

Biblical Comments On End Time Strategies That Support Human Plans For Global Domination¹

This is a brief paper for friends who are not Christians but are concerned about the current developments in the world. It's purpose is to demonstrate that the Bible has warned of these developments for thousands of years, but also reveals where they are headed. I've tried to cut out most of the theological stuff, please be patient with spiritual bits that you are naturally averse to.

The cornerstone of end time strategies is deception

(In Biblical terms this is directed by Satan.)

Some relative scriptures

Now when the thousand years have expired, [i.e. at the end, in the end times] Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints (Rev 20:7-9)

The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and **lying** wonders, and with all **unrighteous deception** among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

(2 Thess 2:9-12)

That serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world**. (Rev 12:9)

Before the end times, God had prevented Satan from controlling many nations by deception so that he can gather an empire to attack the saints of God.² Often Satan tried to gather this empire in history, but every time, against seemingly overwhelming odds, such empires have been cut off. Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, Attila the Hun, the Moslem Empire, Napoleon and Hitler obviously spring to mind. At one point dictators sweep all before them, then suddenly they are killed or surprisingly, emphatically defeated.³

Though many have tried to destroy them, Christians have continued to this time to be a significant force in human history, even though the real power of the church is not in obvious strength, but in secret prayer. The ultimate goal of Satan is to eradicate the world of Christians - the sons of his great enemy.

¹ This paper is an adaptation, conflation and extension of a paper entitled, *The Binding of Satan*. It is intended for no-Christians who are interested in the Bible observations of the current world situation.

² In the Bible this is called 'the binding of Satan'; see rev 20:1-8, 2 Thess 2:6-12.

³ This subject is worthy of a further study in itself. Consider Waterloo, which Napoleon should have won; Trafalgar where Nelson's new strategy flummoxed a mighty fleet; the almost miraculous defeat of the Spanish Armada; the unexplained failure of Hitler to finish England off after Dunkirk or during the Battle of Britain; the sudden death of the young Alexander or the defeat of the Moors by Charles Martel at Tours in 732.

The point here is that the key weapon of Satan is deception. The dominating feature of the end times is massive deception. Note some features of 2 Thessalonians 2:

- The working of Satan with deceiving signs and miracles. (v9)
- Unrighteous deception, i.e. deception that leads to sin. (v10)
- An avoiding of the truth, hating of truth - especially the truth as it is in Jesus. (v10)
- Strong delusions. (v11)
- Believing the lie. (v11)
- Pleasure in unrighteousness. (v12)

The key factor is the avoidance of truth. In essential terms this is hostility towards Christ, who is the truth (Jn 14:6); but the corollary is the hiding of truth generally in society - working by lies and deception. The way Satan works through governments is by anti-truth.

The working out of this deception is multifarious and widespread.

Some examples of deception in everyday practice:

- *Enticing kids into drug abuse*, despite everyone knowing what the dangers are. Even marijuana (usually considered harmless) is now understood to cause psychosis.
- *Enticing kids into sexual promiscuity* even though they know the dangers of disease. Teenagers tell me that their friends are riddled with STDs; finding a girlfriend or boyfriend that isn't is very difficult, apparently.
- *Enticing kids to prefer fantasy to reality*: hence the preoccupation with video games, play stations and their ilk.
- *Entice people into occult activity on the basis that it is an acceptable form of religion*, even though the harmful effects of seances, witchcraft, magic, shamanism etc. are well documented. It was for good reason that witchcraft was outlawed in England until the 1950s. The basic lie of false religions and self-help programmes is - that man can become a god. This was the original lie (Gen 3:5; Rm 1:24-25).
- *Enticing people to be dumbed-down sleepwalkers*: so long as folk have their soaps, beer, lottery hopes, holidays and so on, they don't care what goes on around them. With a society asleep in this way, governments can covertly (and even not so covertly) generate the most appalling strategies and policies that restrict freedom and develop into totalitarianism. TV, newspapers and so on are being deliberately dumbed-down; even the way kids are educated is dumbed-down.

