

# Revelation 16 series-1

## The History of the Mystery

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Welcome to our series on Revelation 16. We're going to look at the prophetic fulfillment of end time actions of the beast, the dragon, and the false prophet and their history as it relates to prophecy. This study is a follow-up to the book, 'Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North', and best understood in relation to that study.

"In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, 'But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.' Daniel 12:4." *Acts of the Apostles*, 585

Revelation is a 'complement' of the book of Daniel.

Complement: Fullness; completion; whence, perfection. *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster, 1828.

The books of Daniel and Revelation go together. Sister White says they are one book and bring each other to perfection—they 'complement' one another. The same lines of prophecy taken up by the prophet Daniel are also addressed in the book of Revelation. So this study of Revelation 16 is a further establishment of the prophetic presentation made in Daniel 11:40-45.

Daniel 11:40-45 identifies three powers—the United States, the Soviet Union and the Papacy that were struggling against each other through history. In verse 40 of Daniel 11, an alliance formed between the United States and the Vatican swept away this third power—the Soviet Union. In the book, 'the Keys of This Blood' by Malachi Martin, he says that these three powers were in a three-way struggle to dominate the world. Of course this book was written before the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Malachi Martin, a Vatican insider, a Jesuit, believed that the ultimate victor in this race to dominate a one world government would be the Vatican. In world history today we see only two powers left in his prediction—the United States and the Vatican. This is in agreement with the information in Daniel 11:40-45.

Below the surface of the King of the South and the King of the North in that passage, there is a spiritual struggle that begins in verse 40 of Daniel 11 and continues until the King of the North comes to his end with none to help in verse 45. This spiritual battle is between the philosophy of the King of the South—Atheism and Catholicism, the King of the North. The time comes that there is an alliance formed to sweep away the philosophy of Atheism, and a new philosophy joins this scenario represented by the United States—'Apostate Protestantism'.

Revelation 16 tells us that there are three powers that lead the world to 'Armageddon'—the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. These three powers are the same that Malachi Martin speaks of. They are the same three powers that are woven into the story of verses 40–45 of Daniel 11. The bottom line of our study 'The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North,' is that there is a Sunday Law imminent in the United States and that brings the beginning of the Close of Probation for all living mankind. It begins first with Seventh-day Adventists, as they have the knowledge of the issues connected with Sabbath and Sunday. They will be the first confronted with that test and put in a position to receive the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God.

Not only is a Sunday Law imminent in the United States but the Sunday Law is identified in the Spirit of Prophecy where Seventh-day Adventists will either choose for the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God. There is a day when a person receives the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God and his destiny is fixed forever.

"But there is a day that God hath appointed for the close of this world's history. 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world *far* a witness unto all nations; and *then* shall the end come.' Prophecy is fast fulfilling. More, much more, should be said about these tremendously important subjects. The day is at hand when the destiny of every soul will be fixed forever.

This day of the Lord hastens on apace. The false watchmen are raising the cry, 'All is well'; but the day of God is rapidly approaching. Its footsteps are so muffled that it does not arouse the world from the deathlike slumber into which it has fallen. While the watchmen cry, 'Peace and safety' sudden destruction cometh upon them: 'and they shall not escape'; 'for as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.' It overtakes the pleasure-lover and the sinful man as a thief in the night. When all is apparently secure, and men retire to contented rest, then the prowling, stealthy, midnight thief steals upon his prey. When it is too late to prevent the evil,

it is discovered that some door or window was not secured. 'Be ye also ready: for in an such hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.' People are now settling to rest, imagining themselves secure under the popular churches; but let all beware, lest there is a place left open for the enemy to gain an entrance.

Great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one's interpretation of prophecy rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of events which show that this great event is near at hand." *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 335-336.

This study of Revelation 16 is designed not only to identify the issues and sequences in Revelation 16 but as the books of Daniel and Revelation go together as one—they bring each other to perfection—we will see that Revelation 16 strengthens the presentation of Daniel 11:40-45 by identifying the same philosophical powers that are struggling. Daniel 11:40-45, ends with the King of the North between the seas and the Holy Mountain coming to his end which can be understood in the geography of the Bible as the valley of Megiddo or Armageddon; in Revelation 16 we see these same three powers portrayed as leading the world to Armageddon.

"All are to hear the last message of warning. The prophecies in the book of Revelation, chapters 12 to 18, are being fulfilled. In the eighteenth chapter is recorded the very last call to the churches. This call is now to be given. In the nineteenth chapter, the time is pictured when the beast and the false prophet are taken, and cast into a lake of fire. The dragon, who was the instigator of the great rebellion against heaven, is bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Then follows the resurrection of the wicked and the final destruction of Satan and all the wicked, and the final triumph and reign of Christ in this earth." *The Upward Look*. 277

Sister White here identifies what portion of the book of Revelation is Present Truth in connection with those chapters; she mentions the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. Let me read this sentence again, "The prophecies in the book of Revelation, chapters 12 to 18 are being fulfilled."

In Adventism today, many people are spending their prophetic studies looking at the seals and the trumpets that come prior to Revelation 12, 13,14,15,16,17, and 18. Sister White is lifting up the information that begins in chapter 12—the overview of the Great Controversy; chapter 13—the healing of the deadly wound of the beast of Catholicism through the power of the United States; 14—the message of warning about receiving the Mark of the Beast; 16—the three powers that lead the world to Armageddon; 17—the relationship between the ten-king confederacy, the one world government raised up at the end of the world which rules for one hour with Catholicism and ultimately is destined to destroy Catholicism. Chapter 18 she includes because part of the story is the final destruction of the enemy of God, modern Babylon.

This is Present Truth and if we would spend more time bringing the events of world history into relationship with these chapters in Revelation, I think our studies would be much more fruitful, than trying to reapply prophecies that the pioneers and Sister White understood had previously been fulfilled in the earlier chapters of Revelation.

What we're looking at is modern Babylon as it's portrayed in Revelation 16, and we want to go back to the very beginning of the story. When you are looking at a theme in the Bible you want to go to where that theme was first brought up and look at the characteristics associated with it and study them all the way through, to understand the final revelation of that theme.

We're going to begin first in Genesis chapter 11:1-9 where the initial characteristics of Babel are mentioned. The Bible builds on that story from there. There are a couple characteristics that we want to identify here right from the outset.

"And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. And it came to pass as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

"And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

"And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

"So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." Genesis 11:1-9.

Here are some of the characteristics that are very early identified with Babel or Babylon. They were building the tower out of brick and slime—this symbolizes man’s works. There was no cutting to be done on the altars that God’s people built, simply stones that the Lord had provided. This was bricks—made by man—this was an effort of man’s own works. They were building a tower, to not only save themselves from another flood, but also to reach unto heaven, to reach unto God. Here is illustrated symbolically a people who are attempting to save themselves through their own works and by doing so end up in heaven.

Notice, they were going to make themselves a name, and build themselves a city and a tower. Revelation 13:16-18 says this: “And he causes all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their forehead and that no man might buy or sell save he that had the Mark or the Name of the Beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom, let him that understandeth count the number of the Beast for it is the number of a man and his number is six hundred three score and six.”

The name in Bible prophecy symbolizes the character. Babel wanted to get a name, they wanted to have a certain character. In the story of Babel they were attempting to save themselves through their own efforts. This is the character in all the religions spawned out of the religion of Babel. Many religions have as the fundamental premise that man has within him the ability to save himself. This ‘name’ that comes right down to the time when the Mark of the Beast is applied, is nothing more than this same character that will be developed by those who come into the fold of Babylon at the very end.

We want to look more closely at the tower and the city that they were going to build. *Desire of Ages* 596 says, “The tower was a symbol of the temple.” *Acts of the Apostles* 58, says, “Upon the foundation that Christ Himself had laid, the apostles built the church of God. In the Scriptures the figure of the erection of a temple is frequently used to illustrate the building of the church.”

So a tower symbolizes a temple or a church. Right in the very beginning of the story of Babylon, it’s a religion. The tower is identifying symbolically that there’s a religion connected with this work to save themselves. But they were also building a city and in Bible prophecy a city represents a kingdom.

Revelation 14:8: “And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” Babylon that’s here being identified as fallen is the kingdom of Babylon at the end of the world.

“And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” Revelation 17:5. “And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” Revelation 17:18.

The woman being the church of Babylon, is the kingdom that reigns over the kings of the earth. There’s other places where you can see the term ‘the Great City’ representing a kingdom in Bible Prophecy.

Two of the characteristics being built at Babel that continued down to the very end of the world, is that Babylon has a political and a religious aspect. The Tower symbolized the religion that was being built—its religious aspect, and the city or great city,—represented a geo-political kingdom. This is what Malachi Martin said the Papacy is destined to become when it once again rules the world. The story that you find in Revelation 13, 17 and Daniel 11:40-45 is nothing more than the healing of the deadly wound of the Papacy.

In Daniel 11:40-45 we see this story told from the perspective of the King of the North, the Papacy. In Revelation we see the healing of the deadly wound of the Papacy from the perspective of the United States—the role that it plays in forcing the world to bow to the first beast of Revelation 13—the Papacy. In Revelation 17 we see the healing of the deadly wound from the perspective of the Ten King confederacy and the role it plays as the Papacy’s deadly wound is healed.

You must understand what the healing of the deadly wound is, to bring this all together. Babylon has two aspects, a political and a religious aspect. In 1798 when Napoleon sent his general to deliver the deadly wound, the Papacy did not cease to be a church, it simply ceased to be the geo-political power that it had previously been when it ruled the world. In Bible symbols, in 1798 the Papacy did not cease to be an unclean woman of Bible prophecy but she did cease to be a beast of Bible prophecy, she ceased to be a great city of Bible prophecy, she ceased to be that geo-political kingdom. The story of Daniel 11, Revelation 13, and Revelation 17, the healing of the deadly wound, is the story of when the Papacy’s deadly wound is healed and it again becomes a geopolitical kingdom, ruling the world.

One of the things that we want to understand about Babylon is that as a power it has two sides, a religious and a political. Here in the first part we go through the history leading up to modern Babylon. Then, we’re going to look individually at the Beast and at the Dragon and at the False Prophet found in Revelation 16 and the spirits that come out of their mouth and lead the world to Armageddon.

These spirits are active today; their work to lead the world to Armageddon is in progress—it is beyond progress—it's almost complete. It is alarming that many in Adventism do not seem to be aware that the spiritual guidance is happening. When we look at these three powers and the spirits that come out of their mouths to lead the world to Armageddon, we suggest what's being symbolically identified there is not the political aspect of these three powers but the spiritual aspect.

This religious and political aspect as defined right in the beginning of the Bible with Babel the tower and the great city, is something we need to differentiate as we look at Bible prophecy. In *Manuscript Release*, 17 pg. 18, we're told this:

“God has warned His people of the perils before them. John beholds the things which will be in the last days, and he sees a people working counter to God. Read Revelation 12:17; 14:10-13, and chapters 17 and 13. John sees the company who have been deceived. He says, ‘I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.’”

Sister White here is emphasizing chapters 12, 14, 17 and 13 to us as Present Truth. This is where the message is, it's not back in the trumpets and the seals. She sees a people working against God and as she describes these people, she describes the Beast the Dragon and the False Prophet. At the end of the world, modern Babylon is the mature aspect of the story of Babylon in the Bible. This full maturity of Babylon, modern Babylon, is made up of three entities, the Dragon, the Beast and False Prophet. These three entities are the people that are working against God and His people.

*Review and Herald* December 27, 1898: “This is the day of the Lord's preparation. He says: ‘Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.’ The great work from which the mind should not be diverted, is the consideration of our safety in the sight of God. The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? Are our feet on the Rock of Ages? Are we one with Christ, as he is one with the Father?”

This isn't the only place where Sister White quotes from this passage in Revelation 16. What she quotes here is out of the very passage where the Beast, Dragon and False Prophet are portrayed leading the world to Armageddon. They're portrayed in Revelation 16, between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> plague. Some people tell you the Beast, Dragon and False Prophet are located between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> plagues, so evidently the work that they do to lead the world to Armageddon begins after the plagues are falling.

When Sister White refers to that passage in Revelation 16, and quotes specifically this phrase, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments”, she always places that warning before probation closes. John identifies the six plagues and then he brings in the testimony of these three powers leading the world to Armageddon, to give a warning to us that before our probation closes, we need to recognize that the plagues are coming, recognize who the spiritual influences are that are being used by Satan to lead the whole world to Armageddon, and make sure that when these things are going on we're wearing the righteousness of Christ in our Christian experience. Even though this warning is located in the midst of the plagues, it's a warning of an event, a movement that begins before the close of probation. These spirits are already well under way in the world today and of course human probation hasn't closed yet.

When John sees these three unclean spirits like frogs, many people say that the frog's number one characteristic is its tongue, it catches its prey with its tongue and so refers to the charismatic, ‘speaking in tongues’ movement. This is a very good illustration of what it may symbolize in a secondary sense. However, there are two places where Sister White refers to what the frogs symbolize. They are almost identical and in *The Publishing Ministry*, pg 380, she is going to give us a clue about what these frogs represent symbolically:

“With the immense tide of printed matter constantly pouring from the press, old and young form the habit of reading hastily and superficially, and the mind loses its power of connected and vigorous thought. Furthermore, a large share of the periodicals and books that, **like the frogs of Egypt**, are overspreading the land are not merely commonplace, idle, and enervating, but unclean and degrading. Their effect is not merely to intoxicate and ruin the mind, but to corrupt and destroy the soul.”

Now disregarding the counsels about what we should be reading and what's coming from the presses, what she says in connection with the books and periodicals is they are **flooding the world**. They're overspreading the land and in order to describe this she says ‘like the frogs of Egypt’. So when we take this one illustration about what these frogs illustrate and we take it back into Revelation 16, and we see that John sees three unclean spirits like frogs

come out of the mouth of the Beast the Dragon and the False Prophet, whatever these spirits are that come out of the mouths of these three entities, they are destined to overspread the whole world.

As we look at these three spirits more closely you'll see that this is taking place. We suggest to you that in Revelation 16 these three powers are illustrated in their religious aspect, not their political aspect. Their political aspect is represented in other places in prophecy. Revelation 16 is saying that it is the religious influence of these three powers that leads the world to Armageddon. This religious influence, associated with the dragon power is what we would call today in modern terminology, the 'New Age Movement'.

The religious influence of the Beast, Catholicism, which is overspreading the land and leading the beast of Catholicism, is the Marion Movement; The apparitions of Mary and all those miracles occurring in connection with those apparitions and the apparition sites.

The religious influence leading the 'False Prophet' of Protestant America, and Protestants worldwide, is the charismatic movement in its various forms. We should expect to see these influences be like frogs, they are going to encircle the world and this is happening as we speak. When we see these things happening, we can trust in the prophetic word that the world is on the way to Armageddon.

These three powers are spoken about in the Spirit of Prophecy many times and symbolized in different ways. "By the decree enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, 451.

In this passage the three powers are described as Protestantism, the Roman power, and Spiritualism. John in Revelation 16 describes these same three powers but he symbolizes them differently. Protestantism he calls the False Prophet; the Roman power he calls the Beast; Spiritualism he calls the Dragon. Different prophets employ different symbols for the same thing and sometimes the same prophet will describe the same thing in a variety of symbols.

The focus of our study is Revelation 16. I'd like to begin in verse 19: "And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." Revelation 16:19.

This of course is at the end of the world, during the plague time and here we see Babylon identified as this kingdom, the great city. A city in Bible prophecy is a kingdom, but it's divided into three parts, illustrated in verses 13-16 as the Dragon the Beast and the False Prophet.

The three-fold makeup of modern Babylon consists of the Dragon the Beast and the False Prophet. Part of the story of Bible prophecy is the history of how these powers have resisted God and His people through time. The logo of the European Common Market is their rendition of a new Tower of Babel that's being built and the cliché with this logo says, "Europe, many tongues, one voice", which is also a direct correlation of what took place in Babylon. This illustrates the resistance to God and His people that began in the time of Nimrod.

The religion that came out of that historical event is Spiritualism all the way down through history. It has many other names because when God came down and confounded the languages, they took the same religion to different parts of the world. But suddenly, that religion was described in many different languages. So we find the same gods with different names around the globe. Paganism or Spiritualism beginning here at the Tower of Babel is the power that resisted God and his truth throughout Bible history. Then there came a time, and prophecy is very clear about this transition, where Paganism gave way to Papalism. There's a direct relationship that goes on between Paganism and Papalism as Papalism was rising and beginning its time period to rule the world in 538.

Prophetic history tells us in Revelation 13, that the Dragon gave its seat, authority and great power to this Beast of Papalism. So there's a direct relationship between these two powers. Prior to the rise of the Papacy, one power was in the world opposing God and His people—the Dragon Power of Spiritualism, Heathenism, Paganism—any of the 'isms' that ultimately are nothing more than the worship of Nimrod and his wife. This was the main and only opposer to God and His truth. But there came a time in history when Papalism rose to power and Paganism took a secondary seat to the role that Papalism would play in resisting God and His truth.

Papalism took the ascendancy but Paganism did not die and up until 1798, there were two powers opposing God and His truth. In 1798, when the deadly wound was given, we see another power coming on the scene of history and Bible Prophecy. This third power is the United States of America. We can mark its beginning at 1776, and prophecy states that there will come a point where the United States speaks as a Dragon at the passage of the

Sunday Law in the United States. During that same time period the United States will use its power to force the whole world to worship the Beast of Catholicism.

But in that chapter where it says the United States will force the whole world to worship the Beast of Catholicism it also says that the whole world will worship the Dragon. When the United States begins to ascend to its role of this third power that's going to resist God and His people, suddenly we have a three-fold makeup of modern Babylon, the power that will ultimately stand at the end of the world to oppose God and His people.

It began as one, increased to two powers and in our day it is three powers. United States begins as a Lamb but it ends up speaking like a Dragon. In the early part of the history of the United States, we could correctly call it Protestant America but there comes a time when prophetically it becomes known as the False Prophet.

In our previous study 'The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North'; in verse 40 of Daniel 11 we demonstrate that an alliance was formed between the Vatican and the United States in the early 1980s initiated by Ronald Reagan. We have a certain amount of evidence that United States is no longer Protestant America but has become the False Prophet of Bible Prophecy politically. One good starting point would be the early 1980s when Ronald Reagan sent an ambassador to Rome and worked up this secret alliance with the Pope in order to attack a common enemy; the Soviet Union.

Protestant is a word in Christian terminology and it means to protest Rome and when the United States formed this secret alliance with the Vatican, it ceased to be a Protestant nation. It is impossible to protest Rome when you've formed an alliance with her. You can at least partially identify that in the early 1980s the United States began to be symbolized in history as the False Prophet—the third entity of this three-fold power destined to oppose God and His people here at the end of the World. Through their own peculiar spiritual influences they are destined to lead the world to Armageddon.

*General Conference Bulletin*, March 4, 1895: "The Spiritual Powers are in Controversy—In these times of special interest, the guardians of the flock of God should teach the people that the spiritual powers are in controversy." It is not human beings that are creating such intensity of feeling as now exists in the religious world. A power from Satan's spiritual synagogue is infusing the religious elements of the world, arousing men to decided action to press the advantages Satan has gained by leading the religious world in determined warfare against those who make the word of God their guide and the sole foundation of doctrine. Satan's masterly efforts are now put forth to gather in every principle and every power that he can employ to controvert the binding claims of the law of Jehovah, especially the fourth commandment, that defines who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth."

These three powers, the Dragon the Beast and the False Prophet are striving against one another. They're just as Malachi Martin says in his book, "Keys of this Blood". They can appear in Bible prophecy as if they are united, all three of them in Revelation 16, leading the world to Armageddon.

When Paganism gave way and actually helped place Papalism on the throne of the world in 538, and Papalism then ruled the world for a 1260 year time period, even though Paganism had a specific role to play in helping Papalism get set up, there was always an antagonism between the both of them. They've always been striving against one another. As we look at the history that followed the beginning of the Papal rule in 538, as it ultimately came to its end in 1798, we see that it was from a philosophy and from money and from guidance that took place in France, that ultimately brought the Papacy its deadly wound. This money and philosophy and guidance centered in France was coming from powers directly associated with Paganism.

So we see Paganism striving initially with Papalism to help it sit on the throne of the world and then when the time period for the Papacy to come to its end arrives, Paganism brings her down. The philosophy associated with Paganism during that time period was atheism which ultimately matured into the philosophy we know today as Communism. As you trace the history of Catholicism and atheism from the French Revolution time period to the present day you'll see that they've been striving against one another ever since that time period and that's why it's so easy to demonstrate the role that the Vatican had in bringing the Soviet Union down.

Now you bring the third power of Revelation 16 into this mixture and you see that certainly Protestantism has been striving against Catholicism, that's where the term 'Protestantism' comes from, the Protestant reformation. And of course Protestantism is opposed to 'New Age' when correctly applied. So as we look at these symbols in Bible prophecy and how they are used to lead the world to Armageddon and to oppose God and His people, though sometimes they appear to be a united front against God and His people, they are ultimately striving against one another. In Revelation 16 you see this ten-fold confederacy which is nothing more than the final manifestation of Paganism that began back in the days of Nimrod, and it is the power that ultimately will burn Papalism with fire and devour her flesh.

This story of how these three powers come and go in history and strive with one another is the theme that runs through Bible prophecy. It's a theme that we must look at closely if we're going to understand the relationships

that they have with one another and correctly apply the symbols here at the end. Notice how Sister White describes this change from Paganism, to Papalism to the United States. These three powers end up aligned at the end of the world, but first it's Paganism, then Papalism and Paganism, then the United States, Papalism and Paganism.

*Signs of the Times*. November 1, 1899 "Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John."

Here she used different symbols to describe these three powers than she used before and different than John uses in Revelation 16, but here she specifies them as earthly governments—she's emphasizing their political aspect not their religious aspect.

"Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John. The war is carried on till the close of time. The people of God, symbolized by a holy woman and her children, were represented as greatly in the minority. In the last days only a remnant still existed. Of these John speaks as they 'which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'

"Through paganism, and then through the Papacy, Satan exerted his power for many centuries in an effort to blot from the earth God's faithful witnesses. (Pagans and papists were actuated by the same dragon spirit, They differed only in that the Papacy, making a pretense of serving God, was the more dangerous and cruel foe. Through the agency of Romanism, Satan took the world captive. The professed church of God was swept into the ranks of this delusion. and for more than a thousand years the people of God suffered under the dragon's ire.) And when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, was symbolized by a beast with lamblike horns."

"But the stern tracing of the prophetic pencil reveals a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamblike horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and 'exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.' Prophecy declares that he will say to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast, and that 'he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.' Thus Protestantism follows in the steps of the Papacy."

So the Spirit of Prophecy clearly identifies and upholds this truth that these three powers all are here at the end of the world playing their part in leading the world to Armageddon, but part of their story is how they have related to one another and how they came into history.

we have a responsibility to trace history and prophecy and that's going to be the focus of this study as we continue, *Mind, Character, and Personality Volume 1*, Pg. 346.

"The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The student should learn to view the Word as a whole and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God's original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found.—Ed 190 (1903).

