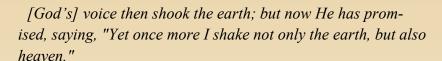
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UPLOOK!





Hebrews 12:26

he Bible informs usn that at the end of the age, God will engage in a shakeup of everything. Everything is going to be tested, sifted, and evaluated—and unless you have been asleep for the past 20 years (or, six months . . .?) you may have noticed that this is exactly what has been taking place within our present world. Of course, from an earthy perspective, $^{\infty}$ there is good reason for this shaking. —Our public school system, for example, having attempted to banish public (and private) prayer from our schools, now teaches belief in an alternate reality, along with a new moral code that worships ourselves, and does not honor our world as God has created it. So that cardinal virtues such as a monogamous relationship between one man, and one woman, for life are no longer upheld in our schools any longer. Nor are the virtues of Pilgrim fathers, who felt compelled to simply thank God for health and prosperity, being honored—and even a respect for our shared national heritage is being trashed (thus the pulling down of statues!) —on the premise that all of our founding fathers, who lived within a less "shaken" world, did not share the same values as our enlightened major media giants



Let us be ready.

such as facebook¹ and Instagram², now project. . .

—For while the former Soviet Union was dominated by the Kremlin and KGB, our modern

censors (and Big Brothers) may actually address us from our smartphones, and media tablets . . . and precisely as Jesus Christ predicted the church at large (10 virgins, of Matt. 25:1-10) —would "all slumber and sleep" just prior to a major event preceding His second coming, so too, Christendom is now largely dozing off & nodding through dramatic changes that are taking place right under our noses—until finding that many mouths have been "taped shut" regarding politically incorrect speech and (more importantly) politically

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incorrect *thinking*. For, having personally lived through the change that our institutions of higher learning have undergone (by commencing my college training in the late 60's, but actually graduating, just past the turn of the century)—I am a living witness that for the past 20+ years our school systems have been leaning ever more prominently towards communist/ socialist theory under pseudonyms that elevate dialectic thinking (Marxist theory) through "conflict theory," etc.—even within some "Christian" institutions.

Thus it becomes evident that the "seeds of revolution" now sprouting, are actually the result of mental landmines now going off beneath us: exploding with a poisonous fruit, while causing some to wrench in despair, as they see us entering dangerous waters they thought the Bible assured us we would never have to contend with—within the west. No doubt some expected to "make America Great Again" while hoping that our current President would solve all of these issues for us. (Not to disparage Mr. Trump's efforts, but life goes on, nevertheless . . .).

So, where do we go from here? If the America we have loved and dreamed about no longer exists on the moral plane, and a new world is coming—how should Christians now conduct ourselves? Should we go into a closet and hide? Should we enter the streets in protest, burn down buildings (as others have done) and seek to force our will upon the civilization in which we live? No, no, a thousand times NO! Jesus will take care of all of that when He gets back (Zechariah 14:1-3)! What would be more profitable, and more reassuring, would be the reopening of our Bibles to actually read (very, very, prayerfully) what the words on those pages tell us about our future.

—Or, you can go back to sleep, as Christ forecast many would do (Matt. 25:5) and yet the apostle Paul assures us, within the *exact same context*, that Heaven's "crack troops" need not *sleep*, as do others . . . (1 Thes. 5:6)!!

So, the choice is ours. Will we choose true liberty (Jn. 8:32)—or death? And as the "old America" continues to fade into history, will you choose the sleepy Christian experience that assumes we will never have to really fight (with real spiritual warfare), or remain watchful, and awake during these times (NOT "woke" - Mk. 13:35)?!

—Will you choose to truly awaken? I choose to do so. For within this very day, when sky seems to be falling, and Satan himself has been cast down to earth, Scripture informs us that Heaven's crack troops can overcome this evil, and be totally prepared for Christ's second coming.

⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelation 12:9,11

Thus, in our first study (for those refusing to surrender) we will concern ourselves with *The Day of the Dragon*.

Our second study, will inform us of what godly fear is really all about, and the danger of a misplaced fear of the darkness, now gathering around us.

Be blessed, in Jesus.





Day of the Dragon

... and the dragon gave [them][#] his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13:2b

Do you realize that Christians

who go through the ... Great

Tribulation will have a special

place of honor when Christ

returns?

