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Will 2006 be a significant year? The occult people seem to think that the 6th day of the 6th month of 2006 will be noteworthy. 6-6-06. This year a film is being released called *The Beast*. It is supposed to be foisted upon us on 6-6-06. Time will tell if this is so. Another event to look for is the television program, *Secrets*. It seems to be a rather strange global event that could reveal the Plan of the Illuminati – the advertisements for it suggest this. Did you see the ads for *Secrets* on your TV screens, earlier in the year?

From *The Last Trumpet*, March 2006, David J. Meyer:

“We are living in that very peculiar time at the end of the world when the great falling away in Christianity is coming to the full. Only a small remnant of powerful, praying Christians remains as mainstream churches, televangelists, and large mega-ministries have become centers of compromise and entertainment. It is a time when people clamor for books written by men, including many flavors of bibles, rather than the true 1611 King James Bible, which has stood the test of time and has brought forth the manifestation of many mighty miracles.

Since the mainstream “Christian” churches have become spiritually blind, deaf, dumb, and quadriplegic, the masterminds of the Illuminati’s age-old conspiracy are able to continue their nefarious scheme and work their blueprint to bring forth the new world order and its antichrist dictator. We also know that the fourth directive of the Illuminati blueprint is to destroy religion in America; and as we see in the newsletters, they have accomplished it. Satan has succeeded temporarily in his greatest spiritual alchemy project of producing an admixture of witchcraft and Christianity. We have great hope and expectation, however, because the Almighty is now separating and severing the wicked from among the just. The ecumenical movement and the spiritual depravity of churches today are clear evidences that the wicked are being harvested into that one world church movement and will be recipients of the worst of God’s judgments. Anyone who is a member of one of these churches that is operating under the influence of Babylon’s cup of drunkenness should withdraw from it at once. True salvation never comes through a church but rather directly





from the throne of God's mercy and grace to your heart. Churches and large auditoriums are full of people who do not know the Lord, and they cannot find Him because churches are in the way. You can surrender your heart to the Saviour now while there is still time. The sign of His return are everywhere and are happening every day!"

David Bay of *The Cutting Edge* has given out a great deal of sound information and encouragement to the Body of Christ, the Remnant Church, in these terrible days. He is however presenting quite a different Endtime scenario from the usual one taught by fundamental preacher and authors. He has been deciphering prophecy along these rather puzzling but intriguing lines:

A... That the True Church, the Body of Christ, may be around to see the Antichrist revealed. We may not go in the Rapture *before* the Antichrist becomes globally known.

B... That the Church should not expect to escape by the Rapture, and thus avoid all serious persecution, trials and so on. Bay believes fervently in the Pre-Trib. Rapture, however, but cautions us all to expect terrible persecution before the Rapture occurs, before the Tribulation commences. He talks a lot about the "birth pangs" of a baby's birth, and how the worst pains are at the beginning of the birth. Pointing out that, in Scripture, the first coming of Christ was likened to a birth, and also the advent of the Antichrist is likened to a birth. Thus spelling out, he believes, that the Church could suffer horrendous trials before we leave this planet, and Antichrist takes over. Like birth pangs before the actual "birth" of Antichrist.

David Bay is basing his scenario partly on the agenda and teachings of the occultists that compose the New World Order. He has been amazed at how well their agenda ties in with Biblical prophecy, and has seen that they have actually studied God's Word to bring a "counter" or "anti" consummation of this age – to make God's plan seem evil and Satan's plan to seem good. "Anti" Christ does not mean against Christ *per se*, it means setting up a fake Christ who is the antithesis of the true Christ. In contrast.

