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Redistribution of Wealth

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Redistribution of Wealth

The “Redistribution of Wealth” is a current topic in the world today. The human attempt to redistribute wealth is a process to grab power. Human leaders will soon find that God holds all power. God redistributes wealth, as He distributes people (individuals, tribes, and nations), when and where it pleases Him to do so. God distributes resources that vary in value through history. For example, crude oil in biblical times had different uses and value than today. Today oil is a highly valued industrial commodity.

God places and moves groups of people to control resources in the world when it pleases Him to do so. He does as He wills in the affairs of the children of Adam — in your life and in mine, with other individuals, and in the lives of people groups such as clans, tribes, kingdoms, nations, and empires. In fact, God will ultimately do this in the lives of all intelligent beings in His creation of the heavens and earth.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was one of the most evil men in history. He wrote a proclamation to all his subjects after seven years living as an animal (Daniel 4:34–37). Nebuchadnezzar wrote:

“And at the end of the days [of his beast madness] I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that lives for ever [‘for *olam*,’ for the eon or age], whose dominion is an everlasting [eonian, age-lasting] dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he does according to HIS will in the army of heaven [heavens plural in Hebrew], and among the inhabitants of the earth: and NONE can stay his hand, or [NONE can] say unto him, ‘What doest Thou?’ [or ‘what are You doing?’]”

• Daniel 4:34–35

Nebuchadnezzar’s message was reinforced by the apostle Paul who explained how God makes every decision:

“In whom also we [believers] have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him [“God, our Father,” Ephesians 1:2–3] who works ALL THINGS after the counsel of His own will.”

• Ephesians 1:11

Yes, ultimately we will understand that God does all things according to His own will. Ultimately, no one can

influence God to change His will.¹

Topic Outline

This article is composed from three Commentaries I wrote that discuss God's actions to redistribute the wealth of the world according to His choices, not the choices of human leaders, nations, or even supernatural entities such as Satan or principalities and powers. At this moment God is controlling processes for the wealth of the world to be redistributed as He sees fit before Christ returns. This will be done in at least three dynamics of wealth (there are others):

1. **Financial Wealth.** The wealth of money is being redistributed through the flow of money. At present, much of the wealth still flows to oil exporting nations from industrial nations on a massive scale. This process is changing, but ultimately it will bring more wealth to the Middle East and to Israel.
2. **People Wealth.** The true wealth of any nation is its people. This includes both citizens and workers from other countries. People move, emigrate as individuals and families, leaving behind their home countries. Soon that trend will reverse with many people from the Middle East returning to their country of origin, even those who have lived elsewhere for generations. Many people, their skills, and their wealth, will return to their homeland.² God subtly causes and directs them to do so.
3. **Brain Wealth.** This is a subset of "People Wealth" that is often overlooked. The wealth of God-given genius and innovation is also being redistributed around the world. As wealth is distributed, even poor nations will rise to have more geniuses surviving and living to be productive. They will use their abilities for their homelands. The number of geniuses around the world will double and perhaps triple because more will be raised from poverty.

These three dynamics in the life of nations and the world are changing within God's plan as we approach the time of Christ's return.

Part 1 — Financial Wealth Redistribution

I first focus on the massive transfer of the world's financial wealth from one group of countries to another group of countries. Very quickly even more of the wealth of the world will transfer to oil producing nations in an increasing quantity, degree, and speed. This transfer of money is flowing to oil exporting countries from purchasers of crude oil and other energy sources. This money transfer will increasingly go to countries in the Middle East. Consider these facts for 2020:

- While the United States has become the largest oil producer in the world in recent years, it uses most all its oil for internal consumption.³ It should remain the leading producer for the near future.
- Russia is acknowledged as the world's second largest producer of crude oil, but the quality of its oil requires more refining than oil from the U.S. and Saudi Arabia. Russia's oil fields are far from the consumers of its oil with shipping costs higher than Middle East oil.
- Saudi Arabia is the third largest producer of crude oil, but as the world's largest exporter, most all is shipped out of the country.
- Other Middle East nations are large producers and large exporters of their crude oil.

So, money flows to all oil exporting nations. In return, oil exporting countries spend the money they earn by

¹ Abraham negotiated with YHWH about Sodom (Genesis 18:16–33); yet whatever Abraham proposed, God's will was fulfilled.

² My April 2004 Commentary "[Economic and Population Trends](#)" discusses these issues.

³ See the "[CIA World Factbook, Crude Oil Production](#)," accessed November 2021.

purchasing goods and services from those buying their oil.

A similar situation exists with natural gas, another petroleum product extracted from the earth. Again, the two largest producers are the United States and Russia. Iran is third in natural gas production (“[CIA World Factbook, Natural gas production](#)”).

When oil prices rise, producing nations have increased profits from oil exports. Much of that still goes to countries in the Arab Middle East such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Iran. Certainly, other oil exporting nations like Russia also benefit, but they export only 50% of what they produce. Saudi Arabia exports 80% of their oil. The other Arab oil producing countries have similar export percentages.

This redistribution of wealth is not occurring according to a plan. The redistribution is occurring in the world marketplace because the growing economies of India and China require increased amounts of energy for their growing industrialized economies. Add the scare of wars or rumors of wars, and prices of energy can suddenly skyrocket. In 2021 crude oil ranged between \$48 to \$84 per barrel.

Contrarily, new discoveries of crude oil and natural gas will lower prices and benefit industrial nations.

The Largest Producers of Energy (“[CIA World Factbook, Crude Oil Production](#)”)

In recent years, the United States and Russia surpassed Saudi Arabia as the world’s largest producers of crude oil, but Saudi Arabia is still the world’s largest exporter of crude oil. Large industrial nations such as the U.S., and industrial regions like the European Union and Japan consume much more oil than they produce.⁴

The European Union has an even greater variance between production and consumption. The European Union countries produce only 2.8 million barrels per day and consumes 14.5 million barrels per day. Their production provides only 19% of their consumption needs. This means that 81% of their energy is imported. This huge outflow of cash from Europe finances their oil usage to continue industrial production and goods and services for their own use and for export to the world. This disparity of production/consumption in Europe is one reason gas prices in the United States are (or were) approximately half of the gas prices in Europe.

