

Aftershock, Antichrist, Ariel, and Habakkuk

The world is marching into madness, with controversy over Israel at the center. Economic riptides, global fiscal whirlpools, political intrigues, plotting and subversion, set the stage for final global catastrophe and devastation. The Antichrist system is here now, and the Antichrist himself is rising up to the fore. How much longer? What should we do? What does the future hold for society and the world?

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The apostle John wrote, almost 2,000 years ago, “Little children, as you have heard the *antichrist* is coming. Even now many antichrists have already come by which we know it is the last hour” (I John 2:18). John was writing this under the divine inspiration of God, as is the entire Bible. His words were not only written for the first century, but his words were meant above all for us today who are truly living in the last hour.

We truly need to be reminded of these things. Ponder, pray and meditate about these things.

John went on, “Some went out from among us, but were not truly of us, for if they had been they would have continued with us [endured and remained in God’s church body]. But they left that they might be made manifest”—that we might recognize them for what they really are---heretics, idolatrous, proud individuals.

John continues, “No lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? Whoever denies the Father and the Son is antichrist’ (I John 2:21-22). The word “anti” means “against” or “in the place of” Christ.

Many Antichrists

In the days after the flood Nimrod, a black man, a son of Cush, who was a grandson of Noah, was the “antichrist” of that generation and led the whole world into apostasy what was called the “Babylonian mystery” system. Ironically the name Nimrod comes from a Hebrew root word *marad* meaning “he rebelled” or “rebel”. In these last

days, a final world-ruling “antichrist” is going to rise up and set himself up in the place of Christ and even claim to be the Messiah, the anointed One of God.

Antichrist teaches the opposite of the truth of God. President Obama has designated the month of June as gay pride month to honor homosexuals. God says He will not be mocked. It is interesting that the Secret Service code name for President Obama is *renegade*. Renegade means “rebel” or “one who rebels.”

Will you be taken in, and deceived, by the end-time “Antichrist” and his apologists, propagandists, and spokesmen? The apostle Paul warned, speaking of our days, the Day of the coming of the true Christ, or Messiah, will not come “unless the FALLING AWAY [APOSTASY] comes first, and the man of sin [lawlessness] is revealed, the son of perdition” – the Antichrist (II Thess.2:3).

Paul talks about the insidious, undercover plot to seize control of the world, in our days, by a “shadow government” working behind the scene. He says, “For the mystery of lawlessness is ALREADY at work” (v.7)); “only He who now restrains will do so until He [or, “he,” margin] is taken out of the way. And then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming” (v.7-8).

Paul warns that his coming will be “with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous DECEPTION among those who perish, because they did not receive the *LOVE OF THE TRUTH*, that they might be saved [spared, protected]” (v.9-10).

The deception of this oncoming, world political and religious system will be so powerful and strong that, Christ Himself warned, “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to DECEIVE, *if possible*, even the elect” (Matt.24:24).

Says the apostle Paul, “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (I Cor.10:12). In other words, for truth stand tall, lest you completely fall! Remember Humpty Dumpty who sat on a wall, who had a great fall, and all the king’s horses and all the king’s men, couldn’t put poor Humpty together again!

End Time Deception

Jesus Christ speaks of what the times will be like before His second coming. There are things that we need to watch out for in the meantime, so that we will not become distracted, lose our focus, and become confused or perish. He warned, “Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error]. For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray” (Matt.24:4-5, Amplified Parallel Bible).

In other words, we should take every precaution, so that no one deceives us – no one. Many deceivers will rise up in the last days, most notably, the “Antichrist,” who

will claim that he is “God’s chosen one,” the “Anointed One,” the “Messiah” who will save the world – even while he plots its utter destruction and annihilation of all his enemies and those who do not bow before him and obey his dictates and orders!

Could you fall for such a man?

Some preach a fiction of a pre-tribulation rapture, some will claim the Law of God is done away, that the weekly Sabbath and annual festivals (Sabbaths) are not commanded today, that tithes and offerings are optional, and there is no “true calendar” or it doesn’t matter what calendar one uses.

The signs that we are living in the end times are all around us!

