

Notes of Floyd E. Taylor for Jan. 25, 2011 Teleconference Bible Study

Considering what will happen to both the Wise and the Unwise

Tonight I would like to review Isaiah 60 and Micah 3 for they tell what is about to happen for the wise, both governmentally and financially. In addition I would like to consider something intriguing that seems to be meant by Paul for us, and that is found hidden in the last chapter of Paul's last book - 2 Timothy 4. Paul's words of that last chapter are very important to us, for consider even just the first verse and you will see something important - the explanation of His Appearing. It is truly linked to the Words of God found in Isaiah 60:1.

- **2 Tim. 4:1-5** **2 Timothy 4:1-5** ¹**I CHARGE YOU THEREFORE BEFORE GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO WILL JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD AT HIS APPEARING AND HIS KINGDOM;** ²**PREACH THE WORD.** Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
- **Isaiah 60:1-3** ¹**ARISE, SHINE; FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!** And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ²**FOR BEHOLD, THE DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH, AND DEEP DARKNESS THE PEOPLE; BUT THE LORD WILL ARISE OVER YOU, AND HIS GLORY WILL BE SEEN UPON YOU.** ³The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- **Hosea 14:2** Take Words and return to Me!
- **Matthew 19:21** Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow Me."
- **Mark 10:21** Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; and come, take up the Cross, and follow Me."
- **Luke 18:22** So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow Me."
- **1 Peter 2:15-16** For this is the will of God, that by doing Good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

Remember this word also, for it is important to grab ahold of: The other night we read a Prophetic Word that the Lord gave on the 21st of January and He gave this warning: The Lord then said, "Men seek to measure time by the events that take place in their lives and in the earth. Men tend to mark their calendars by the events and try to discern the future by their marks. **But the wise already know the time, and thereby understand the events when they come. It is time for My people to be wise.**"

- **Job 24:1** "Since times are not hidden from the Almighty, why do those who know Him see not His days?" (*Job is saying if we know the Father, then we will understand His Times.*)

The following is the Prophetic Word for 2011 from what they are calling the Apostolic Conference. This was posted yesterday, 24 January, on the Elijah List.

2011 ACPE Word of the Lord

Each year, the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders (ACPE) meets to seek the Lord for the prophetic word. This is a team of respected prophets who have the conviction that they are an Acts 13:1-3 model. This passage notes that it was the Holy Spirit giving the word as a consensus among the group and not just to one prophet. So, even though this is a compilation of the prophecies that we have each brought to the round table meeting, it was the general consensus of the ACPE members that the Holy Spirit was speaking the following prophetic words to us.

The ACPE has met now since 1999. This year, for the first time, we invited a group of emerging young leaders to join us. As a result, we probably had the most powerful time of seeking the Lord that we have ever known. At the end of the meeting, a time of impartation took place. While we are calling this a prophecy for 2011, it is to be understood that the time frames for the fulfillment of prophecies cannot only be confined to a calendar year period, thus this constitutes more of a seasonal prophetic word.

It is also a given that, in some cases, the obedience of the people to respond can either delay, change, or alter what we have seen by the Spirit during this time.

The Year of Transitions

This will either be a year of open heavens or a year of the perfect storm.

The number 11 has the Biblical meaning of transitions. 2011 is the year where we are transitioning from one place to another. Where we will end up at the end of this time depends, in many regards, on how we respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

2011 will be a year of great pressure and stress, particularly, the first three months when it will seem as if we are in a toe-to-toe battle with the forces of evil.

This is a Tipping Point Year

If, in the middle of the pressure of the season, we faint and lose heart, the scale will tip away from us and there is a possibility of great loss and defeat.

The Year of the Straits

The number 11 can be likened to places in the earth such as the Straits of Gibraltar between Spain and Morocco. We will, at times, feel constricted, but the narrowing of the way will only cause us to go to the new place that God has for us in the season if we do not fail the test during the pressure.

The Birth Canal

Another analogy that the Lord gave us was the number 11 is like a birth canal. The baby being born is going from the comfort of the womb to the stress and discomfort of being born into a new, large life.

Dreaming Dreams

Joseph shared his dreams with his 11 brothers; represented by 11 stars in Genesis 37:9 and it caused great relational stress. God will pour out a season of dreams and visions this year even among the very young. Watch out for relational stress and keep your heart right in the middle of it.

The Year of Great Expectations

Expect the unexpected in this coming year.

Hebrews 11:11 is key: By faith, Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

Expect a miracle! God wants to break the barrenness in your life of hope deferred. Many have given up on their dreams and downsized what they believe for because of the times. God's Kingdom is an ever-increasing Kingdom and He is for advance and not retreat.

This is not a time to compromise what God has said to you, but rather to believe that all things are possible. God is not a man that He would lie. If He said he would do something, He has not changed His mind.

A Time of Preparation, Going Deeper into God and Intimacy

New assignments will be passed out in this year of transition for those who do not draw back in the season of testing and fire. Go deeper in God and draw refreshing from His presence and you will make it to your new place of advancement and anointing.

Proverbs 20:5: Knowing what is right is like deep water in the heart; a wise person draws from the well within.

Creative Miracles

The level of the miraculous will increase with the Creator loosing miracles of creation that will directly oppose the spirits of humanism and intellectualism.

The Restoration of the Tabernacle of David

Great emphasis will be upon worship again this year. Worship is the key! Many new 24-hour houses of worship will spring up across the world and result in an open heaven over nations and many souls saved. It is harvest time!

Acts 15:16-17: After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; **So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My Name, says the Lord who does all things.**

Great Harvest of those in the Arts/Entertainment Field

Extraordinary moves of God will occur in the entertainment and motion picture industry. Bold, new, unashamed voices will arise and many will listen to their testimonies.

Word for the United States

The nation hangs in the balance and this is not a time to grow weary of praying and acting on behalf of righteousness and justice. Don't let the pressure of the season cause you to retreat into entertainment rather than standing on top of what is happening around you.

We must watch for terrorist attacks as many are having dreams and visions of coming attacks.

One of the illustrations given to us was the phrase, "Are you ready to rumble?" This is used among wrestling aficionados as the match begins. It does more than alert the contestants that the match will start; it also creates an excited expectation in the crowd. God is asking the Christians in America today, **"Are you ready to rumble?"** The game is at hand and there needs to be a climax of excitement as we anticipate God's next move in the land.

2011 is one of the most critical years in the nation's history and the foundations are burning and are in danger of being destroyed. We must fast and pray and take extraordinary measures to "rumble" both the heavens and the earth.

The Eleventh Hour 11-11-11

This date will have a special significance in this "eleventh hour" time frame.

John 11:11 says: Lazarus our friend has fallen asleep, but I go that I may awaken him from slumber.

The Mayflower Compact was signed on 11-11, 1620 and God is looking for a new generation of reformers who will make a covenant with God and others to stand and fight to awaken this nation in this dire moment of history.

Proverbs 11:11: By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

World

There is a worldwide student-led volunteer movement being birthed across the face of the earth. Satan is going to try and start wars such as he did when the first student volunteer movement started around the turn of the 20th century. World War I effectually shut down the movement as students went to war at times against each other. We must pray against the starting of a third world war, as satan wants to escalate world events for His purposes.

Psalm 110:3: In the day of Your power your youth shall be volunteers.

Korea

Particular prayer needs to take place for Korea as one of the greatest missions movements is destined to come out of this nation that will go to the ends of the earth.

