

Earmarks of the Final Apocalypse

In late 2020, I addressed (on a now defunct blog) the elements of the End Times. I explored what I believe are the necessary ingredients we should see around us in order to fulfill all the various prophetic warnings in Scripture. Below is the blog post as I wrote it.

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And why we aren't there yet. I've been asked to expand on my comments about a final Apocalypse and what it should look like.

There have been periods of tribulation on this earth. The term "tribulation" as used in the Bible refers to a hard testing time on the people of God. It would likely be tough on a lot of people, covenant or not, but the focus in Scripture is how it tests faith in our Lord.

The optimal response of faith is to become more otherworldly. That's exactly what the New Testament calls for, with all the writers pointing away from worrying too much about what happens in this world and keeping your eyes on what comes after this life. This life is supposed to suck; it's the Curse of the Fall and not at all what God intended for us. So the sorrows of this life are not worth significant concern.

What you may not understand is that this had to be specifically stated in the New Testament because in the Old Testament it was taken for granted. The broad cultural background of the Old Testament, a collection of civilizations we call the Ancient Near East (ANE), already stood on the notion that this world is mist and shadow, and that ultimate reality is something quite different. We can't really know in our flesh what is real; we should question what our senses and our logic tell us about the material world. It remains subject to the ongoing manipulations of far higher powers, and a great many things simply cannot be explained by what we can know at this level. The flesh is inherently blind.

So discussing anything of real importance could never be a precise description. Rather, it required men to use parables, symbols, and metaphor. Most ANE languages, like Hebrew, were more attuned to parables than to description. We say that Hebrew is not descriptive, but indicative, and that was true of most ANE tongues, written and spoken. It was simply how those ancient peoples approached life. It was a common background of intellectual assumptions. They believed the heart was the seat of a very powerful faculty of awareness that was above the intellect of the mind, and that the heart dealt in terms impossible to capture in mere human language.

The prophetic literature of the Old Testament would hardly raise any eyebrows in the ANE. It was quite consistent with a lot of other literature across that time and place. It was a very long and well testified tradition, and when John wrote his Apocalypse, it was in that mold. You must understand it in light of how he borrows heavily from the Old Testament prophets, Ezekiel in particular. You aren't supposed to take much of it literally. You are supposed to absorb a moral pattern of recognition, so that when you experience certain events, you can characterize them

according to a moral understanding that transcends mere human sense and reason.

So it's natural that our Radix Fidem covenant* rejects Dispensationalism. That whole school of thinking rests on a hoax, an intentional deception that was meant to protect certain human institutions from a closer moral examination (Lacunza defending the Pope). The current manifestations of that silly heresy owe a lot to the drug-addled dreams of a pair of teenage girls (McDonald sisters) spread by a radical preacher (Darby). Granted, the door to such nonsense was left open by the Early Church Fathers, and their departures from the ancient Hebrew approach to faith were foreseen by John in his Book of Revelation. His book was meant to warn about that, in part, so it should surprise no one that the warning itself is subject to a deeply perverted form of analysis to create one of the nuttiest collection of lies in the history of God's revelation.

*(The original post linked to a PDF in the form of a tri-fold pamphlet attached.)

But John's book was also meant to offer a parable of how God does things. It was written to the people of his own time who did understand the ancient Hebrew approach of mysticism. Though it is a highly parabolic work, it does tend to point to a final path winding down to the Return of Christ as the final manifestation of a very well established pattern. I believe there will be a final Apocalypse, but to understand what John and others were saying about such a thing points to generalities that simply don't exist right now.

My take on the Apocalypse is fuzzy; it's not easily put into words. That's why Scripture is so parabolic about it. One thing we surely must expect to see: The presence of genuine faith martyrs who refuse to bow the knee to the world. What would it take for such martyrs to manifest? It would require a general attack on faith itself, not just religions. The mainstream Christian religion is hardly a problem for Satan. I can't imagine that level of martyrdom happening without a conscious purpose to attack genuine conviction-led faith. There has to be a satanic agent arise that is consciously aware of what real faith is and consider it a threat. It would have to be someone who rabidly hates what we teach, for example. They aren't going to waste time attacking the mainstream religious fluff we see today.

