SATAN'S PLAN

The Angel Lucifer waged war in Heaven and was banished; he thought that he could overthrow God and take his place as a ruler, but instead lost and was cast out (Luke 10:17-18 and Revelation 12:7-9). The word "Satan" has the meaning of "an adversary" or "one who resists". In the case of Lucifer, both were true in that he resisted God's sovereignty and became the adversary of God, Jesus Christ, and the Church, with a special hatred for Israel. In fact, Satan's purpose during the Great Tribulation is to eradicate Israel.

Satan embodies all the attributes that God despises such as pride, lying, claiming to be equal to his Creator, and all the other sins that are against God's nature and Holiness.

When God created this world and peopled it, it was Satan who showed up as a serpent (beautiful dragon) and tempted Eve (Genesis 3:1-7). It was Satan who tempted Job (Job 1:1-22). It was Satan who caused the sin in the world that brought the Great Flood (Genesis 6:1-8). It was Satan who made Abraham lie in fear (Genesis 20:1-18). It was Satan who attempted to resurrect the body of Moses and use it to lead Israel astray (Jude 1:9). It was Satan who tempted David to sin (2 Samuel 11:1-27). It was Satan who tempted Christ (Luke 4:1-13). Satan thought he had won when Jesus was put to death. The entire book of the Revelation is about Satan's end.

Through all of history, since his first thought of insurrection, Satan has worked against the Will of God, and he continues to until this day.

You see, Satan is so full of himself, that he still thinks he can beat God. At every setback he plans again, believing that he will win in the end! He is so truly set against God that he cannot conceive of losing. Satan is not omniscient or omnipresent but goes to and fro on the earth (Job 1:7).

With Christ's resurrection, Satan lost a major battle; his temptation of Christ was an attempt to corrupt the second Adam as he did the first, and when it failed, he sought to have Jesus killed. This did not work out the way he hoped, as Jesus was resurrected, and Salvation came to man, thwarting his plans yet again.

This had happened so many times in the past – God had delivered Israel from the Egyptians, then he allowed them to defeat others and take the Promised Land. God put Daniel and his friends in Babylon and Persia to ensure Satan's plans for Israel failed. Time and again his plans came to nothing.

With the Holy Spirit now on the earth, and those who believe in Christ being the actual Church, and with the ability to worship God in truth and in spirit, Satan had to develop a new plan. In his hubris he does not seem to understand that God knows his plans beforehand is working to make a way for His people to be saved.

So, now Satan has two plans going forward: destroy Israel and subvert the Church.

During the second half of the Great Tribulation Satan will seek to destroy Israel, and only the intervention of Jesus Himself will save Israel. Many bad things will happen during the Tribulation.

Unfortunately, many Christians think those things are limited to the time of the Tribulation.

They are not...

The Tribulation will last for 7 years and will be cut short lest nothing survive (Matthew 24:20-24).

BUT

Before that time takes place a couple of things must happen:

- The world needs to be in a place where the Antichrist will be accepted as a savior of the physical world and government systems.
- Things that will happen in the Tribulation must already be set up.

We can see this happening around us today. Economies are getting worse, sins that were unthinkable 50 years ago are now accepted as normal human traits, masses are turning to a government entity to provide for them, and many other areas.

One of the mistakes that Christians make is to assume that Tribulation prophecies will not begin until the Tribulation begins. This is not true!

In 2 Thessalonians 1-12 we are told that more and more people will fall under Satan's power and that God sends a powerful delusion to make them believe what is false. While this delusion may not take complete hold until after the Rapture, for not all Christians will fall to it, it has already begun. As Satan takes more and

more control, and as greater numbers of people fall for his lies and lusts. This passage makes it clear that "he who restrains Satan", that being the Holy Spirit, will be removed from the world and then God will send this great delusion over all people, for they turned away from His Grace.

