye".

This is a pictographic image for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Others may choose to deny it but the concept of deliverance before judgment is a core theme of the Bible! END Part 1.

I have enclosed in this "Diamond & Nugget" the link to each of the 32 parts of the series. You are free to download, read, and save any or all in HTML and PDF format. With God, Prologue = Pattern = Prophecy! Each part has been read by tens of millions and I hope you will be blessed by this work. So many in church leadership see God and His Word through what the Apostle Paul said: "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." –(1st Corinthians 13:12). One's upbringing and training will lead many unable to differentiate appropriately between the Law and Grace. Spiritual Shepherds on both sides of the fence are guilty of abuse. As Dr. David Reagan often states, God can be your best friend or your worst nightmare. As I have studied Scripture for over sixty

years, achieving balance becomes critical in our learning and understanding what God has been revealing to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

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Those in the church today who are experiencing such affliction and persecution may be assured that however violent the opposition and however direct the efforts to thwart and hinder the work of God, in the end there will be victory for the cause of Christ. Whatever the case be for each believer, circumstances will cause differences of opinion. Because of this diversity of individual specifics, I wanted to take a closer study of my favorite passage. Wherever you go in the world today, few have to deal with identical issues. What the Apostle John wrote in the Revelation of Jesus Christ was the Living Word in 95 or 96 A.D. and has been the case down to the present day!

Some believe that "I will protect you from the great time of testing" means there will be a future time of great tribulation from which true believers will be spared. Others interpret this to mean that the church will go through the time of tribulation and that God will keep them strong in the midst of it. Still others believe this refers to times of great distress in general, the church's suffering through the ages. We cannot interpret from this verse when or for how long Christians will experience the "great time of testing." Today, millions of Christians are suffering and dying at the hands of godless tyrants throughout the world. To them, the time of testing has already begun. Whenever Christians suffer, Christ promises protection of their eternal souls -(see Luke 21:17-19).

The irony of Scripture is found in the fact that where one found themselves in history of time, i.e., 1st century AD, 4th century AD, 10th century AD, 16th century AD, or the 21st century the book of Revelation was and is a "living" book speaking to the one reading the book of Revelation. Yes, I am saying that the book of Revelation was meaningful and alive to every generation since he Bible was first recorded.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour 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."

Keep in mind as you study the book of Revelation, at least since the Counter-Reformation of 1517 and following, there have been four different perspectives:

- 1. Idealist, struggle between good and evil,
- 2. Literal Grammatical Historical,
- **3**. Preterist or past, and
- 4. Dispensational or future,

Each has an appropriate and unique perspective relative to *Chronos* and *Kairos time*. The blessing from reading Revelation comes in many ways, but the one I suspect least appreciated is its relevance for the believer at any specific time/date in history.

The Revelation 3:10 verse above is from the KJV translation. Below is the Pure Word Bible translated and published in 2016. The Pure Word translation began with the understanding that all Scripture is inspired by God -(2nd Timothy 3:16), and every word of God is pure -(**Psalms 12:6-7**; **Proverbs 30:5**). Since each word is pure (without mixture), it stands to reason that God would not be ambiguous or indecisive on the meaning of His message. The publisher states their team of scholars devoted twenty-years to its final print form. This is exactly as Revelation 3:16 appears in the Pure Word Bible:

"Because you have kept the Word of my Endurance, I also, will Keep You out from within the hour of the temptation, expecting to upon all the inhabited earth, to try them dwelling upon the earth. Behold, I am Coming quickly. You must be Holding to retain what you have, in order that no man might take your Crown."

I purchased the Pure Word Bible (NT) at its release and began reading from it daily about seven months ago in my morning hours in bed while I wait for my wife to get around to wrap my feet and legs with Ace bandages. I am disabled with Lymphedema and its advanced issue of Lymphorrhea.

The Pure Word Bible (NT) for all of its accuracy is not comfortable for memorization. When I took my Intermediate Greek in seminary, we used the Nestle-Aland (26th edition) Greek NT book of Revelation as our text. The Nestle-Aland Greek text is based upon the corrupt Westcott & Hort Greek text. In the Revised Text, N-A & W-H, a total of 2,886 Greek words were omitted from the Received Text of 140,521 Greek words. Critics of the KJV Bible, for whatever their reason, cannot get past its accuracy as being superior to anything used today. If you think I am "KJV Only", you would be totally wrong; I am "Textus-Receptus Only". The Westcott & Hort differs from the Textus-Receptus in nearly 6,000 places. There are 356 doctrinal passages that are affected. I could go on but this should suffice for those who want to bash the KJV Bible.