C... David Bay has been struck by the New World Order Plan to reorganize the whole world into 10 super nations. He sees this as a fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 2:31-41. He rejects the concept of the Revived Roman Empire, whether in Western Europe or in larger Europe, as being

the whole of the fulfillment of the 10 Toes Prophecy. Although he accepts, that Western Europe **is** the Roman Empire. He insists, because of the New World Order emerging power through a 10 nation global consolidation, that this is the true fulfillment of the 10 Toes of Daniel. Mr. Bay sees the interpretation that has been presented by fundamental churches as being “traditional” only. Is this so, or does the Bible teach something so concrete that it is not “tradition” but the only way Scripture can be understood? Let us look into this together.

Mr. Bay is not the only one presenting differing developments; expected because of Bible prophecy. We should get back to basics and study carefully the text of the Bible, depending on the Holy Spirit to open the Word. We will do this together.

Based partly on *The Cutting Edge's* controversial teaching, shall we investigate the Bible passages, and decide whether they do indeed teach the above-mentioned points.

**Does God show us that we could see
the Antichrist in power *before* the Rapture?**

**Does God tell us that we should expect persecution,
terrible, terrible trials and even slaughter
for some before the Rapture happens?**

These are important points indeed.

Despatch considers these subjects should be thoroughly studied as we have to live in this world, occupying ‘til He come, with peace and trust. The denominations mainly teach now that the “Kingdom of God” is being established on earth, fitting right into the fake Antichrist scenario. If it should happen that Bible-based Christians become distressed because they are suffering persecution and are facing death, and they have to go “underground” to survive, when they have been teaching and believing that the Rapture will save them from all trouble – then the denominational churches could win a battle. They will affirm that our prophecy teaching is false, has always been false, and the Rapture was a lie!

On the other hand, if we are determined that Christians will be Raptured *before* the Antichrist is revealed, that we will never know who he is, and he actually is revealed to us – then some may become distressed believing that we were wrong, and the Church has already entered the Tribulation. I hope I am clear here, I am concerned. We need to get things crystal

In *Willmington's Guide to the Bible* there are listed 48 most important chapters in the Old Testament. Daniel chapter 7 is listed there, and his vision of the Seventy Weeks. To grasp prophecy a study of Daniel 7, which reveals the future Gentile world powers, should be undertaken. Also the importance of the Seventy Weeks prophecy cannot be over emphasized as a study. It lays the foundations, so to speak, of Bible prophecy regarding the endtimes. It is a general trend these days that those who have erroneous views of Bible prophecy are often not well studied in the Seventy Weeks of Daniel. This is why people insist that the Church will be Raptured in the middle of the Tribulation, or at the end of the Tribulation of seven years – i.e. weeks of years.

Despatch can supply via S.E.C.W. a DVD by Chuck Missler that will open your eyes to Bible prophecy, called *Seventy Weeks of Daniel*.

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PROPHETIC UPDATE – 4th European Social Forum.

ATHENS, GREECE – April 6-9, 2006.

EUROPE is hosting its fourth Social Forum, and like the World Social Forum events of this year, this Athens event is intended to draw major socialist political organizations, activists, and leaders in the world socialist movement. The reason: to build upon the European socialist ideal as a counter approach to WORLD ORDER.

The World Socialist Forum –

African Venue, met in Bamako, Mali, January 19-23.

For the past number of years, the World Social Forum (and its many national and regional spinoffs) has been a rallying point for socialist action at the global level. It has become the world's largest gathering of socialist and leftist organizations, with the aim of developing a socialist-based world order resting within the empowered United Nations framework. (*Hope for the World Update*, winter 2006. p.7).

wars, international conflict, famines, pestilences, persecutions, and false Christs. These are even in our own time; they are the “beginning of sorrows.”

This is NOT in any way a pretty picture with mighty and lovely revivals happening in Christendom, peace and prosperity all around. Find it for yourself in Matthew 24:4-8; Mark 13:5-13. These are prophecies that deal with the course of this age! In the final analysis, the BIBLE itself will show us truth, if we take note of it with diligence and careful study.

If this period of history gets very bad, while the Church is still here, those who could become our greatest denouncers, the apostate denominations of Christendom, may attack and ridicule the redeemed Church! They could contend that the Rapture did not happen and that the world is in the Tribulation already.