The industrial giants of the United States, the European Union, China, and Japan are all large importers of energy to varying degrees. Japan imports 97% of their crude oil. These countries produce industrial goods which flow to energy producing countries, paid for by the money purchasing the energy.

To add to the equation, the two most populous nations of the world (China and India) are increasing their industrialization, while their economies and their middle classes are growing and desire (and many demand!) the basics of a middle-class life, such as adequate food, clothing, housing, education, sanitation, refrigerators, televisions, computers, automobiles, etc. Because of cheaper wages and high productivity of their people, China accumulates excess capital from selling far more of their goods to other nations, particularly the United States and Europe, than other nations sell to China. At the present time there is an imbalance.

Winners and Losers

Several oil producing countries have a high cash flow from exporting their oil. They either invest it or spend it. It is never left idle, or it diminishes in value due to inflation, currently rising worldwide, at rates which vary in each large country. Whatever the case, the safety of that money is important. Expansion of economic activity increases prosperity if the money is wisely spent for investment and productive purposes (and not just for payoffs to political allies).

While some powerful leaders seek to diminish or disable the United States, I believe that in the future the U.S. will remain prosperous as will the economies of the European Union nations and Japan. India will prosper. China will decline and possibly break up into three or more countries. Read Dr. Martin’s 1995 (updated

⁴ While Russia is the world’s second largest oil producer, Saudi Arabia is a close third. See the “[CIA World Factbook, Energy](#)” webpage, then look at “[Refined Petroleum Products, Production](#)” and “[Refined Petroleum Product, Consumption](#),” both on the same webpages. For natural gas production the U.S. is the largest producer, Russia is second, while Saudi Arabia is far down as 13th. Of course, all numbers are approximate, from whatever source.

in 2021) article [“China in Prophecy.”](#) Only God knows when that will happen.

There will be affluence for most countries and dissolution for some countries. It is necessary for an increase of general world prosperity. (See my 2016 Commentary, [“Prosperity Before the End Times.”](#)) The money flowing to the Middle East must be spent to purchase goods and services that can only be manufactured by the highly developed and advanced manufacturing economies.

In addition, Israel will become an industrial and economic partner with oil producing countries in the Middle East. This is not speculation. There is biblical information that you can ignore, or you can learn what Scripture says about this subject. Dr. Martin produced two studies on this subject, both written in 1981, [“Oil Soon to be Discovered in Israel”](#) and [“The Lake of Fire: Where Is It Located?”](#) You will find both to be very interesting.

Beginning in 2009, three huge natural gas fields were discovered off the coast of Haifa, Israel. The finds were described as **“way beyond what had been anticipated at the location.”** The natural gas discoveries are being heralded as **“one of the largest in the world.”**⁵ Production in one of the gas fields recently began.

Natural gas deposits are frequently associated with crude oil deposits. Dr. Martin believed crude oil will be discovered in the land of Israel just as the Bible predicts. Discovery of drillable oil in Israel would confirm Dr. Martin’s research. Of course, others have published information about prophecies of oil in Israel, including companies seeking investors. See also my Commentary [“The Herodium and Oil in Israel.”](#)

Contrary to what many may suppose, the United States still has the largest GDP in the world:

“The U.S. remains by far the LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD with a GDP of \$21.43T [trillion] or 24.42% of the entire globe. China’s economy grew from 2018 to 2019 to \$14.34, but the country is still nowhere close to catching up to the U.S. The rest of the world’s economic powerhouses have comparatively much smaller economies, including Japan (\$5.08T), Germany (\$3.84T) and India (\$2.88T). Our visualization doesn’t take into account the size of each country’s population.”

• [“The World Economy in One Chart: GDP by Country.”](#) *emphasis mine*

Any recession that occurs will affect the rest of the world to a greater extent than the United States, the European Union, and Japan. This does not mean that these countries are immune to economic downturns, but they will suffer less and recover quicker.

The biggest winners are the Arab Gulf States. They collect 2 billion dollars per day above production costs from oil sales at the increased prices — 730 billion dollars per year. They spend it quickly. Saudi Arabia alone receives 1 billion dollars per day, the other billion per day is divided among the other Arab countries.

Where Is the Money Going?

Always keep in mind that wealth is a gift from God. Consider and dwell on this verse when thinking about the billionaires of the world in our time:

“EVERY man also to whom God has

- [1] **given** riches and wealth, and has
- [2] **given** him power to eat thereof, and
- [3] **to take his portion, and**
- [4] **to rejoice in his labor;**

this is the gift of God.”

• ***Ecclesiastes 5:19***

Like it or not, great wealth is a gift from God. This applies to nations as well as individuals. Recall what

⁵ Off-shore natural gas development is expensive, and takes years to bring the gas fields into production. The fields are under 5,000 feet of water, but they will boost Israel’s economy and decrease its dependence on foreign energy. See the May 2020 *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* article [“Natural Gas Discoveries and Israel’s Energy Security.”](#)

Nebuchadnezzar wrote in Daniel 4:34–35 at the beginning of this article. Great responsibility comes with great wealth. The Arab oil-producing nations have had several generations of experience in using (and mis-using) their wealth, as have all other countries. Their leaders now will use their wealth more responsibly than in the past simply because they have had several “lean” years when oil prices declined and production in other countries (particularly the United States) increased. Arab oil-producing nations will use that money to buy influence and power as usual, but also to build infrastructure and stabilize their own economies. It will surprisingly lead to the future rebuilding of Babylon.⁶ A recovering Iraq is a buffer against an expanding Iran.