In my way of thinking, the Pure Word Bible is analogous to the Amplified Bible when it was released in 1965. I was one of the computer team of programmers who put the KJV Bible onto computer tape in 1963/1964, and so I have considerable insight to the many issues of textual criticism, at all levels in the creation of an electronic-searchable Bible. Many of these issues were being discussed and debated by theologians and academics from around the world at the time of what was to become the original computerization of the Bible in 1964. Textual criticism was never my academic major by any means but I will go this far by saying, those who want to bash the KJV Bible walk on very thin ice to show their ignorance of the issue. Even the NASB of 1960 is heavily flawed, and they sold it on the basis that you couldn't understand the King James Bible. This same deception is used in selling all of your new versions and paraphrased Bibles, so-called. I need to stop and get on to the larger focus of this "Diamond & Nugget".

One of the outstanding compliments given to the Philadelphian church is contained in verse 10. Because of their faithfulness the Christians in Philadelphia are promised that they will be kept from the hour of trial which will come upon the earth as a divine judgment. It should be noted that this deliverance is not only from trial but from a period of time in which the trial exists, "the hour of temptation." If the expression had been simply deliverance from trial, conceivably it could have meant only partial deliverance. The expression seems to have been made as strong as possible that the Philadelphian church would be delivered from this period.

Many have observed also that the preposition "from" (Gr., **ek**) is best understood as "out of rather than simply "from." Other instances of the use of the same verb and preposition together, such as John 17:15 and James 1:27, would indicate that it is perhaps too much to press it to mean an absolute deliverance. In view of the context of the book of Revelation, however, as it subsequently unfolds the horrors of this very tribulation period, it is evident that the promise here to the church at Philadelphia is one of deliverance from this time of trouble.

This conclusion has, of course, been resisted by all post-tribulationists as an unwarranted interpretation of this passage. If this promise has any bearing on the question of pre-tribulationism, however, what is said emphasizes deliverance from rather than deliverance through. As far as the Philadelphian church was concerned, the rapture of the church was presented to them as an imminent hope. If the rapture had occurred in the first century preceding the tribulation which the book of Revelation describes, they were assured of deliverance. By contrast, those sealed out of the twelve tribes of Israel in Revelation 7:4 clearly go through the time of trouble. This implies the Rapture of the church before the time of trouble referred to as the Great Tribulation. Such a promise of deliverance to them would seemingly have been impossible if the Rapture of the church were delayed until the end of the tribulation prior to the Second coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the kingdom.

This passage therefore provides some support for the hope that Jesus Christ will come for His church before the time of trial and trouble described in Revelation 6 to 19. This

time of tribulation will overtake the entire world, as God inflicts His wrath upon unbelieving Gentiles as well as upon Christ-rejecting Jews. The Philadelphian church is therefore promised deliverance from the time of trouble which will overtake the world but will not overtake them. By so much they are encouraged to bear their present suffering and to continue their faithfulness and patience as they bear witness for the Lord Jesus.

The Lord's coming for them is compared to an imminent event, one which will come suddenly without announcement. In view of this expectation they are to hold fast to their testimony for Christ in order to receive their reward at His coming. The expression "quickly" is to be <u>understood as something which is sudden and unexpected, not necessarily immediate</u>. As this sin-cursed old world prepares for war down on earth, up in Heaven they're preparing for a wedding.

In this passage the Rapture of the church is in view. The coming of Christ to establish a kingdom on earth is a later event following the predicted time of tribulation which is unfolded in the book of Revelation itself. By contrast, the coming of Jesus Christ for His church is portrayed here as elsewhere in the book as an event which is not separated from us by any series of events, but is one of constant expectation in the daily walk of the believer in this age. This promise was historically true as directed to the church at Philadelphia. If the church at Philadelphia foreshadows a future period of church history just as other churches seem to do, the promises given to this church can be taken as given to all churches bearing a true witness for Jesus Christ even down to the present day. Our understanding can depend greatly on our need for referring to a Strong's or similar concordance.

