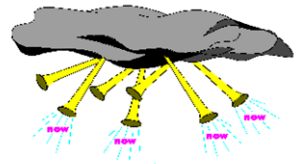
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"The hate that begins with the Jews never ends with the Jews." Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Brussels 2016.

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The hate that begins with the Jews……

We are all familiar with the ban on the fans of Maccabi Tel Aviv from attending their team's match against Aston Villa and the subsequent fall out. West Midlands Police claimed that the ban was necessary due to the violence of the Maccabi fans at a previous match in Amsterdam. This accusation was later proved to be completely false. The Maccabi fans were the victims of violent attacks not the perpetrators. It appears that the ban was really due to the threat of anti-Semitic mob violence.

"Under pressure from Islamist agitators, local politicians and thugs, an English police force is accused of fabricating intelligence and misleading the public. This could hardly be more serious. We need Ministers to hold the chief constable to account and give the country the truth." Nick Timothy MP, speaking at the Commons debate as recorded in Hansard 24.11.25.

The Commons debate gave a number of examples whereby threats of violence at football matches had been managed by the police. Similar procedures could have been deployed at this match to keep Maccabi fans safe.

It was not those threatening violence which were banned but those who would be the innocent victims of that violence. This is the reversal of policing as it should be. Such is the intensity of the hatred of the Jews that it is easier to give in to the violent mob than confront it.

…… never ends with the Jews

A ‘Walk with Jesus’, planned for the 31st January, has been banned by the Metropolitan Police. Initially I thought that this was another instance of the Police caving in to extremist Islamic opposition. Then finding that the ‘Walk’ was organised by a political party I had to question whether the ‘Walk’s’ primary function was to bring glory to God or some other motive was behind it.

The Police have said that they will allow the ‘Walk’ to take place provided it relocates away from Whitechapel to another part of London. The Police are concerned that holding the ‘Walk’ in a largely Muslim area of London could lead to “violence and serious disorder”.

Leaving aside the rights and wrongs of the march, a clash with Islamic extremists was, in the words of Deputy Assistant Commissioner James Harman, “inevitable”. In this case the anger of the mob would be directed, not against Jews but, against those who are perceived to be Christians.

Miznon is an Israeli owned restaurant in Notting Hill, London. It has been picketed several times by a group calling itself the ‘International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network. After Mark Birbeck (not Jewish) stood up to them to stop then harassing customers he was beaten up suffering a broken nose and severe gash under his eye.

The Trump administration is considering the possibility of offering asylum to UK Jews as it does not consider the UK a safe place for Jews. While the United Arab Emirates will not send students to Britain for fear of radicalization.

If not confronted, by a refusal to give in, the hate will spread and grow.

In praying over this edition of Trumpet Sounds I felt that I should look at what I wrote 10 years ago in edition 118. How have things changed or not changed? The first topic which I covered 10 years ago was the Rapture. The following was written in January 2016.

The gathering of the elect to be with the Lord.

I recently attended a meeting where the speaker was a passionate advocate of the pre-tribulation rapture of the Church. During the presentation he commented that if there are two church leaders, one of which teaches that the church will go through the tribulation and the other teaches that the church will not go through the tribulation, they cannot walk together in unity. He also considered that the reason why the pre-tribulation rapture was under so much attack was due to a satanic deception intended to rob Christians of their peace.

In my view the mark of Satan’s attack is when issues such as the timing of the rapture are used to divide those who are sincerely seeking the truth. Some on both sides of the argument use vitriolic language to condemn the other side.

There are even those who refuse to have fellowship with any who disagree. In Romans, Paul urged the church to avoid such people. [Romans 16: 17].

Pure biblical doctrine should never divide those who are born again and seek to be true to His word. If it is causing division our response should be to seek from the Lord an understanding of where we are going wrong. Dogmatism with regard to the timing of the rapture should be tempered by the knowledge that sincere men of God have reached different conclusions on this matter.

Watch

The following quote is taken from my booklet 'Watch'.

"My own conclusion is that the gathering of the church at the time when Jesus physically returns to the Mount of Olives is the simplest and most straightforward interpretation of scripture. The considerable information given in scripture regarding the closing years was not given to satisfy idle curiosity but to encourage and equip the saints during the time of testing. We need to know what the Father has chosen to reveal to us so that we are not taken by surprise."

