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Preparations for the Rise of Antichrist: Part 2

Confusion in the Last Days

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time (1 John 2:18).

We have witnessed a great uprising of confusion in recent days. We know that Scripture teaches us who the author of confusion is: Satan. "For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (1 Corinthians 14:33). The Apostle Paul was cautioning the Corinthian church about the rise of confusion in their fellowship. It was Satan's purpose to disrupt and to disturb them from enjoying God's order and peace.

Confusion hinders God's people from preaching the Gospel and leading the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Confusion also keeps Christians from being discerning through the enemy distracting them from what is biblically important to focus on the "shiny" things that appeal to the flesh: success, prominence, acceptance by the world and growing followers.

The devil delights in causing confusion. The political and religious left in America, following Marxist principles are very adept in creating confusion. We have seen this in recent weeks with the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court confirmation hearings. True demonic hatred for the lives of unborn children has been the main motive in seeking to destroy Kavanaugh's reputation and family. Christians who are familiar with biblical prophecy and especially of the predictions of the latter days characteristics see these events for what they are: efforts to achieve greater national hatred for God, truth, and for human life. The methods of the Marxist Left are always deceptive, manipulative, abusive, rude, mob-like, rebellious and callous. Biblical prophecy gives us a head start in making sense as to what has been happening these last few weeks.

Remember that the devil is highly intelligent and is exceedingly clever in organizing people against each other while covering his true intentions. He does this in churches, families and nations. Christians are called to be discerning as to Satan's methods of using demonic influence over people to cause confusion and bring destruction. His goals are to kill, steal and destroy (John 10:10). The U.S. Constitution is founded upon a biblical world view, written by founding fathers who had an underlying agreement and belief in the doctrines and precepts of Scripture. The Left despises and is terrified of any Judge that will closely follow the text of the Judeo-Christian governmentally oriented U.S. Constitution. The Marxist left despises the Scripture as well as human life if it gets in the way of their achieving power. Their philosophy of government and human worth is based on the teachings of Secular Humanism, evolutionary theory, situational ethics and morality. To their way of thinking, there is no God and no absolute truth. They view those who believe in the Bible as a real threat to their achieving their coveted power. Using and manipulating abused women, destroying the

reputations of those who believe in the sanctity of the life of the unborn, and confusing issues are just recent examples of the demonic confusion that has been brought into American life.

There is also confusion in the church in America these days over these recent events because of the unwillingness of preachers to address these issues from their pulpits. People in the pews are already watching what is happening and wonder how the Bible speaks to these unfolding events. Unfortunately, answers will not be forth coming from most preachers because of fear of dividing their churches. However, growing numbers of church members, not necessarily Christians, are accepting the Secular Humanist evaluation of things which they hear through the media, as well as beginning to accept Secular Humanist goals of a new world government.

Others don't know what to think. So they need to go to their Bibles to read the many descriptions of how people will be deceived and cruelly manipulated in the last days by the godless who lust for power. Creating confusion through false political and religious leaders, and bringing demonic fear upon spiritually vulnerable Christian pastors and leaders is Satan's method to prepare for the establishment of the Antichrist's rule after the rapture of the church. We are indeed witnessing the preparation for the coming of the Antichrist to establish his world-wide rule under his grand humanist mark: 666 (Revelation 13:18). We are certainly living in the last days.

Paul wrote to the church of Thessalonica: "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way" (2 Thessalonians 2:7). This is a reference to the coming Antichrist whose spirit is already at work in the world today through Satan to cause confusion, rebellion, and to promote hatred against God and His people. The Holy Spirit is "He who now restrains." But, though the Holy Spirit is restraining evil to prevent the appearance of the Antichrist until the church is raptured from the earth to heaven, we still see many horrible evils arising in our times. Bible prophecy students need to watch for an increase of whole sale condemnation of Bible believing Christians in the days ahead as being "homophobic," "sexist," and "racist." Their reputations will be maligned and it will be increasingly difficult for them to accomplish their work in serving the Lord. Jesus said about the attitude of the godless toward His people, "...but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God" (John 16:2). Does this sound like an extreme viewpoint on my part? It cannot be extreme because it is just what the Word of God says will be the case in the last days.

Indeed, as the Democratic party (along with some Republicans and so-called Christians as well) moves ever more blatantly and boldly to the socialist left, we are hearing more and more audacious statements from them that indicate the rising attitude for doing violence against those who are conservative. A case in point is that of former Department of Justice director, Eric Holder, telling fellow liberals how to treat conservatives: "when they go low, we kick them!" This statement along with the rise of liberal mobs surrounding and getting in the faces of conservative politicians to embarrass them and their families publically are certainly precursors to the fulfillment of biblical prophecy.

The Antichrist will enforce the policy of instant execution of any who will refuse to take his Humanist-New Age mark of 666 to buy and to sell, which means basically to live and function in his "new world order." This is just as the Marxist-Humanist Left seeks to enforce today, at least on the level of humiliating and ruining any who stand in their way of acquiring absolute power. The godless view of evolutionary theory that promotes a natural progression of history toward ultimate world domination through a new world wide socialist-humanist world order under a world leader is now what "Progressives" are encouraging. They will use any means to achieve it. Indeed, growing numbers of them will use or ruin any man, woman, or group, especially Christians and Jews, who will get in their way to gain power of world domination. As writer, Dave Hunt, described over 35 years ago:

**Marxist-Leftism (like that of the old Soviet Union) will usher in worldwide socialism, a long-standing goal of Communists. No one will be able to buy or sell without this mark. Rather than being resented, it will give the entire world a sense of belonging to each other and of pulling together to rebuild after this great crisis (of the rapture). Anyone

refusing to cooperate would be looked upon not only as antisocial, but as unworthy of being a part of the New Age. Death will be the penalty, just as the Bible predicts. Nor would that be considered harsh in view of what "evolutionary forces" have just done in disposing of several hundred million people. The stakes are too high, the risks to great--anyone who is not willing to play the game by the rules will have to be eliminated. (Dave Hunt, Peace, Prosperity, & The Coming Holocaust, Berean Call publications, p. 205.)

"And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed"(Revelation 13:15). There is no need for Christians to be confused in these days in which we live, nor to be fearful! Much less do we need to be ignorant of Bible prophecy and how the study of the prophetic Scriptures relate to the unfolding events of our day. We each need to study the Scriptures for ourselves. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15) . "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 2:3-4). We will continue looking at how preparations are now being made for the rise of Antichrist in the next edition of *Prophecy in Perspective*.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

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