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The Creator's Window
Viewing Global Change,
Universal Timelines & The Promise

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XX -- THE MATERIAL WORLD

I now take elements from global change, as observed in Part One, and pull them forward into the fabric of future time. The following is not speculation, but a synthesis composed of human activity—in the present—with information from prophecy. The time gap narrows here and we look at the former in terms of the latter. The goal is to provide a synopsis of science and Scripture.

The first order of business is to pick up on themes left at the conclusion of Daniel's riddle (Chapter XV). One week of Daniel's timeline remains unfulfilled. John, in the Book of Revelation, similarly describes units of time that fit a distinct seven year period. This is a time of testing, trial, and human decision often referred to as the latter days, end times, or Great Tribulation. Remember Antiochus Epiphanes is a foreshadow representing the future Lawless One—who clearly surfaces in John's writings. Thus, to weave a coherent narrative I include points linking a mutual vision shared by Daniel and John. To delineate his multi-faceted roles, Antiochus' future shadow is designated Antichrist when describing his religious or political roles, and he is called Exploiter when he controls material wealth or moves in opposition to the well being of the earth.

A dichotomy exists in prophecy and here in the following scenario. On one level I examine events on the Earth. This is the realm of the Exploiter as a humanist or materialist. Simultaneously, other characters and events reveal a drama between Heaven and Earth. That theater includes forces for good and evil, acts within the natural and God-natural, and allusions to symbols or characters having dual purpose. What is most intriguing is the appearance of a composite view placing humanity's ultimate ideological challenge with the secular realization of environmental consequences in our immediate future.

The dichotomy ultimately produces separate consequences sharing a mutual conclusion.

A New World Leader

The Antichrist is a focal point for activity reforming religion while dominating the future's world government. Politically, he twists morality and rules by his own—lawless—nature. His deceptive practices overpower every opponent. When I read secular critiques on current climate change, those saying it's nothing but a hoax, I think of the Exploiter who ignores all consequences in pursuit of immediate material gain.²⁶ On one hand, he enters stage left boasting of ways to relieve the world of all problems. This, superficially, is a man of environmental causes and political peace. In a world craving leadership with a singular vision, this man offers a charismatic message too good to pass by. He will be recognized as a savior. The wary recognize him as Antichrist. Today, popular books and biblical commentaries focus on the Antichrist's role, but little is presently written of the Exploiter.

The Exploiter may surface in world history by ordinary means. His name may even be known to you now. In time, he moves to prominence within a newly established, rapidly expanding, world power. This acquisition of power parallels Daniel's descriptions of events leading the Antichrist to make a seven year pact, or treaty, with Israel (Daniel 9: 27). Turmoil miraculously fades into (temporary) peace replacing the former shaky security established in the war-torn and terrorized Holy Land.²⁷ For three and a half years the Exploiter works

²⁶ In the 90s there are signs that suggest the Exploiter will have allies who doubt the threat of climate change. Various, recent, newspaper articles, magazines, and professional journals provide examples of a backlash to the predictions for negative change. See: G. Taubes, "The Ozone Backlash," *Science* 260 (1993), pages 1580-1583.

²⁷ 1 Thessalonians 5: 3 "When people are saying, "Everything is so peaceful and secure," then

with the appearance of achieving global prosperity (Daniel 8: 24, 25). Like Antiochus Epiphanes, the new leader encounters challenges and conflicts that furthermore establish him over other world leaders.²⁸ Religious opposition is terminated by persecution and murder.²⁹ This is initially accomplished—with the Antichrist's cooperation—by a newly formed one-world religion (Revelation 13: 3, 4). Overall, political opposition is kept in check by the lawless character that exploits, manipulates, and controls both adversaries and allies (Revelation 13: 4, 5; Daniel 7: 24).

