# Biblical Proof of a Hidden Hand and a Dark Plan

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Of the various emails we receive, the most commonly expressed concern by our readers is the indifference shown by others to the New World Order and the people behind it. No matter how much evidence they present to their families, friends, and acquaintances to show that "something is seriously wrong" with the way the world is being governed, they are met with glazed looks, dismissive sighs, and impatient rebukes.

A recent comment to a YouTube video, dated 15 November 2018, would seem to sum it up:

I have a background and degree in mass media and communications, with a minor in Business Administration – emphasis on computer science. I have worked as a journalist, high school teacher, elder care advocate, case manager, web designer, and software tester. My husband, daughter, sister, parents, and public at large – have let me know they DO NOT want to know what I think and know, based on scientific study, theory, and research. I am done – period. I might discuss the cat, dog, or cooking – but religion, politics, climate change, education, health? It is not welcome, and it is even potentially dangerous to discuss with those who might fly off the handle, and blame me later – Not worth it!

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As born-again Christians we have a duty of care to all mankind, to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. It is natural to want to alert others to circumstances that might affect their future. After all, it is cautionary advice that we would welcome ourselves.

We also have a further obligation to our brothers and sisters in Christ, to help them understand more fully the counsel of God. We do this, not from any superior knowledge, but from a desire to share what we have learned in our walk with God. We should already be doing this in our Bible study classes.

In light of this we would expect our brothers and sisters in Christ to respectfully consider what we have to say and weigh it accordingly. Alas, judging from the emails we receive and from many comments on the Internet, it is clear that very few Bible-believing Christians are prepared to do this. The vast majority, it would seem, are all too willing to dismiss our concerns as 'conspiracy theories'.



# **Explaining this resistance**

We may think that this resistance comes primarily from the conditioning and propaganda to which most of us are exposed through the media. Yes, this is a factor, but the problem goes much deeper than that.

There was a time when church-goers were frequently reminded by their preachers and pastors that Satan is a real supernatural being and that his deadly, all-consuming ambition is to subvert and destroy mankind. They were reminded over and over of his remarkable ability to find our secret weaknesses and exploit them with great cunning, luring us further and further from the path ordained for us by God. They heard time and again of the awful damage wrought by the Adversary when he induces foolish men and women to measure their lives by worldly standards and to neglect the only standard that matters.

The vast majority of professing Christians today are unable to see what the Illuminati are doing because they have long forgotten that Satan exists and that he has a plan. Their pastors and preachers, it would seem, are just as ignorant. Very few of them are warning of the works of darkness that are deeply embedded in the fabric of our society, and fewer still are instructing their flocks in true Biblical discernment.

This is why most professing Christians, including many born-again believers, have forgotten that organized evil is a reality in our world today. What is more, even among those who have not forgotten, there are few (it would seem) who appreciate how dangerous and pervasive it is, or how well it hides itself behind respectable people and seemingly well-meaning organizations.



# Marxism, visible and invisible

About sixty years ago nearly everyone was aware of at least one form of organized evil that threatened society from within, the insidious, atheistic doctrine of Marxism. But this awareness virtually disappeared with the 'fall' of the Soviet Union. The mainstream media used this momentous event as an opportunity to claim that Marxism was a spent force and that it no longer posed a threat to Western society. Even China, they claimed, was beginning to shed its Marxist skin and embrace the western approach. We had entered a new era, one in which international co-operation would lead to greater prosperity for all and where the conditions required for an enduring world peace were finally at hand.

This false 'new era' syndrome, which began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, has infected the minds of the younger generation. They believe they live in a world which can only get progressively better. This comfortable perception is strongly augmented by the scented vistas that are portrayed daily in the social media.

The over-30s, on the other hand, appear to fall into two groups, those who are still employed and those who have retired. The former are too over-worked or too wracked by ambition to give any thought to the possibility that the world may be run by an ultrawealthy consortium of Luciferian families. On the other hand, those who have retired are probably the most selfish generation in history, almost wholly given over to the pleasures that their ample savings and leisure time provide. They have no interest in having their tranquility punctuated by thoughts of bad people doing bad things.

We should hardly be surprised, therefore, that very few want to hear about the Illuminati and the coming New World Order. Our fallen nature resonates more readily with the liberalism and rebelliousness of the Elite than it does with the righteousness and obedience required of us by God.



