



AS WE APPROACH the end of this Age of the Gentiles, we are witnessing the fulfillment of biblical prophecy that points to the Lord’s Second Coming. In spite of so-called prophets who are predicting “breakthrough” blessings from God via encounters with angels—who “prophesy” that the nations are going to be turned to God and believers in Jesus are going to reap a windfall of health, wealth, and all things good, the truth is that as the end approaches, evil will grow worse. The Apostle Paul’s second letter to Timothy should serve as a warning:

Yes, and all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. (2 Timothy 3:12-13)

Granted, not all believers in Jesus suffer the same degree of persecution. But from the mildest form (shunning by family and/or friends who resent the Gospel), to the harshest form (physical torture and death), the spirit of anti-Christ is the same. The world, currently Satan’s domain, is enmity against Yahweh. So we cannot expect the world to embrace us or to decide that the Gospel is the truth worth following.

Jesus’ words are especially telling:

As it was in the days of Noah, so it shall also be in the days of the Son of Man [Jesus’ return]. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Likewise, also, as it was in the days of Lot, they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from the heavens and destroyed them all.

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (Luke 17:28)

Until the Lord appears to receive His saints, it will be business as usual for the world system. Yet in the midst of it there will be increasing elements of destruction—wars; rumors of war, nations fighting against nations, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places (Matthew 24:6-8). But these are only the beginning of sorrows. Evil will grow worse—evil that will afflict the Body of Christ:

Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you, and you shall be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

Then many will be offended, and will betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

That is the prophesied position of the Body of Christ from Pentecost to the end of this age. Apostasy will plague Christianity. Yet the Lord’s promises that he who endures to the end shall be saved (Matthew 24:9-13).

And the most telling of all prophecies is that of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 24:24:

For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

The last-days false christs and false prophets will be most deceptive. But today’s false christs and false prophets don’t have to perform great signs and wonders to deceive; all they need do is make claims of signs and wonders, of speaking with angels and/or with Jesus, purporting to convey direct

words of revelation from Heaven. The gullible among Christians are plentiful to keep them on the circuit, selling their “prophecies” that in truth are nothing more than obtuse utterings of biblically-sounding phrases and allegorical interpretations of God’s Word, promising nothing but good.

Such “prophecies” work in the United States and some other western nations, but one need only read of the plight of Christians in all other parts of the world to see the real face of anti-Christ. In non-Christian nations, anti-Christ works to kill and discourage believers through physical persecution; in “Christian” nations, he works to destroy the purity of the faith among the Christian masses. He drives believers to ruin through the use of government force to cause them to act contrary to their consciences. His onslaught in the “Christian” nations is primarily physical; his onslaught in the non-Christian nations is primarily spiritual and psychological.

Persecution of Christians is commonplace in non-Christian countries. But in some cases, there is persecution by Christians against non-believers and even other Christians. In all cases we can see anti-Christ at work.

RELIGION

At the start of this decade, on January 20, 2010, eight Muslims firebombed a Christian church in Malaysia. The Muslims objected to Christians referring to Yahweh as “Allah” although that is the misnomer applied to Him in Arabic Bibles influenced by the Muslim culture in which they live.

Conversely, four days later, in the north-central Nigerian city of Jos, Christians went on a rampage against Muslims, killing 364 and destroying some 1,000 homes and shops by fire. The local Catholic archbishop claimed that the real cause for the violence was not religion but “the struggle for ethnic and political superiority in the city.”

Two months later, on March 10, Muslims attacked a Christian community near Jos in revenge for the violence against Muslims in January, killing and displacing many.

On January 1, 2011, another clash between Muslims and Christians took place in the Egyptian city of Alexandria, sparked by a bomb that killed some 30 Christians attending their church service. In response, angry Christians attacked Muslims and wreaked havoc at a mosque.

These are merely a few of the ongoing incidences of warfare between Christians and others. In all these cases, anti-Christ gained victories by urging violence both against and by Christians. Those “Christians” who engaged in violence against Muslims—whether one considers them justified or not—were used by anti-Christ to bring a strong reproach against the name of Jesus.