The Philadelphian Christians will not only triumph over the contempt and intrigues of their Jewish foes but also over the wider pagan trial (which is also a temptation), inasmuch as their devotion, already manifested in face of Jewish malice, will serve to carry them through the storm of Roman persecution. The reward of loyalty is in fact fresh power to be loyal on a higher level: "the wages of going on, and ever to be". This

seems better than to take the world-wide trial as the final attempt -(Revelation 8:13, Revelation 11:10, etc.) to induce repentance in men or to punish them, from which the Philadelphia Christians -(cf. Revelation 7:1-8, and Songs 13:4-10; 15:6, 7) would be exempt; but it is impossible from the grammar and difficult from the sense, to decide whether $\tau \eta \rho \epsilon \tilde{\iota} v$ $\epsilon \kappa$ means successful endurance (pregnant sense as in John 17:15) or absolute immunity -(cf. 2^{nd} Peter 2:9), safe emergence from the trial or escape from it entirely (thanks to the timely advent of Christ, Revelation 3:11). Note the fine double sense of $\tau \eta \rho \epsilon \tilde{\iota} v$: unsparing devotion is spared at least some forms of distress and disturbance. It is like Luther's paradox that when a man learns to say with Christ, "The cross, the cross," there is no cross. Rabbinic piety (Sanhedrin. 98 b) expected exemption from the tribulation of the latter days only for those who were absorbed in good works and in sacred studies. That view still prevails in much of Judaism where people believe they live in immortality through their good works, financial giving to charitable organizations, social ministries to the poor and elderly, and others such as schools, hospitals, and clinics.

The textual pericope of Philadelphia is found in (Revelation 3:7-13):

⁷"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹²Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. ¹³He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

The letter to Philadelphia contains no note of disapproval or reproach. Although the believers may have been excommunicated from the local synagogue, Jesus Christ has placed before them an open door into the messianic kingdom. They have remained faithful, and those who are not really Jews will be forced to come and acknowledge that God loves the Christian community. Because of their patient endurance God will keep them from the coming time of trial, and as overcomers they will take their place in the temple of God sealed with his name.

Philadelphia (modern day Alashehir) lies at the eastern end of a broad valley that, passing through Sardis (some thirty miles west-northwest), leads down to the Aegean Sea near Smyrna. Its location commanded high ground on the south side of the river

Cogamis, a tributary of the Hermus. This strategic location at the juncture of trade routes leading to Mysia, Lydia, and Phrygia (the imperial post route from Rome via Troas passed through Philadelphia and continued eastward to the high central plateau) had helped it earn the title "gateway to the East" and made it a city of commercial importance. The great volcanic plain to the north (*katakekaumene*, the burnt land) was fertile and well suited to growing grapes. With an economy based on agriculture and industry, Philadelphia enjoyed considerable prosperity. Its one major drawback was that it was subject to earthquakes. The devastating earthquake of 17 A.D. that leveled twelve cities of Asia overnight had been particularly severe on Philadelphia, perhaps because it was nearer the fault line and also suffered a long series of tremors that followed.

With the defeat of Antiochus IV at Magnesia in 190 B.C. Lydia passed to Pergamene control. Although Philadelphia is the most recently established of the seven cities of the Apocalypse, there is some confusion as to whether Eumenes II, king of Pergamum, or his younger brother Attalus II Philadelphus, who reigned from 159 to 138 B.C., founded the city. What is certain is that its name commemorates the loyalty and devotion of Attalus II to his brother (this is what earned him the epithet Philadelphus, "lover of his brother"). Hemer calls attention to two incidents of special note: (1) a false rumor of Eumenes's assassination led Attalus to accept the crown, which he then relinquished when his brother returned from Greece, and (2) Attalus's resistance to Roman encouragement to overthrow his brother and become king. The city was probably founded between 189 B.C. when the region came under the control of Eumenes and 138 B.C. when Attalus died, although without doubt it was built on the site of some earlier settlement. In its development under Pergamene rule Philadelphia was intended to serve as a "missionary city" to bring Greek culture to the recently annexed area of Lydia and Phrygia. Ramsay indicates the success achieved by noting that before 19 A.D. the Lydian tongue had been replaced by Greek as the only language of the country.

