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## Strategic Blindness: Spiritual And Temporal

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This prophetic update is about the future of America and our world. God's true witness in these times, his word is quite specific about many, many things that will effect every man woman and child on earth. God tells us the end of all things from the beginning and allows us to get a glimpse of the future via his holy word which we call the Bible. Soothsayers, and witches all have as their source of information too, namely the enemy of God, whose primary goal has been and still is to use dark arts and deceit to lead people away from God and his son Jesus Christ. God has already told man what he requires and what the future of our world will be. If there is any two words that describe the times we are entering now they are (fundamental) 'change' and (universal) 'deceit'. From politics to religion to even the weather, all is changing rapidly. The Church is clueless and have been listening to the 'Religious Wrong' for far too long and have been blinded by the deceits of these charlatans. The need to purchase some eye salve so that they can see the times we live in.

*Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and **blind**, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. **Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:** if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

*(Rev 3:17-20)*

They were rich in worldly sense but were lost souls sitting in a Church that the LORD had to stand without and knock to gain admittance. Christ made it plain that he would reveal himself and take up residence in those souls who put their faith in him and submitted to his Lordship, this is his promise to those who love him.

*Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, **and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

(Joh 14:23-24)

Those who know Christ, KNOW him. They have come into an deep relationship with God and know that they are his, sooner or later in one way or another, God will reveal himself to those who are his. This revelation comes to different people in different ways and at different periods in their walk, but his promise is that he will reveal himself to his people. The institution described above does not know Christ, He is not inside this Church, but outside knocking on the door trying to gain entry. This is a Church full of people who are deceiving themselves about their spiritual state. There is no better modern day example of this kind of Church than what is happening in America (really all of Western) Christianity. Christ is on the outside and is not admitted. When his real people visit these facilities (government sponsored religious corporations) they get tossed out or are so different (Christ like) from the ordinary pew-warmer that they are often mistreated or told to leave.

*And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

(Mat 25:40)

The World is slipping into the clutches of Lucifer via the spirit of mammon. Riches and the love of the world and its pomp and its pride and its comforts and its pleasures has people forgetting about God and his righteousness as well as his kingdom, whose name shall be blessed forever. The gods of silver, gold, paper currencies, stocks, bonds, ETF's has utterly deceived the American Christian.

People will not 'get it' and the Bible tells us that they never will, with only a few exceptions. Change is already occurring in the Global capital markets. The

system is broken and cannot be fixed in its current form. We are witnessing the greatest collapse of the Western Financial system since the Great Depression, and let us not kid ourselves, this one will probably make what happened in 1929 look like a [Sunday walk in the park](#). For many years I warned my readers this was coming via a series of articles I started writing in 2004 called the [Coming Economic Depression](#). Folks, I saw this coming a mile away, while our media was telling us all kinds of lies about a 'new financial era' and the beginning of a new form of 'modernized banking', I saw the snake oil for what it was; lies perpetuated to separate ordinary people from their hard earned money and goods. This is what is happening now, though with one very important twist: this time the bankers themselves have created a leviathan that not even they can control and they themselves are now being sucked into a vortex of bad debts of their own making. The Banking system itself is suffering from a terminal disease of unpayable debt, fraud and a specter of dreadful mismanagement that was rewarded with multi-million dollar salaries and bonuses. Why are they (our financial elite) still getting rich? Because they were and are able to destroy the global financial system and burrow under the world's major banks and widdle away at its foundations<sup>1</sup>. This is a system where work, building something and the creation of goods of value is punished and theft, [fraud and financial destruction are rewarded financially](#). America's modern financial system is based, not on creating wealth but on destroying it. This is clearly evidenced by who is getting multi-million dollar bonuses this holiday season. Those who follow after the spirit and ways of Appolyon (the destroyer)<sup>2</sup> are the ones who get rewarded on 'the street' in these times. The kingpins of modern finance can call it whatever they want, spin the facts in any way that suits investors, but the reality is just as stated, destroy and make billions; build something and you will get taxed and regulated or 'free-traded' out of your business.

I see the hand of God's judgment on the system of mammon that rewarded those that destroy and penalized those that create<sup>3</sup>. God is going to deal very, very harshly with the greedy and rich men of Wall Street as they struggle to get out of the noose they prepared for others and now see that very same noose around their own fat necks as their eyes bulge and their legs dance for the traction that thin air cannot provide.

*Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. **Ye have heaped***

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1 Using all kinds of new financial vehicles that were kept off of their balance sheets.

