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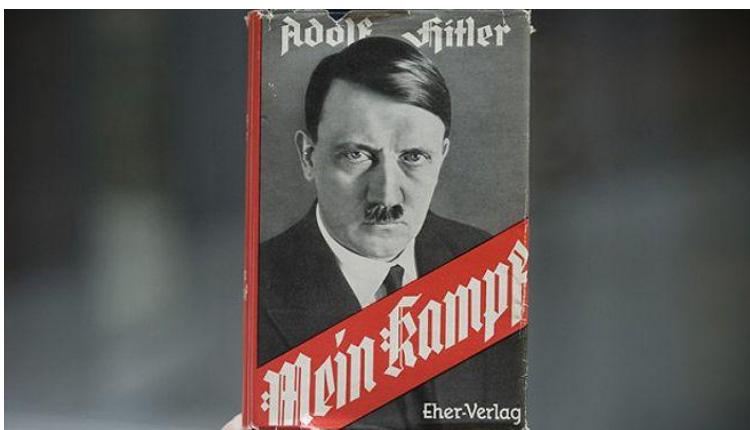
There are indications today that the rise of the Antichrist may not be far off. 2 Thessalonians 4:3-4 indicates that the removing of the Church at the Rapture must happen first, and then the "**man of sin**" will "**be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped.**" He will rise in popularity, resolve the conflicts between Israel and their enemies through ratification of a 7 year peace deal (Daniel 9:27). But his nature will be satanic and his character will be deceptive. He will cause many wars. The world systems will be shattered through his despotic and manipulative efforts to gain global domination. He will use the false church, and world religion, to manipulate the masses (Revelation 17:3f).

It stands to reason, therefore, that if his revealing is near that there would be indications of this in the growing hatred of the masses for the Jews, the one true God of the Bible, and for Christians who love Jesus Christ! Indeed, It appears that this growing hatred is revealing itself in many ways. One such way this hatred is showing itself is in the rising interest in a very old book: Mein Kampf (My Struggle) by Adolf Hitler. The following articles help us to see how rapidly growing numbers of people are developing a strong appetite for anti-Semitic propaganda such as Mein Kampf. This is from the spirit of the devil himself as it fosters hatred toward God's people, the Jews. A rise in anti-Semitism is predicted for the last days (Revelation 12:13-17).

Jewish Leaders Fear Online Surge of Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' Fuels New Wave of Hate

By Joshua Rhett Miller

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As Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" enjoys a disturbing second act as a wildly popular e-book, Jewish activists are appealing to publishers to mute Adolf Hitler's manifesto with annotations that put its hateful message into historical and humanitarian context.

Originally published in 1925, the 387-page anti-Semitic manifesto on the "Jewish peril"

and the Nazi ideology has become a bona fide online sensation, topping Amazon's Propaganda & Political Psychology section as of Thursday for just 99 cents. Elsewhere, two different versions ranked No.12 and No. 15, respectively, in the Politics & Current Events section of the iTunes bookstore as of

Wednesday. While such rankings in one of several categories does not make the book a true best-seller, they do indicate a spike in popularity.

But Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, thinks online sellers large and small should only sell annotated versions of the book since there's "no way for those who apply democratic rules and values to the Internet" to ban it outright.

"We know that the facts of life are that you cannot censor any idea from the Internet, it's simply impossible," Cooper told FoxNews.com. "But an annotated version is important for someone who doesn't know the context of the time and so that they're not reading pure genocidal hate."

"It adds fuel to the fire of hatred. It's shorthand for Jew hatred, and that makes it an automatic seller."

The glorification of Hitler, Cooper claims, is being seen among Muslims and Arabs in the Netherlands, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, Thailand, Japan, India and South Korea.

Cooper also noted that the German dictator's book — whose title means "My Struggle" and was written in a Bavarian prison prior to his ascent to power — was also distributed last year by North Korean ruler Kim Jong-Un to his top officials as a leadership skills manual. Kim reportedly handed out translations of the text during his birthday in January, according to a report by New Focus International, an online outlet operated by North Korean defectors.

"This in a regime already using gas chambers to experiment on and murder selected political prisoners and that is incarcerating as many as 200,000 citizens in inhuman forced-labor camps," Cooper and Brackman wrote.

"'Mein Kampf' hasn't made The New York Times nonfiction chart since its U.S. release in 1939, the same year Germany invaded Poland, and its print sales have fallen steadily ever since," Faraone wrote: "But with a flood of new e-book editions, Hitler's notorious memoir just clocked a banner digital year."

"Trying to curb Hitler's sales has proven a futile exercise worldwide," he wrote. "Since showing up in Asia 15 years ago, 'Mein Kampf' has sold in excess of 100,000 copies in India. In 2005, the debut of the first-ever Turkish translation sold 100,000 copies in the first two months. And now, with the e-book revolution in full swing, readers are downloading Hitler everywhere."

Has the United States Increased Iran's Power and Threat Over Israel?

I believe the answer is yes!