## Goals of Marxism read out in US Congress

The 45 goals of the Communist Party in the U.S. were read into the Congressional record on 10 January, 1963. They included the following, which we have sorted into groups to show how they contributed to a well-chosen set of strategic objectives:

## **Undermine the Family**

- Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
- Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.
- Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.
- Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."

#### **Undermine Christianity**

- Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion.
- Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch."
- Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."
- Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.

#### **Undermine the Constitution**

- Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
- Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.
- Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

#### Promote the UN and World Government

- Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be set up as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces.
- Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the U.N.
- Allow all Soviet satellites individual representation in the U.N.
- Permit free trade between all nations regardless of Communist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war.
- Extension of long-term loans to Russia and Soviet satellites. Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Communist domination.
- Internationalize the Panama Canal.

#### **Control key professions**

- Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.
- Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.
- Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies.
- Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand [or treat].
- Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals.

How many of these have been realized? All of them, along with many similar goals not listed here! (By the way they didn't just 'internationalize' the Panama Canal, but gave it directly to the Chinese.) It takes considerable organization, funding, and clandestine activity to carry out a plan like this. It also takes direct complicity at the highest political levels. Those who think the conspirators are on the 'outside' working their way in are greatly mistaken. They have been on the 'inside' for a long time, undermining the institutions and values that hold our society together. They pretend to be your friends, but they actually despise you, your country, and your way of life. And they will continue with their nefarious schemes until they establish a New World Order, where every last vestige of living Christianity and Biblical truth has been completely annihilated.



## Those who should definitely be listening

This takes us full circle to the one group that should definitely be listening, the one group that should truly care – born-again, Bible believing Christians. These are the ones who are striving to please the One True God and seek His holy will. Alas, their failure on the whole to recognize the dangers posed by the New World Order is due largely to their inability to comprehend the great hatred that Satan has for mankind, the immense control that he exercises over the wicked, and the astounding lengths he is prepared to go to usurp the place of Christ in the minds of men.

In many respects we are beating our head off a wall when we try to 'awaken' others to the lies and deceptions of the Illuminati if we are not also touching them at a deeper level. For someone who is blind, if only in part, to the existence of extreme evil in this world – and to the pall of darkness that hangs over humanity – our few morsels of truth will seem meagre indeed. Whatever evidence we are able to offer a skeptical audience will surely be dwarfed by the plain manifestations of evil that they see around them every day <u>but</u> choose to ignore.

If they are not <u>already</u> asking themselves about the origin and cause of this appalling corruption, then they are hardly likely to give ear to anything we might say.

Consider the many well-meaning individuals who sit down nightly in front of their televisions and watch a crime fiction series in which acts of cruelty and sadism are committed, often in a graphic manner. They are being <u>entertained</u> by these programs. This is how Satan blunts our spiritual senses, instilling in millions a strange indifference to evil, to the point where it 'entertains' them.

## Sowing seeds in receptive minds

When Christ addressed a group of people who did not yet believe his message, he spoke mainly in parables. Only those who longed for truth in their hearts would understand what he was actually saying.

We are in a similar situation when we try to reveal the true story behind the New World Order. Straight assertions of fact will likely be rejected. Evidence that seems compelling to us may not find a foothold in their minds. So the best we can do is sow some seeds. This can often be done by asking some well-designed questions, the kind that capture the listener's imagination.



When I first began to discuss the New World Order with skeptical people, I found there were some questions that really got them thinking. One of these was: "Whatever happened to the families who owned the big merchant banks in the 19<sup>th</sup> century? Did they lose all their money, or are they still around today?" If they are still around, where are they? And how much richer have they become over the intervening century? Why are their names missing from the list of the 500 richest people?

Another good question, I found, was about the mechanism that supposedly explains Evolution: "If organisms evolve by accidentally acquiring a beneficial mutation and passing it on to their offspring, then why don't deleterious mutations get passed on in the same way?" As born-again Christians, we know that the 'science' of Evolution is completely bogus, a cynical compilation of lies designed to ridicule creation and the Word of God. This may then lead to further discussion about the people behind these lies and what they are trying to achieve. It might even open the door to a further 'seed' question: "If some very wealthy, influential people are financing the lie of Evolution, then what other lies are they financing?"

# The Conspiracy from a Biblical Perspective

One cannot prove a conspiracy unless one can identify the people behind it and what they are trying to achieve. If we attempted to do this on our own, using our limited skills and resources, we would not get very far – even if our skeptical audience was prepared to listen while we slowly and arduously set out the evidence. However, <u>if our listeners are genuine</u> <u>Bible-believers</u>, then we should not need to do this! The LORD in His mercy has already done it for us.