The main theme of this passage is we need to understand the issues connected with the Great Controversy. Are we developing the character of the Lamb or the character of the Beast of Revelation 13. We should understand that these two powers, the Lamb and the Beast are in controversy with one another. We should learn to trace the working of these powers through the records of history and prophecy. We should look at the records of history and compare them directly with Bible prophecy. We are counseled to do that because in doing so there is a reward for us as we get to the end of the world. The Lord doesn't assign any busy work.

We're going to read a passage from *Review and Herald*; February 6, 1900. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the different types of metal, the head, and the shoulders represent the political side of the different kingdoms. Sister White here points out that it also represented religion. These powers all have a religious and political aspect.

"The image shown to Nebuchadnezzar in the visions of the night represents the kingdoms of the world. ... "While representing the kingdoms of this earth, the image that was revealed to Nebuchadnezzar also fitly represented deterioration of religion. (We grow weak morally and spiritually, just in proportion as we forget God...

“With God’s word before us, with the lesson of instruction we may there learn, there is no need for us to be deceived. We are living in a momentous period of this earth’s history. The great conflict is just before us.

“We see the world corrupted under the inhabitants thereof. The man of sin has worked with a marvelous perseverance to exalt the spurious sabbath, and the disloyal Protestant world has wondered after the beast, and has called obedience to the Sabbath instituted by Jehovah disloyalty to the laws of the nations.) Kingdoms have confederated to sustain a false Sabbath institution, which has not a word of authority in the oracles of God.

(“In the record of the vision given to John we read, ‘The dragon was wroth with the woman (the church), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.’ Satanic agencies have made the earth a stage for horrors, which no language can describe.) War and bloodshed are carried on by nations claiming to be Christian. A disregard for the law of God has brought its sure result.”

This sequence of metals in Nebuchadnezzar’s image represent kingdoms geo-political empires, but they also represent religion and as we look at the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet we’ll notice that all three of them have a religious and political aspect to them. The Dragon’s religious aspect we call Spiritualism but its political aspect we would call socialism today.

If we look at the Beast of Catholicism, we know that its religious aspect is Catholicism, its political aspect is not Socialism, it’s structured as a monarchy, a kingly power. The Pope of Rome is the classic kingly power; a Monarchy is different than socialism.

The third power in history is the United States, and the religious aspect is Protestantism. Even at the end when it becomes the False Prophet, it’s still apostate Protestantism, it doesn’t become spiritualism or become Catholicism, it becomes apostate Protestantism. So the religious aspect of the United States is Protestantism and the political aspect is Republicanism, what we call a democracy. Still whether Republicanism ideally or now democracy, its political aspect is different than a Monarchy and different than Socialism.

These two aspects to these three powers are worthy of our note because sometimes in Bible prophecy it’s the political aspect being portrayed, sometimes both, and sometimes simply the religious. In Revelation 16, it is primarily the religious aspects that come out of the mouth of these entities and lead the world to Armageddon. But as we go through history we want to be able to differentiate between those two aspects and know that all three of them have different philosophical viewpoints on how politically they would run the kingdom, and different religious philosophies, because this is some of the antagonism that allows them to strive against one another as they mutually lead the world to Armageddon.

## Revelation 16 series—2

### The History Unfolds

From a presentation by Jeff Pippenger

#### **“Learn to Trace Through History and Prophecy”**

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Sister White says we should learn to trace history and prophecy, in order to understand the conflict of the Great Controversy that’s going on in our world today and the powers that are involved. In our study of Babylon the Great, we’re going to do an overview which we should as Adventists all be familiar with.

At the time period of the building of the tower of Babel by Nimrod there was instituted a religion that came out of that time period; and the book that I like the most is ‘The Two Babylons’ by Alexander Hislop, and he goes back into that history and he tells us that one of the reasons that Babylon ultimately becomes a mystery religion is that it allows a hierarchal religion to keep the lower echelons of the religion in the dark about the true worship, the true aim and the true purposes of that religion.

Another reason that it became a mystery religion is that it went underground. After the flood, when Nimrod was becoming stronger and more famous. Shem, Noah’s son, was under great conviction that if Nimrod’s religion and his growth and reputation wasn’t halted then the condition of the world before the flood would be very quickly repeated. Shem, under holy unction, chased down and found out where Nimrod was and slew him. In fact, Hislop says that he cut his body up into ten pieces and sent them around to different cities of the kingdom, conveying in that action the message that anyone who enters into the religious experience of Nimrod will receive the same.

The Bible tells us that Nimrod at this time period was the great hunter, the great warrior, the most respected and powerful man in the world. History tells us that he did have many great worldly accomplishments. He was the one that invented wars, he built the first cities, so when Shem had the ability to slay Nimrod there was a fear that came over the worshippers of the religion of Nimrod and the religion went underground. It became the mystery religion along with hierarchical structure which allowed those at the top to keep those at the bottom in darkness.

At the confounding of the languages that took place in judgment against Babel, as people of the same language went to the different areas of the world where they were

going to live, they brought with them this religion of the worship of Nimrod and his wife. The same religion was taken up by them only it had different languages to identify the relics and the gods and the forms of its worship. So we find in the world today a variety of religious expressions that still exist and some in history that used to exist and they are nothing more than the original religion of the worship of Nimrod and his wife.

Through time of course there are some minor variations but ultimately they are the same. In our previous study, 'The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North' we looked at how the three fold make up of modern Babylon is identified in the prophecies. Different Bible prophets describe this three-fold nature of modern Babylon in three symbols. John the Revelator uses the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet.

Daniel, describing modern Babylon, uses Edom, Moab and the children of Ammon. In 'The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North' we noted one of the characteristics that allows a student of prophecy to identify these three symbols as representing modern Babylon, is that one of the three always is found in the plural form. As we go through our study of these three powers that exist at the end of the world the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet, we'll find that one of these powers is plural. Paganism which began at the Tower of Babel is this entity and it has two aspects, a political and a religious aspect. 'Paganism', 'Heathenism', 'New Ageism', 'Hinduism', all the 'isms' of the world, ultimately are nothing more than the worship of Nimrod and his wife and can be traced back to Babel and its overspreading of the land.

this is why when this power is symbolized by John as the Dragon, Spiritualism, or by the prophets of the Bible, it's identified as plural because the same religion, the religion of Nimrod, comes in many different names—whether it is Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Spiritualism, Paganism, Pantheism, it is all the same religion. When you look at the political side of the Dragon power, it also comes in a variety of 'isms' but they're all the same political structure which we know as Socialism. Socialism is also Communism, Nazism, Bolshevism, and all the isms that are just catch-words for the basic philosophy of Socialism. This is why the Dragon is portrayed as plural whereas Catholicism is singular, both in its religion and political structure, a Monarchy.

The religion of Nimrod comes down through history and we can pick the story up early in history. Albert Pike is recognized as the most well respected historian of Masonry. He was from the United States and is dead now, but he wrote more about freemasonry than any of their authors and is considered the leading expert.

In his well known book 'Morals and Dogmas', speaking of Masonry, he says: "By whatever name it was known in this or the other country, Masonry existed as it now exists, the same in spirit and heart...from the cradle of the human race (ancient Babylon)." *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*; 217-218.

So Albert Pike, one of the leading experts on Freemasonry in the world today, traces its activities, its religion back to the very cradle of the human race which we would identify as Babel. This is where Masonry comes from and when you understand the worship of Nimrod and his wife, you understand that Masonry is nothing more than a modern day manifestation of this.

In the same book Albert Pike says, "We reproduce the speculations of the Philosophers, the Kabalists, the Mystagogues and the Gnostics." Ibid. 329.

We'll look at a couple of these manifestations that he mentions here, the Kabalists and the Gnostics. Kabalism traces its roots back to Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar's time. Now remember what we're dealing with here is nothing more than Spiritualism that began in the days of Nimrod. History tells us when the children of Israel were taken captive into Babylon for the seventy years, that many of them chose to remain in Babylon when the call came for them to leave Babylon, and that they incorporated into their lifestyle the religion of Babel. Little by little, when they migrated back to Israel through time or visited former relatives, this religion of Babylon migrated into the Jewish economy and it became known as Kabalism.

Kabalism, Cabalism—however you want to pronounce it—found its strength in taking the spiritual exercises from the religion of Babylon and applying them to the Old Testament, the holy book of the Jews. They would take the passages of the Old Testament and spiritualize them in the technique used by the religion of Babel. Albert Pike traces Masonry back to this Kabalism, but he also traces it back to the Gnostics. The Gnostics was a religious sect that also sprang up in Palestine, the Jewish part of the world, around during the New Testament time period.

Gnosticism did the same thing that Kabalism did, except that it included in its spiritualizing of the Bible, not simply the Old Testament but the New Testament. It was the more modern manifestation of this same spiritual technique that comes right out of Nimrod's religion. New Ageism today makes Jesus nothing more than a holy man, a guru for a certain millennium of time. This is the spiritual technique applied by the Gnostics to the New Testament.

Albert Pike traces Masonry back to the tower of Babel and identifies other mystery religions as predecessors which partook of the same religion and philosophy of Masonry. The occult teachings of Nimrod's religion were spread and handed down from generation to generation eventually to be adopted by a small minority of Jews. The occult religion of these Jews was called Kabalism which was eventually put into written form called the Kabbalah, which provided a Satanic version of the truths of the Old Testament. The religion of Kabalism was adopted by Gnosticism which provided the Satanic argument against the truths of the New Testament. Together Kabalism and Gnosticism provide the occult parallel to the Old and New Testaments. Beginning with the Jews, Gnosticism spread to the Gentile world and continued to resist the truths of the New Testament church.

Albert Pike states: "The Gnostics derived their leading doctrines and ideas from Plato and Philo, the Zend-Avesta and the Kabala, and the sacred books of India and Egypt; and thus introduced into the bosom of Christianity the cosmologic and theosophical speculations, which had formed the larger portion of the ancient religions of the Orient, joined to those of the Egyptian, Greek, and Jewish doctrines, which New-Platonists had equally adopted in the Occident." *Ibid.*, 248.

Theosophy 1: teaching about God and the world based on mystical insight. ...Buddhist and Brahmanic theories esp. of pantheistic evolution and reincarnation. *Webster Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary; 1988.*

What he is saying here is that the Gnostics developed their own version of Nimrod's religion but brought it into the New Testament setting, the New Testament time period. They took the passages of the New Testament and tried to spiritualize them away.

I am choosing to trace this history which is easy to document for yourself, because we're going to look at a group of Knights that get drawn into this environment of Gnosticism and trace a little bit of their history.

Gnosticism flourished for centuries under many different branches of its occult religion. One branch of Gnosticism was a military and religious order established in AD 1118 in Jerusalem by a group of French knights led by Hughes de Payens of Champagne and Godefrol de Saint Omer. Their stated mission was to protect pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land during the crusades. Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, gave these knights quarters in his palace which was built on the site of Solomon's temple. From this they derived their name—Knights of the Temple. This order grew rapidly and in 1128 was taken under special protection by the pope. By receiving gifts and offerings for protecting the pilgrims the Knights of the Temple became wealthy and powerful.

At the fall of Jerusalem to Saladin in 1187, the order moved to Acre, and were forced to move again in 1291 when Acre fell to the Muslims. They then moved to Cyprus. By this time the order was no longer a military and religious order, but had progressed into the bankers of Europe.

Pike states: "Their watchword was, to become wealthy in order to buy the world. They became so, and in 1312 they possessed in Europe alone more than nine thousand seigniors." Ibid. 819-820.

Seignior: A man of rank and authority; the feudal-lord of a manor. Ibid., 1063.

They began buying up the different castle properties available in Europe at that time, because of the flow of events, and they became the primary owner of castles and the holdings of land that went with them in Europe during that time period.

Some of the lands didn't have castles on them and they were building castles and repairing castles. This brought about a relationship between them and those who built castles, which we know are Masons.

They developed the philosophy that if they could gather the wealth of the world, they could control the world. During the time they were in Palestine, they had entered into the religion of Gnosticism and they kept this secret because they were an order of the Papacy. They were under 'divine' protection of the Pope and Gnosticism was a type of religion that Catholicism could not put up with, so they were secretly a Gnostic believing group of people with the purpose of attempting to control the world financially.

In 1307 the Templars were charged with heresy and immorality by a former member and Philip the IV of France began an investigation which culminated in Pope Clement V abolishing the order in 1312, and the 18th of March, 1314 the Grand Master, Jacques de Molay was burned at the stake with three of his highest ranking officers. De Molay is still an order in Masonry for young children to be involved in is nothing more than honoring De Molay. This diabolical knight is where the Masons derive the name for the special order for their young men called, the Masonic Order of De Molay.

Now initially when the king of France accused the Templars of Gnosticism and immoral rites associated with Gnosticism the Pope refused to believe it; and then after the King of France persisted, he did do an inquisition and found that the charges were true and he took Jacques de Molay and other of the leaders and had them executed. But

many, if not most of the knights of the Templar saw this coming and they went underground.

When the Pope had them executed, much of the Knights wealth was confiscated, but not all, and the order went underground and migrated with their finances to a part of the world that at that time in history was off the map, an untraveled part of the world outside the grasp of Rome, Scotland.

There are certain characteristics associated with the Knights of the Templar, they were the ones that we read about in books or see in movies about the knights in armor. While the Knights of the Templar were in power before they were brought to the inquisition by the Pope of Rome, they were the most well known people in the world. The little boys that grew up in Europe in that time wanted to be a knight of the Templar and many of their emblems that were exclusive to their particular sect were well known and envied during that time. They were looked up to in that time and then they went underground.

If you go to Scotland today, to old, old towns built during the times when the knights of the Templar went underground, you'll find graveyards where their emblems are the only things on the grave stones. This is consistent with the theology of the knights of the Templar and their Gnosticism, they would not put their names or anything on their gravestones, they'd simply put the emblem of their sword. In these old towns in Scotland you can find many graveyards that have simply these knights of the Templar insignia on the gravestones dated from that very time and you can find churches in that area that go back to that time that represent the same kind of churches that they built.

When they fled, they never changed from their former conviction that if you can control the wealth of the world you could control the world. In Europe after this time period there was another secret society that came into being called the Rosicrucians in about the 15<sup>th</sup> century. later on this movement turns into Freemasonry and there's a rite of free masonry that's associated with Scottish freemasonry. The Templars also either merged or formed a new order called the Rosicrucians.

Pike states: "The successors of the Ancient Adepts Rose-Croix. ...became a Mystic Sect, uniting with many of the Templars, the dogmas of the two intermingling." Ibid., 821.

Rosicrucian: Christian Rosae Crucis reputed founder of the 15th century movement. 1. An adherent to the 17th and 18th century movement devoted to esoteric wisdom with emphasis on psychic and spiritual enlightenment. Ibid., 1024.

Esoteric: 1. a. Designed for or understood by the specially initiated alone. b. Of or related to knowledge which is restricted to a small group. Ibid. 424.

Then Freemasonry which they had infiltrated begins to become prominent in Europe during this time and particularly a branch of Freemasonry known as Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. And if we go back into the history of the French Revolution we'll see that prior to the French Revolution time period there was a philosophy brought into France primary from was a branch of a secret society associated with Freemasonry which today we know as the Illuminati.

The illuminati not only began to propagate the seeds of Atheism which contributed to the overthrow of France in the French Revolution but Illuminati also had the same

keystone of beliefs that the knights of the Templar did, that if you could control the wealth of the world, you could control the world.

The secret order of the Rosicrucians surfaced with a different name in London, in 1717 at the official birth of Freemasonry. The Rosicrucians had previously infiltrated the stone mason guilds of Europe and quietly merged their order with the Masons, while slowly assuming control of the new organization. They had come out of hiding with Freemasonry, but remained a secret organization within the Masons which would later be exposed under the name, "Illuminati."

The Masonic historian, Albert G. Mackey, describes the Illuminati as a "secret society, founded on May 1, 1776, by Adam Weishaupt, who was professor of canon law at the University of Ingolstadt." *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*; 346.

Weishaupt was also a Jesuit who some say was disillusioned with Catholicism and therefore entered into this other secret society.

In the book, *Proofs of a Conspiracy*, page 60, written in 1798, John Robison states of the Illuminati: "The express aim of the Order was to abolish Christianity, and overturn all civil government." Quoting Weishaupt he states. "In no other way but by secret associations, which will by degrees, and in silence, possess themselves of the government of the States, and make use of those means for this purpose," *Ibid.*, 106.

Of course this is what it contributed to in the French Revolution.

Weishaupt's plan was little by little you infiltrate the different governments of the world until the advisors of the leaders of the governments were surrounded by people who were inside men of the illuminati and in this way you could control the policies of the different nations of the world.

By 1782, Weishaupt was firmly established as the leader of the secret societies of Europe which were dedicated to bringing in a one-world government. In this year Weishaupt also merged the order with a growing banking network owned by the Rothschild family. Weishaupt merged with the Rothschilds in order to finance the plans and accomplish their goals of the Illuminati. Within 10 years of its inception the Illuminati was exposed and it went underground, but continued to thrive as history marched on.

This brief history was gleaned from the book by Gary H. Kah, *En Route to Global Occupation*, 93-110. As Gary Kah continues his historical narrative into the 1800's he specifically identifies one of Weishaupt's main ploys to accomplish a one-world government as "ecumenism."

Historians identify the philosophies, which were introduced into Europe at the time period of the Illuminati as the foundation principles, which brought about the French Revolution and continued to develop into the communism of our day.

In the world today, we know that conspiracy theories are kind of ridiculed and scoffed at. I'm hoping that as Seventh-day Adventists with the insight that we have in the Spirit of Prophecy, where Sister White was divinely allowed to overhear Satan and the fallen angels discussing their plans and how they would defeat God's work and corrupt God's people, that we realize that the spiritual powers that we are battling against as Christians definitely have conspiracies.

They make sinister plans that they attempt to carry out without anyone else having the knowledge of those plans. To think that Satan, who has his representatives in mankind, doesn't use these same principles is, I hope, something that Seventh-day Adventists are very cautious about not doing, because we know in the Great Controversy that conspiracy is one of the main ways that evil men accomplish their purposes.

I want to read a passage out of a book that speaks in a very logical way about what goes on in our world today.

"Governments are not nearly as important as most people think. Since we live in a post-barter economy, a money economy; those who control the money supply, effectively control the planet. Governments gave up all attempts to coin or control money in the nineteenth century; mostly because they did not trust one another, that is, no nation had faith that the coinage or currency of another nation was really worth what it claimed to be worth.

"The great international banks stepped into this vacuum and by demonstrating more physical rectitude than governments had in the past, became the creators of money in the modern world. After the banks had control, they no longer needed to be quite so prime in the physical rectitude. Nobody could challenge them.

"This means that governments cannot do anything, good or ill, wise or foolish, unless the banks first lend them the money for the project. The power is in the banks. The governments survive on the permission of the banks. If the banks cut off their credit, governments die. Any government that resists, has its credit cut off and dies.

"As Buckminster Fuller stressed in his writings, this means that in the modern world, banks act and governments only re-act to the situations the bankers have ordained. Even earlier, historian Brookes-Adam wrote of the British financier Samuel Lloyd, in 'The Law of Civilization and Decay', "He comprehended that, with expanding trade, an inelastic currency must rise in value. He saw that with sufficient resources at command, his class might be able to establish such to rise almost at pleasure; certainly they could manipulate it when it came, by taking advantage of foreign exchange."

"In other words as soon as the great multi-national banks had control of the money supply, they saw that they could manipulate cash and credit to maximize profits; they would have been rather dense if they had not seen this. None the less, while these financiers quite sanely and legally maximize profit, the rest of us are at their mercy but we never elected them to this position of power and by and large, we do not even know who they are.

"In the present decade it costs 50 million to run a campaign for the presidency of the United States; 10 million to run a campaign for the Senate and 5 million for the House of Representatives. This means that the US, the strongest country in the West, is not only owned, in trillion-dollar debt to the banks, but also governed by persons who are either millionaires or heavily in debt to millionaires.

"In the words of ex-senator Pedigrew, "we now have a government of the corporations, by the corporations and for the corporations."

"As Edward Ludwark documents in his cheerfully Machiavellian little text, 'The Coupe de Tab', "More governments have been changed since World War II by the 'Coupe de Tab' than any other method. More governments have been changed by 'Coupe' than all

the revolutions combined. Since every Coupe is by definition a conspiracy, this means that conspiracies have had more effect on the past 40 years of world history than all the electoral politics and all the popular revolutions added together. This is rather ominous in a period when 'educated opinion' holds it's infamous, nutty, eccentric, or downright paranoid to think about conspiracies at all. We are in effect, forbidden to think about how the planet is actually governed.

"If Governments cannot act without permission of the banks, without loans or lines of credit granted by the banks, and if the US government is owned by the multi-millionaire or billionaire banking incorporate elite, and if other governments are, more often than not, changed by conspiratorial coupe, the major potion of humanity, is economically, politically, controlled by persons who are largely unknown to the general public, and/or have never been elected to any office.

"Democratic theory is beautiful and inspirational but it has nothing to do with the actual situation of the people of this planet."

It is easy to document the history of this philosophy that has come down to us right out of Babel, through the religion. Along the way in history, the Knights of the Templar were first noted in history realizing that if they could control the finances of the world, they could control the world—if there wasn't some before that were involved in this worship of Nimrod and his wife who thought of this. History tells us that the King of France exposed them and the Pope of Rome executed them and drove them underground. History also tells us in a few hundred years they resurfaced in Europe and a few hundred years beyond that, they began to finance and propagate a philosophy that we know as Atheism, which brought about the French Revolution, thus retaliating against the king of France, who had driven them underground, even though it's hundreds of years later.

History attests as well that after the French Revolution, Napoleon took control of France and, among other things, sent his general to the Vatican and took the pope captive thus delivering the deadly wound. Thus carrying out the will and mandate of the people that had placed Napoleon in his position of power, as they not only retaliated against the King of France, but they retaliated against the Pope of Rome, the two power players that had driven them underground. We must recognize this history for what it is. Since the deadly wound was delivered in 1798, this power associated with Masonry as we know it today, and other names before that time, has continued on.

From the mystery religion of Babylon were spawned the secret societies which evolved into a secret movement with plans to bring the entire world under one government with one religion reminiscent of the designs of Nimrod. As this one world movement began to raise its ugly head, the mystery religion of Rome was coming to the end of its 1260 years of world domination. The United States was beginning to rise to its position as the leader of the world and eventually will force the world to worship a reborn Papacy. Globalism, Communism, Freemasonry and secret societies, Catholicism, and the New Age Movement are forces which impact the understanding of what is illustrated in Daniel 11:40-45.

We have a magazine that we carry to go along with this presentation and it is produced by the John Birch society. I am not a member of the John Birch Society and I do not endorse every position of the John Birch Society, but there's particularly one article in here written by a Catholic Priest, and the point of the article is that those people who identify a role of world dominance for the Papacy at the end of the world are

ridiculous and have no reason to come to that conclusion. That article shouldn't be in here, but this magazine does an excellent job of documenting how this mystery religion, its political aspect is still in the world today.

