## What is really the matter?

The world has gone mad, still more and more people seem to say. And some may be asking the questions "What is going on? Why is this happening and Who or what is the cause of it?" In the last more than twenty years, so many events have really taken place that greatly influenced people's thinking and relationships, not only personal, but also social, political and international, that it is hard to believe in coincidence. That it is not a coincidence of circumstances is probably one of the few ideas on which most experts agree. Everyone looks at the current development mainly from their professional point of view. They mostly look for different ideologies, the Green Deal, or the increasing arbitrariness of politicians, social engineering or geopolitical reasons behind it, and at the same time information about the plan for the Great Reset, the New World Order, is coming to light. Experts point to specific arguments and causes that are sometimes interesting and convincing, while others are not very credible. Together, they form a huge cauldron of information of all kinds, from which everyone can form their own opinion or theory. The problem with all the information in this cauldron is its verifiability, credibility, and knowledge narrowed down to a material, causal understanding of the world and life. In most cases, we cannot thoroughly verify the source of the information, so we rely on our own judgment. Moreover, no one is infallible (not even the authors of this article) and sometimes we are deceived, especially by propaganda and advertising of all kinds. Even here, however, what someone wise said is true, that it is easier to deceive someone than to convince them that they have been deceived. So even if something tells us that something can be different, we don't like to admit that we have been living in a delusion until now. For example, that the main causes and source of all problems can originate in much higher levels than are our human, earthly ones.

The followers of Christ and the Jews have a source of information that is timeless, trustworthy and true. Its author is not man, but God. That source is the Bible, God's word, which God had let to be written down in the course of about 16th centuries by 66 people who mostly haven't even known each other. And they brought, under God's inspiration, a testimony about the essential events, things, and also the spiritual causes of the human story. The Bible bears witness to the creation and the beginning of humanity from the beginning until the arrival of the new age. At the same time, God's word is recorded in such a way that anyone who has enough humility and really wants to, can understand it, regardless of his or her education. Our Creator made for us possible to find again a way to life, to know God, to verify his credibility, love, and especially in this difficult time, important information for us to understand what is happening with the world and what is really going on.

What is going on?

We are witnessing such great changes that, in terms of their character, scope and speed with which they are coming, are comparable only to the transformation of the world from the state before World War I to the form and image of the world after it. World War II completed the work of disintegration of Christian values and uprooting from Christian roots. That is, for example, a great apostasy from the Christian faith, alienation from God and his natural order, including the relationship with nature and the loss of awareness of the spiritual nature of life. At the same time, it started another stage of development, which is described in the Bible in the book of the prophet Daniel, written about two and a half thousand years ago, and in the books of the New Testament, which were written during the first century AD. It follows from these parts of the Bible that we live at the turn of the penultimate and last age of a great epoch, which we call, according to its beginning, the Babylonian epoch<sup>1</sup>. In it, God gave people the right to create a world government according to their own will.

"That was the dream. We will also tell its interpretation to the king. You, king, are the king of kings, for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength and honor. And all that where the sons of men dwell in, the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, he gave into your hand and made you ruler over that all. The golden head is you. But after you another kingdom will arise, ..." Daniel 2, 36-39;

Today we are witnessing the fulfillment of this ancient prophetic dream. More details you can find on the Křesťanské biblické badatelství <sup>2</sup> website. Why didn't this happen for a long time? It was not possible for many, especially technical reasons. Another reason why it was not possible was that respect for God, or the gods from heaven, still persisted in most people for a long time and they still had inside them unharmed God's natural order (conscience, sense of justice, uncorrupted moral and ethical standards) inscribed in their hearts. That has changed, almost reversed, in the last hundred and twenty years or so. The word "almost" indicates that the work of destruction and denial of God's order is not yet finished. To the question "What is happening?", we can therefore say that a controlled process of uprooting man from his relationship with the originator of life, erasing his consciousness of belonging to the Creator, and to the rest of his creation, including the heavens, and erasing the consciousness of man's responsibility before his Creator for man's actions is now taking place. Publicly stated intentions such as the "Great Reset", "Sustainable Development", "New World Order" and the causes of the ongoing changes are only a cover. Only a few insiders may know about the real intentions behind this and about its author. Even the

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of our epoch is in ancient times during the reign of the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar. In detail is the beginning of the Babylonian epoch described in the 2nd chapter of the biblical book of Daniel.