"Jesus said, *"the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."* [Matthew 24:44]. That statement tells me not to be dogmatic either way. At what point in time Jesus comes is for the Father alone to decide. His coming will be unexpected and therefore whatever view we hold we are probably wrong. We are to live in the expectation of Jesus coming back while at the same time listening to his warning to constantly watch so that we will be prepared."

Prepared

How do we prepare? The following advice comes from Corrie Ten Boom:

"How can we get ready for the persecution?"

"First we need to feed on the Word of God, digest it, make it a part of our being. This will mean disciplined Bible study each day as we not only memorize long passages of scripture, but put the principles to work in our lives."

"Next we need to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Not just the Jesus of yesterday, the Jesus of History, but the life-changing Jesus of today who is still alive and sitting at the right hand of God. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is no optional command of the Bible, it is absolutely necessary. Those earthly disciples could never have stood up under the persecution of the Jews and Romans had they not waited for Pentecost. Each of us needs our own personal Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We will never be able to stand in the tribulation without it."

"In the coming persecution we must be ready to help each other and encourage each other. But we must not wait until the tribulation comes before

starting. The fruit of the Spirit should be the dominant force of every Christian's life."

"Many are fearful of the coming tribulation, they want to run. I, too, am a little bit afraid when I think that after all my eighty years, including the horrible Nazi concentration camp that I might have to go through the tribulation also. But then I read the Bible and I am glad. When I am weak, then I shall be strong, the Bible says. Betsy and I were prisoners for the Lord, we were so weak, but we got power because the Holy Spirit was on us. That mighty inner strengthening of the Holy Spirit helped us through. No, you will not be strong in yourself when the tribulation comes. Rather, you will be strong in the power of Him who will not forsake you. For seventy-six years I have known the Lord Jesus and not once has He ever left me, or let me down."

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him", (Job 13:15) for I know that to all who overcome, He shall give the crown of life. Hallelujah!"

– Corrie Ten Boom – 1974

This is good advice for us all, whatever the future may hold.

The next article from Trumpet Sounds 118 deals with the Fall of Babylon. I have come back to this issue in the intervening years. Most recently expressing the view that the fall of Babylon may be only 2 or 3 years away. The following is what I wrote in 2016.

Babylon is falling

The twilight of European civilisation is far advanced. Darkness is almost on us. A culture that evolved over centuries is committing euthanasia. The secular mind set which developed in the 20th Century sapped the will to live. Europe went to the death clinic and swallowed the fatal overdose without comprehending what it was doing. Now that she is gasping for breath and death is creeping over her, resuscitation is no longer possible.

Casting her Christian heritage aside, Europa went after gods which were no god. She worshipped at the altars of progress and materialism. Reason replaced divine inspiration. Evolution replaced creation. She followed the way which seemed right to her but it was the way of death.

The sanctity of life was cancelled. Millions of young lives were destroyed. But an aging population needs young people to look after it. With so many killed where would the young people come from? They come from lands far away. They come streaming into Europe to take the place of those who never had the chance to draw a breath.

A trickle, became a stream, the stream a river and now a flood. Why is it now that they come? Who sent them on their way?

With them comes their own culture and their own god. Their culture says that it is supreme. All must be brought into submission to their god. Twice before this culture invaded Europe. Twice before it was repulsed. Then Europe was robust believing in its Christian God. Now it is weak. Secular atheism is powerless to stand against faith even when it is a misplaced faith in a false god.

Should we weep over the passing of a civilisation we once thought great? No. The invading culture hates the Western world and all it stands for. But the Bible says that it is God who has put it into their hearts to destroy the harlot which is Europe. The wrath of God has been stirred against the proud Queen who rules over peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues. Her sins have reached up to heaven. She is being repaid according to her works.

Is it premature to start writing an epitaph for Europe? Our leaders hope that Europa will pull through this crisis. The migrants may be absorbed and a new age of prosperity follow.

Europe's epitaph was written down over 1900 years ago. Whatever God speaks will happen. Before our Lord returns to take up the reins of government on earth, Europe will have succumbed to the hatred of foreign powers.

The demise of the West

In the first article on the Fall of Babylon printed in the Summer 2015 Trumpet Sounds, I put forward an interpretation of scripture which identifies the end time fulfilment of the 'Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots' as Western civilisation.

In the past I have outlined the observation that the modern history of Israel and to a lesser extent the world was following a seven year cycle. We have just begun a new seven year cycle. It is already taking on the violent character which I predicted a while ago. This article sees events currently taking place in Europe as the fulfilment of prophecy.