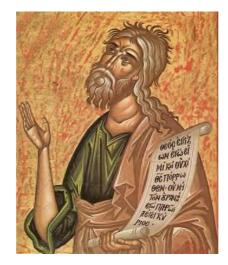
The Bible plainly tells us that Satan has planted tares among the wheat, that their numbers are fairly substantial, that they are exceedingly wicked, and that they are working together to exploit, enslave and destroy the righteous. Jesus tells us that they will be removed from the earth <u>only</u> when he sends his angels in the End Time to gather them up and cast them into the raging fire of judgment.



Throughout his public ministry, Jesus often addressed the Pharisees as a collective body whose members worked together for a common cause. It is impossible to give due weight to his condemnation of the Pharisaic class and not see that he was referring, not just to their wickedness as individuals, but to the corporate wickedness that bound them together as a group. The same could be said of the other groups that he condemned, such as the Sadducees and the Herodians. Seen in this light, these groupings were conspiratorial in the modern sense, pooling their personal resources and talents to increase the influence and prestige of the group as a whole. In that way, each of their members stood to benefit. Furthermore, since they alone were privy to their collective methods and intentions – the secret steps they were taking to advance their cause – they were engaged in a conspiracy.

Conspiracies often imply a willingness to secretly harm others if this is deemed necessary by the group. Even by that definition, these groups certainly qualified since they were more than willing to secretly harm Jesus and his followers.

The prophet Jeremiah faced a conspiracy of Jews in Anathoth who conspired together to intimidate him, to undermine his good character, and even to kill him. This could not have been done openly because a greater part of the population still held Jeremiah in high regard.



Jeremiah

The Apostle Paul also faced a nasty cabal in Jerusalem, where a group of Jews conspired to hunt him down and kill him. A number of them vowed to abstain from food and water until they had carried out this evil deed: **"And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy." (Acts 23:13)** 

The Word of God also refers, through the prophet Ezekiel, to a conspiracy of false prophets in Jerusalem who, by misleading the people, had attained great power and influence. We are told that, under this veil of lies and deception – the stock in trade of false prophets – they had committed many terrible crimes:

"There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof." (Ezekiel 22:25)

# Nimrod

One of the most Satanic of all conspiracies was the one led by Nimrod when he and his followers set out to build a huge ziggurat in Babylon. The entire region would have had many similar ziggurats, all in honor of their god, Baal (Satan), but this one was to be so large, so imposing, and exuding such grandeur that it would be seen by all the world as an affront to God.

The same arrogance and defiance is alive today, where Nimrod is revered among the Illuminati as the ultimate embodiment of their ideal. The Antichrist himself is prefigured by Nimrod, a "**mighty hunter before the LORD**" – where the word "before" denotes his defiant posture. The name Nimrod actually means **rebel**! The preeminent prey for a psychopath is other men, and this was the case with Nimrod: as a "hunter" he tracked down and murdered all who opposed him.

If God had not intervened, the conspiracy of Nimrod would have had catastrophic consequences for mankind. All political power on earth would have been concentrated in one man, a person fully imbued with the wrath of Satan. By breaking mankind into a large number of language groups and causing the nations to scatter, the LORD broke the back of this conspiracy. This was by far the greatest visible intervention by God in the affairs of man since the Flood.

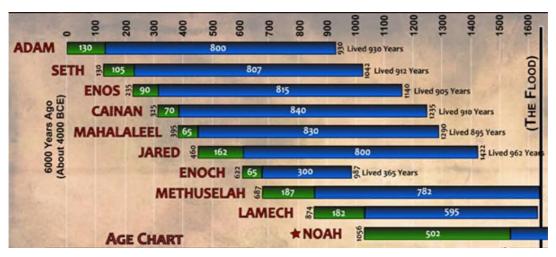


The Tower of Babel by Hendrik van Cleve III, 16th century

Before the Flood we saw how, within a few generations from Adam, a clique had formed which opposed that of Seth and his followers. Seth was Adam's third son, a man whose righteousness was evident to all who knew him. The opposing clique comprised the followers of Cain, a known murderer and liar. Cain may have been seen by his followers as a man of great distinction since God had given him a mark (Genesis 4:15). While God had done this to preserve his life, Cain probably used it to win prestige among the rebellious. The Book of Jude confirms that all who followed Cain were wicked (Jude 1:11). Some of them may have adopted a similar mark as a sign of their loyalty, just as the Antichrist will demand that all of his followers bear a mark of their fidelity. Anyone who refuses to take this mark will be executed.

