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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

## The Coming Global Enslavement To Digital Currencies



Central Bank Digital Currencies are the future of currency, and when they arrive, they'll enslave the world. To understand why, you first need to understand what they are, how they serve the vision of those in power, and why they're inevitable.

### What Are Central Bank Digital Currencies?

Central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) have yet to be launched on a large scale, but advocates envision a government-controlled cryptocurrency that replaces national currencies. CBDCs will use digital tokens on a computer network to represent a national currency. They'll rely on blockchain, the same technology behind Bitcoin, Ethereum, and other popular cryptocurrencies.

As a replacement for paper currency, CBDC will serve as the digital equivalent of paper currency for use as payment and an official unit of account. It will carry its own unique serial number or digital watermark to prevent counterfeiting.

Across the world, central banks are openly discussing the introduction of CBDCs, including England, Canada, China, the European Union, and the United States. So why should you care? Because CBDCs are far different from Bitcoin and other popular cryptocurrencies. Bitcoin is decentralized. No single authority controls it. In contrast, central banks will operate, regulate, and control CBDCs. As you'll soon see, this simple distinction is the difference between a Libertarian's dream and every citizen's nightmare.

## **How Central Bank Digital Currencies Give Unprecedented Power to Government**

In the future, "you'll own nothing and be happy." So says Klaus Schwab, the Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum. Schwab's vision is one shared by many of the world's wealthiest and most powerful individuals. They envision a world where you own nothing. But this begs the question. If you own nothing, who owns everything? The answer is simple. They do.

So how do they intend to make their vision a reality? They'll do it through an event called "the Great Reset." While this vague term covers a number of policy ideas, the heart of the Great Reset is a complete overhaul of the global monetary system. This isn't anything new. It's happened before.

Since 1900 alone, we've had four global monetary systems - the gold standard, the gold exchange standard, Bretton Woods, and the U.S. fiat dollar standard. On average, these systems have each last around 40 years. We're now in year 50 of the U.S. fiat dollar standard, which means we're overdue for a new global monetary system.

In all likelihood, it will feature central bank digital currency at its core. If so, governments will gain unprecedented power over individuals.

Under such a system, private bank accounts will disappear. In their place, everyone will have an account with the central bank. Unlike paper currency, which people can exchange in private, all transactions will take place in a digital ledger. This means central bankers will have the ability to view all transactions. Nothing will be private.

## **Why Central Bank Digital Currencies are Inevitable**

Before CBDCs can become the standard, paper currency first needs to be eliminated. We're moving toward that goal now. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the trend toward cashless payments.

According to the Pew Research Center, during any given week nearly a third of U.S. adults said they typically make no purchases using cash. And the younger you are, the more likely you are to use cashless payments. This means the trend will continue long into the future.

But even if people don't voluntarily chose cashless payments, paper currency will disappear anyway. This is because new technologies will soon make it impossible to prevent counterfeiting. 3D desktop printing technologies will soon create objects where every molecule is perfectly positioned.

With such technologies, counterfeiters will flood the world with perfect copies of every national currency. No one will be able to tell the difference between fake currency and real currency. When that happens, both the fake and the real will be worthless. World governments won't have a choice.

They'll quickly do away with all physical currency, and all economic transactions will go digital. The replacement will be either a series of central bank digital currencies or a single central bank digital currency for the whole world.

Think most people will reject CBDCs? While I hope so, it's highly unlikely. Governments will make sure adoption is quick and easy. They'll simply launch a campaign to "claim your digital wallet." To incentivize people to do so, they'll provide an initial deposit of \$10,000 (or \$20,000, \$30,000, or whatever amount is necessary to get people to take action).

Once everyone is onboard, they'll eliminate paper currency and other options for payment of goods and services. The result will be a government-controlled economic system based on CBDC.

## **The Global Assault on Freedom**

The end of paper currency and its replacement with CBDC will give unlimited power to government leaders. Not only does it offer a way to permanently record every financial transaction, but CBDC will track where you go and what you do. It will track the websites you visit and the friends you interact with.

While most of this information is already available through tracking of credit and debit cards, mobile phones, and social media profiles, a state-sponsored digital currency will provide unfettered access to this information.

It will create a closed, government-controlled economic system where everyone is dependent on central bank digital currency to participate in society.

This gives government the ability to control your behavior, down to the most minute details of daily life. If the government decides they don't like you, they can cut off access to your account and freeze you out of the economic system.

They'll be able to tell you what you can and can't buy. They'll be able to tell you where you can and can't go. In essence, they'll have complete control over your life.

For example, take China's "social credit" system, which establishes a centralized record for individuals and businesses. The system uses a numerical score to punish and reward people and businesses on the basis of their economic and personal behavior. Imagine a similar system where you live.

The government could punish certain businesses such as gun shops. Or they could force you to buy broccoli instead of ice cream because they "know what's best" for you. The possibilities are endless.