2 See Revelation 9:11 spectre

3 Ken Peters saw the judgment of the mortgage industry in a series of visions he had called 'I Saw The Tribulation'. He vision has proven to be incredibly accurate. [Here](#) and [Here](#).

***treasure together for the last days.*** Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by **fraud**, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.  
(Jas 5:1-7)

Yes, the system of mammon in America is specifically mentioned in scripture and a full two chapters are dedicated to describing its overthrow and spends time in several other places in scripture showing who is going to be responsible. This is a monumental prophetic event in the horizon and the entire world will change when the great harlot falls in one (1) hour.

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Some of you have wondered why I have spent so much time on Russia and Islam in my news and papers. Simply put, that is where power (economic and political) are going to rest in the final form of the end time system. Others have wondered why I don't have Ron Paul banner ads on my site and joined the latest 'let's save America' bandwagon. I will tell you why though most of you are not going to want to hear it. America is dead and Ron Paul nor any other political leader is going to change her fate, she refuses to come to the fountain of living waters whom her forefathers honored and now she must (this is a divine imperative) be judged for her myriad of sins and evils. A harsher judgment has not been noted in God's holy world that the one reserved for America.

So as we enter into the year 2008 we should look at an issue that I think is most important to those of us who had the fortune<sup>4</sup> to live in America. This issue is being ignored by our blinded leaders as they embark on their quest for more power and money.

### **Strategic Surprise.**

Some insiders are not going to like this. But I have news for them, the real issues

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<sup>4</sup> Soon to be misfortune.

dealing with the security of our nation are not being looked at by our leaders, nor by our intelligence agencies not even by those in the Blogosphere. I will talk about this surprise in the military sense as well as an economic sense because what is happening in the economic sense is also a most important precursor to the changes ahead. American decision making, from its domestic agenda, to its foreign policy will no longer be in the hands of Americans or even the business interests that once held near exclusive rights to its foreign policy apparatus. Singapore, China, Dubai, and yes, the Russians will all have a say in her decision making in the very near term<sup>5</sup>. Sooner or later the major banks that make up the [Federal Reserve Bank of New York](#)<sup>6</sup> are going to be foreign owned and they will dictate policy to our leaders. The major Wall Street banks is where the real economic power lies in America and these banks that compose it are responsible for conducting open market operations of the Fed and the buying and selling of US Treasuries. The NY Fed is by far the most important of the 12 regional Federal Reserve banks.

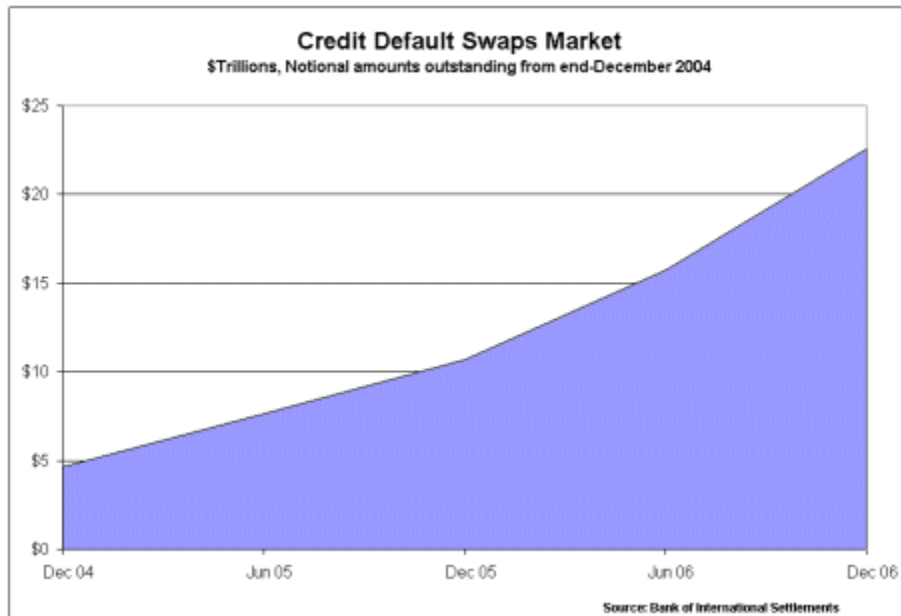
This is what Americans need to understand and not let the high sounding economists and bankers who have been selling America out from under us fool us again, namely this; the lifeblood and economic livelihood of any modern nation is in its banking system, whoever owns, maintains or otherwise controls it, controls America. Now you will find pundits, globalists, paid-for disinformants and think-tanks tell you that foreigners owning our banking system is not a bad thing. They are correct, it is not a bad thing, FOR THE FOREIGNERS and those who are working for them<sup>7</sup> and are covertly working to dismantle Constitutional America. Thus, a key part of America's power structure is falling into the hands of entities whose policies are or could easily become quite hostile to the interests of the American people are making their way into the heart of American power. The insiders have allowed one key pillar of American power to be subverted by her enemies; both real and potential.