However . . .

... I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4 [emphasis added]

While most of the world (and church at large) sleeps on, the dragon's power continues to build, as he prepares to hand the Antichrist his power base —and it is precisely at a time like this, that it becomes really important to remember the *end* of the reign of the dragon, when he will be bound for a thousand years (Rev.

20:3) and the faithful will reign with Christ(!!) before the final judgment of humankind takes place (Rev. 20:11)—which brings me to the question:

o you realize that Christians who go through (what is called) the Great Tribulation, will actually have a special place of honor, when Christ returns? I know, such a thought may have

never crossed your mind, given the emphasis placed by many on *escaping* the trials and birth pangs our planet is obviously now entering. Yet, please reread, carefully, the text quoted above. Why *single out* the faithful, going through the Tribulation, within the above text? I believe that it is because, with the eagerness of many to classify those going through the Tribulation as "left behind," and as second class saints—Christ wants to be *certain to highlight* that this will not be the case!

Yet to return (very quickly) to the trials of the moment, and to prophecy now unfolding before our very eyes

There is a tendency, when actually interpreting Bible prophecy, to think of its words within a "local context." That is, to assume that its true meaning must always to be found within the prophet's personal and immediate context, of the world in which the words were written. Yet consider with me, the possibility that eternal God has actually desired to share, with mortal human beings —secrets of distant future events taking place well beyond the prophet's lifetime, that He might encourage Christians of a later generation hundreds, even thousands, of years in advance (1 Pet. 1:10-12)! In that case, the world that God would be describing to the prophet would be (in terms of technology, and modern conveniences) quite different from the prophet's "primitive

experience" (absent automobiles and airplanes, etc. – Daniel 12:4)—while being every bit as relevant to the prophet, in terms of our common humanity and personal struggles.

Therefore, let us continue our adventure by granting the possibility that a prophecy in Daniel's 7th chapter (whose theme would be picked up, hundreds of years later, by John, in Revelation chapter 13)—was actually describing our present world: with the earlier prophet's description portraying the **individual parts** of a world-wide confederacy, of sorts, and the latter vision being one of a *composite* entity, as we see it today. In other words, try thinking of "the Transformers" of the twentieth century, wherein a small vehicle merges into an incredible giant. So too, the individual nations and people groups, described by Daniel, are now merging into a larger,

worldwide, organization.

Therefore within Daniel's earlier vision (Daniel 7:1-6) what we were seeing were the component *parts* of this final empire (i.e. the "beast" of Rev. 13:1-2): consisting of a lion with wings, a bear with ribs in its mouth, and finally a very curious leopard that has four heads and four wings! Then, from John's later vision in his

thirteenth chapter, (vss. 1 & 2) we witness the fusion of these entities into a global empire, viewed from the ground up, as we see a creature with a bear's feet, the body of a leopard, and the head of a lion.

And then, by again flipping back to Daniel—we actually see this same "beast" as it takes action, and moves about:

⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it,

Daniel 7:7 [emphasis added]

SPOILER ALERT: What you are about to read is VERY POLITICALLY INCORRECT! Continue reading at your own risk (or blessing). For what we are about to witness is the Bible's view of the "beastly" aspects of what is commonly called, the NWO (New World Order) and no, the Bible does *not* mince words. For what we are about to witness is, indeed, an entity that is "dreadful, and terrible, and exceedingly strong"! It has a:

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FEAR

WH&T?

"And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,

And to depart from evil is understanding.' "

Job 28:28

have been witnessing an amazing shift in our perception of fear and decorum, of late. This fundamental shift is causing the faithful, and attentive, to start wondering who or what it is we are to expect to come around the next corner, and . .. How on earth are we to react?? Are we to walk in fear of a virus, for example? Are we to fear death and dying? Is this appropriate for children of the living God, for whom Christ died and shed His blood?

Surely, our national focus has shifted quite a bit from President Roosevelt's famous, "There is nothing to fear, but fear itself," declaration—as he prepared to pull this nation out of the great depression. For while our situation is different in kind, one can't help but wonder at our response and the constant drumming by media elite, regarding the virus' higher than average mortality rate—placing an entire culture on "pause" while effectively shutting down the world's largest economy and more: even shutting down church gatherings within the western world, by judging them "non-essential." Thus completing a cycle, it would seem(?), that commenced in the 1960's rejection of essential

morning public prayer, within public schools—and the present experience, where we have effectively relegated church attendance, itself, to the back seat of public opinion and necessity.

