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Dear Friends,

I send you greetings from the island of Key West. I send these greetings in the name of our soon coming King, the Lord Jesus Christ! My daily habit is to search the news to see what is happening in relationship with what the Bible says will happen in connection with Israel and the Tribulation. Israel is God's time clock. I am reminded of a passage in the Bible that tells just how important Israel and Jerusalem is to God.

Zec 2:4-8 "And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: (5) **For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.** (6) Ho, ho, *come forth*, and **flee from the land of the north**, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. (7) Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon. (8) For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: **for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.**"

From this passage I get several things, one Israel is the apple of God's eye. You cannot touch her without God taking it personal and retaliating. The Seven-Year Tribulation will involve nuclear war. Even now the radical Islamic forces that are lead by Iran are struggling to gain the capability of producing and launching nuclear missiles down upon Israel, with the hope of wiping the Jewish presence off the face of the earth. The second thing I see in the above passage is God's promise to Israel, **"For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her."** God will see to it that Israel has a fireproof wall around it. The fire will burn all around her, but God will be with her so that the fire will not touch her. Isa 43:2 "When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: **when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.**"

It reminds me of a scene out of the book of Daniel chapter 3: . In that passage we are told that Nebuchadnezzar, a type of a future Antichrist, has made an image of Gold, which has dimensions that highlights the number "666." It is a type of the gentile world power structure. Nebuchadnezzar commands all of the rulers of the nations and people that are under his control to come and worship the golden image. All who do not bow down will be thrown into a fiery furnace. The Bible is full of prophetic messages many of them overlooked, this event in Daniel 3: may very well be a prophecy telling us what happens when Antichrist and other forces attempt to destroy the Jewish people and force them to divide their land and eventually try to force them to fall before the image of the Antichrist and receive his mark "666." In the first part of the Tribulation, the Jews will be thrown into the fire but it happens to them just as it did to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they would not bow or worship the image, the Son of God will be in the fire with them.

Dan 3:20-21 "And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace. (21) Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace."

In this part of the text, we see Israel in the experience of these three men enveloped in a furnace of fire. As we continue in our look at Daniel 3: we will continue to see parallels to Israel's future encounter with a furnace of fire.

Dan 3:22-25 "Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot,

the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (23) And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. (24) Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. (25) He answered and said, Lo, **I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.**

Notice that the fire is so hot it slays the men who threw the three Jews into the fire. The Hebrew children were not hurt. Waiting in the fire for them was the Son of God. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were set loose to worship God. All that tried to destroy them were destroyed. That is what will happen during the tribulation. Jesus is as a wall of fire around the Jews in the fiery furnace. Jesus will be a wall of fire surrounding the nation of Israel during the Tribulation, **“thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.”**

Dan 3:26-27 “Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. (27) And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king’s counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.”

The fire had no power over the Jews of Daniel’s day. They were not burned; they did not even have the smell of smoke on them. The Jews of our day will be attacked with nuclear weapons. Right now Iran is building nuclear weapons all for the purpose of wiping Israel off of the map. Russia is upgrading her weapons systems. She is getting ready to send fire upon Israel. Russia will get a very big surprise. She will go down in total defeat. Mr. Gog like Nebuchadnezzar of old didn’t count on the son of God getting in the Fire with Israel.

There is a huge prophetic sign being waved in front of our faces. The world is ignoring the rise of the False Prophet. Recently Pope Francis called for governments of the world to redistribute wealth. That is what socialism calls it when the state claims all of the money, claiming that they are going to distribute it fairly amongst all of the people. The state becomes all powerful. Freedom is destroyed, and slavery is the result. Russia went through 70 years of this slavery. This *is* something that the liberal left, or as they like to be called “the progressives,” are pushing for in America. It is something that the President of America has been calling for. Obamacare is more about the redistribution of America’s wealth. The world’s economy is in deep trouble. In the early days of the Tribulation, the World’s economy will fall.

Rev 6:5-6 “And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. (6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.”

