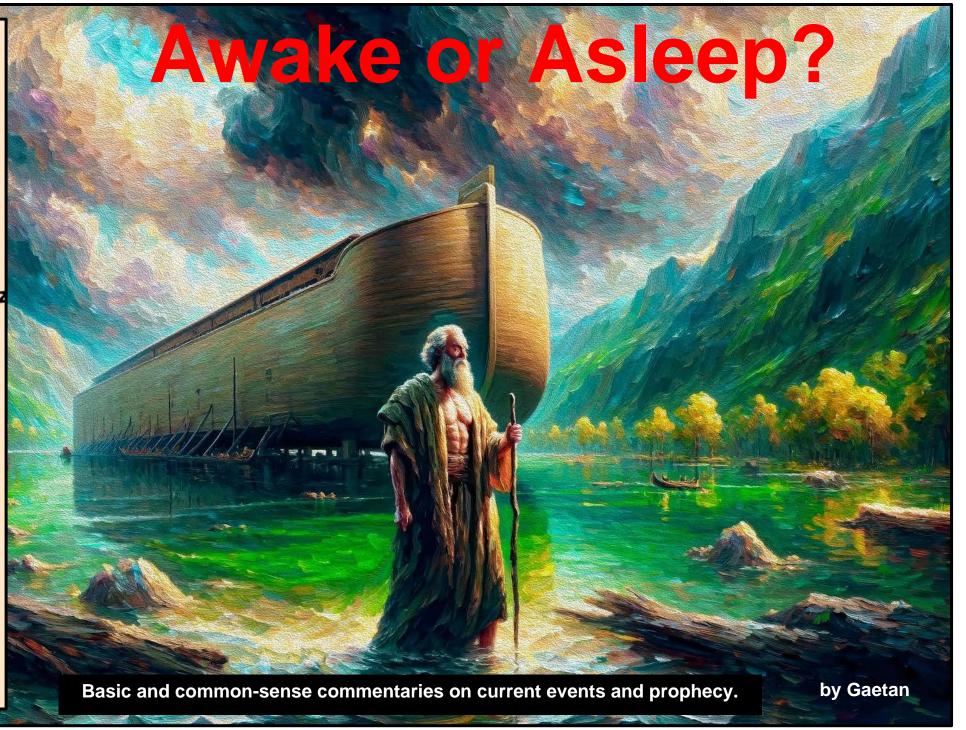
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"We mustn't be ignorant of his 'designs' and 'schemes', but be vigilant and ready for action. Urban myth has it that if you put a frog in a pot of boiling water it will instantly leap out. But if you put it in a pot filled with pleasantly lukewarm water and gradually heat it, the frog will remain in the water until it boils to death. Allegedly, the frog is not able to detect the gradual increase in temperature until it's too late."

"This allegory is frequently used in economics, business and marketing to point out that change has to be introduced gradually if it is to be successful. It also illustrates an aspect of human psychology: we tend to accept things that creep up on us slowly but steadily, even when they take control of our lives. But one day we wake up and find ourselves in boiling water." (from "The Tale of the Boiling Frog" 7 Dec. 2004)



Like the frog, is our planet being manipulated? Are we so sleepy that we don't realize what this world is becoming? The following story, "The Camel's Nose", illustrates how the act of permitting a small, seemingly harmless act can open the door to larger, clearly undesirable results.

One cold winter night in the desert, an Arab is making a fire of hot coals and is about to go to bed in his nice, warm tent. Outside the camels are complaining how cold it is, and one of them longs to stick at least the tip of his nose into the tent to warm up. So, he rips a small hole with his teeth and puts his nose in. The Arab wakes up and is angry but the camel promises that it will only be its nose. But then he rips some more and sticks in his head and neck, and again the Arab tells him to go out. The camel pleads with his master that it is so cold and it will only be his head, to which the Arab finally agrees.