Many of these deceptions frequently lead into further delusions: for instance drug abuse often leads directly into crime; sexual promiscuity can lead to depression and apathy; occultism frequently leads to psychosis and suicide.

Some results of deception in a populace:

- Repression and a tendency towards totalitarianism. For example, who would have thought it possible that the US government (constructed on the basis liberty and personal freedom) would do the following:
 - Kidnap innocent foreign citizens in foreign countries, fly them to distant prisons and then subject them to torture on the basis of false intelligence.
 - Arrest US citizens, fly them to friendly states (such as Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan) where torture is acceptable, subject them to torture to extract whatever they want and then fly them back to the US. [This policy is called 'Extraordinary Rendition and aircraft are set aside specifically for this operation].

- Manipulate the news by having federal departments construct news items (video footage, presenters, and scripts) and get them aired as pre-packaged news products that appear to be constructed by the media channel.
- Raid the houses of dissenters to government policy who have committed no actual crime, destroy their possessions arrest them and imprison them without charge.
- The UK is not far behind, who could have believed that a British Prime Minister would:
 - Lead the nation into a pre-emptive strike war against a sovereign state that posed no threat on the basis of a known lie.
 - Alter the formal UK legal advice so that the war was accepted in Parliament as legal, even though the UN stated that it was illegal.
 - Lock up certain foreign immigrants for years without charge, without trial and without access to basic human rights on the basis of secret MOD intelligence undisclosed to a judge; the same type of intelligence that stated Saddam Hussein could launch missile attacks on British interests within 45 minutes!
 - Propose legislation that UK citizens can be incarcerated within their own homes, without trial or charge at the behest of the Home Secretary.
 - Propose that certain trials can be conducted without juries.
- Diverting people away from Biblical religion.
- Leading people to an unquestioning trust in secular, unproven scientism.

The working out of deception as unrighteousness

The working out of the basic lie of Satan, far from making people like God, renders them into slaves of Satan and results in vile passions:

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

(Rm 1:26-32)

The purpose of encouraging people to fall into these sins is to enslave them. People in bondage can be more easily manipulated. While these sins have been present throughout history, it is logical to see them intensified at the end when Satan's deception is strongest. So, the end will be a time when these things are seen openly and unrestricted:

- homosexual behaviour
- unrighteousness
- sexual immorality
- wickedness
- covetousness
- maliciousness
- envy
- murder
- strife

- deceit
- evil-mindedness
- treachery and gossip
- God is hated
- violence
- pride
- boasting
- inventions of evil things
- disobedience to parents
- lack of discernment, forgiveness, mercy, love and trust
- hypocrisy

Worse, at the end, many of these become socially acceptable, legalised or modelled in the behaviour of politicians.

The working out of deception as described by Jesus.

Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Matt 24:3-14)

Again many of these features are historic, but at the end there is a concentration of them together:

- There is widespread deception.
- There are false Christs that deceive many. [This feature is now widespread in false religions, cults and sects; many current cult leaders claim to be Christ while the New Age cults serve a 'Cosmic Christ'.]
- There are various wars. [There have been more wars in the 20th century than any other.]
- Various nations attack other nations.
- There will be pandemic infections. [AIDS is just the start.]
- There will be great famines. [The 20th century has seen many of history's worst famines.]
- There will be serious earthquakes that distinguish them from the regular earthquakes throughout history. [There have been more earthquakes affecting human populations since 1900 than previous centuries.]
- Christians will be hated. [Persecution of Christians is rapidly rising in many countries. Being a Christian or preaching the Gospel guarantees death in certain states, when other religions are tolerated.]
- Christians will be betrayed.

- There will be many false prophets causing deception. [The Charismatic/Pentecostal world is full of false prophets while the cults have their own varieties.]
- Love, and the virtues associated with it, vanish.