Bear in mind this fact:

The START of the Tribulation is the Antichrist “confirming the covenant” with the Israel. (Dan. 9:27).

If that hasn’t happened, then the Tribulation has not yet started. If you are *here for* that event, however, you are not saved, because the saved ones have been already taken in the Rapture. If you are on the earth when Antichrist “confirms the covenant” with Israel, then you must repent and accept Christ as your Saviour - in reality!

Here is how:

- 1... Admit your sin to God. Repent of your wrongdoing and sinful selfishness.
- 2... Believe that Jesus Christ took the punishment [the wages] you deserved on the Cross of Calvary. He died for the sin of the whole world, you included.
- 3... Come to God and ask Him to forgive you because Jesus Christ has made it possible. He has opened the way to God through the Cross.
- 4... Invite Jesus to come into your heart and give you everlasting life.
- 5... Say to God that you will worship Him and seek to obey Him forever.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.

clear. What does the *Bible* teach us, in fact?

GETTING IT ALL TOGETHER IN A REAL WORLD.

So many events are happening now that it is difficult to catch up with even a small percentage of these. We fundamental, KJV Bible believers have what could be termed “traditional” teachings on the word of prophecy and fulfillment. *Cutting Edge* has come up with quite stunning teachings that challenge these teachings in part, because of the events that are happening in our day. Here we should consider:

a... Prophecy is living, and if what we have accepted since the year dot is not quite right as time passes, then we have to move into the living events as they unfold. This is not then about “false” versus “true” *doctrine* per se, it is about understanding as God reveals. Interpretation is always involved with prophecy, because we are all in some sort of shadow until it becomes clearer as we move closer to unfolding events. The prophecy about Jesus Christ being proclaimed as King was fulfilled at the Triumphal Entry in Jerusalem. He rode on an ass, 69 weeks exactly “from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem.” Daniel 9:25. However, the Lord in the streets of Jerusalem, the people casting down palm leaves at His feet, the Son of Mary is the Messiah, the Jews crying out Psalm 118 et al, the thrilling details, was not shown until it all *happened!* The Jews should have known, the signs were all there, the date was fixed, but events made the prophecy live.

b... *Cutting Edge* makes a big thing about “private interpretation” as though this is not allowed in “interpreting” Bible prophecy. The passage referred to is 11 Peter 1:20:

“Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”

This passage is NOT dealing with *our* understanding of prophecy, it is dealing with the fact that the BIBLE prophecy fits in everywhere and agrees from book to book. No prophecy just stands alone, in other words. We can see this is true just by looking at the context,

“21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

God through the Holy Spirit wrote biblical prophecy, and of course, all books agree with one another on prophetic matters. Nevertheless, all teachers of prophecy in these exciting times must look at events coming to pass or that may occur in the near future, and “interpret” these

in view of what the Bible has said. A good word here could be “decipher” rather than “interpret”.

c... All sincere, Bible believers are seeking to grasp events as they roll on, especially to do with the rise of the Antichrist, the Tribulation, the nations involved, the Rapture, and what we are to expect before it occurs. If some believers, sound and true, have differing views, that is not heresy. We do not have to renounce them or separate from them because of this. Be ready to glean what you can from the exciting period we live in, and examine what God is teaching His people through it.

A... IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL BE REVEALED BEFORE THE RAPTURE?

To get a full grasp of this from Scripture itself, not relying on this or that teacher, we have to go to the key verses – 11 Thessalonians 2:6-8:

“And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:”

The Traditional View.

In these verses the traditional view is that “he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way” refers to the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit *within* the redeemed people of God is “taken out of the way” then the Rapture occurs. We rise to meet the Lord Jesus in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord (1Thess. 4:17). The verses after this show that the Antichrist is not revealed until after this, so the Church cannot see the Antichrist revealed:

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:” 11 Thess. 2:7, 8.

