

81. The Book of Revelation—18:1-3

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In Chapters 17–18 we are brought face to face with two Babylons. The Babylon of Chapter 17 is a *religious/ecclesiastical Babylon*—and the Babylon of Chapter 18 is *commercial/political* entity called Babylon.

From its inception, Babylon has been both a city and a false religious system that grew out of that city—think Tower of Babel.

Many commentators believe that these two Babylons are one in the same—but I don't believe that the commercial Babylon (Chapter 18) will occupy the same city that religious Babylon (Chapter 17) will occupy.

The Babylon of Revelation 18 will be the commercial capital of the world during the reign of the Antichrist. Many believe it will literally be the ancient city of Babylon rebuilt in modern Iraq. Others believe it will only be called 'Babylon' in the metaphorical sense but could actually be a reference to New York City or London or Brussels—or some other world class commercial city.

Whatever the city and wherever it stands—it will be the capital of the Antichrist's political power as well as the center of capitalism and commerce during the Tribulation Period.

Revelation 18:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. ² And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! ³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

The word for '**merchants**' does not mean those who '*produce or manufacture goods*'. It literally means "*those who travel*" and is a reference to the uber-rich who are '*brokers*' and who travel the world and deal in volume. In other words, large corporations that have a global footprint and make lots of money engaging in business for big profit.

This is God's judgment on big business and corrupt global capitalism.

I have nothing against big corporations or capitalism—but when *big corporations* partner with *big governments* (the '**kings**' in verse 3 represent governments)—the result is big corruption! This would include American corporations that partner with Communist China which uses slave labor to produce the goods of big corporations at a fraction of what they would have to pay American workers to produce them.

So again, I believe that what's in view here is the unholy alliance of government and big business leading to corrupt capitalism and human atrocities for the sake of profit. God is going to judge those elites, the uber-rich who run global corporations, who often think they are *gods* who have authority over the lives of people to treat them as slaves to be taken advantage of—especially the poor who can't stand against them.

I believe the final global one-world government and its economy will be *communistic* for the poor and exceedingly *materialistic* for the rich. In other words, it will contain only 2 classes—the rich and the poor (the middleclass will be gone).

The question is—how will the Antichrist enact his one-world government that will totally restructure the world’s national economies into one central bank controlling all buying and selling with a mark (Revelation 13:16-18)?

I believe the answer will be, at least in part—**The Great Reset**.

Just last week (May 23-26) the world’s ‘movers and shakers’—the super-rich met in Davos, Switzerland for the annual ‘*World Economic Forum*.’

In this meeting founder and executive chairman of the WEF Professor Klaus Schwab said that “*Davos 2022 is ready to save the world*”—talk about a god-complex!

Well, to quote the immortal words of John McClane—“*You’re a little late to the party pal*”—Someone has already saved the world—and His name is Jesus Christ!

The WEF is made up of leaders of the free world, corporate leaders of the biggest companies in the world along with many of the world’s super-rich like Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg just to name a few.

These people all have a ‘god-complex’ in that they think they and they alone can save the planet while restructuring humanity and the world’s economy so that they can bring utopia to the earth.

This is exactly what the Bible predicts will happen—

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NLT2)

¹ Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don’t really need to write you. ² For you know quite well that the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. ³ When people are saying, “Everything is peaceful and secure,” then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman’s labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.

➤ *The question is—how do they plan to do this?*

Well, they’re already doing it thru what they call ‘The Great Reset.’

Christian author and speaker Charlie Kirk said—

“How do we reset something if it’s not broken? First you have to break it. So before you bring in a reset you have to smash it into a million pieces. And we have just lived the last 2 years of them smashing our civilization into a million pieces. Lock everything down. Put masks on kids. Don’t allow them to develop linguistic skills. Vaccine mandates. Destroy small businesses. Erode the currency. Create 80% of all dollar bills in circulation in the last 2 years. And then, all of these other seemingly out of reach goals all of a sudden come right into view (i.e., “becomes attainable”).”

Who are these people?