Not satisfied with merely offering advisement on social distancing, governments and officials appeared to be extending the reach of their influence, while testing the resolve of the church going public, by demanding the literal restriction of access to church facilities.

Not that total quarantine was actually enforced as mandatory (as when confronting what is deemed a significant civil rights issue). For as has been noted by a federal judge in New York: New York's governor Cuomo, and mayor Deblasio, were acting outside of their proper authority when showing preferential treatment to demonstrators, over those engaging in church attendance (so long as reasonable social distancing guidelines are followed).* The issue to be raised within our present discussion, however, must reach far beyond the temporal "life and death" issues, into broader issues of freedom (and the spiritual realm) within our land. For, as in a war, a higher mortality rate than usual is to be expected upon the field of battle.

Dying is not the larger issue, therefore. The larger issue is really: "What are we fighting for?" and . . . "Is it justified?"

So, what are we really witnessing, today? The Corona virus aside, it does appear that we may have just witnessed a trial run by forces wishing to silence the most powerful entity upon earth: the church of the living God which, Jesus advised us,

even "the gates of hell" will not prevail against, if we have a will to resist them (Matt. 16:18, James 4:7). For while it is true that the wise man foresees evil, and hides himself (by making a prudent use of reasonable fear – Prov. 22:3 & 27:12) –a craven surrender to the fear of death and human oppression (remember Patrick Henry's bold proclamation, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"?) —will have a debilitating effect upon both the heart & soul of the believer, and of our republic. In other words, this is not the way the Bible admonishes us to behave ourselves when confronted by personal fears and crisis. As the apostle Paul advised his understudy, Timothy, regarding the power of the Holy Spirit within him:

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Now, don't get me wrong. If the current health threat were something on the order that encountered by the Ebola outbreak, or even the Spanish flu a century ago, wherein 11 million persons were killed just after the debacle of World War 1 at the outset of the twentieth century—so that we actually fear even going to the store for groceries for fear of contracting a deadly disease then, of course, such measures might be called for. But to so quickly relegate church attendance to the dustbin within a time of crisis, as a thing "non-essential" says a great deal about our country to onlookers . . . and to God, Himself, don't you think?

Further, in light of extreme events that were lurking on the horizon, might it not have been more advisable to first quickly close down the NYC subway system, for example, where social distancing was most naturally violated to the extreme? Perhaps, then, churches within that great metropolis might have remained open within such a time of crisis and possibly, just possibly, have buttressed our country's moral resistance to a danger greater than a mere virus, and have provided our nation with a better bulwark against the social eruption that evolved (or may not have evolved) with the killing of George Floyd.

For. have you considered this? Here we had a culture undergoing extreme stress and change of routine within a time of crisis, with idle hands and distressed minds (which we know to be the workshop of you-know-who) —being told to "dial back" congregational worship because of possible infection, since church services were now considered "non-essential." Is it

any wonder then, that after such a graphic example of the violation of policing protocols, within the state of Minnesota, that our country had a "national fit"?!!

With riots that largely ignored social distancing! Was this a "conspiracy" of some sort? Not exactly.

¹² "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.

13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.

Isaiah 8:12-13

now let us dig into the Bible and consider this: that at the time of its writing, the persons listening to the prophet

Isaiah (in the above quote) had every reason to fear a conspiracy! For it was well known that their nation's chief enemy (Assyria) had been amassing troops on their northern border (Isaiah 7:2). Yet we see the prophet Isaiah assuring the people that if they feared God, more than the forces of darkness that were then in plain sight—then God would surely deliver them.

As an example of how this challenge may be carried out, in regards to the recent pandemic, please consider a very familiar scripture that is sometimes thrown about, as a curiosity.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18

Such is a very comforting verse, is it not? —One that we might print on small plaques, hang on walls, or hammer onto our doorways. Yet, are you aware of the context of the above passage, and why it was written? It was a statement made in relation to assembling (and being in fellowship) with other believers! Verse four of this chapter reads, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." Verse seventeen goes on to further state, "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world." Did you catch that? John states that as Christ was, while walking the earth, so are Christian believers to be, TO-DAY, in this world!

