

Coronavirus, Babylon, and the Great Reset

Commentary for January 1, 2023 — Still Not The End Time!

This month's article is titled "[Disease Epidemics and Bible Prophecy](#)." Read first the information in the "[January 2023 Newsletter](#)." Most mentions of plague, pestilence, and epidemics in Scripture indicate they are caused by God as punishment upon mankind. Today we cannot know if any plagues, pestilences, and epidemics soon to occur are directly from God. Certainly plagues are not blessings. (See my June 2020 article, "[The End Time? Not Yet!](#)")

It is true, God allows deadly mass illnesses to happen, even if they are not caused directly by Him. God is responsible for all good and evil in the world. Keeping these distinctions in mind as you read this month's article will help you to fully understand the Scriptures that are cited.

The Babylonian System

In a 1975 article "[The Prophetic Birth of Our Civilization](#)," Dr. Ernest Martin showed when our present form of civilization began. The "Babylonian system" was announced to all the leaders of the world's kingdoms by the prophet Jeremiah in Scripture. The new world civilization is still advancing toward its goal and fulfillment. What was it all about?

Dr. Martin went deeper into the beginnings and future of our Western Civilization in two additional studies that are relevant to our present day: "[Origin and Goal of Western Civilization, Part 1](#)," and "[Origin and Goal of Western Civilization, Part 2](#)," both written in 1986. Dr. Martin defined the goal of that civilization that has existed since Jeremiah announced it:

- **"The origin of Western civilization came in the 6th century BC with the head of gold, Nebuchadnezzar [King of Babylon]."**
- **The goal of Western civilization from that time forward was to have one-worldism, meaning one world government and one world religion.**
- **The one true God will be the head of the one-world government and religion."**
 - "[Origin and Goal ..., Part 1](#)"

At present many leaders around the world aspire to fulfill the goal of a single world government and one world religion (without God being involved), just as people tried to do at the time of the Tower of Babel. All the conditions elaborated in the articles above must be fulfilled during the End Time. Babylon in the time of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel formed the first world empire. As the articles explain, no ruler ever held so much power as Nebuchadnezzar.

Many Conspiracies Are In Process, At All Times

As in history, the Bible says much about conspiracies as I describe in my article "[Conspiracy in Scripture](#)." Satan conspired to tempt Eve. He succeeded (Adam was not deceived, Genesis 3:5; 1 Timothy 2:14). The post-flood "Tower of Babel" was an untimely conspiracy to unify humanity to one goal, contrary to God's desire; God stopped them (Genesis 11:1-9).

Now, as the end of the age approaches, humanity is being pushed by many governments and the world's largest businesses, for their leaders to impose "global governance." In the book, "[The Great Reset](#)" (World Economic Forum, 2020, page 87): **"The more nationalism and isolationism pervade the global polity, the greater the chance that global governance loses its relevance ... Put bluntly, we live in a world in which nobody is really in charge."** No one should be in charge — yet. God will stop this attempt also, just like at Babel. Their failure will set the stage for a one-world government under the antichrist (Revelation chapters 13–17, 19–20). God is in charge. Read my August 2015 article "[God and Demographics](#)."

At the beginning of the first (short-lived) world empire, King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, spoke in favor of YHWH, after God saved three Jewish young men from the fiery furnace:

"Therefore, I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces[!], and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

• **Daniel 3:28–29**

Nebuchadnezzar ruled with absolute power. His decree indicates he did not understand the full significance of what happened in the furnace. He thought God was just another powerful "god." Nebuchadnezzar did not understand that the God who protected Daniel's three friends from the fire was the unique and incomparable Creator God named YHWH.

A later incident happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. He made an arrogant public statement that he alone created his world-wide empire. This blasphemed YHWH. The King of Babylon said he accomplished the submission of all nations to rule the world on his own. God taught Nebuchadnezzar a lesson. God made him insane for seven years to act like a domestic pasture animal. Daniel chapter 4 is the letter Nebuchadnezzar wrote to his rulers, subordinates, vassals, and subjects — in all the kingdoms of the world. He began his letter:

"Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God has wrought toward me. How [1] great are His signs! and how [2] mighty are His wonders! [3] His kingdom is an everlasting [age-lasting] kingdom, and [4] His dominion is from generation to generation."

• **Daniel 4:1–3**

God sent Nebuchadnezzar a second dream. Daniel interpreted the dream. It describes Nebuchadnezzar and the later antichrist:

"... to the intent that the living [all the world] may know that

[1] the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and

[2] gives it to whomsoever he will, and sets up over it the basest [lowest] of men."

• **Daniel 4:17**

God called Nebuchadnezzar one of **"the basest of men,"** which he acknowledged. The Antichrist will probably be far worse, the ultimate human king, truly **"THE basest of men."**