This is the considered traditional “interpretation” or analysis of the passage. It cannot be that the Holy Spirit across the world is taken away, because the Holy Spirit is omnipresent, everywhere at all times, and if He was removed from the earth entirely the earth would be instantly dead, all would be dead, for the Holy Spirit gives life, He is Life.

It is not widely known these days that sound, solid Bible Chris-

The “little horn” is a Roman monster (Dan.7:7, 8).

He will have a universal rule (Dan.7:25) during the last stages of the Tribulation, the last three and a half years, called “the Great Tribulation.” It is as though the Roman “Beast” went into hibernation in A.D. 476. But it will awaken again in the form of TEN NATIONS, the 10 Toes, the 10 horns, in the Tribulation, ruled by the “little horn.” The Great Statue of a Man in Daniel depicts human government through history - ending with 10 Toes which are the Revised Roman Empire nations.

It seems clear that these will *not* be the 10 regions around the globe as planned by the New World Order.

Antichrist will be utterly defeated by Jesus Christ when He comes, and he will be thrown into the flames of the pit:

“I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.” Daniel 7:11.

“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.

These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

Daniel's Fourth Wild Beast

Dan. 7:7, 8, 19, 20, 23-25.



Revelation 19:20.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS.

Although we do not know when the Rapture will occur, although we can never know at this stage if we will be Raptured in peace or in war and troubled times, we can know what the character of the age will be at the close of this dispensation. What will be the signs of His coming and of the end of the age? ANSWER: the character of the endtimes will be

had ten horns.

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. Daniel 7:7.

The Ten Toes are the nations
at the Hub of the Revived Roman Empire.

All the “ten horns” (i.e. “kings” see Rev. 17:12) correspond to the 10 Toes. The “little horn” arises from “among them,” the “horns” are all a part of the heads, the revived Roman Empire, they come out of the heads. The ‘little horn’ is the Beast or the Man of Sin. All the horns are close together, with a proximity to the governmental HUB? It all sounds more like the “nations” or 10 Toes will be in the new, resurrected Roman Empire rather than in ten regions across the globe. It is not just “traditional” to presume this. The Beast is typified by that other “king of fierce countenance,” Antiochus Epiphanies, Daniel 11:36-45, is the type of the “abomination” of Daniel 12:11 and Matthew 24:15. These passages show the Antitype – the Beast, who reigns from the region of the renewed Roman Empire.

Comparing the beasts of Daniel and John’s Revelation we see that they both come up out of the SEA. This stands for the nations in Scripture. Daniel’s beast stands for the old Roman Empire, whilst John’s stands for the revived Roman Empire of the endtimes. Both beasts have ten horns – this shows that they will be existing at the time when the Great Image of a man found in Daniel’s statue is destroyed, because the 10 Toes of the Image correspond with the 10 horns. From this it is plain to see that both Daniel and Revelation reveal that the Roman Empire will be divided into 10 separate but associated kingdoms.

In the descriptions of John’s Beast we see that the “Beast” has two meanings. It represents both the revived Roman Empire and the Grand Emperor, the Antichrist. When we see the seven headed Beast with the ten horns in Revelation, it is obvious that the “Beast” represents the revived Roman Empire, because the “little horn” that comes out of the Beast’s heads is the Antichrist. He cannot be the Beast and the little horn at the same time, in this instance. The 10 Toes are the same as the 10 heads. In Daniel we see the “little horn” or the Antichrist depicted. For his description:

See Daniel 7:7, 8, 19, 20, 23-25.

tians have deciphered the passage of 11 Thess. 2:7, 8 in at least three ways. Each of these has been considered seriously over the years. Who is this powerful restrainer? Three theories, none of which is completely untenable:

1... The Roman Empire or human government.