Arabs and Scripture

Biblically the people of the Arab Gulf States are mostly descended from Ishmael who had 12 sons like Jacob. Ishmael died at age 137 (Genesis 25:12–18).⁷ Yes, much of the world’s oil wealth goes to Ishmael’s descendants, born of Hagar, Sarah’s maid. Ishmael was Isaac’s half-brother and uncle of Jacob and Esau.⁸

In the eyes of Arabs around the world, it is Ishmael’s time to receive the blessings prophesied to Abraham’s firstborn. This includes possession of the land of Israel (Genesis chapters 12 and 13) as being their blessing as well as Isaac’s blessing. This is believed even though the specific seed blessing clearly comes through Isaac, then Jacob (Genesis 21:10–13, Galatians 4:22–25). But this is how many Arabs view the present situation from a religious view. YHWH told Hagar what Ishmael’s life and tribal character would be:

“And the angel of YHWH said unto her [Hagar], ‘Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael; because YHWH has heard your affliction. And

[1] **he will be a wild man** [like a wild donkey, Job 39:5–8];

[2] **his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him** [he will have incessant feuds and take revenge]; **and**

[3] **he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”**

• **Genesis 16:11–12**

Indeed, Ishmael did and does **“dwell in the presence of all his brethren”** meaning his other relatives who lived nearby. This included other nations as well, as Dr. Martin notes:

“In the 1st century Josephus called the people in the territories of Moab and Ammon as being ‘Arabians’ (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 13:379–383). And in the time of Origen in the early 3rd century, [Origen] said the areas of Moab, Ammon and Idumaea were then Arabic (*On Job*, Book I).”⁹

The Saudis and other Arab states feel that the oil profits they are receiving now are their birthright through the blessing of God’s covenant with Abram given in Genesis chapter 15. (This covenant was made before Abram’s name was changed to “Abraham,” Genesis 17:5). They feel that Abram’s blessing was not exclusive to Ishmael’s half-brother Isaac and his son Jacob. Everyone descended from Abram received the blessing:

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you, and to your seed after you. And I will give unto you, and to your seed after you, the land wherein you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. ...

This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.”

• **Genesis 17:7–8, 10**

⁶ See Dr. Martin’s 1975 article [“The Rebirth of Babylon”](#) and F.E. Marsh’s 1925 article [“Will Babylon be Rebuilt?”](#)

⁷ Do not confuse Ishmael with Edom. Edom descended from Esau, Jacob’s twin. He married Ishmael’s daughter (Genesis 28:9).

⁸ Sarah was Abram’s only wife when she persuaded him to impregnate her handmaid Hagar (Genesis chapter 16). After Sarah bore Isaac, she told Abram to cast Hagar and Ishmael from their camp. God protected Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis chapters 21).

⁹ See Chapter 9, [“Neighboring Nations of the Jews in Palestine”](#) in Dr. Martin’s book [The People That History Forgot](#).

But note God's specific promise to Ishmael who was Abram's firstborn son (but not from his wife Sarah)¹⁰:

“And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac ...”

• *Genesis 17:20*

The people of Ishmael fully understand the last statement by God to Abram, but they resent it and some even try to deny the words God said.

Back to the Current Day

As the influx of cash into the coffers of the Arab oil-producing nations continues it will change the distribution of the world's cash-available wealth. Over time it will redistribute much of the wealth of the world to the Middle East. The maturity of Arab leaders in the use of money will cause them to spend their wealth responsibly. That wealth will be used to forward policies and changes to benefit the Middle East. Eventually it will cause Babylon and Iraq to become a major financial center of the world, and perhaps the greatest financial power in the world before Christ returns (Revelation 18:3–19).

Dr. Martin pointed out in his 1998 article [“The Secret of United States Economic Success”](#) that in his opinion the prosperity of the U.S. would continue long term relative to the rest of the world. Other industrial nations will have great prosperity also. In fact, all the world will see prosperity.¹¹ The world cannot become prosperous if industrial economies of the United States, European Union, and Japan slow their purchases of raw materials (including crude oil), and slow production of industrial goods and reduce exportation of food that feeds a surprising percentage of the world's population. I wrote this in a 2011 Commentary:

“The United States is an amalgam of many peoples within one political unit, in a large geographical area, with one government, one history, but with mostly one language. In spite of current severe economic problems (that are also worldwide), the United States is the most successful economy, society, and culture the world has ever witnessed. It is envied throughout the world, even with all its many faults.

[At present it] **is the epitome of what the Babylonian system is all about — human achievement without God. Just as the people of Israel represent mankind to God (and are the best and worst of mankind), so too the United States sometimes is the best and worst of the Gentile nations.”**

• [“The United States in Prophecy”](#)

In Footnote 2 of the Commentary, I wrote: **“The United States is like “Babel” prior to the confusion of tongues. However, one cannot apply prophecies for Babylon to the United States. Babylon is in Iraq, not in New York or Washington D.C.”** Nor is Babylon the City of London, the Hague, Beijing, or Jerusalem.¹²

The dynamic of this redistribution of the world's wealth will impact everyone for good overall, although it will be traumatic for some people and nations. That wealth will quickly develop backward areas, particularly in the Middle East, to provide improved sanitation, food, housing, and other basics of life that many of us take for granted. The stage is continuing to be set for the final acts of God's plan for this world and for every person, just before the return of Jesus Christ back to this earth.

¹⁰ Abraham sent the twelve children of Ishmael into the areas south and east of Palestine, and his six sons of Keturah into the east country to settle and colonize those areas (Genesis 25:1–18). Note what Paul wrote in Galatians 4:25, 28:

“For this Agar [Hagar] is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers [the same rank] to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. ... Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.”

¹¹ In my article [“The Power of the United States,”](#) the geographic advantages of the United States are unique compared to other nations. These advantages make economic success easier for the United States compared to disadvantages for regions such as Hong Kong or Japan. They have few natural resources; their economic success comes from their highly productive people.

¹² See also my 2003 Commentary [“Is America Babylon?”](#) There is another Babylon of a different kind. It is called “Mystery Babylon.” It is not in Rome. It is the city of Jerusalem in Israel. See Dr. Martin's 1974 article, [“Mystery Babylon the Great.”](#)

Part 2 — Population Redistribution: Trends and Economic Impact

Current population data of all countries are in the CIA, "[The World Factbook](#) (accessed November 2021).

Shades of the Future

In 2004, before my wife and I moved to Portland, Oregon, I attended a 2-day conference in San Bernardino, California, close to where we lived. The conference was titled "Understanding the Middle East." Several historical trends were mentioned that are still important for everyone to know. The first conference speaker was the Director of the Information Office at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington D.C. He gave a surprising monetary figure that indicates the lack of confidence wealthy people of the Gulf States (the small oil states near Saudi Arabia) and the wealthy in Saudi Arabia both have toward their own political stability and future economic hopes.