In the middle of the seven-year tribulation a new world economy will be forced upon the people who have the misfortune of being in the area of the world that the Antichrist is ruling. In the middle of the seven-year tribulation, the Antichrist will be assassinated. When this happens, the False Prophet will take control of a new economy and religion. It is he who will introduce the new economy. He will be there when the Antichrist is raised from the dead. The False Prophet will proclaim the Antichrist a living God and command all men to worship him.

Rev 13:11-12 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. (12) And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

There is good reason to believe that Pope Francis could be the False Prophet. In my March newsletters I gave the history, background and reasoning behind the view that Pope Francis is the False Prophet. Please take the time to reread those two letters. I have placed their links here, <http://www.momentin.us/files/73510094.pdf>, <http://www.momentin.us/files/73510107.pdf>. If indeed Pope Francis is the final pope, then we are watching him

setting the foundation for his end time role.

The False Prophet is shown as a beast, who will be a ruthless leader. He will think nothing of shedding the blood of those who resist his will. Often Satan clothes his servants in deceptive garments so that the world is fooled. 2Co 11:13-15 “For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. (14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (15) Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.” Pope Francis is receiving the best press money can buy. God’s word has a way of ripping off the mask letting you see what is really there.

The prophecy of the False Prophet says that he has “two horns as a lamb.” The horn of an animal is its power and authority. This animal is a lamb. The lamb is a symbol of the Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:35-36 “Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; (36) And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the ‘Lamb of God!’**” The Pope of Rome is the only man who claims to have the power and authority of Jesus Christ. He is called the vicar of Christ. “The word vicar comes from the Latin word vicarius meaning substitution. The on-line version of the Pocket Catholic Dictionary by John A. Hardon, S.J. defines the Vicar of Christ as, “The Pope, visible head of the Church on earth, acting for and in the place of Christ. He possesses supreme ecclesiastical authority in the Catholic Church . . .” So this beast is seen in such symbolic terms as to connecting him to Jesus Christ. He is also seen as connected to Satan, “he spake as a dragon.” Dragon is one of Satan’s names.

Rev 12:9 “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

The second beast, the false prophet, will be Satan’s mouth piece. All that he says then and all that he is presently speaking comes from the mind and spirit of Satan. Let us look at a headline and examine something Pope Francis said.

Headline - POPE URGES 'LEGITIMATE REDISTRIBUTION' OF WEALTH

By Nicole Winfield Associated Press

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VATICAN CITY (AP) -- “Pope Francis called Friday for governments to redistribute wealth and benefits to the poor in a new spirit of generosity to help curb the "economy of exclusion" that is taking hold today.”

“Francis made the appeal during a speech to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the heads of major U.N. agencies who met in Rome this week. Latin America's first pope has frequently lashed out at the injustices of capitalism and the global economic system. On Friday, Francis called for the United Nations to promote a "worldwide ethical mobilization" of solidarity with the poor.”

“He said a more equal form of economic progress can be had through "the legitimate redistribution of economic benefits by the state, as well as indispensable cooperation between the private sector and civil society." Francis urged the U.N. to promote development goals that attack the root causes of poverty and hunger, protect the environment and ensure dignified labor for all.” End of Quote

When we put all that the Pope is proposing together, what it boils down to is the end of freedom, replaced by slavery to the state! It is the same thing that the Russians lived under. It is what the Communist of China forced down the people’s throat. It was the same kind of force that brought the **Dark Ages** upon Europe. Only the Reformation saved the world from that darkness. It seems that Pope Francis is eager to sweep freedom away. That is what the False Prophet will do in the middle of the Tribulation.

Rev 13:13-15 KJV “And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, (14) And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. (15) And he

had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

The False Prophet is there when the Antichrist is raised from the dead. In fact he is doing miracles, casting fire from heaven. Men are deceived by all of it. How is he able to do all of this? If Satan is putting words into his mouth, he is also coordinating the miracles.

It is the final Pope that proclaims the Antichrist to be God. He makes a living image of the Antichrist. What gives the image life? Is it possible that Satan possesses the image? It is the very time that he is cast out of the heavens. He has always wanted the worship that belongs only to God. Imagine the Vicar of Christ forcing all to worship this Satanic Beast. Imagine the perverted pleasure Satan will experience as he defiles the Temple of God! The False Prophet will cause as many as will not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Rev 13:16-17 KJV “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: (17) And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

It is the False Prophet that takes control of the economics of the kingdom of the beast. The penalty for not taking the “Mark” is death. It is interesting to see Pope Francis trying to push policies that will strip the world of freedom and make them depended upon the state. Sounds like advanced conditioning for absolute slavery.

