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Communist China's New Plan: Digital Currency

by Judith Bergman July 27, 2021

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- The US, on its part, does not appear ready for China's challenge over the future of money.
- "Not only are the American monetary authorities underestimating the threat posed to dollar dominance by China's pioneering combination of digital currency and electronic payments. They are also treating the blockchain-based financial innovations that offer the best alternative to China's e-yuan like gatecrashers at their own exclusive party." — Niall Ferguson, historian, Bloomberg, April 4, 2021.

Communist China is adding another element to its toolbox of surveilling and controlling its population. Already known as the country in the world with the most pervasive surveillance and social credit system, China has now created a digital currency, the digital renminbi or yuan -- also known as Digital Currency Electronic Payment (DCEP) -- to ensure that hardly any transaction goes unregistered.

Unlike cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin, which are not issued by governments and therefore cannot be used as means of payment in most daily transactions, China's digital currency is issued and controlled by China's central bank.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the currency "is expected to give China's government vast new tools to monitor both its economy and its people. By design, the digital yuan will negate one of bitcoin's major draws: anonymity for the user."

"DCEP is the antithesis of Bitcoin. The ultimate goal of a cryptocurrency is the separation of money and state," said Stewart Mackenzie, a cryptocurrency expert based in Hong Kong. "It's easy for them to say that it's like Bitcoin when it's worlds apart."

The real purpose of the new digital currency, however, seems to be to challenge the long-standing global reign of the US dollar. "China must brace for a full-blown escalation of the struggle with the United States and prepare to gradually decouple the Chinese yuan from the US dollar," Zhou Li, a former deputy director of the Communist Party's International Liaison Department wrote in July 2020. "By taking advantage of the dollar's global monopoly position in the financial sector, the US will pose an increasingly severe threat to China's further development."

China has been working on the digital yuan since 2014 and launched it as a pilot project in four Chinese cities last year. The digital currency has since been expanded to 10 cities and provinces covering 100 million people, where the pilot has been conducted in the form of lotteries. In Shenzhen, for instance, the government gave away a total of 10 million yuan (about \$1.5 million) to about 50,000 people, which they could then use with 3,000 local merchants after downloading a digital renminbi app.

Shenzhen is home to some of the country's biggest tech giants, such as Huawei and Tencent; Walmart reportedly also participated in the pilot project. Another Chinese e-commerce company, JD.com, as part of the project, paid its employees with the digital yuan. There are reportedly also plans to have foreign athletes and visitors at the 2022 Beijing Olympics use the digital yuan as a means of payment.

Most recently, it has been reported that China will hand out 40 million renminbi (\$6.2 million) of its digital currency to citizens in Beijing in a lottery; that it is testing the digital yuan in Hong Kong, and that it recently rolled out more than 3,000 ATMs in Beijing where people will be able to convert digital yuans to cash and vice versa.

China is denying that launching the digital yuan is fraught with hidden agendas, such as challenging the dollar. "For the internationalization of renminbi, we have said many times that it's a natural process, and our goal is not to replace US dollar or any other international currency," said Li Bo, a deputy governor of the People's Bank of China. "Our goal is to allow the market to choose."

"Some foreign media outlets recently associated the process with geopolitics, assuming that the PBC [People's Bank of China] plans to establish a new global financial configuration by issuing DC/EP [digital currency/electronic payment]," the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) *Global Times* wrote recently.

"Some even jumped to the conclusion that the Chinese government deems the issue and control of a sovereign digital currency as a 'new battlefield' of national competition. In fact, the PBC's decision is merely a necessary move to comply with the inevitable trend of global currency development. From material objects and precious metals to paper notes and the digital currency in the future, pursuing simpler and easier payments is an unstoppable trend of monetary and financial development."

