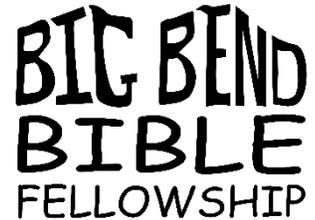


Globalism

Revelation 13:3-17, others

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Globalism is a major trend prophesied in Scripture. When Jesus returns, there will be a global government, religion and economy. There is evidence of increasing progress toward this every day in the news. God says a global government will come; resistance is futile.

What is globalism?

Internet Webster definition: a national policy of treating the whole world as a proper sphere for political influence.

- It is actually much more than this... it is yielding national sovereignty to the collective nations of the world which will require a world-wide governmental authority.

What are the benefits of globalism?

- The increased trade lifts all boats and minimizes the impact of famine in any one location.
- Communications between different people groups is increased which facilitates the spread of the gospel.

What is the problem with globalism?

- It is rebellion against the national order God established as demonstrated at the Tower of Babel (see Acts 17:26 to be discussed in detail later).
- A global government eliminates any refuge from tyranny removing the national safeguards God established.
- Centralized governmental power is always oppressive.
- As national sovereignty is yielded to the world community of nations, individual freedoms are being lost.

Why must a global government also be tyrannical?

It is true in this world that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely; so, we can expect global power to corrupt totally.

John 12:31 – *Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*

The coming global government will be totalitarian. Indeed, Satan hates the freedom we have in Christ and seeks to enslave everyone to him.

How do we know there will be a global government before Jesus returns?

Revelation 13:7 – *Authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.*

The coming global government of the Tribulation will be headed by the Antichrist. It will initially start out as ten regional governments...

Revelation 17:12-13 – *The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.*

The 10-king regional stage will not last long quickly yielding their authority to the Antichrist.

- Nations are already yielding sovereignty to regional trade associations which will become regional governments but that is all just a set-up for global government.

What does the emergence of a global government mean for the United States?

Among the trends toward globalism is the decline of the United States as a superpower.

- Just as the superpower standoff with the Soviet Union during the Cold War had to be resolved, so too does the last superpower have to be diminished in order to make way for a global government.
- The U.S. had once been the bright shining light of freedom on earth and this is increasingly under assault as a birth pang of the Tribulation.

How is the stage being set for global government?

Revelation 13:3 – *All the world marveled and followed the beast.*

There is a relentless trend toward bigger government as the solution to all of societies' ills. Eventually some crisis either real or fabricated will cause the public to be convinced that our huge national government is not large enough spurring the call for a global government as the ultimate Big Government solution.

- We already have a worldwide economy where if an individual nation's finances get sick, the affliction quickly spreads to the whole global organism.

- Global trade needs to be regulated and worldwide problems such as terrorism, global warming and the pandemic are beyond any single nation to resolve by itself.

What institutions are driving us toward a global government?

The stage is being set for a worldwide government in the United Nations. As this forum of nations grows in influence, it will provide the infrastructure for a global government. The U.N. was established after World War II as an organization to help us avoid more war. But the U.N. has grown in influence finding itself getting involved in all manner of issues between nations.

- Ruling elite think tanks like the World Economic Forum, Bilderbergers, Trilateral Commission, and Council on Foreign Relations.
- Big-tech, big-pharma, and other multinational corporations.
- The European Union (EU) model demonstrating that it is possible to have “unity in diversity” leading the trend for setting aside national sovereignty for the greater good.
- The U.S. no longer acting unilaterally in any foreign affairs; the U.S. must only act as part of the community of nations.

What is the problem with multinational corporations?

In the U.S. we are no longer preventing companies from becoming “too big to fail.” Once upon a time we broke-up potential monopolies. Instead, we are accommodating Big Business and letting them grow larger than the Gross National Product of many nations.

- Consolidation at the mega-corporation level centralizes control over markets and reduces competition making for fewer consumer choices.
- Growing government regulations to protect huge corporations from competitors is an attack on free-market capitalism and is the result of cronyism in the government-industrial complex.

Is there a conspiracy to bring about a global government?

