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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

## He Sees, He Is Not Silent, and He Is Coming Soon

By Jonathan Brentner

**The questions that Habakkuk asked long ago in ancient Judah resonate again in today’s world:**

“O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?  
Or cry to you, ‘Violence!’  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise” (Habakkuk 1:2-3).

The Lord responded to the inquisitive prophet by telling him that His judgment was already on the way (Habakkuk 1:5-11). His wrath came in the form of Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians, who destroyed both Jerusalem and the temple. God indeed saw the wickedness and violence, and He warned the people of Judah beforehand through Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Habakkuk.

Back to today. Despite a world that’s overrun with violence, deception, injustice, lawlessness, and wickedness, very few church leaders ask questions similar to that of Habakkuk. They do not connect what they see with biblical prophecy.

As I wondered about how again to respond to the normality bias so evident among believers today, I thought about the title of a Francis A. Schaeffer book that I read in college, *He Is There and He is Not Silent*. For today, I suggest we adjust it to: “He Sees, He Is Not Silent, and He Is Coming Soon.”

### Jesus Sees

*Jesus sees the perilous times in which we live.*

He sees the grieving family members mourning the loss of the multitudes murdered by the COVID injections, the deceit and injustice rampant in our governments (especially in the U.S.), the anguish of children caught in the web of sex trafficking, the horror of children ruthlessly slaughtered in the womb, and the violence that's wreaking havoc on the streets of our cities.

He saw all that happened on October 7, 2023, in Israel, and He grieves along with those suffering from this great tragedy.

Based on what the Lord sees today, how might He reply if someone asked Him the same questions Habakkuk raised so long ago? I'm certain His response would include the words of Psalm 75:6-8:

“For not from the east or from the west  
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,  
but it is God who executes judgment,  
putting down one and lifting up another.  
For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup  
with foaming wine, well mixed,  
and he pours out from it,  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drain it down to the dregs.”

As we wait for the Lord's appearing, we can be sure He sees what's happening in this world, and His response is already on the way. Perhaps it's closer than most people can imagine.

One thing for sure, He is not silent. Unless the perpetrators of the evil around us turn to the Savior, they will feel the full force of God's "cup" of wrath both in this life and in eternity.

### **Jesus is Not Silent**

Jesus is anything but quiet today concerning the horrors of our day, but so few are paying attention. There are more precursors to future Tribulation events than I can track. I do not understand all that John Traczyk writes concerning the upcoming pole shift and solar storms, but I know all these things resound with this message: My judgments will soon sweep over the world.

Jesus is most certainly not silent today. What, then, accounts for the silence in so many churches? Why are most shepherds deaf to the alarms that Jesus is sounding to alert the world of the approaching Tribulation?

Based on my experience, it's because many of those who tend the Lord's sheep make these assumptions: (1) Jesus will not dramatically interfere in the affairs of humankind until the very last day of human history, (2) the restoration of a nation to Israel is just a fluke of history, and (3) Jesus will not appear anytime soon.

God's Word is clear: there will be an extended time of wrath upon the earth, described as the Day of the Lord in passages such as Isaiah 24:1-23 and Jeremiah 30:5-7. The Apostle John wrote about this time in Revelation chapters 6-18. During this time, the Lord will not only judge the world's wickedness but also bring a remnant of the Jewish faith to saving faith in their Messiah. Many will turn to the Savior during this time, but the false church and antichrist will kill most that do.

As the time of the Lord's wrath approaches, He is anything but silent, but very few people are listening.

## **Jesus Is Coming Soon**

Jesus not only sees and warns people of what's ahead, but He's also coming soon. He will intervene in our world.

The good news for us as New Testament saints is that the Lord, through the Apostle Paul, promises that we will not experience the wrath of the Day of the Lord or what we refer to as the seven-year Tribulation (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10):

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.”

Jesus' dramatic intervention in the affairs of humankind will begin when He comes for His church. This will wreak havoc throughout the earth. As His judgments follow, even the most powerful leaders of the time will recognize them as “the wrath of the Lamb” (Revelation 6:12-17).

Jesus' imminent appearing was the excited expectation of the early church (Philippians 3:20-21). In my book, *The Triumph of the Redeemed*, I provide a thorough defense of the pre-Tribulation Rapture. This is the belief that the fulfillment of passages such as 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:47-55, and 1 John 3:2-3 happens before God's wrath falls upon humankind during what we refer to as the seven-year Tribulation. The Rapture will happen before the Tribulation.

This glorious expectation of meeting Jesus in the air is the “blessed hope” of the Gospel (Titus 2:11-14). I know of no better encouragement for the day in which we live.

We may have to wait a little longer than we would like, but we can be absolutely certain that our Lord is coming to take us to glory, to the place He's preparing for us (John 14:1-3; Colossians 3:4).

Do not believe the scoffers; Jesus is coming soon for us. *It could happen today.*

## **We Are Richly Blessed**

The entire world will soon witness Jesus' dramatic intervention in the course of human events on the earth, and nothing will ever be the same. He will appear to catch His bride away, over the course of seven years, severely judge the world's wickedness that grieves us today, and later establish His righteous rule over all the nations.