Economic Signs

Today’s chronic unemployment is worse than during the Great Depression. The US Government has \$61.6 trillion in unfunded obligations which amounts to \$534,000 per household. The U.S. debt default could cause global panic/and usher in a new economic order.

Why would any nation continue to spend without restraint while carrying the burden of such massive debt? Said Yeshua, “for nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place: all this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish]” (Matt.24:7-8).

The birth pangs have arrived!

Says The Economic Collapse Blog.com, June 5, 2011, “So many economists and financial pundits seem absolutely shocked that the U.S. economy is slowing down again. It is as if this latest wave of bad economic data has caught them completely by surprise. Now, in the mainstream media we are seeing all kinds of headlines declaring that the U.S. economy is headed for disaster. But anyone with half a brain could have seen this coming. This year alone, we have seen the worst tsunami in Japanese history, the worst U.S. tornado season in recent memory and the worst Mississippi River flooding in decades. In addition, chaos in the Middle East has pushed the price of oil up to very high levels. Of course all of those things were going to have an effect on the economy. In addition, all of the **long-term trends** that have been destroying the U.S. economy for decades have not been taking a breather. In fact, the truth is that all of our long-term economic problems have been accelerating. So yes, the sky is falling, it is time to panic and the U.S. economy really has fallen and it really can't get up. It is just that everyone in the mainstream media seems to have believed that Ben Bernanke and Barack Obama would just sprinkle a bunch of fairy dust on the economy and everything would just magically get better. Well, in the real world things simply do not work that way.”

Despite an unprecedented debt binge by the federal government and nightmarish money printing by the Federal Reserve, the economic downturn continues to drag on.” (June 5,

2011, “The Sky Is Falling, It Is Time to Panic And The U.S. Economy Has Fallen And It Can’t Get Up”).

The economic signs indicate we are very close to another 2008 economic meltdown, only this one could be worse – much worse.

Says the Economic Collapse Blog, “What we are now witnessing is the slow motion unraveling of America. Our economy is dying, the American people have lost faith in the government and in almost all of our other major institutions, and our society is collapsing. Most Americans don't understand why all of this is happening, but most of them do realize that something has fundamentally changed. Earlier this year, McDonald's held a "National Hiring Day" and a million Americans showed up to apply for jobs. Only 62,000 of them were hired. That means only 6.2% of the applicants got jobs. So what are we supposed to tell the 93.8% that didn't get hired? Are they supposed to have any hope for the future when they can't even get a minimum wage job at McDonald's? When I was a teenager, I went over to McDonald's one day, filled out an application and was instantly hired. My, how things have changed. Now we have millions upon millions of young people that are staring directly into a very bleak future. The level of frustration in this country is rising to frightening levels and large numbers of people are already showing that they will stoop to *anything* in order to survive.

“In a recent article entitled "**18 Signs The Collapse Of Society Is Accelerating**" I focused primarily on the chaos that has been erupting in many of our urban areas. But the truth is that, as you will see below, there are signs that society is collapsing coming out of very rural areas as well. This phenomenon cannot just be pinned down to one area of the country or to one group of people. From coast to coast people are already starting to lose it and the economic collapse has only just begun.

“The cold, hard reality of the matter is that what we are experiencing right now is rip-roaring prosperity compared to what is coming down the road.

“So if people will behave this wildly now, what is our society going to look like someday when there are millions of Americans that have not had anything to eat for several days?”

We are seeing the Greatest Wealth Robbery by today’s Banksters and Robber Barrons of Wall Street and the international corporations, in league with Big Government, and Big Labor, to disenfranchise the middle and low income Americans, British, and people around the globe, as the super elite get richer and pad their own pockets, while the rest of mankind enters an end-time slavery feudal system of desperation, depression and despair.

Says Jim Rogers, well known investment guru, “Staggering debts and loose monetary policy is going to send the United States into a financial crisis worse than the one in 2008.”

“The debts that are in this country are skyrocketing,” Rogers tells CNBC, adding “in the last three years the government has spent staggering amounts of money, and the Federal Reserve is taking on staggering amounts of debt.