It is one thing to defend oneself in the heat of the moment when attacked; it’s another thing to plot and carry out revenge. Vengeance is still the Lord’s; He will repay.

A different form of Christian persecution against others has been perpetrated by members of the Westboro Baptist

Church of Topeka, Kansas, who regularly stage pickets and angry demonstrations against average people stricken by bad circumstances. On January 13, 2011, they sought to picket the funeral for nine-year-old Christina Taylor Green, one of six people killed in Tucson, Arizona, when Jared Lee Loughner opened fire at a political rally for Democrat Representative Gabrielle Giffords. According to the religious philosophy of Westboro Baptist Church, led by “fundamentalist” pastor Fred Phelps, bad things happen to bad people as a result of their sins. They often picket funerals of American soldiers killed in combat, to express the idea that the soldiers deserved to die for their sins and lack of repentance.

They also picket “gay pride” parades and other activities with which they find offense, warning of God’s displeasure and coming judgment for the sins of the participants.

One may agree that judgment is coming upon the world for its sins, but picketing funerals in judgment against the deceased as individuals brings a reproach against the name of Jesus and serves anti-Christ’s agenda more than the Lord’s agenda. As Jesus said to those who were about to stone the woman caught in adultery, “Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.”

Are the Westboro Baptist Church members without sin? Or are their sins just of a different nature than those against whom they protest?

Another reproach against the name of Jesus began with the publishing in the December, 2010, issue of Reader’s Digest, a prediction by Family Radio owner Harold Camping that “The Bible guarantees the end of the world will begin May 21, 2011.” Camping claimed in numerous follow-ups to the ads as well as billboards that May 21 would be the date of the “rapture,” and that the world would come to an end on October 21, 2011. Camping’s convoluted explanation of his prediction misrepresented Scripture. When his prediction failed to come to pass, he placed the blame on others and on God for changing His mind.

As much good as Family Radio had done in the past, much of it was nullified by Camping’s presumptuous “prophecy” that greatly aided anti-Christ in many ways. One way was the wholesale exploitation of Camping’s gullible followers who sold all they had and gave the proceeds to him to spread his false prophecy. Not to mention the laughing stock he made of the Body of Christ before the unbelieving of this world.

Roman Catholicism

On February 28, 2013, a rare occurrence took place when Pope Benedict XVI resigned, becoming the first to do so since Gregory XII in 1415. Prior to Gregory XII, the only pope to resign voluntarily was Celestine V in 1294. This presents a problem for Catholicism: how does one resign from a position in which he was presumably “anointed” by the Holy Spirit? Is the Catholic Church left with two popes?

Benedict's resignation opened the way for Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina to be elected the 266th pope, taking the name Francis I. Francis I made history as the first pope to come from the Americas and from the Southern Hemisphere, and most significantly, as the first Jesuit pope.

Some Catholic traditions suggest that this pope is to be the last before the end of the world. However, among those traditions the last pope is to be named Peter.

As a cardinal, Bergoglio demonstrated strong pro-Marxist sympathies, which are contrary to biblical truth in many ways. Since becoming pope, Bergoglio has exhibited sympathies antithetical to biblical truth, particularly toward homosexuality, the existence of "hell" or the Lake of Fire (what he and most Christianity mistakenly call "hell"), and a belief in universalism.

Roman Catholicism continues to exercise tremendous power as a religio-political movement, similar to Islam. Both claim jurisdiction over Jerusalem; both are anti-Semitic at their core; combined, both control the minds of one-fourth of the world's population—the perfect combination for anti-Christ to temporarily meld their ambitions to displace the Jews from Jerusalem as prophesied will happen before the Lord returns to the earth to establish His Millennial Kingdom.

Almost three years after his election as pope, on February 12, 2016, Francis I signed an Ecumenical Declaration with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill. It was the first meeting of the leaders of these two denominations since their split in 1054.

