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Foreshadows of the Tribulation

**"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice:
but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Proverbs 29:2**

By Mike Wingfield

Someone has said that history is "His story" – God's story. With amazing detail, the Bible traces man's rule over creation from the beginning to the end. We have the privilege of living near the end of God's story.

In the beginning God gave man authority over His creation. Since that humble beginning in the Garden of Eden, humanity has shown that it bears the image of God by using creation for its benefit and, at times, for God's glory. In our lifetime, we have seen more change than the hundreds of generations before us combined. The technological advances of recent decades have astonished nearly all of us. Now, as artificial intelligence takes its first steps, many of us fear what lies ahead. Are we rebelling against God and making gods of ourselves?

However, some things seem to never change. Man's thirst for power has produced deadly revolutions for thousands of years. Even as humanity displays God's image by exercising dominion over creation, it also displays the sin nature that traces back to the first rebellion, which began in the heart of Satan. The name Satan means "adversary." The name devil means "slanderer." Satan is the chief rebel

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and is the architect behind the deception, rebellion, and revolutions on earth.

The Bible teaches that everything God made was good. At the end of God's creation, the Bible says, ***"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very***

good" (**Genesis 1:31**). In the six days of creation, God created everything, both on earth and in the heavens (**Exodus 20:11**). Early in that creative week, God made the angels, and all of them were good. **Job 38:7** tells us that the angels watched God create the world and they ***"shouted for joy."***

One of God's chief angels was called ***"Lucifer, son of the morning"*** (**Isaiah 14:12**). According to the Bible, Lucifer was created as a very special angel called ***"cherub"*** (**Ezekiel 28:14, 16**). Lucifer had the high privilege of living and worshiping in the presence of God around His throne. He was very wise, beautiful, and very powerful (**Ezekiel 28:14-17**). However, in his perfect, created position, in his pride, he began to exalt himself in his heart against the One who had made him (**Isaiah 14:13-14**). Through deception and persuasion, he led a rebellion against God that drew away one-third of the angels (**Revelation 12:4**). These fallen angels who followed Satan's rebellion are called "demons."

Almost immediately, Satan brought his rebellion from heaven to earth. He used his powerful abilities to deceive Eve, and then Adam followed Eve in their disobedience to God. This changed the spiritual makeup of man. Instead of remaining children of God, humanity fell under Satan's influence, and he became their spiritual father (**John 8:44**). As a result of this radical change, man began to walk ***"according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air [Satan], the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience"*** (**Ephesians 2:2**). Humanity now shares in Satan's rebellion against God. Sinful man has become the enemy of God (**Romans 8:7; Colossians 1:21**).



Because of humanity's widespread rebellion in the days of Noah, God judged the earth with a flood, sparing only Noah and his family, who remained faithful to Him (**Genesis 6-8**). After that, God created human government (**Genesis 9:5-6**). God established human government so that people would obey His commandments and submit to His will. He therefore placed all governments under His authority to protect man from other evil men (**Romans 13:1-4**).

Satan, as the great rebel against God, has a history of fomenting violence and rebellion against any government or law that is attempting to implement God's laws as given in the Bible. He attempts to ***"weaken the nations"*** (**Isaiah 14:12**) by replacing God's laws and governments with his own wicked ways that promote death rather than life.

We live in a time of incredible deception. Truth and justice have been perverted. Our world is rewarding people for evil, while the righteous are being condemned. Acts that perpetuate violence are being protected and promoted by liberal politicians, while innocent people are under constant threats and suffer injury. In some of our larger cities, liberal Democrat leaders have tolerated looting and theft carried out under the banner of peaceful protest. Law enforcement officers have been treated with contempt, and a few years ago, large crowds were permitted to gather freely while COVID-19 regulations restricted everyone else. However, at the same time, these people said that it was wrong for the church to gather and sing praises to God.

America has reached this point of confusion, wickedness, and danger due to the sad fact that most Americans are biblically illiterate. Lifeway Research, a Southern Baptist organization, recently found that two-thirds of churchgoers failed a Bible literacy quiz.

The Bible is our only standard of right and wrong. Its values and laws are the direct revelation from an unchanging God who is holy and good. The Bible is the lighthouse that does not move. It has endured the test of time and shines its light into the human heart to warn people, keeping them safe during the storms of life. When individuals or societies reject the truth of God, confusion follows, and that confusion eventually leads to ruin (**Romans 1:18-22**).