It talks about the people who have been the leaders of this country who have been members of organizations specifically set up by the one-world bankers. People that have been striving to bring in a one-world government. In here as an example, is a chart that shows the executive branch of government, defense dept, judicial branch and legislature; here's listed the different presidents, vice presidents of the United States, different people in the state department, congress and the supreme court that have been members of these secret organizations, who's known intent is to bring in a one world government. We know that one world government today as the United Nations.

As we approach the end of the world, not to recognize that there is a one world government coming is not in agreement with the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Let me just quickly show you why I have this conviction; The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that the Image of the Beast symbolizes the combination of Church and State. Sister White says that the Image of the Beast will be formed by the United States when the secular power is used to enforce religious dogma. Some people don't recognize that in Revelation 13 there are two images of the Beast. If you look at Revelation 13:11 it is speaking about the United States:

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." And this beast we've always understood to be the United States and Sister White tells us the speaking of a nation is the action of its legislative and judicial branches. So here we see the United States speaking as a Dragon in the sense that it passes a Sunday Law. The Sunday Law is the Mark of the Beast; it is not the Image of the Beast—it is the Mark of the Beast's authority. That's what the Sunday Law is and it takes place when the United States speaks as a dragon—when their legislative and judicial branches pass the Sunday Law.

When the United States passes a Sunday Law it has formed the Image of the Beast completely. The Image of the Beast has reached its total maturity because the definition of the Image of the Beast is when secular power is used to enforce religious dogma or to sustain its institutions. So when the United States passes the Sunday Law addressed here in verse 11, it has taken a decision where secular power of the United States is going to enforce the religious dogma of Sunday keeping.

Verse 12 continues on describing the role that the United States will play in healing the deadly wound of the Papacy. Verse 13 identifies that at this time miraculous powers will be added to the role of the United States and if you look closely at what the Spirit of Prophecy says about the time of the Sunday Law, that the marvelous working of Satan begins in earnest, even though he's doing marvelous works before that time. He's doing marvelous working right now in the apparitions of Mary and the things that are going on in the New Age movement, etc. But it begins in earnest at the Sunday Law.

In verse 14 we see the United States doing this: "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

United States has made an Image to the Beast in verse 11 when it passes a Sunday Law, now it's telling the whole world to do the same, and the definition in the Spirit of Prophecy is when secular power is used to enforce religious dogma. So this verse here demands that if the whole world is going to have an image of the beast, that there has to be some kind of secular power that can apply force to the whole world. There's a one-world government being identified here. And if you remember the definition Sister White gives for the speaking of a nation and you read on to verse 15:

“And he (the United States) had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

This Image of the beast here in verse 15 is going to speak. It is going to be a secular power that enforces religious dogma—a secular power which can speak, which means it has a legislative and judicial branch and we know that the world congress and the world court already exist in the United Nations.

This has been the goal of Masonry and before Masonry, if you get into the history recorded in Masonry and these other secret societies; it had been their intent from the very beginning to bring in a one-world government. When Adam Weishaupt was putting out his information on how this was going to happen, one of the main tools that he intended to bring this about was ecumenism and we see today that the whole world's religions are being brought together in advance of the time when the United States has the world set up the Image of the Beast. In other words, when the United States sustains and supports 'One World Government'.

We can see that going on in the world today. The United States in Revelation 13 has two aspects of the power it will use to force the whole world to worship the Beast of the Papacy. One is economic and one is military; you can't buy or sell if you don't receive the Mark—economic; you'll be put to death if you don't receive the Mark—military. These two aspects are going to be carried out through the world by the United Nations. As we look at what is going on in the world today with the United Nations we see that this is the very mode of operation that's already being used.

A nation steps out of line from what the United Nations thinks it should be doing and it first put an economic boycott on it; you can't buy or sell. If that doesn't bring the effect that they want then the United States and other countries that make up the United Nations military force attack. You'll be put to death. These two characteristics are already active in the world and they're active in the confines of this one world government.

Now there's many ways to document this movement by secret societies through history to bring about this one world government to rebuild the Tower of Babel, so to speak. But remember as it goes through history, it has a religious and a political aspect. Revelation 16 is identifying the religious aspect of these three powers.

In our next presentation we'll look at how the religious manifestation of the dragon power is working at bringing in the one world government. The Dragon power is the power that we've been tracing through history. It's the power that began in Nimrod's time. It's Paganism, heathenism, pantheism, and in our day New Ageism. It began with Nimrod, it goes all the way through time and the Dragon power at the end of the world has a religious manifestation that is guiding and directing it in its spiritual sense, but it also has a political aspect which we see in the United Nations.

One of the books that documents this is a 1300 page marathon read called 'Tragedy and Hope' written by Karol Quigley. This book talks about the One World Government and the millennium of peace and prosperity that's just ahead of us. It talks about the secret societies and the One World Bankers that are working to bring this about. The reason the name is 'Tragedy and Hope' is those that resist this coming one world government for them it is going to be a tragedy, but for those that will enter into this one world system with a positive aspect, then it's going to bring a period of hope and prosperity.

When Bill Clinton became nominated for President, he said in the triumphant speech accepting the Democratic Party's nomination for President, Bill Clinton indicated that the man who started him on the road to his new covenant was one of his history professors at George Town University. Here's how he put it: "As a teenager I heard John Kennedy summoned to citizenship and then as a student I heard the call clarified by a professor I had named Karol Quigley". That is the man that wrote this book.

Karol Quigley is clearly agreeing with the history that we just went over and agreeing with the predictions about the future that there is a one-world government coming ahead. Here's a little review on this book: "Dr. Karol Quigley was a professor of history at the foreign service school of George Town University. (He was a Jesuit. He's deceased now.) He formerly taught at Princeton and Harvard. He had done research in the Archives of France, Italy and England and he was the author of the widely known text, 'Evolution of Civilization'. When Dr. Quigley decided to write his 1300 page book called 'Tragedy and Hope' he knew he was deliberately exposing one of the best kept secrets in the world.

"As one of the elite insiders, he knew the scope of this power complex and he knew its leaders' hope to eventually attain total global control. Furthermore Dr. Quigley makes it clear throughout his book that by and large he warmly supports the goals and purposes of the network. But if that is the case, why would he want to expose this worldwide conspiracy and expose many of its most secret operations? Obviously disclosing the existence of a mammoth power network which is trying to take over the world could not help but arouse the vigorous resistance of millions of people who are its intended victims.

"So why did Dr. Quigley write the book? His answer appears in a number of places but it is especially forceful and clear on pages 979-80 he says in effect that it is now too late for the little people to turn back the tide. In a spirit of kindness, he is therefore urging them not to fight the noose which is already around their neck. He feels certain that those who do will only choke themselves to death. On the other hand, those who go along with the immense pressure which is beginning to be felt by all humanity will eventually find themselves in a man-made millennium of peace and prosperity. All through his book, Dr. Quigley assures us that we can trust these benevolent, well meaning men who are secretly operating behind the scenes. They are the Hope of the world. All who resist them represent tragedy hence the title for the book.

"To assure us of his own unique qualification for writing this book, Dr Quigley states, "I know the operations of this network because I've studied it for 20 years and was permitted for two years in the early 1960s to examine its papers and secret records. I have no aversion to it or to most of its aims; and have for most of my life been close to it and many of its instruments. I have objected both in the past and recently to a few of its

policies, but in general my chief difference of opinion is that it wishes to remain unknown and I believe its role in history is significant enough to be known.”

I intended for this history of the Dragon Power, Paganism to be brief because it is so easy to document in history. If you are not familiar with that documentation please get a hold of us and order this magazine. What we’re saying is that one of the influences striving for world domination and destined to oppose God and His people and at the same time is striving against the other two counterparts that go to make up the threefold union of modern Babylon, is Paganism and the role that it plays.

Paganism in the form of the New Age, its religious aspect; the United Nations, its political aspect is alive and well in the world today. If you ever looked at the charters of the United Nations, you’ll find something interesting; the United Nations is not structured as a republicanism or democracy or a monarchy as is the United States and Catholicism. United Nations is purely a socialistic structure. It is the type of structure that is associated with the Dragon power of Revelation 16, Paganism.

It’s interesting one of the most simple and brief books that you can find on this movement is a book called ‘En Route to Global Occupation’ by Gary Kah. And one of the powerful presentations that he makes in regard to this is he notes of how many people are identified as leaders in corporations that support and sustain the New Age movement. How many of those leaders that you can identify as the prominent people in the New Age Movement, also hold prominent positions of power in the United Nations? It’s easy to document this history and as Seventh-day Adventists it’s easy to see that this is one of the influences that we need to come to recognize and understand as we approach the end of the world.

“The powers of Satan are mustering for battle. Stern conflicts are before us. Press together, my brethren and sisters, press together. Bind up with Christ. ‘Say ye not. A Confederacy; ...neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary to his people; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.’

“I am instructed to say to those who know the truth, ‘Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion. And when they shall say unto you seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.’ ‘And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked,’—without the robe of Christ’s righteousness—‘and they see his shame.’

“Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The

everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with Judgment and with Justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.'

"These subjects are of the utmost importance. Urge our people to consider them carefully. When they do this, their minds will be so fully occupied with matters of eternal consequence that they will lose sight of the little differences that once annoyed them. They will realize that prophecy is even now fulfilling. If the minds of the people of God were not occupied with things of minor consequence, they would see that the signs of the times are fast fulfilling, and that events of the greatest consequence to them are taking place in the world and in the churches pointed out by the words. 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.'" *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1902.

## Revelation 16 series-3

### The Buffalo Frog

From a presentation by Jeff Pippenger

In our last study we traced a brief overview of the history of Paganism from the time of Nimrod on down to our present day. The power that began in the time of Nimrod to confront and resist God's people and His truth, we call the Dragon force in Revelation 16. It continued to oppose God's truth and God's people until 508; and this is part of prophetic history that has been recorded in the book of Daniel. In 508, when the pagan powers of Europe began to work to put the Papacy on the throne of the earth by removing the three horns of Daniel 7, at which point in 538, the 1260 years of Papal rule began. Then have two powers that are prophetically destined to resist God and His People.

The secret societies in history, the mystery religions, developed a belief in the power of money and came to the conclusion that if they could control the wealth of the world, they could control the world.

In the flow of history, the mystery religion that was represented through the Knights Templar, is brought down by the king of France and the pope of Rome and eventually a few centuries later, this mystery religion surfaces again in France and it is the very influence and the behind-the-scenes power that brings the deadly wound to the Papacy in 1798.

During the time of the French Revolution, which was brought about through the philosophy of atheism, we see the third power that steps in to oppose God's people rising into prominence in the world in the United States which in our time is to fulfill the role of the false prophet.

The history of the Pagan and Papal confrontation continues down to our present time, where we see the New Age type religion, as we label it today, and the One World bankers attempting to bring in a One World Government. History clearly indicates that they were the ones that financed the Bolshevik Revolution which is part of the story of Daniel 11:40-45 because we see in verse 40 the King of the South begins with France and then ultimately it moves its location to Russia and Russia grows into the Soviet Union.

We see this struggle between this philosophy of Atheism, which was financed and put in place by the Pagan forces, the mystery religions, the world bankers, and in 1989 we see this second power, Papalism, in alliance with the third power of the United States in bringing the demise of the Soviet Union, the prominent world power that possessed the characteristics of atheistic communism.

In our study of Daniel 11:40-45, we see the King of the South eliminated in verse 40 and he never comes back into the story of that prophecy. In reality he's destined to appear in a sense because when we look more closely at his continued history we see him specifically addressed in Revelation 17 when this 10 king confederacy is destined to rule the world through one kingdom for one hour with the Beast of Catholicism. So we see that even though the Soviet Union is identified in verse 40 of Daniel 11 as the king of the South that's swept away, it will still have an influence in the world to the very end. It's destined to set up a one world government and when we looked at Revelation 17, we saw that these ten kings are going to set up a One World government. The political apparatus

that they use in that one world government is the United Nations and we saw how the United Nations has the world divided up into 10 districts.

We looked briefly at the book 'Tragedy and Hope', written by Jesuit author Carol Quigly. It was an inside view of these men and these powers that are attempting to bring in this One World government from the perspective of one that believes that it's the best thing to happen. Bill Clinton praised this author, who was one of his teachers in his Jesuit University, Georgetown when he was there. He praised him because he's the one that taught Bill Clinton his world view and it's clear if you've watched what Clinton did as president, he was very open, aggressively working with those who believe the best form of society for the world at large would be a one world government.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989, the world has suddenly been confronted with the very real possibility of the United Nations moving in to set up a truly one world government. We're being over and over bombarded through the media about the pros, the good points of this. We see one of the Media giants, Ted Turner, recently donating 1 billion dollars to the United Nations. Afterwards some financial analyst demonstrated that he made money by doing this, it wasn't truly an offering, it had benefits across the line where he made money. But nonetheless, he continued to promote the United Nations before the world so they can better prepare us.

Here's an article about the United Nations and at the bottom of a picture of a meeting in the United Nations, it says, "At work, Nobody said imposing a one world government would be easy!"

It's common understanding even in the secular world today that we are moving towards a One World Government. Here's an article discussing the different roles the United Nations and the United States has played in bringing about a One World Government and the pros and cons of it.

This is from US News and World Report Dec. 16, 1996, just speaking about the United Nations: "With the Soviet veto muted by the end of the cold war, Washington has been more successful than ever in using the UN as a tool of American diplomacy. Examine almost any major initiative containing rogue states like Libya and Iraq promoting free trade, curbing nuclear weapon proliferation, cultivating democracy in troubled states from Haiti to Mozambique, and the UN is central to the strategy.

"Internationalizing its foreign policy through the UN costs the United States about 2 billion in physical year 1996, comparable to the annualized cost of a single aircraft carrier battle group. And as Washington ambassador to United Nations, Madeline Albright likes to point out; "the UN is a force multiplier. When the United States intervenes alone, we pay all the costs and run all the risks, when the UN acts, we pay 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the cost and the others provide the vast majority of troops," she says, a proponent of what she calls, "assertive multi-lateralism", Albright will soon be advocating these views from her new post as secretary of state."

The benefits of the United Nations are promoted constantly before us. We see here an article about land that Bill Clinton has gobbled up from the sovereignty of state, set aside; and it's clear that the politicians of this country are well prepared to move in to the time when the United States has been prophesied as telling the whole world to set up an image to the Beast, which by definition demands that there's a one world government.

If you haven't noticed in the Spirit of Prophecy how often and how seriously Sister White talks about the secret societies, and some of the characteristics she associates with that issue, it's clear that the Spirit of Prophecy speaks to these issues. When Sister White speaks to these issues, over and over again she refers to a passage found in Isaiah 8. We'd like to start with this passage right now, verse 9:

9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. 10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. 11 For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, 12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

Over and over again when Sister White's talking about spiritualism, the dragon power at the end of the world, she'll refer to this confederacy here that Isaiah speaks about. This confederacy is none other than this 10 King Confederacy that we find in Revelation 17, that's going to rule the world one hour with the Beast. But as Sister White uses this passage of Isaiah as one of the keys to bring this information together, she lists certain characteristics about what this confederacy is made up of.

Now, confederacy is one of the characteristics of the Pagan force. The New Agers and spiritualists will tell you that before the flood, the world was ruled from the mystical Atlantis that dropped into the ocean. But when Atlantis ruled the world, before the time of the flood, supposedly, the New Agers tell us, that it had the then known world divided up into ten districts that it ruled the world from.

Paganism takes its history to this ten-fold confederacy all the way back to mythically, before the flood, and the first primary time we see Paganism as a kingdom illustrated in Bible prophecy, we see Pagan Rome disintegrate into the ten kingdoms. Then as we approach the end of the world, we once again see this ten-fold confederacy. In the presentation we did on Revelation 17 we refer to a passage in the Spirit of Prophecy where Sister White says the key rulers and governors of this world are represented by the dragon. And she clearly identifies these 10 kings of Revelation 17 as none other than the dragon power, spiritualism.

Now we want to look at some of the passages in the Spirit of Prophecy where Sister White identifies this confederacy, this group and look at the characteristics noted. We will see that the Spirit of Prophecy confirms that one of the characteristics of the secret societies is this amassing of wealth in order to control the many by the few, also she addresses the philosophy that guides and directs them.

*Manuscript Releases*. vol. 14 151-153:

"The third angel's message increases in importance as we near the close of this earth's history. Since the beginning of the proclamation of the first angel's message, many believers have fallen asleep in Jesus. Faithful standard-bearers have laid off their armor, But the work advances. Fresh workers are brought in as those who fall are laid away to rest until the coming of the Lord.

"God has presented to me the dangers that are threatening those who have been given the sacred work of proclaiming the third angel's message. They are to remember that this message is of the utmost consequence to the whole world. They need to search

the Scriptures diligently, that they may learn how to guard against the mystery of iniquity, which plays so large a part in the closing scenes of this earth's history.

"There will be more and still more external parade by worldly powers. Under different symbols, God presented to John the wicked character and seductive influence of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of His people. The eighteenth chapter of Revelation speaks of mystic Babylon, fallen from her high estate to become a persecuting power. Those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus are the object of the wrath of this power. John writes:

"(Rev. 18:1-8. quoted). "This terrible picture, drawn by John to show how completely the powers of earth will give themselves over to evil, should show those who have received the truth how dangerous it is to link up with secret societies or to join themselves in any way with those who do not keep God's commandments.

"(Rev. 13:11-13. quoted.) Religious powers, allied to heaven by profession, and claiming to have the characteristics of a lamb, will show by their acts that they have the heart of a dragon, and that they are instigated and controlled by Satan. The time is coming when God's people will feel the hand of persecution because they keep holy the seventh day. Satan has caused the change of the Sabbath in the hope of carrying out his purpose for the defeat of God's plans. He seeks to make the commands of God of less force in the world than human laws.

"The man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, and who has always oppressed the people of God, will cause laws to be made enforcing the observance of the first day of the week. But God's people are to stand firm for Him, And the Lord will work in their behalf, showing plainly that He is the God of gods." *Manuscript Releases*. vol. 14 151-153."

#### SPIRITUALISM'S PHILOSOPHY

So Sister White says the danger that's threatening the sacred work of the third angel's message is wrapped in the mystery of iniquity and part of that mystery of iniquity has to do with these secret societies. When she speaks of secret societies, she is specific about what she means by that. Here's one from *Education*, 227-228, which ties in some of the characteristics of these secret societies which we say fall in the realm of the dragon forces of spiritualism:

"Spiritualism asserts that men are unfallen demigods; that 'each mind will judge itself;' that 'true knowledge places men above all law; that 'all sins committed are innocent;' for 'whatever is, is right: and 'God doth not condemn: The basest of human beings it represents as in heaven, and highly exalted there. Thus it declares to all men. 'It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home.' Multitudes are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself.

"With such teaching given at the very outset of life, when impulse is strongest, and the demand for self-restraint and purity is most urgent, where are the safeguards of virtue? What is to prevent the world from becoming a second Sodom? At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the

same teachings that led to the French Revolution—all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France." *Education*, 227-228.

So she here identifies spiritualism with the teachings that led to the French revolution and history teaches us that that's where atheism comes in to our study of history but she also identifies the centralizing of wealth and power as one of the characteristics of spiritualism.

The philosophy that desire is what's supposed to guide us is a characteristic of spiritualism. Here's another passage identifying spiritualism, the dragon power, *Patriarchs and Prophets*. 123-124, and this one takes us symbolically right back to the tower of Babel:

"There are tower builders in our time. Infidels construct their theories from the supposed deductions of sciences, and reject the revealed word of God. They presume to pass sentence upon God's moral government; they despise His law and boast of the sufficiency of human reason."

When Paganism brought in atheism just prior to the French Revolution and brought about the French Revolution, from this point on the philosophy of atheism was in open battle with the philosophy of Catholicism. That point in history is called by some, 'The Age of Reason', the enlightenment, the time when the mind was set above the revealed Word of God. So when she's mentioning here this tower building, boasting the sufficiency of human reason, that's what she is referring to, that very time period. Continuing on:

"They, 'because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.' Ecclesiastes 8:11.

"In the professedly Christian world many turn away from the plain teachings of the Bible and build up a creed from human speculations and pleasing fables, and they point to their tower as a way to climb up to heaven. Men hang with admiration upon the lips of eloquence while it **teaches** that the transgressor shall not die, that salvation may be secured without obedience to the law of God. **If the professed followers of Christ would accept God's standard, it would bring them into unity; but so long as human wisdom is exalted above His Holy Word, there will be divisions and dissension.** The existing confusion of conflicting creeds and sects is fitly represented by the term 'Babylon: which prophecy (Revelation 14:8; 18:2) applies to the world-loving churches of the last days.

"Many seek to make a heaven for themselves by obtaining riches and power. They 'speak wickedly concerning oppression; they speak loftily' (Psalm 73:8), trampling upon human rights and disregarding divine authority. The proud may be for a time in great power, and may see success in all that they undertake; but in the end they will find only disappointment and wretchedness." *Patriarchs and Prophets*. 123-124.

So these characteristics of atheism, of the accumulation of power, of the accumulation of wealth, man's reason above the revealed word of God, the tower building, all characteristics of spiritualism. Another one, *Selected Messages*, book 2.131:

"In the revelation of His righteous judgments, God will break up all these associations;"

She's referring to a passage in Isaiah 8:9 and onward, this unholy association this unholy confederacy that takes place at the end of the world.

"In the revelation of His righteous judgments, God will break up all these associations; and when the judgment shall sit and the books be opened, there will be revealed the un-Christ-likeness of the whole confederacy. Those who choose to unite with these secret societies are paying homage to idols as senseless and as powerless to bless and save the soul as are the gods of the Hindus."

She's just making a comparison there to their religious confidence with the idols of the Hindus and in reality it is the same worship as the Hindus, because no matter what name you put on the New Age movement or the Hindu religion or the Buddhist religion; it's pantheism, it's all spiritualism, it's all the religions of the worship of Nimrod and his wife it goes back to the tower of Babel. Continuing on:

"Those who choose to unite with these secret societies are paying homage to idols as senseless and as powerless to bless and save the soul as are the gods of the Hindus.

"These societies offer some advantages which, from a human point of view appear like great blessings, but not so when judged by the Lord's measurement. Behind their apparent advantages are concealed satanic agencies. The larger the income drawn into the treasury, the more and deeper is the evil. The ungodly gain, which has enriched these societies will, when traced out in all its bearings, be seen to be a curse. The words which Eliphaz spoke to Job are true in respect to these associations; 'I saw him "taking root," but I "cursed his habitation"' (Job 5:3). They are Satan's traps, his net to entangle souls." *Selected Messages*, book 2.131.

These associations she's speaking of, is this unholy confederacy in Isaiah and she ties it in with the secret societies, and with the gods of the Hindus, that's the religion, with the large incomes that are amassed for their own power. Clearly Sister White is identifying this one world government power so obvious in the world today.