Here I will quote from Intervarsity Fellowship

The New Bible Commentary:

“In verse 6 see RV. ‘You know what holds him back, ‘ Paul says, ‘so that he will not make a public appearance before the time appointed for him.’ The restraining agency is impersonal here, but personal in verse 7; this throws light on the meaning. The apostle is intentionally vague in writing this, but he appears to have been more explicit in his oral teaching at Thessalonica. This supports the view that the Roman Empire is the restraining agency, since it may be considered either as an impersonal power, or as embodied personally in the Emperor. After the accusation brought against Paul at Thessalonica (Acts XV11. 6f.), any illusion to the imperial power had best be as vague as possible lest the letter fall into the wrong hands.”

2... The angels.

3... It is the Holy Spirit.

Let us consider these carefully. What is more scripturally correct? Remember, whether or not we will actually see the Antichrist as world leader revealed or not depends on what/who the “restrainer” is, the one “who letteth” or “hinders.” The whole set-up hangs on this. Those who think we could indeed see him revealed must have some other view than the one that the Holy Spirit within the Church is the Restrainer. Because if that Restrainer is the Holy Spirit, then the Church leaves the earth *before* “that Wicked [the Antichrist] be revealed.”

1... Is it possible that human government or the Roman Empire and the Emperor is the “he that letteth” in the text?

Satan holds great sway over the kingdoms and nations of this earth, right now. *“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”* Matthew 4:8.

Could the rise of the Roman Empire again on earth be that which hinders the rise of the Antichrist? Will he arise only when “he that letteth” is ready

for the Plan of the Illuminati to be fully implemented?

It is not that clear in the text, the suggestion is not ridiculous. Yet it seems remote, somewhat fanciful.

2... The angels.

Could the angels or a mighty angelic being be the one who is the restrainer?

This is not really a possibility, because Scripture indicates that Satan is embodied in the Antichrist in some way, and even Michael the mighty archangel was not allowed, did not dare, to accuse Satan, let alone "hinder" his incarnate one's revealing:

"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Jude 1:9.

3... The Holy Spirit is the Restrainer.

This is by far the most logical conclusion. Keep in mind, however, that if the Restrainer is not the Holy Spirit we could see the Antichrist revealed. This is not about confusion; it is about humble submission to the Lord Who will open His living prophecy as reality reveals it. The Bible does not actually SAY in so many words that **"the Church is removed when the Restrainer stops hindering, and is taken out of the way"**. We assume that the Holy Spirit within the Church believers is what is taken out of the way, for it cannot be referring to the omnipresent Holy Spirit as Life. Read the passage again. Most sound and true Bible-based Christians have assumed the traditional view. It is a great assumption, and one that I personally hold to.

Here I will quote from [Dr. Charles Ryrie](#):

"The restrainer is God, and the instrument of restraint is the God-indwelt church (cf. Eph.4:6 for God indwelling; Gal.2:20 for Christ indwelling; 1 Cor. 6:19 for the Spirit indwelling). It should be remembered that Christ said of the divinely indwelt and empowered Church that the 'gates of hell shall not prevail against it' (Matt.16:18), so we can say that this indwelt, empowered church is an adequate restraining instrument against the forces of darkness. The Church will not go through the Tribulation because the restrainer will be removed before the Man of Sin is revealed, which revelation (with the signing of the covenant with the Jews, Dan.9:27) begins the Tribulation period. Since the Restrainer is ultimately God, and since God indwells all Christians, either He must be withdrawn from the hearts of believers while they are left on earth to go through the Tribula-

throughout human history. The 10 Toes or the endtime nations will be after Satan's well-trying and historic pattern – a global empire that is dictatorial under a mighty ruler energized by Satan. This time it will be Satan's greatest triumph. If we look at the previous pattern in the previous empires shown in the book of Daniel we will see the pattern is going to be repeated. There will be a humanistic, religious, governmental HUB that will rule the globe, under one mighty ruler, with his cohorts around him. It sounds like the kings are close to him, for the empire is depicted as having seven heads on the one beast, with ten horns, as seen in Rev. 13:1-7:

"After this I saw in the night visions, and 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; and it

John's Beast Out Of The Sea

Rev. 13:1-7



have laws that are Roman Laws.