Expatriate Money

The Director said that the equivalent of 1.2 trillion (that is 1,200 billion) 2004 U.S. dollars was sent to and kept outside of the Middle East Gulf states. Again, this was done over decades by the richest people and families in the region, and 750 billion dollars of that (of the 1,200) was from Saudi money. That means that a huge amount of money that could and should be used for the benefit of the people of the Gulf States and Saudi Arabia was sent overseas to banks and for investments elsewhere other than their own countries. Why?

It was done because their own countries were not thought to be stable and safe places to invest or store their money. The 3,000+ families that comprise the Saudi Royal family have consistently believed that at any time there could be an uprising by the lower classes and that personal financial assets were best kept out of their home country. Most leading families of Gulf States felt the same way. For over the past decade and more, things are changing in a big way. Slowly, that money and investment has begun to return to their homelands for investment in infrastructure. Efforts are made to provide the basics to the lower classes of their own countries. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have put massive amounts of money toward infrastructure growth.

When economies grow, talented people flow to where the money is being spent. Many brilliant and productive people who left their countries of origin will return if that is where jobs and investments can be found. They will be happy to participate in the larger prosperity.

Expatriate People

When people feel they can have a better life in a country different from where they were born, whether for economic or safety reasons, they will move themselves and possibly their families to countries with better conditions. So many people are moving and living in countries in Europe that there is a real possibility that the natives of those countries will be minorities within decades.

In 2004 I read a statement by the actor John Rhys-Davies. What he said was surprising and shocking. His words were as surprising as those said by the Saudi Information Office Director. Rhys-Davies repeated his statements in several interviews. His words are still true today:

“Europeans are having fewer and fewer children, while migrant populations, predominantly Muslim, are growing much faster. Most European fertility rates have dropped so much that they have declined below the break-even point, to the degree that populations are actually beginning to shrink. If the current trend continues, Rhys-Davies says, ‘The population of Germany at the end of the century is going to be 56 percent of what it is now. The population of France will decline to about 52 percent.’

Meanwhile, Muslim immigrants are having babies at a much faster clip, so that in time, they may become the majority population throughout Europe. ‘Last year, 56 percent of the babies born in Brussels were Muslim,’ Rhys-Davies notes. ‘In a matter of 20–50 years, we are going to see

two to three countries become predominately Muslim — Holland, France, and possibly Germany.”

• Andrew Leigh, “[No Sean Penn](#),” 2004

My reaction to that statement was, well, if God allows that to happen, so be it. In the United States anyone who becomes a citizen is as much an American as anyone else, including me. In God’s view there is no moral, social or political superiority or significance to anyone’s genetic lineage. Note what the apostle Paul said to Greek philosophers who asked him to speak to them about his beliefs. Paul spoke about all human beings:

“**And [God] has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; [Why?] That they should seek the Lord, if haply [perhaps] they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.**”

• Acts 17:26–27

However, although we are all “**of one blood**,” there are differences between peoples and cultures, differences that divide and cause conflict when individuals and groups confront one another. “**Bounds of their habitation**” means that God determines the borders between groups of people. The bounds will always be in place. They change when God determines it. Cultures can do both good and evil, just like people can do both good and evil. So too, cultures are created, flourish, and die, as do nations. God watches it all:

“YHWH looks from heaven;	He beholds	all	the sons of men.
From the place of His habitation	He looks upon	all	the inhabitants of the earth.
He fashions their hearts alike;	He considers	all	their works.”

• Psalm 33:13–15

The Possible Future

In the European Union today there are 15 million Muslims. Ten million of those live in France and Germany. By contrast there are only 700,000 Jews in the European Union countries. The political power of a unified Muslim voting bloc that is sympathetic to Palestine and the Palestinians is a recognized phenomenon. (See the 2003 article “[Europe’s Muslim Street](#)” by Omer Taspinar in the journal *Foreign Policy*.)

At present the larger European nations have unemployment approaching double that of the United States. Many of the foreign immigrants, residents and 2nd generation citizens are employed in jobs that could be done by native-born citizens. “[How European and U.S. unauthorized immigrant populations compare](#).” In particular see the chart “Europe’s Unauthorized Immigrant Population Is Half the Size of that in the U.S.”

Aspects of World Population Increases

Here are some population trends

- By the year 2050 India’s population will likely be larger than China’s with both countries having about 1.5 billion people. China’s one-child policy has severely hurt their country.¹³
- The fastest birthrates will be in West Asia and in Africa south of the Sahara.
- By 2050 the African country of Nigeria will reach over 339 million people. That is larger than the current population of the United States, and represents a 10-fold increase in 100 years. Nigeria has the fastest growing population in the world.
- The population of Pakistan by 2050 also will be 350 million people.
- The population of the world will increase by one third to about 12 billion people (about 7.4 billion

¹³ See the WorldAtlas.com article, “[10 Little Known Facts About China’s One-Child Policy](#)” (May 2020). The United States National Institute of Health thinks the dictatorial China’s policy was a great idea: “[China’s one child policy](#)” (2006), scroll down.

currently). This increase will occur while most industrial nations experience declining birthrates.

- By 2050 Western Africa will have almost the same population as all of Europe.
- Eastern Africa will have many more people than all South America, the Caribbean and Oceania combined.

These trends are not only surprising but stagger the mind to comprehend them. What is going on? God is doing exactly what He intended to do in Genesis:

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. ... And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.”

• **Genesis 1:27–28, 31**

God’s command to be fruitful and to multiply is a continuation of God creating man in His own image and every human being who has lived in the past, is on earth today, and who will be born in the future also has God’s own image. God is in the process of reproducing Himself.

Stability and Cooperation Are Key

Will Europe become Muslim, and will all those billions of dollars stay outside of the Middle East? No. Economic stability will return to the Middle East. Many of the Muslims will return to their homelands from whence they came — with their money. Most of the immigrants and political exiles will leave Europe, the United States and other countries and return home with money to invest in their homelands. This is the engine that will help make the countries of the Middle East prosperous in a surprising way.