Another one is found in *Review and Herald* July 18. 1907:

"God has given me this message to bear to those who are out of line: 'Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to naught; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid:

"In these last days, there are arising strange fallacies and man-made theories which God declares shall be broken in pieces. The spirit of covetousness has led men to seek worldly advantage, and by extravagance and display they have tried to hide their wicked deeds, which they have done in order to reach their object. Men occupying high positions of trust have revealed this unlawful desire for gain; they have practiced extortion and robbery, and have gratified the evil passions of their hearts, until our cities are corrupted through their wickedness. God has declared that he will uncover these works of deceit and robbery by their own working. In some cases the judgments of God have already fallen heavily on these cities."

This hiding is addressing the secret societies and the secret dealings that go on in the world banking systems. Here's one from *Testimonies*, vol. 1, 297:

"I was directed to this scripture as especially applying to modern spiritualism: Colossians 2:8: 'Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.' *Testimonies*, vol. 1, 297.

The philosophy of modern spiritualism is both religious and political. The religious philosophy is spiritualism of course and pantheism; and the political philosophy is socialism. So Colossians 2:8 is telling us to beware of spiritualism and its twin sister socialism and beware of being corrupted through the rudiments of the world, and if you look up the word 'rudiments', it says:

Rudiments: a basic principle. Rudimentary: consisting in first principles, of a primitive kind. Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, 1988, 1029.

So we are to beware of the philosophy that came right out the very cradle of the world civilization. The philosophy, both political and religious that comes out of Babel; that's the warning of this text! This philosophy that comes out of Babel, is none other than the philosophy of the dragon represented by the 10 kings of Revelation 16 and 17. It is the dragon power, one third of the three-fold make up of Modern Babylon.

Another one that helps identify the characteristics of the dragon is *Evangelism*, 617-618, here she quotes Isaiah 8:9-13, this is the passage that identifies this end time confederacy:

"The Lord declares through the prophet Isaiah: 'Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, -and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should -not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.' Isaiah 8:9-13.

"There are those who question whether it is right for Christians to belong to the Free Masons and other secret societies. Let all such consider the scriptures just quoted. If we are Christians at all, we must be Christians everywhere, and must consider and heed the counsel given to make us Christians according to the standard of God's Word." *Evangelism*, 617-618.

Brothers and sisters, the history of the Masons and on back into the history of the Gnostics and Cabalists is the history of how Paganism continued to weave its way down through history and it's well documented. We can see today the political arm of the dragon force already has the political arm of the United Nations in place. We're already passing laws in the United Nations that supersede the sovereignty of different nations in virtually every aspect of our living, whether it be our banking or the environmental issues, or any issue we can address.

The political structure for this final one world government is already in place, and the politicians that are willing to promote and put it in place, are in line. In Revelation 16 where we see the dragon the beast and the false prophet, which have spirits that come out of their mouth leading the world to Armageddon, we're suggesting that just as the political aspect of the dragon is fully in place, just waiting for a few more historical events

before this one world government is implemented; at the same time the religious aspect of this dragon power is well about its business of bringing the world to Armageddon.

To give you just one illustration of this, we're going to tell you a story about a myth in the American Indian history that has been well documented and is several hundred years old. This is a New Age prophecy, not simply an American Indian prophecy, but the ramifications of what's going on in the fulfillment of this prophecy are alarming in the sense that the conclusion of this prophecy is very, very similar to the conclusions that the apparitions of Mary are bringing to the Catholic world.

The spirits guiding the dragon forces of the world, and no doubt there's more people that would fall in the category of spiritualism in the world than there is in Catholicism, are leading them to the same place in history as the spirits guiding the Papal Beast of Revelation 16 through the apparitions of Mary.

Sister White says that the final movements will be rapid ones and before we look at this American Indian prophecy and consider it, last year (1996) there was a special on television that identified some of the supernatural manifestations that are occurring around the world and in one brief part of this secular program, they addressed an occurrence that took place in India in just a few days time. You have to call it a satanic miracle, there was no way to explain the phenomenon and it was genuinely established.

It took place in India and it got to the extent that they closed down the stock market in India, they shut down the government because they realized it was going on. It is important to note how quickly a miracle like this swept the world, because we need to understand that as we approach the end, miracles will not only be occurring, but they have the potential of bringing a great mass of people into agreement very quickly. We need to be aware that these end time things can come very quickly.

What happened was that several of the idol statues began drinking milk that was offered to them. Millions of people flocked to see the phenomenon. Video footage clearly shows milk held to the mouths of the idols being absorbed into the idol. The amount of milk was very large and repeated over and over. This could not be explained from natural causes.

Whatever the statues drinking milk is supposed to signify, I'm not sure but I am sure of this in 72 hours this event swept the world and it's unexplainable by human standards. I know that the world at large is being conditioned right now for these manifestations.

The alarming thing about it is while the world is being conditioned by these things going on in the realm of spiritualism and New Age, most of us in Adventism aren't even aware they are going on. At the same time the apparitions of Mary are conditioning the Catholic world for this same type of end-time scenario.

If you're not familiar with the story of where the Peace Pipe came from, in the American Indian History, we're going to tell you at this time; and I'm sure that if you're a citizen of the United States that you've heard about the Peace Pipe.

The Peace Pipe is one of the highest relics of the worship of the American Indians and the story can be found in many of the Indian heritages of how they received the Peace Pipe, supposedly a gift from a holy lady that brought it to them. The story is about the 'White Buffalo Lady' and the Peace Pipe is the gift she brought to the American Indians.

Nineteen generations ago, (whether its 30 years or forty years, somewhere over 500 years ago) during a time of famine, two Indian braves were out hunting outside the camp when they met a beautiful maiden dressed in white and carrying a bundle. (Virtually every Indian tribe has this legend, and they all have similar, though not identical details.) As the two braves approached the maiden one of the braves had lustful thoughts about the maiden and she and he were covered by a cloud that disappeared shortly after, leaving the foolish brave as a pile of worms and bones. (When you read the different accounts of these two braves, they seem to be a symbol of the wise and foolish virgins? Does one accept the message of the return as sacred or unholy?)

The second brave spoke with the maiden, who asked to be taken into the camp to speak with the Chief. Her voice was as music. In the teepee of the chief she provided the chief with the bundle, the 'peace pipe', which was inside the bundle, and a prophecy.

I want to read a passage that describes what she says the peace pipe represents because I want you to understand that the religion of the American Indians is none other than the religion of the New Age. If you're familiar at all with the premises of the New Age movement, you will hear their religion reflected in this story as the white buffalo lady describes what the peace pipe is meant to signify.

"After the mysterious woman said this, she took from the bundle a pipe and also a small round stone which she placed upon the ground. Holding the pipe up with its stem to the heavens she said, 'With this sacred pipe you will walk upon the earth for the earth is your grandmother and mother and she is sacred. Every step that is taken upon her should be as a prayer.

The bowl of this pipe is of red stone; it is the earth. Carved in the stone and facing the center is a buffalo calf who represents all the four leggeds who live upon your mother. The stem of the pipe is of wood, which represents all the growth upon the earth. And these twelve feathers that hang from where the stem fits into the bowl are from the spotted eagle; they represent the eagle and all the wingeds of the air. All these people and all the things of the universe are joined to you who smoke the pipe. All send their voices to Wonka-Tonka the Great Spirit. When you pray with this pipe, you pray for and with everything.

The Wonkon woman then touched the foot of the pipe to the round stone which lay upon the ground saying with this pipe you will be bound to all your relatives, your grandfather and father; your grandmother and mother; this round rock; which is of the same red stone as the bowl of the pipe, your father Wonka Tonka has also given you. It represents the earth; your grandmother and mother where you will live and increase. All of this is sacred, so do not forget."

As she set forth the purpose of the peace pipe she described it as the way in which the Indians should pray, for in the smoke their prayers would ascend. (Counterfeit to the incense, and the prayers of the saints?) She described the different components of the pipe in clearly new age terms, referring to the red earthen bowl of the pipe as symbolic of "Mother and Grandmother Earth, which is Sacred;" the buffalo carving on the bowl was symbolic of all "the four-leggeds" on mother earth; the wooden stem is symbolic of plants on mother earth; the twelve feathers symbolized "the wingeds" of the earth; and she stated "all these *peoples* (four leggeds and wingeds) are joined to you who smoke the pipe. All send their voice to Wonka Tonka, the Great Spirit. When you pray with this pipe you pray for everything."

As she gives them this description of the peace pipe, she presents them with the peace pipe and the bundle it came in, as a gift, and then she reads a prophecy.

Then she left a prophecy, and you'll find different variations, depending on which Indian tribe you get the prophecy from. But the prophecy is generally the same and when you hear the prophecy, you'll realize that the peace pipe that we have understood as the peace pipe for years, really is not best identified as the peace pipe, it should be identified as the ecumenical pipe.

The prophecy says that at the end of time this white buffalo lady would return. When she returns, there would be five years of increasing disasters and crisis, and at that time the American Indians which were alive at that time were to seek to come together with the other religions of the world and to strive to become one religion because the end of that five years of disasters, would be followed by a great era of peace. Now that's a brief synopsis of the prophecy.

She said she would return to mark the beginning of these five years of troubles. During these five years the Indians were to seek to come into harmony and unity with the other religions of the world in spite of the great crisis. (In this sense the peace pipe is more accurately the ecumenical pipe.) After leaving the gifts and the prophecy she left the tribe, and as she turned to say farewell she changed into a white buffalo. She then walked 200 yards and rolled over and changed into a black buffalo, then walked 200 yards and rolled over and changed into a red buffalo, then walked 200 yards and rolled over and changed into a yellow buffalo. (These colors symbolize the different tribes of mankind.)

The prophecy also said that when she returned, she would come back as a white buffalo. The prophecy also stated that the white female buffalo would be born to white people in the center of the United States. Now if you figure 19 generations and 30 years a generation, and I'm not sure how the American Indians calculate how many years in one of their generations, but even a 30 year generation, you're well over 500 years ago that this prophecy took place which is well before any white people lived in the United States. So this is one characteristic of the prophecy which is worth considering. The prophecy also said that the father of the white buffalo calf would have to give his life for her.

In their religion they've been looking forward to this time for several hundred years and they have handed down this peace pipe from one holy man to another holy man until there is one holy man today that is supposedly the direct descendant of the first Indian holy man that kept this white buffalo's gift of the peace pipe and they kept the bundle. The bundle and the peace pipe got separated about a hundred years ago at the battle of Wounded Knee and the bundle disappeared; the peace pipe remained with the holy man.

Recently at an auction in the southern United States another holy man, not the one that possesses the peace pipe, heard this bundle had turned up at an auction and he went down and he purchased this bundle and we'll take you into the story as it has been unfolding in our day and age.

On August 20, 1994. "Miracle." the white buffalo was born in Janesville, Wisconsin which is as the prophecy required, in the center of the United States. The interesting thing about this is this was a white family like the prophecy said, they raised buffaloes, but there have never been known a female white buffalo to ever be born. It's a genetic impossibility according to any one who has done any research into the birth of buffaloes.

They can have male white buffaloes born and the last time that they ever heard of a female white buffalo was several hundred years ago. So it was a genetic impossibility for this white buffalo to be born, it's not albino if you are wondering.

There has only been a couple white buffalo known to be born this century, but both died at birth or shortly thereafter, both were male. The last reported female white buffalo was born 600 years ago and died in about 20 hours.

When Miracle was born to the Heider family in 1994, they knew nothing of these legends and were simply raising buffalo to sell as meat. As soon as she was born, the word got out and Indians from around North America began pilgrimages to the Heiders farm to say prayers and leave offerings attached to the fence around Miracles coral. The pilgrimages continue to this day bringing people from all faiths, from the entire globe!

The prophecy said there would be 5 years of increasing disasters. This buffalo was born in 1994. Now in 1990, the disasters in the United States reached an all time record for one year. That record was broken in 1991, and the disasters in 1992 broke the record in 1991. The disasters of 1993 exceeded 1992, and the disasters of 1994 exceeded 1993 and the disasters of 1995 exceeded 1994, and the same with 1996. (this was written in 1997) I don't have the statistics yet but I have watched what has gone on this year and I am sure this will exceed the cost of 1996.

But it is clear that we are in a time period when the disasters are just accelerating in agreement with this prophecy, this buffalo was born in 1994 and it said the disasters would increase, and at this time the American Indians were to seek to come together with the other religions of the world in order to usher in an era of peace.

Now the prophecy said five years of increasing disasters, and if you take 1994 and add five years it comes to 1999, which is the ushering in of what the New Agers would call the Age of Aquarius. The year 2000, the New Age. So this prophecy not only comes at the right time but it comes with the birth of a female white buffalo which is a genetic impossibility.

Because it was an impossibility and the people who had this buffalo born to them knew nothing of the prophecy at that time, they intended to have a sperm sample and a blood sample taken on the bull buffalo to determine how this could happen.

Six days after the birth of Miracle, a medicine man (Floyd Hand) called the Heiders and told them that the legend stated that the father of Miracle must give his life for the calf, and also that he had a dream which identified that the bull would soon die, and in the dream he saw a black object in the bull's abdomen. The medicine man counseled that if they wanted to get an analysis of the semen and blood, they should do it immediately for he would soon die. (They wanted the analysis to determine the genetics involved in the production of a white calf.) The Heiders knew nothing at this time of the legend and laughed off the weird telephone call, from a weird medicine man. Four days later the bull fell over dead. When an autopsy was performed they found the bull had suffered internal bleeding which formed a large blood clot in his abdomen. The blood clot had turned black. Just in agreement with this holy man's dream.

What this means to Seventh-day Adventist Christians is not much, but what it meant to the New Age movement was phenomenal. As soon as this story was released, American Indians from all over began making pilgrimages to this farm and as the people who own this calf realized that this is a sacred relic to the American Indians, they opened

their farm and from what I could tell when I visited there they've bought into the New Age belief structure.

The Heiders have cooperated with the religious and sacred desires of the Indians as this saga has unfolded, which in itself is a miracle when we consider it was to be born to a white person. How easy would it be to predict a white person 19 generations ago, and how easy would it be to find a white person raising buffaloes. And how easy would it be to have those white people be willing to turn their farm over to the foreign religious rites of the Indians. Many white people would certainly not cooperate. Many would no doubt sell the buffalo, for it could be sold for millions to the Indians or others. (They have had offers in the million dollar price range.) What if it had been born to white racists? What if it was born to strong Bible believers? Would they support and sustain the new age worship which has taken place in connection with the white buffalo? Janesville, Wisconsin qualifies as the center of the United States.

Since its birth the pilgrimages continue and the Indians still appear on a regular basis to perform sacred rites in connection with the buffalo, but not only Indians but new agers, and Catholics also. This year at a service called the Unity gathering (Ecumenical?) over 650 religious leaders from around the globe attended the three-day worship service. Now they'd been having many sacred gatherings there, and at that prayer gathering they had 650 religious leaders from around the world and went through ceremonies and ushered in this prophecy. Among those 650 was the Dalai Lama, now if you're not familiar with who the Dalai Lama is, he is to spiritualism what the pope is to Catholicism, the symbolic king of world spiritualism! The head of the dragon forces made his pilgrimage there to work in this ecumenical 3 day celebration that took place there.

These people leave prayer offerings on the fence of the corral. I have a picture of these prayer offerings left by Indians, Hindus, Buddhists and many people from all around the world. From time to time they take these off and keep them and people coming to see this site just keep bringing them over and over again.

The (ecumenical) peace pipe the white buffalo maiden brought has been handed down for 19 generations and is perhaps the most sacred idol to the American Indian. It is this legend that all Indians derive their understanding of the peace pipe from. The bundle the maiden brought was stolen from the Indians in the massacre of Wounded Knee; yet in the recent past a medicine man found out the bundle had been placed on auction in South Carolina, and the medicine man went to the auction and retrieved this sacred idol for the Indian nation.

In 1995 an Indian holy man appeared at the Heider's farm and sat down beneath a oak tree for three days, waiting for another Indian holy man to arrive who possessed the sacred peace pipe. The first holy man, (Floyd Hand) wanted to assess if the second holy man. (Arvol Looking Horse) was spiritually mature enough to receive and protect the sacred bundle and thus reunite it with the sacred peace pipe, which he possessed. Their association has continued and soon it is expected that Floyd Hand will give the sacred bundle to Arvol, thus bringing these two premier new age idols of the American Indians, and spiritualists of the entire world, back together. Not only is the prophecy being fulfilled perfectly, but its ecumenical implications are being marked by the historic saga of the *peace pipe and sacred bundle*.

The birth of Miracle occurred around the time period of the earthquakes in California and Japan, and the prophecy stated the catastrophes and crisis would only

accelerated until the era of peace. This is the identical message another unholy spirit lady is bringing through the apparitions of Mary.

Now, they don't have any genetic reasons why this female white buffalo is still alive because female white buffaloes aren't supposed to be born and when they do they are supposed to die.

According to the prophecy when the white buffalo was born she would go through the same color changes as did the white buffalo prophetess, which brought the peace pipe and message. Miracle changed colors to black in January of 1995, then red in June of 1995, then yellow in November of 1995. The prophecy said she would eventually turn back to white. When I viewed her in May of 1996 her rump was beginning to change back to white. (Buffaloes do not change colors!) All these changes have been photographically documented. At the end of the five years of crisis Miracle will supposedly, turn back into the maiden and usher in the era of peace. With her birth in 1994 five years of disasters brings us to 1999--just in time to begin the so-called Age of Aquarius!

One of the things I would like you to remember about this unfolding prophecy that has the markings of a satanic miracle, is that this prophecy has been in existence for hundreds of years. It's something that demonstrates that Satan has been planning his final movements against God for quite some time. He's been doing whatever it takes to bring these prophecies to pass right on time. The idea that this white buffalo was prophesied to appear in the center of the United States, I think you would agree that Wisconsin is the center of the United States; that it would come to a white family, and the prophecy existed before there were white people in the Americas; is overwhelming. The idea that it was born white, a female and lived, and then it would go through color changes.

As Seventh-day Adventists I'm afraid that we've become so intellectual in our understanding of things that we don't really, truly believe that Satan is going to be performing these kinds of miracles. But the warning is in prophecy that these frogs that come out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet, will be given this kind of Satanic lee-way to lead these different groups of people to Armageddon, and that's what's going on here.

Also what's going on here, is that the religious aspect of the dragon power of Revelation 16, is already well about its work of taking the world to Armageddon. What I'd like you to remember about this is that the prophecy speaks of increasing crisis and at this time the American Indians were to seek to come together with the other religions of the world.

Associated with this is a white buffalo maiden, a woman. The spirit that is guiding the beast of Revelation 16, Catholicism right now, once again is a maiden, it's the virgin Mary the supposed mother of Christ that's appearing around the world, and interestingly enough, she's predicting a great crisis during these next couple years but at the end, at the year 2000, we can expect an era of peace.

We certainly know, and especially since Vatican II, one of the main efforts of Catholicism is the ecumenical movement once again bringing the religions of the world together. So as we continue on in our studies, please note that the message that the beast power, Catholicism, is giving to it's followers is very, very similar to the message that is being given to the dragon forces followers, and they're being led to the same place. And

according to Revelation 16 that's Armageddon, but this coincidental agreement between the women that are bringing the prophecies and the women that are the ones that will be lifted up to help usher in the millennium, will no doubt climax in some kind of a miraculous event to take place at the end as we see this woman lifted up as one of the leaders. A study of the worship of Nimrod and his wife, makes it very clear that Nimrod's wife, Semeramis, has a roll to play not only in spiritualism but in Catholicism. So when we see these women associated with these end time miracles, it is alarming in the sense that we can demonstrate that these movements are well under way.

We're already on our way to Armageddon as a world, and the warning comes in Revelation 16, make sure you have the garment of Christ's righteousness on. That's the message that comes to us today as we see what's going on with the apparitions of Mary and the fulfillment of New Age prophecies.

"Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise." *Review and Herald* September 10, 1903.

2007 UPDATE: 'Miracle' continued to draw visitors from all over the world for ten years. She died of natural causes in September 2004. She never did turn back to white, but was brown when she died. She produced four calves in her life, none were white.

Another white calf, this time a male, was born on the same farm in 2006 and was called, "Miracle, Second Chance".

## Revelation 16 series—4

### Frog of the Fortress God

From a presentation by Jeff Pippenger

We're looking at the spirits that are guiding the three powers that make up modern Babylon and the world to Armageddon. In our last presentation we finished looking at the political aspect of the Dragon and looked at the spiritual aspect which today we know as the New Age movement which encompassed all the religions that go to make up spiritualism today.

There are miracles happening within the realm of spiritualism that are preparing it's adherents and others for the deceptions and the end time events which we've so clearly been warned about in the Spirit of Prophecy. Now we're going to look at the spirit which is guiding the forces of the beast power—Catholicism.

"All are to hear the last message of warning. The prophecies in the book of Revelation, chapters 12-18, are being fulfilled. In the eighteenth chapter is recorded the very last call to the churches. This call is now to be given. In the nineteenth chapter, the time is pictured when the beast and the false prophet are taken, and cast into a lake of fire. The dragon, who was the instigator of the great rebellion against heaven, is bound, and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Then follows the resurrection of the wicked and the final destruction of Satan and all the wicked, and the final triumph and reign of Christ in this earth." *The Upward Look*, 277.

The Spirit of Prophecy has identified Revelation chapters 12-19 as Present Truth for us today and that is where the focus of our study should be as we compare the event's around us with the prophetic word to identify that we are at the end of the world. To start this study of the spirit guiding the Beast of Catholicism, we would like to read a passage from *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 18, 29-31.

"As we near the close of time, there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power; heathen deities will manifest their signal power, and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled."

If you are not aware of it, I don't know where you've been, but around the world today these heathen deities are appearing and manifesting. Some may not want to call the apparitions of Mary a heathen deity, but nonetheless they are, and as Seventh-day Adventists we have to understand them as that.

This is a follow-up study to Daniel 11:40-45, 'The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North', where we looked at Daniel 11:30-36 as verses the pioneers identified as describing how Papal Rome came into power at the beginning of the Dark Ages. Verses 32-35 describe the persecution that takes place after the Papacy comes to rule in the Dark Ages. In Daniel 11:36 we see a verse that most Bible commentators say is the verse that Paul uses to paraphrase the passage in 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 where he talks about the man of sin.

Our contention is that from verse 30 onward to the end of the chapter, the main subject is the Papacy. Some take verse 37 and onward and suggest that it's describing France and the French Revolution, some people say Turkey. We believe with what we understand to be sound reasoning that if verse 36 is describing the characteristics of the Papacy, 37-39 is as well.

There is a verse in Daniel 11 that will help us identify what's going on in Catholicism today as we are at the end of the world. In verse 36 it talks about the king that exalts himself, this is the Man of Sin, the man that sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. We submit that this narrative of the Papacy simply continues in verse 37. "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all."

Certainly the Papacy's characteristic is magnifying itself above all and Bible commentators that understand this verse to be describing the Papacy say that he doesn't regard 'the desire of women' is identifying celibacy as one of the rules of the Papacy. I feel a better understanding is this; 'the Desire of women' likely refers to Christ, as faithful women down through history until the birth of Jesus, longed to be the one chosen to be the mother of the Messiah. So this power doesn't regard the God of their fathers, or Jesus, or any God, because he sets himself above all Divine authority.

Verse 38 "But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things."