It did lose its power somewhat in A.D. 364, when there was a religious schism, and it divided into its Eastern and Western divisions.

It is clear from the Biblical text that the revived (or rejuvenated) Roman Empire will be the fourth empire of Daniel 2:40-43. This empire will be in power just before the final world-empire, which will be the kingdom of Heaven itself, come to earth, the Millennial Reign of Christ. We can see this in Dan.2:44. It will consume all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever. The Bible says "and in the days of these kings...." (v.44).

When the Stone hits the image there will be 10 Toes, or nations. (v.42). The Stone is Jesus Christ Himself, when He comes to put down all sin and rebellion and to set up His kingdom on earth from the Throne of David.

The 10 Toes must be nations; the rejuvenated Roman Empire is obviously the world empire at the endtimes. The Roman Empire was more than just a localized empire stretching over Western Europe, as some seem to think. It dominated the world, as did Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar, Media-Persia under Cyrus the Persian Bear, and Greece under Alexander. Roman was a world power. It is still a hidden world power, which will be restored and again to dominate the whole earth. Could the kings of Europe be the kings of the 10 nations described as ruling in the Beast's reign, or can these be leaders of ten regions or global nations?

The "Beast" of Daniel 7:7 will be the Beast of Revelation 13:1. There were three similar beasts, which came before him (Dan. 7:4-6). This Beast is said to be the eighth king, with seven kings preceding him (17:11). It is all progressive, which should give us understanding. Putting the data in place, it would seem that the Beast on whom the woman rides in Rev. 17:3 is symbolic of the sequence or chain of historical world governments. These were all raised up and empowered by Satan.

God instituted the concept of human government, for protection of the innocent and for just dealings among men, seen first in Genesis 9:6:

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."

Satan, nevertheless, seeks always to counteract what God puts in place. Revelation chapter 17 illustrates the principle of cruel, world government constantly empowered and instigated by Satan himself

tion, or else when He is withdrawn all believers are taken with Him. Since it is impossible for a believers to be 'disindwelt' the only alternative is that believers too will be taken out of the way before the appearance of the Man of Sin, which signals the start of the Tribulation." (*First and Second Thessalonians*, p.112). (End of Quote)

Conclusion to the discussion:

"Is it possible that the Antichrist will be revealed before the Rapture?"

It is not utterly impossible, but highly unlikely. It is the most logical view that the Holy Spirit within the Church is the Restrainer, so we must be gone before the Man of Sin, the Antichrist, is revealed. Then there is the point about the word "revealed." It is in the Greek *apokalupto* =to make manifest, to lay open what was veiled and covered up.

There is no indication that the Christians are mentioned here, possibly the whole world will have a revelation of the Antichrist as world ruler, the "Messiah" to the Jews. But, the Christians before the Rapture could have been highly enlightened about the Antichrist by the Lord God. The Holy Spirit is within us to guide us into all truth. He is revealing to us right now the ghastly deceptions of the Illuminati global government, yet the unsaved people seem to be almost blinded. It is not unbelievable that we Christians could recognize without a shadow of the doubt who the Antichrist is *before* we leave the earth in the Rapture. There is no actual verse that makes that an impossibility.

The Occult leaders of our planet are anticipating this, as *Cutting Edge* notes:

"The Occult leaders are aware of the coming Rapture of the Church, but place this event **after** the appearance of the Antichrist [See NEWS1052, "Seminar Notes of the House of Theosophy"]. The demonic Guiding Spirits of key human New World Order leaders have explained that, when Antichrist arises, there will be many people whose values and attitudes are so deeply ingrained that they could never be 'proper receptors to The Christ.' Therefore, to keep the vast numbers of these 'negative' people from impeding the word of The Christ, the masters of the Logos has decided to 'snap them into another dimension', where their souls will be retrained. Once these souls enter back into the Reincarnation Cycle, they will understand the value of the New World Order.