Ephesians 6:12 – For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The trend toward a global government is so pervasive that some have blamed conspiracies. Secretive groups such as the Bilderbergers, Trilateral Commission, and Council on Foreign Relations are accused of being cabals of government elites conspiring to consolidate national power globally.

- What is more likely is that the globalism trend is a result of spiritual warfare with government leaders being tempted by demons to take actions that set the stage for a global government.
- Indeed, Jesus referred to Satan as the ruler of this world (John 14:30 and 2 Corinthians 4:4).
- There is a global conspiracy but it is not a human one so much as it is a spiritual one.

How is the stage being set for a global religion?

Psalm 2:2 – The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed

- Pluralistic secular humanism has become the religion of Western Civilization which is the current derivation of the Roman Empire.
- “Moderate” universalism is rampant among religious people and has been manifesting itself in ecumenical movements like Chrislam.
- The spirit of Antichrist is getting increasingly antagonistic toward those who reject their worldview and is already morphing into persecution of Christians
- The spirit of the Antichrist and ecumenism will coalesce into worship of the Antichrist...

What role will religion have in the coming world government?

Revelation 13:11-12 – Then I saw another beast... he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast.

During the Tribulation, there will be a global religion in place headed by the Antichrist (“beast”) and helped by the False Prophet (“another beast”). The False Prophet will probably represent himself as Jesus Christ to cause apostate Christians to get on-board with the new world religion. Jesus warned that there would be those falsely representing themselves as the Christ during the Tribulation (Matthew 24:5).

What trend can we expect for freedom of religion as more people embrace the globalist vision?

Revelation 13:5 – He was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies

As we get closer to the Tribulation, we can expect there to be more persecution and less freedom of religion. America is following Europe in the secularization of our society.

- Evolution, a materialistic worldview of origins not requiring God prevails in the culture so pervasively it is more of a religion than a theory.
- The media increasingly represents Christians as ignorant undesirables holding society back.

- The spirit of Antichrist demands that all people conform to their politically correct beliefs. And believing the Bible has no place in where they want to take society.

How does globalism explain the political division we see in the U.S. and the world today?

Since the trend toward globalization is obvious to all, tension has emerged between those who would like to retain national sovereignty and those who think we should yield to the community of nations in order to realize the utopian glories of the global village.

Romans 1:28 – *even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting*

Ultimately the division is spiritual between those who embrace God’s order and those who think they have a better way.

- This division is becoming more apparent in these last days because we are getting close to the harvest. As Jesus put it in the parable of the wheat and tares (Matthew 13: 24-30), the wheat and tares are more distinguishable when they mature.

What will the economy of the coming global government be like?

Revelation 13:16-17 – *He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

There will be a centrally controlled global economy during the Tribulation. The mark of the beast will force people to swear allegiance to Antichrist in order to participate in the economy.

- During the Tribulation, people must have the mark of the beast in order to buy groceries.
- Of course, followers of Christ and honest seekers of Truth will know better than to take this mark because it will seal their eternal fate (Revelation 14:9-10).
- The best way to avoid the pressure to take the mark of the beast is to be a follower of Christ before the Church Age ends.

How is the stage being set for the mark of the Beast today?

- Before modern times was hard to conceive how the Antichrist would be able to have control over all commerce. But with our dependence on computer technology that facilitates financial transactions, it is obvious how the beast will micromanage the economy.

- The advent of rice-grain-sized radio frequency identification chips implanted under the skin provides even more insight how transactions may be controlled.
- The Covid mandates are conditioning people to think that it is not an extraordinary thing to demonstrate loyalty to the government’s authority in order to buy or sell.

Should today’s Christians be concerned about the mark of the Beast?

While the mark of the beast technology likely exists today, that does not mean the mark of the Beast is in place yet. This will not happen until the Tribulation when the Antichrist is in power and people are required to swear allegiance to him before they are allowed to engage in commerce. Thus, the Church should never have to worry about the mark of the Beast.

What else will characterize the economy of the Antichrist?