We also strongly felt that President Lee should stand firm against North Korea's aggression.

Middle East

A more widespread persecution will arise against the Believers if we do not begin to intercede for the Middle East. However, there will be a move of God of the youth in nations such as Syria, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia who will not love their lives unto death.

Economy

We must intercede against hyperinflation that will strangle the ability of people of give to world missions.

Intellectual Properties

A great release of new wealth will come from ideas given from God in the form of intellectual properties. A new creative anointing of ideas for those who will use the wealth for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Children

We are on the verge of a great Children's Awakening that will span the globe. Child evangelists will begin to preach in churches and large arenas and thousand will be saved and healed.

Before we consider Isaiah 60, I would like to first consider 2 Timothy 4, for there seems to be interesting truths hidden in the lines of Paul's final writing. It is believed that it was written in 67 AD and that it was his last letter. Though it is written to encourage Timothy, that seems to be a nomenclature for us of this day. The name Timothy means "honored of God" or "valued of God". It is intriguing that Paul makes a unique appeal to "please do not forget the parchments" and to "come before the winter" (*Consider the Lord's warning pleas of Mark 13:18 and Matthew 24:20*). It just seems that Paul was writing to us and that he was also encouraging us and warning us at the same time. Notice how he says that the rebellious rejected "his words" - the knowledge of "truth" and thus he is saying that they turned their ears away from His Words. He also tells us in this great first verse of chapter 4 that Jesus will judge the living (*the righteous*) and the dead (*the complacent and the wicked*) at His Appearing (*He separates them into tares or wheat*) and at His Kingdom (*When He gives the inheritance of the right to call upon His Words*).

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Paul's very intriguing valedictory address that seems like it was written for instruction to us at this Time of the Judgment. Take notice that is addressing those who love His Appearing. That time is right now, and He is saying to us to fight the Good Fight of Faith. And He is saying to be zealous and come quickly.

→ **2 Timothy 4:6-21** ⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and **THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND.** ⁷**I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,** I have finished the race, **I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.** ⁸FINALLY, THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME **THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL GIVE TO ME ON THAT DAY, AND NOT TO ME ONLY BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING.** ⁹**BE DILIGENT TO COME TO ME QUICKLY;** ¹⁰for Demas (*This name means "popular"*) has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica (*This name means "victory against the Thessalians, or it could be "victory of the Thessalonians against Israel" This was the name of the sister of Alexander the Great. It is the name of one of the 13 Greece states, and it is a variation of a butterfly. It is like going after the beauty of the world.*)—Crescens (*This name means "growing", or increasing*) for Galatia (*This name means "white", or the "color of milk", like the weak wisdom of the complacent*), Titus (*This name means "pleasing"*) for Dalmatia (*This name means "deceitful lamps", or "vain brightness"*). ¹¹Only Luke (*This name means "luminous" or "white"*) is with me. Get Mark (*This name means "polite" or "shining"*) and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. ¹²And Tychicus (*This name means "casual" or "by chance"*) I have sent to Ephesus (*This name means "desirable"*). ¹³Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus (*This name means "fruit" or "fruitful"*) at Troas (*This name means "penetrated"*) when you come—and the books, especially the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander (*This name means "one who assists men"*) the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. ¹⁵**YOU ALSO MUST BEWARE OF HIM, FOR HE HAS GREATLY RESISTED OUR WORDS.** ¹⁶At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be

charged against them. ¹⁷BUT THE LORD STOOD WITH ME AND STRENGTHENED ME, SO THAT THE MESSAGE MIGHT BE PREACHED FULLY THROUGH ME, AND THAT ALL THE GENTILES MIGHT HEAR. ALSO I WAS DELIVERED OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE LION. ¹⁸AND THE LORD WILL DELIVER ME FROM EVERY EVIL WORK AND PRESERVE ME FOR HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM. TO HIM BE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN! ¹⁹Greet Prisca (*This name means "ancient"*) and Aquila (*This name means "an eagle"*), and the household of Onesiphorus (*This name means "who brings profit"*). ²⁰Erastus (*This name means "lovely", or "amiable"*) stayed in Corinth (*This name means "which is satisfied", "ornament", or "beauty"*), but Trophimus (*This name means "well-educated" or "well brought up"*) I have left in Miletus (*This name means "red" or "sacrlot"*) sick. ²¹DO YOUR UTMOST TO COME BEFORE WINTER. Eubulus (*This name means "prudent", or "Good Counselor"*) greets you, as well as Pudens (*This name means "shame faced"*), Linus (*This name means "net"*), Claudia (*This name means "lame"*), and all the brethren. ²²The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

In Isaiah 60 we receive the instruction of what is about to happen as the Lord rises over us in His Glory. The reveals to you many things about the way of His financial provisions and His Way that His people will be treated and even how they will be healed. This gives a wonderful account of what will happen to the Righteous. We will consider each verse.

8→ **Isaiah 60:1-18** ¹**ARISE, SHINE; FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!** And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ²**FOR BEHOLD, THE DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH, AND DEEP DARKNESS THE PEOPLE; BUT THE LORD WILL ARISE OVER YOU, AND HIS GLORY WILL BE SEEN UPON YOU.** ³**The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.** ⁴**Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side.** ⁵**Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.** ⁶**THE MULTITUDE OF CAMELS SHALL COVER YOUR LAND, THE DROMEDARIES** *(It means "those beasts - carriers - who carry burdens")* **OF MIDIAN** *(This name means "judgment", "covering", or "habit")* **AND EPHAH** *(This name means "weary", or "tired");* all those from Sheba *(This name means "captivity", "old man", "repose", or "oath")* shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. ⁷**All the flocks of Kedar** *(This name means "blackness", or "sorrow")* **SHALL BE GATHERED TOGETHER TO YOU,** the rams of **Nebaioth** *(This name means "words", "prophecies", or "buds")* shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, **AND I WILL GLORIFY THE HOUSE OF MY GLORY.** ⁸**Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts?** ⁹**Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish** *(This name means "contemplation", or "examination")* will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the Name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you. ¹⁰**THE SONS OF FOREIGNERS SHALL BUILD UP YOUR WALLS, AND THEIR KINGS SHALL MINISTER TO YOU;** **FOR IN MY WRATH I STRUCK YOU, BUT IN MY FAVOR I HAVE HAD MERCY ON YOU.** ¹¹**Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession.** ¹²**FOR THE NATION AND KINGDOM WHICH WILL NOT SERVE YOU SHALL PERISH, AND THOSE NATIONS SHALL BE UTTERLY RUINED.** ¹³**The glory of Lebanon** *(This name means "white", or "incense")* shall come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious. ¹⁴**Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.** ¹⁵**Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations.** ¹⁶**You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, and milk the breast of kings; you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.** ¹⁷**INSTEAD OF BRONZE I WILL BRING GOLD, INSTEAD OF IRON I WILL BRING SILVER, INSTEAD OF WOOD, BRONZE, AND INSTEAD OF STONES, IRON. I WILL ALSO MAKE YOUR OFFICERS PEACE, AND YOUR MAGISTRATES RIGHTEOUSNESS.** ¹⁸**VIOLENCE SHALL NO LONGER BE HEARD IN YOUR LAND, NEITHER WASTING NOR DESTRUCTION WITHIN YOUR BORDERS; BUT YOU SHALL CALL YOUR WALLS SALVATION, AND YOUR GATES PRAISE.**