This is the Rapture of Jesus' True Church! The Satanic New World Order leaders, and their followers, are anticipating this great event, although

they have been conditioned to ascribe this event to supernatural forces other than Jesus Christ. However, these demonic spirits are telling their people that the Rapture of the Christian Church will occur AFTER the appearance of their Antichrist. How can this difference between these supernatural demonic spirits and traditional Bible prophecy teachers be reconciled?" (End of quote).

The Church of the Redeemed in Christ could recognize Antichrist but the unsaved might be unaware of him as world leader in power behind the scenes.

Cutting Edge does make the comment that Satan and his demons are liars, and that the scenario above could be mere lies. Whatever it is, we cannot as Christians base anything on other sources than the Bible, we will go way off if we do. We do not have to be reconciled to any of their teachings, if the Bible teaching we have accepted is right, then they are simply wrong. The Bible is reasonably clear about the fact that we will be Raptured *before* the Antichrist is revealed to the world as global leader, therefore it must be before the Tribulation as he is revealed at the beginning of the Trib. The Bible is very clear that we will be Raptured before the Tribulation! In addition, since the Antichrist opens the Tribulation with the signing of the covenant with the Jews, we must be "out of here" before he is revealed. Just keep your mind only on God's word and you will be kept from error.

B. WILL THE CHURCH HAVE A PEACEFUL RIDE TO THE RAPTURE, OR WILL WE SUFFER PERSECUTION AND TERRIBLE TRIALS?

There have been various views about this for quite a long while.

Dave Hunt back in 1983 wrote this:

"As an alternative view, our contrary scenario suggests that the next prophetic event will not be World War Three (that will come later) but the *Rapture*, coming in the midst of a period of booming prosperity and great optimism over the prospects of peace. This seems to be tailor-made for the Antichrist – far more so than World War Three."

Peace, Prosperity and the Coming Holocaust, p.204. (End of Quote)

Cutting Edge, David Bay, has quite a different scenario in view. This has been correlated because of the study Bay has done on the material of the Illuminists themselves.

The Bible sets forth in Daniel 2:37-43 an interpretation of the dream Daniel had of the mighty kingdoms of the earth, ending with the final evil, world government that is described in 40-43. In chapter 7:4-8 there is again an outline of the dream, ending again with the global government that is the revived Roman Empire of the endtimes, with ten kings and "the little horn", interpreted to be the Man of Sin, the Abomination of Desolation or the Antichrist world leader.

The Bible prophecy in Daniel is **symbolic**, when this symbolism is not explained in the immediate context, then it can be found in related portions of Scriptures. The prophecies of Isaiah fit in with Daniel like a hand going into a glove. Too long to go into here in depth, we will just allude to these briefly. The 10 Toes are on an image, as shown in Daniel 2: 31-35. The golden head has been shown to be Nebuchadnezzar's great empire centered at Babylon (Dan. 2:37, 38); the silver breast and arms are shown in Scripture to be the Medo-Persian empire which put Babylon out of place (Dan.2:39; 5:28; 8:20); the brass belly and thighs stand for the Grecian empire under Alexander (Dan.2:39); 8:21). There is a progression here, one major empire after another. If we follow the progression, we come to the legs of iron, which must represent the great Roman Empire. When John wrote the book of Revelation he opened this prophecy more fully, showing the last "Beast" king will be in power only a short (but ghastly) time:

"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

(Rev.

17:10).

The prophecy of Daniel shows that the Roman Empire continues for a long time. It becomes the two "legs" of the image, the Eastern and Western divisions of the empire. The old Roman Empire still exists in a concealed form today. We can look way back in history and see that there is *one* horrible thing that all Roman emperors had in common, whether we look at Octavius, Tiberius Ceasar, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Vespasian – they all hated Christians and Jews. General Vespasian (68-79) ordered his son Titus to destroy Jerusalem in A.D. 70. However, In 313 Constantine issued the famous Edict of Toleration and actually made Christianity his state religion.