This verse has been a mystery to Bible commentators through the years because it says here that if this is the Papacy, that 'in his estate', and that Hebrew word means the pedestal, the base, in the very heart of the Papacy, they would honor a God of forces. If you're familiar with the Papacy it is nothing more than Paganism with a Christian garb put upon it. It is simply taking the worship of Nimrod and his wife and Christianizing it.

Estate: 3653; same as 3651 a stand i.e. pedestal or station:-base, estate.

"And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base." Zechariah 5:11.

base: 4369; same as 4350; a spot:-base. 4350: fem, of 4349; a pedestal also a spot:-base.

When the commentators tried to come to grips with this 'god of forces' that the Papacy was destined to honor in verse 38, they drew a blank, because there was no god of forces in antiquity. But that word 'forces' is translated more correctly, 'the god of fortifications'. No pagan deity had been known as a god of fortifications and virtually every aspect of Roman Catholicism can be directly traced back to a prior type of worship that's found in Paganism.

But even though there is not a god of fortresses in pagan history, there is a goddess of fortresses. You can see pictures of this goddess of fortresses and this lady has on her head a castle that is similar to the tower of Babel. More important to the symbolism, this tower is turreted, identifying the wall that would surround a city and allow for defenders of the castle to fight off those that were trying to overtake the city. This hat that this goddess had on her head was identifying the goddess that was worshipped for being the one that created fortresses.

In the mythology of the worship of Nimrod and his wife, it was Semiramis that was identified as the one that invented fortresses that gave protection to the people during the time of Nimrod and Semiramis.

In pictures you can see that this goddess has many breasts and she was worshipped as the mother of gods. She was a fertility goddess and these many breasts symbolized that. In verse 38, it says 'in his estate', or in the very heart of Catholicism, shall he, the Papacy, honor the goddess of fortresses. This is an allowable translation;

he'll honor Semiramis the goddess of paganism, associated with fortresses. Notice this from the book, 'The Two Babylons', by Hislop:

"In Daniel 11:38, we read of a god called Ala Mahozim*\*i.e.*, the 'god of fortifications.' Who this god of fortifications could be, commentators have found themselves at a loss to determine. In the records of antiquity the existence of any god of fortifications has been commonly overlooked; and it must be confessed that no such god stands forth there with any prominence to the ordinary reader.

"But the existence of a goddess of fortifications, every one knows that there is the amplest evidence. The goddess is Cybele, who is universally represented with a mural or turreted crown, or with a fortification, on her head. Why was Rhea or Cybele thus represented? Ovid asks the question and answers it himself; and the answer is this: The reason he says, why the statue of Cybele wore a crown of towers was, 'because she first erected them in cities.'

"The *first* city in the world after the flood (from whence the commencement of the world is often dated) that had towers and encompassing walls, was Babylon; and Ovid himself tells us that it was Semiramis, the first queen of the city, who was believed to have 'surrounded Babylon with a wall of brick'. Semiramis, then, the first deified queen of that city and the tower whose top was intended to reach to heaven, must have been the prototype of the goddess who 'first made towers in cities.'

"When we look at the Ephesian Diana, we find evidence to the very same effect. In general, Diana was depicted as a virgin, and the patroness of virginity; but the Ephesian Diana was quite different. She was represented with all the attributes of the mother of gods, and, as the mother of gods, she wore a turreted crown such as no one can contemplate without being forcibly reminded of the tower of Babel. Now this tower-bearing Diana is by ancient scholiast expressly identified with Semiramis. When, therefore, we remember that Rhea or Cybele, the tower-bearing goddess, was, in point of fact, a Babylonian goddess, and that Semiramis, when deified, was worshipped under the name of Rhea, there will remain, I think, no doubt as to the personal identity of the 'goddess of fortifications.'

\* "In our version, Ala Mahozim is rendered alternatively 'god of forces,' or 'gods protectors.' To the latter interpretation, there is insuperable objection, that Ala is in the singular. Neither can the former be admitted; for Mahozim, or Mauzzim, does not signify 'forces,' or 'armies,' but munitions,' as it is also given in the margin--that is 'fortifications.' Stockius, in his *Lezicon*, gives us a definition of Mahoz in the singular, *robur. arz. locus munitus.* and in proof of definition, the following examples:--Judges 6:26. 'And build an altar to the Lord thy God upon the top of this rock' (Mahoz, in the margin "stong place"); and Daniel 11:19, 'Then shall he turn his face to the fort (Mahoz) of his own land.'" *The Two Babylons*, 29-31. Alexander Hislop.

He will honor her with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. In Bible times, you remember, how the languages were confused at Babel, and the people who went to the different parts of the earth with different languages continued the same worship. But the names for the religious practices and deities were changed because the languages had changed. In Bible times in Ephesus, Semiramis was still worshipped as the primary god in Ephesus, but her name was Dianna. And Dianna was none other than the Ephesian version of Semiramis. Dianna was considered to be the mother of the gods and she also was given the attributes of the one that invented fortresses. She is the goddess of fortresses. It's interesting that early in the history of the Catholic Church, there was a council at Ephesus.

Ephesus was the seat of the worship of Diana—equivalent to the Old Testament Ashtoreth, the fertility goddess. The worship involved temple prostitution, and great licentiousness. Diana was known as "the great mother," or "the great mother of the gods." It was at the Council of Ephesus, in 451 A.D., for the first time, the church incorporated into its worship the virgin mother of Christ, and assigned to the Virgin Mary, the title "mother of God." This is the direct descendent of the worship of Dianna of Ephesus, which is none other than Semiramis.

Verse 38 in Daniel 11 identifies that in the heart of Catholicism a god that the previous fathers of the Christian religion had not honored—the 'mother of god', Semiramis, was going to be incorporated into their religion; she was the goddess of fortresses. Through time this goddess (verse 39) would be increased with glory and Catholicism would honor it with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

If you're not aware of it, today the fastest growing religion in the world is the Marian movement. I have a book by the Marian movement of priests and this religion, although it's a branch of Catholicism, the worship of the mother of god, is sweeping the world. At the printing of this book and it is a few years old, there are over 5,000 priests in the Marion movement alone, that believe they are receiving direct messages from Mary or Joseph or Jesus that correspond to the ushering in of the millennium of peace.

Here is a paper from Tacoma, Washington, and it says, Virgin Mary honored in Tacoma procession. In Protestant America, the virgin Mary is appearing and being worshipped.

Here is an article from US News and World Report from Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1997, there's a picture of people looking for the apparitions of Mary that occur in Georgia once a month. The second 'sabbath' of the month, they have over 500,000 people come to this town in Georgia to witness the apparitions each month. Now this is Protestant America!

At the same time that these apparitions are occurring, we see the media of the world lifting up the idea of Mary over and over to those that are out in the world. Here's one from Newsweek, 'The meaning of Mary; the struggle over her role grows within the church.

This book called 'Thunder of Justice', is probably the most well known Catholic book that documents the history of the apparitions of Mary in this century. It puts forth certain conclusions about the prophecies that Mary has been bringing to the world. It says that she's bringing four different conclusions—there's going to be first a warning, a great miracle in the near future, then a chastisement and then an era of peace.

In our last presentation we emphasized the information that came through the white buffalo lady, because there is a great similarity in what Mary is saying. A chastisement, a great time of trouble, according to Mary, will precede this era of peace. This is in agreement with what this white buffalo lady said.

The book documents the occurrences of the Virgin Mary around the world. The information keeps coming through these prophets and seers that are seeing Mary, that there is first going to be a warning, a miracle, a great chastisement and the thousand year millennium reign of peace.

We won't look in detail at these prophecies but we will say this, a magazine that came out in August of 1997, Newsweek, is going to a secular audience where the book

is designed for a Catholic audience, and this magazine article does nothing more than give a very nice synopsis of what this book says. The world at large, not just Catholicism, is being conditioned to understand and recognize the prophecies that the Virgin Mary is supposedly bringing in these apparitions.

When I say prophecies, let me remind you that these prophecies are satanic miracles, they are not simply imaginations, although there are a lot of faked apparitions no doubt, and many of these things are just people's emotions, but some of the things that are going on are beyond coincidence.

Here is a brief synopsis of a book called the 'Final Hour' which is one of the many Catholic books which document the apparitions of Mary. In this book it lists prophecies that were given to some Rwandan seers in 1981. Catholic seers received messages from 1981 to 1989 from Mary, who's appearing in Rwanda at that time period. They were shown terrifying glimpses into the future, trees in flames, rivers of blood, many abandoned, decapitated corpses. They saw pictures of people killing each other and bodies thrown into the rivers, bodies without their heads and just a tremendous blood-bath that was supposed to occur in Rwanda.

Now, if you watched what's gone on in Rwanda in the past 10 years, you realize that what these visionaries were shown in 1981-1989 time period was well in advance of the events that have recently taken place in Rwanda and yet they were very accurate.

One of the descriptions that when you read about the blood-bath that has occurred in Rwanda, that always comes up, is how the rivers there would be full of bodies without heads. Certainly Satan knew that he had created the circumstances where he could bring about this civil war and he had the ability to forecast it and make sure it took place. But that's not an argument against what we're saying, which is, the messages that Mary is bringing are definitely inspired of Satan, but he is doing great advanced ground work to make sure these things come to pass in order that those who are following these messages will be swept in to the delusions and the predictions which he is making.

In this book is a listing of where the apparitions have occurred, and at what time. The history of this book begins in the year 1531, where there was an apparition in Guadeloupe Mexico. It was a very important apparition; has to do with abortion, believe it or not. Here you can see listed off year by year, city by city, where apparitions have occurred. 1¼ page cover the time from 1531 to 1980, and from 1980 till 1991 we suddenly have a whole page and this only goes up to 1991.

What this book demonstrates is that over and over again in different places around the world, the Virgin Mary is appearing and bringing messages that are conditioning the world to make choices when certain things happen that are designed to prevent the 3 angels' messages from occurring.

We're going to look at just one little miracle that appears in connection with these apparitions. It's not simply the appearance of Mary and her bringing messages, there are other miracles invariable associated with it. In Conners, Georgia, there was a time when in a clear blue sky, suddenly it was raining rose petals, everywhere, and that was on film. The scent of roses many times accompanies the apparitions of Mary. Another miracle that occurs many times is phenomenon in the sun where it dances in the sky, or flashes. People that are taking photos will get the film developed and there'll be some kind of supernatural picture portrayed in the photograph which they just thought was a normal photograph.

Another miracle that's taking place in conjunction with these miracles is the stigmata. It comes in a variety of ways. In the Catholic understanding, some people

supernaturally experience the wounds of Christ. Supernaturally there have been people that will bleed from the palms of their hands and from their feet and from the slash in the side that Christ received on the cross and maybe the crown of thorns He was wounded with before the cross. They will suddenly begin bleeding. Some only bleed the wounds of Christ in the hands, some bleed all the wounds, some bleed for days upon end and some bleed only at certain times of the year.

We have a brief film from a secular news program of one of these stigmatists that bleeds these wounds of Christ. We are taking information from the secular sources because part of what we are trying to share about these spirits of Revelation 16 that are leading the world to Armageddon, is that the world is being conditioned to these things as we speak. This is consistent with Revelation 16:12-14 that one of the characteristics, that accompany the work of the United States forcing the whole world to worship the beast of Catholicism, is the supernatural satanic miracles that it is allowed to do. These miracles are already conditioning the world for these end time events.

This news clip tells of a lady from Syria, that each year on Good Friday bleeds the wounds of Christ and they make comments about this. One of the things to remember is that Syria is not known as a Catholic country. Yet in the Arab world, these phenomena of Mary are occurring just as well as in the Christian or Catholic world. They are also occurring in Asia, in the Hindu, Buddhist world, anywhere you go, the apparitions of Mary are occurring and many times we will find the miracle of the stigmata associated with the people who are receiving these apparitions.

It is clear in this secular news clip that the people describing the event feel that it is genuine and a clearly supernatural event. [It is interesting also that they always have some kind of weird ghostly music to accompany such news stories that rises in crescendo with the main points of the narration especially at the mention of the Catholic Church.]

These events are occurring as we speak, if you were to go into a Catholic bookstore you would find many, many books similar to these, that are just tracking what's being said by Mary, where she's appearing and giving their conclusions about where these messages are taking us.

There is another occurrence happening in conjunction with these apparitions, the idols of Mary are bleeding blood and visionaries, as they call those who are receiving the messages from Mary, say the reason the statues and pictures are bleeding blood is because of the great sin in the world—Mary is crying blood to call us back to a life of repentance and service to the Lord.

Daniel 11:30 to the very end of the chapter is nothing more than a description of the Papacy and in verse 31 we see the abomination that maketh desolate set up. We have always understood as Seventh-day Adventists this is identifying the beginning of the 1260 year Papal rule that is known as the Dark Ages. In verse 36 we see nothing more than a narrative describing the characteristics of the haughty arrogance of the Papacy and the worship that it imposes and the belief that it has the authority to change the law of God.

In verse 38, what's brought into this narrative is the Papacy is going to begin to honor a goddess of fortresses, which is none other than Mary. In the books like 'Keys of this Blood', that speak of John Paul II, it's clear that he viewed the virgin Mary and her messages as the guiding influence of not only the Catholic Church but of his papacy. He had been miraculously saved, he believed, through the assassination attempt, by the powers of the Virgin Mary and after that event he went to Fatima

Portugal to give homage to the Virgin of Fatima that he believed saved him. This is just one many books that speak of Fatima.

We would like to return your thoughts to the information we went through in the study on the King of the North in Daniel 11:40-45. We know that in verse 40 although the King of the South is identified prophetically in the beginning of verse 40 as France, which was the power at that time controlling spiritual Egypt—atheism. France wrote Atheism into its constitution. In that verse there came the time when Russia, the premiere power that controlled spiritual Egypt in 1917, wrote communism into its constitution as well—atheism.

1917 was a very important historical event in the course of the King of the South. It was the Bolshevik revolution where the last King of the South was established in Russia. After WW II he expanded to the Soviet Union. Many historians that talk about the Bolshevik revolution call it the October revolution because it took place in October. if you study the information of the apparitions of Mary occurring in the world today, you'll find without a doubt, the commentators to a man will say that the most important apparition of this century took place in Fatima Portugal in 1917.

It occurred over a several month period, the Virgin Mary supposedly appeared to three children during that time period and she promised that in October of 1917, the same month as the Bolshevik revolution, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of that month that she would return and perform a miracle, so that everyone that wanted to, could believe that the messages that she had left with the three children were genuine.

In the preceding months, the children at first had met an angel and then began meeting with the Virgin Mary thereafter. It was disbelieved that the children were having any kind of supernatural encounter. But each month they would go to the appointed place in Fatima, they would meet with the Virgin Mary, and she would commune with them and given them information. They received three secret messages and we'll talk about those messages briefly here in a moment.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, there had been so much contention about these ongoing miracles, that there was a crowd of 50 to 100 thousand people to see if the virgin was really going to perform a miracle. Now this was 1917 and it was in Portugal. There were dirt roads and when the time came for this miracle to be performed, you need to remember one other factor; Portugal was at that time a communist country. Communism was the opposing force to Catholicism and the communist government had no sympathy for the supposed miracles that were taking place with these Catholic people. They even tried to incarcerate these children to prevent them from meeting with the Virgin Mary. They were released but by the time October 13, 1917 arrived the children were free and going to meet at the place and see the miracle which the virgin had promised them. There was between 50 and 100 thousand people there to witness this event.

There were also reporters from every newspaper in Portugal, there to debunk this supposed miracle. On the day that the miracle was supposed to take place it had been raining and raining. It was muddy and wet and there was mud and water standing in the road. The people went out to where the miracle was supposed to occur and at the time the clouds parted in the sky and the sun appeared. Suddenly the sun started dancing back and forth. This is similar to many of the apparition sights around the world that testify to this same phenomenon and they have video recording that you can see the sun dancing in the sky and technologist say it is not faked footage.

In 1917 in Fatima Portugal this was going on and suddenly the sun began to spin and throw off colors and when it threw off blue that whole ground and all the

people would be illuminated in a blue color and then when it threw off orange everything would be orange. It went through a series of colors. Then suddenly the sun began to fall to the earth and between 50 to 100 thousand people went face down into the mud. The sun stopped before it hit the earth. Those people thought the end of the world was here but when the sun stopped and returned to its place in the sky, they were all converted to this Mary of Fatima.

When the sun returned to the sky, the people got up off the ground, and suddenly there was a wind. They could feel the wind and they could hear the wind but if they looked around at the bushes and the leaves on the trees nothing was being shaken by the wind but you could hear it and feel it. As they began to look around they realized that the ground was totally dry and their clothes, that were recently in the muddy water and had been rained on for several hours, were totally dry. All those people left the place believing that they had seen the greatest supernatural miracle of all times.

If you want to see testimony to verify that this took place, the best place to look is in those communist newspapers of those days, because the reporters that reported on this event, even though they knew that they were taking position contrary to what they had been ordered to testify about, they gave this testimony; something took place there of a supernatural nature.

The reason that the Catholic authorities view this as the most important apparition of the century, was because there were three messages left with these three children. A brother and sister were among these three children and they died shortly thereafter and only one lives on. She is a lady in a convent. She was told that she would live until these end time events portrayed in these messages take place. She's still alive, (1997) she's very elderly, and she must be about 80 some years old.

Two of the three messages that these children were given, were openly accounted for; they were common knowledge but the third was a secret. The first one was the bringing of the communist government of Portugal into the fold of Catholicism. The others had to do with dedicating the country of Russia to the Virgin Mary and this had to be done by a pope. The pope had to call a conclave where he brought all the cardinals and bishops together and at one time they would all dedicated Russia to the Virgin Mary. If a pope would do this, the world would be saved another great war and many other errors and great crisis that would come from a lack of doing this.

These messages were given just before the time that the Bolshevik Revolution took place. So these were predictions about the impact that communist Russia was going to have in the world before Russia was even communist. These messages were given to the children before the miracle, therefore when they were given these messages it was still czarist Russia. But the month that the miracle occurred, communist Russia began and in agreement with that of course we see WW II. We see in the history of Catholicism that popes that came to rule after that time period, refused to call that conclave where the cardinals and bishops came together and dedicated Russia to the Virgin Mary and because of this secret spirit message. There is still much under discussion about what's contained in the secret, it's in a special box in the Vatican and each new pope has the right to go in and read this secret and he can have an understanding of what it is and how he's supposed to relate to it.

From the Catholic scholars that have pulled out bits and pieces of this and that of what this third secret was about, is that if the popes were unwilling to call this special conclave and dedicate Russia to the Virgin Mary that the world would have to

go through a great chastisement at the end prior to the ushering in of the millennium of peace.

Now this is echoing the prophecy of the white buffalo lady. The present pope believes in the apparitions. Not every pope has been supportive of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary but he believes in it.

When this occurred in 1917, Fatima Portugal was just a small dusty town and now it has a great Cathedral because the people who began to worship Mary at Fatima raised money to build a great center of pilgrimages and there's a school there for Catholicism. The way they raised money to bring this about was they made a little virgin of Fatima statue and they sold it to raise money and they had such great success that they decided they would build a great big statue of the Virgin of Fatima and they sent it around the world after it was built and it went to 17 countries and every country it went to there were miracles when it arrived.

When it arrived in Egypt, suddenly the Virgin Mary began appearing at the church it went to. One country that had been in a civil war, when it arrived the civil war stopped. In Brazil when it arrived a flock of doves landed at the foot of the statue and though thousands of people walked around the Fatima statue in the square the doves never left and never ate or drank for two weeks and if you know about doves, they don't go without water for 2 weeks without dying but those doves stayed alive.

Every where it went these miracles were performed and finally it came to the 17<sup>th</sup> country which was Poland and the communist government said we don't want it and they sent it home. The 16 countries that it had just been at called the communist government of Poland and said, you really should have received that statue, it was a great blessing and they put pressure on the Polish communist authorities and they said OK, we will take the statue.

So they went to the cardinal of Poland at that time, cardinal Whycinski, and they said, we'll take the statue, we've had second thoughts and Whycinski said, we don't want the statue; we want to build a church. And they had an argument back and forth about that, and the communist authorities said OK, you can build a church. And for the first time since WW II a Catholic church was erected inside the domain of a communist country, inside the domain of the Soviet Union, inside the domain of the King of the South. Inside the domain of the power that began its history in 1917, the very year that the miracle of Fatima had occurred and of course Catholicism directly relates this to this Virgin of Fatima statue that was refused by the communist authorities.

The story goes that when the statue was built, and of course in Catholicism's stories about their miracles, you can find different versions of it, that when this church was built, the bishop that had overseen the building of this church had erected a large cross in front of it and the communist authorities came and tore it down. He rebuilt it and they tore it down and this happened three or four times. Finally this bishop put the cross back up and the communist authorities gave up. Many Catholic historians say that this is the event that broke the communist mentality in Poland to where they did not have the upper psychological hand over Catholicism and this is first turning point that started the wave that ultimately brought Solidarity into existence and brought Poland down and with Poland down the whole Soviet Union was swept away.

This event of Fatima in 1917 corresponds to the month and year that the King of the South was established in history and they continued to but heads with one another as history unfolded. Here today the messages that Mary is bringing around the world are saying that we have a time of crisis to go through before this era of peace and

the reason that the world has to go through this great chastisement is because the popes never honored the messages sent to the children of Fatima by dedicating Russia, the King of the South, to the Virgin Mary. And because they didn't do that, what's ahead of us is that great chastisement.

It is interesting to note that the bishop back there in Poland that went through this psychological game with the communist authorities, was later known as Pope John Paul II. He is what we would call the King of the North at the time and he was directly involved with this struggle with the King of the South and it's directly connected with this goddess of fortresses that is going to continue to grow and influence the power and strength of Catholicism.

As the history of this struggle continues on, we find that Catholic authorities believed that it was from the Soviet Union that an assassin was hired to kill the pope, of course, he was wounded. The Soviets believed that he was the one man that had the political savvy and the political power to bring the Soviet Union down, and sure enough, it was this particular pope that played that hand in alliance with the United States and Ronald Reagan.

When the pope was shot and he was taken to the hospital, he said that the miracle that we described took place in Fatima in 1917, reoccurred outside his hospital window. He realized that he was the pope that was destined to fulfill the cataclysmic events and the events that are in this third secret in the Vatican. He sent for that message while he was in the hospital and he re-read it and he believed that he was being guided and directed by the messages of Mary especially as they have come from Fatima Portugal in 1917. He believed that he was the pope that would usher in these end time events associated with these messages.

In the messages that Mary was bringing to the world, these are satanic messages, I'm not endorsing them, but the year that things were to fall apart in these messages was 1998. This says to me that the angels are still holding the winds and Satan does not have as much control as he would like.

It is clear to see as you look at the prophecies he's brought to the New Age movement and to Catholicism through Mary, that he is laying down ground work way in advance. He's attempting to accomplish things for his own purposes and much of what he says has come to pass but not as much as he would like to come to pass.

Revelation 16 is identifying three spiritual influences that come out of the mouth of the Dragon of spiritualism, out of the mouth of the beast of Catholicism and what's coming out of the mouth of Catholicism are the messages that come from Mary. These messages are leading Catholicism and the world to Armageddon.