The rapid approach of the Tribulation period tells us that we will be home with Jesus in paradise in the near future.

In the last century, Francis A. Schaeffer warned people about God's presence in our world with the book *He is There and He is Not Silent*. For today's perilous times, it might be better stated as *He Sees, He Is Not Silent, and He Is Coming Soon*.

For those of us watching for His glorious appearing, it cannot happen too soon. In the meantime, please know that we are richly blessed to live in biblical times with a valid expectation of being alive when Jesus comes for His Church.

Maranatha! Come soon, Lord Jesus!

# Be On Guard: The End Times Church Is One Inundated With Apostasy

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There is much talk going around these days about how unified, triumphant, and glorious the Church will be in the end times right before the return of Jesus. This Pollyanna image of the Church is certainly attractive, but it does not correspond with what the Bible prophesies.

## ***Apostasy***

The picture of the Church in the end times that is portrayed in the Bible is not a very pretty one. For one thing, the Bible prophesies that the Church will be racked by apostasy. Jesus prophesied that *“many will fall away”* ([Matt. 24:10](#)). Likewise, Paul said the Anti-Christ cannot be revealed until *“the great apostasy”* takes place ([II Thess. 2:3](#)).

Paul reveals the source of the apostasy in [II Timothy 3:5](#) — *“Men will hold to form of religion but will deny its power.”* The fulfillment of this prophecy began in the 1920’s with the ascendancy of the German School of Higher Criticism. This school of thought, which quickly swept American seminaries, advocated that the Bible should be approached like any other piece of literature — with a critical eye. The concepts of the special inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible were rejected. The Bible came to be viewed as Man’s search for God rather than God’s revelation to Man. As a human product, it was considered to be full of myth, legend, and superstition.

This assault on the integrity of God's Word opened the floodgates of apostasy. Before long Christian theologians and ministers were laughing about the virgin birth of Jesus, discounting His miracles, casting doubt on His resurrection, and flatly denying His second coming.

As the uniqueness of Jesus was downplayed, many denominations began to embrace the damnable doctrine of Universalism. And that is where we are today, caught up in the midst of a gross apostasy which says, *"Believe what you want. The important thing is to be sincere. There are many roads to God."* All of which makes a liar of Jesus who said: *"I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:16). The result is that there are a lot of sincere people who are sincerely going to Hell.

### **Cultism**

A second set of prophecies warn that the Church will be assaulted by cultic deception in the end times. Jesus emphasized this point repeatedly in His Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24:5, 11, 24). And Paul underlined it in the strongest possible language when he wrote: *"The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons"* (1 Tim. 4:1).

In the 19th Century [we saw] the rise of Mormonism and its demonic teaching that Jesus is the brother of Lucifer, one of thousands of Gods created by the super god, Adam, an exalted man. The Jehovah's Witnesses were next on the scene with their perverted teaching that Jesus is the Archangel Michael.

This century has witnessed the rapid multiplication of the cults, just as prophesied. Today, life long Christians who do not know why they believe what they profess to believe are being sucked into the cults by the tens of thousands.

Equally appalling is the direct penetration of the Church by cultic doctrine. Well known Christian leaders are advocating the ancient Shamanistic practice of visualization as the key to prayer. Others are teaching one of Satan's oldest lies — that those who have been born again are "little gods."

The latest cultic fad is the concept of Satanic salvation; namely, that we do not owe our salvation to the blood Jesus shed on the Cross but rather to some imaginary torment which He suffered at the hands of Satan for three days in Hell. And then, of course, there is Masonry, the oldest form of cultic penetration of the Church, with its secret blood oaths, its works salvation, and its Universalism.

### **Confusion**

A third group of prophecies indicate that in the end times the Church will be assailed by doctrinal error. These are doctrines that do not damn the soul but which confuse and weaken the spirit.

In II Timothy 4:3-4, Paul says: *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths."* There are many popular myths in Christendom today that either rob people of the power of their faith or else deceive them into practicing a presumptuous faith.

Among Charismatics the doctrinal abuses have been epidemic, including the following myths:

1. Faith is to be placed in your faith and not in God.
2. It is always God's will to heal.
3. The believer has the authority of Jesus.
4. It is God's desire that believers be financially prosperous.
5. Believers can have what they want through positive confession.

The winds of doctrine (Eph. 4:14) are blowing through the Church at gale force and believers are being tossed here and there by the waves, all in the fulfillment of prophecy.

## Worldliness

A fourth characteristic prophesied about the Church in the end times is that it will be compromised and corrupted by worldliness. The prophetic picture of this worldly church is found in Revelation 3:14-22, where the church at Laodicea is described.

The seven churches depicted in Revelation 2 and 3 are symbolic of seven periods of church history. The church at Laodicea, the last to be presented, is representative of the type of church that will prevail in Christendom at the end of the Church Age.