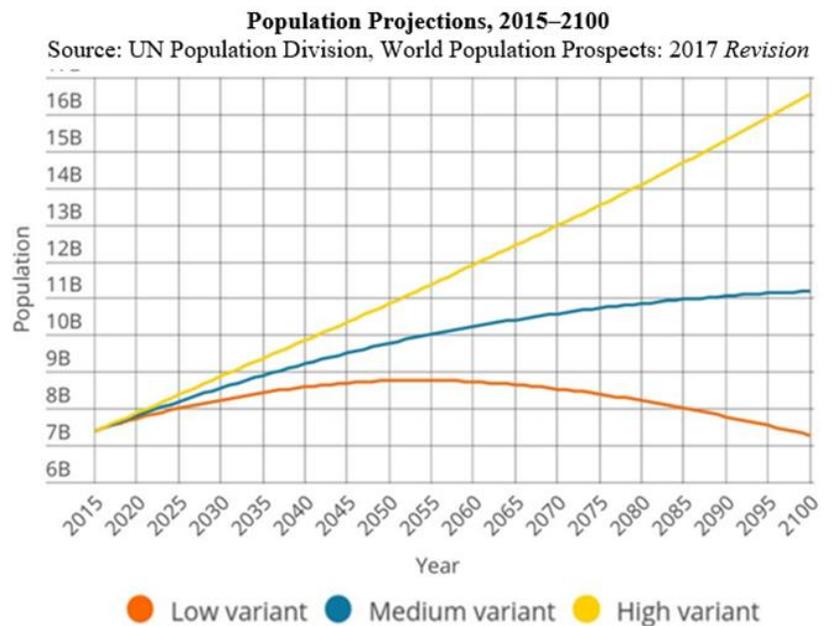
In an article titled “Mideast Miracle” in the February 16, 2004 issue of *Forbes Magazine*, Editor Steve Forbes wrote:

“... in coming months Egypt will be initiating reforms that should dramatically transform its economy into a wealth-creating, wealth-distributing dynamo that will lead millions of Egyptians into a vibrant, increasingly democratic middle class. The country is set to become an economic miracle rivaling Ireland or Hong Kong. In doing so, Egypt will deal a devastating blow to global terrorism.”

• **Steve Forbes, “Mideast Miracle”**

Forbes points out that most of the world’s governments do not recognize the concept of ownership of private property. That must change. The idea in much of the world is that governments rightly own everything you have, and they “allow” you to keep some of what you have. This idea almost changed in Egypt. (It will change there and in the rest of the Middle East in the future.) What did Egypt almost do? Forbes explains:

“After several years of preparation, Egypt is about to commence a Japanese-like makeover of its society, one that will profoundly and positively impact the rest of the Middle East and the developing world. Reforms will create easy access to private property for all Egyptians, includ-



ing those in city slums. All enterprises will be able to easily turn themselves into legal entities; previously, obtaining a business license had been a costly process that could take nearly two years. Not surprisingly, most Egyptian businesses are extralegal, part of the country's shadow economy."

• **Steve Forbes, "Mideast Miracle"**

Forbes says that most of the world's economy is "off the books" representing dead capital, money that is socked away and cannot be used for investment. Growth and expansion are stifled because assets are not protected by law **"In Egypt's case, 88% of all enterprises are extralegal, as is 92% of the country's housing."** One estimate is that Egypt's shadow economy has accumulated assets of some \$248 billion that is not being used for long-term investment and purchases. When it happens, this simple act of the Egyptian government to make legal the reality of ownership will go a long way toward releasing a tremendous amount of credit and assets that is hidden (often expatriated to other countries). As Forbes writes:

"Egypt and other developing countries do not lack for entrepreneurs; they lack institutions and legal structures that would enable their entrepreneurs to expand and truly flourish."

• **Steve Forbes, "Mideast Miracle"**

Unfortunately, what Steve Forbes predicted for Egypt did not occur. Egypt built and opened an underwater natural gas pipeline from El Arish in Sinai to Ashkelon in Israel in May 2008. However, in 2011 political disruptions and revolution derailed this energy progress. This setback for Egypt meant that God's prophecies for great wealth to flow to Egypt and the neighboring countries will begin later in the future, rather than sooner. Egypt will become a major regional power. Dr. Martin's article, "[The Coming Splendor of Egypt](#)" previews Egypt's rise to greatness before Christ's return. I believe what Steve Forbes described in 2004 will be the means whereby Egypt will become prosperous and wealthy.

Formula for Prosperity

What Mr. Forbes outlined was the mechanism by which prosperity of the world will grow to accommodate the additional billions of people born in the next 50 years, a time of expansion and economic growth. Egypt will become an economic powerhouse by using these or similar common sense economic concepts that are new to the Middle East. In the current system few "own" property or businesses. However, Forbes states that:

"When people are brought into the formal economy and legal system, the rule of law takes on real life. People then know who owns what. Losses can be tracked and fraud attacked. Contracts and rules can be enforced. The current informal system [in Egypt and the Middle East] effectively excludes most businesspeople from having access to their national economies, not to mention the global economy."

• **Steve Forbes, "Mideast Miracle"**

Anyone who has dealt with immigrants to Europe or the United States, will note that as a group, these people are industrious, productive, and entrepreneurial. Those same people would rather be industrious, productive, and entrepreneurial in their own countries. All people want to better themselves and their family situations. That will occur in the future. These same people who as immigrants to Europe and the United States will return to their home countries and take their learning, their skills, and their experience along with their profits to provide a catalyst to those countries as part of the coming worldwide prosperity.

At present the United States and Europe will benefit from such economic "misfits." When the concepts of ownership, the rule of law and contracts take effect, the Middle East will be transformed. Prosperity will not come from government intervention, "priming the pump," or from loans by the International Monetary Fund (the IMF). Prosperity will come when investment in native countries is seen to be secure and protected, and allowed to grow and prosper. Only then will markets expand and prosperity spread to the poorest in the countries of the world. Most expatriate people will want to return to their homelands. Each country and culture will make the changes their own way and by their own process, but it will happen.