This ecumenical action is a continuation of the Vatican's attempt to eventually bring all Christendom under the papal umbrella, an important element to anti-Christ's unification plans that will prepare most Christians for the last-days deception that will eventually result in the prophesied "Mark of the Beast."

SEXUAL DEVIANCY

On December 23, 2010, Barack Obama signed into law Congress's repeal of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Law, paving the way for sexual deviants to serve openly in the U.S. military.

Acceptance of homosexuality, lesbianism, transgender-ism, and other forms of sexual deviancy have continued to increase worldwide. During this decade a number of countries and U.S. states have legalized same-gender marriage. On May 6, 2011, Brazil's Supreme Court ruled in favor of homosexual unions having the same rights as married heterosexuals. Four years later, on May 23, 2015, Ireland legalized same-gender marriage. It was the first country to legalize same-gender marriage by popular vote. On June 30, 2017, Germany legalized same-gender marriage. Austria and Australia legalized same-gender marriage in December, 2017. Sixty-one percent of Australians voted in favor.

On March 30, 2017, the state of North Carolina repealed its bathroom law that restricted use by transgender persons.

Prior to his election to his second term, Obama stated that he believed marriage is between one man and one woman. Shortly after his re-election in 2012, he betrayed that sentiment and pushed for same-gender marriage. When same-gender marriage was affirmed by the Supreme Court he had the White House lighted with rainbow colors in celebration.

The worldwide acceptance of sexual deviancy is evidence of anti-Christ's influence over the nations, affirming that Satan is the god of this world. Satan's purpose in promoting sexual deviancy is to mock and destroy God's order of creation as proclaimed in His Word.

POLITICS

With the election of Barack Obama to a second term, followed by Donald Trump as a Washington DC outsider, this decade has seen unprecedented political events, both positive and negative.

For the entire eight years of Obama's residency in the White House anti-Christ wreaked havoc in America. Obama's lies, Marxist philosophy, anti-American and anti-Christ sympathies, and promotion of sexual deviancy and abortion were displayed in speeches and actions not only in America, but abroad. The anti-Christ forces in America were certain that they would continue to advance their agenda with the election of Hillary Rodham-Clinton to succeed Obama.

But our Father in Heaven had a different plan. And although Clinton allegedly amassed a greater majority of the popular vote, Donald Trump won in a landslide electoral vote victory. Immediately upon his winning the presidency the darkest side of the anti-Christ elements in our nation expressed themselves with violence against Trump and his supporters. Vitriolic and hateful insults, false accusations of racism, homophobia, Islamophobia, misogyny, fascism, and even Nazism have been bandied about with impunity, again with impunity. No public figure has been so mercilessly attacked by anti-Christ through such a large segment of the population. Even before his inauguration the entire Democrat Party, 95% of the mass media, and huge masses of entertainment celebrities called for his impeachment and even his assassination. No public figure has been so mercilessly attacked by anti-Christ through such a large segment of the population. The spiritual dimension of these attacks is evident considering the anti-Christ sentiments held by these people.

It is questionable whether any American president has been so embattled in his attempts to govern according to his constitutionally-granted powers. Even common-sense actions have been met with spite and derision. Attempting to protect the nation from terrorist infiltration, he signed executive orders barring entry into the country by people from high-risk Islamic countries. His order was promptly challenged by Democrats using the Ninth District Court of Appeals to

block them. He has received virtually no cooperation from Democrats who, in turn, accuse him of refusing to cooperate with them. This, after they have accused him of being mentally incompetent and unfit for the office of president.

Whether or not he knows or understands it, President Trump has in many ways acted upon the biblical ethics that formed the basis for the founding of this nation.

When, on December 6, 2017, President Trump declared that the U.S. will recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, virtually the entire world erupted in outrage—further evidence of anti-Christ's control over the world system.

Trump's overturning of many of Obama's executive orders relating to the economy, international dealings, medical care, and terrorism are giving anti-Christ fits. The rage will continue unabated until Trump is out of office by one means or another.