Let me say right here, I don't know when Jesus will return, and even He does not, but only the Father. Anyone who tells you they have "figured out" His return is a liar and is deluded by Satan (Matthew 24:36). But, like many before me, I believe that time is near, but I could be wrong.

Let's look at why I believe these prophecies are close to coming true.

What I am saying below is from a Biblical perspective; those who do not believe the Bible will probably disagree with what I have to say. From a worldly viewpoint, the things that are happening today are considered "good" but from a Biblical standpoint they are signs of the times.

First, the United States was founded as a nation based on Christian Principles. Our economy was the best in the world and our currency is used in oil trading and other financial markets. There were people here who did not worship God or believe in the Bible, yet the fundamentals of our society were based in Holy Scripture.

Not so today...

Let's go back a little...World War 1 was a geopolitical war fought over leaders and territories. Satan loves a good war, and the misery that comes with it. With over sixteen million fatalities, many who would lose their chance to become born again, he had to be happy. But his real issues with the United States started with World War 2.

With the advent of World War 2, Satan saw a chance to decimate the Jewish population; has the United States not stepped in, it is possible that Hitler would have spread his lunacy over most of the world, eliminating Jews in almost every country and only leaving a remnant.

While doing this he sought to slowly corrupt the Church.

Satan plays the long game...

So, where are we today? How far down the road are we to the Tribulation and the Antichrist? Well, let's look at it.

Some of what I am about to say is just speculation based on our understanding of science and what is happening in the world.

Many things in the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ are symbolic; it is mostly believed that the beast with many heads and crowns refers to a coalition of countries, not an actual sea monster.

Revelation 16:1-17

Sores pored out upon the masses. We just had a world-wide viral pandemic that from all accounts came from a lab in Wuhan, China. Whether this was accidentally or intentionally released, makes little difference. This sets the stage for the plagues that will be poured out on people. It could be an earthquake that releases it from a building, or maybe just sabotage, but this plague will be because God has determined that these plagues will be released.

Red Tide is becoming more prevalent and showing up earlier in the season. This is due to warming sea water and changes in the environment including pollution and fertilizer run offs. One of the premises in the movie "Sahara" was an algae bloom that could invade all the waters of earth. If this was to happen, it would lead to mass deaths of fish and other aquatic animals and plants, ruining the water. Then the same would happen to fresh water supplies, killing everything in them and making the water undrinkable.

Next, we have the sun scorching earth, which is starting to happen. While I don't believe that Global Warming is man-made, it is certainly happening, and it is a part of God's plan for those who despise Him during the Tribulation. We are building up to some serious heat during that time.

Next, the kingdom of the beast is plunged into darkness. We already know that massive volcanoes are due to erupt. If the Yellowstone Super Volcano was to erupt it would practically destroy the United States. A couple of these and the ash clouds would darken the earth. Nuclear weapons could do the same, but the Bible speaks of earthquakes and volcanos, along with wars and rumors of wars.

Then the waters of the Euphrates, and other water connected to it, will dry up and make the way for a land invasion of Israel. At the same time, major demons will perform signs to keep the people worshiping the beast.

Many of these things will require the Delusion of 2 Thessalonians to take place so that people will not look to God, but try to move closer to the Antichrist. This

delusion has already begun but is not complete until the Tribulation; in other words, the world is being conditioned to accept delusions and the Great Delusion will come easy to them.

How is this happening?

Other countries are looking to change the currency used for trade from the US Dollar to the Chinese Yuan. If this happens no one will need to buy US Dollars for trading, and our inflation may well be 250%; that means that everything will cost at least 2.5 times as much. Bread is \$10 a loaf, that new car that was \$40,000 is now \$100,000, and so on. This will decimate the US economy and will probably bring down several European economies, leaving China and Russia with the best economies in the world.

Almost everyone in the US knows this, but no one is really concerned about it; our leaders just ignore it and continue to act as if nothing is happening. They are deluded.