Well, they are globalists—people that don’t believe in sovereign nations and borders primarily, because controlling the whole planet thru one global government is a lot easier than trying to control a world of independent nations.

That's why they want to unite the world into a single global entity—a one-world government where a handful of elites will control everything from what you buy to where you go, to what you are allowed to watch, listen to and say.

In other words, these people see themselves as gods, they believe themselves to be gods—because they don't believe in the God of the Bible. Because they believe they are gods, they believe they have the right, the brilliance and the moral virtue to bring about, thru social engineering, coercion and brute force—a world made in their own image—a world the way they think it should be—a world where they are in charge.

Their vision is a world without borders, a world where planet earth will be worshipped with a green agenda (of course they will still own their big mansions and cars and fly on their private jets—but not the 'little people'). You see, in their world human beings are basically irrelevant and expendable—simply 'cogs' in the global machinery to help bring about a desired end.

In the eyes of these global elites, human beings are nothing more than 'human tools' to be used and discarded when they outlive their usefulness to the planetary 'collective.'

You also need to understand that many of these elites believe that the population of the world should not exceed 500 million or else the earth will die. So, many are proponents of global depopulation as a means of saving the planet.

Folks, these people and their followers are nothing more than a global demonic 'death-cult' whose dream of global depopulation is already underway (think: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, war, famine, and diseases thru the use of global pandemics like COVID).

Biblically speaking, their system will eventually be handed over to a final world leader who will take over what they have begun and bring it to fruition when he appears on the world scene.

Remember, as we have been studying in the Book of Revelation the final world empire will be a confederation of 10 nations or regions each having a king over them. These will at one point turn control of this final world empire over to the leader we know as the Antichrist.

Revelation 13 tells us that this man, this leader will organize a 'reboot' or a 'reset' of the world's economies putting the world under a system where no one will be able to buy or sell without a number on their forehead or right hand—a system that could very well be brought about in part by The Great Reset.

Although, it could be that The Great Reset will *precede* the Antichrist's rise to power and lay the groundwork for bringing him to power as the leader of these 10 regions that will make up his global government.

Look, I'm not saying that The Great Reset will be the only factor that will usher in the final world empire under the Antichrist. There might very well be other determining factors like: nuclear war, a total collapse of the global banking system or some other global catastrophe or catastrophes that will lead to The Great Reset—or will be concurrent with it.

But make no mistake about it—the Great Global Reset will give rise to the mark of the beast where no one will be able to buy or sell except with this mark on their forehead or right hand. This will be a system that will be used by the Antichrist to control the people of the world by controlling the world's currency—which will no doubt be a digital currency.

When the Antichrist comes on the world scene and brings the world together in a global government—he will also create a central global economic system which will be linked to mark of the beast.

The Antichrist's global economy will not be controlled by the banks—but by his government.

This will be a system much like the one that communist China has incorporated—and one that our leaders are working to enact in our country. A centralized governmental financial system where the government not only tracks our every purchase but also controls the flow of all money and how it is spent.

This system will not be based on the digital currency and electronic banking that we are all used to right now.

People think the system that the Antichrist is going to enact will be just like their electronic banking is now (no big deal)—a debit or ATM card linked to their bank account—WRONG.

The Antichrist's coming system will be much like the one our government is actively working to create right now thru the Federal Reserve based on something called "*FedCoins*."

This will be a system that I believe will eventually be 'absorbed' into the one-world government of Antichrist along with the other nations of the world that are enacting this kind of system in their own countries.

I can just hear the Feds enthusiastically promoting this system to its citizens (all Americans)— "*Just download the app onto your phone and the Federal Government will deposit the FedCoins into your account.*" (*O how convenient!*)

Now this means that not only will the Federal Government be able to track *what* you buy and *where* or from *whom* you bought it and *how much* you spent on it—they'll have the power to authorize or reject each of your purchases as well (no more gun sales or financially supporting candidates they don't like).

This will be a system where the government issues every person a number and without that number you won't be able to buy or sell anything without their approval—sound familiar? Every transaction you make will go thru the Federal Reserve, which if it approves the transaction, will pay the store or restaurant or whatever seller (private, retail or commercial) the purchase price of the merchandise in FedCoins.