“When the problems arise next time...what are they going to do? They can't quadruple the debt again. They cannot print that much more money. It's gonna be worse the next time around.”

‘Aftershocks’

Our economy mirrors a chain of events like the aftershocks that occur for weeks after an initial earthquake. There have been four economics aftershocks –the stock bubble...the housing bubble...the consumer-spending bubble...and the private debt bubble. Each one acted as the equivalent of an economic earthquake--leveling banks, destroying jobs, and wiping out the savings of millions of Americans.

“We have been taken literally to the brink – because we had no time to recover between the earthquakes. The danger has not dissipated, and the damage has not been repaired. It has only been covered up with a patchwork of stimulus programs and bailouts. Says Newmax, “The apparent rebirth of Wall Street and the recovery CNN is talking about will be exposed as a sham (a fake) and something that never was. And when the aftershock comes, the consequences will be disastrous. Why is the media ignoring this upcoming threat? Why is no one telling you about it?”

The media don't seem to even know its coming! Says Newsmax, “This was not an overnight catastrophe. The wheels for this multi-bubble breakdown were set in motion decades ago. Instead of fixing the underlying issues, one politician after another piled more debt, more foreign borrowing, and more ridiculous spending on the worn-down shoulders of our nation. Capitol Hill could have stepped in at any moment and put a halt to this madness. But that would've been career suicide for these elected officials. Too many operate only on four-year windows, creating policies only to get elected—regardless of long-term consequences.”

This shortsightedness led us to witnessing four bursting bubbles: real estate, stock market, personal debt, and consumer spending.

A new book entitled *Aftershock* by authors Robert A. Wiedemer, David Wiedemer, PhD and Cindy Spitzer say that “Bubble #5” is coming---the *complete death of the dollar in 2011-2013*.

Imagine the aftermath if the dollar falls off a cliff: Basic necessities would wild in cost, cheap becomes unaffordable, the triple double-digit inflation nightmare, the most crippling tax you've never heard of, and the end of the American monetary system and the forced creation of a one-world currency.

Bubble #6—“*Sorry, Washington! Your credit card has been declined!*” This back-breaking juggernaut, arriving in 2013, would bring about the greatest crisis in the history of America, with repercussions around the globe What happens when China, Japan, and other nations “pull the plug” on American debt? What happens when they stop taking the American dollar?

If our dollar loses all of its value, what incentive is there for the rest of the world to continue giving us bad loans? We already receive two billion dollars a day in foreign “welfare” checks. Our debt is more than 14 trillion dollars and on its way to 16 trillion. Our government only takes in 2.5 trillion dollars. We are spending much more than our income.

Foreign nations have been carrying the burden and lending us the money. If they stop sending the money, one humongous collapse would immediately occur. The biggest bubble of all would burst!

There is no way to pay off our international creditors. At some point we will max out our “credit” limit. These authors paint a grim picture of what would happen once the rest of the world cancels our credit card. *Aftershock* is a shocking, frightening survey of the dangers and perils ahead for our fragile economy.

Mega-Disasters

Meanwhile, “**OSLO, Norway** — About 42 million people were forced to flee their homes because of natural disasters around the world in 2010, more than double the number during the previous year, experts said Monday. One reason for the increase in the figure could be climate change, and the international community should be doing more to contain it, the experts said.

“The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre said the increase from 17 million displaced people in 2009 was mainly due to the impact of ‘*mega-disasters*’ such as the massive floods in China and Pakistan and the earthquakes in Chile and Haiti. It said more than 90 percent of the disaster displacements were caused by weather-related hazards such as floods and storms that were probably impacted by global warming, but it couldn’t say to what extent. “The intensity and frequency of extreme weather events is increasing, and this trend is only set to continue. With all probability, the number of those affected and displaced will rise as human-induced climate change comes into full force,” said Elisabeth Rasmusson, the secretary general of the Norwegian Refugee Council. The monitoring center and refugee council presented the report at an international conference about climate change and displacement in Oslo.