The CCP, however, has an unfortunate history of not adhering strictly to its own pledges. In 1984, it pledged that Hong Kong's autonomy, including its rights and freedoms, would remain unchanged for 50 years under the principle of "one country, two systems" after the territory's 1997 return to Chinese sovereignty. By June 2020, however, when the CCP introduced its national security law in Hong Kong, it had reneged on its pledge. The CCP continues to crush Hong Kong. Last week, the CCP arrested Ryan Law and four other senior editors and executives of *Apple Daily*, a Hong Kong newspaper dedicated to promoting democracy. The paper's founder and owner, Jimmy Lai, 72, is presently serving a 20-month prison sentence.

The CCP further broke its 2015 commitment not to militarize artificial islands that Beijing had been building in the Spratly Islands chain in the South China Sea, and it has never honored at least nine of the commitments it made when it joined the World Trade Organization, to name just a few instances. This list of broken pledges does not even include the lies that China told the world about the supposed non-transmissibility of the Coronavirus, which originated in Wuhan and has so far taken nearly four million lives and ravaged countless economies.

Despite the CCP's protests to the contrary, there seems to be little doubt that China sees its new digital currency as a crucial element in the competition to become the world's dominant technological power: The new digital currency is part of the CCP's ambition, as laid out in its new Five-Year Plan for the years 2021-2025, to digitalize China. The digitalization, in turn, is part of China's ambition to become technologically independent of the West and to dominate global tech and overtake the US as the world's dominant power by 2049, the 100th anniversary of China's Communist Revolution.

China's Five-Year Plan mentions blockchain technology:

"We will foster and strengthen emerging digital industries such as artificial intelligence, big data, blockchain, cloud computing, and cyber security..."

The Proposal of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party on Drawing Up the 14th Five-Year Plan mentions "digital currency development":

"We will develop the digital economy, promote digital industrialization and industrial digitalization, promote the deep integration of the digital and real economies, and create internationally competitive digital industry clusters... Construct a modern central bank system, refine money supply management mechanisms, safely promote digital currency development..."

Crucially, China's new digital currency, in addition to increasing state control and surveillance in China, as well as challenging the US dollar, could affect the ability of the US and other countries to level sanctions at the Chinese government for its human rights abuses and other breaches of international law. According to Sahil Mahtani, writing in *American Affairs Journal* in April:

"... a groundbreaking digital currency launched by China's central bank is likely to create a parallel payments network—one beyond American oversight—thereby crippling U.S. sanctions policy. This development will compromise U.S. power around the world, and therefore should attract interest from more than the usual suspects who obsess over digital currencies..."

"The expansion of a Chinese digital currency will ultimately pry open the U.S. grip over global payments, and therefore compromise U.S. sanctions policy and a significant measure of U.S. power in the world..."

"It is not that China's digital currency is going to become the dominant standard of payments ... But it could become one standard, creating a parallel system with which to avoid the long arm of U.S. regulation."

The US, on its part, does not appear ready for China's challenge over the future of money. Jerome H. Powell, the chair of the Federal Reserve, said in March that at this stage the Fed was only looking into whether there is even a need for a central bank digital currency. He also said that U.S. officials would only consider issuing a digital dollar if they believed there was a clear use and if the idea had widespread public and political buy-in, according to the *New York Times*. "Does the public want, or need, a new digital form of central bank money to complement what is already a highly efficient, reliable and innovative payments arena?" said Powell.

Are We Reaching A Prophetic Boiling Point?



They say a watched pot never boils. Well I've been watching and it seems like things are beginning to heat up! It appears we are in an era when the water is not only heating up, but the bubbles are beginning to form more rapidly than any other time in history.

Consider this sampling of earlier signs of the times and how spread out they were.

- In 1897, Theodore Herzl chaired the 1st Zion Congress with the goal of creating a home for the Jewish people. That was (arguably) the first concrete step toward setting the stage for prophesied end-time events.
- In 1946 Winston Churchill called for a United States of Europe.
- In 1948 Israel became a nation.
- In 1967 Israel miraculously won the Six Day War and gained control of Jerusalem.
- In 1968 the Club of Rome was founded.
- In 1991 the Gulf War turned the worlds attention once again to the Middle East.
- In 1993 the European Union was created.
- In 2001 the terrorist attacks on the symbols of the US military and the US economy took place.
- In 2011 the "Arab Spring" led to civil war in Syria (creating the Ezekiel 38 playground for Russia, Turkey, and Iran).