Daniel's last week begins with the Antichrist in a position of power, emergence of a unified-world religion, and a reformed global government pictured as a ten kingdom political empire (Daniel 7: 8; Revelation 13: 1). Many biblical commentaries cite specific Scriptures identifying this political system as a revived Roman empire.³⁰ But, the kingdoms may differ from simple groups of countries, because present economic forces divide countries into geographic blocks of trading partners. Control of trade is thus global control of all governments and all people—not just those around Rome.

John describes the new religion symbolically as a woman—a Harlot—who rides a red beast (Revelation 17: 7). The beast displays ten horns, representing ten kingdoms, thus identifying it as the new unified political system. For an initial three and a half years there is a worldly, prosperous, but uneasy

destruction will suddenly come upon them, the way labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there is no way they will escape.' (JNT)

²⁸ Battles described in Daniel 11

²⁹ Daniel 7: 21, 25; 8: 24 (saints, holy people) Revelation 12: 13 (woman, Israel)

³⁰ A. Fruchtenbaum, *The Footsteps of the Messiah: A Study of the Sequence of Prophetic Events*. (Tustin: Ariel Press, 1982), pages 31-33; H. Lindsey, *There's A New World Coming* (New York: Bantam Books, 1975), Chapter 13; Revelation 17: 9, 10.

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coexistence between the Exploiter, the red beast, and the woman. The Harlot's relationship with the beast defines environmental and global change in terms of future economic activity. This is the connection linking present change with future events during the first half of Daniel's last week of seven years.

Daniel and John indicate the Exploiter is a sensational politician, an ingenious commander of military force, and a humanist with an answer for every worldly cause. His followers rationalize that he knows best, all opposition is forcibly eliminated, and the logic of the times strengthens his position. The Exploiter first endures the presence of the new world religion to the point of irritation. Mid-way through the seven year period, the religious system tries to escape the Exploiter's will and manipulative control. He turns on this system and, with the help of the world's ten kingdoms, the system is destroyed (Revelation 17: 16). The result of this power play leaves the Exploiter in a position to consolidate the ten kingdoms into his single global empire.

The Exploiter is then joined by two additional characters, one is known as the Adversary—symbolically called the Dragon—the other is a miracle worker—the False Prophet (Revelation 13: 12)—who reforms world religion in the image of the Antichrist.³¹ With the Harlot destroyed, the Exploiter controls the Earth's economy, environment, and he declares himself to be God (Daniel 8: 11, 11: 31; 2 Thessalonians 2: 4). An idol is placed in the Temple in Jerusalem, just as is described in both the Old and New Covenants (Daniel 9: 27, 12: 11; Matthew 24:15; Revelation 13: 15). Throughout his reign, the

³¹ Revelation 13: 15, 16; This is also a parallel to events associated with Antiochus Epiphanes, see Daniel 7: 25; 8: 11-14 (note the mention of 2300 days in the latter passage relates to the period associated with Antiochus and not the latter days time period of 3.5 years which precedes cessation of sacrifice in the Third Temple).

Exploiter will continue practices that degrade and destroy the Earth's ecology. Even as environmental problems arise, humanity, under subjection to the Exploiter, rationalize and *excuse every God-natural event as a natural consequence of climate or global change*. In actuality, *the problems are linked to the Creator's wake-up call*. The environmental cues are invitations—from the theater's script in Heaven—to depart the Antichrist and make a turn toward God. Early on, some will accept, but many others refuse. The process continues stepwise until successive developments irreversibly upset the environment without God's extended invitation. This environmental scenario is described in Chapter XXII.

Meanwhile, under the direction of the False Prophet, humanity is instructed to wear the empire's mark—the Mark of the Beast—which is worn on the hand or forehead. Anyone who refuses this mark is unable to buy or sell anything, anywhere, at anytime. The opposition is thus cut off from the material comforts and sustenance now provided by the empire. Those refusing the mark, and thus refusing the False Prophet's command to worship the Antichrist, are pursued and killed. Part of this opposition are God's faithful martyrs and saints who accept the Jewish Messiah as personal savior, even then, during the darkest hour of human history.