At this stage The False Prophet is in control of the Temple Mound. If Pope Francis is the False Prophet then steps are already being taken to move him into control. It has been the dream of the Papacy to control Jerusalem. President Barak Obama is working overtime to hand the Pope control of Jerusalem as our headline will reveal.

Headline - WND EXCLUSIVE - U.S. PLAN GIVES JERUSALEM HOLY SITES TO VATICAN

International mandate to control sections of Israel's capital Pub.: 12/15/2013 by AARON KLEIN

http://www.wnd.com/2013/12/u-s-plan-gives-jerusalem-holy-sites-to-vatican/?cat_orig=faith

“TEL AVIV – Secretary of State John Kerry quietly presented a U.S. plan for eastern Jerusalem that calls for an international administrative mandate to control holy sites in the area, according to informed Palestinian and Israeli diplomatic sources.”

“The exact composition of the international mandate is up for discussion, the sources said, but Kerry’s plan recommended a coalition that includes the Vatican, together with a group of Muslim countries such as Turkey and Saudi Arabia.” End of Quote

The False Prophet will gain control of the Temple Mound. That is where the living image will be. This is probably where The False Prophet announces the divinity of the Antichrist and commands the World to receive the Mark of the Beast. 2Th 2:3-4 KJV “Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; (4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

The False Prophet seems to play a very important role right from the start of the Tribulation. The Seven-Year Tribulation begins with the signing of the Covenant of Seven years. The Antichrist must sign or confirm that covenant. Dan 9:26-27 KJV “. . . the people of the prince that shall come . . . (27) . . . he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:” That covenant will create the Palestinian state and divide the land of Israel. The Prophet Zephaniah talks about a nation not desired, that nation is Palestine. This not a nation God wants to come into being. The world under the leadership of Satan is determined to force this on Israel. When it happens the “Day of Lord” or the Tribulation as it is better know will happen.

Zep 2:1-2 KJV “Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; (2) Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you.”

President Barak Obama has been pushing and shoving Israel around trying to force her into some kind of Peace treaty that is not in Israel's best interest. The effort would seem to have failed, but taking a closer look we will understand it has not really failed it has set Israel up. President Obama has played the role of "Bad Cop," and now enters Pope Francis into the equation. He seems to be perfectly fitted for playing the "Good Cop" role. He invited the Presidents of both the Palestinians and the Israelis to meet with him in his private quarters for a time of prayer for peace.

Headline - How the pope triumphed over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Francis' unorthodox ideology saved him from traps that have ensnared other world leaders, and helped him score a victory for the Catholic Church By Haviv Rettig Gur

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/how-the-pope-triumphed-over-the-israeli-palestinian-conflict/#ixzz339U0hMsu>

"Before leaving the country, the pope extended an unplanned invitation to President Peres and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to join him in the Vatican for a prayer for peace. The invitation, which the two leaders immediately accepted, was soon the subject of much head-scratching. Abbas and Peres have met hundreds of times. Abbas is forming a government with Hamas, which continues to openly advocate terrorism against Israeli civilians, while Peres holds a symbolic post from which he is in any case retiring in July."

"But perhaps Pope Francis is not as foolish as Israelis and Palestinians believe. He did not invite Abbas and Peres to the headquarters of the church to negotiate — but to pray. Having walked through the lion's den of their mutual distrust, he was reaping the reward for the Catholic Church: making the Vatican the site where Jewish and Muslim leaders, locked in a generations-long conflict and sunk knee-deep in mutual recrimination, come to ask God for peace." End of Quote

It is quite possible that it will be the False Prophet that recruits or introduces the Antichrist into the equation. All we need now is for the land of Babylon to be caught in a civil war that will demand a savior riding on a white horse to come to the rescue. The Antichrist has been called a Babylonian. Babylon is Iraq. When we see the Antichrist in Revelation 6, he has something to conquer. The need for military action and his ability to pacify the country is what brings him to power. That man could be the "Man of Peace" that brings Israel and Palestine to the peace table. In case you haven't noticed, there is a terrible civil war going on in Iraq (Babylon) right now. Are we about to see the Antichrist? Is the False Prophet about to play matchmaker?