Take a moment to ponder the prophetic implications of these key events and how spread out they were. (By the way, I wish I had time and space in this article to unpack how each of those connects directly with key end-time Bible prophecies.) It was about the time of the last event on the list (civil war in Syria), that I began carefully studying eschatology and the signs of the times--and felt called to do so.

The 2011-2012 timeframe was prophetically significant on many levels. It seemed we had entered a new era where end-time signs were noticeably increasing. In addition to the events listed above, there were scores of other significant events including extreme weather, the weakening of America, and the coarsening of society. It was as if the pot was beginning to bubble--but those of us who were watching the signs could still keep track of each bubble and take the time to analyze it in light of Scripture.

Enter 2020. The events of 2020 including, Covid-19 virus was released--as was lawlessness, violence, deception, deep political corruption, and other moral evils on a broader scale than we had ever seen or been made aware of. And this time, these signs were happening globally!

It was as if we entered a "medium-boil" phase. Whereas those of us paying attention to signs that lined up with end-time conditions used to be able to identify just about every significant prophetic stage-setting event fairly easily, now I literally cannot keep up!

I liken it to battlefield tactics. As long as it is possible, a soldier on the field carefully notes each detail that will help him understand the coming battle. The more intel the better. But once the battle begins to get thick, the soldier's attention has to turn to more pressing matters. The soldier must decide on what is priority in order to complete the mission.

This necessarily means the soldier must decide what to focus on, even though he knows there are more key details he could assess at any given moment. The pot is beginning to boil and I can't keep track of all of the bubbles!

Here are a few noteworthy details that have come to light the past few weeks that I have looked into on a cursory level, but haven't had time to research fully.

The recent list includes: record-breaking wildfires, heat waves, flooding, mass animal deaths, droughts, famine, and major riots (in South Africa and Cuba to name two). Meanwhile inflation is occurring, the workforce in America can't keep up with the demand because people are being paid to stay home. People who have been fully vaccinated are still being infected with the Cover-19 virus. A video shows a school function where a woman is saying those opposed to critical race theory should die--and the crowd applauds.

The San Francisco Gay Men's Choir put out a creepy music video informing anyone who believes in traditional marriage that they are "coming for your children." A Brazilian taboo artist turns himself into a demonic looking ORC (from the Lord of the Rings Series) by tattooing his eye balls, removing his nose and implanting horns. More shows celebrating witchcraft and the occult are launching in the fall. So many in the world are ready to welcome and embrace all things demonic and evil.

But wait, there's more...A company in Ireland is looking to fund the creation of a colossal moving, speaking statue known as "The Giant" in 21 cities by the end of the year. There have been 321 mass shootings already in 2021 leaving 352 people dead and 1,331 injured. Russia and China are flexing their military muscles regularly. Iran is close to having nuclear weapon capability at the same time Israel is facing major internal challenges.

Macron (surely having consulted with other European leaders who will follow suit) announced a "vaccine pass" to be implemented in order to take part in normal activities. On top of all of this, apostasy in the church is growing steadily through "wokeness," teachings by people claiming to be apostles (which is a Scriptural impossibility since they did not witness the events of Christ's ministry in the first century), and other mind-bending heresies that gut the truth of Scripture and the fundamentals of the true Christian faith.

I could go on and on. This is just the tip of the iceberg! Ten years ago globalism was a conspiracy theory, the conditions needed for the Ezekiel 38 war seemed impossible, technology had not yet reached the mark-of-the-beast level, and America was sick but still fighting. In 2021 all of that has changed.