Another Factor for Prosperity

Another catalyst to prosperity in the Middle East and the world will be peace in the Middle East, in Israel, in Jerusalem and in the area around the Haram esh-Sharif. The process for peace may come by working from the particular (from the Haram) to the general (out to the Middle East and to the world). Israel has long had proper laws of contracts and ownership for Israelis. It has benefited and become prosperous from such laws. However, the huge bureaucracy and taxation is a tremendous drag on the Israeli economy. It is questionable if Israel's economy could survive without economic and military aid from the United States to shore up their prosperity. They must change because that aid may end, depending on the domestic political situation in the United States.

Dr. Martin wrote about this coming prosperity in the world before and during the End Times just before the Second Coming of Christ Jesus to this earth. In his article "[The Secret of United States Economic Success](#)" he showed that much of the success and prosperity of the United States comes from a spirit of fair play, enforced by adherence to contracts, agreements, and the rule of law. Those ideals are too often rejected by lying, cheating, and stealing in every way possible. This results in a decline of success.

Another factor for the prosperity of the United States comes from unique blessings from God (see my article, "[The Power of the United States](#)"). Those natural blessings are remarkable indeed. However, other countries with fewer natural resource advantages have been wildly successful without natural blessings.

In his article, "[How Israel Will Conquer the Middle East](#)," Dr. Martin showed from Scripture how Israel will gain immensely by economic cooperation and fair play with her neighbors as practiced by King Solomon. **This IS beginning to happen.**

Two decades ago, I wrote a short commentary in October 2002 ("[World Bank Ready to Rebuild Iraq](#)") about the willingness of the World Bank to intervene with investments to rebuild Iraq. This and initiatives like it were delayed, yet the world's financial institutions are still working in that direction. See the August 5, 2021 article published by the World Bank: "[Iraq: New Partnership to Improve Public Sector Governance, Increase Private Sector Participation, and Rebuild Human Capital](#)". Success of this or a similar initiative is inevitable because God intends to have the ancient city of Babylon rebuilt to a new glory (see footnote 6 above) as a new and modern city.

As of November 2021, social and political stability has not yet occurred in Iraq or the region. It is the current policy of the United States to avoid an Iraqi civil war or division of Iraq, or a takeover by Iran. Iraq could become a federation of semi-independent states (like the European Union) with the Kurdish peoples in the north, Sunni Muslim tribes in the center and the Shiite Muslim tribes in south-central Iraq. Of course, the hope is that civil war will be averted. However, once stability occurs, the nations of the world will help Iraq rebuild and prosper. Iraq will become an economic and financial power. At present there is no reason why they would do that, except that God will cause Satan to make it happen and rebuild an evil Babylon.

There is a prophecy by Jeremiah about Babylon that has not yet happened (for one thing, Babylon has never been covered by the sea). See Jeremiah 51:42. Therefore this prophecy is for the future:

“And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall. My people, go you out of the midst of her, and deliver you every man his soul from the fierce anger of YHWH.”

• *Jeremiah 51:44–45*

The nations are not now, nor will they anytime soon, flow to Babylon. But they will do so in the future before God punishes Babylon as prophesied. The nations will go to Babylon in great numbers but just before God's punishment, so too some from **“My people”** Israel will be in Babylon. Revelation 18:9–19 seems to indicate they will be prisoners of some kind (Revelation 18:13). God's people are commanded to come out of Babylon close to the time of God's anger. This is another indication that prosperity will be common in the world near the end time as the kings of the earth look to Babylon as a great and important commercial center.

Conclusion of Part 2 — Population Redistribution

Just as Israel and Judah shall be gathered to return to the land, so too the expatriates of the nations will return to their homelands. Most will want to return because of opportunities and desire for their homeland within a secure and legal economic structure. This will all be part of the revolution in thinking that is coming. Dr. Martin said it well in December 1999:

“And, in the same context, Jeremiah said that even the Gentile nations will then observe how God reacts with His people Israel at that time. Jeremiah stated:

‘The Gentiles [the nations of the world] shall come unto you [unto Israel] from the ends of the earth, and shall say, surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit [benefit]’ (Jeremiah 16:19).

So, not only will the Jewish people soon begin to refuse to sustain the false teachings of their philosophical fathers [Maimonides and Isaac Luria] and return to the teachings of their ancient fathers [Moses, the Prophets and also to the Jewish authorities who gave the New Testament]. Along with this, the Gentiles from all over the earth will also begin to look at their fathers and they will also recognize that ‘our [Gentile] fathers have inherited lies’ (Jeremiah 16:19).”

• **Ernest Martin, “[Greatest Revolution in Human History](#)”**

The economic and population trends in today’s world are powerful and frightening. But God is in control, and He intends a general prosperity leading to the Day of the Lord, when He will bring righteous judgment to the nations of the world at the appearing of Christ Jesus back to this earth,

Part 3 — Brain Power Redistribution, Around the World

Genius and Brain Wealth Will Be Redistributed

Not only is the physical wealth of the world being redistributed, but also the brainpower of the world will increase. As we near the period of mankind’s greatest achievements, the time when 666 (the number of the beast and mankind, Revelation 13:18) will prevail throughout humanity. This will entail a redistribution of an important wealth factor in the world, the wealth of God-given human creativity.

India and China are rapidly increasing the size of their middle classes through economic development. At present India has a population of 1 billion, 400 million people. China has a population of 1 billion, 447 million people. Together, the populations of these two countries comprise 37% of the total world population. Let me put it another way: of all people alive now, one in three lives in either India or China.

In each nation, the percentage of people of genius is extremely small. Because of the growing middle class in India and China, for the first time in both those populations geniuses will:

- (1) be well fed,
- (2) have improving sanitation,
- (3) have their genius recognized and stimulated through education, and
- (4) reward the productions of individuals with genius.

Geniuses in India, China, Pakistan, Nigeria, Indonesia, and the other large and growing countries will be nurtured to rise in society and cultures to reach their God-given potential. This has never happened in history before on such a rapid and massive scale. The result is this: within less than a generation, the number of geniuses in the world will substantially increase and thrive to become productive. Ordinarily lack of food, poor sanitation, little educational opportunities, and low social standing prevented genius from developing.