God the Glory of His People

- ↪ **Isaiah 60:19-22** ¹⁹"The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. ²⁰Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended. ²¹Also your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified. ²²A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."
- ↪ **Zechariah 14:16-21** ¹⁶And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷**And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.** (*This is referring to all Gentile nations and all those whom the Lord is bringing out of the world and delivers them from the tyranny of the One World Order.*) ¹⁸**If the family of Egypt** (*This is referring to the people who are of His church and synagogues who are likened to His people in Egypt for they are now living as captives to the One World Order. They are guilty of allowing this beast to rise up and rule over them, for they loved the lifestyles and luxuries of this Harlot. These are those whom the Lord is going to compel to come out of walking after this worldly life, and then He will deliver them safely from the hands of the tyranny of those who rule over the One World Order.*), **will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.** (*Take notice that the Lord will punish His church far more severely than the other families of the earth. He will pure out on them the plagues that He speaks of in Zechariah 14:12 and that are: "Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths." The reason for this is that the Lord reveals that those who take their hand off the plow and look back shall be destroyed for they become not worthy of Him. This is also the same as why the Lord warned us to remember what happened to Lot's wife when she looked back and she was changed immediately into a pillar of salt that had no flavor. To those whom much was given, they shall be held into greater accounting.*) ¹⁹This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ²⁰In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts. (*The Way we worship will be changed.*)
- ↪ **2 Chronicles 16:9** **For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.**
- ↪ **Psalm 14:2-3, & Psalm 53:2-3** ²The Lord looks down from Heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, **WHO SEEK GOD.** ³They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; **THERE IS NONE THAT DOES "GOOD", NO, NOT ONE.**

On the other hand is the complacent and the wicked, and in Micah 3 the Lord gives a stern warning as to what will happen to them in this Night.

← Micah 3:1-12 ¹And I said: "Hear now, O heads of Jacob, and you rulers of the house of Israel: Is it not for you to know justice? ²You who hate good and love evil; who strip the skin from My people, and the flesh from their bones; ³who also eat the flesh of My people, flay their skin from them, break their bones, and chop them in pieces like meat for the pot, like flesh in the caldron." ⁴THEN THEY WILL CRY TO THE LORD, BUT HE WILL NOT HEAR THEM *(Proverbs 1:20-33, for they have rejected His Knowledge He will scoff at them when the Troubles of the Tribulation and the Night come upon them);* HE WILL EVEN HIDE HIS FACE FROM THEM AT THAT TIME, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN EVIL IN THEIR DEEDS. ⁵THUS SAYS THE LORD CONCERNING THE PROPHETS WHO MAKE MY PEOPLE STRAY; WHO CHANT "PEACE" WHILE THEY CHEW WITH THEIR TEETH, BUT WHO PREPARE WAR AGAINST HIM WHO PUTS NOTHING INTO THEIR MOUTHS *(Consider that over 55,000 shepherds in America have signed on with DHS to help put their people into the Concentration Camps when this 5th Beast Kingdom of Satan declares Martial Law against His people. They chase after offerings while they are walking with the harlot to destroy His people. Shame on this shameless people who call themselves as shepherds and even generals of the Most High God. They will be the first to be taken by god to His prisons, and they will never be raised into Heaven.)* ⁶THEREFORE YOU SHALL HAVE NIGHT WITHOUT VISION, AND YOU SHALL HAVE DARKNESS WITHOUT DIVINATION; THE SUN SHALL GO DOWN ON THE PROPHETS, AND THE DAY SHALL BE DARK FOR THEM. ⁷SO THE SEERS SHALL BE ASHAMED, AND THE DIVINERS ABASHED; INDEED THEY SHALL ALL COVER THEIR LIPS; FOR THERE IS NO ANSWER FROM GOD." ⁸BUT TRULY I AM FULL OF POWER BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD, AND OF JUSTICE AND MIGHT, TO DECLARE TO JACOB HIS TRANSGRESSION AND TO ISRAEL HIS SIN. ⁹Now hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity. ¹⁰WHO BUILD UP ZION WITH BLOODSHED *(Those who call for bombing of Iran and the bombing of Saddam because they think that they know wisdom of the world, and then justify it by Scriptures for the "good of Israel"; or that cause the children in their Christian schools to be put on ADHD medicines without understanding the toxic food forced on us by the FDA is causing the children the problems.)* AND JERUSALEM WITH INIQUITY; ¹¹HER HEADS JUDGE FOR A BRIBE, HER PRIESTS TEACH FOR PAY, AND HER PROPHETS DIVINE FOR MONEY. YET THEY LEAN ON THE LORD, AND SAY, "IS NOT THE LORD AMONG US? NO HARM CAN COME UPON US." ¹²THEREFORE BECAUSE OF YOU ZION SHALL BE PLOWED LIKE A FIELD *(They cause Him to judge and roll the New Heavens up like a Scroll),* JERUSALEM SHALL BECOME HEAPS OF RUINS *(The biggest part of the church will be destroyed as is made known in so many Prophecies of Dumitru Duduman and others.),* AND THE MOUNTAIN OF THE TEMPLE LIKE THE BARE HILLS OF THE FOREST. *(In Zechariah 5:1-4 the Lord says that He will send His Flying Scroll into their buildings and burn even the stones thereof to the ground for they were as perjury to Him.)*

The Word of Truth is opened to the people:

- **Revelation 6:1-2** ¹Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." ²And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Second Seal: The Sword is available but there is conflict on Earth because of the failure of the shepherds to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

- **Revelation 6:5-6** ³When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." ⁴Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth because they would not hear His words and the sins and plagues have come.

- **Revelation 6:5-6** ⁵When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." **SO I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A BLACK HORSE, AND HE WHO SAT ON IT HAD A PAIR OF SCALES IN HIS HAND.** ⁶And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, **"A QUART OF WHEAT FOR A DENARIUS, AND THREE QUARTS OF BARLEY FOR A DENARIUS;** and **DO NOT HARM THE OIL AND THE WINE."**

Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth

- **Revelation 6:5-6** ⁷When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." ⁸So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs

- **Revelation 6:5-6** ⁹When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

- **Revelation 6:12-17** ¹²I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

The Servants of God Sealed

- **Revelation 7:1-8** ¹After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. ²Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the

seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: ⁵of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; ⁶of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; ⁷of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; ⁸of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

A Multitude from the Great Tribulation

→ **Revelation 7:9-17** ⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴AND I SAID TO HIM, "SIR, YOU KNOW." SO HE SAID TO ME, "THESE ARE THE ONES WHO COME OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION, AND WASHED THEIR ROBES AND MADE THEM WHITE IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB." ¹⁵THEREFORE THEY ARE BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD, AND SERVE HIM DAY AND NIGHT IN HIS TEMPLE. AND HE WHO SITS ON THE THRONE WILL DWELL AMONG THEM. ¹⁶THEY SHALL NEITHER HUNGER ANYMORE NOR THIRST ANYMORE; THE SUN SHALL NOT STRIKE THEM, NOR ANY HEAT; ¹⁷FOR THE LAMB WHO IS IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE WILL SHEPHERD THEM AND LEAD THEM TO LIVING FOUNTAINS OF WATERS. AND GOD WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES."

In Psalm 12, David tells us that at the Appointed Time when godly man is about to cease, that it will be the Lord raising up to cause the knowledge of Truth - the knowledge of His Words to be raised up and tried in a furnace of the earth until they are purified seven times. This is explaining to us that the Time of Purification will be seven years (*Remember that a Time is 7 years. But, in this Time of the Night of the Day of the Lord when His Morning has risen upon us, each year of the Lord is likened to 7 years, for the sun is given 7 times its Light. This is allowing us to accomplish the full works of the 49 years of forgiveness in 7 years*). Those with His Words are sealed and they are kept from the wicked generation forever and ever.