Turkey

On April 16, 2017, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan won a referendum on an 18-article constitutional reform package granting him sweeping new powers. It is feared by many that Erdogan will work toward changing Turkey from a secular republic to an Islamic Ottoman-style authoritarian state.

Jesus told the assembly at Pergamus (in modern Turkey) that He knew it was situated where Satan's seat is (Revelation 2:13). Personally, I believe the last-days anti-Christ will arise from Turkey as a Muslim authoritarian. We'll have to wait to see.

Meanwhile, anti-Christ continues to stir the pot of fear and deception with the threat of North Korea's nuclear weapons program gaining speed and threatening the United States. President Trump's hardline response has been met with ridicule by his detractors who would prefer to follow the road of appeasement.

Although, apart from the military-industrial complex and some hawks in Congress, no one (ostensibly) wants war, history is replete with accounts of disastrous consequences for following that road. If anti-Christ manages to suck the U.S. into another conflict it could spell the end for both nations as well as our allies in the Asian Pacific area.

Roy Moore

On December 12, 2017, Republican Roy Moore was defeated by Democrat Doug Jones in a tightly contested race for the Alabama Senate seat. Moore enjoyed a large majority of voters in his favor until allegations of sexual misconduct against one Beverly Young Nelson were alleged by Democrat Gloria Allred (fitting name). Allred and Nelson contended that Moore sexually assaulted Nelson when she was 16 years old, offering as evidence Nelson's high school yearbook allegedly signed with sentiments by Moore. Moore's attorneys wanted the evidence submitted for forensic inspection, claiming that the writing was not Moore's, in addition to

other challenges. Allred and Nelson refused to submit it to them.

Although no allegations were proven against Moore, he lost to Jones by a slight margin. Curiously, Allred and Nelson stopped pursuing the accusations after his defeat. Wouldn't a legitimate grievance be pursued further? Curiously, I noticed that when Nelson was on camera recounting this traumatic event some 40 years after, that despite the dabbing of a handkerchief at her eyes, there were no tears. How do people cry without tears?

Whether or not Moore was guilty of the accusations only he and Nelson know. But anti-Christ gained a victory by besmirching the reputation of a man who has throughout his political and judicial careers championed the causes of morality and constitutional law.

And whether or not Moore was guilty of the accusations, would not his exemplary life after the alleged incident have at least demanded absolute proof before turning from supporting him? No matter, because anti-Christ, who hates Moore for his past decisions to protect constitutionally-guaranteed freedom of religion for Christians and biblical symbols, has made him a pariah in his own Republican Party.

TERRORISM

Islamic terrorism has continued to increase in the number of incidents worldwide. Space doesn't permit a full account of its growth.

On March 2, 2011, Pakistani Minister of Minorities, Shahbaz Bhatti, a Christian was assassinated by Islamists for having spoken in favor of reforming Pakistan's laws against blasphemy, which carry a death sentence.

On April 9, 2017, Islamic suicide bombers attacked two Egyptian Coptic churches in Tanta and Alexandria, killing 44.

On December 17, 2017, Islamist terrorists attacked a Methodist church in Quetta, Pakistan, killing nine Christians.

The United States has largely managed to avoid anything as huge as the September 11, 2001, attacks against the World Trade Center in New York, but there were incidents that hit home here. Besides the rise of Antifa, which has spread terror in several large cities in protest of President Trump and causes with which its followers disagree, a number of incidents by others took place.

On April 15, 2013, two Chechen Islamist brothers detonated two bombs near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three and injuring 264.

June 12, 2016, saw 49 people shot dead in the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. (Pulse caters to homosexuals.) The perpetrator, Omar Mir Seddique (aka Omar Mateen), was shot dead by police. Mir Seddique called 9-1-1 during the shooting, describing himself as "Mujahideen" (Islamic Soldier) or "Soldier of God").