For example, geniuses born in famine areas of the world (such as Darfur or southern Sudan today) through-

out history have suffered brain damage from malnutrition, died young from poor sanitation, or did not reach their potential due to extreme poverty. Today things are changing. For the aggregate populations of China and India, their geniuses will flourish instead of dying or suffering brain damage. This will occur also in many nations of the world as prosperity increases worldwide. Wherever living conditions improve, genius has a better opportunity to survive, develop, and flourish.

Yes, the wealth of genius in the world is being redistributed. Of course, the industrial world will benefit from that genius, because in general, genius migrates to the best education and opportunities whenever possible. Genius also seeks understanding and wisdom.

Doubling or Tripling the Number of Geniuses in the World

While the poor will always be with us as Jesus said (Matthew 26:11; Mark 14:7; John 12:8), within a brief time, another one third of the world's geniuses will have better opportunities to live their lives that permit them to reach full potential. The number of geniuses in the world will double as world prosperity continues toward Christ's Second Advent. With the rising population around the world, in coming decades, we will see productive genius ...

- double the number of Thomas Edisons and Nicola Teslas;
- double the number of Isaac Newtons, Einsteins, and Stephen Hawkings;
- double the number of Rothschilds, Rockefellers, and Bill Gates;
- double the number of Madame Curies and Linus Paulings;
- double the number of Jeffersons, Lincolns, and Churchills;
- double the number of Davids, Solomons, and Pauls;
- double the number of Shakespeares, Goethes, Tolstoys, and Jacqueline Susannes (just kidding);
- double the number of Beethovens, Bachs, and Mozarts; and
- double the number of Michelangelos and Da Vincis.

Unfortunately, it will also mean double the number of evil geniuses, people without moral scruples such as Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the Great, Caesar, Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Hitler, Mao Zedong, and other mass murderers (even directors of medical institutions) — all culminating in the horrors of the evil genius of the Antichrist and False Prophet, and their genius underlings around the world.

It seems the Antichrist will be a “genius of geniuses,” combining the genius of man with the worst evils of devils and Satan, who have lived for thousands of years since they were created. They will give the Antichrist their knowledge and understanding, combined with his own genius. Even so, God's purposes will be accomplished through him.

We will see the greatest outpouring of genius and creativity (again resulting in prosperity and benefitting billions of people from their creative work) the world has ever seen as we approach the highpoint of carnal human creativity, the world of 666. The world will see the pinnacle of humanity. Geniuses generally go where they are appreciated, where prosperity can support their activities and honor their work. They will tend to go to Babylon and Mystery Babylon.¹⁴ And, the role of genius as we approach the end time will help mankind subdue the earth (Genesis 1:28), and create prosperity for the Gospel to be presented to the world.

¹⁴ During the roughly 200 years of the “Pax Romana,” within which Christ and the apostles lived, and the early *ekklesia* era began, the best and brightest people in the Roman Empire gravitated to where the money was — the great cities of Rome, Athens, Alexandria, and Jerusalem. Genius went where money provided them the means to work, prosper, and enjoy the best life for themselves and their families. If their countries of origin are prospering and they could live safely, they would return. As the Middle East gains financial prosperity, people of genius will go there. Until that time, genius will go to industrialized nations.

Not Just Geniuses — Brilliant People Also!

It will not only be people of genius but brilliant people as well who are extremely talented in many ways. Genius discovers, invents, and creates, but brilliant people take the discoveries, inventions, and creations and make them useful, productive, and a benefit to all humanity. These creative people will also benefit from improved nutrition and sanitary conditions in India, China, and other great countries. Creative brilliant people are in some ways more valuable to societies than geniuses. Geniuses often are eccentric, and have difficulty relating to people. “Merely” brilliant people are more stable and tend to work for their families and for society. Certainly, I am generalizing, but geniuses often tend to be obsessive and not always well-rounded individuals.

Brilliant people often put the ideas of genius to work, and spread the best ideas out to the world. They are the entrepreneurs, educators, trainers, salesmen, architects, artists, and engineers who transform the ideas of genius into the marketplace and the world. Greater freedom will result for individuals, greater freedom for society. Increased economic prosperity brings a greater range of choices in life for more people. This gives a sense of freedom, even where full political or religious freedom may not yet exist.

As Dr. Martin pointed out, this is a great strength of the United States. (For the fourth time, let me recommend his article, “[The Secret of United States Economic Success](#).”) Freedom, unity, abundant natural resources, education, and positive creativity exists in the United States, Europe, India, and soon China. It will spread around the world. While this **is** the Babylonian model or system, it continues a trend toward the unification of mankind.

After the flood, at Babel, God came down to a unified mankind (Genesis 11:1–10). God stopped that process of the unification of humanity at that time by His confusion of tongues:

“And YHWH came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And YHWH said,

‘Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.’”

• **Genesis 11:5–7**¹⁵

As we approach the end of the age, the world will be unified by economic prosperity. God will unleash people to do that ... **“which they have imagined to do”** back at Babel. Barriers to creativity, genius, and brilliance will be removed. The human imagination unleashed. By doing so, God’s will propels humanity toward the end-time crisis that shall be fulfilled through human actions until Christ returns.

Meanwhile, Truth Will Cover the World

Truth in all fields of knowledge will seem to cover the earth (Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14) because God will allow science to discover and acknowledge God’s existence through His creation:

“... that which may be known of God is manifest [made plain or obvious] in them; for God has showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal [imperceptible] power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

• **Romans 1:19–20**

The first thing to understand is that God exists. Even pagans admitted this fact. But during this period, while God will not restrain the will of men, He will open the minds of geniuses to “discover” God through His creation in new ways, with evidence that will be acknowledged was available all along. The result will aid

¹⁵ Imagine trying to learn a second language after God separated you and your loved ones to speak and think in a new language. At the time of Babel, God literally “rewired” everyone’s brains! After, it likely took time for each language to develop different forms and kinds of writing. See my July 2015 Commentary, “[Thoughts about Babel](#)” for more on this topic.

human achievements in every sphere of endeavor. All humanity will accept the truth of God's existence. They will rejoice to "find" God, but will soon return to their own ways and hold the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18). They will acknowledge God, but reject His authority in their lives. Then the judgment of Romans 1:21–32 will take effect. Ultimately, God will give them a spirit of delusion:

“... because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie [“the lie” in Greek]: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

• **2 Thessalonians 2:10–12**

Brilliant and genius people of the world will be the hallmark of the near future. It will occur at an increasing rate in the coming decades. Not only will knowledge increase at a faster rate, but the application of that knowledge will quickly benefit mankind and bring joy. This period of prosperity, innovation, and discovery will be seen as a golden age, but sin will increase under the lies of the antichrist and false prophet.