The history of our planet has is filled with violence, wars, revolutions, and anarchy. On the surface, the world's violence looks like the work of ambitious, wicked men who seek absolute power and the enslavement of others. Scrip-

ture takes us deeper. Behind these rulers stands Satan, the one they follow as their spiritual father, who uses anarchy and war to build his kingdom of darkness (**John 8:44; Ephesians 6:12**).

Jesus rebuked his disciples for having selfish desires to be great in the kingdom of God. He told them that their desires were wrong because they were acting like Gentile kings who want to have power to control the lives of men. Instead, He told them they should desire to have positions of authority to serve those over whom they rule (**Matthew 20:25-28**).

Satan's rebellion aims to place wicked rulers over the nations, using them to lead others against God and to build his kingdom of darkness on earth. He also knows how God's plan for this age ends, and he knows his time is short (**Revelation 12:12**). He knows that the Lord of heaven has determined that the Son of God, who is also the Jewish Messiah, will one day rule over the nations from Jerusalem's ***"holy hill of Zion"*** (**Psalm 2:6**). He knows that the Lord will establish a righteous kingdom over all nations. He understands that God will give His Son His rightful place as the owner of all of heaven and earth (**Psalm 2:8**). The Jewish Messiah will crush the kingdoms of man and ***"dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel"*** (**Psalm 2:9**).

Satan's rebellion against God is aimed at installing wicked men over nations so He can manipulate them to rebel against God and assist him in establishing his kingdom of darkness over the earth.

With amazing detail, the Bible reveals what Satan's strategy will be to thwart the eternal plans of God. Satan will cause the godless rebels among the nations to revolt against God's law and order. The Bible tells us that the ***"the heathen [will] rage, and the people imagine a vain thing"*** (**Psalm 2:1**). The Hebrew word translated as ***"rage"*** means "to be in rebellion, to conspire with defiant conduct against authority, to revolt against government with the attempt to overthrow it." This word is used to speak of anarchy or revolutions.

Satan's strategy to oppose God's plans involve the destruction of governments that promote God's law and order. Jesus spoke to His disciples about what believers would face at the end of this age. He warned them, ***"But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by"*** (**Luke 21:9**). The word ***"commotions"*** speaks of lawlessness and the breakdown of all governmental authority.

We must remember that Satan does not know the timing of God's end-time events. Knowing how the story ends, Satan has schemed in every generation to destroy the nations that stand in his way. He must have his man of evil, the Antichrist, ready to rule over the nations at any moment. Therefore, as the Jewish people began their migration back to the Holy Land, Satan stepped up his efforts to bring about revolutions that would promote his evil agenda to rule over the world with his kingdom of darkness. In the 20th century, we have witnessed the Russian Revolution (1917), the Chinese Communist Revolution (1949), and the Iranian Revolution (1979).

Today, Satan realizes that if he is to establish his kingdom of darkness, he must destroy the only two countries that are promoting law and order – the United States, and Israel. These two nations are allies and are currently waging war against the dangerous and murderous Islamic Republic of Iran. The Scriptures indicate that Satan's kingdom of darkness will be an Islamic kingdom that will wage jihad over all nations. [See my October 2026 newsletter.]

As a result, we are seeing a global revolution in the West to unite the world against God's law and order. It is not an accident that at the core of all the current unrest and anarchy in Europe and the United States, is the support for the Palestinian cause, which is an attempt to erase the Jewish nation of Israel from the face of the earth!

What is happening in France and across Europe is already reaching America, and it will worsen unless our leaders act. France and other European nations have open borders and the Muslims are pouring into the continent by the tens of thousands each year. Europe's weak leaders fail to see this threat because they do not understand Islam and are morally corrupt, unable to tell good from evil.

The liberal leaders in France are not interested in saving their nation. They are willing to let young French gangs, allied with radical Muslims to burn down France. The liberal French political party "seems to know that it will never come to power. It has therefore decided to fully embrace the politics of revolution and disorder, relying on and openly aligning itself with the most extreme elements of France's Muslim population" (*Gatestone Institute*, October 23, 2026). They seem to think that they can allow the revolution to destroy France and then share the power with Islam in a newly formed government. These liberals do not understand that Islamists are using them as useful idiots to get what they want – an Islamic Republic of France.

As you read this newsletter, France is being destroyed in a revolution that will alter the face of Europe. It is being reported that the physical damage is extensive. "In Paris, shopfronts were smashed (luxury retailers but also many modest shops and private properties), cars and bicycles were torched, barricades of garbage dumpsters and bicycles were burned, and restaurants were gutted by fire. Whole streets were described by officials as 'devastated.' In Limoges, the 19th-century town hall was destroyed by arson; in Lyon the tourist office was set alight; city halls and public buildings were attacked or defaced, notably in Marseille, the second-largest city in France. Looting targeted hundreds of shops in Paris, Marseille, Lille, Bordeaux, Nice, and Strasbourg" (*Gatestone Institute*, October 23, 2026). It is only a matter of time before all of Europe is in a state of anarchy.