The working out of deception as described by Paul

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! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was. (2 Tim 3:1-9)

In the last days we will see:

- Perilous times
- Selfishness
- Love of money
- Boasting & pride
- Blasphemy
- Disobedience to parents
- Thanklessness
- Unrighteousness
- Lack of love
- Unforgiveness
- Slander
- Lack of self-control
- Brutality
- Good hated
- Treachery
- Love of pleasure rather than love of God,
- A form of godliness that denies salvation.
- Making captives of gullible women

So from all these we can see that the end times is reflected in a massive list of bullet points. This long list needs to be reduced down; perhaps this form will suffice:

Unrighteousness: unforgiveness, good hated, slander, treachery, gossiping, lack of love, hypocrisy, malice, wickedness, evil-mindedness, pleasure in unrighteousness, lack of discernment forgiveness, mercy, love and trust, inventions of evil.

Disobedience: to parents, encouragement to sin.

Selfishness: no self-control, thanklessness, covetousness, envy, hedonism, love of money, boasting & pride; love, and the virtues associated with it, vanish.

Violence: brutality, murder, strife, warfare, unprovoked attacks.

Deceit: widespread deception, ultimately from Satan but also a general atmosphere of deception in many areas of life; deceptive practices, making captives of gullible women, strong delusions

Ungodliness: blasphemy, hatred of God.

Sexual sins: homosexual behaviour, sexual immorality.

False religion: open worship of Satan, a form of godliness that denies salvation; a focus upon becoming like God as a result of occult practices and teachings, false Christs, false prophets, deceiving signs and miracles.

Opposition to Christ and his church: Christians will be hated and betrayed, hostility towards the church culminating in physical persecution, hatred of truth - especially the truth as it is in Jesus.

Societal problems: Perilous times, various wars, pre-emptive strikes on other nations, great famines, pandemic infections, serious earthquakes.

So, evidence of the end times is when all these things are prominent, following a time of relative quiet, and (at least a superficial) godliness. It is my contention that all these items are in full operation now and have been growing in intensity in the last 100 years. We could write another paper just listing the events that have conspired to bring this about, but we will mention but a few here.

The change in the crossover to the 20th century

At the turn of the 19th century there was a break from the tradition of trusting in God and honouring the Bible. Before then, Queen Victoria could boast to a visiting Indian prince that the British Empire was built upon the Bible. Victorian society may have had a seedy underbelly, but this was an underbelly and the unrighteousness of the back streets was condemned in decent society. Church attendance (even if many were only professing Christians) was as high as 95% of the population. There was even an honour among thieves that became a byword. Certain crimes prominent today were unheard of and unknown.

As the century had drawn to its close, there was a new offensive against Christianity that would have lasting effects. This offensive drew forces on many fronts. First there was the attack of Darwinism. The hypotheses of uniformitarianism, evolutionary theory, the geologic column, man's descent from apes etc. changed the way society viewed the Bible and God. It became scientific, and therefore rational, to question the Bible and be atheistic. This was a revolution in human behaviour. Previous societies may have opposed the Christianity but no intelligentsia had previously questioned the very existence of God himself. Worse, the claim that man is just an animal caught in a fight for the survival of the fittest made morality redundant. Whatever helped the individual survive became endorsed by science. This led to situation ethics whereby anything was justifiable if it resulted in the desired objective. Many other changes resulted from evolutionary theory that had a massive effect on society, education, warfare, politics and so on. The resultant theory of eugenics even paved the way for Hitler's Final Solution of genocide. Man had lost his bearings as a rational creature created by God with a purpose in his life, a life that should be lived in obedience to conscience and divine commands.

The First World War of 1914-18 changed the world forever. Not only did it generate many questions about God's sovereignty that such a thing could happen, but it also had huge ramifications for the future of Europe in the way the nations were arbitrarily divided up at the end. The present problems in Iraq and the Balkans have much to do with what happened then and the seeds of the next world war also were sown by the unwise terms of the treaty with Germany. The disillusionment caused by the brutality and cost of the First World War is hard to imagine. It changed everything, and following hard on the heels of Darwinism, many saw no further point in following God.