This means every purchase you make will be recorded on the Federal Reserve's Ledger for your account. When this system is finally enacted cash will be done away with (it will be worthless and obsolete). Using or even owning gold will be illegal (probably confiscated by the government—as FDR confiscated gold back in April of 1933).

Under this new financial system, the Federal Government would also be in control of all borrowing and lending—in other words, the flow of credit and who gets that credit. This will be based on your '*social score*'—the system that China uses to punish and reward those who support the Chinese government or are dissidents against it.

So, depending on a person's politics the government would assign them a "social score" (where "10" would maybe be the highest) and based on your social score (your politics) that would determine who would be first in line for credit to get a house loan, a car loan, a business loan, a student loan etc.

In this system the government will reward and punish people based on their politics and whether or not they were in line with the government's goals and objectives (no doubt Trump supporters would be at the bottom of the list for loans).

This will be a system where political allies are rewarded, and enemies are punished. I believe that this is the same system that the Antichrist will enact (or take over) when he rises to power, and may all be tied to the “Great Reset” (global communist takeover plan) which I believe the Antichrist could very well enact to launch his new global government.

By the way—the Pope is working hand in hand with other world leaders to bring about a great reset in the church as well as in the governments of the world.

In an article that appeared in the Washington Times recently, entitled—“Pope Francis hops aboard chilling, globalist ‘Great Reset’ WEF wagon”:

“Pope Francis, in remarks in the Apostolic Palace, said the coronavirus has provided the perfect opportunity for economies of the world to reimagine markets and push businesses to put social justice, rather than profits, at the core of their pursuits. In layman’s terms—he’s calling for an end to capitalism and a worldwide implementation of socialism. He’s just picked up the World Economic Forum’s socialist-collectivist “Great Reset” playbook and moved it just a little bit more down the road.”

Pastor Jack Hibbs—“The last 2 years have been the ‘great setup’ to condition the people of the world for the ‘great reset.’”

Christian author and speaker Charlie Kirk said—

“The elites at Davos, those who are working to bring about the new-world order have 8 goals they want to enact by 2030—and they have said that COVID will be the means that will help get this done (Glenn Beck said in his book The Great Reset that COVID helped them to see what they are planning is more possible than they had hoped but that ‘climate change’ will be the real tool they will use to bring their goals about):

- 1. You’ll own nothing and you’ll be happy (by 2030)*
- 2. The US won’t be the world’s superpower*
- 3. You won’t die waiting for an organ donor*
- 4. You’ll eat less meat*
- 5. A billion people will be displaced by climate change*
- 6. You could be preparing to go to Mars*
- 7. Western values will have been tested to their breaking point*
- 8. Fossil fuels will be obsolete*

Glenn Beck in his book on The Great Reset said this—

“The Great Reset is a proposal that is breathtaking in its scope. Its backers support altering nearly every part of society, from the cars we drive, to the food we eat, to the news reports we watch on television. Its core foundation was shaped almost entirely by a small extremely wealthy and well-connected group of people, one that includes highly influential business leader’s, environmentalists, government officials and bankers. The goals of The Great Reset are both shocking and wildly ambitious: to transform the global economy, eliminate free markets, impose a new, more easily controllable and malleable economic system, and change the way people think about private property and corporations. The reset part of The Great Reset is an illusion to pushing the reset button on the global economy—and boy do they want to push that sucker hard. Who is behind this radical plan? In early June of 2020 the World Economic Forum (a large nonprofit based in Switzerland) held a virtual meeting featuring many of the most powerful people on the face of the planet. The purpose of the meeting was to launch a new campaign for The Great Reset of the global economy using the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change as justification for their proposed reforms to society.

The Great Reset is really not about helping the poor or saving the planet. It’s about making the rich richer and expanding the power of the ruling class—goals that many elites have shared across cultures, historical eras, and geographies.”

One of the main impediments to the globalists takeover of the planet and establishing the new-world order is— America.

We'll pick up on this further next week!

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