“The number of people displaced last year – about 42 million – is roughly the size of Argentina’s entire population, and the onslaught of natural disasters so far this year also has been grim. The March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan left more than 10,000 people dead, some 17,500 missing and about a half-million homeless. In the United States, tornadoes have wreaked havoc from Alabama to Massachusetts, while floods have inundated states from Montana to Louisiana. In the southwest Missouri city of Joplin, the U.S.’s deadliest tornado in six decades killed at least 141 people and destroyed more than 8,000 homes in a city of about 50,000 people. ‘There is increasing evidence to suggest that natural disasters are growing in frequency and intensity and that this is linked to the longer-term process of climate change,’ Guterres said.

“Asia was the hardest hit region last year, with the largest number of displaced people seen in countries such as India, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia, China and Pakistan.

“In China alone, more than 15 million people were forced to leave their homes following floods, while 11 million people were displaced in Pakistan, the report said. The large floods in India in 2009 also continued to force people to leave their homes in 2010.

“ ‘This report provides us with evidence of the extent and urgency of the problem that we cannot ignore. We must increase collaborative efforts to prevent displacement by natural disasters, and do a better job of protecting those displaced,’ Rasmusson said” (Huffington Post, June 11, 2011).

The world is entering into a time of sorrows, woe, and travail, globally. Rebellion against the laws and commandments of God is bringing on a heavy price. Men sow the wind and reap the whirlwind!

Why are disasters coming rapidly upon the world? Could it be because the world has turned against Israel, the apple of His eye, and anti-Semitism is rapidly escalating around the globe? Could it be that the push to drive Israel into a small corner, or even destroy her, is having unforeseen consequences – unexpected results?

The Middle East Quagmire

The next “end time sign” that the apocalypse is rapidly approaching is Obama’s policy toward Israel and the Muslim nations. As he bows before the Saudi king, and makes love to the Muslim nations, and turns his back on America’s oldest friend in the Middle East, there will be “hell” to pay as God Himself turns His back on the United States and the rest of the world for ignoring and worsening the plight of Israel, God’s chosen people.

Could President Obama complete his betrayal of Israel by supporting the United Nations’ declaration of a Palestinian State? Such a nightmare betrayal is not out of the question but is very likely, as worldwide pressure increases to force the state of Israel to willingly retreat to its indefensible pre-1967 borders.

Palestinian leadership is seriously considering a concrete plan to seek membership in the UN. In July the Palestinians would ask the Security Council to recommend a seat for their new nation (even though they have no new nation yet). They lay claim to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, but there are a lot of arguments going on at this time about what the boundaries and borders will be.

Palestine demands that the Jews return to the pre 1967 borders which would leave Israel totally defenseless and a narrow 17 miles across at the waist! Barack Obama keeps on saying that the U.S. will veto the request, and all the experts seem to agree. Except Gabriela Shalev, who may have more claims to expertise than most. She was Israel’s ambassador to the UN from 2008 to 2010. A few weeks ago she told a committee of the

Knesset, Israel's parliament, that the U.S. is not interested in vetoing the UN's recognition of a Palestinian state.

Since modern day Israel was created in May 1948, American Jews and Christian have agreed on one very serious matter; America had a religious commitment to tiny Israel and must support her at all costs. American Jews were especially vexed over reports that Barack Obama might be a closet Muslim and therefore, might not support Israel during a time of life-and -death struggle. Shalev said she "would not be surprised if Obama instructs...America's Ambassador to the U.N., Susan Rice, to hold back on the veto weapon this time. By Shalev's count, the Palestinians have already succeeded in recruiting nine members of the Security Council – the number necessary for recommending to the General Assembly to accept a new member state to the U.N. The Americans, adds Shalev, are not eager to use their veto and to take comfort from the isolation in Israel's arms."

If President Obama joins the International Community in attempting to force Israel to withdraw to her indefensible pre-1967 borders, God's judgment will surely fall upon our nation like a sword from Heaven.

The plan to divide Israel can be traced back to the Oslo Accords of 1992-1993, when President Clinton brokered a signing of this horrific plan to divide Israel between Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and Palestinian terrorist leader, Yasser Arafat. Since then, the Bush administration tried to push forward the plan, and engaged the Jews to pull out of the Gaza Strip. Now it appears the "final shove" is coming from President Obama as he tries to play to world opinion and the Muslim world.