This was obviously true among believers within the earlier Christian experience, when the church was just getting started. And I am certain that many of them would have been appalled at the thought of *reducing* congregational meetings within a time of plague and crisis. In fact, during some of Rome's most rabid plagues Christians were often found ministering to the sick and needy, selflessly,

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throughout the empire. So that:

During plague periods in the Roman Empire, Christians made a real name for themselves. Historians have suggested that the terrible Antonine Plague of the 2nd century, which might have killed off a quarter of the Roman Empire, led to the spread of Christianity, as Christians cared for the sick and offered an spiritual model . .

But the more famous epidemic is the Plague of Cyprian, named for a bishop who gave a colorful account of this disease in his sermons. Probably a disease related to Ebola, the Plague of Cyprian helped set off the Crisis of the Third Century in the Roman world. But it did something else, too: It triggered the explosive growth of Christianity. Cyprian's sermons told Christians not to grieve for plague victims (who live in heaven), but to redouble efforts to care for the living. His fellow bishop Dionysius described how Christians, "Heedless of danger ... took charge of the sick, attending to their every need."**

Fear of death, dying, and of the grave itself, for every real Christian—was **conquered** by Jesus Christ on resurrection day (commonly called "Easter"). For the God of the Bible did not fold His hands, up in the heavens, and socially distance Himself from us in our need—but voluntarily defrocked Himself of His divine privilege to become one of us, and identify with our need. For:

of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Is it not time for Christians of the 21st century to once again discover this God of love in truth, and walk in Christian love and victory—turning a deaf ear to the forces of "fake news" (whether a malicious "conspiracy" of not)—to revive, and give hope to, a world now trembling in fear—not only from a virus, but from the ever increasing disintegration of civil society, itself?

Come then, let us walk in faith, and not fear.

Amen.

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== Day of the Dragon ==

Mouth –that devours (via manifest destiny?)
Body (with arms) –that "breaks in pieces," or simply destroys things (like Antifa?)

Feet –that "stomps the leftovers" of a crumbling world, near the very close of the Great Tribulation.

So if you have never heard this interpretation before, or have perhaps wondered why Bible teachers have never discovered the US within Bible prophecy(?), the explanation you are about to encounter may help you understand a possible reason for this omission: for the Bible tells us about the world we live in, as things really are . . . not as we might like for them to be (but, of course, the Bible's picture of Paradise is also amazing, and out of this world! Oops, we're not supposed to expose that here, not today)

So let us dig deeper as we return to Daniel's seventh chapter and consider the possibility that God does, indeed, know the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10)—and as we begin to plug in our *current national symbols*, instead of the "local prophecies" of millennia ago, we gain amazing insights:

Let us begin with the first (and most obvious) of the symbols: the lion with eagles wings (Daniel 7:4a).

• There are many nations that have the symbol of an eagle (within the Bible, for example, there is actually a single chapter where *two world powers* are described as eagles –Ezekiel 17). It is most significant, therefore, that this entity/nation is described as a lion *with eagles wings*. This sets this particular nation apart, as special, for the lion is the symbol of Great Britain . . . which had a famous colony, whose symbol (you guessed it) is the bald eagle.

hus, by combining the strength (and available ferocity) of a lion with the nobility of the flying eagle, we are directed to a powerful nation that at one time was easily identified with . . . saving faith. For, as the prophet Isaiah describes the matter: " . . . those who wait on the LORD, Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Yet, Daniel says that as he continued to observe this great nation, it went through a metamorphosis, as its wings were plucked, and it stood proudly upon its feet "and a man's heart was given to it" (Daniel 7:4b). So that, in the end, she gave up her noble soaring through the heavens by faith . . . for mere humanity, and humanism. (Hm-m-m, notice any similarities within these United States, today . . .?)