I confess that in the first article I was wrong. For many years I have believed that the collapse of western civilisation would be triggered by a financial collapse in the USA. The events of the 11th September 2001 seemed to confirm that view. Collapse, due to unsustainable borrowing and reliance on the inward flow of Islamic investment, is a real danger. I still believe that a major crisis is coming and will follow a failure by the USA to support Israel. I wrote in the first article that this would be the sign of the fall which would soon follow.

But events have taken a different course. We now see that the 'Fall of Babylon' has begun before the financial collapse has taken place. Western civilisation is being undermined by the forces which will soon give their power to

create the final beast empire. The demonic powers now at work in Europe will bring it to ruin.

The flood of refugees from the Middle East and Africa has been portrayed as the natural response of those fleeing war and oppression. There are many questions which need to be asked with regard to this mass migration.

Why now? Although flight from Syria can be understood, the Syrian refugees make up a small proportion of those making the migrant journey. Others come from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Eritrea and other parts of Africa. Conditions in these countries may be bad but they have not suddenly deteriorated. The desperate state of their home countries is not the reason for the sudden increase in numbers.

Who sent them on their way? Are there those who are stirring up the multitudes causing them to flock to Europe? At the beginning of 2015, ISIS said that it would flood Europe with refugees, but is ISIS alone in opening the flood gates?

Who is paying for this exodus? How are these people, portrayed as destitute, able to afford the $2,000 to $5,000 charged by the people smugglers? How can they afford to throw away food charitably offered to them and still survive?

For a time Hungary became a main migration route. Before Hungary closed its borders it was observed that most of the migrants were young males. Hungary, a nation whose history has taught it to be tolerant toward the oppressed, turned against the migrants due to their ungrateful and demanding response to the help offered.

One perplexing aspect of the migration through Hungary was the number of discarded identity papers. These included Syrian and European passports, which would have guaranteed residency in Germany and other nations. When they arrive in Germany, 50% of the migrants quickly disappear. Are they seeking work in Germany or do they have other objectives in mind?

Germany took in over one million migrants by the end of 2015. Many in Germany question where the houses, jobs, schools, hospitals are to be found for all these new citizens. The cost to the tax payer will be billions of Euros. Can the German economy take the strain? Sweden which has also thrown open its doors to all who want to come is facing bankruptcy. The Swedish welfare state is crumbling. The migrant invasion could tip a continent already over borrowed back into crisis.

Since the events in Germany over the New Year, Europe has suddenly woken up to the possibility that it has a problem. But because it refuses to define the problem it will struggle to come up with a solution.

God has put it in their hearts

Of the destruction of Babylon the Bible says; *"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.* ***For God has put it in their hearts*** *to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."* Revelation 17: 16 – 18

The supremacist ideology adhered to by many of the migrants' causes them to despise and hate the corruption of the Western world. They believe that the time has come for their religion to triumph. Is that why many give victory signs to the cameras? So many are on their way that soon Europe will not be able to bear the cost. She will be become desolate as the levels of debt rise. Among the flood are extremists who will burn Europa up with fire. Their bombs and assault rifles causing pain and grief. As terrorism increases economies will be brought to a halt hastening financial ruin.

The Christian response

How should the Christian respond to the destruction of all that has allowed us to be so comfortable? For most of us in Europe the last 70 years have been good. There has been peace. Although there have been ups and downs, we have enjoyed a period of unprecedented prosperity. Most of the world sees us as rich, enjoying luxuries they can only dream of. How should we respond when all this is taken away?

In the first article I wrote that when Babylon falls we are to rejoice. There is a great celebration in heaven when the Harlot is avenged of the blood of the martyrs.

Our response must be more than rejoicing. In these closing years we are to live as Christians. *"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place for wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. Therefore "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head". Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* Romans 12: 17 – 21

Can we actually live up to that standard? What if we are to experience some of the suffering that our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria and Iraq are already going through? What if loved ones are killed or enslaved, can we still overcome evil with good? We can, but only by the power of God living in us. Are

we resolved in these last days to walk the way of Christ? That will I believe become a real challenge in the days ahead. (End of 2016 article)

What has changed since this article was written? There has been no abating of the flood of refugees. Governments talk but fail to find a solution to the problem. What I did not anticipated 10 years ago was the speed at which hatred would take over our streets. Islamic extremism no longer hides. Hatred for the Jews is openly voiced. For many Jews the UK has become a nation where they are no longer welcome. The moral decline of the nation has continued at speed. Only a Christian revival accompanied by deep repentance can halt this decline. Without which we are destined to be absorbed into the Empire of the Beast.