I used to wonder how the world would see that the two witnesses were still dead for three days and three nights (Revelation 11:1–14). Years ago, I thought everyone would watch that broadcast live on television. Now it is clear that all the world will watch on his or her cell phones or other personal devices.

Conclusion of Brain Power

Many positive and wonderful things will happen as humanity discovers further truths of God's creation and expresses physical creative powers to produce its greatest achievements. However, while human creativity reaches its highest level, many prophesied great evils and deceptions will occur.

In the end of all, God's will shall be fulfilled. Let me quote Dr. Martin from his article [“Creation of Life in Contemporary Times”](#):

“... it is both within the physical and the spiritual realms that God illustrates His creative genius. The spiritual attributes are even greater in scope.

And though we humans are now limited in expressing our physical creative powers (which are merely a reflection of God's own powers), we can participate with God more abundantly on the spiritual side of creation. This is through our exercise of the fruit of the Holy Spirit that God gives us (Galatians 5:22–26). Remember, all the virtues of the Holy Spirit are gifts (given by grace) to us who are the Children of God (Ephesians 2:8–10).”

• **Emphasis mine (DWS)**

That is your genius as believers. It is God's gift to you at this moment. You are spiritually wealthy beyond measure because the gift of God's Holy Spirit is within you. You have been chosen by God (yes, in a lottery, read *The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine*, [“Chapter 25: How Were We Chosen?”](#)). The reason you were chosen and born, was to learn about God and cultivate, and exercise the fruit of God's Holy Spirit. You are part of God's wealth that He has “distributed” for this time and place in creation. Do not dismiss it or things will be more difficult than you currently experience or imagine. See my article [“Losing Your Salvation.”](#)

For the members of the Body of Christ, we are God's wealth and are being “redistributed” to be a light to individuals around the world. We are a witness of God's work through Christ, and the fulfillment of the Gospel through your living example — however inadequate you think your performance may be. God has scattered His body like salt around the earth. Let us be about our Father's business (Luke 2:39). You are God's creation, His child, and His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10) **at this moment**.

After your resurrection you will understand how important the witness of your life has been as in the future you encounter those you knew. When they are physically resurrected during the Great White Throne judgment, they will listen. You will teach individuals through the Word of God, and through your experiences. You will teach them about the fruit of God's Spirit, and the redemption all will share through Christ. You will not be a mediator for them to God because the man Jesus Christ is the sole mediator between God and men, (1 Timothy 2:4–5). But you will be able to witness to them and educate them.

Finally, every human being will be more than a genius when God glorifies all, and all become fully mature children of God (1 John 3:2–3).

Conclusion — God Is In Control Of EVERYTHING

Let me summarize this article. God is in full control of all wealth around the world. The changing trends of three aspects of “The Redistribution of Wealth” will go exactly in the directions God chooses. Before Christ returns, the distribution of wealth will be different from its present configuration and it will flow to prepare the world for the End Times, concluding with **“the Day of the Lord”** or **“the Day of YHWH”** when God judges the world, its nations, and individuals.

- **Redistribution of Financial Wealth** will transfer and flow where God directs it to serve His purposes. Increased prosperity will be worldwide, but God will channel the wealth to different countries, organizations, and individuals than at present. An increased percentage of the world’s wealth will go to Israel and countries surrounding God’s people. God will bless Israel and the entire region, including Egypt. Surprising cooperation will multiply the benefits from God’s wealth redistribution.
- **Redistribution of Population** is directed by God as empires, nations, kingdoms, states, tribes, clans, families, and individuals migrate, live, flourish, diminish, dissolve, and die. God is in total control of it all, whether we like the direction of events in the world or not. God determines how many people will live on this planet, where they live, what borders they shall have, and for how long (Acts 17:26–27). Remember what James the half-brother of Jesus wrote, as the head of the Jerusalem *ekklesia*: **“For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away”** (James 4:14). This is true for nations, and every person alive today.
- **Redistribution of Brain Power** is generally directed toward the wealthiest parts of the world. This happened in the past, it is happening now, and God will increase that trend as we near the End Time. He will direct where the great number of geniuses and brilliant people will be redistributed to benefit all mankind according to God’s purposes. Many will be distributed to the Middle East.

These three trends, and others, will result in a pinnacle of human achievement being accomplishment in all fields of human endeavor. In fact, God will allow humanity to achieve what was attempted at Babel as told in Genesis 11:4–9. YHWH divided humanity into many language. At the same time, YHWH of Scripture will be “discovered” in creation. He will be acknowledged as the true God and Christ as Lord. Revelations of hidden horrific evils, some of the worst in history, will be exposed and rightly punished around the world.

Things to Come

Other things will go on while the redistributions take place. As in the 1st century AD, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, will be taught, preached (led by converted Jews), and accepted by most people in the world. Repentance by most people in the world will be genuine, but soon many, then most, will fall by the wayside as Jesus prophesied in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23; Mark 4:1–20; Luke 8:4–15).

The world will listen to and accept the message of the antichrist who will preach and the false prophet will teach messages of mostly truth (see Mark chapter 13) causing many to sin. This occurs while mankind will bring about amazing and almost god-like discoveries and achievements never dreamed of, even in today’s amazing world. Prosperity, the unity of humanity, and the teachings of the antichrist and false prophet will seduce many. God **“shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a [the] lie”** (2 Thessalonians 2:11). The slide to rebellion and heinous sins by humanity will be the basis of God’s judgment on all who **“believe the lie.”** Those who hold the truth in righteousness, even in death, shall be glorified at Christ’s return.