→ **Psalm 12:1-8** ¹To the Chief Musician. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David. **Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases!** (Consider *Matthew 24:22 and Mark 13:20 and you will see that this is applying to this very Time.*) For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. ²They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. ³May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things, ⁴who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?" ⁵"For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns." ⁶**THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS** (*Holy Words*), **LIKE SILVER TRIED IN A FURNACE OF**

EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES. ⁷You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. ⁸The wicked prowls on every side, when vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

→ **Mark 13:19-20** ¹⁹FOR IN THOSE DAYS THERE WILL BE TRIBULATION, SUCH AS HAS NOT BEEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION WHICH GOD CREATED UNTIL THIS TIME, NOR EVER SHALL BE. ²⁰AND UNLESS THE LORD HAD SHORTENED THOSE DAYS, NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED; BUT FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE, WHOM HE CHOSE, HE SHORTENED THE DAYS. *(The Lord makes it clear that He is going to shorten it for the sake of the Elect who are still remaining upon the earth. Also, take notice that He calls them "Elect" for they have not yet become "Saints". They are "elected" to become Saints who are purified, made white, and refined. This, along with many other Scriptures makes it very clear that the Great Tribulation comes before the Rapture.)*

→ **Psalm 144:1-15** ¹A Song to the LORD Who Preserves and Prospers His People. A Psalm of David. Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle— ²my loving kindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me. ³LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him? ⁴Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow. *(Take notice of the "his days" are like a "passing shadow". His days are his assigned work. What is in the wings of the Lord - eyes. What is the eye- the lamp. How does the light enter - through the entrance of His Words. Passing shadow is an appointed path when it is being done to accomplish that work that is given. When people knew Peter would pass by, they put those who were sick in the place where Peter's shadow would be cast as he passed by in the Light of the sun of the Day.)* ⁵Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. ⁶Flash forth lightning and scatter them; shoot out Your arrows and destroy them. ⁷STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND FROM ABOVE; RESCUE ME AND DELIVER ME OUT OF GREAT WATERS, FROM THE HAND OF FOREIGNERS, ⁸whose mouth speaks lying words, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. ⁹I WILL SING A NEW SONG TO YOU, O GOD; ON A HARP OF TEN STRINGS I WILL SING PRAISES TO YOU, *(The sun, moon and stars bowed down to Joseph, and in this day the same is occurring for the purpose of the perfection Praise of the Lord. The number 10 is the number of the perfection of the earth. David is revealing the Way of God is that "the sounds" - frequencies - created by the hand of a righteous one will cause the earth to be perfected. Thus it is telling us mysteries of the ways of controlling the frequencies to enable that which is of the heavens that bow down.)* ¹⁰the One who gives salvation to kings, who delivers David His servant from the deadly sword. ¹¹Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouth speaks lying words, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood— ¹²THAT OUR SONS MAY BE AS PLANTS GROWN UP IN THEIR YOUTH; THAT OUR DAUGHTERS MAY BE AS PILLARS, SCULPTURED IN PALACE STYLE; ¹³that our barns may be full, supplying all kinds of produce; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; ¹⁴that our oxen may be well laden; that there be no breaking in or going out; that there be no outcry in our streets. ¹⁵Happy are the people who are in such a state; happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

→ **Matthew 24:21-22** ²¹FOR THEN THERE WILL BE GREAT TRIBULATION, SUCH AS HAS NOT BEEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD UNTIL THIS TIME, NO, NOR EVER SHALL BE. ²²AND UNLESS THOSE DAYS WERE SHORTENED, NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED; BUT FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE THOSE DAYS WILL BE SHORTENED.

- Daniel 9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. **THE END OF IT SHALL BE WITH A FLOOD, AND TILL THE END OF THE WAR DESOLATIONS ARE DETERMINED.**
- Genesis 9:14-15 ¹⁴IT SHALL BE, **WHEN I BRING A CLOUD OVER THE EARTH, THAT THE RAINBOW SHALL BE SEEN IN THE CLOUD;** ¹⁵AND I WILL REMEMBER MY COVENANT WHICH IS BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH; **THE WATERS SHALL NEVER AGAIN BECOME A FLOOD TO DESTROY ALL FLESH.** (*But, the Serpent's flood will destroy much flesh - Mt. 24:22.*)
- Revelation 12:15-16 ¹⁵SO THE SERPENT SPEWED WATER OUT OF HIS MOUTH LIKE A FLOOD AFTER THE WOMAN THAT HE MIGHT CAUSE HER TO BE CARRIED AWAY BY THE FLOOD. ¹⁶BUT THE EARTH HELPED THE WOMAN, AND THE EARTH OPENED ITS MOUTH AND SWALLOWED UP THE FLOOD WHICH THE DRAGON HAD SPEWED OUT OF HIS MOUTH.
- Isaiah 59:19 ¹⁹SO SHALL THEY FEAR THE NAME OF THE LORD FROM THE WEST, AND HIS GLORY FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN; **WHEN THE ENEMY COMES IN LIKE A FLOOD,** THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM."

Here is the warning of the Lord.

- Luke 17:26-27 ²⁶AND AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, SO IT WILL BE ALSO IN THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN: ²⁷**THEY ATE, THEY DRANK, THEY MARRIED WIVES, THEY WERE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, UNTIL THE DAY THAT NOAH ENTERED THE ARK, AND THE FLOOD CAME AND DESTROYED THEM ALL.** (*The Lord warns in Hosea 4:6 that His people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. With knowledge you CAN enable this flood to cease!*)
- Matthew 24:36-39 ³⁶But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷**BUT AS THE DAYS OF NOAH WERE, SO ALSO WILL THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE.** ³⁸**FOR AS IN THE DAYS BEFORE THE FLOOD, THEY WERE EATING AND DRINKING, MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE, UNTIL THE DAY THAT NOAH ENTERED THE ARK,** ³⁹**AND DID NOT KNOW UNTIL THE FLOOD CAME AND TOOK THEM ALL AWAY, SO ALSO WILL THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE**

Warnings Against Forgetting the LORD

- Deuteronomy 8:1-20 ¹Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. ²And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³SO HE HUMBLED YOU, ALLOWED YOU TO HUNGER, AND FED YOU WITH MANNA WHICH YOU DID NOT KNOW NOR DID YOUR FATHERS KNOW, THAT HE MIGHT MAKE YOU KNOW THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE; BUT MAN LIVES BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD. ⁴Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. ⁶Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow

out of valleys and hills; ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. ¹¹"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹²lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; ¹³and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶WHO FED YOU IN THE WILDERNESS WITH MANNA, WHICH YOUR FATHERS DID NOT KNOW, THAT HE MIGHT HUMBLE YOU AND THAT HE MIGHT TEST YOU, TO DO YOU GOOD IN THE END— ¹⁷THEN YOU SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'MY POWER AND THE MIGHT OF MY HAND HAVE GAINED ME THIS WEALTH.' ¹⁸"AND YOU SHALL REMEMBER THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR IT IS HE WHO GIVES YOU POWER TO GET WEALTH, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT WHICH HE SWORE TO YOUR FATHERS, AS IT IS THIS DAY. ¹⁹Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. ²⁰As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

The following is a continuation of the information about the Afghanistan bombing that I put in previous notes. This article was in the Daily Bell, Appenzell, Switzerland, today.