Understandably, the incident stirred sympathy for sexual deviants, furthering anti-Christ's cause. As believers in Jesus, we, too, must bear sympathy for the dead and their loved

ones. It is not our place to rejoice when such things occur, but mourn the death of the lost whether or not they are in open sin. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Even so, such incidents of persecution against sexual deviants further anti-Christ's agenda to confuse God's creation (Leviticus 18:22-24).

On October 1, 2017, a puzzling terrorist attack took place in Las Vegas, Nevada, during a country-western concert. In the worst gun massacre in modern U.S. History, 58 people were shot dead and 489 were injured by gunfire from the Mandalay Bay Hotel. The official report from law enforcement, including the FBI, is that it was the act of a lone gunman, Stephen Craig Paddock, 64, of Mesquite, Nevada. Paddock is said to have amassed 23 semi-automatic rifles, some equipped with buttstocks to simulate automatic fire, with which he rained down a torrent of bullets upon attendees of the concert for some ten minutes.

Paddock was known to be a quiet, unassuming person with no particular interest in guns and no military training. Authorities say they have found no motive for the shooting.

However, many eyewitnesses have testified that the bullets were coming from several areas, principally below the windows on the 32nd floor from which Paddock is said to have fired. Few photos of the scene on the 32nd floor of the hotel have been released. The most prominently displayed photo shows the legs of a man lying next to an AR-15 with a 30-round magazine attached.

Only five days later, FBI special agent in charge, Aaron Rouse, said that investigators had found "no connection with an international terrorist group."

Really? In five days, with no motive for Paddock to do such a thing, plus numerous eyewitness accounts of additional shooters? Some even testified that they experienced shots reaching the Belagio Hotel, which is not in the line of sight from the Mandalay Bay Hotel room from which Paddock allegedly fired, and is hidden by a taller building between.

I'm not a conspiracy theorist, but some things just don't add up: the speed at which authorities determined Paddock acted alone; the media blackout of the incident with no additional information since that week; the sheer number of weapons found with Paddock's body and at his home; the difficulty controlling automatic rifles; the media and law enforcement disregard of many eyewitnesses caught in the gunfire.

In spite of the FBI denying that any other persons were involved, the Sheriff said Paddock "had to have help at some point" to kill 58 people and wound 489.

Before this incident I had never heard of buttstocks, nor have many gun owners I know. How someone unfamiliar with guns would know about them, secure them, and use them raises questions. Automatic rifles are particularly difficult to manage for someone inexperienced in guns.

May I offer my conjecture, seeing as how conjecture on the part of the FBI and other authorities seems to have ruled in this case?

Considering that ISIS claimed Paddock as a recent convert acting on behalf of ISIS, it seems that the FBI may have acted hastily in dismissing that possibility in such a short time as five days.

I suggest that Islamic terrorists either kidnapped or blackmailed Paddock into being their patsy. They forced him to purchase weapons and take them to the hotel where they would launch their reign of terror. They then shot him during the interim of some 55 minutes between the last shot and the police breaching the room.

The first shots were fired at 10:05 PM.

At 10:12 the first two police officers arrived on the 31st floor and announce hearing gunfire directly above them.

At 10:15 the last shots were fired.

It isn't until almost one hour later, at 11:20 that police entered the room to find Paddock dead on the floor.

Viewing footage of the carnage, I heard uninterrupted automatic gunfire that lasted as long as 10 seconds. An AR-15 automatic rifle fires thirteen rounds per second. A thirty-round magazine will be emptied in just over two seconds. A 100-round magazine will empty in about 7 seconds. For ten seconds of uninterrupted gunfire there would have to be a larger magazine or barrel magazine holding more than 100 rounds. Either that, or there would have to be more than one gunman firing together and consecutively.

But what do I know? Surely the government wouldn't lie to us or cover up a true terrorist attack.

Would they?

Anti-Christ uses governments to keep their citizens in the dark on many important issues concerning their lives, particularly in the sensitive area of Islam with its claim to be a "religion of peace." He wouldn't want his religion besmirched if he could help it.