We are trending toward a rapid boil and could be there at any moment. Liquids boil at different temperatures depending on the molecular structure of the liquid and the amount of air pressure (due to altitude) that is pressing down on the liquid. The air pressure restrains the boil until such a time when the pressure of the boil is greater than the air pressure restraining it.

The Lord could cause the heat to be turned down and the water could cool a bit, but it doesn't seem that is the case and I don't read anything like that in Scripture. Jesus said he would come quickly (Greek word *tacos*, which means rapidly/when things are revved up), and end-time birth pains (whether Braxton Hicks or the real thing) won't stop once they have begun.

We are heading full speed into everything the Bible prophesies about the future tribulation period--and our generation is seeing it all unfold!

By the way, if you are taking note of end-time signs and conditions you are in good company. The Old Testament prophets and even the angels have longed to understand the timeframe we are currently in. In 1 Peter 1:10-12 we read, "Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah (1st coming) and the glories that would follow (2nd coming/Millennial Kingdom).

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things."

Notice the key details I highlighted in the verses above. The prophets longed to understand the "time and circumstances" related to the 1st and 2nd coming! In the midst of the struggle to live in our day we need to remember how blessed we are to see these things!

Thankfully God's people will be removed (via the rapture) prior to God's judgment of the world (as has been the clear pattern of his activity in times past and his stated intentions at the end of the age), but that doesn't mean we won't live in dangerous times prior to the rapture. In fact, 2 Timothy 3:1-5 tells us as much. We are not left uninformed.

My friends, it seems the air pressure is about to be lifted and the rapid boil is soon to begin. When the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit indwelt Church is removed via the rapture--the preserving pressure of the salt and light will allow the world to move immediately into a rapid boil. I dare not set dates or even years, but unless the Lord intervenes in a major way (and He could, he's done it before), it seems to me that we are nearing the time of the rapture.

I know several generations of believers in different eras of church history have thought the same, but never in the history of the world have there been so many signs and conditions in place as they are right now. We have a front row seat to prophecy and end-time conditions. Let's rise to the occasion, wake the Bride, and reach the lost! And let's keep in mind only God knows the day or hour so we must keep courageously planning as we continue to watch for His return.

If you are reading this article and have never accepted the gift of salvation offered and paid for by Jesus Christ--please do so now! Noah seemed crazy until the rain started. But soon, the world was covered by violent water like a massive boiling pot.

Please don't ignore the conditions that are screaming at us that the Lord is real, that time is short, that judgment is coming, and that Jesus paid it all. Please come to him now! You too can have hope, clarity, and joy in the midst of these increasingly disruptive world conditions. He promises to never leave us.

Matthew 28:20--"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Luke 21:28--"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

It's Satan

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The writer of this article was recently asked, "Why do the globalists who are supposed to be very intelligent make decisions that are so clearly wrong?"

Most don't realize it, but Satan is behind their evil.

He has blinded them to the extent that they don't believe the Bible is the Word of God.

They push a godless world government, world religion, same-sex marriage, tracking everyone, etc., because they are not Christians (even though some falsely claim to be good Catholics, etc.).

Many were appointed by like-minded people, not elected by voters or nations.

They wouldn't dare have an election because they don't believe they can get elected.

The globalists overlook what the Clintons and Bidens have done because they share similar views on the issues listed above.

Their puppets impeached Trump twice because he opposed their views.

Their prosecution of Trump supporters for what happened at the capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, while ignoring the rioting, looting, destruction of property, etc. by Antifa, Black Lives Matter, and others, should concern every conservative and Christian because when the globalists get the upper hand (and they will), they will destroy the U.S. Constitution, and persecute and destroy those that disagree with them.

When they give their Antichrist power, he will go forth conquering and to conquer (Rev. 6:1-2; 13:4-7).

The following events indicate that the latter years and latter days, globalism, global pandemics, food shortages, persecution, etc., are on the horizon.

One, concerning the Battle of Gog and Magog in the latter years and latter days: on July 20, 2021, Sen. Lindsey Graham said, "The Iranians are progressing (on their development of nuclear weapons) at a dangerous pace."

