

Don't be surprised by the Financial Earthquake Ahead?

**A wise counselor of mine once told
me that it was not as important
what they're saying in the news,
as it is what they're NOT saying.**

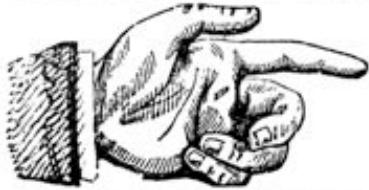
We Christians are all standing around in disbelief as one crisis after another unfolds in our government. There are so many that majorly impact Christians that we can't even keep up with all of them!

Poor Richard Nixon got canned for just trying to cover up his lying about his connection to a crime. Any one of the Obama Administration's lies is far worse than Nixon's.

So I'm wondering what they're really up to? What is it that they're NOT telling us? What's so potentially disastrous that they're having to pummel us with crisis after crisis to keep our eyes off the real problem? What else is really going on?



LOOK OVER THERE!



Fooled You, Didn't We?

If they ARE trying to keep us off the mark, I think I may know what it is. Follow the dollar. We're printing new ones at reckless abandon. So what? Most are bored to tears/heard the wolf cries before.

But the reality is, there are at least three financial areas that are downright scary... any one of which could take this nation down... almost overnight.

1) A stock market crash.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is 3,000 points higher than the last major correction, and at that time, the economy was in good shape. If the market tumbles, we have no wiggle-room to absorb the shock.

But a massive correction will come sooner or later because the rise in prices does not reflect our true economic picture. Some believe it could easily fall 50% in six months or less.



2) The U.S. Debt

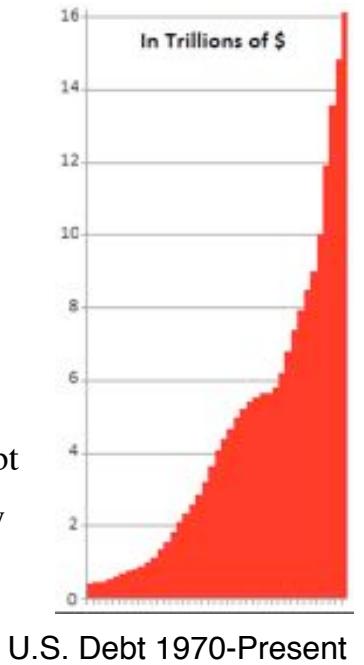
The debt is continuing to grow exponentially, and we're now borrowing 4.5 billion dollars a day to pay our bills. But **no one is talking about it any more.** It's off the news. Heard anyone complaining lately about the debt ceiling or total national debt? I haven't. Not a word in a long time. Yet it's continuing to get worse by the day!

"You cannot solve a problem of too much debt with yet more debt. This is all going to end badly for the west."

- Jim Rogers

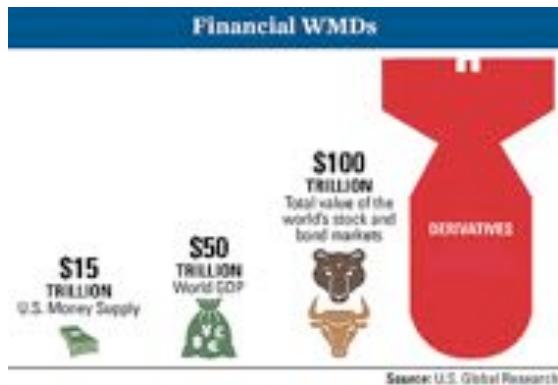
And at every opportunity, we seem to find ways to spend even more money, yet NO ONE is talking about cutting the deficit. Do you think we can borrow our way out of debt? Is borrowing making our situation better or worse? Of course it's making it worse. Way worse.

What's even more interesting is that even though we've doubled the debt in the last 6 years, we're enjoying the lowest interest rates in the history of the country. How is that possible? Only by artificial manipulation. Imagine the rush for the exits when that cat gets out of the bag.



3) The Derivatives Bubble

We have over one quadrillion dollars of derivatives in action (quadrillion comes after trillion). 50% more financial exposure than the entire stock market.



Wondering what the heck a derivative is and/or why it matters? A derivative is a legal contract that gives you the option to purchase anything of value at a certain price in the future.

Banks love derivatives. They're like an unregulated casino where banks are making huge profits. And it's an addictive problem. In a nutshell, our banking exposure via derivatives is **twice as large as what caused our last financial disaster in 2008**.