Not only are these three powers of Revelation 16 leading the world to Armageddon, but these are the same three powers illustrated in Daniel 11:40-45 as struggling against themselves through history and prophecy in order to bring the King of the North in Daniel 11 to the point to where he comes to his end and none will help; which is Daniel's way of describing Armageddon.

If you've ever wondered how the Moslem world will be drawn into the Sunday Law its interesting to consider the Virgin of Fatima. In the Moslem world they do not worship idols, the only possible idol is a statue of a woman in a Moslem mosque and they insist they are not worshipping her, they just reverence her. This statue can identify one of two ladies in Moslem history, one the height of motherhood and the other the height of daughterhood and that's the only idols or statues you'll find in Moslem worship. The lady in history that they uphold for the ideal mother, is none other than Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary is held in high regard in the Koran. She's

spoken of in the Koran in good terms and in some Moslem temples you'll find a statue of a woman that is designed uphold motherhood as represented by Mary.

The other woman that the statue can represent is Mohamed's niece, which lived with Mohamed and performed the function of a daughter. She represents the ideal daughter. What do you suppose her name is? Fatima. We see in the Moslem world that they're being prepared for these end time events by the icons that exist within their religion, because the one idol that you may find in their worship is the Virgin Mary or specifically Mary of Fatima.

Revelation 16 and the three spirits that are leading the world to Armageddon, are well under way. The spirits guiding these different aspects of modern Babylon have different manifestations to meet those religions where they're at. They're pretty consistently telling the same story. That there's going to be a millennium of peace and before that time you can look for great disasters, great trouble.

We have no reason except that as anything but false prophecy but it isn't out of line with what the Spirit of Prophecy says. We can expect crisis to escalate in order to prepare the people of the United States to turn to the legislators of the land to enforce a Sunday Law and the only part that we're not expecting is the millennium of peace. We're expecting the return of Jesus Christ.

It's easy to see that we're very close to the end and as we take up the third spirit of Revelation 16, in our next study we're going to look at the spirit that's guiding the False Prophet of Revelation 16 and that movement is well underway in our day as well.

"Through paganism, and then through the Papacy, Satan exerted his power for many centuries in an effort to blot from the earth God's faithful witnesses." *Signs of the Times*, November 1, 1899.

"This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of 'the man of sin' foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan's power—a monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will." *The Great Controversy*, 50.

# Revelation 16 series-5

## The Miraculous Deception

From a presentation by Jeff Pippenger

We entitled this part of our presentation on Revelation 16, 'The Miraculous Deception' where we look at the spirit that is coming out of the mouth of the False Prophet.

"All are to hear the last message of warning. The prophecies in the book of Revelation, chapters 12 to 18, are being fulfilled. In the eighteenth chapter is recorded the very last call to the churches. This call is now to be given. In the nineteenth chapter, the time is pictured when the beast and the false prophet are taken, and cast into a lake of fire. The dragon, who was the instigator of the great rebellion against heaven, is bound, and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Then follows the resurrection of the wicked and the final destruction of Satan and all the wicked, and the final triumph and reign of Christ in this earth." *The Upward Look*. 277.

Sister White here is telling us that the present truth message for Adventism today is in chapters 12-18 of Revelation and part of that story is the three-fold make up of modern Babylon which John the Revelator symbolized as the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet.

In Revelation 16, the warning is encapsulated between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> plague to make sure that we have Christ's righteousness on lest we walk naked. The aspect of the Dragon and the Beast and the False Prophet being recorded there for us is emphasizing the religious aspect of those three powers, the religious spirit that will guide the followers of these three different branches of modern Babylon.

We've looked at a little bit of the miraculous predictions and miracles taking place in the realm of the Dragon, spiritualism, that's preparing them for virtually the same kind of mindset about what's going to take place at the end of the world as is occurring in the domain of the Beast, the Papacy which is being guided by the apparitions of Mary.

We've touched on the truth that Sister White says the frogs symbolize the overspreading of the land and we see that these miracles that are taking place in the Beast domain through the apparitions of Mary are around the world. They've been going on for many years but they're increasing and how many are occurring in many different areas.

In this study we're going to look at the spirit that we believe is guiding the False Prophet, apostate Protestantism in the United States, and Protestantism in the world at large. Primarily located here in Protestant United States as far as its starting point, we're suggesting that that spirit is the charismatic movement.

This warning in Revelation 16, about the Dragon the Beast and the False Prophet leading the world to Armageddon, is certainly underlined with the theme of the close of probation, being sandwiched in between the testimony of the plagues which take place after human probation closes. This study is a follow up to the study of Daniel 11:40-45, a series entitled, 'Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North'. One of the most important understandings from that study is that probation is about to close.

We believe that part of the warning message designed by God to awaken His people at the end, is the truth that probation is about to close. Christ is about to finish His work in the Most Holy place. He designed this truth to be understood by His people, not as a scare tactic, but as a reality check, to emphasize the seriousness of the message that we were raised up to proclaim. It is really coming in line now, time is running out

and those of us that are going to be among those that give this final warning message have to take seriously every piece of information that the Lord has revealed to us and put it into our experience through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the final work that we'll be allowed to do will be medical missionary work. We believe it's the entering wedge in these final hours and so we don't want to down play medical missionary work in any way. but in order to contrast the message that we're emphasizing here with nearness of the close of probation and end time events, with the medical missionary works, we're going to read a passage where Sister White does mention both of these thoughts, just to emphasize that the focus of our study is on track. *Manuscript Releases*. vol. 14. 161-164:

“Satan will work the miracles to deceive those who dwell upon the earth. Spiritualism will do its work by causing the dead to be personated.”

[and one of those 'deads' that's going to be personated, we believe is Mary. Mary is certainly being personated around the world and this is nothing more than a manifestation of spiritualism that is guiding the Catholic adherents to their conclusion at end time events. And we would suggest that if this 'White Buffalo' phenomenon ultimately turns back into the White Buffalo Lady, that once again we'll have a manifestation of a demon presenting himself as some kind of spiritual guide.]  
Continuing:

“Spiritualism will do its work by causing the dead to be personated. Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God's messages of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power to persecute the saints.”

The Protestants in America will be the major players initially in the Sunday Law test that will reject the truths that sustain the Sabbath of the Lord and they're going to be under strong delusion. Certainly the Sabbath test is going to purge Adventism as well and in fact, Adventism, those who will not stand faithful at the Sunday Law test, will be the first to come totally under this strong delusion. The Spirit of God is, as we speak, being withdrawn from the earth and there are many around us in Adventism and in the fallen churches of Protestantism that no doubt have already, in the Lord's understanding crossed the line to where they are under deception, delusion and they are fully willing to unite with the civil power to bring about the Sunday Law.

This is a process that's transpiring. So this is the context in this passage that Sister White's talking about, and as we're looking at the spirit that comes out of the mouth of the false prophet, the spiritual side of the False Prophet, we need to remember that it's political side, the democracy of the United States is where the Sunday Law issue will first be initiated. Its political movement and its spiritual movement are directly related and Sister White here is tying these two together. Continuing:

“Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God's messages of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power to persecute the saints. The Protestant churches will unite with the papal power in persecuting the commandment-keeping people of God. This is that power which constitutes the great system of persecution which will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men. 'He had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon: Though professing to be followers of the Lamb of God, men become imbued with the spirit of the dragon. They profess to be meek and humble but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by their actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be. This lamb-like power unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. And Satan unites with Protestants and papists,

acting in consort with them as the god of this world, dictating to men as if they were the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled as he pleases. ...

“When the last decision has been made, when all have taken sides, either for Christ and the commandments or for the great apostate. God will arise in His power, and the mouths of those who have blasphemed against Him will be forever stopped. Every opposing power will receive its punishment.” (Jeremiah 25:30-33, quoted).

“The foregoing thoughts are just a few which I have written out in a crude way. It is not necessary for me to go into further particulars. I know you will understand these things. The reason why I write thus is that others, who know not what they are about, may come to their senses. The Lord has given each man his appointed work. But the special work called medical missionary work is absorbing so much that the greater and far more essential and important work of giving the message of warning to the world has been hindered. This message is to be proclaimed at our camp meetings and in a most earnest and decided manner. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. And whenever the truth has been proclaimed and people have been awakened and converted to the truth, they are at once to unite in enterprises of charity. Wherever Bible truths have been presented, a work of practical godliness is to be commenced. Wherever a church is established, true missionary work is to be done for the helpless and suffering in that place.” *Manuscript Releases*. vol. 14. 161-164.

Sister White, when speaking about the issues connected with how Protestant America is fully going to disconnect from righteousness and through the Satanic leading of the Dragon power and the Papal power, force the legislators to pass a Sunday Law and begin to persecute God’s people, she says this is the message above the other messages that are important in Adventism that is to be emphasized at our campmeetings and at places where we speak.

We’re not trying to down-play medical missionary work, but we are trying to emphasize that the truths that we’re discussing here are solemn and serious. Some people have placed the three powers of Revelation 16 that lead the world to Armageddon off in the future. What we’re seeking to demonstrate here is that these spiritual influences from these three powers are already actively bringing a catalyst into their own particular movements leading their people to Armageddon as we speak.

You’ll notice when she was speaking about how the Protestants of the United States would unite with civil power, she says ‘those who refuse to hear God’s message of warning will be under strong delusion—and anyone taking the time to look at the condition of Protestant America would realize that they’ve already set themselves up for strong delusion. They’ve developed criteria for identifying prophecy or identifying the truth of the Word of God that is not in agreement with the Word of God. When you don’t have the Word of God as your guide in spiritual matters, you are adrift without a compass and they are already there.

I’d like to demonstrate this is by referring to part of a survey that was done and recorded in *The Christian Times*. June 13, 1996. The survey was done by the Barma research Group among professed born again Christians and the conclusions of these results are frightening if you understand Biblical Truth the way Seventh-day Adventists understand it. If you know that when Protestant America is about to bring about a Sunday Law, it’s because they are under a delusion and a deception and you know that before that time they have to have prepared themselves for that delusion and deception by turning away from the Word of God. This survey is one piece of evidence that that’s already taken piece.

“A survey by the Barma Research Group found of professed born again Christians brought forth some enlightening conclusions: 87% say their religious beliefs are very important to them, yet 84% of them hold many non-Biblical views; [Now the criteria of what ‘Non-Biblical views’ were in this survey were not Adventist criteria, it’s just overall Protestant criteria, so their non-Biblical views would no doubt be even higher. But the point is, we have almost 9 out of 10 of the Protestants of the United States saying, “It’s very important what my religion means to me’, but that same 9 out of ten hold false doctrine although they say it’s important not to.]

49% [half] believe the devil is not a real being but a symbol of evil; [if you’ve read the final chapters of Great Controversy, you know that one of the things that Satan exults in most is when he has people believing he’s just a symbol of evil and half the Protestants in the United States believe that. They no longer recognize Satan as a living, active evil being that’s in controversy with God.]

39% believe that if a person is generally good or does enough good things in his life they will go to heaven; [They have no concept of obedience or disobedience, it’s just ‘whether you’re good’ and we know that when we’re phrasing things in those terms as human beings, what’s good, is what I think is good. So there is no longer any kind of conviction that’s coming from the Word of God, saying to their soul that they’re walking out of the will of the Lord here.]

30% accept Jesus as a great teacher, but do not believe He came back to life; [Three out of ten Protestants in the United States don’t believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ! They are in for some large deceptions when they believe they are Christians and take some of those most essential truths and can’t bring them into their understanding.]

29% believe Jesus sinned while He lived among men; [it would appear to me if they believe that that they just have not been studying the Bible. One of the conclusions we’re trying to draw here is that Protestant America is no longer studying their Bible.]

29% say there are some sins which God will not forgive; 26% do not believe they have a responsibility to tell others of their beliefs; [I wonder if it isn’t a higher percentage in Adventism today that do not believe they have a responsibility to tell others about their beliefs.]

15% do not believe the Bible is totally accurate; [and if you don’t believe the Bible is totally accurate and you carry it to its logical conclusion, you certainly can’t have faith in the Word of God.

34% said they have read the Bible in the last week. *The Christian Times*. June 13, 1996. [and the way you understand that statement, brothers and sisters, is 34% of Protestants in the United States, said that within the last week they read the Bible and the other 66% haven’t read it in the last week. So 3 or 4 out of ten Protestant Christians in the United States are reading their Bible on a weekly basis, not a daily basis and the other 66% don’t read their Bible on a weekly basis and yet here we are at a time period when Satan is about to accomplish the most miraculous deception of all time.

The reason that we started here with our study is that we want to look at the influence that is guiding Protestant America and we’re suggesting that influence is the charismatic movement. One branch of the charismatic movement that has been much in the news for quite some years now that we want to look at rather closely is the ‘Holy Laughter’ movement which really began in earnest in Toronto, Canada.

The founders of holy laughter movement, came from a movement in Charismatic Christianity called the Vineyard movement. Please remember that term the ‘Vineyard Movement’, we’re going to tie something in with this later. Sister White said that the frogs

symbolize the overspreading of the land. If you watched when the holy laughter movement began in Toronto, it began to spread everywhere. Here is an article after the fact where it had popped up in Australia, and it popped up in England and it began popping up all over the world.

The reason the 'Toronto Blessing', this holy laughter movement, began to pop up all around the world is because people from all around the world came to Toronto to have this experience for themselves and then they took it back to the place where they live. Toronto, Canada is a big city, but the number one tourist attraction in Toronto was the Toronto Blessing. People came from all over the world to attend these religious services where holy laughter took place.

An analysis of the holy laughter movement was written by James A. Beverly, who is a theologian from a Christian University in Canada. "Professor Beverly is one of Canada's leading scholars of contemporary religion. This provocative study of the Vineyard Movement offers a tough but redemptive analysis of the promise and perils of Charismatic Christianity. This report is the place to start for careful investigation of holy laughter and the Toronto blessing. James A Beverly is professor of theology and ethics at Ontario Theological seminary in Toronto, Canada; he has specialized for twenty years in the study of modern religious movements."

So this man is a recognized leader in religious movements in the protestant world and he wrote this book because he wanted to do a study on what was taking place in the Toronto Blessing. He was not a follower of the 'Vineyard movement' or the 'Toronto Blessing, this report is supposed to come to a conclusion about whether or not this movement is of God.

In the book, pg. 68-69, he describes the phenomenon that takes place during the holy laughter movement. We want to read this to you so that you'll understand what we're talking about in this charismatic experience. This is not simply the loud music, and the speaking in tongues, and the collapsing on the floor; it's more.

We'll just take some snippets from these pages as this expert was analyzing this manifestation that has been sweeping the world:

"At a typical evening rally during ministry time you can expect to see a large number in the crowd 'slain in the Spirit. People simply falling backwards. ... "Some people dance at this point during the worship. ...

"Occasionally, one or two people will run during the service, these are sometimes called 'Jesus laps.'

"Weeping is also common. ... "One of the more controversial signs is Holy Laughter. People laugh during various parts of the worship, and this powerful experience of laughter can sweep the entire crowd, even during preaching time. Several times the preaching has been stopped or cut short because of the pervasiveness of the laughter. ...

"Other manifestations have caused even greater bewilderment. For, example, many people in worship engage in high-speed shaking of their hands, arms, or head. Others make various chopping and swinging motions.

"Still others have roared like lions or barked like dogs. I have personally heard both in various meetings. I also heard one man making noises like a cow. Others have reported people oinking like pigs and crowing like roosters. ...

"Frequent examples are also cited of people drunk in the Spirit. At several Airport meetings in January 1995, people gathered to watch a man from Liverpool who was said

to be 'drunk as a skunk.'" *Holy Laughter and the Toronto Blessing*, James A. Beverly. 68-69.

Part of the responsibility of deacons in the Toronto Blessing church, is to give people who have become 'drunk' in the Lord, rides home, because they're really drunk. There's one incident here where a lady left and was drunk for a couple days, so drunk that when she was supposed to be preparing and serving a meal for people that were coming over, she could not walk, she just couldn't do it.

It's such an emotional experience; it's overwhelming you physically have not control of yourself. The leader of this revival is Rodney Howard-Browne, called the Holy Ghost Bartender. Refer to Book.

The conclusion of this study is what's frightening. What we just read is a brief analysis of what goes on during this religious experience and he's there investigating it, going there to decide whether you can put the seal of approval on this or not. Here's some of the things that he points out along his way to come to his conclusion. This is from pg. 136:

"There's a significant difference in the concept of a modern day Christian Prophet from the concept of an Old Testament Prophet. It is widely assumed by those who believe prophecy still occurs, that such prophets can make mistakes, even false prophecies. In other words, a Christian prophet can make errors just like someone who has the gift of teaching, like a good preacher who has a bad day in the pulpit, or like someone with the gifts of discernment who makes an unwise judgment. In other words, the gift of prophecy today, does not seem to demand inerrancy in prediction.

"Some writers even contend that New Testament prophets make mistakes in prophetic speculation, this perspective, of course, must not be reduced to absurdity. Advocates of modern day prophecy admit that a high rate of false prophecies suggest that someone may have missed his or her calling, likewise all Christian prophets have to be rooted in obedience to Jesus Christ as their share in the gift of prophecy."

What we want to emphasize here is this expert on religious movements in the Protestant world, is professing that a Biblical prophet doesn't have to be correct all the time. Like our survey says, Protestant Christians are no longer studying the Word of God and they've got to the point where they don't have the protection of demanding that someone that they're going to receive prophetic information from, has to be 100% correct and 100% in agreement with the Bible.

When Sister White says those religious bodies that will unite with the Papacy in bringing about a Sunday Law will be under strong delusion, when Protestant America has reach a point where they can say a prophet, a modern day prophet, doesn't have to be correct all the time, they've reached a point where this delusion can take place.

Here's another point that he builds as he's heading towards his conclusion of the Toronto Blessing: Pg. 149:

"I mentioned earlier that further probing the Toronto Blessing with regard to the Biblical test is necessary. I also suggest that in any such analysis we should not claim that the Vineyard in general is unbiblical, in evangelical Protestant circles one can hardly issue a stronger judgment of group than to say they do not believe the Bible. Since the reformation a consensus has emerged among evangelicals as to what constitutes the heart of Biblical faith.

"A firm commitment to certain Biblical convictions brings fundamental unity with other Christians. In the last several decades there is also recognition of common ground between orthodox Catholics and evangelical Protestants on the core principles of Biblical

revelation. The association of Vineyard churches stand in solid agreement with other Christian groups on the central and classic themes of Holy Scripture. Given this, whatever misuse, neglect or misinterpretation of the Bible takes place out of the Toronto Blessing, should be raised in good faith to Vineyard leaders and others. Similarly, Vineyard members and Toronto Blessing participants have every right to speak about their concerns and criticisms in regard to failings concerning scriptures that they observe in other denominational groups.”

In other words, this gentleman is reaching the conclusion about whether the holy laughter movement is of God or not, one of the criteria he puts together with a misunderstanding of the requirements of a Biblical prophet, is that he will not hold up a pure doctrinal test from the word of God. He’s accepting the ecumenical solution that there is certain core beliefs that someone has to profess to, and if they do then even if they have a few things that seem out of place to other Christians, it’s no reason to accuse them of being not Christians and therefore no reason to accuse them of not being led by the Lord.

This is the kind of reasoning that this ‘expert’ in the Protestant world is bringing to bear as he analyzes the holy laughter movement. So as he gets to his conclusion whether or not the holy laughter movement is of God, and like he said earlier, people making noises like cows, like pigs, like roosters, doing ‘Jesus laps’, drunk ‘in the lord’. He’s reaching his conclusion, he says this:

“I hope that the multitudes will continue to come to Toronto, for renewal.” Pg. 156. He doesn’t want to see this come to an end!

“As much as I’ve been critical of many aspects of holy laughter and the Toronto blessing, I would be disappointed if the renewal meetings shut down.” pg. 161.

The surveys are telling us that Protestant America is no longer, using the Word of God as their guide, therefore they are prepared for a deception. And their authorities are looking at manifestations of a spirit that obviously doesn’t bear the credentials of the Divine and they’re accepting this position.

Let me read one more thing; pg. 162: “Fundamentally, neither the Toronto Blessing, nor the holy laughter revival should be understood as something a parallel in the work of God today. Rather both realities are simply two ways among countless others that God uses to manifest His gracious and creative salvific work through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Lord. The notion that the holy laughter revival or the Toronto blessing represent something unique, derives more from wishful thinking and an erroneous theology of the spirit than anything else. One can probably recognize every wonderful aspect of both movements without giving in to the temptation of elitism and self absorption; something that manifests so often in famous renewal movements.”

He spent some time to go back over other charismatic so-called revivals that have taken place in history and basically makes a defense that the holy laughter movement is just another time when the Lord is seeking to bring about a revival in His work.

We have here a testimony from a Christian, that was not charismatic, in the Florida area who had an FM radio station. The leader of this movement, Rodney Howard Brown was going to be interviewed on this radio station. This is a testimony of what took place in Jan. (1995) at this radio station when Randy Clark visited.

I want to remind you about how the statues of spiritualism were drinking milk and how quickly this phenomenon swept the world and we need to keep all of this study in the context of the ‘final movements will be rapid ones’. But in regard to the charismatic movement and the influence that it has with Protestant America, we need to

recognize that the manifestations that take place within the charismatic movement can happen just as quickly as in the movement of spiritualism.

This particular testimony gives evidence to this. I'm reading is a statement by this non-charismatic FM Christian radio station announcer and it will describe itself; but notice how this experience that accompanies the holy laughter movement came into this radio station.

Dear friend of Christian FM 92;

"I had already put the finishing touches on my first letter of 1995. I really liked it. It was full of optimism and inspirational resolutions for the New Year. It will never make it to the printer. Instead I am compelled to offer you a testimony and witness as to a most remarkable day. I pray that it will serve to encourage those who seek God and terrify those who oppose Him.

"January 6, 1995 began in a rather ordinary way. It was Friday and it has been a busy week but I was looking forward to a slow day. As I was leaving the house I actually told my wife, "There's not much on my calendar, I may try to take the afternoon off and come home early."

"I had agreed to interview a pastor from St. Louis, Randy Clark, that morning. Randy was the guest speaker at the tabernacle church's renewal services nightly and since the 'Tab' is a good friend of FM 92 and many other area churches were participating in the meetings, we had decided to clear a slot on the morning show for a brief interview.

"My guest was one of the leaders of the so-called Toronto revival. I had read about the Toronto meetings, but frankly, I've heard a lot of revival rumors over the years and learned not to pay much attention. Normally I don't do interviews myself but I was feeling cautious and let the morning guys know I'd be there.

"The interview was innocent enough at first; the subject turned to a discussion of the Holy Spirit's manifest presence in a meeting as opposed to His presence that dwells within our hearts always. Rather suddenly something began to happen in the control room. It began with Greg; he was seated behind me listening and for shuddering sobs that he attempted to muffle with his hand. It was hard to ignore and Randy paused in mid sentence to comment, "You can't really see him but God is really dealing with the fellow behind you right now."

"I looked over my shoulder just in time to see Greg loosing control; he stood up only to crash to the floor directly in front of the console, where he lay shaking for several minutes.