Although we have covered the following material in an earlier paper (#125) we will review it at this point since it sheds a great deal of light on the conspiracy that is under way today, a conspiracy that is every bit as dangerous and depraved as the one led by Nimrod.

We need to remember that **everything** that happened before the Flood occurred in the lifetime of <u>just two people</u>, Adam and Methuselah. What is more their respective lives overlapped by 243 years – see chart <u>below</u>.



This means that everybody alive on earth at the time of the Flood was closely related to one of the ten men in the chart above. We are literally speaking of a massive population consisting mainly of cousins and grandchildren. We know from the dreadful breach that occurred between Cain and Abel that there existed two religious systems at the time, one which accepted the need for a Redeemer, and one which did not. The old Bible commentators called the former group the Sethites since, like Seth (brother of Abel), they sought a relationship with God: "And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD." (Genesis 4:26).

The Bible also makes a sharp distinction between the Sethites and the descendants of Cain. We can see this clearly in Genesis Chapter 5 which opens with the words:

"This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:" (Genesis 5:1-3)

The ten men named in the above chart are all listed in **"the book of the generations of Adam"**, but the descendants of Cain are not. They are named instead in Chapter 4 of Genesis. They were Enoch (not to be confused with the son of Jared), Irad, Mehujael, Methusael (not to be confused with Methuselah), Lamech (not to be confused with the son of Methuselah), and the sons of Lamech – Jabal, Jubal, and Tubalcain.

Thus the earth for many years comprised two distinct religious groups, the Sethites or children of God – because they called upon the name of the LORD (Genesis 4:26) and accepted that they were made in the image of God, just like Seth (Genesis 5:3) – and the Cainites, who are described as the children of men because they did not call upon the name of the LORD and did not accept that they were made in His image.

Alas, the Sethites, the Chosen People of their age, soon did what the Israelites were to do a few thousand years later – they intermarried with pagan women (**"the daughters of men."**) Instead of remaining separate they allowed themselves to intermingle with the children of disobedience. This had disastrous consequences, and wickedness quickly spread across the earth.

The male offspring produced by these unions seemed to carry great influence in both camps and became "mighty men, men of renown". The spiritual vitality of the Sethites quickly waned as these "mighty men" led them further into Cainite depravity. As a result "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and...every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5)

This is where we are today. The righteous voice of the believing church is almost completely extinguished and in its place we have the phony Nicolaitan church, the church that neither hates evil nor loves righteousness.



## Ezekiel is shown the conspiracy

This church is very similar to the counterfeit religious institution that Ezekiel described when the LORD took him in spirit to see the Temple in Jerusalem. He was shown four scenes in succession. In the first he saw the **"image of jealousy"** at the door of the inner gate that faces north. This was intended to deliberately provoke the wrath of God and may not have been visible to the public.



Ezekiel by Buoninsegna, c 1300

He was then taken through a "**hole in the wall**" to a room in the Temple precincts where the walls were covered with "**all the idols of the house of Israel.**" These included pictures of animals and other creatures, the symbology of the occult, quite possibly the astrological signs of the Zodiac – which include the ram, the bull, the crab, the lion, and the scorpion. Seventy elders of the house of Israel had gathered there in secret after nightfall to offer incense to Baal (Satan).

In the third scene he was shown a group of women who had gathered, seemingly in secret, at the north door of the Temple grounds: "...behold, there sat women weeping for **Tammuz." (Ezekiel 8:14)** Tammuz was the consort of the Babylonian goddess Inanna, also known as Ishtar or Astarte. They were bewailing the death of Tammuz or <u>Nimrod</u> who, according to their religious mythology, would be reborn as a divine child to Semiramis.

In the final scene he is brought to the inner court of the Temple and shown where about twenty-five men were standing with their backs to the Temple, facing east, "and they worshipped the sun toward the east." (Ezekiel 8:16).



Elders of Israel offering incense to false gods.

If we step back and consider what is happening here, we will see a truly wicked conspiracy, where a small group of leaders – priests and princes – all influential men, have taken over the Temple of the One True God and used it <u>secretly</u> as a place to practice their wicked Satanic abominations. As a direct result of this practice, which probably went on for many years, the presence of the LORD left the Temple – and NEVER returned, except for brief periods in the person of Christ.

Those responsible were the pillars of the congregation, just as they are today.