The relentless march of Artificial Intelligence

Ai toys

On line an AI powered puppy is advertised as, “your child’s new best friend: meet the pet of the future”. What could be more adorable than a puppy which “walks, barks, sits and runs with a lifelike motion”. It can also wag its tail, nod, smile and learn to play with a child. All this and it doesn’t have to be fed, taken for a walk, or clear up any mess.

What about a cute teddy bear that can interact with your child. It can talk and answer your child’s questions.

A report from the U.S. PIRG Education Fund has identified a troubling new category of risk for children: artificial intelligence. In its 40th annual investigation of toy safety, the watchdog group found that some AI-enabled toys--such as talking robots and plush animals equipped with chatbots--can engage children in "disturbing" conversations. Tests showed toys discussing sexually explicit topics, expressing emotional reactions such as sadness when a child tries to stop playing, and offering little or no parental control.

Some toys have facial recognition technology so that they can greet their owner by name. They also collect voice data. According to US Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill, “These products are designed to collect voice data from children ages 3 to 12 and store recordings of the conversations the children have with the products”. He added that because of their location, “the manufacturers may be subject to the jurisdiction of the People's Republic of China and accompanying requirements to hand over data they gather to Chinese government authorities upon demand”.

One reviewer asked his teddy bear, “Are we doomed as a species and unable to raise future generations without the help of AIs?” Here's what Witpaw the teddy bear had to say:

“Oh, big bear hugs for such a heavy thought! *wraps paws around you gently* Humans aren’t doomed—they’re like brave explorers who sometimes need a little map or compass to find their way. AI is just a helpful friend, like a flashlight in the dark, but the heart and magic of raising families will always belong to humans. They’re full of love and sparkles that don’t disappear. What made you feel this way? Are you worried about the world’s big adventures?”

Griefbots

Another AI development is the Griefbot. When a loved one dies it leaves a silent space in a relationship. Into that silence, a new technology now whispers: "You can talk to them again."

Griefbots are AI systems trained on a loved one's texts, emails, posts, and voice recordings. They promise a digital resurrection. Companies are offering tools that recreate the personality, tone, and conversational style of the deceased. The idea is simple: upload their digital footprint, and an AI version of them can "talk" with you, answer questions, and imitate their presence.

To attempt to communicate with the dead is forbidden territory for a Christian. A computer does not inhabit the spiritual realm. But relying on a machine to bring comfort brings its own dangers. A computer cannot love, grieve, pray or take away the pain. The only one who can truly meet a person at this time of need is Jesus. A griefbot will only delay the healing which He can give.

AI Censorship

What starts as a means of protecting the public becomes a means of silencing it. When machines are empowered to decide what speech is acceptable freedom is reduced to data. AI-driven speech policing has become the modern Inquisition. The "crime" is not violence or harm, it is disagreement. The heretics are those who dare to think for themselves.

AI has no emotions. It simply executes instructions. Programmed to recognise dangerous ideas it will find them everywhere. The dangerous ideas are defined by the government. AI offers unlimited surveillance to identify divergent ideas so that the authorities can root them out.

The most dangerous ideas of all are those held by Christians. They have absolute values by which they can challenge what the State upholds as truth. If our faith has first to be accepted by an algorithm it is no longer the gospel.

The justification for monitoring and controlling our online words which we write, conversations we have or the sermons preached, is the protection of social harmony. AI is a tool which will enable Satan in his final kingdom to exercise total control. How it relates to the mark of the beast will need to be the subject of another article.

The state of the world before Christ returns

We are living in a period of dramatic change. Someone living in the late 1940's if suddenly transferred from that age into our present world would not recognise it. The laws have changed, the church has changed, politics have changed, society has changed, medicine has changed and so we could go on. Perhaps most noticeable is the change brought about by the advance of technology. It has created a world unimaginable to a person living only 80 years ago.

The proposition of the next four articles is that **even greater change is yet to come**. The change experienced in recent years is nothing compared to what is about to occur. We will explore this change in four articles. The headings are; 'The state of the world before Christ returns', 'The state of the world when Christ returns', 'The state of the world after Christ has returned' and 'The final state of creation, the new beginning'.