Daniel 11:24 – *He shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches*

The economy of the Antichrist will be socialist. He will help selected people prosper by “spreading the wealth around.” He will use his total control to steal from some and give to certain favored groups.

- Satan himself will be the spirit behind the Antichrist and he hates human freedom.
- The ultimate goal of socialism is totalitarian control because this is required to fully implement socialism. Since socialism never works, more and more control is necessary to inflict it on people.
- In socialism there can be no private property, everything is owned by the government for the sake of the “greater good” and subject to the whims of the ruling elite.

Why can’t a global government succeed in establishing a worldwide utopia?

Romans 3:23 – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

People have made their government into an idol, as if their government can deliver them from whatever afflicts them. But human governments in this age are made up of people with a sin nature and so they will eventually fail. The more people trust in their government, the more they are destined for disappointment.

- Satan is encouraging the failure of governments to move us toward more centralized control. As governments fail, they need to be bailed out by yet a higher echelon of government.

- We should work to reduce the failures of government but at the same time acknowledge that what this world sorely needs is for Jesus Christ to head our government. This is not a desire for a theocracy, it is a hope for the Millennial Kingdom.

What impact will globalism have on individual freedoms?

John 8:32 – *You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*

As we get closer to the Tribulation, we can expect the loss of rights we enjoy like the freedom of speech. The U.S. media used to speak truth to power but this check on government abuse is no longer working as reporters have become more committed to leftist causes. God's enemies hide the truth so people have no choice but to go along with their evil plans. Silencing voices of opposition is what totalitarian dictators do and is a powerful oppressive tactic in the spirit of the Antichrist.

Will the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution survive under globalism?

1 Timothy 5:8 – *If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever*

No, look at what has happened in Australia. The Covid totalitarianism on display there would not happen if the citizens were armed.

- It is true that, "if guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."
- In the irrational liberal mind, having guns around is the problem that has to be solved in order to reduce gun violence. But these liberals are just the "useful idiots" of the ruling elite who seek to enhance their power by imposing more control over the public.
- The reason we have a Second Amendment in the U.S. is so that people are not totally dependent on the government for their personal self-defense. The police can't be everywhere all the time.
- The ruling elite desires total control and thus cannot allow us to defend ourselves. They will take every opportunity to make people more dependent on the centralized control authority.

How could it be possible that an Australian-style gun confiscation happen in the United States?

There will have to be some crisis, real or fabricated, to cause people to accept authorities ignoring the 2nd Amendment.

- Parents protesting school boards imposing CRT and transgender education on children are already being labeled as terrorists. And everybody agrees that terrorists should be disarmed.

How are open borders a critical policy of globalism?

Acts 17:26 – *He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings*

God intends for the nations to control their borders.

Immigration should be orderly and serve the interests of the nations involved. Ignoring the established borders is the result of a globalist worldview that seeks to undo what God has established.

- Open borders immigration is just one more facet of the spirit of Antichrist. The coming global government will not have any effective borders between nations.
- Those who seek to open the national borders are longing for the global government that sets the stage for the Antichrist.
- The open borders policy is a double-edged sword... it will eventually force a crisis that demands a totalitarian response while it makes the USA less powerful as just another state in the community of nations.

What kind of immigration should we have in the USA if we are to retain our sovereignty as a nation?

Illegal immigration should be shut down... we don't want the criminally-minded to be our fellow citizens. At the same time, we should make legal immigration a whole lot easier while vetting candidates who will assimilate and contribute to society.

Leviticus 19:33-34 – *When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt.*

As God brought people to Israel so that they could learn about Him and be saved, the U.S. is one place in the world where this can happen today. We don't have to go to all the world to teach the gospel if representatives from all the world come here.

- Indeed, people come to the U.S. because of the freedoms we enjoy that facilitate prosperity.
- With the declining birth rates in the United States, we need some way to keep the population (and economy) growing.
- So, the Christian should take full advantage of helping immigrants to know Christ as the source of our freedoms while this is still possible.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Globalization is a major sign of the times.
- God is in control; His people should fear not.
- Globalization is obvious; use it for evangelism.