Following the great earthquake of 17 A.D. it took the name of Neocaesarea for a time in appreciation for the imperial help received for rebuilding. At a later date, under Vespasian (69-79 A.D), the name Flavia began to appear on coins. Philadelphia was remarkable for its many temples and religious festivals. For this reason, in the fifth century A.D. it was called "little Athens." Because it was located in a vine-growing district, the worship of Dionysus was its chief pagan cult. After Tiberius's help, it founded a cult of Germanicus, the adopted son and heir of the emperor. Between 211 and 217 A.D. a provincial temple to the imperial cult was built, and Philadelphia was honored with the title Neocoros, warden of the temple.

Attention has often been called to the similarities between the letters to Smyrna and Philadelphia. Gerhard Kittel, general editor of *'The Theological Dictionary'* for example, points out that both are designed to strengthen the faithful and, in fact, point by point cover the same ground. They are the two churches that receive unqualified praise from the Lord.

Apparently all suitable phrases from the vision of chapter 1 have been used up, so from other sources the speaker identifies Himself as the true Messiah who controls access to the eternal kingdom. While the NIV uses "holy and true" to describe the risen Christ, a more literal translation of the Greek text is "the Holy One, the True One" (ho hagios, ho alethinos). In Jewish culture the Holy One was a familiar title for God (e.g., Isaiah 40:25; Habbakuk 3:3; Mark 1:24; John 6:69; 1 Clem. 23:5). Here it is joined with "the True One" and applied to Jesus Christ. In Revelation 6:10 they are combined to further describe God just addressed as "Sovereign Lord." If "true" is taken in the classical sense of "genuine," it may be used in 3:7 to refute those Jews of Philadelphia who would claim that Jesus Christ was a false Messiah. If it is taken in the OT sense of "faithful," it could serve to remind the believers at Philadelphia that not only has Jesus Christ been set apart (the root meaning of hagios) to carry out His messianic task, but that He can be counted on to carry it to completion.

Jesus Christ is next described as having "the key of David," a metaphorical expression indicating complete control over the royal household. Specifically, in view of the following clauses, it means the undisputed authority to admit or exclude from the New Jerusalem. The background is the oracle against Shebna, Hezekiah's major-domo (Isaiah 22:15-25), who was to be removed from office and replaced with Eliakim. Concerning the new chief steward the text says, "I will place on His shoulder the key to the house of David; what He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open" -(Isaiah 22:22; cf. Job 12:14b). The language of Isaiah is used to present Christ as the Davidic Messiah with absolute power to control entrance to the heavenly kingdom. It may be an intentional contrast with the practice of the local synagogue in excommunicating Christian Jews.

A preliminary problem in vs. 8 is the punctuation of the first clauses. The ASV considers "Behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut" Commentators who follow this punctuation take the following conjunction (hoti) as declarative and the remainder of the verse as detailing the "deeds" that Jesus Christ knows. If a major stop occurs after "deeds," then the conjunction is better translated "because" and supplies the reason for the open door being placed before the church. The NIV takes the first four words as a complete sentence and after the somewhat parenthetical statement repeats "I know" from the first sentence and carries on "that you have little strength" (The NRSV has a similar construction). This is the most satisfying solution to the syntactical problem.

Most of the discussion centers on the meaning of the open door. The more common interpretation is that it denotes a great opportunity for missionary activity. Paul uses the metaphor in this way. He writes to the Corinthians of his plans to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, "because a great door for effective work has opened to me" -(1st Corinthians 16:9; cf. 2nd Corinthians 2:12; Colossians 4:3). The expression is in terms of Philadelphia's geographic position at the eastern end of the valley leading up onto the

great central plain. As the "keeper of the gateway to the plateau," it had been given a unique opportunity to carry the gospel to the cities of Phrygia.

A different interpretation, however, fits the context better. The preceding verse spoke of a messianic kingdom whose access was under the absolute control of Jesus Christ. He is the one who possesses the key and can open and shut at will. Now in vs. 8 he reminds the Christians at Philadelphia who may have been excommunicated from the local synagogue (vs. 9) that he has placed before them an open door into the eternal kingdom, and no one can shut it. The late Lester Roloff writes that "Jesus has opened the door to the kingdom of God to this church." No matter if the door to the synagogue has been closed, the door into the messianic kingdom remains open. We can see the tension and the contention issues that existed in the early church as it transitioned away from the synagogue during the turbulence of the first two centuries following the Resurrection.