"I don't know if you have ever tried to conduct a radio interview in such circumstances, but let me assure you, I never have. I was mortified, we have always attempted to avoid any extremes at FM 92, so it was difficult to explain to our listeners what was happening.

"I had always known Greg to act like a professional, so I knew something was seriously going on. I did my best to recover the interview under the embarrassing circumstances; I thanked the guest and wrapped it up, and thought of ways to kill Greg later.

"And when we had a guest minister in the station we ask him to pray for the staff. Before Randy Clark left, we asked him to say a word of prayer. We formed a circle and began to pray for the staff one by one. My eyes were shut but I heard a thud and opened them to see Bart Mazzeolla prostrate on the floor. He had fallen forward on his face.

What amazed me was that Bart was known to be openly skeptical. He simply did not accept such things.

“Within seconds, another, and another staff person went down. Even those that remained standing were clearly shaken. When they prayed for me, I did not fall down; what did happen was an electric sensation shot down my right arm and my right hand began to tremble uncontrollably. My heart pounded as I became aware of the powerful sense of what can only be called God’s manifest presence. Remember, our staff is not primarily charismatic. We are Episcopalian, Nazarene, Evangelical, Pentecostal and a couple of us not quite sure.

“While personally associated with an Assembly of God church, I am quite skeptic when it comes to weird stuff. I don’t watch many evangelists on TV because too often I’m turned off by what I see. This was completely new to us. Randy was scheduled elsewhere so after just a few minutes of prayer, he thanked me graciously and left quickly.

“Our remained in the control room staring at each other wide-eyed and hovering over Bart who still appeared unconscious on the floor. He was completely immobile for over half an hour. There was a sweet atmosphere of worship in the room, so I told someone to put one of those integrative worship CDs on the air while we continued to pray together.

“I thought the atmosphere would abate after a few minutes and return to normal, but instead our prayers grew more and more intense. The room became charged in a way I simply cannot describe. After an hour of this we realized that it was ten thirty, the time we normally share our listener’s needs in prayers.

“I switched on the mike and found myself praying that God would touch every listener in a personal way. After prayer, with great hesitation I added, “This morning God has really been touching our staff so we have been spending the morning praying together. If you are in a situation right now where you’re facing a desperate need, just drop by our studios this morning and we’ll take a minute to pray with you.”

“This was the first time we’d ever made such an invitation. This is where everything went haywire. Within a few minutes a few listeners began to arrive. The first person I prayed with was a tall man who shared with me some tremendous needs he was facing. I told him I would agree with him in prayer.

“As I prayed for his needs a voice in my head was saying, ‘It’s a shame you don’t operate in a real spiritual gift of power. Here’s a man who really needs to here from God and you’ve got nothing worth giving him.’ I continued to pray but I was struggling. I reached up with my right hand and touched his shoulder when suddenly he shook and flumped to the floor. He lay there without moving for over two hours. I was shacked and shaken.

“Two others had arrived at this point, staff members were praying with them. Suddenly they began weeping uncontrollably and slumped to the floor. The scene was repeated a dozen times in the next few minutes.

“It didn’t matter who did the praying, whenever we asked of the Lord He immediately responded with a visible power and the same manifestations occurred. I didn’t know whether to be terrified or thrilled but clearly something completely unusual was going on.

“A young man cautiously entered the room and began to tell us he was just happening to be scanning the radio dial when he heard something about prayer. He reported that he was immediately overcome with conviction. Years before he’d been contemplating going into the ministry and he’d attended a couple of years at a Christian

college but he had since strayed from God. As a chill of conviction swept him, he felt God suddenly telling him it was now or never. He drove to the station. We prayed with him to receive Christ as Lord and afterward he too slumped to the floor.

“One by one they came; we continued to play praise-oriented music and every hour, sometimes on the half hour, we’d invite people to come. Fairly early in all this we ran out of room. The radio station floor was wall-to-wall bodies; some weeping, some shaking, some completely still. People reported that it was like a heavy lead apron had been placed over them. They were unable to get up all they could do was worship God.

“Fortunately our offices are inside the complex at Central Assembly, so when the crowd began to grow we moved across into the church leaving the radio station literally wall to wall with seekers. Some teachers at \_\_ Christian school had heard what was happening and asked to pray for certain children they had been bringing in the room. As we prayed for the kids, many began to shake and fall on the floor. Some would begin to utter praises to God, others lay completely immobile for periods of over half an hour.

“If you’ve ever tried to make a seven-year-old lay still, you know it’s a miracle. A few simply experienced nothing at all. By now I was convinced that we were experiencing a bona fide movement of God. I had read about such manifestations experiences being common in the revival meetings of great men like Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley. I’d also read of the great campmeeting revivals of the early 1800s where thousands upon thousands experiences being slain. But I never imagined that I would really live to see it.

“The crowd continued to grow and lines began to form. The power of God continued to fall on those coming. It was almost like being in a dream. I would look up and see our staff members eyes red, face puffy, hands trembling with the fire in their eyes and the power of God upon them. I couldn’t believe it was the same people I knew and worked with. In a matter of hours something we never ever dreamed of, much less aspired to, was happening

“The floor in front of the sanctuary was soon covered with men and women, boys and girls. The aisles began to fill as we were pushing aside chairs for more floor space. Usually one of our staff would catch the person as he fell, but on quite a few occasions we were caught by surprise and people fell hard on the floor. Frankly, we had no idea what we were doing. I am not sure I wanted to learn.

“At some point I looked up and saw a local Baptist pastor walk in the door. I must confess that my first thought was, oh boy, I’m in trouble. I knew this brother to be a genuine man of God, nevertheless I was concerned about how a fundamental, no nonsense Baptist might take all these goings on. Besides, I didn’t have any explanations to offer.

“I walked up to greet him; he just silently surveyed the room and with a tone of voice just above a whisper said, “This is God. For years I have been praying for revival. This is God.”

“Within minutes more local pastors began to arrive, Lutheran, independent, Assembly of God. Word of what was happening spread like wildfire. As the pastors arrived, they were cautious at first, but within just minutes they would often begin to flow in the same ministry. The crowd was growing and pastors began to lay hands on the seekers. Where once again the power of God would manifest and the seeker would often collapse to the ground. It did not seem to matter who did the praying. This was a nameless, faceless, spontaneous move of God. There were no stars, no leaders and frankly, there was no organization. It’s hard to plan for something you have no idea what might happen.

“Eventually, word of what was occurring reached Fred Grew, the Melbourne pastor who had brought Randy Clark to the station earlier that morning. He and Randy along with several other Melbourne pastors jumped in the car and headed down to Marel? beach. At this point we started broadcasting live from the church. As the group from Melbourne arrived, more and more people began to show up asking for prayer. It seemed like there were always more than we could get to.

“Amazingly unchurched, unsaved people were showing up. I got a fresh glimpse of the power of radio as person after person told us. “I’m not really part of any church.” A few were skeptical at first and later found themselves kneeling in profound belief.

“Sometimes people would rise up only to frantically announce to us that they had been healed of some physical problem. One woman’s arthritic hands found relief. Neck pains, jaw problems, stomach disorders, and more, were all reported to us as healed.

“We had received at least a dozen verified, credible, reliable comments from people who told us, that when they switched on the radio, they were suddenly, unexpectedly overwhelmed by the presence of God even when they didn’t hear us saying anything. Several told up that the manifest presence of God was so strong in their cars that they were unable to drive and were forced to go off the road.

“This falling aspect of this manifestation was the most visible manifestation, but it was not falling that was important. What was important was the fact that people were raising up with more love for God in their hearts than ever before they were being changed. I’ve lost count of the numbers of people who told me of the change God worked in their lives.

“It’s hard to imagine the impact this had on our staff. It seems like God had almost given me a new staff composed entirely of men and women with tremendous zeal for God. What is occurring in our local churches is even more amazing. My phone is ringing with the calls of excited pastors. At least a dozen area churches from completely different ends of the theological spectrum are already experiencing this powerful movement in their church.

“The leaders of many, many local fellowships have been visiting these churches to check it out and they too are being touched to take it back with them. It’s almost like a tidal wave has hit this area of Florida.

“If you are skeptical, I understand and forgive you. I might have thrown a letter like this one away just a few days ago. I share this only to try and offer a faithful rendition of what really has happened. I only ask that you remain open to whatever God wants to accomplish through you.

“Christian history is full of accounts of those times when God elected to visit His people. When He has, entire nations have sometimes been affected. I believe you will agree. Our nation is ripe for such a revival. For such a time as this, let us look to God with expectancy.”

With warm regards,

I am sincerely yours

John Hamilton general manager

This closing paragraph with this brother mentioned that he believed that the nation is ripe for a revival and in the book that we looked at on Promise Keepers, one of the reasons that this authority hesitated to oppose the holly laughter movement is because he believes the time has come for a revival and as we continue on to look at another aspect of the movement that is moving forward in the United States which we

believe is the spirit that comes out of the False Prophet in Revelation 16, we'll find that one of the pre-conditions for this is that Protestants America, even though it is clearly not using the Bible as its guide any longer, for some reason is expecting a revival. It's this expectancy of revival without any criteria to define a true revival of God, which is setting them up to receive this strong delusion and strong deception.

This charismatic movement swept this Florida town in one day! Where not only did it sweep it in one day, but it brought about a condition where ecumenism was accomplished instantly, virtually.

This movement in Florida is continuing to go on, you can find this Brownsville revival mentioned in magazines and newspapers. Here is a newspaper article of what is being called the Brownsville revival, which is nothing more than another area that the frog of holy laughter has reached to, and I want to read just a couple of snippets out of this article; this is from March 7, 1997, where the pastor that is involved with leading out with this revival, ahs a couple comments to make about this movement:

"There is also something more a shared sense that America is in moral decline, and a belief preached by other great revivalists through the nations history that God is going to set things right."

You look at these charismatic experiences, incidences that have been spawned from the Vineyard movement and after that from the holy laughter movement and connected with it is this recognition is in moral decline and God is about to bring a revival and this is preparing this condition for protestant America to buy into these supernatural manifestations of an unholy spirit.

Later on this pastor that was leading out says this:

"I believe America is ripe for a revival," said evangelist Stephen Hill, "I believe this is turning into an awakening".

The spirit that guides the False Prophet of Revelation 16 is just as much active in his role of taking its followers to Armageddon as is the apparitions of Mary taking Catholicism to Armageddon and the miracles that are taking place in the spiritualistic realm, the New Age movement leading its followers likewise to Armageddon.

In the Reagan years when we see alliance secretly formed between the United States and the Vatican we see some other breaking down of the walls that were designed to keep church and state apart that took place by movements by Reagan. During that time period we see Jerry Falwell raise up the 'Moral Majority' and we see Jerry Falwell in 1989 say that the 'Moral Majority' has accomplished its goal.

In 1988, Pat Robertson lost his bid for presidency of the United States, being nominated as the Republican Nominee and in 1989 he formed the Christian Coalition. First during the Reagan years is when this movement between the United States and the Vatican that we discussed in our previous study of Daniel 11 took place. We see a leader of Protestant America, Jerry Falwell, begin a movement that is emphasizing the moral decline of the United States, emphasizing that Protestants of the United States need to work with Catholics of the United States to restore a moral fiber to this country. When Jerry Falwell finally says the 'Moral Majority' has accomplished it's task, we see Pat Robertson raise up the Christian Coalition, which began with 50,000 members, those people who were supporting Pat Robertson in his bid for presidency. Their numbers have doubled every year since 1989, they are the largest polling block in the United States today, the Republicans and Democrats do not have representatives in every voting precinct in the United States, but the Christian Coalition does.

The Christian Coalition in 1994 put their people in Congress and totally changed the makeup of Congress and in the 1996 election, they did not lose any seats, they gained more seats. The analysts that watch Congress today tell us that if those that were put in office by the Christian Coalition would unite with the Catholics that are in Congress, they can pass any law that they want. So we can see the political side of the False Prophet is being solidified and at the same time we see this spirit that comes out of the False Prophet's mouth is accelerating in its charismatic experience that is designed to bring about unity among the different denominations of Christianity.

We see a movement that we know as the Promise Keepers and we're going to look at that a little bit in our next presentation.

There is one thing I want you to consider, the founder of the Promise Keepers, Bill McCartney, not only was he a Catholic, but he was converted from being a Catholic into a particular movement in Protestant Christianity and this movement is known as the Vineyard Movement and the Vineyard movement is the identical movement that the holy laughter movement comes from. So there is a connection here that is worth recognizing and considering.

## Revelation 16 series- 6

### KEEPING PROMISES

From a presentation by Jeff Pippenger

I have here a newspaper speaking about a recent meeting of Promise Keepers in Washington DC. "Men packed revival in DC". On the back page we see a picture of a mall at Washington DC that is full of men that were attending this rally. You'll notice the subtitle here, "Reconciliation is theme of Washington Rally".

Perhaps the most ominous thing about the Promise Keepers being in the news as much as they are; and they are in the news, magazine after magazine is covering what's going on with Promise Keepers. The most ominous thing part about what they're bringing to the Christian world today isn't their call for Christian men to uphold their responsibility in the home and the nation, it's this call for unity, it's this ecumenical emphasis that they have.

As we mentioned in our last section, Promise Keepers' leader, Bill McCartney, although he's a former Catholic, left Catholicism to go into the Vineyard Movement, and one of the main premises of the Vineyard movement is a call to tear down the walls of doctrines that separate and divide the different Christian brethren and a call to come together on the doctrines we agree upon in order to have unity and from this unity, God can use the Christian church and this Christian force to work a change in America's declining morality.

The book is entitled '7 Promises of a Promise Keeper' is their guide-book more than any other book and it lists 7 things that Promise Keepers should seek to uphold as they come together in this experience. We are going to look at a few things out of the promises listed.

The promise that is the most concern for us is promise # 6; which says 'a man and his brothers, a call to unity'; this chapter was written by Bill McCartney. We're going to take some snippets out of this book and see what Promise Keepers mean by unity because it's not the unity that is based upon the Bible, this unity is based on coming together on common points of doctrine, the unity that Sister White said would be taking place in Protestant America just before the Sunday Law.

#### **Promise Keepers and ecumenism:**

"The body of Christ comprises a wide diversity of members. There are many denominations, various styles of worship, and representatives from all walks of life." Seven Promises a Promise Keeper: 155.

The body of Christ is made up of many denominations, you know there's a passage in the Spirit of Prophecy where Sister White says that we should repeat over and over again why we are God's denominated people. God has a denominated people that make up the body of Christ but it does not consist of many denominations. From page 169:

"Why did Promise Keepers select 'racial and denominational barriers' when it focused on Christian unity? The primary reason is our sense that the Lord led us to embrace this truth. We must be obedient.

“Alone we can’t change much; you can’t, either, But together, with a million brothers—committed Promise Keepers—we can influence a nation. We can demonstrate that what history, the political process, and the legal system could not do, faith, obedience, repentance and unity in Jesus can change.” Ibid. 169.

Now, the motivation according to Bill McCartney for attempting to bring men together in this fashion was that United States was in moral decline and it is threatening this nation, the world and families and our Christian heritage, so the purpose was to try and seek some solution to stop this moral decline. And at the recent gathering in Washington DC, much of the statements that came out of Promise Keepers organization had to do with emphasizing that they had no political intentions, this was strictly a spiritual gathering but here in the book that was written long before that gathering in Washington, it’s very clear: “Alone we can’t change much; you can’t, either, But together, with a million brothers-committed Promise Keepers, we can influence a nation.” So do not believe the PR that they’re putting out. They have an agenda to return the United States to some so-called moral position that it formerly was in and even that is open for discussion whether that’s a true premise to even seek to accomplish, but they are intending to do it by using political force that is very common in the United States today, getting your political voting block together as Christian Coalition has done and then put pressure on.

If you want to put pressure on, the place to put pressure on, as far as your numbers, is Washington DC, where they were in October with a million men. Senators and congressmen were out there rubbing shoulders with them, and making speeches with them, because the senators and congressmen, whether they are Republican or Democrat all have one thing in common, they want the votes, so they’ll be out there rubbing shoulders with them.

Pulling examples out of this book about what they’re calling unity, it says this:

“Okay, then, what can we do? If we’re convinced that God desires unity among all believers, each of us needs to reach out to brothers who are of different denominational and ethnic backgrounds.” Ibid. 170.

A quick reading of that is OK, there’s nothing wrong with reaching out to anybody, and sharing Present Truth with them but this is not the underlying intent of Promise Keepers, it’s to come together regardless of differences.

In the opening chapters of this book, each chapter was written by a different leader in Promise Keepers in this particular book. Randy Phillips, who’s the president of Promise keepers, he asked a Question that he’s going to follow up with his chapter. I threw this in here, because as we looked in our last study, the pastor there at Brownsville revival in Florida and the ‘expert’ Protestant theologian that did a research on holy laughter, both of these sources cite that they believe that United States and Protestant Christianity is on the verge of a revival. So when this Randy Phillips in this book puts as a subtitle in his chapter, ‘Why Now?’ what he’s asking is, why now should Promise Keepers come together, what is the reason for it? and we’ll look at his answer.

In the opening chapter in a passage subtitled, Why Now? After citing the phenomenal growth of Promise Keeper meetings Randy Phillips answers his question; “Why now? Why would men sacrifice the time and effort? Why were so many willing to make such profound commitments to change? What had shifted so much that now men

were open to Jesus? After prayerful consideration, I could reach only one inescapable conclusion: We are on the threshold of a spiritual awakening.” Ibid. 3.

Brothers and sisters, Protestant America, as our survey pointed out, is no longer using the Bible as their guide of life, and Sister White points out that those who will not receive the truth for this time are going to be brought under strong delusion. Protestant America won't receive the truth that's contained in the three angel's messages that Adventism has been presenting for 150 years, but they're at the point now where they've rejected that final warning message to the world, to where they are barely looking at their Bible on a weekly basis.

They're willing to accept as modern Christian prophet, someone who makes errors in their prophecy; they're willing to accept as a manifestation of the Holy Spirit people being drunk in the 'lord' and oinking like pigs; and one of the reasons that they are willing to accept this is because they all sense that they are on the verge of a spiritual revival and who without any foundation in the Word of God wants to be the one who opposes the work of God that you're sensing is on the way?

This strong delusion that is to take place in the United States during the Sunday Law crisis, Satan has done masterfully his work of preparation to get it ready.

Speaking about this threshold of spiritual awakening Randy Philips says:

“In describing the spiritual commitment necessary to fulfill this awakening this coming together “based on what they have in common,” Ibid. 6, is set forth:

“Based on what they have in common,” is a quote of his words the previous promise is a paraphrase but that had to be thrown in there because that is like taken right out of the Great Controversy. The Protestants and the Catholics of America are to come together on the points of faith that they hold in common. This is what Promise Keepers is suggesting that they need to do in different denominations of the world in order to accomplish this spiritual awakening.

But never forget that this spiritual awakening that they are sensing they are on the verge of, is in agreement and accompanying this force that they expect to bring to bear politically to turn this country around. Now here the level of setting aside the differences of doctrine that they have between the different denominations listed, and this is just a paragraph that tries to describe how you worship this way and you that way and it's all OK. This is a very interesting point of worship, this is from pg. 19: In this paragraph it's saying, here's one thing we need to do, we need to redeem the worship that centers on the Lord's table.

“Redeeming worship centers on the Lord's Table. Whether your tradition celebrates it as Communion, Eucharist, the Mass, or the Lord's Supper, we are called to this center piece of Christian worship.” Ibid. 19. 24

Brothers and sisters, they are willing to say that communion is just another expression of the Eucharist. Sister White informs us that the largest reason that those that were slain by the Catholic Church during the Dark Ages were slain is for their refusal to accept the blasphemous position of the Eucharist. The Protestant today in the United States have forgotten what Protestant means; to PROTEST Rome! And they're willing to take what during the Dark Ages was the most blasphemous position of the Papacy and say that it's just another expression of the communion or the Lord's Table or Mass.

We are living in very serious and very solemn times. (1997) In the next year and a half, Promise Keepers has 38 major gatherings scheduled all across this country. It isn't subsiding, it's growing, its developing branches for the ladies that are involved to come together and its too close to what has been described in the Spirit of Prophecy that would take place before the Sunday Law to set aside as just a new curiosity in the Protestant world.

1st the moral Majority arises in the Reagan years while this secret alliance is formed with the Vatican; as soon as that wave subsides the Christian Coalition gets under way, the Christian Coalition brings its force to bear on the United States and it's still there and as it's reaching a crescendo we see this new movement of Promise Keepers arise and out of Promise Keepers we can trace its very inception back to Bill McCartney, he's the founder of it; and his reference point for his Christian experience to promote Promise Keepers comes out of the Vineyard Movement and the Vineyard Movement is the same spiritual reference point that we get the Holy Laughter movement that is spreading like frogs around the world today.

In Revelation 16 the Beast the Dragon and the False Prophet that are leading the world to Armageddon is taking place and the books of Daniel and Revelation go together. When we look at Daniel 11:40-45, we see a story that begins in verse 40 between the King of the South, the King of the North and ultimately a third character comes in as symbolized in chariots, ships and horsemen, which we identify as the United States.

We see in these 3 symbolic powers in verse 40, none other than the Beast, the Dragon and the false Prophet of Revelation 16, only we are seeing their political aspect. We're seeing the story of how these three powers struggle politically to lead the world not in Daniel 11 to Armageddon but in Daniel 11, these three powers lead the world to a geographical position of between the seas and the glorious holy mountain which is geographic area that Bible commentators will tell you is the valley of Jezreal with the same implications, the same geographical connotations as Armageddon.

Daniel 11:40-45 is nothing more than Daniel's piece of information about how these three powers strive against one another beginning in the 1798 time period and ultimately lead the world to the point where there are just two classes; those that serve the Lord and those that don't.

And Revelation 16 is telling that same story, same three powers, only their spiritual side leading the world to Armageddon and we have suggested in the previous study of Daniel 11, that when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989, that this was the wakeup call for Seventh-day Adventists, that these final rapid movements had begun.

The next thing to take place in these sequence of verses is a Sunday Law in the United States. Daniel and Revelation go together and it's easy to show that the spirit that comes out of the Dragon, the Beast and the false Prophet; the miracles of the New Age movement being the spirit of the Dragon; the miracles and prophecies of Mary and apparitions of Mary being the spirit of the Beast of Catholicism and the miracles and manifestations that are going on in the Charismatic movement in Protestant America are underway.

When we see the collapse of the Soviet Union in verse 40 and understand that verse 41 is the next thing to happen and verse 41 is the Sunday Law in the United States, this piece of information out of prophecy was designed by God to begin to bring God's

people into the final revival experience. If you and I truly and honestly believe the Sunday Law is imminent in the United States and we remember that Sister White says the movements for Sunday legislation are going on in darkness.

We may not see the Sunday Law being argued in the senate and the house of representatives today but prophetically by faith we know that that movement is alive and well and its moving forward. We can see legal precedence being set in the judicial high court of the United States and we can see laws being written by these Christian Coalition congressmen that are designed to overturn rulings that every one knows is going to bring the breach in the wall of separation of church and state. We can see all these other events if we truly believe that these indicators are in agreement with prophecy then that kind of information brings the final revival and is in agreement with how Sister White says the final revival would come.