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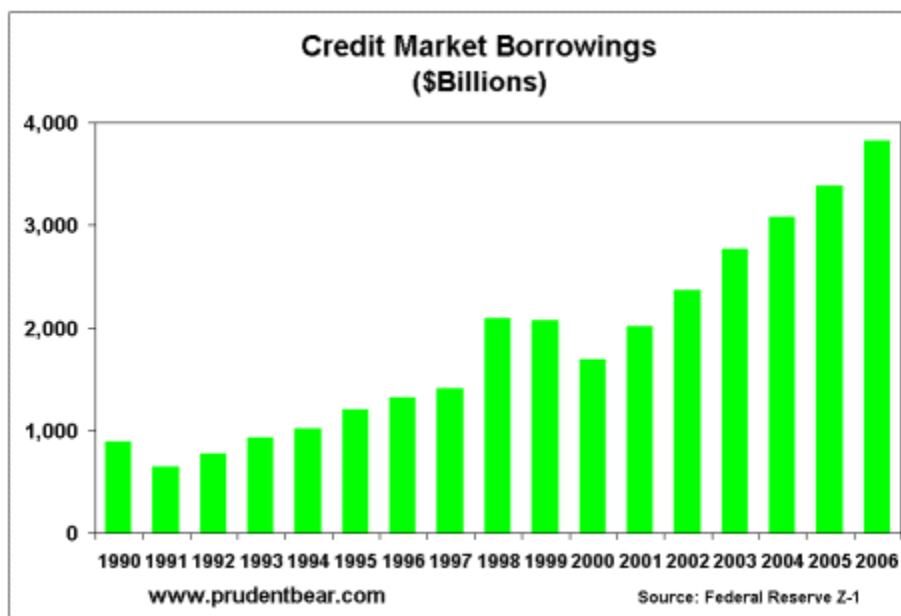
5 I strongly suspect that as each quarter ends in 2008 (when banks must report earnings), another chunk of each major Bank and investment house in the US will fall to foreign investors either via Sovereign Wealth Funds or Private Investment groups.

6 In the form of those banks who have been exclusive rights to sell America's debt on the open market.

7 And who also have their 'mouthpieces' in the mainstream media.



What is happening was not unpredictable. Indeed, many outsiders warned that such a course of action would become necessary as America's debt burden continued to grow to gargantuan proportions. Other warned incessantly that the [Credit Bubble](#) was due to bring in some frightening economic consequences if allowed to continue to grow. The growing cancer of structured debt was bound to come apart sooner or later and leave a trail of destruction unlike anything any living American has seen.



Thus, a key part of American power and her ability to affect change in both her

own household as well as her vast empire are being undermined. This state of affairs and why this was allowed to continue are key to understanding why the element of future Strategic Surprise is very important to 21<sup>st</sup> century America. How?

America spends billions every year on Intelligence gathering. From the electronic and communications intelligence gathered by the NSA, to the human collection conducted by the CIA to the military reconnaissance carried out by out DOD, America has the most sophisticated intelligence apparatus in the world, bar none. Yet even with all of this technological sophistication, major problems exist. The problems with American intelligence is seen more in its inability to interpret the data and then fuse these various disciplines in to a coherent product from which policy makers can make decisions. Our National Security Advisor should have been warning at the top of his or her lungs that our deficits would bring about a grave crisis to America's security and her ability to buy those things that keep her secure, from Energy, to Coltan; Platinum to Uranium, policy decisions should have been made long ago to deal with runaway defense spending that did not enhance US security, to dealing with wars that would seriously undermine American good-will and with it, her ability to use her 'bully pulpit' to get nations to come together to solve pressing global problems. America lost the ability to foresee a strategic crossroads where her fiscal profligacy would seriously undermine her ability to maintain her empire.

The reasons for this are many and cannot be dealt with in detail. But can be summarized as the unwillingness and often inability of leaders to make difficult decisions in a democratic society where the voting population is totally unaware of the fundamental issues facing the nation, in a strategic sense. This state of affairs brings about political pressures to maintain the status quo even when that course leads to a major failure of policy and the wherewithal to maintain the very same status quo. This can be seen in and is most evidenced in those areas where America's power is most dependent and where the majority of money is made and rests, her banking and financial empire and her Defense establishment. Each has been a major impediment to bringing about the kinds of changes needed to maintain the empire. Larger defense budgets and massive financial bailouts only made these twin beasts larger and hungrier as time passed. Indeed, in economic terms these twin pillars of America are a major part of her overall economic output. It is what I like to call the 'Bombs and Debt' factors of American power.