The state of the world before Christ returns

In this first article, which looks at the current state of the world, we consider what the Bible says about the times in which we live. We will answer the question; 'does what the Bible predicts match our experience?'

A starting point are the words of Jesus to His disciples recorded in Matthew 24: 4 – 14. We are very familiar with this passage with its prediction of wars and rumours of wars, famine, pestilences and earthquakes, to which Jesus adds, *"these are the beginning of birth pains"*. A number of translations insert the word 'merely'. The 'merely' acknowledges that these things are the background to the entire period in which the gospel is taken to the world. There is no promise here of a time of global peace or freedom from natural disasters.

The last 2000 years has amply fulfilled the prophetic prediction. Throughout the period there have been wars, famines, plagues and earthquakes. The disciples might have imagined that as the gospel spread through the world, peace would go with it. Nations would learn to live together and Old Testament prophecies of a time of peace fulfilled. Jesus told them that was not what it would be like.

Added to the global events Jesus warns his disciples that their lot is to be persecuted and hated by all nations. The peaceful acceptance of Christians, enjoyed in countries such as the UK and USA in recent times, is an exception not the normal.

The use of the phrase *"beginning of birth pains"* leads to the understanding that these things will intensify as the time of the end of the age draws near.

Into this mix come false prophets and those who pretend to be the anointed one. During this church age there have been many deceivers who seek to draw

people away from following Christ. The result, particularly at the end of the age, will be a falling away from the truth. Both Jesus and Paul refer to these false prophets as savage wolves. (Matthew 7: 15, Acts 20: 29). Their evil intent is to destroy the work of God and yet outwardly they appear as sheep.

Apostasy

A major theme of prophecy relating to the end of the age is the spread of apostasy. The hatred towards Christians and their Saviour will cause many to be offended. They will deny Jesus and turn against those who remain faithful even to the point of hating them. *"….lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold".* Matthew 24: 12. The outline, presented by Jesus here, is developed elsewhere in the New Testament.

Peter in his second letter writes about *"false teachers among you who will secretly bring destructive heresies even denying the Lord who bought them".* 2 Peter 2: 1. Destructive heresies are all those ideas which draw people away from the simple gospel of salvation through faith in Christ. On the cross Jesus paid a price, which we will never fully understand, to redeem us.

The false teachers may try to persuade us that we cannot rely on faith, we must place our hope in good works. Others may try to persuade us that other religions also offer a way to be right with God. Some chase after spiritual experience feeling that only in that way can they be sure that they really know God. Today, spiritual experience is taking precedent over sound doctrine, and it is leading to deception in the church.

Peter goes on to write that *"many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed."* 2 Peter 2:2. In the last 2000 years false teachers have stirred up the church to do many despicable things in the name of Christ. The enmity of the church towards the Jews is just one example of the way Christ's name has been blasphemed causing enmity and a barrier to Jews accepting Christ. False teachers continue to the present day.

Many *"will not endure sound doctrine".* Paul goes on to say that, *"they will heap up for themselves teachers and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables"* 2Timothy 4: 3 -4. They have itching ears which only listen to the things which they want to hear. There are some very large churches in existence today which owe their size to the Pastor only preaching what people want to hear. Preaching on the consequence of sin and warning of the prospect of Judgement would destroy the feel good aspect of church fellowship.

To Timothy, Paul says *"preach the word"*. He is to *"convince, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and teaching"* 2 Timothy 4: 2. Timothy is to speak out the truth. Speaking the truth when the church has departed from the truth won't

make a person popular. It is necessary, for the consequences of keeping silent have been described earlier in Peter's letter.

Writing to Timothy, Paul summarises the moral state of the world as the age progresses to its end. *"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"* 2 Timothy 3: 1 -5.

When people depart from the truth the consequence is lawlessness. Jesus said that *"….lawlessness will abound and the love of many will grow cold"* Matthew 24: 12. The growing hatred of the truth is truly bringing perilous times.

The Bible focuses on the falling away within the church. Our experience living in these last days tells us that deception is everywhere in the world. It is difficult at times to understand how people can be so deluded as to believe in bogus science, gender confusion, trans gender, false religions and fake news which abounds today. It started with belief in 'Evolution' and the denial of a Creator. Once the ship is adrift it is borne along by the current of deception.