But most important in the eyes of central bankers will be the ability to truly manipulate your economic behavior. Today, central bankers can print currency, but they can't make banks loan it, and they can't make you spend it. This means they have zero control over currency velocity, an essential component of economic planning. But with CBDC? They'll be able to introduce negative interest rates.

For example, imagine you have \$1,000 off CBDC in your account. Due to a slow economy and the uncertainty of your job situation, you choose to save it. The central bankers want you to spend it and spur economic growth. With central bank digital currency, they can implement a negative rate on your account, telling you to spend the \$1,000 by a certain date or else lose 5% to negative interest.

For central bankers, this is a tool they've always lacked, and it gives them the ability to directly control individual behavior. Because CBDCs enhance their power, you can be sure they'll do everything they can to make them a reality. And while I'd like to think we can avoid them, the emergence of CDBC's is inevitable.

## **The Bible Foretold All of This**

For those who have read the Bible, none of this comes as a surprise. Almost two thousand years ago, the Book of Revelation foretold of a global economic system eerily similar to the one we see taking form today.

The Bible says a time will come when a global dictator will require everyone on earth to receive a mark on their right hand or their forehead (Revelation 13:16). Without this mark, people will be unable to buy

or sell anything (Revelation 13:17). How will this work? The exact details aren't clear. But the worldwide rush to create central bank digital currencies provides us with a glimpse as to how such a system might work.

The Bible says the Antichrist will rule a global government (Revelation 13:7). To control who can buy and who can sell, he'll need a system capable of tracking every transaction on earth. He'll need a way to monopolize all financial transactions and a way to kick people out of the system if they don't do his bidding. CBDCs create such a system.

All that's required to bring about this "Great Reset" is a global economic crisis. Hungry people will be more than willing to adopt such a system if it means the difference between eating and not.

So what does all this mean? It means we're fast approaching a time the prophets warned about.

We're in the midst of a global pandemic (Luke 21:11). Israel is back in the land (Jeremiah 23:7-8). The Jewish people are back in Jerusalem (Luke 21:24-28). And the Gospel is being preached throughout the world (Matthew 24:14). The end times approach.

The tribulation, the Antichrist, and global government are on our doorstep. But first, the rapture must take place. So don't despair. While it looks like the world is falling apart, every Christian should have peace. We know how it ends. Jesus is coming (Revelation 22:20), and He's coming soon!

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## New Dead Sea Scroll Fragments Found Remind Us Of God's Coming Judgement



We just witnessed one of the most exciting archaeological discoveries in decades. For the first time in 60 years, new Dead Sea Scroll fragments have been discovered, and Israeli authorities are telling us that archaeologists will continue to carefully search the area to see if they can find more.

Due to the extremely dry conditions in the region, the fragments that have been recovered are extremely well preserved even though they appear to have been written before the time of

Christ. But to me, the biggest part of this story is what the fragments actually say.

We'll get to that in a moment, but first I want to talk about where we are at on the calendar.

When the sun went down on Saturday, March 13th that marked the beginning of a new year on the calendar that God gave us in the Bible. Of course hardly anyone in the world actually acknowledges it

as "the new year", but sunset on Saturday was when the first day of the first month of the year began according to the Biblical calendar.

And since this also happened as the seventh day of the week was ending, sunset on Saturday also marked the beginning of a brand new week.

So it was one of those rare instances when a Biblical day, a Biblical week, a Biblical month and a Biblical year all started at the exact same moment.

Personally, I believe that this is very significant.

And just a couple of days later, it has been announced that portions of the Dead Sea Scrolls have been discovered for the first time in 60 years...

Dozens of fragments of a Dead Sea Scroll bearing biblical text have been found by archaeologists working in the Judean Desert, the Israeli government said Tuesday.

The fragments are the first pieces of the Dead Sea Scrolls found in around 60 years and were recovered from a cave where Jewish rebels against the Roman Empire hid around 1,900 years ago, according to a government press release.

It was certainly not easy to get to the location where these fragments were found. In fact, we are being told that archaeologists "had to rappel down a sheer cliff" in order to get to them...

The discovery was part of an Israeli government project launched in 2017 to survey the caves of the Judean Desert and recover artifacts before looters could steal them.

Per an IAA statement, researchers had to rappel down a sheer cliff to reach the Cave of Horror, which is surrounded by gorges and located some 260 feet below a cliff top.

"The desert team showed exceptional courage, dedication and devotion to purpose, rappelling down to caves located between heaven and earth, digging and sifting through them, enduring thick and suffocating dust, and returning with gifts of immeasurable worth for mankind," says IAA Director Israel Hasson in the statement.

That cave is known as "the Cave of Horror" because 40 skeletons were found there during excavations in the 1960s.

And based on coins that were just discovered in the cave, authorities believe that they are able to identify the year when the scrolls were originally hidden there...

Based on the style of the Greek script, the scroll fragments appear to have been written in the first century B.C. Based on coins found in the cave, the scroll was probably brought to the cave in A.D. 135 at the end of a Jewish revolt against the Romans named for its leader, Bar Kokhba.