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This is exactly what will happen at the beginning of the Tribulation Period, as symbolically pictured in the destruction of the riders on the four horses in **Revelation 6:1-8**. As the boldness of the jihadist terrorists increases, they will ruthlessly slaughter millions of innocent civilians in the West. This will begin when the Islamic world recognizes their Islamic messiah, the Antichrist. In **Revelation 6:2**, the rider of the white horse, the Antichrist, is given a crown and goes forth to force the nations to submit to Islam and Sharia law.

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It is important to note that France has been an open enemy of the Jewish state of Israel and one of Europe's most vocal supporters of antisemitism. In both France and the U.S., some young activists have turned support for the Palestinians into open hatred of Jews. Social media influencers and liberal commentators in France have distorted the real facts concerning developments in Israel and the Middle East.

The deceptive promotion of peace between the Jewish people and the radical ideology of the Palestinian people and those who support them must be seen for what it is – a lie from hell! The Palestinians do not want peace with Israel. They want all the land formerly called Palestine, from the river to the sea. That translates to a Jewish-free state in a land that was given by God to Abraham and his descendants forever in a covenant 4,000 years ago (**Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 15:1-21**). This promise was given to Abraham by ***"the most high God"*** (**Genesis 14:18-19**). This title of God means "possessor of heaven and earth" (**Genesis 14:19**). Therefore, any attempt to alter or change this promise is a confrontation with God. The god of Islam is not the same as the God of the Bible – the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!

The world needs to face the facts. The Palestinians and their leaders glorify terrorism and armed attacks against Israelis. The Palestinians and Muslims in the Middle East continue to celebrate violence against Israelis and present their terrorism as a legitimate national resistance against the presence of Israel. They declare those who kill Jews are heroes, naming streets after them, and paying a monthly salary to the families of the slain and imprisoned terrorists.

When Israel declared independence in 1948, its founders appealed to the Arab inhabitants to stay and take part in building the state as full and equal citizens. The surrounding Arab states rejected the new nation and attacked it, and many have refused to accept a Jewish state ever since.

Why is it that the media always avoids showing the tears and pains of the Jewish people who have been attacked by Palestinians who hate Israelis? Why is it that the world always accuses the Israelis of being the perpetrators of violence? The world is very biased against the Jewish people. Israel is the nation that the world loves to hate!

The targets of all radical Muslims are the western infidel governments. The aim of Islam is to immediately remove all non-Muslims from the Middle East and ultimately from all nations. "What the West is up against is the desire of Muslim extremists, with a leg-up from Marxists, to overthrow the 'corrupt' West and replace it with Islamic Sharia law and eventually global caliphate. Only *after* this transformation will the world have the 'peace' part of the 'Religion of Peace.' Until then, as the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, vowed, 'there will be struggle' (lit. *jihad*)" (Gatestone Institute, October 26, 2026).

It is apparent that Satan's strategy is to unite the socialists, the communists, the LGBTQ movement, and the Islamists in a united front against the U.S. and Israel. This is exactly what is unfolding in the United Nations. This is what the Bible prophesied would happen thousands of years ago. In addition to the revolutions among the godless masses of people in **Psalm 2:1**, the next verse adds, ***"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed"*** (**Psalm 2:2**). In other words, the entire world, from the people in the street to the international leaders, are in confrontation with God over the land of Israel and the Jewish people.

It is not a coincidence that the storms of anarchy against European governments have begun in France. As previously mentioned, France is carrying the banner in the parade of antisemitism in Europe. Therefore, they are experiencing the curse of God. In **Genesis 12:3**, God promised that He would bless those who bless Israel and curse the nations that curse Israel. God curses the nations who oppose His purposes and plans to ultimately bring the Jewish Messiah, Jesus, to rule over the nations for 1,000 years from the temple in Jerusalem, Israel. In **Psalm 2:5**, God has promised the nations that their rebellion against Him, His Messiah, and His commandments, will bring down the curse of God upon them. He warns, ***"Then shall he [God] speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure"*** (**Psalm 2:5**). The word ***"vex"*** means that God will terrorize the nations with His massive and deadly judgments.

What is happening in Europe and spreading to the U.S. certainly foreshadows the rapidly approaching Tribulation.