US Levels, Rebuilds Afghan Village

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'Tarok Kolache's atrocity reminiscent of Fallujah' ... The U.S. military's operation of completely wiping out the Afghan village of Tarok Kolache reminds one, of the most "brutal and savage" war crime the U.S. committed in the Iraqi city of Fallujah back in 2004 says Dahr Jamail, author and independent journalist. "My first thought upon seeing this news is that it reminds me of what I saw happen when the U.S. military completely destroyed the city of Fallujah in Iraq back in 2004," Jamail said in an interview with Press TV's U.S. Desk on Saturday. The Iraqi city of Fallujah was "largely destroyed and the population irradiated by the depleted uranium ammunitions that the U.S. used to destroy the city" he said. In October 2010, the U.S. army completely wiped out the Tarok Kolache village in Afghanistan's Kandahar to allegedly get rid of the Taliban militants in the area. However it took several months for the media to get wind of the atrocity. - Press TV

Dominant Social Theme: Villages sometimes must be destroyed to save them.

Free-Market Analysis: It has hit the Internet hard - harder than almost any other news from Afghanistan in a long time: the news that the US military had dropped 25 tons of bombs on a small Afghan village and reduced it to glazed mud. Pictures of the village, Tarok Kolache, and its fertile fields are available on the Internet. The "after" photos show the same fertile fields but no village, only a pale, lumpen plain where it had been.

There are at least 20,000 cites for "Tarok Kolache" on Google and climbing. The story has now been covered at the Huffington Post, Salon and other high-profile media; it has been subject to scathing coverage on such websites as Press TV (see article excerpt above). In Britain, the Daily Mail has covered it in detail and provided before and after photos that supply emphatic evidence of the efficacy of modern warfare. Here's an excerpt from the Daily Mail article:

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The Daily Mail describes Broadwell's bio this way: "Miss Broadwell, who has served as a major in the U.S. Army, was educated at Harvard University before completing a PhD at London University's War Studies Department. Her LinkedIn profile page states that she also graduated from the U.S. military academy West Point, and has worked for the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force."

Broadwell has posted several articles on Tarok Kolache at the Foreign Affairs magazine website. She has put the bombing into perspective and has emphasized the US military's grant of some US\$1 million to rebuild the village. She writes the following:

As of today, reconstruction efforts are well on track for Tarok Kalache and others in his AO. Mosque construction is underway, the irrigation canals and culverts are being restored, and the local government has been an active participant in the process of assisting the people of the village in rebuilding their homes. Just last week, the district governor, Shah Mohammed, signed land deeds for all 14 landowners of the village which will set the conditions for future land titles to be issued -- something that only happens in Kandahar City now. In the coming days, the villagers will be compensated and meet with local contractors approved by the district governor to begin rebuilding the homes. As [Lt. Col. David Flynn, the commander of the Combined Joint Task Force 1-320th in Kandahar Province that bombed the village], likes to say to his troops, "Time to 'getterdun.'"

Broadwell and others have been forthright about the bombing once it finally became a public story - apparently months after the incident. And General David Petraeus, commander of the Afghan war had a spokesperson available to respond in detail, though not with an apology. According to a military-oriented website called "Danger Room," the spokesperson's message was clear: Expect more Afghan villages to be destroyed by American rockets and bombs - if, that is, the Taliban "saturate" them with homemade explosives and kick out the villagers. But the U.S.-led coalition isn't going to destroy populated areas, the spokesperson adds.

While there has been no apology, General Petraeus is obviously taking the furor seriously. Thus permission was apparently granted for Commander Lt. Col. David Flynn himself to respond directly to criticism, pointing out that the village was entirely booby-trapped and that the only way to undo the Taliban's damage was to level it.

He posted his reply at Foreign Policy, and his forthrightness garnered praise in some quarters. Outside the Wire website wrote the following: "The Army is so often criticized for not responding quick enough and then questioning why no one is paying attention when they issue a response well after everyone stopping talking about it. Not this time. Lt. Col. David Flynn, the commander of the Combined Joint Task Force 1-320th in Kandahar Province, responded immediately to critiques of his tactics in his AO."

The individual responsible for some high-profile criticism (and the person to whom Flynn is replying) is Joshua Foust. Further comments - in response to David Flynn - appear at Registran.Net. Foust points out that "Team Petraeus" is responding to the growing criticism of the village razing policies "by blaming the Taliban's." And he adds, "Put less charitably, Petraeus is admitting the Taliban is setting the pace of operations, setting the terms of engagement, and forcing the U.S. to engage in property destruction. Classic insurgent tactics, in other words. It is not encouraging." Here's some more from Foust:

As a counterpoint to Paula Broadwell's bubbly account of the destruction, in December Stars and Stripes reporter Megan McClosky covered Tarok Kolache. Far from accusing locals of engaging in theatrics, she reported their anger honestly and transparently, which is nice to see. She also described a slow process of winning over local acquiescence to what happened, which is also an important angle to the story. I do hope their acceptance is genuine and not just avoidance (which often results in anger being expressed long after the fact). If they do not move fast to compensate and calm the locals that razing will be Afghanistan's "Dresden" even with out civilian casualties.

Foust also responds to feedbackers defending David Flynn. "Lemme see if I can make sense of this. The common reporting was that the villagers were given money and time to leave. Now they wanted to get back in to get their possessions? Paula said they took all their possessions and were living elsewhere. Which is it?" He adds:

What bothers me is when Americans proclaiming their own genius make stupid decisions. Look, I can accept that maybe a village has to be leveled to clear it of explosives. That doesn't excuse all the other stupid decisions that accompanied this, which I've explained at length: the land reform, the DSG titles, waiting until after the fact to figure out who lived where and owned what, and so on. These decisions are being made because of higher pressure to perform on a very short time frame, and that is ruining anyone's ability to make good decisions.

The US seems to be hardening its stance regarding Afghanistan, though it is hard to tell from the Obama administration which changes course two or three times a month. The latest stance regarding the war comes from WW4 Report, which quotes US Vice President Joe Biden as saying last week that "US troops will stay in Afghanistan beyond 2014, with Kabul's permission ... While insisting the US does not intend 'to govern or nation-build' as that 'is the responsibility of the Afghan people and they are fully capable of it,' Biden added: 'We stand ready to help you in that effort ... after 2014.'"

WW4 Report points out that Biden's comments come a month after he told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the US would be "totally out" of Afghanistan by 2014 "come hell or high water." The Report also reminds us that at a November conference in Lisbon, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen signed a long-term partnership agreement with Afghan President Hamid Karzai under which "NATO will stay as long as necessary to support Afghanistan until it can no longer become a safe haven for terrorism."

Is this practical? The war seems to be getting worse along with the behavior of NATO and US troops - many under constant pressure. In fact, the war is likely not aimed at natural resources or an oil pipeline (certainly not primarily) but is a continuation of a war that the British began in the late 1800s against the Pashtuns that have traditionally occupied parts of Afghanistan and Pakistan for some 2,000 years.

No matter what Biden says, the war IS a kind of nation-building, designed to create regulatory democracy that will be amenable to the "new world order" that the Anglosphere has in mind imposing not only the West but on the world at large. The Pashtuns, with a decentralized, tribal culture, have resisted the imposition of the Anglosphere's political scheme; the Taliban, a kind of Pashtun militia, have continually fought against NATO and American occupation.

