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## WHO IS END-TIME BABYLON – THE GREAT?

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Greetings everybody! It's time for Bible study. More than ever we are living a very traumatic world and mounting complications in these uncertain times. The Moffatt Bible translation calls this period of time spoken of by Daniel the prophet—the crisis at the close. Paul speaks of it as perilous times in 2 Thessalonians 3. Jeremiah talks about it in Jeremiah 30 as the day of Jacob's Trouble. Jeremiah describes men holding their stomach groaning in pain with anguish on their faces which appear like that of a woman in labor pains of childbirth.

People are concerned that Obamacare is not going to work. President Obama said that people could keep the health plans they already had if they wanted to, but the prices have gone way up. But what they did not know was that the rate would increase on their present policy. They may not want to keep their private insurance now, because of the rate hike that is no longer affordable. Then they are stuck with Obamacare. I call it transmogrification. Transmogrify means to change to a beast—the bestialization of a nation. Our great land of liberty and freedom, opportunity and pride, have become changed. The pride of our power and the land of plenty is diminished. Our gold is turning to dust. Today 49.2% of Americans get benefits from the government. That is almost half of the people in America are getting benefits from America which includes Social Security, Disability/SSI, food stamps, and welfare of some kind. The U.S. has spent \$3.7 trillion on Welfare in the last 5 years. Sixteen years of age and older persons are out of work. Ninety million (about ½ of the adult population) over 60 years of age are out of work. How can a nation survive if over half the population is out of work? Women at work in the labor force have reached a 24 year low—lack of jobs. Another hallmark of our times is that half of the foreclosed homes in America are still being occupied. Although the people don't own the homes, the banks don't want the homes empty being ransacked, ravaged, defaced and damaged.

CNN reports that on Friday, 23 year-old Paul Clancia at the Los Angeles Airport (LAX) terminal armed with a high powered rifle and carrying materials expressing anti-government sentiment opened fire Friday morning leaving three TSA (the Transportation Security Administration) officers shot with one fatally wounded, before he himself was wounded and taken to the hospital. The intelligence source said, "his family became concerned in recent days after he sent his brother and father "angry, rambling" texts venting about the government, living in Los Angeles and his unhappiness generally. Information on the suspect in the aftermath of the shooting, expressed not just anti-federal government sentiment but also anger at the TSA specifically, according to the federal law enforcement. About 750 flights were affected by the ordeal leaving delayed flights nationwide. Yesterday was a very trying day for everyone at LAX.

Benefit cuts to food stamp recipients kick in Friday that will siphon \$5 billion off a program that helps one in seven Americans that are assisted through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are to expect a cut of \$36 from a \$275.13 per household benefit. There are a near-record 47.6i million Americans, representing 23.1 million households on the program. The cost of the program will hit \$63.4 billion in 2013. SNAP allocations built into President Barack Obama's **2009 stimulus bill** are coming to an end, leading to the cuts. Over the past few years, a bipartisan group of Democrats and Republicans have voted in favor of the cuts in exchange for increased education funding and school nutrition programs. It is forecast that massive riots and huge crime wave is expected in the summer of 2014 in some of America's cities.

On the horizon yet, both Saudi Arabia and China are seeking seats on the United Nations Human Rights Council.

The world's anger at Obama policies goes beyond Europe and the NSA. New details emerged Thursday that suggested the United States had been monitoring Merkel's cellphone use since 2009. The chancellor's office demanded a "no spying agreement" between the nations, and the Foreign Ministry summoned the U.S. ambassador for a dressing-down. SA surveillance programs for Internet and cellphone communications have been the subject of bitter German commentary since they were first revealed in June, especially among residents of the former East Germany, who are only two decades removed from the tyranny of the Stasi.

America does not realize the changes that are occurring. We learned about the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya that occurred last September 2012 during the presidential election campaign, that destroyed our American Consulate and caused the violent deaths of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and four diplomatic personnel and the lying cover-ups by the Obama Administration and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stating it was a protest at a US-made film said to insult the Prophet Mohammed. Even though the truth has been revealed it appears that most people don't really care about the lies and deception that is going on in the government today.

Undercover of stealth is our military is also being transmogrified. Our police forces in this country are being militarized. Is there a law that says that the U.S. military cannot police its citizens? Technically *Posse Comitatus Act* (June 18, 1878) prohibits the U.S. military from policing its citizens. However, The language of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 (32 CFR 501.4) supercedes *Posse Comitatus*. In a nutshell, the U.S. government backed by the NDAA can declare martial law, and therefore suspend the liberties of the constitution, whenever they feel the need to. Martial law is the absolute suspension of constitutional rights of the American people. The military will become the defact authority in the affected area and are not subject of the limitation of our normal judicial system.

The government is militarizing the police forces and bringing them under the U.S. Government—federalizing state and local police forces. The line between the Military, Local and State Polices Forces and the Federal Government really started to blur shortly after 9/11. As the government consolidated control under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), they used the new agency to start federalizing state and local police departments. Through "terrorism grants" DHS essentially paid to turn local police forces into a *de facto* homeland military force for the Federal Government. Billions of dollars have been spent arming police forces across the country with military grade weapons, body armor, helicopters, tanks, and armored personnel carriers.

The Republic that once was is transmogrifying into a tyrannical Socialist State. In Revelation 13:1-4 tells us about the beast which is a tyrannical world Empire is given its power by Satan the dragon. All the world marveled at the beast and followed him, and worshipped the dragon who gave the beast great authority to the beast. They said who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" He has national survalence and the RFID chip and will have information on all at his fingertips.

I want to clarify something. The term Babel means *confusion*. The tower of Babel was built in the original Babylonian Empire in Genesis 10. When the people came together so they could build this tower up to heaven so they could defy God and not worry about another flood, God saw what they were doing and confounded their languages and the great confusion destroyed their power. Then people of the same language migrated to other locations. The first Babylonian Empire was led in rebellion against heaven by Nimrod. His name was taken from the Hebrew word "mirod" meaning "he rebelled". His wife was Simiramus who helped lead the first great rebellion after the flood. That was the origin of this world's

political system. After that came Pharaoh of Egypt. The Israelites migrated to Egypt, multiplied, and became prosperous under Joseph until Pharaoh feared Israel might out populate and ally themselves with a foreign nation and conquer Egypt. So gradually Pharaoh devised a plan that brought Israel into slavery. Israel remained in slavery until the days of Moses when God delivered them. Then there arose the Assyrian Empire which was related to the Babylonian Empire. In Genesis 10—Asher, father of the Assyrians, went out from Babylon and established his kingdom. It was Nimrod's kingdom of Syria and Babylon together—under Nimrod. Asher went forth and built the cities of Nineva and others. The Assyrian branch became dominant about 700 BC in the twilight days of the northern kingdom of Israel. The Assyrians came against Israel and led them into captivity and they conquered the whole world except for the Jews.

The Assyrian Empire transmogrified into the Babylonian Empire under King Nebuchadnezzar in 585 – 604 BC and conquered even the Jews and led them into captivity for 70 years.