While all this was going on, liberal scholars had been growing in temerity. Throughout the latter years of the 19th century, and into the 20th modernism began to invade the religious world. The effect of the various theories, many based upon evolutionary ideas, was to state that: God is dead, the Bible is not the sure word of God, miracles didn't happen, creation was by accidental means, Jesus did not exist, early Biblical books were not written when the Bible said that they were, indeed they were written hundreds of years later. Even the Gospels were stated to be cobbled together by various unknown authors and then used to put over the views of certain schools of thought.

Also this period saw the unexpected rise in popularity of the occult. Everyone had thought that paganism was dead, but a group of writers and a few occult organisations brought a new lease of life to the ancient religion. Gerald Gardner was responsible for the revival of witchcraft and is the biggest influence on pagan and witchcraft groups. By the 1950s British society responded by repealing the Witchcraft laws. Other groups such as the Theosophical Society, Rosicrucianism, Mesmerism, Freemasonry, New Thought, Vedanta Society and others either sprang into life or received a shot in the arm. But it was not just pagan groups that emerged, brand new religions sprang into being in the 19th century such as Bahai, along with a myriad of cults that grew out of formal Christian churches: The Watchtower Society (JWs), Mormons, Christian Science, Unity School and many other smaller groups. Within the realms of evangelicalism there was also revolution with the development of the Pentecostal churches and the Charismatic Movement. Again the influence was subjectivity against the objective word of God.

As if that wasn't enough, a whole new science appeared, that of psychology, coupled with a new pseudo-science - psychoanalysis, a technique based upon occult conceptions (mesmerism) and methodologies mixed with unproven assumptions and fabricated evidence (in, at least, the case of Freud). People no longer needed a pastor or a church support structure, they could pay to see a 'specialist' to talk to whenever they wanted. A multi-million dollar industry was born. The fact that the overwhelming evidence shows that it did virtually no good to anyone in 100 years appears to be irrelevant; it was another blow to the church.

By the end of the 20th century, the net result was that paganism was the fastest growing religion in the UK while Christian denominations bled 2,000 members a week and less than 7% now attend church. Some denominations like Methodism face extinction in a few years, while others (like Anglicans) are up against impending bankruptcy and internal breakdown.

With the collapse of confidence in the church, the Bible and even in God generally, the very roots of society were relocated. No longer were Biblical principles the foundations of education, the legislature, societal mores, or personal behaviour. Over and over again common sense and God's law was abandoned in favour of the ideas of men, usually psychologists. Such was the basis for the repeal of the laws against homosexuality and the legalisation of abortion.

To take one case: various generations of schoolkids became guinea pigs for experiment after experiment, most of which failed miserably. For instance, reading standards for current English children is at its worst ever level since the old-fashioned methods of parrot fashion pronunciation and reading were ditched in favour of word association and chance. Worse was the emphasis upon human rights and the abolition of corporeal discipline. This

led to teachers having no control over children at all. As wayward kids disrupt classes, the corollary is that kids that want to learn are unable to do so. The government is faced with massive problems in dealing with thousands of delinquent children, so they leave them in schools to cause more problems. Violence is such a dilemma in many schools that ordinary children are so scared that they carry knives to defend themselves. In this situation, where it is not uncommon for kids to throw chairs at teachers or beat up other kids, the most vulnerable people in society become victims of drug dealers, proselytising groups (like Scientologists), violent whims out of sheer frustration, crime and underground culture.

Sick of school, children emerge at 16 into a dark world of dumbed-down lostness, pervaded by one thing after another that nullifies their brain and individuality. They succumb to a music culture that is full of abusive and foul language, which has a beat that deadens the mind and lyrics that promote drug abuse, bigotry, hate and crime. The scene they mix in often leads to violence and criminality. With nothing to do in sprawling housing estates they turn to social destruction and delinquency. From this it is a small step to adult gang culture and full-blown criminality.