Get ready for the shout that will take us out!

Israeli and U.S. Election Analysis

The previous section of this newsletter was written several days before the Israeli election (October 27th) and U.S. elections (November 3rd). As we examine the results of the elections, we can certainly see Satan's strategy unfolding before our eyes.

The spiritual makeup of the Israeli population is very similar to our situation here in the U.S. The liberal people and politicians have persuaded about one-half of the Israeli population to follow their ideologies. Israeli liberals have gained support among younger Israelis who, influenced by liberal media and left-leaning political voices, believe that Israel's conservative right-wing leadership has failed to guide the country effectively through the three years since October 7, 2023, massacre.

In the last three years Israel has fought to survive the attacks of Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and the local Palestinian Arabs living in Israel. In spite of these wars, Israel's economy is booming. It is true that the Israeli people have been forced to sacrifice much in the time of war. However, the liberal media and politicians have been quick to ignore all the successes of the Netanyahu administration in a war they did not invite or want. All of

this is driven by a passionate hatred for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The situation in the U.S. is strikingly similar. The liberals in the U.S. are ignoring all the successes of the Trump administration in the last two years. The southern border is secured, crime is down, taxes are down, and the economy is booming. Our president was courageous to attack Iran, as it was preparing to develop nuclear weapons to attack Israel, the U.S., and European nations. It is true that the American people have faced some economic difficulties because of the war with Iran. All of this was driven by the Democrat party's passionate hated for President Donald Trump. The American youth on college campuses have been brainwashed by their liberal professors who hate America and Israel.

It is not an accident that these situations for Israel and the U.S. are almost identical. It should not be too hard for us to identify that there is a mastermind behind all of this – Satan! He is preparing the nations to follow his agenda.

The Israeli elections ended with no political party having enough votes to establish a government. There are lawful procedures for situations like this. However, the left-wing block of parties are planning to illegally seize control of the Knesset [the Israeli congress] and block Prime Minister Netanyahu's legal right to govern Israel until new elections take place in the next few months. The left-wing block is planning to work with Arab parties [who oppose Israel] because they hate Netanyahu so much. The liberal media and judges are standing by and allowing this to happen. This is the perfect recipe for the liberal leadership in Israel to put forward a false peace covenant with the Arabs. According to Scripture, they will give away part of the Promised Land to an enemy that is sworn to their destruction. This is what is predicted in **Isaiah 28:14-22**. This agreement will launch the world into the Tribulation Period.

As all of this happens, Israel's enemies will no doubt attempt to take advantage of the political division in Israel. How will Iran and Turkey respond to this moment of weakness and division?

Our U.S. election has resulted in a new congress that is filled with Democrats who hate America and Israel. If many of the newly elected Democrats follow through with their promise to defund and oppose ICE and the police, shut down our prison systems, endorse Medicare for all, and tax the rich, it would lead to lawlessness and the complete destruction of our economy.

Most of the newly elected Democrats in Congress favor socialism rather than capitalism. They have a completely different view of government that will not work because it ignores important biblical principles. They do not have any experience on how to govern and will fall back on what they have said and done – seek to destroy the America we have known all our lives. They will ignite a revolution that will drown America in chaos, rebellion, and bloodshed. That is what is already happening in France. They are looking for a strong dictator that will give them what they want – a rebellion against God and His laws. They have been prepared to welcome the Islamic Antichrist.

On the day after the elections, Vice President J.D. Vance expressed his opinion that Republicans lost the election because of their support for Israel. From a biblical viewpoint, American's support for Israel brings God's blessing, not curse. We should be very concerned about the growing hatred for Israel in the U.S.

I am very disturbed that this election shows most American's do not understand Islam has declared war on America, Israel, and the entire non-Islamic world. At the Islamic Center of Detroit on May 8, 2025, a speaker prayed, "O Allah, deal with Netanyahu, his soldiers, and his minions, for they cannot escape You. O Allah, count them one by one and kill them individually, leaving none of them. O Allah, we place You against them and seek refuge in You from their evils, O Lord of the worlds" (*World Israel News*, October 30, 2026). It is these people who supported and voted for our newly elected senator from Michigan.

America and the rest of the world are rebelling against God and His Word. They are running into the arms of the Islamic Antichrist. They will love him and worship him as he leads them into the hellish kingdom of darkness against God and His Son, Jesus.

The Bible declares that when the end comes, people will depart from biblical truth and cling to doctrines of demons, while they hypocritically speak lies (**1 Timothy 4:1-2**). This is what we have just witnessed in recent days!