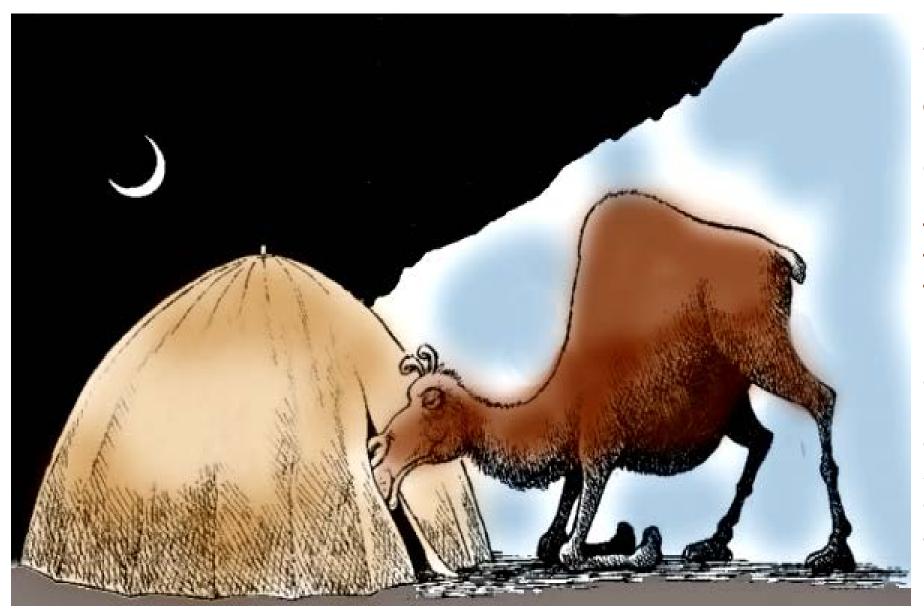
But the camel rips some more and gets halfway into the tent. Finally, after more ripping, his whole body is inside. When the other camels see that there is a large opening in the tent, they decide to come in too. And the Arab, who kept on allowing the camel in bit by bit, winds up being forced out of his own tent into the freezing cold night lamenting:

"If only I had stopped that camel while he only had his nose in, I would still be in my nice warm bed."

During the recent pandemic, we have observed remarkable changes occurring worldwide: numerous losses of individual and constitutional rights and liberties, restrictions on free speech, and many democracies behaving like dictatorships. This raises the question, "How could this have happened?"



A critical thinker can recognize that these changes occurred gradually, with one minor change at a time, making it easier for people to accept. This recent health crisis served as a prime example of the effectiveness of this strategy for change and control.



When we connect this approach to the Bible's prediction about the emergence of the notorious "man of sin" (also referred to as the "Antichrist") at the end of the age, it becomes easy to envision how he and the establishment of the Mark of the Beast, as prophesied in Revelation chapter 13, could be introduced gradually and deceitfully—much like the story of the camel's nose or the boiling frog allegory—until it is too late to resist.

It is important to note that the initial message of "Just Two Weeks to Flatten the Curve" ultimately led to nearly three years of lockdowns, accompanied by an ongoing increase in restrictions. As a result, many people who refused the "approved vaccines" and did not obtain a health pass, lost their jobs or struggled to find employment, significantly impacting their financial well-being. This reminds us of:

Revelation 13:16-17 "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."



I believe this situation caused widespread global confusion and essentially acted as a way to test the waters for the eventual rise and revelation of the Antichrist, as foretold in prophecy.

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie..."

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12



This study focuses on being alert and attentive to current events and the signs of the times. According to the Bible, there is a need to stay awake and not be caught off guard, as the following

verses declare:

"Be sober, be VIGILANT..."

1Peter 5:8

"Watch ye (be on the alert), stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong..." 1Corinthians 16:13

"Therefore, stay AWAKE – for you do not know when the master of the house will come... lest he come suddenly and find you ASLEEP. And what I say to you I say to all: stay AWAKE."

Most people rarely recognize

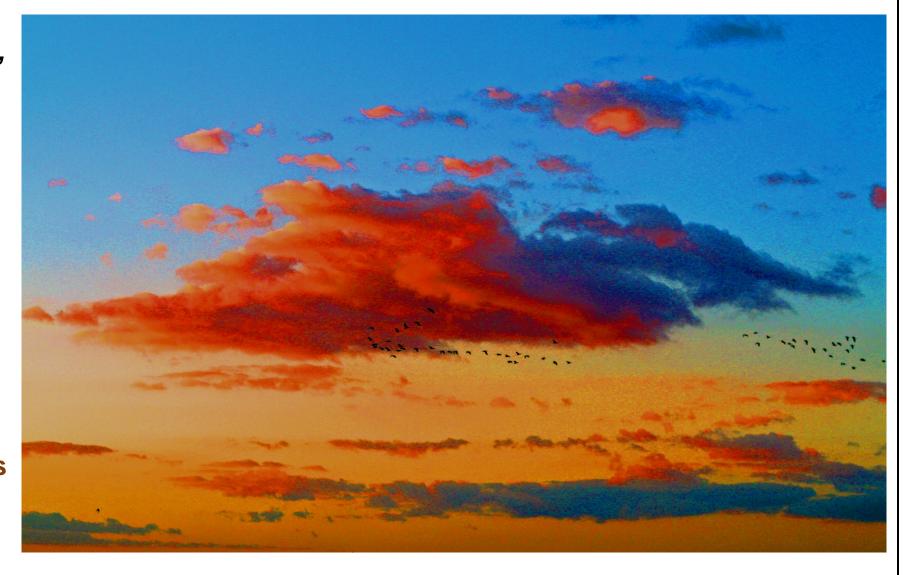
impending doom or the changes occurring around them until it is too late. Like a herd of sheep, they often proceed as if nothing will change. Many individuals prefer not to worry unnecessarily or be distracted from their favorite TV shows, sports events, shopping trips, holiday outings or their daily, repetitive routine of life's demands that gradually leads them toward their inevitable fate.