American diplomatic ineptitude sank to a new low with President Obama's and Secretary of State John Kerry's ardent, although naive, support for relaxing of sanctions against Iran. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani did not waste time boasting on Twitter of how the United States and other world powers effectively "surrendered" to Tehran through this new nuclear deal.

On Tuesday (1-13-14) Rouhani tweeted: "Our relationship w/ the world is based on Iranian nation's interests. In #Geneva agreement world powers surrendered to Iranian nation's will."

Many of us could not believe our eyes or ears when we saw and heard of Rouhani's bragging words. Yet, the President and diplomatic leadership of the United States have encouraged them to brag and have given them

plenty of reason to do so. This is all part of the clear indications that we are in the last days as a nation when America has come under such spiritual deception. We, as a nation are supporting the weakening of Israel by actually strengthening their enemies. Well Illustrated in the following article, is the reality of our building up Israel's enemies by not holding them accountable for their announced evil intentions of developing nuclear weapons to destroy Israel.

Analyst: US Abandoning Middle East, Leaving Iran in Charge

By David Lev

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Iran is set to become the “alpha dog” - the dominant power – in the Middle East, according to Fox News commentator Kathleen Troia “K.T.” McFarland, the network's National Security Analyst.

As the United States relaxes sanctions against Iran in the wake of the agreement Tehran signed with Western powers, in which it promised to somewhat limit its nuclear development program, Iran's economy has gotten a major boost – without a commitment by the country to stop its production of enriched uranium.

As a result, said McFarland, Iran gets to “dance at both weddings” - improving its economy with the removal of sanctions, and continuing its nuclear development program. This, in turn, enhances the image of Iran's hard line Islamist leaders among its people, and guarantees that they will be emboldened to demand more special treatment in the future, she said.

“The deal with the Persian nation makes it clear we are leaving the region, and leaving Iran in charge,” McFarland wrote. “Iran is now poised to become the Alpha Dog of the Middle East – the dominant economic, military and political power in the region that controls the world's exported oil. Thanks to the agreement struck by President Obama's hand-picked Secretary of State, John Kerry, it is doing so with America's blessing.”

With the extra money coming in from oil sales that will be resumed, she said, Iran's coffers will soon be plump enough to resume funding for terrorist groups throughout the region.” In addition, “Iran's nuclear program will continue and its neighbors will treat Iran as a de facto nuclear weapons state,” she wrote.

The Iran deal is just one of many foreign policy blunders by the White House, McFarland wrote, citing examples such as the opposition of President Obama to President Bush's Iraq war surge, which she said has led to a near-takeover of Iraq by militant Islamists.

“Here's my prediction,” she added ominously. “The agreement with Iran will be hailed as a breakthrough. But then, so was Neville Chamberlain's deal with Adolf Hitler in Munich....at least for a little while.



Iranian workers standing in front of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, AFP photo

These articles show conditions which are prevalent today and largely result from the reality of the rise of a very powerful philosophy and religion called **Leftism**. Unfortunately, American policy today reflects the Marxist mindsets of our leftist leaders, from the President on down. Leftism may also be understood as a political predisposition on the part of a political leader or party to seek to help the perceived "underdog" in

any given national or international circumstance. Leftism, however, as a movement is really a double edged sword of deception. On the one side, because of its inherent support of atheistic/evolutionary theory, it ignorantly denies human nature as being fallen and basically evil. And, on the other side, leftism is generally pre-disposed to assume that because America and Israel are powerful they are therefore the victimizers of other people, cultures or nations and thus must be stopped. Therefore, the leftist will tend to side with the enemies of Israel and America in the twisted logic that to oppose these free nations will help move the world in the direction of peace.

I believe that, in reality, **Leftism**, which is **Marxist, humanistic** and **atheistic** at its core, is setting the global stage for the rise of the Antichrist. Leftists are deluded by satanic powers which "*blind*" them as to the real consequences of their beliefs and actions (2 Corinthians 4:4). Instead of affirming America as a force for good in the world as well as working to further Israel's security, they, as leftists, are actually setting up for Israel's ultimate destruction, but in a way that will make it appear that their bad treatment by their enemies is deserved and all negative consequences they experience, are their fault. The leftist will continue to persecute either directly or indirectly America and Israel as heartless aggressor nations and cultures, and will guilt them into continually paying high prices both in diplomatic or financial capital to make amends for sins they actually did not even commit. To the leftist, Americas' and Israel's sins consist of not being more poor, not being more Islamic, not being more socialistic, and not being more self-loathing. Satan certainly has and is continuing to prepare for the coming of his "man of sin" through such movements as anti-Semitic, anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-West, and anti-Capitalistic Leftism.

Leftist politicians have the news media at their beck and call. No doubt, the Antichrist will have a mighty propaganda arm as well. After the Rapture of the Church, the masses will be looking for answers. Then will begin God's "**great delusion**," which He will send upon all those who will have willfully chosen to reject Jesus Christ and accept the Antichrist. (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12) Their doom will be permanently sealed as they will no doubt be the leaders of the Antichrist version of his "covenant people" who will make up a counterfeit church and religion against God's truth and God's people, Israel.