Policy makers invariably hailed from these power centers and made decisions that benefited their respective industries first with the long term impact of their shortsighted policies to be left to future administrations. Gaining the reigns of

government via America's very expensive elections was, as often as not, merely a way for powerful people to open up the treasury, rewrite the tax code, obtain contracts and make laws that were to their exclusive benefit, with little or no forethought as to the long term effects that their policies would bring and even how those effects would eventually undermine their own industries. This is true not just on the domestic scene but is perhaps even more true on the international scene as well.

Oil conglomerates have long had a major say in key strategic parts of the globe and when one goes back to the 1950's one sees many of America's agricultural and industrial concerns were very much behind the mayhem<sup>8</sup> in central and South America. In short, America's economic power centers have controlled US policy and when their interests conflicted with the long term health of the American nation, their interests won out. It is from this strategic shortcoming that we come to this major crossroads and have put America in its current state of strategic blindness. It is not Mr. Bush and his intellectual challenges that have placed America in so great a peril. He is merely a symptom of a system that cannot see past its personal and corporate balance sheets. Indeed, when one has a Vice President who is making money from his corporation that has benefited so completely from our wars, one can see that US policy has been hijacked by private individuals and that the health of the nation is neither their primary concern for our leaders, nor is it very high on their list of priorities<sup>9</sup>. As its [myriad of questionable and almost certainly criminal activity demonstrates](#). These 'national security experts' may be involved in [espionage and high treason as well](#).

I say these things, not to put a spotlight on one firm but to show you the reader one of the more egregious cases of our elected officials and National Security establishments real aims. It has nothing to do with securing America. Indeed, it appears that they are more than willing to inflict considerable damage on the national reputation in their pursuit of profits and the continuance of their own personal political empires.

It is from this morass of self and corporate interests that we can see a breakdown in any real strategic view in intelligence circles or reporting. Indeed, one of the few intelligence agencies that was producing anything of value during the Bush years was State's INR. However, since Ms. Rice took over, its analytical abilities have been eviscerated just like every other intelligence agency in the government, those with any brains and integrity leave and we are left with only

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8 Death squads political assassinations, brutal repression of workers and peasant movements. America's behavior in this region is a litany of human evil.

9 Indeed KBR, a Haliburton subsidiary long had contracts in Iran even after sanctions were imposed, thus using US foreign policy to cut out any and all US competition. [Its contracts in Iraq](#) have also been extremely controversial.

left-overs and passed-overs to contemplate America's strategic challenges. Those who could 'sing the song' of nonconservative blindness and corporate profits would be allowed to advance and have their analysis passed up the chain.

The inability of our leaders to mate both political and economic intelligence in such a way as to place America's long term interests first has and will critically encumber America with a set of problems with which her power elite are and will be the least capable of dealing with.

Thus, we come to the important art of Strategic Warning and the impact of intelligence gathering, analysis and dissemination.

*The primacy of politics in a strategic affairs can as a result of the military perspective be ignored in a more subtle way. Clausewitz's dictum that war must serve a political purpose is by now cliché. Yet the extent of this logic merits further thought. Rational western political and military leaders naturally assumed that war could be a political instrument, only if, as Clausewitz said, we can compel our adversary to do our will, that is defeat him on the battle field. In western military tradition, it is usually (and often correctly) assumed that if it were impossible to win a war, starting one would be counterproductive and irrational. - Dr. Russel G. Swenson<sup>10</sup>*

The point here is that some enemies do not share the view that wars are only fought to win. There are many kinds of victories and a military victory today could spell a strategic defeat 10 years from now. The key is to know your enemy as well as, perhaps even better than one knows oneself. To know their weaknesses and their strengths' and when possible to use an enemies 'strength' against himself, not unlike a master of Judo. In this oriental art, no weapons are used but the loser cries uncle when he is either joint-locked or about to be strangled to death often using the enemies own strength against him.