The lack of any moral absolutes prevailing in schools or many homes, coupled with the lack of parental guidance (parents either don't care or are too busy trying to make a living to be able to juggle all the plates) leaves these kids lost. Having only their teen culture and diabolical (literally) music and media to learn from, they treat important things as trivial. Sex is nothing to them - just a physical act, honour is meaningless, trust is weakness. All these things ultimately arise from evolutionary theory.

The result of all this (and we have only quickly scanned a few areas of life today) is all the things we listed as a result of the restraint being removed. The society we live in exhibits all these Satanic inspired items - and it grows worse by the day. We never thought we'd live to hear of a teenager mug an old lady in her home and then rip her heart out of her chest. We never thought we'd hear of sick men commit acts of paedophilia on six-month-old babies. We never thought we'd hear of teenagers raping an old woman in her home or three men raping a young boy in a van as it drove in circles round his home. Who would have thought that the mightiest power on earth, with a Christian political base, would destroy an entire Iraqi city (Fallujah), killing hundreds of innocent people just for the sake of a handful of insurgents who escaped anyway? Who can justify a pre-emptive attack on a sovereign state that results in the deaths of over 100,000 innocent bystanders on the premise of a lie? We could go on and on.

The working out of deception according to Revelation.

I was tempted to list many long passages from Revelation that accurately comment of what is going on today in the degeneration of society. However, the problem is that: firstly, the narrative is highly symbolic and requires a Biblical understanding of the symbolism. Even if I was to add my comments to explain these, the non-Christian reader could dismiss them as arbitrary and partisan, having no Christian pre-suppositions. Secondly, it would require reading several whole chapters, especially chapters 12-18. This would be far too long for this paper. All I can do here is state my belief that Revelation, written 2,000 years ago accurately states, in picture language, exactly what is going on today in society and where this will lead in the near future. It is not a pretty sight.

The basic elements of these statements in Revelation are that Satan is deceiving the nations in order to gather together a world empire that is directly governed by him through

human subsidiaries, wholly devoted to him and to evil. The net effect of this will be to wage war on the Christian church and seek to obliterate all those who trust in Christ. As a result of the focus upon evil, the world will so damaged by sin that famines, pestilence, repression, persecution and violence will bring the whole earth to a state of ruin. At this, the lowest point of humanity, God will wind up the earth as it now stands, Christ will return to gather his persecuted saints, and all men will face judgment along with Satan. A new earth will be established and all resurrected believers will live in a new world of harmony and fellowship with God.

Conclusion

It is my conclusion that the restraint has indeed been taken off Satan and he is growing in his ability to control the world through evil individuals and corrupt governments. The Iraq War would not have been possible even 20 years ago, but now it seems that governments can get away with anything. The condition of our society is plain for every sane person to see. Folk, and especially older people, are continually heard to say, 'The world has gone mad?' Despite governments telling us that things have got better, we all know that things are getting worse and worse, at every level.

All the items on the previous list - from unrighteousness to selfishness, from violence to sexual sins, from false religion to disobedience, all these things are with us in spades this very day. That the restraint on Satan has been removed is very clear, and it ought to have been clear when the world had its first world war, something unheard of in history.

The purpose of Satan is to gather a world empire that is directly under his control. The events of the last fifty years have seen this become ever more likely. Sovereign governments have less and less autonomy as they have to submit to the laws of a wider conglomerate (such as the EU); dance to the tune of multi-national corporations, or obey the whims of the world banking systems, such as the IMF. Power groups, such as the Bilderbergers, International Freemasonry or the Club of the Isles dominate the individual national governments with their groomed chosen men. These harbingers a single global government.

All this proves that the restraint was taken off Satan during the latter years of the 19th century and the world moved into the times of the end. It also means that the world is moving into its final stage of history and that the only anchor to our souls in this time, is God. The more the world degenerates, the more we need to cling to him and honour his word.

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.

Luke 21:28