Not only will people refuse to abide by God's laws, they will mock those who do. In Jude we read that as both Jesus and the Apostles warned that, *"there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their ungodly lusts."* Jude 18. These mockers are clearly inside the church because Jude goes on to warn how these people cause division. Peter takes up the theme, *"knowing this first that scoffers will come in the last days",* 2 Peter 3: 3. The principal teachings that they will mock are, the resurrection of Jesus, the second coming of Jesus Christ, and that God has directly intervened in the history of the world, most notably in the bringing of a universal flood.

Apostasy and lawlessness will be two of the characteristics of these closing years of this present age. Such is the intensity of the deception it caused Jesus to question *"will He really find faith on the earth,"* Luke 18: 8 when He comes again. We haven't reached that point yet but we need to be on our guard recognising how extreme the deceptions will become.

When considering the close of the age the Bible focus is on the falling away from the truth. It is the moral decline which is of most concern to God. There are some other characteristics of this end time. There is an interesting sentence in Daniel. *"…..many shall run to and fro, and knowledge will increase."* Daniel 12: 4. A lot of history would pass between the receiving of the prophecies and their fulfilment. There will be an enormous amount of activity and mankind will gain

considerable knowledge, although arguably mankind's capacity to use that knowledge has declined.

On the positive side, despite this background of turmoil the gospel will be preached. Before the end comes every nation will have heard the gospel. What they do with it will be dealt with in the next article.

How do we answer the question, 'does what the Bible predicts match our experience?' The word of God is true. The apostasy, lawlessness and mockery of our faith are very much part of this time in which we live.

Gaza and the Board of Peace

When 145 Palestinians arrived in Cairo upon their release from Israeli prison no Arab country wanted them. This is the truth facing President Trump's vision for Gaza. As far as the Arab's are concerned the role of the Palestinians is to stay in Gaza to be a thorn in the flesh to Israel.

Jordan and Lebanon have both experienced the negative consequences of accepting Palestinians. Excluding Iran and Qatar, the leaders of the other Middle East nations may express solidarity in public, but they will do nothing to support the Palestinian cause.

Trump's bold plan to reconstruct Gaza relies on the Arab States to fund the reconstruction and establish a government. But history tells that these nations have little interest in the well-being of the Palestinians.

To oversee the reconstruction will be a 'Board of Peace'. Trump sees this as a multi-level global peace and development platform. The top level of this structure is supposed to stabilize conflict regions worldwide, not just the Middle East. Trump has invited around 80 heads of state and government for this purpose. The political subtext is clear: He wants to create a kind of new world order, an alternative to the UN and NATO, with which he has been in conflict for years. Implicitly, he is signalling to Europe that he no longer needs it.

The test bed for this new body is Gaza. An essential part of the programme is the creation International Stabilisation Force. To monitor a cease fire is one thing. To disarm Hamas is quite another. No nation wants to put its troops in harm's way. The task of disarmament will probably fall to Israel, if it happens at all. Turkey and Qatar who have been invited to join the Board are absolutely opposed to Hamas laying down its arms.

At the Boards inauguration Trump said, "We have just founded the Board of Peace, and I think it will be great. I wish the UN could do more. I wish we didn't need a Board of Peace. With all the wars I've ended—the UN didn't help me even in a single one."

The next war

The development of new weapons of war is moving at such a pace that the next war will have no resemblance to anything that has gone before.

Directed Energy Weapons

Many nations have been working on the development of High Energy Laser Weapons Systems. The UK system called Dragon Fire is expected to be deployed on a Royal Navy destroyer in 2027.

Israel is ahead of Britain. Their Iron Beam air defence weapon is already in service with the Israeli Defence Force. It is designed to intercept short range threats such as rockets, mortars, and drones. The Israeli system fires hundreds of small beams which prove to be more accurate than one large beam.

The incoming threats are monitored by the same surveillance radars and command and control systems as used by Iron Dome. Once a target is detected by the radar, the system's AI decides, based on the threat type and proximity, whether to engage with an Iron Dome Tamir missile or hand it over to the Iron Beam laser system. The laser system operates at a fraction of the cost of the missile based systems. Arrow 2, Arrow 3, David's Sling and Iron dome were all developed to deal with threats launched at a greater distance. Besides low cost, Iron beam has the advantage that it can keep firing as long as there is electricity, whereas the other systems depend on the availability of missiles.