<sup>2</sup> You can find a number of other studies on the website www.jhvh.cz.

most conspiratorial theories are usually quite far from the truth. The reason is ignorance of the Bible.

### Why is it happening?

We can find a complete answer to this question only thanks to the fact that the Bible reveals to us the invisible causes and authorities behind all the tragedies and pains that accompany the life of an individual and the development of all humanity. Anyone who thinks that people are to blame for everything and must solve "their" problems themselves is tragically mistaken. Tragically, because it is not within the power of people to agree and join forces against evil, which is growing stronger and bigger even faster than ever. The originator of all this evil is not people themselves, but a much more powerful enemy of God, called Satan. The reason why a small group of powerful people do not even hide their evil intentions anymore is that there is seemingly nothing standing in the way of their realization. Already two thousand years ago, the apostle Paul prophetically described this development in his second letter to the Thessalonians:

"Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering unto him, we beseech you, brethren, not to be easily shaken in your knowledge, nor to be alarmed, either by the spirit, or by the word, or by the letter, passed as ours, as if the day of the Lord had already occurred. Let no one deceive you in any way, for it will not happen until the falling away comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes everything and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he himself sits down as God into God's sanctuary and will impersonate God. Don't you remember I told you this when I was with you? You also know what is now holding him back from being revealed in due time. For the mystery of this lawlessness is already at work; it just waits until whoever is now holding it back is taken out of the way. And then the Lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will remove with the breath of his mouth and will wipe him and his deeds with a clear revelation of his coming. The coming of the Lawless One is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders and with all the deception of iniquity for those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the truth to be saved. Therefore, God sends upon them a powerful influence of delusion, so that they believe the lie and that all who did not believe the truth, but found delight in iniquity, were thus condemned." (2 Thessalonians 2, 1-12)

If we add one of Daniel's prophecies to Paul's words, we will get a meaningful and correct answer to our question: "So I wanted to be sure about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others - it was extremely terrible, it had teeth of iron and claws of bronze, she devoured, crushed, and trampled the others with her feet—even about the ten horns

on her head, and about another that grew up, and three fell before him, a horn such that it had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and in appearance larger than its fellows. I watched that horn make war with the saints and overcome them, until the Eternal One came and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints took possession of that kingdom. This is what he said: The fourth beast will be the fourth kingdom on earth, which will be different from all those kingdoms, it will devour the whole earth, it will trample it and crush it. And the ten horns, the ten kings will rise from that kingdom, and after them another will rise, who will be different from the previous ones and will subdue the three kings. He will speak words against the Most High and will not give rest to the saints of the Most High. He will also think to change the times and the law, and they will be given into his hand until the time and two times and half a time. However, the court will sit and the government will be taken away from him. It will be destroyed and completely obliterated, while the kingdom and the government and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the heavens will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High." (Daniel 7, 19-27)

Everything that is happening today is a preparation for the final act of the Babylonian era, in which the Lawless One, who is described by Daniel as a beast, will be different from all the previous ones and will wage war against God and his people and will also want to change the "times and law', i.e. history and God's just order. Today we are already seeing the manifestations and fruits of this plan. It is the propagation and support of perverted ideologies that normal people think to themselves that no one can possibly be serious about. It is actually a targeted attack on the normal family and on God's natural order. We know from history, which in many respects repeats itself, that great civilizations in decline underwent the same decaying process until they were overwhelmed by a new rising power. Unlike today, it was not a global process. In the last age, the powerful ones of this world will already have all the technical means to rule practically the entire earth. Just as the Babylonian king was told. And that is the answer to the question Why is happening what is happening today.

#### What is it really about?

Now we can finally deal with the most important question, what is it really about. Using several biblical texts, we have shown that the Scriptures provide accurate and concrete information that is timeless, extending beyond one human life and even generations into the distant future. We have already noted from the above texts that there is Satan, who is God's adversary. It has nothing to do with fairy tale hell characters. On the contrary, it is a very important figure in heaven who will ultimately be punished for the injustice, evil and suffering caused to people and perhaps not only to them, but especially to God's people. The 5th chapter of the Book of John's Revelation will give us the answer to what it is really about.