At this point, there are many complications to the war that speak to its lack of progress. Pakistan has backed the Taliban and supplied them; other revenue comes from Afghan poppy growing. The wealthy families of Pakistan fear India and look to the Pashtuns to stabilize Afghanistan so that it does not become an ally or puppet of India. This is an outgrowth of previous British meddling; Pakistan is something of a creation of the West. The West also supports Saudi Arabia with hundreds of billions in oil revenue and military supplies - and Saudi Arabia is a prime funder of the kind of Muslim fundamentalism that the Taliban espouse. These elements constitute "blowback."

Pakistan continually provides the Taliban safety and security within its borders. These sanctuaries are actually tribal homelands that the Pashtuns have occupied for millennia. Despite considerable pressure, Pakistan has not been willing to move militarily on these sanctuaries -

and 20 million or so Pashtuns - for good reason. Pakistan is nearing the status of a failed state and military action against Pashtuns who avenge their dead "unto the seventh generation" is not perhaps feasible or wise. So long as Pakistan refuses to fight the Taliban (which it helped create), the West would seem to have no chance of fully "Westernizing" Afghanistan.

The elite promotion remains one of victory; Afghanistan will be dragged bodily into the 21st century. The reality is that the war's futility is apparently beginning to fuel irrational behavior within the US military. There IS a deadline (no matter that Biden denies it) and both political and economic factors militate against the kind of open-ended campaign that the West has run until recently. General Petraeus' increasingly heightened response to the violence - and now the apparent policy of bombing whole villages - surely cannot be considered a positive step in terms of winning "hearts and minds" (the stated goal). Petraeus doubtless believes he is running out of time.

Conclusion: It is said that General Petraeus harbored hopes of a political career, perhaps one ending in the US presidency. It is also possible that if he continues to escalate the war (shades of Viet Nam) Afghanistan shall prove the graveyard of those hopes ... even as it has throughout the centuries proved one for empires.

Consider this glimpse of the sins of this nation: In February of 2002 I sat in a meeting and heard a person who was a relative of the Rothschild's and who was assigned to report to the President of the United States, proclaim that Dr. Nancy Nicolson - the relative of the Rothschild family who is in charge of their terribly evil program to reduce the world population by any means - was responsible for developing wars so that they can reduce the world population. This is evidenced in the development of viruses and diseases, as well as the development of non-natural GMO foods, that she has instigated the development of throughout the nations of the One World Order. This same evil genocide program is what has led to the use of uranium doped bombs and ammunitions that are destroying the lives and the soils of the nations whom the allied -United Nations Coalition - forces attack. The result of this secret evil program has been seen evident in the recent issuance of warnings from the Iraqi Government and the World Health Organization for women in the bombed areas of Iran and Afghanistan to refrain from trying to have children. Another evil arm of this One World Order depopulation program headed by Nancy for the Rothschild family and the rest of the 13 families, is the development of the HAARP technology and the chemtrails programs that are destroying the health of the people and the food supplies of the people. There seems to be a new side program that is making itself visible in Afghanistan. Consider the news article below and pay attention to the pictures. What becomes evident is that the One World Order army is wiping out the ability to farm in the near term. They completely obliterated this farm for pomegranates. Do you really believe that there was any person left in this village? Yet the military says that there was no civilian casualties. Considering that the War of Terror is a false war that was intentionally created, what justification to the Lord can we give for this kind of destruction? I have testified to you that it was a created war and there are many people who have information and testified the same. The Lord is testifying through many people, including Duduman, that this kind of destruction is coming to America because of our blindness.

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By [Lewis Bazley](#), UK Daily Mail, Last updated at 11:26 AM on 21st January 2011

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Before and aftermath: The picture on the left shows the village of Tarok Kolache in the Arghandab River Valley. The picture on the right is the same location following allied air strikes, which completely obliterated the village. Taliban militants had taken control of the village and battered the coalition task force with homemade bombs and improvised explosive devices.

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commander of the Combined Joint Task Force 1-320th gave the order to pulverize the village.

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But with Tarok Kolache bombarded with close to 25 tons of explosives, assuming some collateral damage does not seem unjustified.

Backing the bombing: General David Petraeus has reportedly told his commanders to follow the destructive model seen in Tarok Kolache

Outside analysts have not been able to assess the impact of the bombing on civilians due to security concerns.

However, it has been agreed that 'extreme' operations such as the destruction of an entire village are likely to have a negative impact on attempts to improve coalition-Afghan relations.

Erica Gaston, an Open Society Institute researcher based in Afghanistan, told Wired the erasure of Tarok Kolache was exactly the type of behaviour that would deal a body blow to Afghan acceptance of the presence of the International Security Assistance Force.

'But for this, I think [NATO] would have started to get some credit for improved conduct,' Ms



Gaston wrote in an email.

'Some Kandahar elders (and I stress 'some,' not 'all' or even 'most') who had initially opposed the Kandahar operations were in the last few months expressing more appreciation for ISAF conduct during these operations, saying they had driven out the Taliban and shown restraint in not harming civilians.

'I think this property destruction has likely reset the clock on any nascent positive impressions.'

However, astonishing pictures like those above could become a regular feature of coalition operations in Afghanistan, with ISAF commander General David Petraeus approving both construction and destruction projects.

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Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1348915/The-Afghan-village-s-wiped-map.html#ixzz1BgSPiv1c>

Thousands of dead octopuses wash up on Portugal beach

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Thousands of dead octopuses have washed up on a beach in northern Portugal, in what is being called an environmental disaster.

They cover a 5-mile stretch of Vila Nova de Gaia beach - no reason has yet been found for their appearance.

The authorities have warned the public not to eat them.

This is an interesting article from the Daily Bell in Switzerland.

China's Empty Cities Are Result of UN Agenda 21?

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China to create largest mega city in the world with 42 million people ... China is planning to create the world's biggest mega city by merging nine cities to create a metropolis twice the size of Wales with a population of 42 million. City planners in south China have laid out an ambitious plan to merge together the nine cities that lie around the Pearl River Delta. The "Turn The Pearl River Delta Into One" scheme will create a 16,000 sq mile urban area that is 26 times larger geographically than Greater London, or twice the size of Wales. - UK Telegraph

Dominant Social Theme: We will build an urban infrastructure and save the environment.

Free-Market Analysis: We've covered the insanity of Chinese economic growth in numerous articles stretching back nearly two years now, but this latest news is the most startling yet. If the Telegraph is to be believed (we have no reason not to), the Chinese have now dropped any pretense of a market driven economy. The Chinese are "planning" the economy, and in a big way.

Perhaps this bureaucratic zeal partially explains the eruption of empty cities that the alternative press (and the Daily Bell in particular) has been reporting on. While speculation seems to be out of control at an entrepreneurial level, the vast tracts of empty housing now being constructed may have an even deeper import, one having to do with the UN's sweeping, global mandate, Agenda 21. Perhaps they are thus part of an urban planning policy of a magnitude unseen in human history. You can read one of the Bell's China stories here:

<http://www.thedailybell.com/1604/China-That-Urban-Empty-Feeling.html>

We don't understand where China is going to find the money for these ambitious projects. In a free-market, cities spring up spontaneously as the need arises. In China, obviously, the need is perceived by bureaucrats and the funding is provided via China's dangerously over-extended central bank. The economy is so overheated that China keeps banning housing investments. The latest crackdown, we read, is that people in certain regions will not be able to own more than one speculative real-estate property.