It would require a general return of faith and mysticism that is lacking today. There simply isn't enough of the heart-led way in Christian religion to be noticed yet. It has to make a comeback, and that has to get the attention of someone who feels threatened by it. Right now, the core thrust of Western Civilization itself dampens genuine faith. The West has to fade away so that more people can rediscover the way of conviction over intellect. Not just in religion, though – it would require a fairly conscious departure from the current model of secularism for both the friends and enemies of faith.

It would require a focus of purpose that is very obviously missing from the various world government ideologies floating about right now. What we have today is blind flailing that easily ignores heart-led faith. Secular governments honestly do not understand what Satan could and would offer them outside of secularism. There has to be a return of genuine pagan idolatry filled with Satanic advantage that secularism simply cannot offer. The current brand of Satanism is just a parody of secular humanism. It is indeed anti-faith, but it uses the label of "Satanism" as defined by rejecting faith altogether. The real worship of Satan will seek a return

of dark powers in a very perverse brand of faith, something that has been missing since the days of Moses facing genuine dark powers in the court of Pharaoh.

Such a ruling power would require at least a core group of acolytes who share that focus, and have a substantial competence to go with it. What we have today serving globalists is a collection of idiots and fools easily swayed and truly lacking in moral understanding. They aren't actually evil, just stupid. The wild tales of satanic rituals among various groups of elite folks don't point to a genuine faith in the powers of darkness. Most of it reflects the clownish nonsense of people eager for publicity, not real power. Their alleged rituals are simply a poor shadow of reaction against a very corrupt church, so it has no power either way.

Look folks: The real deal is scarcely seen today. It's not that no one is doing the real evil stuff, but that it lacks the kind of attraction, and the level of attraction, that is depicted in Scripture. The powers of Darkness have not been set loose. When they do get to working in an End Times scenario, it will look very wholesome and deceive a lot of church folks. It will exercise a power that looks just like divine miracles. And right now, very few people have any idea what that looks like in the first place, because there aren't that many real miracles. And there are so few miracles because people don't know how to stand in the place where God provides them. Christian religion is far too westernized to give serious credence to what the Bible says about it. The Devil's counterfeit requires there be a genuine article to counterfeit. We don't have much of that right now.

Finally, I don't see how any of this organization of global political power is possible without a deep understanding and reliance on technology that is quite different from what we see today. The future of a global one-world government requires a far greater use of technology. The current crop of globalists seem to have no real interest in the nature of the Internet; they use it without really understanding it. Their instincts are all wrong. There will be something entirely more advanced somewhere down the road, but if they don't understand the Net now, they aren't going to understand what rises up to replace it. Today's globalists are standing on the wrong foundation.

I am quite certain that if we are going to see a genuine Anti-Christ figure – a fairly literal Son of Satan – it would have to be a rising dominion over humanity that includes those elements I've noted here. I'm also quite certain you and I could/would recognize it for what it is when it appears. The genuine article will be fairly obvious to heart-led people of faith. It would be marked by a kind of power that simply isn't being used right now. There's nobody with sufficient focus and the actual power to make anything happen. The single most important lacking ingredient is a truly diabolical intent. I don't believe Satan has been given permission to do that yet.

Also, a genuine Antichrist figure would have to be someone very obviously Jewish. That much is indicated in the Bible. This whole thing rests on the rejection of Christ and the Cross, and it must be "His brother" in the sense that it rises up to crush His Kingdom, a kind of Cain and Abel thing.

Drawing from that, I speculate that it will almost certainly require the destruction of the State of Israel, so that something even more diabolical can grow from the ashes. The current State of

Israel is just an annoying distraction that dreams impotently of ruling over the human race. A real Antichrist needs a much better power base, and the current noisy, arrogant little blot on the map has no real power. I will give them credit for truly understanding the Internet better than most Western globalists, but there's a lack of diabolical power manifesting there. Something has to shatter the current model in order for a darker and more malevolent power to arise.

I'm convinced these are just a few of the more obvious things we should expect for any Final Apocalypse. We just aren't there yet, folks. The current bunch of fools hijacking the US government in concert with a bunch of globalists in Europe simply aren't of the quality of evil that Scripture paints for that final scenario.