## Nehemiah and David each faced a conspiracy

Nehemiah faced a similar conspiracy. During the entire period that he was trying to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, he had to endure continual intimidation, including threats of violence, from Sanballat and his cronies in Samaria. The conspiratorial dimension of their opposition lay in the fact that they were in regular communication with Nehemiah's supporters in Jerusalem. Several of the leading princes were secretly keeping Sanballat briefed on developments inside the city. They even hired Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, who was confined to Jerusalem, to lure him into a trap with a false prophecy, **"for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him." (Nehemiah 6:12)** Nehemiah also refers ruefully to **"the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear." (Nehemiah 6:14)**.

The Word of God also tells us of Ahithophel, a man of genius, who was special advisor to David. Absalom, for all his cunning, would never have conspired successfully against his father had not Ahithophel been part of his conspiracy. Based inside the palace, with daily access to David and all that was happening within the administration, he was ideally placed to facilitate the great deception that left David completely in the dark until the last moment.



Ahithophel takes his own life [German manuscript c.1360].

We have given these many examples to show that the Word of God warns <u>repeatedly</u> of conspiracies against God's people. The pastors and preachers today who belittle those who warn of similar conspiracies against the church are denying God's Word. The Apostle Paul tells us that, as the End Time approaches, **"evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse"** and that after he left this world (in the first century AD!) **"grievous wolves"** would enter in. The church today is being attacked from without by the modern counterparts of Sanballat and his confederates, and from within by the modern equivalents of the genius Ahithophel, along with a seemingly endless stream of false prophets like Shemaiah and Noadiah.

## The Attack on the Church

Given that the church has failed substantially over a long period, certainly since 1930, to recognize the nature of this attack, we can see why the damage that has been sustained to date is so severe. The conspirators inside the church have been placed there by a much larger conspiracy outside the church. The larger conspiracy itself is aiming at world domination and, toward that end, is eliminating all possible sources of opposition. This includes, in particular, the Bible-believing church.

To the architects of the New World Order, truly born-again Christians are incredibly dangerous people. They can do something that no-one else on earth can do – they can address their petitions directly to Almighty God! They have access through the cross to the author of all Creation! The LORD God of heaven and earth will hear their cry and answer their prayer.

If even a small number of <u>true believers</u> are praying against the Enemy and his devices, they can greatly impede his progress. This is why the work of the New World Order has accelerated so much in recent years. The number of true believers who are down on their knees and fighting this terrible battle has fallen dramatically. With the prayers of the saints contracting in this way, the Enemy is advancing in leaps and bounds.



The prophet Daniel at prayer

# CONCLUSION

As true believers we are to do what we can to reach the lost. It is wonderful when we get the opportunity to share the gospel. Where professing Christians are concerned, we have a similar challenge, namely to show them how Bible prophecy is being fulfilled today in ways they may not understand.

We can point to the many passages in Scripture which deal with the conspiracy of the wicked against the righteous. We can also quote (or refer to) the many passages in Scripture that confirm the existence of organized evil in this world, in particular those passages which show that Satan is at war against mankind and that he is using his human servants to assist him here on earth. Since their active co-operation must of necessity (at least for now) be clandestine in nature, it is by definition a conspiracy.

Here are some passages from Scripture that show just how dangerous the wicked really are and how easily they work together to harm the righteous:

"The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined." (Psalm 10:2)

"For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart." (Psalm 11:2)

"The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted." (Psalm 12:8)

"Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts." (Psalm 28:3)

"The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth." (Psalm 37:12)

"Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:" (Psalm 64:2)

"For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue." (Psalm 109:2)

"The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble." (Proverbs 4:19)

"The wicked worketh a deceitful work:" (Proverbs 11:18)

"The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD:" (Proverbs 15:26)

"For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men." (Jeremiah 5:26)

"Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations." (Isaiah 66:3)

### "As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich." (Jeremiah 5:27)

#### "And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family..." (Jeremiah 8:3)

### "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed..." (Psalm 2:2)

Psalms 2 and 64 deal specifically with the long-running conspiracy among the wicked to destroy the righteous. What they have to say is immensely relevant today. In our view every true Christian needs to be deeply familiar with these Psalms and to reflect on them frequently.