President Obama has recently told Prime Minister Netanyahu Israel must retreat to the pre-1967 borders. – which means that Israel will have to give up the Golan Heights overlooking the sea of Galilee which protects upper northern Israel, give up the Jezreel Valley which lies between the Jordan River and comes within 17 miles of the Mediterranean Sea.

Worst of all they would have to give up the Israeli presence in the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount – holy ground. God wants the Jews to take over the Temple Mount and has told them to rebuild his Temple, not to withdraw from the Old City of Jerusalem..

Those who curse Israel and divide up the land among the nations; those who force Israel to give up their land for peace, God says he will deal with a strong curse.

This past year Japan has spent over 40 million dollars in building, supporting and preparing the Palestinian infrastructure in readiness for the headquarters of the state of Palestine in the proposed area. After this they were smashed by a devastating Tsunami that smashed their nuclear plants causing radioactive leakage worse than Chernobyl.

A massive F5 tornado tore through Joplin, Missouri, killing over a hundred souls and wreaking horrendous devastation – just a few days after Obama announced that Israel

must withdraw to its pre-1967 borders. Is God concerned about this pressure being brought against His people?

God Almighty thunders, “I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and DIVIDED UP MY LAND” (Joel 3:2).

“This Generation”

It is very Interesting how these dates (2011-2013) tie right in with the signs of the times and correlate with the last day’s generation. Jesus Christ the Messiah said, “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, THIS GENERATION shall certainly not pass away until all these things have happened” (Matt.24:32-34, NIV).

What did He mean by “this generation”” He is talking about the “fig tree.” The fig tree is a symbol of Israel! God says of Israel, When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the desert; when I saw your fathers, it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree” (Hosea 9:10).

Biblically speaking, “The days of our lives are seventy years” (Psalm 90:10). Thus a Biblical “generation” would be 70 years, from birth to death. Israel, God’s nation, was voted into existence by the United Nations in November 1947, and was “born” on May 14, 1948. A “generation” would be 70 years. Thus Israel’s first generation would end in 2017-2018 – just seven years from now! This may well mean we are entering the final seven years of this age, before the soon coming of Christ the Messiah!

The End-Time Beast

Revelation 13 tells us that the last 3 ½ years (42 months period) a great world-governing “Beast” power will rule the earth – an end-time empire composed of a Beast with seven heads (nations) with ten horns (military powers). This “beast” will reign over the earth for 3 ½ years or 42 months (Rev.13:5). It will be a great war-making power – like the union of the United States and the nations of Europe, called NATO.

This “beast” is not the United States by itself, but a conglomerate empire that will include the United States, Europe and Western Alliance. The “beast” or “king” over this empire will be ruling over the U.S. also, since it is a leading member of this conglomerate power. The U.S. will be one of those heads and/or one of those horns.

This “Beast” will reign until he is overthrown by Christ at His return (Rev.17:14). If we count 3 ½ years back from 2017-2018, we come to 2013-2014. If Christ returns around Passover, 2018, then 3 ½ years before that would be September/October 2014. If He returns in the fall of 2017, then the final countdown would begin about Passover 2013.

We don't know the exact day, year or hour of the Messiah's coming. It is a secret known only to God. However, we could say that the final demise of the power of the United States economically, and the loss of our freedoms, could be 2013-2014, when the "New World Order" rises up to replace the sovereign nations of this world, binding them together in one universal "empire" for several years, before it begins to break apart, and consume itself in a final orgy of war and mayhem. Read our booklet on "The Book of Revelation Decoded at Last," and "The Time of Jacob's Troubles – Are They Here Now?"

Chaos in the streets will lead to the imposition of a "New World Order." Add 3 ½ years to 2013 and we arrive at the year 2017. When America falls, the dollar fails and the government collapses ---that is the beginning of the final 3 ½ years of the "Great Tribulation" which precedes the coming of Christ, to save us from ourselves! Truly we are living in a very dangerous world.