None of this will help, of course, and it is baffling to see the steps the Chinese communist leaders are taking to "cool" the economy. Either they actually don't realize that inflation is a monetary phenomenon or they do realize - but are confident that state control and its mandates can overwhelm market forces. In fact, running economies by mandate can work for a period of time, but when the increasingly fragile patchwork of regulatory dictates implodes, the mess is all the worse.

And that is surely what is going to happen to China. It is impossible to predict a timeline but just as Western economies imploded in 2008, so will China's economy eventually implode as well. There is really no difference between the Chinese economy and Western economies at this point except in terms of the position of the business cycle and the magnitude of the upcoming disaster. When the Chinese bubble pops, we imagine the resultant reverberations will shake the world.

Of course that's not the spin from Western powers-that-be. Newspapers and magazines are filled with articles about the Chinese miracle and the country's entrepreneurial zeal. Granted, passing mention is made to state coordination, but most articles in mainstream magazines and newspapers still do not mention, let alone emphasize, what surely will occur in China sooner or later: the mother of all busts.

Within this context, the above cited mega city would seem to be fairly predictable, though astonishing in scope, given the leadership's quiet - even secret - propensity for central planning. To us the entire plan as enunciated, seems to mimic the worst features of the USSR, where sterile, crumbling planned developments still dominate local landscapes. The Chinese may do it better but the spirit is no more laudable. The powers-that-be will decide where and how average Chinese will live, and obviously most of them will live in cities.

It doesn't stop with one mega city. According to the Telegraph, "By the end of the decade, China plans to move ever greater numbers into its cities, creating some city zones with 50 million to 100 million people and 'small' city clusters of 10 million to 25 million. In the north, the area around Beijing and Tianjin, two of China's most important cities, is being ringed with a network of high-speed railways that will create a super-urban area known as the Bohai Economic Rim. Its population could be as high as 260 million. ... As the process gathers pace, total investment in urban infrastructure over the next five years is expected to hit £685 billion, according to an estimate by the British Chamber of Commerce, with an additional £300 billion spend on high speed rail and £70 billion on urban transport."

This is central planning on steroids. But as Bell feedbackers have suggested (and there have been scattered commentaries on the 'Net as well), perhaps China's zeal for city planning has other impetuses beyond resettling rural farmers in urban environments. The issue of the UN's agenda 21 has been mentioned in this regard. What is Agenda 21? According to the UN, it is, "a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organizations of the United Nations System, Governments, and Major Groups in every area in which human impacts on the environment."

The conservative website Rightside News has recently run a series of articles - exposes - of UN Agenda 21. "Sustainable development has become the buzzword for a strategy under development since at least the early 1970s to completely control every aspect of our lives, including resettling entire populations." Rightside News points out that the 1976 U.N. Conference on Human Settlements called for population redistribution as follows:

- *All countries should establish as a matter of urgency a national policy on human settlements, embodying the distribution of population, and related economic and social activities, over the national territory.*
- *A national policy for human settlements and the environment should be an integral part of any national economic and social development policy.*
- *Human settlements in most countries are characterized by wide disparities in living standards from one region to another, between urban and rural areas, within individual settlements and among various social and ethnic groups. Such discrepancies exacerbate many human settlement problems, and, in some instances, reflect inadequate planning. Human settlement policies can be powerful tools for the more equitable distribution of income and opportunities.*

China it turns out is an enthusiastic proponent of Agenda 21 and extensive information on the country's compliance can be seen at the website www.acca21.org.cn. A book-length White Paper can be downloaded there that delineates fully the compliance of the Chinese government. Chapter 1 - "The Preamble" - begins as follows:

This century has seen remarkable advances in the development of science and technology and in social productivity. The abundant material wealth created by mankind is unprecedented and it has resulted in a rapid development of civilization. However, aggravations caused by population expansion, excessive consumption of resources and global environmental problems such as pollution, reduced biodiversity and increased gap between north and south, have seriously hampered the development of economies and improvements in people's quality of life, and are even threatening human existence itself.

Given the pressures of these harsh realities, mankind has no choice but to re-examine its social and economic behaviour and its path of development. Traditional ideas of considering economic growth solely in quantitative terms and the traditional development mode of "polluting first and treating later" are no longer appropriate when considering present and future requirements for development. It is now necessary to find a path for development, wherein considerations of population, economy, society, natural resources, and the environment are coordinated as a whole, so that a path for non-threatening sustainable development can be found which will meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

This is fairly strong - though general - language. But now, apparently, we seem to have evidence that China intends to put the UN's mandates into practice in a big way. The ultimate intention is to depopulate the countryside we would imagine, in preference for gigantic cities. Farming will be accomplished corporately and the corporate state will benefit from an expanded, controllable, urban population - one that can be repurposed for whatever social and corporate goals the leadership has in mind. The goal, ultimately, is globalism and a marriage with similar urban constructs created by Western elites.

It is control that the power elite is after - East or West. Environmentalism is merely a pretext for the kinds of mass-engineerings of society that is contemplated. And while the Chinese may be ahead in the race to implement Agenda 21, there is no doubt that Western elites intend to fulfill UN mandates as well. The Internet is full of stories about the attempted implementation of Agenda 21 under various euphemisms, Smart Growth being among the most popular. But the euphemisms no matter how cheerful disguise the reality - which is the abrogation of Western property rights.

In America, homeowners and local communities are fighting back. But there is a darker side to the story in the US; it can be speculated, for instance, that the depopulation of the Gulf Coast is part of a disguised effort by the powers-that-be to reconfigure population densities for various purposes. The rationales may include both the forcible mergers of Mexico and the US (referred to as the North American Union - and including Canada) and Agenda 21. Alternative news media investigator Jesse Ventura has already devoted a television program to the issue of Gulf Coast depopulation. (We'll be discussing this and other issues with Mr. Ventura in an upcoming Bell interview.)

The West has invested hundreds of billions - perhaps trillions - in China's development and growth. In hindsight, one wonders at the viability of this funding. China's free-markets at the top-level are evidently non-existent and much of China's recent growth has been fueled by tens of trillions of yuan printed by the Chinese central bank. The economy is so overheated that the ChiComs are applying price controls wherever they can - and price controls never work.

Conclusion: The Chinese are about to embark on the most significant social and population reconfiguration ever attempted; but where is the money to come from? Are the ChiComs simply going to print it? How can they? It is simply mad. And what is madder still, is that Western media continues to report on China as if it were a sane society run by a sane leadership. Reading about the plans to re-engineer the living conditions of one billion people puts us in mind of the worst excesses of the Soviet Union. Who would have invested in that?

This is also from the Daily Bell and it is interesting to watch the One World Order at work. They took down Tunisia so-called "Christian" government and now they are consolidating the Islam movement.

As Predicted, Tunisian Islamists Emerge

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Islamist movement at forefront of Tunisia's protests ... Tunisia's underground Islamic movement has emerged at the forefront of nationwide protests against its leadership and appears set to emerge as the strongest political force in elections. ... Al-Nadha is lead by the London-based exile Rachid Ghannouchi who has said that he will return to the country as soon as the threat of life in prison is lifted. Mr. Ghannouchi has the best claims to an electoral following in Tunisia after the disintegration of the ruling party. He has wide core support at the country's universities and his followers secured 17 per cent in 1989's election - an unrivalled following in Tunisia's rigged electoral system. - UK Telegraph

Dominant Social Theme: Everybody should participate in the modern nation-state, even Islamic fundamentalists. If they attack, however, we shall have to further curtail Western freedoms in the name of security.

