

# 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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***New World Order – Globalization #1***

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To begin, it is not my purpose to report on the news per se, for there is an abundance of sources to which one can turn for current news and events. My purpose is to take news that seems to be relevant to end-time prophecy and offer some biblical insight. I am particularly interested in news that has relevance to the great city, mystery Babylon. I mention mystery Babylon quite frequently in my writings because it is representative of the counterfeit kingdom that is being shaken and will ultimately fall and be replaced with the real kingdom that is coming to this earth, that is, the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. In our present day, anything that is being shaken or can be shaken is of the kingdom of the world and not of the kingdom of God. **The proof that the global financial system is part of the beast of mystery Babylon is the fact that it is being shaken.**

Now, the G-20 meeting ended this past week and the concluding remarks of Gordon Brown, the British Prime Minister, were quite telling. He spoke of how the most powerful countries in the world came together in a way that has never been seen before and how they have begun the process of resolving the financial crisis. He spoke of how large their collective actions will be and how, for the first time, they have a common approach and a “deep process of reform and restructuring.” However, the most striking and telling part of his speech were his last two sentences.

“I think **the new world order is emerging** and with it the foundation of a new and **progressive era of international cooperation**. We have resolved that, from today, we will together manage the process of **globalization** to secure **responsibility from all** and **fairness to all**, and we have agreed in doing so we will build a more sustainable and more open and **a fairer global society**.”

After the G-20 meeting, President Obama moved on to Strasbourg, France to meet with French President Sarkozy, who also offered some telling remarks. He said he feels good that he has a US president to work with who wants to change the world, one who does not view America’s interest as simply its own borders and security. In turn, speaking to a cheering crowd, Obama stated that he is about to set a dramatic goal of “a world without nuclear weapons.” And, he states this as the Democrat-controlled US Congress approved, at least in principle, if not in detail, his 2010 \$3.6 trillion budget that will result in the largest budget deficits and the greatest expansion of government in US history. In the midst of this, the stock markets are rallying and some people are declaring that the worst is behind us; in other words, good times are ahead.

To add to this, recently, it was proposed that the building being constructed to replace the World Trade Center buildings that fell on 9/11/2001 should be named **One World Trade** rather than Freedom; this has stirred some controversy, even outrage by some. The new name is revealing as it links one world and trade together. In other words, the world is joined together in commerce, which is what mystery Babylon of Revelation 18 is all about.

It should be obvious that there is one thing that connects these news reports, and it is the concept of a world order or, as many are calling it, a new world order. Today, among some people, especially some Christian groups, the idea of a new world order conjures up visions of an antichrist and a great tribulation. However, the term *new world order*, in itself, is not a negative concept. The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ being rooted among the nations will truly be a new world order, which will be the greatest order seen in the history of nations. Surely, throughout the history of the world, there have been epoch changes in the nature of the world-at-large that ushered in major changes in the order of the world. When the flood receded in the days of Noah, a new world order commenced when Noah and his family disembarked the ark. When Nimrod formed the first known kingdom of man, there was a new world order. When God confused the language of man at Babel, a new world order was birthed. When God called forth the sons of Israel and made them a kingdom nation, there was a new world

order. When that nation was taken into captivity, there was a new world order. More contemporaneous to our time, WWI and WWII ushered in a new world order as nations were realigned and the US rose to become one of the most powerful and influential nations in the history of the world. The point is that a change in the order of the world is not a new phenomenon nor is it always a bad phenomenon; there have been good and bad new world orders.

Consequently, there are elements of the new world order being pushed by the likes of Brown, Obama, and Sarkozy that are good. It is right and noble to propose that the world become free of nuclear weapons, or that the developing nations be helped to increase their standard of living, or that stability be brought to the financial markets and the world economy. These desires are quite commendable, and these leaders should be applauded for them. Some of us, me included, can be quite cynical as we hear of these things, but we must appreciate that these world leaders are most likely sincere in their desire to bring in a new world order, for, based on their worldview, they believe these things are right for the world. This does not make them evil or sinister. Actually, I appreciate President Obama reminding us that the US is the only country that has ever used nuclear weapons and therefore we have some responsibility in the matter; something that I wrote about in relation to the church. See the series *God, Country, Guns, War* (November 2008), #02-08142 to 02-08145; and *The Coming Crisis* (November 13, 2008), #02-08146

However, having pointed out the positive, I believe it is my charge to also warn any with an ear to hear that the new world order that these leaders are trying to develop is not an unshakeable world order. There is only one unshakable world order, and it is called the kingdom of God; the kingdom that cannot be shaken and the kingdom that shakes the kingdoms of men (Hebrews 12:25-29). Until the world leaders acknowledge the reign of God and His Son over their nations and seek for God's way, they will continue to build on a foundation of sand that can and will be shaken (Matthew 7:24-27).

Further, the new world order or globalization, which is the process of joining all nations together in a common purpose, is really not new but a mixture of everything man has attempted to do to have dominion over the earth apart from God and His Son. The new world order is a mixture of relativism, humanism, capitalism, socialism, fascism, totalitarianism, and all the *isms* created by man. To be sure, there is some good mixed in some of these isms, but isn't this how counterfeits are built? A counterfeit is a mixture, a mixture of the real and the fake. The more the counterfeit looks or acts like the real thing, the easier it is to fool people into accepting the counterfeit as if it were the real thing.

We must not forget that mystery Babylon is a counterfeit kingdom to the kingdom of Christ and God. The word *counterfeit* refers to an imitation made to deceive, or a copy or likeness. In other words, the counterfeit is designed to look like the real thing; and the more exact the counterfeit is, the more people can be fooled into accepting it is as the real thing. For example, the \$100 and \$20 bills are the most counterfeited currency in the world; and as the counterfeiters have become more sophisticated in their copying techniques, so has the US Mint had to become more sophisticated in their design and construction of the bills.

One of the mysteries or secrets of Babylon is that it looks so much like the real thing, that is, it has elements in it that undiscerning believers could be fooled into accepting as the kingdom of God. After all, complete nuclear disarmament and worldwide peace and prosperity could be seen as the arrival of the kingdom of Christ. The church-at-large could come through these hard economic times and flourish with the rest of the world in ways unseen in its history. If this were to occur, are we to take this to mean that the kingdom of God has come? We need to be reminded of Paul's warning: When they are saying, "**Peace and safety** [security, certainty]" **then destruction will come upon them suddenly** (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

Actually, there is nothing new about the world order that man seeks for in our day and that is increasing; it is the same old world order that began in the days of Nebuchadnezzar that the world was yoked to and from which it has never been released. It is an antichrist world order, an order that seeks to exalt men and that places man at its center, not God, and, most definitely, not the Son of God.

God's kingdom is true order; man's kingdom leads to confusion and chaos. Let us earnestly desire and seek the true and absolute kingdom of God and reject the counterfeit and relative kingdom of men.