Jesus Christ recognizes that although they have but little strength (it was probably a fairly small congregation and they had not made a major impact upon the city), they have faithfully kept His word and not denied His name. The two acrist verbs point to a particular period of trial in the past. In the remainder of the letter we will learn the threefold reward for faithfulness: vindication before their foes (vs. 9), deliverance in the final period of testing (vs. 10), and security in the coming age (vs. 11). This is just as valid for the 21st century believer as it was when John penned Jesus' words!

Verse 9 takes us to the heart of a serious conflict between church and synagogue in Philadelphia. The Jewish population was convinced that by national identity and religious heritage they were the people of God. Not so, claimed the Christians. Had not Paul, alluding to Deuteronomy 30:6, taught that "a man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly A man is a Jew if he is one inwardly: and circumcision is circumcision of the heart" -(Romans 2:28-29)? It was the church that could now be called "the Israel of God" -(Galatians 6:16), for the Jewish nation had forfeited that privilege by disbelief. Members of the local synagogue may claim to be Jews, but the very claim constitutes them liars. By their slander and persecution of Christians they have shown themselves to be the "synagogue of Satan." Jesus had said to hostile and unbelieving Jews, "You belong to your father, the devil" -(John 8:44), and later in Revelation Satan is labeled "the accuser of our brothers" -(12:10). Little wonder that their synagogue was called "the synagogue of Satan" -(cf. Revelation 2:9; also 2nd Corinthians 11:14-15).

Christians have been far too generous to the Nation of Israel. The Church in its benevolence of Grace has downgraded the idea of the curses of Scripture, for which the Lord will deal with the Jews during the 70th Week of Daniel. Most Christians are oblivious to the four Biblical curses upon the Jews, and virtually all so-called "Christian Zionists" turn a blind eye to this reality. I am not trying to be unkind or Anti-Semitic in what I am saying here. In God's Plan to make Himself known to humanity it was to choose the Israelites to be the model people as the platform by which the world will

come to know Yahweh God as their Creator, Redeemer, King and Saviour. The threefold office (Latin: munus triplex) of Jesus Christ is a Christian doctrine based upon the teachings of the Old Testament of which Christians hold different views. It was described by Eusebius and more fully developed by John Calvin. The doctrine states that Jesus Christ performed three functions (or "offices") in his earthly ministry – those of **prophet**, **priest**, **and king**.

The four curses are:

- Curse of Disinheritance Gospel of Luke 20:9-16
- Curse of the Fig Tree Gospel of Matthew 21:18-20
- Curse of Desolation Gospel of Luke 13:28-35
- Curse of Deicide Gospel of Matthew 27:17-25

As in the preceding verse, the syntax of vs. 9 is somewhat awkward. The initial clause in Greek may be expanded to read, "I give [to you those] of the synagogue of Satan." The NIV translates. "I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan." so as to parallel the later "I will make them to come and fall down at your feet." The intervening phrases describe those persons as falsely claiming to be Jews. The major question is whether they are "given" in the sense of becoming converts to the Christian faith or "given" in the sense that they will finally come to understand that "you [the church] are my beloved people" (NEB). The first alternative supports the interpretation of the open door (vs. 8) as a missionary opportunity, but we have already shown that to be less probable. Once again, an eschatological interpretation is to be preferred. Isaiah 60:14 represents the postexilic confidence that with the restoration of Israel the nations would come to honor and serve the people of God ("the sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you"). The nations will bring their wealth to Israel, become their servants, and acknowledge their God -(Isaiah 45:14; cf. Isaiah 2:3; 49:23; Zechariah 8:20ff.). The irony of this thought is clear enough but it has not kept the "Synagogue of Satan" from asserting its authority and power over the Gentile world. We know from Scripture that 2/3rd of this element will die during the Great Tribulation of Daniel's 70th Week! Much of that will come as a result of Lucifer's current agenda to kill off a billion or so people through a poisoned vaccine and man-made "bioweapon" disguised as a "rogue novel virus!"

Now, in what Moffatt calls "the grim irony of providence," what the Jews fondly expected from the Gentiles, they themselves will be forced to render to the Christians. They will play the role of the heathen and acknowledge that the church is the true Israel of God. Again, my point being made is that Christians from the 1st century up until the present could see this message as for them personally.