She says that when the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood among us that there'll be seen a great revival. One of the strengths of this presentation of Daniel 11 is that it agrees with Revelation. Sister White says Daniel and Revelation are one book, they complement one another—bring each other to perfection.

So as we see the spirit of the false prophet the spiritual side of apostate Protestantism today, wrapped up in a revival, which is obviously not consistent with the fruit of the Holy Spirit, it's just beyond the ability to be a movement that is of God. Yet we see Protestant America totally prepared to receive this, and we see how quickly it's happening, and how it's also playing into the push for ecumenism, then we need to go back to the Great Controversy 464 and factor in that if the books of Daniel and Revelation go together; and if these three powers of Revelation 16 are nothing more than the same three powers that are in Daniel 11:40; only one is the political view, one the spiritual view. What Daniel 11 tells us is that the Sunday Law is immanent.

Then if we are seeing these spirits in Revelation 16 leading the world to Armageddon then that means this final revival that comes to God's people during the Sunday Law crisis must be just about here. Let's look at this statement from Great Controversy 464:

“Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. [the fallen churches] Before the final visitation of God's Judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. [Sister White says that's our greatest need, this revival of primitive Godliness. And she says that when we understand the books of Daniel and Revelation there will be seen this revival.]

“The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming.

“The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work

is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” The Great Controversy, 464.

Daniel 11 tells the story of these three powers leading the world to a position between the seas and the Glorious Holy Mountain where the world’s divided into two classes. Revelation 16 talks about these three powers leading the world to Armageddon. The spirit that comes out of the mouth of the false prophet is the charismatic movement which today the people in the Protestant world will tell you it’s bringing a revival, a great religious awakening to Protestant America.

But they can’t tell whether it is or isn’t because they are no longer studying the word of God. But we can. And when we see this false, counterfeit religious revival taking place in this time period of earth’s history, it tells us the true revival is immanent because this is Satan’s attempt to destroy the true revival. But it is going to come, the promise is that it will come and we’re right on the verge of it.

The testimony of Revelation 16 is in total agreement with the testimony of Daniel 11, in the setting of the close of probation. Right there in the midst of the testimony of the seven last plagues is a warning that during the time period that we can see the spirits of these three powers doing the work of leading their followers to Armageddon, we need to have the garments of Christ’s righteousness on! We’re in a time period when we cannot afford to be in any other condition as a Christian. We’re living in too dangerous a time.

We spent some time at the beginning of this study considering the political side of the Dragon. This is probably the most misunderstood of these three powers in Adventism. The book ‘Tragedy and Hope’ was written by a Jesuit college professor who had access to the mystery religion, One World Illuminati group of individuals that have been seeking to bring about a One World Government. He had access to their secret files and this book is nothing more than a description of how he believes and they plan to bring in a One World Government by the year 2,000. {Editor’s note: here again we see evidence that the 4 angels have been holding back the plans of men.}

The Tragedy and Hope title means tragedy for those that resist the system; they’re going to meet with a tragedy according to this author because they’re going to have to be eliminated and yet he believes this One World Government is the hope of the world. That’s where the title comes from. Carol Quigley, who wrote this book is a man that Bill Clinton praised as the one that taught him his worldview of how the world is to be set up.

We know that many people in Adventism and outside Adventism do not believe in these ‘conspiracy stories’ and we recommended a magazine produced by the John Birch society and we’re not endorsing the John Birch society, we’re simply suggesting that much of their information is sound. This particular magazine is one of the most concise overviews of the history connected with the One World movement that I’ve found. Evidence is available to demonstrate that the political aspect of the Dragon—socialism—is still active. It’s attempting to bring about a One World Government.

We would also recommend our presentation of Revelation 17 because we believe that the Ten Kings illustrated in Revelation 17 as ruling the earth for one hour with the Beast, are nothing more than John symbolizing the confederacy that takes place at the end of the world. The United Nations has the world divided up into ten districts that it’s going to be ruled from. This is the story of the Dragon’s effort to bring about a One World Government in connection with apostate Protestantism and the Beast.

Apostate Protestantism's story we find in Revelation 13; the United States is going to be the power that forces the whole world to worship the Beast of Catholicism but it's also going to be the power that tells the world that they should set up an image of the beast. The definition of the image of the Beast is when secular power is used to enforce religious dogma or sustain religious institutions.

So if the world is going to be forced by the United States to set up an image of the beast, according to the definition in the Spirit of Prophecy, it means the whole world will have to have a secular power that has the ability to force the whole world to worship this religious dogma of the Beast. In other words, it's going to have to have a One World Government set up.

Revelation 13:15 says that United States will have the power to make this world image of the beast speak. Sister White says the speaking of an nation is the action of its legislative and judicial branches, so this world image of the Beast, obviously, according to the symbols given in the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible, is going to at least be made up of a judicial and legislative branch and certainly the United Nations has a judicial world court and a legislative branch.

But it is not structured like United States, a democracy, nor is it a monarchy like Catholicism, the United Nations if you care to look closely at its guidelines and its structure and constitution, is a socialistic set up. This is the politics of the dragon. Malachi Martin identifies the same three powers, the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet that we see as the King of the South, the King of the North and the chariots, ships and horsemen of Daniel 11 vintage. He's talking about a race between the Soviet Union, socialism, the dragon; United States, apostate Protestantism, the false prophet; and Catholicism, the Beast. The race is about who's going to control the world through a One World government by the year 2000. The same three powers that the Books of Daniel and Revelation identify are the three powers striving to make this happen today.

All these things are coming together. I want to read something out of a book called the 'City on a Hill' by Michael Reagan; this is Ronald Reagan's son. This book was released in 1997 and the structure of this book is Michael Reagan, Ronald Reagan's son's defense for the plans of the political belief structure of Ronald Reagan. He's saying that the things Ronald Reagan believed in and promoted while he was president are the things that are going to still work for the United States if they would return to the Reagan years.

In his book, he takes little passages from speeches by Ronald Reagan to introduce the theme in the chapter or an entire chapter, and then he comments about it. Michael Reagan is the number 1 nighttime radio talk show host in the United States. He's well known as a political analyst, a conservative, but he's also well known as mainstream. People are not going to throw criticism his way like they would John Birch Society criticism, where John Birch society being so right wing it is fabricating these conspiracy theories about the New World Order and has some kind of ulterior motive. Michael Reagan is not going to get that kind of criticism. He'll be criticized as a conservative republican certainly, but he's not anyone who is on the fringes. He's not a Jesuit theologian as is Malachi Martin, who wrote 'Keys of this Blood'. He's not going to take that kind of criticism.

In one chapter he makes a very nice presentation of the truth about the intent of the United Nations. As we bring our study to a close on how these three powers are leading the world to Armageddon. The Dragon power in my mind is the most

misunderstood of these different prophetic entities. We're not looking here at the spirit of the Dragon, which is primarily identified in Revelation 15, but we want to emphasize the political aspect to the Dragon power. Its type of government is socialistic and its designs are by the end of this millennium to have a One World government in place in which it intends to bring an era of peace to the world.

Its intentions may be good, but it's a legitimate, verifiable truth of history that the long term planning to accomplish this went on for a few hundred years. The people involved at the top level have specific agendas which they are bringing to pass.

We want to close with a chapter out of this book "City on a Hill" by Michael Reagan, called 'Shining City or Global Neighborhood'. He reads a couple quotes from Ronald Reagan.

"Our own sovereignty is not for sale". Ronald Reagan; 1st inaugural address, Jan. 20, 1981.

"It was the leadership here at home that gave us strong American influence abroad and the collapse of imperial communism. Great nations have responsibilities to lead and we should always be cautious of those who would lower our profile. Because they might just wind up lowering our flag" Ronald Reagan, speech before Republican National committee Feb. 3rd 1994.

Michael Reagan continues: "The brightest symbol of hope for the world is found in New York City, no not that glass walled, slab-shaped building on the East River; it's the lady with the torch in New York harbor. America not the UN is the shining city on a hill. We need to be reminded of Ronald Reagan's words when he rededicated the Statue of Liberty in 1986.

"Call it mysticism if you will, but I've always believed there was some great Divine providence that placed this great land here between two great oceans to be found by a special kind of people from every corner of the world with a special love for freedom and a special courage that enabled them to leave their own land, leave their friends and their countrymen and come to this new and strange land to build a new world of peace, Freedom and hope." (Ronald Reagan)

Michael Reagan continues: America's mission in the world is to point the way to peace and freedom and hope. The blessings of liberty are the birthright of all people all around the world. This is why Abraham Lincoln called this great land 'the last best hope of man on earth'. Here in this country we have been called to show the world what freedom means, what freedom costs and what freedom accomplishes in the world.

America is industrious brilliant and prosperous because she is free. Yes the UN and international cooperation and multi-national peace keeping forces do have a place in the world, but we should never view the UN as a super government to which America owes allegiance.

America is a sovereign nation and Americans are a sovereign people. While we care about the world, we should not be the caretakers of the world. We must not submit our sovereignty to the UN nor should we isolate ourselves from the rest of the world. We must lead the world; that is our mission as citizens of this city on a hill.

The Clintonesetas don't see America as a shining city. The vision of Bill Clinton and his team of globalists is not to magnify the light of America's freedom but to magnify the power of what they call the 'World body', the United Nations.

The organization that was chartered in 1945 as a co-operative family of nations is on its way to becoming a super government. The Clinton vision of the New World Order was spelt out by Strobe Talbot, Clinton's Oxford roommate and deputy secretary of state in a magazine piece he wrote shortly before Clinton was elected.

'In birth of the global nation' time-July 20, 1992, Talbot predicted, 'Nationhood as we know it will be obsolete. All states will recognize a single global authority. Citizens of the world will have assumed real meaning.'

And it's understandable that the idealists of the left would romanticize this idea of a borderless world. After all, if there were no nations, there'd be no need for nukes. Maybe this utopian deal is one reason the left is so stubbornly opposed to what is obviously a good idea, FBI. A star wars missile defense is designed to preserve national sovereignty and security. If we render Nukes obsolete with FBI technology, we dilute the urgency to unite the world under a single socialist government.

From ??, to Bill Clinton, today's opinion leaders scorn conspiracy kooks who worry about globalism. They lump all discussion of the one world government in the same category with black helicopters, the illuminatti, Elvis sightings and UFOs hiding in the tail of the halebot comet.

But the fact is, right here in the real world, the United Nations commission on global governance has completed a three year study, with plans to implement global government by the year 2000. You won't read about it in your newspaper or hear about it on CNN, but you can read the entire plan for yourself in a 410 page UN report 'Our Global Neighborhood', published by Oxford University, or you can download the entire document from the Global Governance website at <http://www.cgg.ch/fulltext.htm> [we've looked there, and it is there now in 2002]

Continuing: It begins with a disclaimer that the UN global governance plan does not imply world government or world federalism, but the rest of the book is a blueprint for exactly that, a One World Government build around a global civic ethic based on a set of core values that can unite people of all cultural, political, religious or philosophical backgrounds.

Believe it! The New World Order is going to be in your face before you know it! the following is how the One Worldists plan to do it. They will impose socialism and equality of outcome on an entire planet through global trade and economic policy.

GAP is the first step in that direction. The plans are being drawn for the creation of a UN economic security council that would centralize all international finance, industry and trade policy under one global authority. Existing agencies such as the World Bank, the world trade organization and the international monetary fund would function under the auspices of the Economic Security Council consisting of 23 individuals chosen from around the world.

The globalists will impose global taxation to fund the UN [this is starting now-2002] and redistribute wealth on a global scale. Global tax schemes range from individual income taxes on the entire world population, to taxes on all the international

financial transactions which is projected to produce 1.5 trillion annually, about 150 times the current UN budget.

America was founded as a revolt against taxation without representation. The day an American president and an American congress and American people submit to global control and global taxation, America is history, sianara, out of here, gone!

The globalists plan to overrule national sovereignty through a global environmental policy. This is the stealth process of chipping away at our national sovereignty through such seemingly laudable goals as protecting the eco-system. We see it taking place through global non-government organizations or NGOs. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature; the United Nations Environmental program, the World Resource Institute, the Earth Council, and ultimately a proposed assembly of the people which would be elected by the world at large and would promote environmental policy in the UN.

We see our national sovereignty being chipped away through the policies and pronouncements from the United Nations Conference on Environmental and Development and its follow up conferences. We see it promoted in such documents as 'Earth summits Agenda 21', at the conventions on climate change, biodiversity, Ozone depleting substances, desertification, endangered species, wetlands and world heritage sites.

The globalists agenda is embedded in such buzz-words as 'rewilding' and sustainable development which sum up the global environmentalists belief that industrialized human society is a cancer on the planet and that the only hope for mother earth is a return to a planet pre-industrial.

Third world standard of living, radical cuts in the consumption of energy, raw materials, food and water; central planning for the world economy; global indoctrination and family planning goals, and of course the abolition of national sovereignty.

Globalists talk about a growing gap between the world's rich and poor, and the environmental jeopardy caused by unbridled consumerism in the North, that despoils the integrity of the Earth. Their solution is to impoverish America and spread misery around the planet.

Most Americans are unaware that global environmentalism is already resulted in a UN takeover of many of our national parks and historical sites. The takeover began with the world heritage treaty drafted by the UN educational, scientific and cultural organization in 1972. UN watchers consider UNESCO to be one of the most corrupt agencies in the entire UN bureaucracy. Under the World Heritage treaty, the UN has already taken over 18 so-called world heritage sites. An additional 48 Biosphere sites have been handed over to UNESCO man and biosphere program by the US State department without any treaty or congressional oversight whatsoever.

National heritage sites include Carlsbad caverns, glacier national park, the Florida Everglades and Yellowstone National Park. Cultural heritage sites include—are you ready for this?—the Statue of Liberty, and Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

We can expect to see even more UN-ization of our military, the use of our own young men and women, our own tax-bought material in causes other than our own

national defence and security. This is an insult and a dishonour to all those who over the past 200+ years gave their last measure of devotion to the defence of America's freedom and security. Our freedom is so sacred that thousands of Americans soldiers have willingly suffered dismemberment or death to defend it and the liberal One Worlders and our government are willing to surrender our sovereignty, security, and fighting forces to foreign powers without a whimper.

The Globalists are also using food and population scares to give the UN leverage over national sovereignty. The 1996 World Food Summit in Rome produced mountains of stupidity but not an ounce of real hope for the hungry people in the world. If adopted, the food summit agenda would produce less food in the world, not more. The food summit focused on sustainable growth plans for more population control, more abortions, the placement of usable land off limits to farming and development and world-wide adoption of organic food production.

Organic methods are wasteful and ineffective because they reject the use of pesticides and require more land to produce smaller yields. Almost nothing was said at the summit about using new high yielding hybrid seeds and environmentally friendly fertilizers and pesticides to double food production in the have-not nations. According to 'USA Today', the star of the food summit was that beloved humanitarian, Fidel Castro who spoke glowingly of the need for more government imposed birth control.

The food summit hypes a crisis where no crisis exists. The world is not getting hungrier every day. While the world population has doubled since 1960, the percentage of those without enough to eat has dropped from 35% to 20%. Food has become about 40% cheaper in real adjusted for inflation terms throughout the world. Dooms-dayers say the world is running out of room and resources, the truth is that the entire population of the planet could be comfortably housed within the borders of the State of Texas, placing only 8 people to an acre and each family could sustain and feed itself by devoting as little as 20% of its space to raising food with artificial light and hydroponics, the raising of food in nutrient enriched water.

Thanks to rapid advances in agricultural technology, food can be produced more abundantly and efficiently today than ever before, but the UN's world food summit would put a stop to that. The solution of world hunger is not centralized control of food production or elimination of pesticides. Nor is the solution to abort more of the world's children. The solution is freedom! Nicholas Everstott of the American Enterprise Institute put it this way, "Political freedom is the enemy of famine and economic liberty is the foe of hunger." He points to Viet Nam as proof of the value of freedom in feeding people:

"For years after the Viet Nam war the collective state controlled farms and communist Viet Nam could not produce enough rice to feed the people of the country. In 1986 the government conducted an economic experiment. Breaking up collectives and giving people their own land to farm while allowing food prices to find their own level.

"Three years later, Viet Nam had become the third largest exporter of rice in the world. The power of freedom. If you want to see the world get rid of government price controls, import quotas and subsidies, feed the world with freedom."

The UN also plans to strip America of its world leadership position. In the UN's global neighbourhood, veto power and permanent status would be stripped from the five permanent nations of the US security council, China, France, Great Britain, Russia and

the United States. This would dilute if not abolish the leadership role of America. Also the Economic security counsel would collect the wealth produced by the citizens of developed nations and re-distribute it to developing societies.

The Clinton administration is helping to sponsor the 1998 world conference on global governance and can be expected to campaign hard to elect liberal democrats to congress in 1998 so that the UN global governance treaties and agreements can be more easily ratified.

The world needs the illumination and moral leadership of the shining city on a hill, but there are those in many Nations and with our own government who want to place a shroud over the city and hide its light from the world. "Shut up and pay up", is the message of global bureaucracy to the shining city.

The United Nations doesn't want our influence, just our affluence. From former US secretary general Butrose Butrose Gowly? To new secretary Kaffe Anon?; from Bill Clinton to ??, we have been hearing about the US debt of 1.4 billion to the United Nations, some in UN bureaucracy have been floating plans to cut off our UN voting rights, slap us with late charges and ban citizens from holding UN jobs if the congress doesn't cough up. But the fact is, the US doesn't owe the UN a dime. Instead the UN owes the American taxpayers big-time!

Our globalist president, Bill Clinton is trying to shame his own country, calling America the biggest piker in the UN. But the US has always been more than generous with the bloated, wasteful, anti-American world bureaucracy. Our normal UN assessments, our 25% of the operating budget and 31% of 'peace keeping' costs. The next largest contributor is Japan, with an assessment of 14% of the budget. Only Russia, Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Spain and Canada contribute more than 2%. But on top of our normal assessment, the US provided some 6.6 billion in logistical and other support to the UN from 1990 to 1995.

Of that money the global bean counters on the east river credited 1.8 billion against their so-called debt. Of the remaining 4.8 billion the UN reimbursed up for less than 80 million. Those are general accounting office figures, so we should not write a check for 1.4 billion to the UN, we should deduct that amount from the 4.8 billion credit the UN now owes, then submit an invoice for 3.4 billion.

Who has been spending all this American money on dubious 'peace keeping' missions, it wasn't the US congress, through the legal appropriation process! No, this money came out of the budgets of various federal agencies including the department of defense, without congressional approval, which is at least improper and probably illegal. The Clinton administration looted the budget of these agencies in order to sustain the global governance of the UN.

At a White House press conference on March 8, 1987, Sarah McKlendan of the McKlendan news service lobbed this mush-ball question to Bill Clinton, "Large segments of our citizens believe that the United Nations is taking over whole blocks of counties in Kentucky and Tennessee. They believe that you're going to give our army to Russia and all that baloney. Can you do something about this? Because its hurting the Unity of the United States."

The question set off gales of laughter throughout the White House press chore and put a smile on Clinton's face. "I dunno", Clinton chuckled, "because the people who

believe that think I'm the problem. We're all laughing about it, but there is a non-insubstantial number of people that believe there is a plan out there for world domination and I'm trying American sovereignty over to the UN. Let me just say this, for those that are worrying about it I would say that there is a serious issue here that every American has to come to grips with; the issue is, we live in an interdependent world. We have to cooperate with people. We're better off when we do. We're better off with we're better off with the United Nations. We're better off when these countries can work together. So I just think that for folks that are worried about this out in the country, they need to be thinking about how we're not going to give up our freedom, our independence. But we're not going to go it alone for the 21st century either, we're going to work together and we have to."

President Clinton's answer is not a denial, it's an admission! 'We live', he says, "in an interdependent world and we're better off with the UN and we can't go it alone." He laughs at the suggestion that he is ceding the American sovereignty to the UN but he doesn't deny it. Because he can't; his actions shows that this is exactly what he's doing; surrendering to an alien power our own hard-won leadership position in the world; our wealth, our young men and women in the armed forces, our national parks, our historic sites, our authority over our own environmental policies, food policies, population policies, economic and trade policies and more.

"America must make a choice because there is no middle ground. We can either become the shining city on the hill that Ronald Reagan envisioned or we can cross Bill Clinton's bridge into the 21st century; a bridge to a brave new world of global governance in which the light of the shining city is snuffed out by the darkness of a global socialist bureaucracy.

"Will America continue to be the last, best hope of man on earth? Or will America become a memory of what almost was and what could have been? MY friend, we will decided that question." end of Michael Reagan's chapter.

Michael Reagan's perspective on end-time events is not the Adventist perspective on end-time events. But the idea that the United Nations is intending to bring the world under its control in the very near future is even acknowledged by someone who is mainstream. It's easy to see. This is in agreement with Bible prophecy. The times in which we live are the times in which Revelation 13 is being fulfilled when the United States is about to force the whole world to worship the beast of Catholicism. The whole world is going to set up this image of the beast.

And this world government that will control things will be on a socialistic platform as pointed out by Michael Reagan. Not only does Michael Reagan not have the Adventist perspective on this event, even though he has some very keen insights on what is transpiring in the world, you'll find that Michael Reagan is one of the most outspoken supporters of the Promise Keepers in the United States. So we see, some men, outside of Adventism, have some glimpses of what truth is, at the same time they are being drawn into these other influences that Satan has orchestrated and set in motion.

The only people that have the availability of information that can give clarity to the things that are going on today are the people that are living by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. That's you and I. We have responsibility to those in the world that care about issues but don't have proper perspective. We have a responsibility to begin raising that

warning message. Sister White's warned we're going to have to do in hard times that which we could have done in easy.

And our prayer is that these studies on prophecies that are demonstrating that probation is about to close, that a Sunday Law is imminent, will inspire you as members of God's church at the end of the world, to set aside those things that so easily beset all of us that the Lord might use us fully to begin giving the final warning message to those people that would respond to it, if they would just see it lived in our lives and hear it proclaimed by us.

"A great crisis awaits the people of God. A great crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is before us. Events, which for more than half a century we have, upon the authority of the prophetic Word, declared to be impending, are now taking place before our eyes. ...

"While the Protestant world is making concessions to Rome, and danger is increasing on every hand, let us arouse to comprehend the situation, and to see the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen lift up the voice, and give with clearness the message, which is present truth for this time. 'For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?' Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history, and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the religious liberty they have so enjoyed." Signs of the Times, November 28, 1900.

"The lamb-like horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The speaking of the nation is the action of its legislative and Judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles, which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak 'as a dragon,' and exercise 'all the power of the first beast,' plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopard-like beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast: indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy." The Great Controversy, 442.

"In this time of prevailing iniquity, the Protestant churches that have rejected a 'Thus saith the Lord,' will reach a strange pass. They will be converted to the world. In their separation from God, they will seek to make falsehood and apostasy from God the law of the nation. They will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. The Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the protection of the state. The protest of Bible truth will no longer be tolerated by those who have not made the law of God their rule of life." Review and Herald December 21, 1897.

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