- "Israel may need to take pre-emptive military action against Iran."
- "I've never been more worried about Israel having to use military force to stop the program than I am right now."

Two, also concerning the Battle of Gog and Magog: it was reported on July 21, 2021, that Israel's military and foreign intelligence agency said Israel needs a variety of plans to sabotage, disrupt and delay Iran's development of nuclear weapons, and they will probably be asking for the money and resources to do that.

Three, also concerning the Battle of Gog and Magog: Israeli Prime Min. Netanyahu and Russian Pres. Putin agreed that Israel would give Russia advance notice of Israeli attacks in some areas of Syria, and Russia would not intervene.

Israel jets recently fired several missiles at Iranian targets near Aleppo, Syria, and a Russian official said Syria used Russian-made anti-missile systems to shoot down all of Israel's missiles.

On July 24, 2021, DEBKAFfile, an Israeli intelligence and security news source group, reported that a Russian official confirmed that Russia has changed its policy on not intervening in Israeli attacks in some areas of Syria because Russia has received confirmation from the Biden White House that the U.S. does not condone the continuous Israeli raids.

Thus, while the Biden administration is publicly saying Israel has a right to defend itself, it is telling Russia that some of Israel's efforts to do that are unacceptable.

The Bible clearly teaches that the merchants of Tarshish and all the young lions (perhaps includes the U.S.) will not help Israel during the Battle of Gog and Magog (Ezek. 38:13).

Corrupt world leaders, deceit, and lying are also signs of the end of the age.

Four, on July 27, 2021, i24NEWS reported that Israel has notified the Biden administration that Iran is on the verge of crossing the nuclear threshold, and it could happen at any moment.

Because Pres. Obama sent Iran a planeload of money during his administration and seems to be influencing events in the Biden administration, notifying Biden might be a waste of time.

This may help explain the belief that the U.S. will not help Israel during the Battle of Gog and Magog (Ezek. 38:13).

Five, concerning famine: it is common knowledge that the Covid-19 lockdowns disrupted the world's food chains (farmers and farmhands were quarantined; stores ran out of toilet paper, some foods, etc.; food processors closed or cut back; some trucks stopped rolling, etc.).

On July 23, 2023, it was reported that there are still bare shelves in some food stores in the U.K., the food supply chains are "at risk of collapse," millions of workers have been ordered to self-quarantine, the food industry is running out of workers to keep the stores supplied, and the U.K. could be just a few months away from a major crisis.

Under the guise of stopping the spread of Covid, the U.K. government may be creating "food shortages and mass famine."

- Note: It was recently reported that Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell warned that there will be another lockdown in the U.S. if American citizens "don't wise up and get vaccinated against Covid-19."
- Note: On July 28, 2021, in an interview on "Fox & Friends," Stuart Varney said an important business group is predicting that supply shortages will last until 2023.

Some prophecy teachers believe that Covid-19 is a created crisis (a pretext, a set-up, perhaps an engineered cluster of catastrophes) that globalists are using to prepare the world for a world government.

According to the pro-liberty group, Brighteon, on July 22, 2021, "very few people are prepared to survive a multi-layered, engineered cluster of catastrophes that are unleashed on top of each other."

God's Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl judgments during the Tribulation Period will be multi-layered catastrophes (pandemics, famine, economic collapse, etc.) on top of each other, and very few will survive.

- Note: This writer believes we could be watching the development (early stages) of those multi-layered judgments.

Six, concerning deceit: on July 20, 2021, Sen. Rand Paul said on Sean Hannity's T.V. program, "I will be sending a letter to the Department of Justice asking for a criminal referral (of Dr. Anthony Fauci) because he has lied to Congress" (about the involvement of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in the research at China's Wuhan Institute of Virology).