Rev 6:1-2 KJV "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. (2) And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

If so, he needs to heed the instructions of Jesus, Luk 21:28 KJV "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." The rapture of the church must happen before the signing of the Treaty. I am often asked the question, how much longer do we have? My answer is always the same. I don't know. The day and hour are left to God the Father. We are told that there would be signs that when seen should cause us to look upwards. How much time do we have? My feeling is not much. Some events are hurry up and wait but one day the deadline will be crossed. I am going to end this part of the newsletter with an invitation from Jesus. The chamber in the invitation is the place Jesus promised to prepare for us. The indignation is the treatment of Israel and the resulting Tribulation.

"Isa 26:20-21 KJV Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. (21) For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

The Message of the Month - Is titled **"FROM THE CURSE TO A BLESSING"** The text of this message is

Malachi chapter 3 & 4. This is the last prophecy of the Old Testament. Malachi was the last of the prophets. The people of God had fallen under a curse. God tells them how to leave the curse and move to a blessing. Then he talks about a “special people,” His “Jewels,” this I believe to be a reference to the Born again believers whose names are written in the Book of Life. We see the promise of the Rapture here. Following the Rapture we see the moment of Israel’s conversion to Jesus and the Tribulation. There will not be another prophet for 400 years. I believe this message will be a great help you. You may have it by simply requesting it.

Moments in Bible Prophecy - A radio ministry is a faith ministry. You sit down in front of a microphone. All that you see is a computer monitor, sound and recording equipment. It is only by faith that you see anyone. When I first began the Moments in Bible Prophecy’s radio program, I would see in my imagination a man in Africa and I would talk to him. We were on several shortwave stations at the time, with at least one covering Africa. After awhile, I began to hear from the listeners in Africa. I have made five trips to Africa to meet members of my audience. I have sent hundreds of my teaching and preaching tapes and CDs to those who requested them. There was a young man that I had sent several packages to. He is now a Facebook friend of mine. If you ever wondered if “Moments in Bible Prophecy” is accomplishing anything, what this young man has to share will help you to understand why Moments in Bible Prophecy must stay on the air, and why your support is so very important.



This Waliya Yohanna Joseph. He is from Nigeria. If you have been following the news, you are aware that radical Islam faction Boko Haram has been killing Christians. The sword of Islam has touched Waliya’s family. On June 7 Boko Haram kidnapped Waliya’s brother from the farm he was working on and beheaded him. On June 8, 2014, Waliya posted this on his Facebook page:

“My brother Ayuba was beheaded and buried by 12 p.m. today. I know he refused to recant his faith in Jesus. I am coming to meet my brother on the throne of Christ’s saints.”

I responded - “I am very sorry to hear this. I know that he is absent from the body and present with the Lord! I will be having my church remember you and your family in prayer.”

Waliya Yohanna Joseph - “Brother Raymond, if I make heaven today, do you know you are among the people that it will be credited to? Thank you for your brotherly love.”

What an honor to hear such words, to know that you have helped another to make it to Heaven! How blessed we are in America. We are not blessed just for ourselves. God has blessed us that we can be a blessing to Waliya Yohanna Joseph and the thousands of others who are depending on radio. We are making a difference. We are punching holes in the darkness. I need your help to keep Moments in Bible Prophecy on the air. Each month is a walk of faith, I depend on God to speak to hearts. Listen very carefully to that still small voice inside of your heart. God will often guide you with it. What we would do for God, we must do now. John 9:4 KJV “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

A special thanks to all who faithfully support with prayer and finances. Without you I just could not continue. If you have not gotten involved in sending the Gospel around the world, perhaps Moments in Bible Prophecy would be a way for you to do it. Listen for that still small voice that God uses to direct the believer. If you hear that voice, God will guide you into how you should serve Him. If you would like to give online, you can do it at our website www.momentin.us.

Your Friend in Christ,

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