Then we have the Green Initiatives; I am all for conservation and reducing pollutants, but this is idiotic! California says they want everyone to move to electric cars, and charge them off the grid, but the grid is already so overloaded that they have rolling blackouts every year. Idiocy! They are so deluded that they cannot see that A is connected to B.

Then we have financial reparations for those whose forbears were slaves. Again, looking at California, they are talking about AT LEAST \$16 Trillion, and those involved say that where the money is going to come from is the last thing they are concerned about. That is California spending half the amount of the National Debt for reparations. To get it from the US Government would require loans from China and bring our National Debt from \$32T to \$48T. Oh course, this is just for black people. Then we need trillions more for Native Americans that were put on Reservations, Chinese forced into servitude building the railroads, Mexicans who were displaced from Texas, women because they historically did not make as much as men. There is no stopping when that floodgate is open, and Satan dances with glee as the US flounders in debt.

These are the types of actions that Satan is taking to put the world in a position, down the road, where the Antichrist can come in with solutions that will put him in charge of the world.

But what about other current and future delusions?

God made two sexes: male and female (Genesis 5:2). That's it. You are male or female according to God. Any other opinion on the subject that says there are more than male and female, non-binary, other pronouns, etc. is the delusion of the devil. Two of the fundamentals of the Bible is that God made humans male and female, and He intended one male and one female to make a team as husband and wife and raise a family (Genesis 2:24 and Mark 10:7-9). God makes it clear that one man and one woman will become one flesh in His sight and live as a single unit. This gives no room for homosexuality, non-binary genders, and all of this. This is part of the Delusion that is coming on the world that people no longer see right and wrong as they used to.

And before you get all high and mighty, Mr/s Christian, let me remind you that you are not to hate these people because of their sins. You are to love them and take the Gospel to them, not condemn them (Luke 6:37).

Another part of this Great Delusion, I believe, will be the current trend towards Artificial Intelligence. People will not be able to tell the difference between real speeches and AI speeches. Everyone will be using AI to lie about others, and to promote themselves. In Revelation 13:12-18 we see that the statue of the beast moves and speaks and commands that all worship the beast. I believe that this may well be a combination of AI and other technology that deludes the people into believing this is real.

Whether you agree with that or not, it is easy to see that technology will be able to help bring about this Great Delusion. God will remove the ability for people to perceive right and wrong, and when they see AI generated gods, they will fall for them.

Acts 2:19 speaks of signs in the sky and in the earth. We see more and more unidentified objects in the sky, and the earth has many things going on including a major pole reversal that can wreak havoc on our technology.

Mark 13:24-25 speaks of stars falling from the sky. This could be asteroids or satellites. There are estimated to be at least 30 nuclear powered satellites in orbit around the earth. If a lot of the heat during the Tribulation is caused by major sun activity, then it could knock out a lot of satellites, causing them to fall to earth, poisoning land and water, while the solar flares add to the heat of natural warming.

We Catholic Pope seems to want to accept Islam, while the Church of England first states they cannot define what a woman is, then says they want to investigate if God is a man or a woman. Both questions are very simple; anyone with the smallest amount of biological knowledge can tell you what a woman is and what is man is, while God is neither, but a Spirit (John 4:24).

Churches are incorporating more and more ungodly songs, messages, games, technology, and spiritualism into their worship and sermons, while "building bridges" to the woke community by sacrificing their faith and testimony.

Then, of course, there is abortion. I don't know why Satan loves killing and burning babies, but it seems to be something he enjoys putting in pagan religions, going back to Moloch (Marduk) where the Babylonians tossed their babies into a fire to appease this false god that was Satan, or one of his minions, in disguise.

We eradicated the sacrifice of babies for many years, but now we just rip them from the womb and throw them in an incinerator. We call it "abortion" when it is really murder and human sacrifice.

The world has come under great delusions, and the only thing that is keeping any semblance of Godliness is the Holy Spirit working through true Christians.

Only by the Word of God and your faith and dedication to our Lord and Savior are these things not completely decimating our world...