Adolf Hitler, who many thought was the Antichrist back in his day, may well have been a precursor to the prophesied future global dictator. It is not farfetched to believe that his book, Mein Kampf, is still well read, and growing in popularity among anti-Semitic readers, because of the powerful demonic spirit that empowered Hitler (and other anti-Semites like Stalin) is behind it. This demonic spirit, which hates God and His Word is helping to prepare the masses for the rise of the future "Führer," the "Beast" of Revelation 13. Leftism, truly a latter day anti-God and anti-Semitic religion, is helping to prepare for his rise.

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Can a Person still be Saved After Taking the Mark of the Beast?

There are a few well known Bible teachers today who are promoting the idea that during the Great Tribulation, those who take the Mark of the Beast will still be able to get saved after they do this. What is the answer from the Word of God? Can a person take the Mark of the Beast and still be saved? **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!**

After the Rapture of the Church, the Antichrist will be revealed as a world leader who will arrange for a seven year peace between Israel and their enemies. He will instigate a new system of government that will be global

in nature. The world, in general, will laud him as the Messiah, a New Age Man who will usher in a New World Order. Most will be delighted to get under his system of things. He will design and initiate economic reforms that people will gladly respond to. We are seeing evidence today, prior to the Rapture, of the preparation and development of the economic, religious and political system of the future Antichrist. We are already using this system in mass. Yet, participating inadvertently in this godless system is NOT the technical taking of his Mark!

The Mark of the Beast will be technically required at the mid-point of the Great Tribulation when the Antichrist is fully revealed to the world as the Beast (Matthew 24:15 and Revelation 13). He will "**cause all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark (666) in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**" This will be the time when the Antichrist will break his peace treaty with Israel. He will set himself up in the temple at the mid-point of the Tribulation and will claim to be God. He will demand worship. Many will not take this mark and will not hang around trying to "game the system" because it will not be possible to do so. They will have to go "off grid," to find shelter and provision in ways that God will direct.

Jesus warned those in Jerusalem to flee to the western mountains when they see the "Abomination of Desolation" spoken of by Daniel in the temple in Jerusalem (Matthew 25:15-26f). The area to which the Jews will go, and, we assume any in Jerusalem among the Gentiles who will refuse this Mark, will consist of the region of present day Jordan which is described by the ancient names of Ammon, Edom and Moab in Daniel 11:41. With this reference as our lead, it is reasonable to deduce that there will be "off grid" places around the world to which those who refuse the Mark of the Beast may go to hide from the computerized surveillance and command and control global network of the Beast.

2 Thessalonians 2:11 tells us that God will send "**strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.**" The context is clear that these will consist of those who will have heard the gospel before the Rapture, but refused to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. Being left behind after the Rapture, they will be given over to the Antichrist. There will also be the 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel who will preach the gospel during the Tribulation period. These will certainly NOT be among those who will take the Mark of the Beast! Further, those who receive Jesus Christ as their Savior during the Tribulation will NOT EVER take the hideous Mark of the Beast! There will be no such thing as people taking this Mark and not really meaning it in their heart so that they can be some kind of "undercover agent for God" within the network of the Beast! Some have taught this, but it is pure fantasy! The Antichrist will know how the person who takes the Mark will think and what he or she truly believes. Already, today, just about all that can be known about your religious, and political beliefs and your personal habits and preferences are well known by the powers that be. In the time of the rise of the Antichrist, the ability of computer oversight and information gathering through various means including an implanted computer RFID (Radio-frequency I.D.)chip will be increased many fold more than today.

The Mark of the Beast will not simply be outward, but will certainly consist of technology that will be capable of interpreting your every emotional and mental inclination. This Mark will almost certainly consist in profound mind-control, both technologically and demonically. Receiving the Mark of the Beat will be a complete giving of one's self over to what he or she already desires in their heart, to get away from God and Jesus Christ and to submit fully, mind, body, soul and spirit, to the Antichrist. No true believer will do this! and no one who receives this Mark will ever desire to reverse it and to get saved, nor will they be able to. They will have sinned away their day of grace and it will be eternally TOO LATE! They will be completely given over to the "**GREAT DELUSION"..."that they ALL (who take this Mark, 666) might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:12).**

In Revelation 14 the verdict is horribly clear concerning the destiny of all those who take the Mark of the Beast described in Revelation 13:

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Many today seem to wish to make the taking of the Mark to be less final and determinative than it really is. But, it is vital to understand the importance of the full impact of the solemn warnings given in the Bible on this matter! Those who will take the Mark of the Beast are doomed for all eternity! This is why it is so important for people to come to Jesus Christ today and receive Him as their Savior without delay! Consider this carefully! If you hear the gospel today and refuse to receive Jesus Christ, if the Rapture happens tonight and you are left behind, it will be too late for you! While there will be many people who will get saved during the Great Tribulation period, they will consist of those who never refused the gospel prior to the close of the Church Age because they did not clearly hear and understand it! But once you have heard that Jesus is the Son of God and died for your sins, then you need to go ahead and trust Him today!

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
(2 Corinthians 6:2)

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