Jeremiah's Warning

God looks upon our generation with great alarm and concern. He inspired Jeremiah the prophet to write, "This is what the LORD says: 'When men fall down, do they not get up?' When a man turns away, does he not return? Why then have these people turned away? They cling to deceit; they refuse to return. I have listened attentively but they do not say what is right. No one repents of his wickedness, saying, 'What have I done?' Each pursues his own course, like a horse charging into battle" (Jeremiah 8:4-6).

God declares, "From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace', they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the LORD" (Jer.8:10-12).

God says of his people today, will they fall and not rise again? End-time Israel, including the "lost ten tribes," Ephraim-America and Great Britain-Manasseh, have backslidden and remain in a perpetual backsliding holding fast to deceit, refusing to return. Deception abounds everywhere, especially in monetary matters.

"I listen and heard that they do not speak right. No man repents of his wickedness—saying "WHAT HAVE I DONE?" (Jer.8:6).

The Prophecy of Ephraim

Isaiah also prophesies again modern Ephraim-America. He cries out, "Woe to the wreath, the pride of Ephraim's drunkards, to the fading flower his glorious beauty, set on the head of a fertile valley—to that city, the pride of those laid low by wine! See, the Lord has one who is powerful and strong. Like a hailstorm and a destructive wind, like a driving rain and a flooding downpour, he will throw it forcefully to the ground. That

wreath, the pride of Ephraim's drunkards, will be trampled underfoot" (Isaiah 28:1-3, NIV).

God goes on, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem [a type of our capital, Washington, D.C.]. You boast, 'We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.' So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled; your agreement with the grave will not stand. When the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, you will be beaten down by it. As often as it comes, it will carry you away; morning after morning, by day and by night, it will sweep through. The understanding of this message will bring sheer terror" (Isaiah 28:14-19).

Ariel, "Lion of God"

God also thunders, "Woe to you, Ariel, Ariel, the city where David settled! . . . Yet I will besiege Ariel; she will mourn and lament, she will be to me like an altar hearth. I will encamp against you all around; I will encircle you with towers and set up my siege works against you. Brought low, you will speak from the ground; your speech will mumble out of the dust" (Isaiah 29:1-4).

Ariel in Hebrew means "Lion of God." It is a "type" of Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel. But it is also a 'type' of the capital city of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) – like Washington, D.C. and London, England.

There may be several different meanings of this prophecy because one such place where king David visited, is Tara, in Ireland where a "Torah" school was founded, and where David ruled for 40 years. See our book *America and Great Britain: Our Identity Revealed!* Ariel is also a type of the leading city of the ten tribes. Today that could be New York or Washington, D.C., because the leading city of the lost ten tribes is in the United States, today.

When her punishment is complete, however, the Lord of Hosts will deliver His people, Ariel. He declares, "Moreover the multitude of your foes shall be like fine dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones like chaff that passes away; yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly. You will be punished by the LORD of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire." (Isa.29:5-6).

"Devouring fire" could well refer to nuclear strikes against them, raining down on their cities and fortifications. All the nations that fight against "Ariel" shall be punished "The multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel [Jerusalem], even all who fight

against her and her fortress, and distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams, and look—he eats; but he awakes, and his soul is still empty. . . . So the multitude of all the nations shall be who fight against mount Zion” (Isa.29:7-8).

But God says of His people, they won’t believe His prophecies. He exclaims, “Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with intoxicating drink. For the LORD has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets Therefore the Lord said; ‘Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and the fear toward Me is taught by the commandments of men, therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work and a wonder . . .’” (vs.9-14, NKJV).

The Prophecies of Habakkuk

The prophecies of the book of Habakkuk parallel a lot of Isaiah 29. The LORD says to Habakkuk, “look among the nations and watch—be utterly astounded! In your days I will work a work that you would not believe, even though you were told. I am raising up the Chaldeans, a bitter and hasty nation which marches through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and more fierce than evening wolves.” (Hab.1:5-8).