The Antichrist's reign and other events associated with the *Adversary (Dragon)* and *False Prophet* are summarized later in the Universal Timeline. But, for the present, we must return to the material world. The trio of characters identified here forms a false-religious trinity. Although the Jewish part of my next analogy is not widely recognized as such, a Hebrew Tri-unity is described below, as derived from 'The Lord is One,' or in Hebrew: *HaAdonai Echad*.

The Lord is One	Trinity	False Trinity
<i>HaAdonai</i>	Heavenly Father (God)	Dragon (Adversary)
<i>HaMashiach</i>	Messiah (Son)	Beast (Antichrist)
<i>Ruach HaKodesh</i>	Holy Spirit	False Prophet

The Christian Trinity directly follows the Hebrew unity. Reading left to right, the names occupy relatively equivalent positions in each trinity. The false trinity described by John, in Revelation, is composed of the Dragon, the Beast (Antichrist), and the second beast or False Prophet. The parallel provided by a Heavenly Trinity and a worldly human-based trinity is evident in the substitution of human ambition and arrogance on Earth for God in Heaven. The symbol for the false religion based on the false trinity is clearly found in the Mark of the Beast.

The Mark — Exploring A Materialist Type

Might the universal product code (UPC) represents a biblical type—a present day counterpart or example—for the future Mark of the Beast?³² This code identifies food and dry good products with at least two sets of numbers accompanied by narrow and broad stripes or bars. Every UPC has a built-in universal number: 6-6-6. Two number sequences identify the product's manufacturer and the product itself (Figure 10). Look just before the stripes of the manufacturer's number, then in the middle between the two numbers, and at the end after the product's number, there are sets of elongated lines extending lower than all the others. Three pairs of narrow lines, at the start, midway, and end of the bar code represent three sixes (bottom three arrows, Figure 10). This may be a curious coincidence, but the UPC clearly

³² M. S. Relfe, *The New Money System* (Montgomery: Ministries, Inc., 1982), Chapter I.

demonstrates how a mark with a universal identifier code—the 6, 6, 6—can be used to label something, or perhaps someone! The marking might one day be 'invisibly' applied with advanced technology to a person's forehead or hand uniquely identifying every person on Earth. One can imagine the manufacturer and product codes could represent a person's nation and personal ID number.

Remember, the UPC can be rearranged with additional bars in the two main sequences and still retain the (universal) 666-marking system. Perhaps this is one more testimonial indicating that many biblical types are already here. Nothing says this is the actual Mark of the Beast. However, the example satisfies all requirements. The Scriptures tell us six is the number of a man. The new world religion is thus founded on a *man-man-man* trinity. The mark represents humanity's substitution of God's Triunity. Modern technology presents awesome implications because this system invades every sector of economics and politics. Converting the UPC to a variety of uses is already fact—from food products, to delivery services, security gateways, inventory systems, and more. The scanners are cheap and globally available. The mark cannot be used without the user's knowledge making this system appealing technology. Unlike a stolen credit card, a forgery requires a person's presence. When you buy groceries or do banking your number is conveniently available. Pass your hand over the grocer's check-out scanner and your transaction is complete—from store to bank account. Computers enslaved to this purpose achieve a status previously reserved to science fiction. Everything accomplished in this way, by anyone around the world, is tracked, analyzed, and known by the empire itself. And one man controls the whole show!

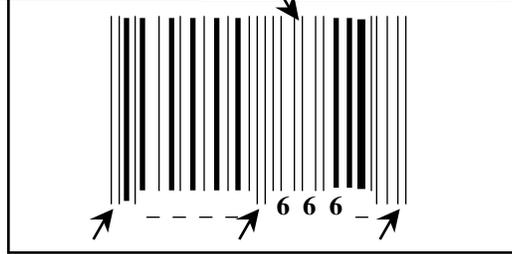


Figure 10: The UPC example, shown above, was created by the author. Any resemblance of the above sequence to that of an existing code is neither intended nor necessary for the purposes of the present discussion. Note the similarity between the pairs of long narrow bars at the start, middle, and end of the code (as indicated by bottom arrows) and the shorter pairs of bars used for the number six in the UPC code (top arrow).