They just don't seem to read the signs of the times! -- As Jesus told the people of His day:

"When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites! Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Matthew 16:2,3.

World conditions today are worse than ever, and people do wake up for a few minutes and say, "Oh, that's terrible!"--Then government officials start saying, "Don't



worry, don't worry! We are listening to experts, we're following the science, we're saving lives; just obey our mandates. Everything's going to be all right. Go back to sleep!"—And everyone goes to sleep again! But the apostle Paul wrote:

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, LET US NOT SLEEP, as do others; but LET US WATCH AND BE SOBER." 1Thessalonians 5:4-6



What did he say? He said: you are not children of the night. You are not supposed to be sleepy and asleep when it happens. You are children of day, children of Light! You are supposed to be wide awake and have the light on these things!

"Then Jesus said unto them, yet a little while is THE LIGHT with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have LIGHT, believe in the light, that ye may be the CHILDREN OF LIGHT."

John 12:35-36

You're supposed to know what's happening and when they're going to happen! You're not children of darkness, you're not in the dark about all these Bible prophecies. You're not in the dark about the things that are going to happen! You won't be surprised when the Antichrist arises and reveals himself. You won't be surprised when he proclaims a Worldwide government and eventually the mark of the Beast.



You won't be surprised, and you won't be somehow or another mystified by it, or be in any way astonished! You'll be expecting it! In fact, you'll be wondering why it hasn't happened sooner!

The apostle Paul wrote:

"...that in the last days perilous times shall come... evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

2 Timothy 3:1, 13

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also when the son of man cometh! For they married and were given in marriage," Jesus said, "and they planted, they reaped and they built, and they



knew not until the flood came and swept them all away!"

Matthew 24:37-39.

Who knew not? --The unbelievers!

Who knew? --Noah! He knew what was going to happen, he was expecting it! He was not one of those who knew not. --He knew!

Just like Noah and his family, we know that Jesus is coming soon! We know the Antichrist is going to be revealed even before that, and these things will come as no surprise to us. When they start happening, we will know exactly what's going to happen!

God has told us in advance because it's all been described in His Word already. It won't catch us by surprise like a thief in the night as it will the rest of the world! They won't be expecting it. They'll be surprised! Especially when Jesus comes, they will really be shocked then.

We don't have to be in doubt or in confusion and in darkness, wondering what's going on like the rest of the World, as Jesus said would happen:

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, for looking after those things which are coming on the Earth."

Luke 21:26

We can know what's going to happen, the way things are going to go. We may not like it and it may look pretty bad, but thanks be to God, we know the happy ending and all is well that ends well!



You'll find that God's Word is specific and very clear! You may not know every detail, but you can learn enough from God's Word that you can know the major events and their characteristics, the major characters in these events, and in some cases even exactly when they're going to happen, because God has already said so in His Word! You don't have to worry about it, you don't have to fear, you don't have to guess at it! --It's all there just as plain as can be!



And, to understand what's going to occur is to be prepared to face it and take it as it comes, knowing God's in control and working out His plan for us all!

That's why He told you so much about it in the Bible, so you'd know what to expect and it would encourage you in these awful days that are coming, and through which you are going to have to live, try to exist and survive. We will continue to encourage others and share God's prophetic Word with those who don't know it and are wondering what's happening.

Are you watching for Jesus' coming? And not only for His coming, but also for the Last Day events prior to His coming, spoken of in the Bible? – especially the revelation of the Antichrist

and his world system?

Watch and pray! Let's stay awake and let's pay attention to the signs of our time. Please don't be deceived by some politicians or the media.

The Bible warns us:

"Stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:36

"Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you." Revelation 3:3

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."

1 Peter 1:13 NIV

"Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed." Romans 13:11, ESV





If you haven't done so yet, please pray this simple prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I receive You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen."

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