Chapter 16

"The One World

Reader"

Before we unpack the Tribulation, the Day of the Lord, Day of Wrath of God, or Daniel's 70th week, as it is laid out in the Book of Revelation, we need to make clear that the person we call the Antichrist cannot appear until the Holy Spirit is moved out of the way. At the beginning of our discussion,, when we looked at the fourth point of why to study prophecy, the Holy Spirit has a finite period of ministry. 2 Thessalonians 2:5-8 (NKJV) ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming." The "Restrainer" mentioned in vs. 6 and 7 is the Holy Spirit, while the "lawless one" is the Antichrist. In this passage, Paul clearly states that the Holy Spirit/Restrainer must be moved out of the way for the Antichrist/Lawless one to appear. As we mentioned earlier, there probably may be a period of time between the Rapture event and the beginning of the Tribulation. The movement of the Restrainer out of the way is most likely to happen just before the beginning of the Tribulation when the Antichrist confirms his seven-year peace treaty. It is also important to note that there is a school of thought that suggests the Holy Spirit may still have work to do in the Tribulation, which is to bring people into conviction and repentance. Notice in vs 7 it savs, "He is taken out of the way" not removed from the earth. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit was sent to encourage and empower the new believers on Pentecost at the birth of the church. Nowhere is He recalled, not even at the Rapture. Acts 2:38-39 "38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call." Furthermore, during the whole period of the Tribulation, there will be a "multitude" of Jews and Gentiles who will now come to faith and accept Jesus as Messiah and Lord, many who of whom will eventually be martyred for their faith. Revelation 7:13-14 "13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? ¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest." And he said to me, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Revelation 20:4. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." One last point about 2 Thessalonians 2:7 "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;" The mystery referred to is that nobody but God Himself knows the date of the Messiah's (second) coming., including Jesus, who knew His mission from a very early age. Luke 2:42 "And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the Feast." He got separated from His parents and was later found in the temple teaching. Luke 2:48-50 "48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and His mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. ⁴⁹ And He said unto them, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? ⁵⁰ And they understood not the saying which He spake unto them."

Certainly, Satan does not know the date of Christ's return, even with all his knowledge of the scriptures. Satan has to have had agents in place ready to assume power over the course of history, Nimrod and the Tower of Babel, Pharaoh and the Egyptians, Haman and the Persian Empire, Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire, The Kings of Assyria and the genocide of the ten northern tribes, Caesar and the Romans, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand and the Spanish Inquisition, Hitler and the Holocaust, and finally, Stalin and the Purge. Let's consider this point. These emissaries of Satan all thought they were doing "good." They all thought they were eradicating a sub human genetically inferior race. They were totally deceived and manipulated. Satan can masquerade as anything he wishes, including an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:13-14 "¹³ For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no marvel;

for Satan, himself is transformed into an angel of light." It is consistent that the future Antichrist may not yet know his identity or mission until the time is right for him to come forward to confirm the seven-year peace deal.

The idea of a one world leader, a one world government or a new world order is not so "new." The Bible tells us in Genesis 11 that the idea of a one world leader or government was attempted when the men at that time tried to make themselves equal to God by building the Tower of Babel. God couldn't destroy men again because of His covenant with Noah so he confused their speech. Genesis 11:8 "So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth, and they left off to build the city." Since then, there have been many who have tried to conquer the known world, but have all failed. After World War II, the United Nations was created so that the countries of the world could come together economically and militarily to affect cooperation and defense. However, right from the start, their agenda was to form a one world global government. Several of its founders expressed just that idea. In 1945, Paul Henri Spaak, was the first elected chairman of the General Assembly of the United Nations. He is credited with the following quote: "We do not want another committee. We have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people and to lift us out of the economic morass in which we are sinking. Send us such a man and be he god or the devil we will receive him." According to Focus on Belgium (a state sponsored tourism and marketing website), "Spaak is one of the founding fathers of the European Union (EU)." Robert Muller was appointed for his first term as Assistant Secretary General in 1948. He is attributed with making the following quote: "We must move as quickly as possible to a one world government, a one world religion, under a one world leader." The Director of the UN World Health Organization Brock Chisum said in 1991 "To achieve a One World Government, it is necessary to remove from the mind of men their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism, and religious dogmas." In 2009 the New York Times reported the then Pope Benedict "called for a reform of the United Nations so there could be a unified "global political body" that allowed the less powerful of the earth to have a voice, and he called on rich nations to help less fortunate ones." This sentiment is not exclusive to Europe.

Have you ever really looked at the back of a US dollar bill? On the left-hand side, where the Free Mason's all-seeing eye is, just under is the Latin phrase "Novus Ordo Seclorum," translated "New World Order." In 1990, George Bush Sr. delivered a speech before Congress at the beginning of the first Gulf war when Iraq invaded Kuwait. In it he said, "...What is at stake is more than one small country. It is a big idea, a new world order where diverse nations are drawn together in common cause to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind; peace and security, freedom, and the rule of law. Such is a world worthy of our struggle and worthy of our children's future." In a speech to the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, Bill Clinton stated, "And, after 1989, President Bush said, and it's a phrase that I use often myself, that we needed a New World Order." This phrase has been used by several presidents: most recently by President Obama when addressing the UN in September 2016. The ground work for a one world leader is being laid. Fast forward to November 11, 2018, France, and many other countries, commemorated the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I. The French president Macron, declared that "patriotism is the exact opposite of nationalism." Additionally, the next day, German Chancellor Angela Merkel in a speech at the European Parliament, in agreement with Macron, announced that there should be "a real European (united) army." As another interesting item of note, with Great Britain leaving the EU (Brexit), we may be witnessing a reorganization of that part of the world's economic and political cooperation. The nightly news networks have no shortage of horrible news stories about the level of unrest and insecurity in Europe, South America, the Middle East, Africa, China, and the US. The world is desperate, and is looking for a leader who can bring peace and safety.