I hope our readers will forgive this lengthy conjecture, but when one smells a rat, one feels compelled to air things out. It serves anti-Christ to hide any suggestion that Islam is anything other than a "religion of peace," which has been the claim from the first attacks in the modern era.

Just sayin'....

On August 4, 2017, the city of Charlottesville, North Carolina, was terrorized when a clash occurred between white supremacists and Antifa protestors. The supremacists had a permit to demonstrate for their misguided cause, but were blocked by Antifa, Black Lives Matter, communists, and other angry leftists. During the melee one of the supremacists, James Alex Fields, Jr., ran his Dodge Challenger at a crowd of Antifa and other protesters, killing Heather Heyer, 32, of Charlottesville injuring 19 others.

Clearly blame for the conflict was on both sides, and President Trump said as much. This caused the leftist media

to angrily challenge him, claiming he was sympathetic to Nazism. His denunciation of the white supremacists fell on deaf ears. But Anti-Christ works on both sides to achieve his agenda of hate.

Another Islamic terrorist attack took place in New York City on October 31, when an immigrant from Uzbek, Sayfullo Saipov, drove a rented van the wrong way down a pedestrian and cycle path at full speed. Police said Sayfullo screamed "Allahu Akbar" (Allah is great) as he exited the vehicle and ran from the scene. He was shot dead by police.

On November 5, 2017, 26 people were killed and 20 others injured when Devin Kelley, who had received a bad conduct discharge from the Air Force, opened fire during services at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas. Police found Kelley dead in his truck after he had run off the road near the county line while fleeing. He had been fired upon at the church by a neighboring resident, who was credited with killing him. Kelley at one time had taught Bible school, but there is evidence that he became an atheist.

CONCLUSION

As we conclude this series, we remind our readers that the future for anti-Christ is bleak, spelled out in Scripture. Revelation 19 reveals the Lord returning to the earth to establish His Kingdom. Anti-Christ will try to prevent this:

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse, and against His army. (Revelation 19:19)

This revelation tells of the anti-Christ's preparation for the battle of Armageddon. But here he will meet his end:

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked miracles before him, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast, and those who worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

And the remnant were slain with the sword by Him who sat on the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth. And all the fowls were filled with their flesh. (Revelation 19:20-21)

That will be the end of the man of sin (the anti-Christ) who will do Satan's bidding. But the end of Satan, the anti-Christ spirit, will continue for a time.

When the man of sin is destroyed, the Lord will establish His Millennial Kingdom on the earth for one thousand years, during which Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit (abyss). At the end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed to test the hearts of all those who lived under the righteous but rigorous rule of Jesus. He will again attempt to dethrone the Lord, but will fail:

And when the thousand years are over, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive

the nations that are in the four quarters of the earth—Gog and Magog "Gog and Magog"—to gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth and encircled the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of the heavens, and devoured them. (Revelation 20:7-9)

This is the final battle when Jerusalem will be surrounded, not by the armies of anti-Christ, but by the armies of Gog and Magog as prophesied in Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39.

And the Devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10-13)

Once evil is forever banished from the earth, Yahweh will destroy the present cosmos by fire to purify it of all the material corruption that has accumulated over eons via the spiritual and physical warfare since the fall of Satan. He will then create New Heavens and a New Earth:

And I saw New Heavens and a New Earth, for the first heavens and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:1-2)

It is after the Millennium, and upon the establishment of the New Earth, that the New Jerusalem will descend from Heaven as the Bride of Christ. The present-day "Church" is not the Bride of Christ. All believers will have a part in the Bride of Christ, which is the New Jerusalem, including the saints who have lived through all the ages since Adam.

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, "Look! The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, nor shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away."

And He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:3-5)

Until the Lord puts an end to anti-Christ's machinations once and for all, we as His people must remain vigilant in our walk with Christ. His desire is that we be conformed to His image.

Although we will never be perfected and sinless in our corruptible flesh, we can be perfect in our hearts and minds toward Him. That alone will be a defeat for anti-Christ during this present age.