The poor may initially see the promise of greater equity with a new found global identity. But, migration, work permits, personal economic prosperity, vocation, licensing, health care, taxation, banking, travel, library use, etc., are subject to the empire's total control. The Exploiter will boast of benefits! Indeed, crime rates might go down. But the Orwellian image comes to mind where everyone is just a number. The Mark demands total conformity. The empire controls human expression, independence, and choice.

Humans have entered periods of history where, as in Nazi Germany, the control of the greater population lead humanity into eras of unimaginable activity and consequence. I can't help but think of holocaust victims who were forced to wear a number. Their lives were controlled to the last moment. To refuse the system, as described in biblical terms, leads to oppression, persecution, and death on Earth.

The Last Hurrah

What says the Exploiter will lead a materialistic, humanist, empire? A major clue is found in the description of the Harlot's unified global religion, which flourishes throughout the early Tribulation Period. John first describes the Harlot as follows:

'Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, "with whom the **kings of the earth committed fornication**, and the **inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication**." ... And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with **gold and precious stones and pearls**, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus... (Revelation 17:1-7, NKJV, emphasis added; the woman is also referred to as the whore in JNT and prostitute in NIV).

As I mentioned earlier, the Exploiter initially tolerates this new religion. Here, this system is presented as a harlot, a prostitute who commits sinful engagements (fornication or adultery) with world leaders. The intoxicating influence of her being tempts and captivates humanity at large. The **many waters** alludes to the masses of people who make up Earth's greater population. The beast having **seven heads and ten horns** refers to the origin of this religious system and the ten kingdoms of that period.³³ Various biblical commentaries identify Rome as the source of the false religious system,³⁴ but references to Babylon characterize the system's sorcery and occultist practice.

Look at the disposition of the Harlot. She is materially wealthy. Her system is globally successful. She seduces the unwary and revels in her persecution of

³³ Fruchtenbaum's *The Footsteps of the Messiah* is a source that follows the appearance of this beast in a chronological sequence. The number of heads, number of horns, and disposition of the beast serves to indicate when the one-world government is one entity, then split into ten distinct kingdoms, and finally the loss of three kings as the Antichrist ascends to his greatest power. In the final stages there are still ten kingdoms which are ruled by seven puppet kings and the all-dominating Antichrist.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, A. Fruchtenbaum: pages 160, 161; H. Lindsey: "How Rome Becomes Babylon," Chapter 17.

the saints. The many waters, including kings and all unbelievers, are so taken by the system they are intoxicated by the Harlot's influence. Her drunken state and the fact that she is identified with the '*abominations of the earth*' implies materialism and exploitation furthering global change. And indeed the evidence for hoarding the earth's resources is implied in Revelation 18. In context, the following quotation reflects the wealth amassed to the time of the Harlot's demise—midway through the Tribulation:

'The world's businessmen weep and mourn over her, because no one is buying their merchandise any more--stocks of *gold, silver, gems* and pearls; fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, all *rare woods*, and all *ivory goods*, all kinds of things made of *scented wood*, brass, iron and marble; cinnamon, cardamom, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, flour, grain, cattle, sheep; horses, chariots—and *bodies*—and people's *souls*. The fruits you lusted for with all your heart have gone. All the luxury and flashiness have been destroyed, never to return! The sellers of these things, who got rich from her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,' (Revelation 18:11-15, JNT, emphasis added)

The world mourns the loss of the Harlot because her influence brought material wealth to all merchants and nations. References to gems, cloth, spice, and fragrances imply wealth without regard for consequences to the environment. Within the description is an implied high standard of living, which is an unsustainable trend in present day terms. Using the imagery of the Harlot's character, the system literally *prostitutes* the earth for its resources in opposition to ecological good sense. The metals and precious stones signify continued extraction. References to rare, costly, and scented woods parallels continued deforestation and even irreversible ecological exploitation. Ivory implies use of materials from rare or extinct animals. Every aspect of the Harlot's trade wears the earth for the sake of worldly economic activity. If not fatalistic and twisted, her outlook shows no concern for stewardship.