- Next symbol, the Russian bear: truly, a formidable adversary upon the battlefield, if ever there was one (. . . as Adolf Hitler discovered, to his demise).
- Not so easily discerned, but earlier described within my books, is the leopard: having attributes not readily recognized on the international scene until the 20th century. For, at the end of this present age, Scripture informs us, a different type of "power" emerges. Originally, it was described within Daniel's first prophetic image as the "toes" of the great image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.
⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

Daniel 2:42-43

—So that if we were to fully review the dream from which Daniel's original interpretation emerged, we would observe an image made up of precious metals with varying degrees of strength and hardness: going from gold and silver, to brass & iron . . . until we reach down to the feet, where the clay appears (Daniel 2:36-43). Notice, also, how the iron (the final, very strong, empire) is unable to fully merge with the weaker clay, that surrounds it (vs. 43).

It is this last, most puzzling "kingdom" which I propose to you the third of these "beasts" within Daniel's seventh chapter, represents; having a specific attribute highlighted by the number "4"—pointing to its prevalence throughout the whole earth ("four corners of the earth")—just as "clay" is more common than iron, or brass—so also, this "kingdom" prevails throughout the entire planet.

—Representing the "third world"

—Whose chief "weapon" is to "break in pieces" (I warned you, this is

very politically incorrect!)

However, I would be remiss if I failed to remind the reader that what we have just been observing is the "beastly" side of these kingdoms. So then . . . what of the good side? Again, although presenting a positive outcome, please buckle your seat belts, for biblical virtues—even the ones I am about to present right now, are increasingly under attack. (Seat belts fastened? Here goes . . .)

The good side of this last prophecy is that when clay is subjected to discipline and order—and even to extreme trial (i.e. HEAT) it can become a thing of great value and beauty. In fact, so great may its value become, that it turns into something to be greatly treasured . . . for eternity, by faith. For:

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 1:6-7 [emphasis added]

Beauty for ashes, and valued treasure derived from personal trial and perseverance. —For even though our present culture now flirts with the concept of a socialist "paradise" of sorts, wherein our youthful citizens are made to expect that success will be handed to them on a platter—the fact of the matter is, that such is not a biblical, or Christian ethic, at all!

Salvation comes by grace through faith alone (Eph. 2:8,9)—just as all life, and our personal human life, must be given to us as a gift. For, what did you do to "earn" being born? The same is true with being born again (John 3:3-16). However, after you have been born, you are expected to do more than to sit around, and suck your thumb for the rest of your life! Such is not a life of faith (Romans 1:17)!

And speaking of faith, remember

those "eagles' wings" being plucked? Such presages an even more ominous event upon the horizon as modern iconoclasts continue to tear down all that was previously held dear, not only within America, but throughout much of the Western World as well: our faith in God. So that at the end of the age. as the final beast empire emerges, we must not be surprised as the vision of the Apocalypse comes to pass literally: with humanity embracing a New World Order whose chief description is blasphemy, and whose "seat and power" comes from . . . the dragon (Rev. 13:2).

just who does this great red dragon represent? Certainly not Red China, but the DEVIL HIMSELF as the previous chapter in John's Revelation so clearly identifies him (Rev. 12:9)! So . . . applying all of these revelations to recent current events . . . can it be that one mission of the COVID-19 crisis has actually been to expose Red China, and take her down a peg, lest she exalt herself and believe that *she* really is the primary power behind the "success" of this final global empire (via 5G, for example)?? I propose to you that if this analysis is correct, any future attempts by that great "dragon of the east" to dominate the West & NWO will ultimately be met with a stunning rebuke from heaven.

For, as we approach the day of the Dragon, it will *not* be the day of Red China.

So stay tuned and stay connected (to Christ) for, lest we forget, Christ will one day ultimately rule over all: even the domain of the dragon, himself.

sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Revelation 11:15

Amen!

What Must I do?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."

Acts 16:31



If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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

Romans 10:9,10

In Other Words

Acknowledge: your need

—as a sinner (Romans 3:23, II Cor. 5:14-15)

Accept: His work on the Cross —to be your Savior

Confess: your acceptance of His lordship over you.

Live for Him: with your new life!

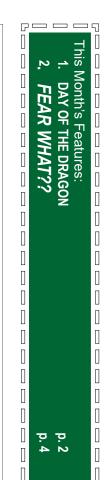
For the scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed."

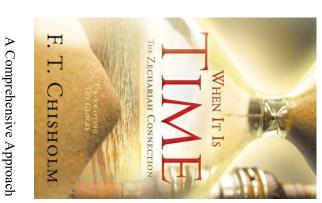
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