Researchers say it indicates that Greek was widely spoken in the Jewish community at the time, in addition to Hebrew and Aramaic. The texts are entirely in Greek except for the Tetragrammaton, the revered four-letter name of God, which appears in the fragments in Ancient Hebrew characters.

But as I mentioned above, to me the most important part of the story is what is actually said on the scroll fragments.

Some of the fragments are a Greek translation of Zechariah 8:16-17...

One fragment, written in Greek with God's name appearing in paleo-Hebrew, quotes Zechariah 8:16-17: "These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to one another, render true and perfect justice in your gates. And do not contrive evil against one another, and do not love perjury, because all those are things that I hate - declares the LORD."

Interestingly, instead of using the Greek word for "gates", the Greek word for "streets" is used in this instance.

Just as we sometimes use different English words when translating the Old Testament from Hebrew into English in our time, so also would different word choices sometimes be made when translating the Old Testament from Hebrew to Greek in ancient times.

And I find it fascinating that these verses have suddenly captured the attention of the entire globe at this moment in history. We definitely do not "render true and perfect justice" and we love to "contrive evil", and so we are doing the exact opposite of what we are instructed to do in this passage.

The other scroll fragments that were found come from Nahum 1:5-6...

Another features Nahum 1:5-6, which indicates: "The mountains quake because of Him, And the hills melt. The earth heaves before Him, The world and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before His wrath? Who can resist His fury? His anger pours out like fire, and rocks are shattered because of Him."

As you can see, these verses describe God's judgment.

Throughout the Scriptures, we are told that if we follow God's ways and keep His commandments we will be blessed, but if we reject His ways and His commandments we will be cursed.

Obviously, America has chosen the latter, and if we stay on this path our story is not going to end well.

Could it be possible that these Dead Sea Scroll fragments were hidden away for all these centuries just to be revealed at such a time as this?

Stranger things have happened. And I would continue to keep your eyes on the land of Israel, because I believe that a lot more really strange things will be happening in the months and years ahead.

## How to Finish Strong In Distressing Times



Chad Thomas

Let's face facts. We live in a Fallen World; people are hurting; people are depressed. Suicide, alcoholism, and drug addiction rates are at an all-time high. When I look at these horrifying statistics, it does not surprise me.

People are turning to all the wrong places to deal with everyday life's trials, tribulations, and storms. People are turning to alcohol, drugs, sex, money, and many other things to try to fill that void in their hearts.

The problem is those things may produce temporary happiness, but it leads to permanent destruction in the long run:

**Romans 6:21 KJV** – *“What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.”*

God has given us the formula in His Holy Word (The Bible) on how we can have peace through life’s storms, and it is not through worldly methods; it is only found through Jesus Christ.

Of course, this doesn’t mean Christians are exempt from life’s trials. In fact, Jesus tells us we will experience hardship:

**John 16:33 KJV** – *“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*

Jesus never said following Him was going to be easy, only that it would be worth it:

**Romans 8:18 KJV** – *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*

**Romans 8:35-39 KJV** – *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

What is weighing you down right now? I know many of you are going through many hardships as we speak. Whether it’s financial, family-related, physical illness, or something else, the good news is that if you feel like you are sinking, Jesus can lift you up... right now.

The more we get caught up in the affairs of this life and take our eyes off of Heaven, the more we begin to feel like we are sinking:

**2 Timothy 2:4 KJV** – *“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”*

**Romans 12:1-2 KJV** – *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

This Christian life is a race, and we need to make sure we utilize the tools God has given us so we can finish this race strong.

If you feel like you are sinking right now, I want to go through a section of scripture that I believe will help you:

**Matthew 14:24-25, 28-31 KJV** – *“But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea... And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”*

The above verse is incredibly powerful! Jesus was walking on the sea, and His disciples were afraid. When Peter began to walk on the water toward Jesus, he took his eyes off of the Savior and began to focus on the winds and the waves crashing around him. As soon as he took his eyes off of the Son of God, he began to sink. As he was sinking, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”. Christ immediately reached down and picked Peter back up!

How does this apply to us? There is a major implication! We are all walking on water. This valley of life is the water, and the trials and tribulations we are all going through are the winds and the waves crashing all around us.

When we focus on those things and take our eyes off of Jesus, we begin to sink! When we feel like we are sinking, it is incredible that we can cry out to Jesus, and He will immediately lift us and fill us with His peace which passes all understanding!

**Philippians 4:6-7 KJV** – *“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

The Finish Line is in Sight. Jesus is coming soon! But none of us are promised tomorrow; we can breathe our last breath at any time. We must strive to finish this race strong as Paul did!

**2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV** – *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”*

Let’s keep fighting the good fight! It all comes down to keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith. The winds, waves, and storms will come and crash all around us. But we must not allow the Devil to make us feel shaken. We may fall, but we will rise back up! Eyes up, saints! The day draweth nigh!

**Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV** – *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*