Recap:

1. Rise of heart-led faith and the end of Western Civilization
2. Rise in martyrdom based on the conflict between heart-led faith and anti-faith
3. Rise in genuine satanic counterfeit of faith and power matching the rise in genuine faith and miracles
4. Dramatic rise in AI and genuine understanding of the power of networking technology over humans
5. A different kind of false Israel and the rise of a Jewish Antichrist figure

Since I wrote that, I must note that the globalists themselves still do not really "get" the Internet, but have recruited a significant number of very influential CEOs of various Big Tech companies who do have at last some understanding of the Internet. That is, they know how to use it to manipulate the masses and how to surrender people to globalist control.

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(Latin for “root of faith”). This is the name for our religion.

The basic idea is this: We consciously strip away everything above ground, as it were. We want nothing to do with the old growth that is even now wilting and dying. We might be willing to use some of the residue for fertilizer – we don’t have to be utterly alien and inexplicable, but we aren’t really eclectic, either. You have to let the Spirit of God lead through your heart how you answer the questions this label will raise. But while we might be willing to use commonly accepted terminology of the existing organized religions, the content is wholly different.

We can’t pretend to go back to the historical New Testament churches in any way except in terms of essence. We seek what is organic to human nature as God revealed it. Taking seriously Paul’s admonition to “rightly divide” the Bible, we seek to transplant that ancient root to a new context. What would Jesus be like if He were born in your place? We don’t get that answer by dragging in a mountain of cultural garbage from Western Civilization. But we aren’t trying to resurrect any other civilization, either. We reference the Ancient Near East simply because that’s how we know what the Bible says to us today.

This is a living document. Elements would be characterized thus far:

1. *Consciously and emphatically non-Western.* This means we exclude the fundamental materialism and rationalism that makes man the measure of all things. We go out of our way to understand what distinguishes Western Civilization so that we can discern how it’s mythology has ruined historic Christian religion.

2. *Fundamentally super-rational, not cerebral.* This correlates to the previous point. We reject the notion that reason and intellect are the pinnacle of human capabilities. While we recognize that most people abuse the word “mysticism” as something useless and irrational, we contend that God will scarcely bother with addressing Himself to human intellect, but calls to us from far higher faculties. Revelation is inherently mystical. We assert that He gave us other forms of “knowing” that are hard-wired into human nature. We reject the Western dismissive attitude about anything not rational. Faith is above reason, not below it.

3. *The Spirit Realm is real and beyond comprehension.* There is a distinct realm of existence totally alien and separate from ours. It is in every way superior, and our plane of existence is merely a temporary bubble within that greater realm. The human mind is totally unequipped to handle the Spirit Realm, and it is best understood with other faculties.

4. *We follow Christ.* Jesus Christ as a historical figure was the final revelation of God’s moral character. Everything that departs from His teaching is inherently wrong. No living human – past, present or future – could claim to be Christ’s proxy on this earth. No organization or institution existing today can justly claim to speak for Him. Rather, we insist that we each must follow Him as best we can discern His calling. His founding of the “church” was not for purposes of control, but fellowship. We fellowship with each other to the degree and for the duration of how well we can tolerate each other with a clear conscience.

5. *The Law Covenants symbolize the nature of reality itself.* We are fallen creatures and unable to natively discern how to live. We are beholden to His Law Covenants in the sense that they manifest how He intends we should live within our existential context. His Law Covenants explain the fundamental nature of reality itself. Living by His revelation means living consistently with how God

created things, and such living elicits a positive and supportive response from Creation. It is our duty to abstract our best obedience from the context in which those Law Covenants were revealed. However, the specifics of the Law are not binding outside of its context.

6. *All Creation is alive.* That is, in the sense of how we conceptualize and act in God’s Creation, we cannot get it right if we don’t see it as living and active in its own right. It is not passive and neutral, but has a distinct will and interest consistent with God’s revelation. It longs to see us living in faith. Down to the smallest individual subatomic particles and energy flows, the world around us celebrates with us when we desire holiness. Creation is not fallen; we are, so the burden is on us to discover God’s provision. Only by embracing God’s moral character can we discern His intention in Creation.

7. *All truth is God’s truth.* If it works and your conscience is clear, the beliefs and practices you hold are between you and God. We recognize that certain expressions of genuine faith will limit who can fellowship with us, and take no offense at what God prospers outside His work in our lives. We have more than enough to occupy ourselves with what He has for us. Taking yourself too seriously is a moral failure.