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THE HOUR OF DERISION IS NEARING

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Psalms 2:2-4 "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall HAVE THEM IN DERISION."

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When the Lowly Nazarene walked the Judean hillsides, HE was DERIDED, by both the Pharisees and the Rulers of the Jews -- see Luke 16:14 and Luke 23:35. But the hour now fast approaches when THE LORD SHALL HAVE IN DERISION ALL OF THE KINGS AND RULERS OF THIS WICKED WORLD!

Many things point to the awesome fact that THE HOUR OF DERISION IS NEARING, but let me focus here upon only one portentous prophetic fulfillment -- that of THE CASTING AWAY OF ALL RESTRAINT.

The whole of the Second Psalm is freighted with Second Coming Prophecy, but please note: -- Directly before "The Hour of Derision" strikes we see the casting away of all Divine Restraint:

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, LET US BREAK THEIR BANDS ASUNDER, and CAST AWAY THEIR CORDS FROM US."

Do not the events surrounding the Tower of Babel serve as a foreshadow of what shall befall Babylon the Great -- the One-World-Order -- in the Last Days?

First, there was a One-World Mind-set: Gen. 11:1 "And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech."

Second, there was an Unbridled Mind-set: Gen. 11:4 "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name..."

Third, there was Divine Judgment: Gen. 11:5-8 "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now NOTHING WILL BE RESTRAINED FROM THEM, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Now note: It was WHEN THE BABEL-TOWER-BUILDERS TOOK ON AN UNBRIDLED MIND-SET THAT JUDGMENT FELL -- a time when "nothing would be restrained from them."

The Hebrew word for "restrain" here is "batsar" and according to Strong's it carries in it the meaning of being "isolated" from, "inaccessible" to, "walled" or "fenced" from, and "withheld" from.

When God saw that the mind-set of the ancient Tower-Builders was such that they would allow nothing to be isolated from them, nothing to be inaccessible to them, nothing to be walled or fenced from them, and nothing to be withheld from them -- THEN IT WAS TIME FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION AND JUDGMENT!

I take the ancient account of the Tower of Babel to be prophetic of the time when Divine Judgment shall fall on Babylon the Great on the Day of the Lord! -- the time when universal and eternal judgment shall cause wicked men to cease building Babylon the Great, when IT is forever destroyed, and when THEY are brought into judgment for their proud transgressions.

When the mind-set of men is fixed upon a One-World Order; when the mind-set of those constituting Babylon the Great is such that THEY WILL NOT BE RESTRAINED, BY EITHER MEN OR GOD, THEN THE HOUR OF DERISION IS VERY NEAR!

"The mystery of iniquity doth already work" and has been working throughout the Church Age, and "He Who now letteth will let, until He be taken out of the way." -- 2 Thessalonians 2:7

When wicked men MOVE THE HOLY GHOST OUT OF THE WAY -- when they "break His bands of Conscience and God's Law asunder, and cast away His cords" of Holy Ghost restraint -- THEN, LOOK OUT! It won't be long till "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh" and "the Lord shall HAVE THEM IN DERISION."

Yes, THE HOUR OF DERISION IS NEARING -- and this is revealed by the great, and increasingly unbridled mind-set that is now loose and rampant in our world!

Probably for the sake of "political expediency," this week, President George W. Bush caved-in to the political pressures of godless scientists and politicians and announced that the tax-dollars of all Americans shall be used to fund a limited Stem-Cell Research -- including the tax dollars of millions of Christians who abhor and decry such research as a gross violation of the sanctity of human life! "Limited Research"!!?? I trow not!! Once this unruly camel has his nose in the tent, he will soon demand more room, and he will soon occupy the entire enclosure -- an area where he has no right to be -- a Holy of Holies where only God has the right to dwell!

With Evil no longer trammled, and Righteousness trampled into the dirt of devious men, the Sanctity of Human Life has once again been violated -- as never before! "Nothing will be restrained" from these mad scientists who think no more of human embryos than they think of the seed of a cabbage!! Those embryos are, in fact, the commencement of human life -- life over which GOD HIMSELF IS THE SOLE SOVEREIGN -- and life with which no human being has the right to tinker or to terminate!

For centuries across the Church Age, "the mystery of iniquity has been working," i. e., infringing, pushing back restraint after restraint, breaking band after band, shoving aside cord after cord, and daring to venture into areas cordoned-off by God from human trespass! He Who has been wantonly shoved aside for long centuries WILL ONLY ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE DISREGARDED SO FAR -- AND THEN HE WILL ACT TO STOP MAN'S WICKED INTRUSION INTO THINGS DIVINE -- F--O--R--E--V--E--R!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

When the "iniquity of the Amorites" was "full" (Gen. 15:16) they themselves were "cast out" -- and old Daniel prophesied that "in the latter time... WHEN THE TRANSGRESSORS ARE COME TO THE FULL" the epitome of Human Transgression in the person of the Man of Sin "shall stand up against the Prince of princes... BUT HE SHALL BE BROKEN WITHOUT HAND!" (Daniel 8:23-25)

THE HOUR OF DERISION IS NEARER NOW THAN MILLIONS IMAGINE!! The announcement of President Bush yesterday shows that we are rapidly approaching the moment when anti-Christian men will TAKE THE MIND-SET THAT NOTHING -- ABSOLUTELY NOTHING -- WILL BE RESTRAINED FROM THEM! -- Then cometh the long-prophesied moment when "He that sitteth in the heavens shall LAUGH" and when THE LORD SHALL HAVE THEM IN DERISION!"

These things should both chill a wicked world and cheer the saints of God, for "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

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