- Note: This writer does not know how to verify it but has seen reports that Fauci owns stock in one or more of the companies that have been approved to sell the Covid-19 vaccine (If true, he is likely profiting off forcing people to be vaccinated and opposing the use of Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin).
- Second Note: It has been reported that Fauci could spend up to 5 years in prison, but it is the opinion of this writer that the globalists (also called the Shadow Government, Deep State, super-wealthy elitists, etc.) will protect him because they are pro-vaccination. They want him to keep using his ever-changing fake science.

Seven, concerning world government and open borders: on July 21, 2021, it was reported that keeping the U.S. border with Mexico open is costing about 3 million dollars a day in suspension and termination payments to contractors to guard steel, concrete, and other materials they have in the desert.

Eight, militant Muslims say Jews should not be allowed on the Temple Mount because the entire Temple Mount is an Islamic site and none of it belongs to Israel.

For this reason, Jewish officials have allowed Jews to visit the Temple Mount at certain times, but they have not been allowed to pray on the Temple Mount.

On July 17, 2021, the eve of Tisha B' Av (a holiday for remembering the destruction of the first 2 Jewish Temples; July 17-18 in 2021), it was reported that Jews were praying (and some were teaching Torah, a name for the Scriptures in the first 5 books of the Bible) on the Temple Mount.

On July 20, 2021, Prime Min. Bennett came out in support of freedom of worship for Jews on the Temple Mount.

This may lead to more violence, but it is worth noting that the Jews have gone from not being allowed to pray on the Temple Mount to praying and teaching on the Temple Mount, and Israel's new Prime Min. supports it.

According to the Bible, the Jews will eventually get permission to rebuild the Temple.

Update: On July 25, 2021, it was reported that the temporary truce between Israel and the Palestinians is fragile, may be coming unraveled, and another war could be on the horizon.

Nine, concerning pestilence: on July 22, 2021, Israeli Prime Min. Bennett said as of Aug. 8, 2021, Israeli citizens will not be allowed to enter synagogues and other facilities without a vaccine certificate or proof of a negative Covid-19 test.

U.S. citizens are not having to prove that they have been vaccinated to attend places of worship, but some companies are requiring it.

Ten, concerning natural disasters: on July 26, 2021, it was reported that June in North America was “the hottest in recorded history.”

Record high temperatures were broken in several western states.

- On June 28, 2021, the temperature was 117 degrees in Salem, OR; 110 in Redmond OR; 110 in Quillayute, WA; 110 in Olympia, WA etc.

The southwest U.S. is experiencing the worst drought in 122 years.

- It covers almost 90% of the southwest, and much of that is classified as severe to exceptional drought.
- Reservoirs and rivers are drying up, fish are dying, wildlife is suffering, farmers and ranchers are hurting, crop and cattle production is down, some ranchers and dairy farmers are going out of business, water rationing is beginning to kick in, and more than 60 million people are impacted.
- Lake Mead, a 112-mile-long water reservoir, is at its lowest level since it was built 85 years ago (It is now only 35% full).
- Utah’s Great Salt Lake has reached a record low.

86 wildfires are burning in 12 states, drought conditions have made them worse, two major wildfires have merged, and more than 10,000 houses are in danger.

The long-range forecast is for the high temperatures to continue through the fall.

Call it what you want; some officials are already blaming it on global warming because it fits their globalist agenda. But natural disasters will be like birth pains (increase in frequency and intensity) at the end of the age, and this record-breaking event seems to qualify.

As I close, understand that as bad as things are right now, Satan and the Antichrist are limited or partly restrained (II Thess. 2:7-9).

But the time will come (the Tribulation Period) when Satan and the Antichrist will no longer be restrained, and the events will be worse than anything that has ever happened or ever will happen (Matt. 24:22).

Finally, are you Rapture Ready?

If you want to be rapture ready and go to heaven, you must be born again (John 3:3). God loves you, and if you have not done so, sincerely admit that you are a sinner; believe that Jesus is the virgin-born, sinless Son of God who died for the sins of the world, was buried, and raised from the dead; ask Him to forgive your sins, cleanse you, come into your heart and be your Saviour; then tell someone that you have done this.

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