Meanwhile, the Exploiter benefits at every turn of events. Eventually he assumes the Harlot's wealth and power. He profits as the world's political kingdoms turn to destroy the Harlot:

'And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.' (Revelation 17:16, KJV)

This indeed is the 'Last Hurrah' because the end times are times of material excess. False religion, manipulation of personal choice, economics, and politics all come into view. In many ways, current trends and behaviors lend themselves to a future blending with this biblical scenario. You may believe this unthinkable. Then again, humanity's present delay and denial make this possible. In any case, the result of global change now or prophecy's futuristic projection necessitate an end to material indulgence on Earth.

The Fall of the New Babylon

The Babylon of ages past was known for its astrology, black arts, and sorcery. After all, King Nebuchadnezzar asked for Daniel's interpretation of his dream (Daniel 2: 2) after his court magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans had failed! The former Babylon appears to serve as a type for the future. The commentaries indicate the center of the Harlot's false religion may be Rome. But the roots of this dark system grow out of Babylon, and thus the reference to MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, as quoted above. The new Babylon is less a place than it is an expression of human behavior. Present use of drugs, memberships in occults, and the telephone convenience of 1-900-PSYCHIC are all seeds of the new Babylon. You must admit, not everyone is focused on stewardship for future generations. Sustainable practices take a back seat to the majority of human wants. You may note the Harlot's merchants also trafficked in bodies and souls. Even toward the end of the

Tribulation Period, when things seem at their worst, humanity continues to reveal a dark side—through idol worship, murder, sorcery, sexual immorality, and theft (Revelation 9:20,21).

The Harlot's demise symbolizes a turnover of all worldly power to the Antichrist and he becomes the source of the final new age religion. As spiritual (religious) Babylon falls, the Antichrist stands center stage ready to take and reform both the former religious system and the world's ten kingdoms into a singular empire under his control. As one enters the last half of Daniel's 70th week, the Earth awaits cataclysmic, erosive, God-natural forces beyond human imagination. The Antichrist's days are numbered.

Point — Counterpoint

The power of the Exploiter is undeniable, but within the tale one can see he is not insurmountable, nor unopposed. In times ahead many humans willingly, or by careless complacency, subscribe to the new age leaders and their systems. Others will think about every action, every implication, and realize, that even when faced with absolute iron-fist domination, **choices remain**. Does the humanist see beyond the present circumstance? Clutching to physical reality becomes a vice supported by temporal creature comforts. Alternatives presented by faith in an unseen Creator are sometimes characterized as a crutch for the meek. How does one meet the future's challenge by faith?

The concept of **a leap of faith** always implies jumping blind into beliefs without a foundation. But, information and facts are available to fill the window's vision. Faith now comes with a logic based on intelligence, heart, and sound evidence. Initially everything seems so obscure. But even mathematics, history, language, etc., are ambiguous subjects until one studies

the appropriate information. The Scriptures are no different. They reveal marvelous connections linking and integrating human psychology, political driving forces, specific covenants, and a historical timeline. Identifying each connection is as obvious as a biblical chain reference laid between columns of text. If this intricately woven information is reliable, then who or what should you trust? When faced with the materialist's system, threatening continued destruction of the Earth in the name of humanist goals, who offers an alternative? Who, on Earth or in the heavens, really cares? For your consideration, entering stage right I next introduce the Good Steward.