"And on the right hand of Him who sat on the throne I saw a scroll written inside and out, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a mighty voice: "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll and look into it." (Revelation 5, 1-3)

The sealed scroll is so important that no one is worthy to take it and break its seals. At least that's what the "strong angel" (probably Satan, God's adversary) is counting on, who in a powerful voice asks the challenging question, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" But something important happened. "But one of the elders tells me: "Don't cry. Behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, prevailed to open the scroll and its seven seals." That lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, also called the Lamb. "And then I saw that in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders stood a Lamb as if slain; ... And he came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne." (Revelation 5, 6-7)

It all takes place in heaven and is inaccessible to our eyes. To John, who wrote the entire book at the end of the first century AD, it was dictated in a vision by God's messenger. He was sent by the resurrected Jesus, who received the entire prophecy from God, his Father. You will find it at the beginning, the whole book of Revelation. Thanks to these images of events that would otherwise be unavailable to us, we learn what is really behind everything that is happening in the world today. The image described in 5th chapter conveys a key information: "And when he had taken him, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb; each had a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, for you were slain and by your blood you redeemed for God people from every tribe, tongue, people and nation, and made them kings and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth."" (Revelation 5, 8-10)

That all-important scroll with the seals is worthy to be taken by the Lamb, because he was slain, and with his blood he redeemed to God men of all tribes, tongues, nations, and races, and made of them<sup>3</sup> kings and priests to rule the earth. This means that until the Lamb has enough people who meet the exacting requirements to rule the earth on behalf of God and the Lamb, the Lamb cannot even take the scroll. It is therefore logical to assume that Satan will do everything in his power to prevent the Lamb from fulfilling this condition. Jesus said to Simon Peter: "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat." (Luke 22,31) Did Satan ask this out of a good intention to help Jesus? Certainly not. In the 12th chapter of Revelation, we read something completely different: "And the great dragon was cast down, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceives the whole inhabited world. He was cast down to the earth and his angels were cast down with him. And I heard a mighty voice in heaven saying: "Now has come the salvation, the power and the reign of our God and the authority of his Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has

<sup>3</sup> The Greek word hémas "we" is translated differently. It is mostly the pronoun "them", "of them", "us".

# been overthrown, who accused them before our God day and night." (Revelation 12, 9-10)

Satan's intention is certainly to prevent the Lamb from bringing God's kingdom to earth, which is apparently within the authority of the one holding the sealed scroll. If we look at world events and the development the world is going through, with the knowledge of the invisible connections that God's word reveals to us, everything takes on a new meaning. In the quoted prophecy from the 12th chapter, it is written, among other things, that Satan seduces the entire inhabited world. So not even from the actions of human rulers we cannot accurately ascertain the true reasons for their intentions and actions. Only thanks to the Bible can we see behind the curtain of what is really behind everything.

## Why is important to know this?

If you believe in Christ and salvation through him, you probably know the answer. God sent his son to earth to be born in human body to redeem people from all nations, tribes, races and languages through his blood, he gave us the hope of salvation, the hope of eternal life without fear of disease, hunger, war, crime and death. Jesus' sacrifice is unquestionable because it also fulfills the condition of justice.

The Gospel is actually a message of hope that our ancestors believed and for which many died a martyr's death. There are such martyrs in every Christian nation.

The flood of various information, even if well-intentioned, that does not come from knowledge of God's word, especially those parts of it that make available to us otherwise unavailable connections with events in the world, distracts attention from the most important thing. From the only real hope for a better future than anyone else can offer us. God created man for life<sup>4</sup> and sent his son to earth to give people back the possibility to live forever. Current politicians and governments are no longer even trying to offer any positive idea for the future. On the contrary, they often try to keep people in fear of the future.

The basic message we want to convey from God's word is that we still have the choice between life and death, between good and evil. Thanks to God and his son Jesus Christ, we have the hope of eternal life.

"Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, he will live." (John 11,25) So do not rely on man, in whom there is no salvation, "it is better to hope in the Lord than to place hope in man." (Psalms 118,8) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3,5)

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<sup>4</sup> The article with the same title, which is also based on scientific knowledge, presents arguments showing that man is really set on life, and death is not a natural part of him, as it is often said. You can find it at <a href="https://www.ihvh.cz">www.ihvh.cz</a>