The picture is a pathetic one. The Church is apathetic, neither hot nor cold. The apathy is a product of the Church's adoption of a worldly attitude expressed in the words, *"I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing."* Jesus responds with a scathing rebuke: *"You do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked."*

In fulfillment of this prophecy, our churches today are filled with cultural Christians who have accepted Jesus as Savior but not as Lord. They are schizophrenic Christians who walk with one foot in the Church and the other in the world. They are carnal Christians who shout "Hallelujah!" on the weekend but who live like pagans during the week. They are greedy Christians in pursuit of health, wealth, and power. The Cross and its message of sacrifice is as offensive to them as it is to the world.

We must all be on guard spiritually. None of us is immune to deception. Everything must be tested by the Word. If a doctrine fails the test of Scripture, it is to be rejected, regardless of who is teaching it. Our trust is to be placed in the Word and not in men.

# Coming Soon: Your Travel Will Be Restricted By Personal Carbon Allowances

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**"Experts suggest" your standard of living be reduced by over 85%**

A report on the future of travel and tourism, co-authored by a travel agency called Intrepid Travel and The Future Labs Institute, posits a future deeply impacted by climate change and restrictions on tourist travel to combat it.

“A Sustainable Future for Travel”, warns of “travel extinction”, where some areas suffer such radical climate change that all tourism there ceases, and “personal carbon allowances” that will restrict how often one is permitted travel.



From [the report](#) (pardon the length, emphasis added):

### ***“Carbon Passports***

***A personal carbon emissions limit will become the new normal as policy and people’s values drive an era of great change.***

*As demonstrated by a worldwide tourism boom, the frequency at which we can fly is once again seemingly unlimited.*

*Conscience and budgets permitting, we feel free to hop on planes from one place to the next. But this will change. ‘On our current trajectory, we can expect a pushback against the frequency with which individuals can travel, with carbon passports set to change the tourism landscape,’ says Raymond [Martin Raymond, Future Laboratories co-founder]*

***Personal carbon allowances could help curb carbon emissions and lower travel’s overall footprint.***

***These allowances will manifest as passports that force people to ration their carbon in line with the global carbon budget, which is 750bn tonnes until 2050.***

***By 2040, we can expect to see limitations imposed on the amount of travel that is permitted each year.***

***Experts suggest that individuals should currently limit their carbon emissions to 2.3 tonnes each year – the equivalent of taking a round-trip from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. However, the average carbon footprint in the US is 16 tonnes per person per year, 15 tonnes in Australia and 11.7 tonnes in the UK. This is in stark contrast to where we may find ourselves in the future, with 2040’s travellers forced to forgo the horizon-expanding experiences so readily embraced by today’s tourists”***



For all practical purposes, your carbon emissions will line up with your energy usage, give or take a relatively narrow band of efficiencies (unless we have some kind of clean energy breakthrough, and the only viable one we have, nuclear, is not considered clean energy by the climate cult).

Said differently: **Your standard of living is your energy usage.** *Reducing a society's energy usage is the same as reducing its living standards.*

With this in mind, let's look at the numbers cited by the Sustainable Future for Travel report:

***"Experts suggest that individuals should currently limit their carbon emissions to 2.3 tonnes each year."***

The table below lays out exactly how much the standard of living for the residents of each country will have to be reduced in order to meet the recommended carbon quota set by unelected experts. This is the level of "degrowth" it will take to satisfy the objectives of climate alarmists relying on unfalsifiable premises, arbitrary computer models, and who are deliberately ignoring and suppressing countervailing data.

	Avg Usage	Overage	Reduction
USA	16	13.7	86%
UK	11.7	9.4	80%
Australia	15	12.7	85%
Canada	15.22	12.92	85%
<b>Carbon Cap</b>	<b>2.3</b>		

How serious are our leaders and policymakers about reducing the citizenry's living standards by upwards of 85%?

Here is Canada's Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault, rather blithely confirming that the government will limit natural gas usage in order to fight climate change:

**Reporter:** *There will be limitations on how much natural gas you can use in the winter?*

**Guilbeault:** *Yes, absolutely, that's what fighting climate change looks like.*

## **Why are we talking about carbon passports in the section on Central Bank Digital Currencies?**

*(Today's post is an excerpt from the "Eye on Evilcoin" section of this month's [Bitcoin Capitalist](#) macro overview).*

Because we think *CBDCs will invariably launch as, or morph into, personal carbon footprint quotas.*

Right now, what we call "the fiat money system" uses debt for money. That's no longer sustainable, so what we're expecting is an attempt to switch what we loosely identify as "money", away from symbolic tokens backed by debt, to [social credit scores, backed by personal carbon footprint quotas.](#)



Expanding on this theme, probably, is [another report from Future Labs on “Neo-Collectivism”](#), which may give us a hint at how the policymakers of late stage globalism will seek to preempt free markets and universal human rights with a “we’re all in this together” retread of what is essentially, communism:



*“Society is facing a mass re-organisation. United by values of empathy and community, consumers are shunning individualism in favour of alliances that are decentralising industries and redistributing power at scale”*

LS:N Global and Future Laboratories seem like a wannabe World Economic Forum. Lots of pronouns on the “Team” page, and leaning heavily into that euphemistic WEF-speak that makes technocratic communism sound benign and fashionable.