Caird takes issue with commentators who hold that John envisages here, not the conversion, but the ultimate humiliation of the Jews. He reasons that "we should not submit to this gloomier interpretation" because (1) post-exilic Judaism looked for a reversal in world affairs that would include the redemption of Gentile nations, and (2)

John had boundless confidence in the power of Jesus Christ. But Jesus Christ's words in vs. 9 certainly do not demand a cringing response from conquered foes. To come and worship is simply an Oriental metaphor that in this context involves no more than the acknowledgment that the church is the object of Christ's love and that with His return their faith in Him will be vindicated.

Because the believers at Philadelphia had kept "Christ's command to endure patiently for His sake," He will keep them from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world. The major question is whether Jesus Christ is promising deliverance from the period of trial or safekeeping through the trial. The preposition "from" (Gk., ɛ̃k) is inconclusive. The late John Walvoord holds that "if this promise has any bearing on the question of pretribulationism, however, what is said emphasizes deliverance from rather than deliverance through" and "implies the rapture of the church before the time of trouble referred to as the great tribulation." The thrust of the verse is against this interpretation. It is precisely because the church was faithful to Christ in time of trial that he in turn will be faithful to them in the time of their great trial. The promise is consistent with the high-priestly prayer of Jesus, "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one" -(John 17:15). It is their preservation in trial that is taught. That the martyrs of 6:9-11 are told to wait for vindication until their full number would be killed indicates that the issue is not physical protection.

The hour of trial is that period of testing and tribulation which precedes the establishment of the eternal kingdom. It is mentioned in such passages as Daniel 12:2, Mark 13:19, and 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-12. It is the three and a half years of rule by Antichrist in Revelation 13:5-10. In fact, all the judgments from 6:1 on relate to this final hour of trial. It is during this period that Jesus Christ will reward the faithfulness of the Philadelphian church by standing by to ward off all the demonic assaults of Satan. The text indicates that the hour of trial comes upon the "whole world" to test "those who live on the earth." In the other places in Revelation where the latter phrase occurs (6:10; 8:13; 11:10 [twice]; 13:8, 14; 17:8) the enemies of the church are always in mind.

The hour of trial is directed toward the entire non-Christian world, but the believer will be kept from it, not by some previous appearance of Christ to remove the church bodily from the world, but by the spiritual protection he provides against the forces of evil. Early on in the Covid-19 issue, I began to sense God was testing our faith as to who we would be loyal to: Jesus Christ or the creation of medical science. However, once the experimental vaxxes are given FDA approval, today August 23, 2021, and then become mandated by government, hence we could anticipate God's intervention since "free will" or "free choice" is taken from the table, and renders humanity helpless. We are about to see the FDA doing just that with the Pfizer "gene" therapy offered as a safe and efficacious this week. Why just Pfizer, since it has a poor record to date based upon the VAERS report on side effects and death, and world-wide as well.

Church history is on my side of the equation, which means to say, Revelation 3:10 had

a direct meaning to all Christians down through the past two millennia. By examining Scripture through the Dispensational school of thought, it was a Promise of the Lord to all believers, past, present, and future.

My copy of the Life Application Study Bible states concerning Revelation 3:10: Some believe that "I will protect you from the great time of testing" means there will be a future time of great tribulation from which true believers will be spared. Others interpret this to mean that the church will go through the time of tribulation and that God will keep them strong in the midst of it. Still others believe this refers to times of great distress in general, the church's suffering through the ages. We cannot interpret from this verse when or for how long Christians will experience the "great time of testing." I would submit to you that today, millions of Christians are suffering and dying at the hands of godless tyrants throughout the world. To them, the time of testing has already begun. Whenever Christians suffer, Christ promises protection of their eternal souls (see Luke 21:17-19).

I noted in the Blessed Hope #70 a statement by Jan Markel of Olive Tree Ministries has a great expression. Jan says, "He is coming soon. Perhaps today. Things aren't falling apart — they are falling into place."

A better description of what the world faces at this juncture in time would be hard to find. Get ready to go home shortly. We have 15 days until Rosh HaShanah.

The "big picture" veiled by obscurity suggests to me our patience and perseverance has run its course. Keep Revelation 3:10 fresh in your mind: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon ALL the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

I hope that I have been clear enough about the theological uptake of Revelation 3:10 and how it speaks to our hearts and minds. The Covid hoax was a declared pandemic by the globalists in March of 2020. This declaration was upon the entire world, ALL means ALL and therefore Revelation 3:10 became immediately a promise to the Christian Bible-believer of this present day!

Blessings and Maranatha!

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