

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.
(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)*

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The Deception of Debt – The Fall of Babylon

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When I wrote issue #02-08136, October 31, 2008, *A Supernatural Working of Deception*, frankly, I was somewhat hesitant about this word, but as the days have passed since then, I have become convinced that we are in a day of deception. A flood of deception has been released and is flowing across the globe that is leading world leaders to make decisions that ultimately will lead to the fall of mystery Babylon and the rise of the kingdom of our Lord. The good news is that at some point, another type of flood is going to flow as well, and it is the flood of the spirit of God moving upon the Lord's conquerors as they begin to possess the kingdom.

In this issue, I offer a few observations to highlight this flood of deception as it relates to President Obama and his plan to "remake" America based on his ideology and worldview.

First, President Obama is in office because of the sovereignty of God. Simply, no one can serve as a national leader unless God places him in that position. All authority given to national leaders is given by God, and all who serve in this capacity, whether good or evil, serve at the behest of God (Romans 13:1). Throughout history, God has even raised up pagan leaders to bring judgment upon His people, as well as to bless them; Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus are good examples. Consequently, leaders are put in place to bring about God's plan to achieve His purpose, and sometimes the plan is to introduce evil. After all, God creates evil (Isaiah 45:7). I am not stating that Obama is good or evil (at least not at this point); however, I will state that some of his policies are not for the good of America.

Second, I believe President Obama has been swept up in the flood of deception. It matters not if his worldview is based on **liberalism, globalism, socialism**, or any other ism. Regardless of his ideology, the fact of the matter is that he has been deceived, whether through pride, intellect, ambition, desire for power, or all the above, into following a course of action or, as he likes to call it, **bold and decisive action**, that makes no sense at all. One does not need to be an economist to realize that you cannot solve a financial credit and debt crisis by following the same course that got you into trouble in the first place, especially by going into enormous debt through massive spending, all in the name of getting credit flowing again. Obama's **absolutely essential spending plan** is fueling the **Titanic** for full steam as it heads for the **financial iceberg**. The debt that he and Congress have been willing to take on, at least up to this point, is so monumental and egregious that it is hard to fathom rational and intelligent thinkers taking such a course; unless they are deceived into thinking that it will work, and it will further their ideological agenda. In stating this, I am giving the benefit of the doubt that most Babylonian leaders are smart, not stupid. Perhaps, we should say that they are **smartly deceived**. To prove that Obama is not alone in this deceived thinking, I offer a quote from a congressman who recently defended Obama's plan: "**When you are in debt, you spend and get into greater debt so that you can get out of debt.**" If this isn't deception at its best, then I need to find another planet to live on.

So that we can understand the mountain of debt that the US has amassed, we need to start with the national debt of over \$12 trillion. This is how much outstanding debt the US carries on its books for which it pays interest to all who hold its bonds. Add to this the trillions of dollars that are expected to be spent or, rather, created out of debt over the next four years, and the numbers are astronomical. The budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year alone amounts to \$1.75 trillion. Obama is saying that he will lower this to \$500 billion by the end of his first term, based on some rosy forecasts. Based on these numbers, we can expect budget deficits in the other two budget cycles of around \$3 trillion. In other words, by the end of his first term, we could see an additional debt load of between \$5-6 trillion added to the already \$12 trillion national debt, for a grand total of around **\$18 trillion of debt**. But it gets

worse, for we then need to consider the **\$50-70 trillion** that is estimated to be the **total obligations of the US government**, which includes such programs as Social Security, Medicare, and the like.

Such debt and spending cannot be sustained for very long before it is crushed by its own weight. Some economists are stating that the US is insolvent; it is essentially bankrupt. But the US is not alone, for it was recently reported that other countries are in worse shape than the US. Consequently, the total collapse of **the global financial system of mystery Babylon** is coming soon.

Third, I believe that the flood of deception is the Lord's doing. To be clear, *deceive* means "to make a person believe what is not true." Another way to look at it is that it is blindness, blindness to the truth; something that the Lord brought upon the ancient sons of Israel. For example, at Jesus' first advent, they were blinded so that they could not understand the parables of the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens that would have opened the way for them to enter the kingdom (Matthew 13:10-15). In like fashion, the world is on the cusp of the coming of the kingdom of Christ, and it too has been blinded to this fact, including the President of the United States as he tries to lead us down a path that, ultimately, will bring down mystery Babylon, the very thing that he, unknowingly, is trying to build up. Whether Obama is sincere and honest or sinister and dishonest with his intentions matters not, for either kind of person can be deceived into taking the same course of action. In other words, deception can come upon the best and the worst, or upon the good and the evil. What matters is what the Lord is doing, and if you are interested in what He is doing, then read Daniel 2:31-35 and Revelation 18. Babylon is reaching the heights of immorality and sensuality (and debt), so that when it falls, its fall will be great and no one will be able to question its demise. This is the Lord's doing.

Fourth, the Obama administration and its surrogates speak a lot about having the most open and **transparent** government there has ever been in our history. Obama's motive might be honorable and he might truly desire openness and honesty, but I believe that the Lord is turning this transparency on its head, so to speak, to expose the corruption and deception of our political system as He brings it into judgment and releases the American people from its noose, most likely, sometime in 2010, if not sooner. Frankly, I will be closely watching the period from May to June 2010, which marks a 210-year time cycle from the transfer of the capital of the US from Philadelphia to Washington, DC. See issues #02-08125, September 30, 2008, *The Cords of Falsehood*, and #02-08132, October 23, 2008, *The Cord of Corruption is Cut*, along with Article #18, *When the Day Comes [The Year 2010]*.

Fifth, as for openness and honesty, I have a theory on how President Obama will handle the debt issue. He will never take the blame for it; instead, he will blame former-president Bush for every dollar of debt. When he gave his state of the union address to Congress, Obama blamed many for the crisis, including the former president (i.e., he inherited the mess), but he never blamed the ones sitting before him in the chamber (i.e., the politicians), some of whom were so giddy that they looked like school kids. My theory goes like this: He will continue to state that he was forced into taking such drastic and bold moves because of the mess he inherited from Bush. If it were not for Bush, he would not have been required to take on so much debt. In other words, he will treat every dollar of debt as a direct result of Bush, even though no one is forcing him to spend a dime to resolve the crisis. What Bush did pales in comparison to what Obama is doing! In my opinion, the one who is deceived is also a deceiver.

Sixth, as the global financial system continues to fall, will there be an outcry for an entirely new system to replace the failed one? Will world leaders, both political and financial, seek to establish **global controls**, perhaps even a **global bank** and a **global currency**, uniting all nations into one common system of bondage? What man has to offer is the worst, but God has the best way. The world does not need a new system designed by man; it needs a new kingdom operated according to God's divine law. It needs **the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ**. His kingdom calls for a **jubilee** in which all **debt is cancelled**. Kingdom economics is based on spending that does not exceed the assets or wealth of a nation and that forbids debt and usury. In other words, a kingdom nation lives within its means.

Finally, deception is a good thing if it causes world leaders to take action that will hasten the demise of mystery Babylon. Let the deception continue, for we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Soon, the declaration will go forth: **And the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom** (Daniel 7:22, 27). The saints will know how to lead the nations. Come soon, Lord Jesus!