

NATIONS IN TROUBLE

“The Lord was grieved in heart” (Gen. 6:6b). That was not the fact that He didn’t know the outcome of His creation; that was not the case of surprise. But it was the case of men’s evil heart and intension continually. The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually, and the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth and He was grieved in heart. So, the Lord said, “I will destroy blot out and wipe away mankind, whom I have and created from the face of the earth- not only man, [but] the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air- for it grieves Me and makes Me regretful that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Gen. 6). YAHSHUA declared in His prophetic utterance, saying, “And as it was in the days of Noah, so, will it be in the time of the Son of Man. [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Ao also as it was in the days of Lot, [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all. That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.” (Luke 17: 26-30).

Nations are in big trouble today. Men have forgotten God as the Creator and have taken the time to worship their electronic gadgets every minute of the day. They are even marrying robots, AI and whatever pleases them. For certain YAHSHUA confirmed an end to the world’s evil when He comes to judge it. The early pains of the tribulation have begun, but many are too busy with the affairs of the world to notice it. By the time they will notice, it will be too late, when they will be under the control of the surveillance state. What does it mean for all of us? It means that every word, every action, people’s faces, everywhere we are via telephone and business transactions already have been recorded. As it is now, We are under the control of the surveillance state.

John Whitehead, founder of the Rutherford Institute, is an attorney and author who has written, debated and practiced widely in the area of constitutional law, human rights and popular culture. He has observed the following:

“The surveillance state reached a new level of sophistication and reach. Government agencies consolidated financial records, biometric identifiers, communications metadata, travel histories, and online behavior into centralized intelligence systems, often facilitated by private contractors. Artificial intelligence tools generated risk scores and predictive profiles, flagging individuals not for crimes committed, but for behaviors, associations, and speech deemed suspicious.”

Some refer to this as a digital prison. At first, it seems to be a convenient way to do business. People gladly accepted their ideas. However, this has been a trap and the masses have fallen into their deceitful plan of control. This is a prelude of what it is to come, when the antichrist takes charge with his ultimate control of people by forcing them to take his mark. We live in a dangerous season, but with a chance to make a wise decision not to follow their ideas, but that

of our Lord, Who warned us. He said, There is no escape as He warned His disciples saying, "Keep awake then and watch at all times, praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (rapture) (Luke 21:36). This is the introduction of what it is coming under the control of Satan through the antichrist. There will be no escape, without YAHSHUA'S redemption. Everyone will be compelled to be marked with an (his) inscription on their right hand or on their foreheads, so that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp the name of the beast or the number of his name (Rev. 13:16). Once a person takes the mark, he will be indwelt by Satan and controlled by him. The person loses his personality; can't think for himself. There will be no choice in the matter. One either take his mark, or will be beheaded. John saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes for their witnessing to YAHSHUA and for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. **They lived again and ruled with Christ for a thousand years (Rev. 20:4b).**

Seven years of tribulation will come with much suffering and torments. You will be able to buy and sell only if you take the mark of the beast, resulting in eternity in hell with Satan. On the contrary, if you reject the mark, you will be rewarded heaven with our Lord and Savior forever and ever as soon as they kill you. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Ps. 116:15). As a matter of fact, YAHSHUA promised to the repentant thief on the cross, "Today, you will be with me in paradise," when he asked YAHSHUA, "Lord, remember me when You come in Your kingly glory!" (Luke 23:42-43). The Apostle Paul confirms, "Yes, we have confident and hopeful courage and are pleased rather to be away from home out of the body and be at home with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8).

YAHSHUA commended us "to keep awake, watch at all times, praying that we may have full strength to be worthy to escape all these things, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man. For the Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will vanish with a thunderous crash, and the elements [of the universe] will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up... So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him without spot or blemish and at peace" (II Peter 3:10,14). The future for this world looks dark and hopeless. The Prophet Isaiah, many years ago, wrote a mini-Revelation in chapter 24 of his prophetic book. It reads, *Behold, the Lord will make the land and the earth empty and make it waste and turn it upside down and scatter abroad its inhabitants. The land and the earth shall be utterly laid waste and utterly pillaged; for the Lord has said this... The earth is utterly broken, the earth is rent asunder, the earth is shaken violently. And the day of the Lord will visit and punish the host of the high ones on high and the kings of the earth on the earth. (Isa. 24).* What do people think when they read this warning? When it came from the mouth of God Himself through His prophets. His words are infallible, powerful and predictable. YAHSHUA said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

In our days with all the warnings looming above our heads, people seem aloof to them and try to live a normal live as if nothing were happening, for they depend on the major news networks

which don't connect to the Bible prophetic utterances, because they do not know about it, or do not believe it. "Just as it was in the days of Noah" people heard the warnings of the judgment coming, but nothing moved them to change their ways. The Bible says: "As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah went into the ark and they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them away- so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (Matt. 24:37-39). YAHSHUA warned us of the coming judgment many years ago and gave us a clue to guide us about the signs that would point to the day of judgment. God, in His mercy, has always warned men about judgment before it fell on them. We have been warned about that day and are found without excuses before God. famines, wars, earthquakes in places after place, persecutions will confirm the signs, although the earth has not experienced those, to the extent it will come under the judgment of God.

Look around, my friend and perceive that the changes happening in the world now is in preparation for a dark future, if you do not know the Savior, YAHSHUA. But if you know Him, rejoice for your redemption is very near. The signs confirm His Word. We should be awaiting and looking for the blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Messiah YAHSHUA. (Titus 1:13).

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