The power of the Roman Empire has never really ceased to exist. It is continued in the Greek and Roman churches today, and we still

in an hour's time, only God knows if we will be Raptured in peace or war and suffering. So let us forget that argument – praise God it could happen at any time.

We Christians may escape all trials and persecutions, we may not. God knows when the Rapture is to happen, there is no date setting possible, not at all. There is no date setting possible of persecution or prosperity, how could any teacher possibly declare that they know what the times of the Rapture will be like? We must not, any of us, break the doctrine of immanency, it is God's Word, and that is that. Just live each day in obedience to God, filled with the indwelling Christ through the Holy Spirit, not living in vain imaginations. :

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”

11 Corinthians 10:3-5.

C. THE TEN REGIONS or TEN ROMAN NATIONS?.

- **If the New World Order Plan is reorganizing the whole world into 10 super nations, is this a fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 2:31-41?**
- **Is the concept true that sees the Revived Roman Empire, whether in Western Europe or in larger Europe, as being *the whole* of the fulfillment of the 10 Toes Prophecy?**
- **Is Western Europe as the Roman Empire bringing forth the 10 nations or 10 Toes of the Daniel prophecy?**
- **Alternatively, are the New World Order's 10-nation global consolidation, 10 regions across the planet, the true fulfillment of the 10 Toes of Daniel?**
- **Have the fundamental churches been teaching mere “tradition”?**
- **Alternatively, does the Bible teach something so concrete that it is not “tradition” but the only way Scripture can be understood?**

Let us look into this together...

The first place to look is at the wording of the prophecy itself.

Is there anything in the words themselves to answer our questions?

Here he is looking with eyes some years ahead of Dave Hunt in *Peace, Prosperity and the Coming Holocaust*, Bay in 2006:

“Illuminist leaders are planning a huge series of wars, natural disasters, terrorism, economic collapse, and certain ‘supernatural’ event before Antichrist arises, so that people will readily accept him when he does arise, promising “peace and Safety’ throughout the world. This planned series of disasters before Antichrist arises is totally missed by traditional prophecy teachers when they present their Timeline of Events. In Matthew 24, Jesus likens the birth of both the False Messiah and the True Messiah to a birthing process. In all births, the most severe, persistent, pains are just before the baby is born. Likewise, we can expect all the signs in Matthew 24, to be most severe just before both ‘babies’ are born i.e. Antichrist and Jesus Christ....

Most Christians today have been lulled to spiritual sleep because they have been told they will never see Antichrist; further, they have been told they will definitely never see the devastating wars, natural events, pestilences, and other signs given in Matthew 24. In other words, Christians of today have been told by these prophecy teachers that they have ‘Peace and safety’ of the Rapture that will magically take them away from this terrible time.” (End of quote).

What is it then, peace and safety before the rapture or wars and persecution?

Here we can cut to the chase and answer very briefly:

The RAPTURE is always “imminent” i.e. it could happen at any time. It all depends on how long we are going to be left by God on earth. There is no reason to suppose that we will suffer, neither is there any reason to suppose we will just coast along to the Rapture. The doctrine of Christ's coming being “imminent” means that only God knows when we will be Raptured, when we have peace and prosperity or when there are wars, persecutions and trials. We could go tonight when it is raining, or in two years time when it is summer and the sun is shining. No one knows. It is no sense at all to wonder if we will be suffering or whether we will coast along unto the end. The Rapture could happen at any time. It does not even matter if there is to be World War 3 or not, before the Tribulation or after, what matters is the Rapture is Imminent. Anyone who tells you categorically that the Church will suffer before the Rapture is wrong, the Rapture is imminent and only God knows if we will suffer or not. Those who say with great certainty that we will be Raptured in a time of peace are also wrong. The Rapture could happen at any time,