Who is this talking about? This is talking about the *New World Order*, the end-time world “beast” power! The term “Chaldeans” means “Babylonians”. The ancient Chaldean Empire was the Babylonian Empire.

In the “end of days,” it refers to the conglomerate “Beast” Empire of Revelation 13, which is referred to as “Babylon the great” in Revelation 17:5 and 18:2. It is also called “the daughter of Babylon” in Isaiah 47:1 as well as “daughter of the Chaldeans.” This is the World Empire that will cover the globe in the end of days.

The prophecy that Habakkuk saw was about the Day of the Lord, the end times. The Chaldeans are the new Babylonians and the New World Order. A very fundamental part of that New World Order is the United States of America. It is a mighty military nation which much of the world detests and abhors. The world looks upon America as a bitter and hateful people—a “cowboy nation” that is always waging war somewhere and trying to force its will upon other nations.

Today America is providing armaments and bombs to the British and French, our NATO allies now waging war on Libya. This is the beginning of the new Chaldean or Babylonian Empire, comprised, at this time, of NATO, America and our allies waging war around the world—most recently: Iraq, and Afghanistan , Libya and wherever else the “spirit” may lead.

Notice **verse 6**. God is raising up the Chaldeans (NWO) “a bitter and hasty nation which marches through the breadth of the earth to possess places that are not theirs. Their horses are swifter than leopards and are fiercer than the evening wolves.” How descriptive of our military!

Speaking of this New World Order, or “Babylon,” God says to Habakkuk, “They all come for violence; their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand. They scoff at kings and princes are scorned by them. They deride every stronghold” (Hab.1:9-10).

Habakkuk even describes the leader of end-time Babylon! Notice! He writes, “Behold the proud. His soul is not upright (desires not right) in him; but the just shall live by faith. Indeed, because he transgresses by wine, he is a proud (arrogant) man. He does not stay at home” (Hab.2:4-5).

Note: Wine here is also a type of drugs (mind intoxicating chemicals, like alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, etc.). “He enlarges his desire as hell, and he is like death, and cannot be satisfied. He gathers to himself all nations, and heaps up for himself all peoples” (v.5, latter part).

“Woe to him who increases what is not his—how long? And to him who loads himself with many pledges [vast indebtedness and borrowing from other nations]? Will not your creditors [among the nations] rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And YOU will become their booty, because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you” (Hab.2:6-8).

“Woe to him who covets evil gain for his houses that he may set his nest on high that he may be delivered from the power of disaster! You give shameful counsel to your house, cutting off many peoples, and sin against your soul. For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the timbers will answer it” (vs.9-11).

What is this “shameful counsel”? What kind of sin is “against your own soul” or body? Homosexuality! Is it any wonder that President Obama has made June the month of “Gay Pride”?

“Cutting off many peoples” means going to war at the drop of a hat, and invading nations where there is no real justification, nations which have not endangered us or attacked us. America never used to do this. Throughout our history, we never struck the first blow. But we fought back when we were attacked – the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish American War, the First World War, the Second World War, Korea, Vietnam . . . That is, up until the Iraq War, and the Afghanistan War, and the War being fought against Libya. Is this just the beginning?

“Woe to him that builds a town with bloodshed, who establishes a city by iniquity (crime)! Behold, it is not of the Lord of Hosts that the people labor to feed (fuel) the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity (pride/ uselessness; exhaust themselves for nothing).” (Hab.2:12-13).

The wars have just begun. The conquests have just begun. The suffering has just begun. The times of Jacob's troubles have just begun. The Great Tribulation is rapidly approaching and gaining momentum.

Time to Prepare

What can we do to prepare? Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah, said: "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a SNARE on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:34-36, NKJV).

"But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose; for it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth. Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (*Amplified Parallel Bible*).

Do the will of our Father which is in heaven with active and enduring faith. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles [schemings] of the devil" (Ephesians 6:10-11). "In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]. Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil" (*Amplified Parallel Bible*).

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph.5:15-18).

"Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolishly, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is, and do not get drunk with wine for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit" (Eph.5:15-18).

The night is rapidly approaching, The darkest night ever. But so is the dawning of a new glorious, triumphant Day!