Free-Market Analysis: In a recent article (Western Elites Secretly Still Building Islam) we speculated that the Anglo-America power elite was supporting Islam because the West's growing authoritarianism needed an outside enemy to ensure its global expansion. We received some skeptical feedback regarding that perspective, even though we admitted it was a somewhat simplistic analysis.

We recall one feedback that simply questioned whether we had ever been to Tunisia or its environs (none of us have) and implied that lack of on-the-ground familiarity had led us sorely astray. Imagine our surprise when recent reports (available on the Internet) are now indicating that there is a good deal of Islamic activity swirling around Tunisia. It seems Muslim fundamentalism (of some sort) is a feasible political force in post-revolutionary Tunisia, and in fact may provide a point of cohesion in an otherwise fractured society.

We had not done much research into Tunisia at the time we wrote the initial article, a week ago now. But we were trying to provide a larger view. And so we asked, "What if the powers-that-be had decided to do what they could to expand the Muslim threat - and thus expand (in the Western mind anyway) the specter of resurgent, militant Islam? A cynical idea isn't it, dear reader." We were careful to call the idea "speculation," even though we thought we detected a larger pattern, as follows:

In the strife-torn West African nation of Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) the West is supporting Alassane Ouattara, a former prime minister, banker and leader of the opposition over incumbent president, Laurent Gbagbo. Ouattara is Muslim; Gbagbo is Christian. The West advocates for the Muslim-linked faction over the Christian one. Then there is the referendum in the Sudan, one of Africa's largest states and most Northern ones. The referendum, being conducted on the auspices of the United Nations, aims to split the country, creating a predominantly Muslim Northern Sudan ... The West, under the auspices of the UN, is in the process of creating a fundamentalist Muslim state. Finally, there is the sorry saga of the War in Kosova in which the West backed Albanian Muslims over Serbian Christians.

<http://www.thedailybell.com/1691/Western-Elites-Secretly-Still-Building-Islam.html>

We asked the question about the potential for a Muslim state in Tunisia not only because we thought we'd detected a pattern, but because we had analyzed a similar pattern when it came to Iran. We've written about the evolution of Iran's theocracy several times, most recently in September, in an article entitled The Rise of Iran. There is certainly speculation on the Internet that the antecedents of Iran's current state were more complex than what the mainstream reported. Here's an expert from our article:

In an era when the truth-telling of the Internet is continually destabilizing the elite's fear-based promotional propaganda, the erection of a believable and even formidable enemy is of great importance from the Western elite's point of view. It provides a rationale for increased authoritarianism, justifies the West's increased use of spy-technologies (which are mostly domestically aimed) and provides a rationale for continued military-industrial spending.

Seen from this point of view, the West's incursions into Iran and Afghanistan become comprehensible at a fundamental level as well. Saddam Hussein's regime was a nationalist one, but now with Iran's growing influence in the country, the political structure has been overtaken by religious calculations. The theoretical elements of Iran's Shia revolution have been spread not only into Iraq but also into Afghanistan.

Was this a deliberate outcome? We have our suspicions of course. There is no doubt America under Jimmy Carter destabilized the secular regime of the Shah of Iran. Ruhollah Khomeini, stored in France, was put on plane back to Iran (where he apparently grouched to reporters that he much disliked Iranians). This was not surprising either from our point of view as Khomeini's father is reported to have been British intelligence ...

<http://www.thedailybell.com/1386/The-Rise-of-Iran.html>

Now we see the same pattern occurring with Tunisia. Rachid Ghannouchi, an enemy of the previous Tunisian regime, has lived in Britain for 20 years; he returns to Tunisia. He is preparing to revive his Islamic party formally, even though he denies any political ambitions himself. Der Spiegel recently interviewed him. Here's an excerpt:

Rachid Ghannouchi, 69, has lived in London since 1989 when his Islamist party, al-Nahda, was banned in Tunisia. He is now planning to return to Tunisia in the wake of the recent fall of President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali. He backs the radical Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, but he also argues that multi-party democracy is consistent with Islam ... He spoke with SPIEGEL about why the new government isn't much better than the toppled regime and how Europe's silence prolonged the dictatorship.

SPIEGEL: As leader of what was once the biggest Islamist party, al-Nahda, will you be playing a decisive role in the new Tunisia?

Ghannouchi: I will not be standing for office. I'm nearing 70; there are younger people within our movement. I just wish to contribute intellectually to the historic process of taking Tunisia from the era of repression to one of democracy ...

SPIEGEL: But the new leadership of Tunisia has not lifted your prison term of three life sentences.

Ghannouchi: We completely reject this government, as does the entire Tunisian people. Its majority is composed of figures of the old regime implicated in decades of corruption and repression and it excludes the real opposition and credible representatives of civil society. All parties agreed that we first need a general amnesty, but this government has offered only words and no actions.

Ghannouchi comes across in the interview as a moderate Muslim, claiming that his faction seeks no more than to work with other Tunisian power centers whether religious or secular. However, a little research turns up other perspectives regarding Ghannouchi and his party. According to a post on the Tunisian oriented website Aangirfan, Ghannouchi's party "Ennahda, or Renaissance," (al-Nahda) Tunisia's largest Islamist movement, came in second to the ruling party in 1987 elections.

This didn't suit Tunisia's rulers. Subsequently the party was shut down and Ghannouchi was given protection by Britain. The post continues: "Tunisia accused Ghannouchi of being behind a planned terrorist bombing campaign aimed at crippling Tunisia's tourist industry. A bomb that exploded in a tourist hotel in the resort city of Monastir severely maimed a British woman guest." Aangirfan adds the following:

What about the Islamists in Tunisia? The Islamist movement has been at the forefront of Tunisia's protests ... Iran, Saudi Arabia and the CIA all appear to have a philosophy that could be described as 'fascist'. The mad Moslems and the CIA have another thing in common: heroin. ... In 1996, Tunisian Minister of Justice Sadok Chaabane said that Tunisian Islamists get their funding and political support from (1) Iran (2) Saudi Arabia. According to Chaabane, the 'Islamist' plan is to use Tunisia as "the gateway to its larger neighbors, Algeria and Morocco." Tunisians belong to Sunni Islam, but Chaabane states that Tunisia's Islamist leaders will accept help from wherever they can find it. Of course, some believe that the CIA sees Tunisia as its gateway into oil-rich Algeria and Libya. And the CIA has been happy to use militant Moslems in Kosovo, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Of course this is all speculation. But the patterns repeat. Over and over, one finds the CIA (and MI6 and the Mossad) involved in regime destabilization. At the same time, a militant leader who has received safe-haven in the West heads back to his country. It is not a new strategy - if that is what it is. Germany and France provided safe-harbor for Vladimir Ilyich Lenin before he returned to Russia.

Conclusion: We shall wait and watch. If by some chance militant Islam does gain (regain?) a foothold in Tunisia and if its influence begins to spread to other countries in the region - and maybe even lynchpin states like Egypt - we surely shall see numerous articles in the West decrying its dangerous expansion. This will not surprise us; we are diligent in our attempts to scrutinize the memes of the elite. It will be a predictable dominant social theme: The political elite demands further restriction of Western freedoms - more security checkpoints for domestic citizens, etc. - to combat Islamic expansion. Is this, then, to be the future of Tunisia, the Middle East and the West?