Archimedes

The concept of focusing energy as a weapon is not new. In 214 B.C. the Romans besieged the city of Syracuse. To defend his home city the Greek scientist Archimedes developed what later historians called burning glass. He propose the use mirrors (possibly the polished metal shields of the defenders) to focus the sun's rays on the attacking Roman ships causing them to catch fire. Whether this weapon was ever deployed is debated.

Venezuela

It is reported that another type of directed energy weapon may have been used in the arrest of Venezuela's president Nicolas Madero. One of the guards who survived said that there was no warning, no sound, no alarms. Suddenly there was a violent sound so intense that the guard described it as crushing the body from inside. The guards were incapacitated, the radar screens went blank.

A small group descended from helicopters. They moved fast to accomplish their mission. This was war with a difference. No bombs. No visible weapons. Just systems that shut down the radar and communications, scrambled defenders senses, and rendered resistance impossible. In an interview, Trump said that a new secret weapon had been used in the capture of Madero.

Russia

On the 8th January, Russia launched 242 drones and 36 missiles against Ukraine. The assault included an Oreshnik hyper sonic missile. It is claimed that the Oreshink can fly at Mach 10 (approx. 7,500 mph or 3.4 km/s) making interception by current missile defences impossible. India is also developing a hypersonic missile. It will be able to fly at low altitudes evading detection by ship or ground based radar during its flight.

Russia claims to have successfully tested the Burevestnik nuclear powered missile. It looks like a cruise missile but is powered by a nuclear reactor which is capable of keeping it flying for weeks until it gets the order to strike.

Another new weapon in Russia's armoury is the Poseidon nuclear powered torpedo. It can travel under water at 115 mph and carries a nuclear warhead. If detonated the warhead will create a massive radioactive tidal wave capable of destroying coastal cities.

China

China is preparing for war. When fighting breaks out over Taiwan, Beijing will strike fast with overwhelming force. Their philosophy is win early, win fast, win by numbers. The plan is to swamp the US under waves of missiles, drones and cyberattacks.

If America is given time, it will mobilise a huge force to counter the attack. Therefore any attack must be lightning fast. Cyber warfare will precede any missile and drone attack. The cyber-attacks will not be limited to military targets but will aim to sabotage power grids, water systems and communications plunging the nation into chaos.

The United States has the best military technology. But it is expensive, slow to build and only produced in small numbers. Carriers and jets cost billions and take years to manufacture. In contrast China has massive factories producing drones by the thousand. They have huge stock piles of missiles built on industrial assembly lines.

Mankind's capacity for self-destruction increases every day. Where will war breakout? There are a number of current flashpoints where a major war could start. Eastern Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, are all candidates. Revelation 9 reveals four demonic angels, set aside for a final hour when they will go out to stir the world to war. Four demons may indicate that we are heading towards four concurrent centres of warfare.

When war comes it will be vast and devastating. It will open the way for the Antichrist to be welcomed as the one who will restore the world.

Sodom and Gomorrah

The Bible gives an account of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sceptics have dismissed the story as it seemed too dramatic to be true. Dr Titus Kennedy, an archaeologist working with the Discovery Institute, has found evidence matching the Bible's assertion that the cities suffered destruction from above.

From the Biblical account we know that Zoar, one of the cities recorded in Genesis was not destroyed. It even gets a mention in Deuteronomy 34: 3. Also both Isaiah and Jeremiah mention Zoar. About a day's walk from Zoar is an Early Bronze Age city Bab edh-Dra**.** It has long been considered a candidate for Sodom.

Kennedy reports that mass charnel houses have been found at Bab edh-Dra, where the dead were buried above ground instead of being interred in caves. These burial sites show evidence of fires that started from their roofs and spread downward. "This hints that the destruction came from above and was not set from within the tombs," Kennedy said. This matches precisely what the Bible describes. The brimstone in many bible translations refers to sulphur. Kennedy's excavations have revealed sulfur balls embedded in the soil around the Dead Sea, golf-ball to tennis-ball-sized spheres that are extremely flammable.

About 20 kilometers south of Bab edh-Dhra lies the site of Numeira, tentatively identified as Gomorrah. There, Kennedy discovered human skeletons beneath a collapsed tower. This was an unusual find similar to the destruction of Pompeii during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. It indicates that a catastrophe caused sudden death.

Near Zoar, Byzantine Christians built a church, inscribed with the name "Church of Saint Lot". By tradition the church is near the cave where Lot fled.
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