## The Prophet Daniel and the Fourth Kingdom

Perhaps the most horrifying description of the great End Time conspiracy is given by the prophet Daniel. When he portrays the four kingdoms that will rule the earth between his own lifetime (c.600 B.C.) and the Second Coming of Christ, he leaves us in no doubt that the fourth will be unimaginably cruel and depraved. This kingdom began in ancient Rome, the empire that superseded Greece as the pre-eminent world power around 150 B.C. He tells us several times that this kingdom will be **"diverse from"**, or very different in character from, the three that came before it – the Babylonian, the Persian, and the Grecian. He wants us to understand that the wickedness of the Roman Empire, at its culmination, will far exceed anything the world has ever seen.

We are given a sense of the shock that Daniel experienced when he was shown this:

"...behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it" (7:7)

"Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;" (7:19)

"Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." (7:23)

### "And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it." (8:27)

[The vision detailed in chapter 8 was different from the one in chapter 7, but like its predecessor it prefigured the dark work of the End Time Antichrist.]

The first three kingdoms are likened to a lion, a bear, and a leopard, respectively, but no earthly predator could serve as a suitable analogy for the fourth beast. In its savagery it was **"exceeding dreadful"**, utterly unlike anything that came before it.

# **Concealed Wickedness**

A kingdom is not a conspiracy, but when we examine what Daniel is telling us, we can see that the fourth kingdom advances, for the most part, by concealing its wickedness. After all, we are <u>already</u> living in the fourth kingdom, and yet few Christians today would identify it with the one described by Daniel! Why? Because the extreme evil that imbues the fourth kingdom has disguised itself in many different ways.

Great works of darkness are being carried out today by a conspiracy that hides behind a gilded veil of respectability. Using the principle of plausible deniability, the leaders of the fourth kingdom have managed to pursue their agenda before the eyes of the world and at the same time appear to be our loyal partners in pursuit of the common good. We know this must be the case – even if we cannot see it ourselves – because it is clearly implied by Daniel's prophetic description.

The fourth kingdom does not suddenly descend into wickedness when the Antichrist arrives. As the Apostle John said, referring to the spirit of Antichrist: "...ye have heard that it should come; and even now <u>already</u> is it in the world." (1 John 4:3) The world today is <u>already</u> steeped in appalling wickedness, the very wickedness that shook Daniel to the core.

What is more the rulers of the fourth kingdom have spent hundreds of years preparing for the arrival of their false christ. This is all happening right before our eyes but, due to the multiple layers of deception and misdirection that characterize this conspiracy, most people are unable to see it.

We are reminded of a remarkable observation many years ago by H. A. Ironside. Harry Ironside was one the greatest Bible teachers of the modern era and his books are a treasure trove of sound Christian instruction. In his commentary on the Book of Micah, which was published in 1904, he said:

> "Nothing can now avert the soon-coming doom of haughty Christendom nor raise up the fallen assembly of God."

These are strong words from a man who truly understood what the Enemy is doing. If the attack on the Bible-believing church was so far advanced at that time (1904) that he could pen these bleak and foreboding words, what would this godly man have said about the church – "haughty Christendom" – that exists today? He would have warned loudly about the conspiracy, about the power exercised by the wicked both inside and outside the church, and about the great End Time deception that Satan is perpetrating on mankind.

## Satan's Offer

Christ was referring to the deliberate co-operation between Satan and the wicked when he asked: **"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).** Satan even tried to induce Christ to accept this offer when he took him to the high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world.

Alas, many fallen men have accepted Satan's offer. Their descendants, the generational Luciferian families, are ruling the nations of the world today, controlling the international banking system, making staggering profits from the sale of arms, conducting senseless wars, making dangerous genetic modifications to our food supply, manufacturing vaccines and pharmaceutical products that are causing long-term damage to the health of our children, spraying the sky with toxic aerosols, selling and installing wireless telecommunication systems that cause disabling biological damage, and raking in huge profits from the sale of pornography and narcotic drugs. The list is endless – gambling, Hollywood, NASA, television, and the popular music business. Graft and corruption are endemic in all of these industries. The politicians and judiciary collude with these conniving oligarchs – at a price, of course – to keep the system running smoothly.

These people have made a deal with Satan, at a truly horrifying cost to themselves. In return, the Enemy has not only enslaved their souls but has also secured their willing participation in some aspect of his elaborate scheme to take complete control of mankind and install his "son", the Antichrist, as world leader.

# Armageddon

As born-again Christians, we are greatly blessed to know in advance that the conspiracy which started in the Garden of Eden will come to a sudden and dramatic end on the plain of Armageddon! Our wonderful Saviour will return and crush the forces of darkness with a severity and righteous anger never seen before on earth.

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