Look at these banks and how much they have in derivatives contracts (actually just "bets").

Bank of New York Mellon	\$1.375 Trillion
State Street Financial	\$1.390 Trillion
Morgan Stanley	\$1.722 Trillion
Wells Fargo	\$3.332 Trillion
HSBC	\$4.321 Trillion
(Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp)	
Goldman Sachs	\$44.192 Trillion
Bank of America	\$50.135 Trillion
Citibank	\$52.102 Trillion
JP Morgan Chase	\$70.151 Trillion

Both the U.S. debt and the derivatives market cannot stand even a modest move in interest rates. If the interest rate were allowed to float without artificial restraints, the financial world would collapse.

Do realize that if there is a problem, the lenders have control. And guess who owns 2/3s of America's national debt? Foreigners. Foreigners would decide what happens to the U.S. in the event of a default. We're not even able to appeal. In a sense, they have already won the war, we just don't admit it yet.

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower becomes the lender's slave." Prov. 22:7

So we know the economy is smoke and mirrors. Something big is going on behind the scenes. It could be the introduction of a world currency. Or it could be, according to the most pessimistic, the designed financial implosion of the United States in order to do



away with the constitution and bring it into a world government.

I just don't believe that all this is going on by accident. Even Fox News #2 owner, next to Rupert Murdoch, is an Arab billionaire--Prince Alwaleed bin Talal. Do you think he has zero input? Hardly.

Recently we've seen that if you're an outspoken conservative or want to exercise your "God-given rights," you're a target of our government. And the U.S.



Department of Justice is so corrupt they won't even investigate the charges made by Congress!

But hey, never forget that God's in control. Nothing is happening that is surprising Him or catching Him off-guard. His agenda will prevail.

And one last thought. Since the the Bible says that the coming world government will be instituted in the future 7 Years of Tribulation, the Rapture of the church, which has to come first, could be getting awfully close! :-)

Shalom!

Bill

Church ★ The Mystery ★

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"the mystery which for ages has been hidden" Eph 3:9

The word mystery in the Greek is "mysterion," and it means "truth undiscoverable except by divine revelation." We have the divine Holy Spirit living in us so we should be able to understand deep truths.

The Bible mentions several mysteries in the New Testament Epistles, such as:

The Mystery of the **Rapture**. 1 Cor. 15:51

The Mystery of **God coming in the flesh**. Col 2:2,3,9

The Mystery of **Israel's unbelief**. Ro 11:25

The Mystery of the **Antichrist**.
2 Thes 2:6-10

The Mystery of **Gentile inclusion** in God's promises.
Eph. 3:3-6



But the mystery of all mysteries is the mystery of the Church Age.

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To best understand the Church Age "mystery," we need to start with God's foundational purpose for sacrifices. Mankind is born sinful and separated from God because the penalty for sin is death.

"For the wages (penalty) of sin is death" Ro. 6:23

Therefore, in the Old Testament God provided a way to temporarily cover man's sin via an animal **blood sacrifice** so that He could fellowship with man. Blood is the key. Our life depends on our blood.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement."
Lev. 17:11

"For as for the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood;'" Lev. 17:14

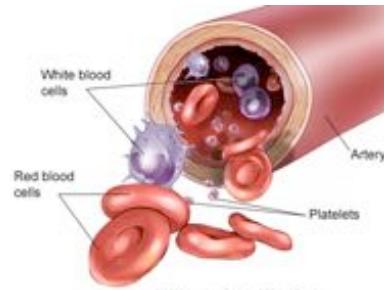


Levitical Priest at God's Altar

"And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." Heb. 9:22

Blood is an amazing thing. We can't live without it. Each human has about five gallons of constantly circulating blood. It's composed of red blood cells for carrying oxygen to the tissues, white blood cells for fighting infections and platelets that cause the blood to clot.

God even commanded Noah to not eat blood.



"Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant. Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood." Gen. 9:3-4

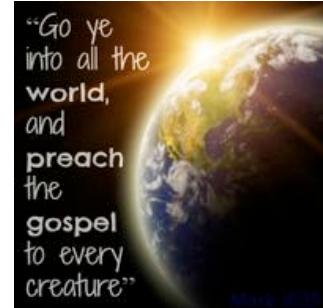


So the first thing Noah did when his family walked off the ark after the flood was to make a blood sacrifice to cover their sins (Gen.8:20). This necessity of shedding blood to atone for man's sin

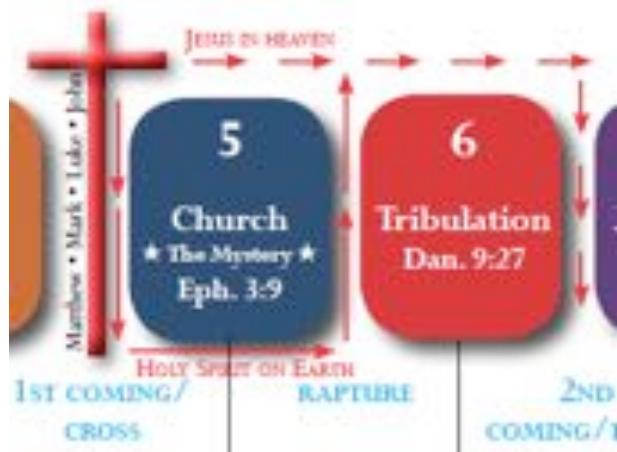
(Lev. 17:11) was later incorporated in the Levitical law (Lev. 16).

So for over 1500 years God's Law demanded, and the Israelites furnished, blood sacrifices. Then, as prophesied, the Lord God came in the flesh and shed His blood on the cross as a permanent sacrifice (Eph. 1:7), ending the necessity of sacrifices for sin.

Saul (Paul) of Tarsus was chosen to explain this "Good News" to the world... that **a great "mystery" had been revealed...** that Jehovah God no longer demanded blood sacrifices because all sin had been "paid in full" by Jesus on the cross (Col. 2:13-14) and now God the Spirit was able to come to earth to permanently indwell Born-again Believers (2Cor. 1:22).



God's Spirit coming to the earth ushered in a completely new time period we call the Church Age. The Church Age is a new time period with a distinct purpose and destiny. The Church Age will end when God's Spirit departs at the Rapture.



This was a complete surprise to the Jews living at the time of Christ. They were correctly reading all the verses in the Bible about the Lord sending a Messiah to conquer their enemies and rule the earth from a throne in Jerusalem.

But **they totally missed the fact He first had to come, shed His blood, die and be resurrected** as payment for their sins. They obviously skipped over Isaiah 53.



And because Believers' sins were paid on the cross **making them sanctified**, God could now send His Holy Spirit to indwell Believers even while they still lived in their sinful earthly containers. That was quite a shocker for the Jews.

Even today, if you want to mix it up with a Rabbinical Jew at the Wailing Wall, tell one you have God living in your heart. It makes them fighting mad because they fully understand man's sinfulness.

Jew at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

They know they need a Messiah. They just don't think He's come yet. One of the jokes among the guides in Israel is that when the Messiah comes, the first question they'll ask is whether or not He's been here before.

The problem of course is that God has blinded the eyes and hardened the hearts of the Jewish race from receiving understanding about the mystery.

John 12:40 "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART; LEST THEY SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED, AND I HEAL THEM."

Rom. 11:25 "For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;"

When God says He's blinded the Jewish race, it was an understatement. We have non-Christian Jewish guides in Israel who lead us all over the holyland pointing out where the miracles of Jesus took place. They quote chapter and verse using the New Testament as a resource.

But even though they say the words, they can't make the connection. One time a guide said, "This is where I think Jesus rose from the dead." So I asked him if he thought Jesus was the Messiah, and he said "no."

I continued, "*Do you think Jesus ever lied?*" "*No, never.*" the guide responded. I said, "*Well, Jesus claimed to be God. Do you think He is God?*" He said, "*No.*"



Smiling I said, "Then you think Jesus is a liar." "No, no, no." the guide protested. "Then you think Jesus is God?" "No, no, no!" Round and round we went.

Being content to use this kind of circular reasoning is possible only because the Jews are blinded by God from understanding the truth. Otherwise they are a very, very intelligent race.

So the "mystery" remains unsolved with the Jew, but is made known to the Gentile. Just as God predicted!

Hos. 2:23 "And I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, and I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, 'Thou art my God!'"

Amazing! So when you're talking to a Jew, always be respectful because even though he IS chosen by God, he is also blinded by God, until the Rapture!

And it's only by the grace of God that we're given spiritual wisdom and knowledge!

Col. 2:2,3 "...attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Thank you Lord for the things we don't deserve!!

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