Strategic thinking must entail not just the military aspects of predictive analysis, but the political, the economic, the psychological as well as the spiritual. It must merge and meld the disciplines in such a way as to present a realistic picture of the geopolitical playing field as well as the real intentions of ones foes coupled with plausible possible outcomes. Here we must note that in the world of politics, what one says one wants and what one really wants are not always the

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<sup>10</sup> Joint Military Intelligence Center's Intelligence Dissemination: A Key To Strategic Warning (page 259)

same thing. Nowhere is this truer than in the world of 21<sup>st</sup> century geopolitics where real intentions are often deliberately lost in the fog of words and propaganda. Propaganda disinformation and duplicity are very important factors today not just in pacifying ignorant populations but in obscuring geopolitical motives from enemies. This is an art form that others play with such skill that many of our own policy makers are unaware of its effect on their own thinking.

It is here we need to talk about what I believe is the Achilles heel of US politics, the concept of Strategic Surprise.

*The majority of cases of strategic surprise evince a prior lack of coordination between political diplomatic and military activities on the part of the victim and grave errors in judgment are clearly shown to be biased in one direction. Observed military warning signals are completely dismissed or underestimated because of the absence of corresponding political diplomatic activity. The attacker takes care to maintain a facade of routine diplomatic activity, lulling diplomats of the intended victims to suppressing the military warning signals through optimistic political interpretations. States planning to attack no longer present their victims with ultimatums or declarations of war, nor do they initiate hostile diplomatic campaigns. Contemporary conflicts are often begin against a quiet diplomatic backdrop. This leads to the paradox of the sounds of silence.*

- Russel G. Swenson<sup>11</sup>

Strategic warning is an art form as much as it is a analytical discipline. Sadly, in America so many of her best and brightest no longer serve in her intelligence and diplomatic corps. This is due to a variety of reasons, but much of it can be blamed on a political parochialism that actively seeks to paralyze rational analysis in favor of politically correct fantasies put forward as finished intelligence. The current administration carries much of the blame for this, but the trends were set in place long before Bush who simply accelerated the trend.

Thus, we see how strategic surprise is an important aspect of modern warfare and setting up a coordinating body of analysts with years of experience in their respective fields is vital to securing the nations future. This was originally one of the reasons the NSC<sup>12</sup> was set up. However today it is filled with twenty-

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11 Joint Military Intelligence Center's Intelligence Dissemination: A Key To Strategic Warning (page 259)

12 The National Security Council.

something political appointees who know very little about our world and whose world view has been molded by rich, clean streets and polite conversations, not the harsh realities of the geopolitical scene. This new cadre of analysts know office politics and often how to entrap powerful men in sex games<sup>13</sup> but not how to deal with various wily enemies who are now circling around America like sharks because they smell blood.

Strategically, we have been blinded by slogans and political hardball played by key administration officials to obscure the real intelligence picture in order to create situations that are economically advantageous to certain well connected officials. Even now, while the war drums still beat, one key officials has been negotiating with a foreign nation to drive up the price of oil, to upwards of \$250 a barrel! This is the world we live in, this is why things are so screwed up in our intelligence agencies now, the security of the nation has taken second place to private economic advantage. In short, America has no capable strategic warning capability.

## **Strategic Warning And The Church.**

*And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.  
(Luk 21:34)*

America is not the only entity that is likely to suffer from a terminal form of strategic blindness, the Church is no exception. For with it, the stakes are not the kingdoms of this age but rather, it is ensuring we are accounted worthy to stand before the Son of Man. This entails a number of things; first holiness, the second, the ability and willingness to watch the times and understand the players and events in these very end times. In the above verse, it is the cares of this life that leads to a blindness that allows the great day to creep upon them unawares. In the verse quoted in from Revelation chapter 3, it is spiritual blindness and he tells the Church at Laodicea to get some eye medicine to help them to see their miserable condition.

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<sup>13</sup> Believe me, this is very much the case in today's world of National Security. Often you have very good looking Senate aides and analysts who go out to entrap folks they are told to with sex. This is no longer an aberration, but a real

We are told that the day of the Lord is going to be as a thief in the night. 2Peter 3:10.

*But of the **times and the seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*

*(1Th 5:1-4)*

Here we see a different group of people who know may not know the day and the hour, but were aware of the *times and seasons* and were not taken in. Here, we see that there is a snare, a trap or more relevantly, a time of a great Strategic Surprise coming upon the whole world. Those who understand the times will not be shocked but they will eagerly await the arrival of their savior.

For those of us who live in America and know our God and his word we know that our nation is going to fal because of its inability to see an attack will be launched suddenly and destroy her and the worlds major commercial center.

*A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD. The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.*

*(Jer 50:22-26)*

There is a time when Babylon will be taken by her enemies suddenly and she isn't going to have a clue as to what hit her. This is the danger that awaits America for her enemies are not just many kingdoms in the world whom she has badly mistreated, but God himself who has decided to do away with her and her pride.

*Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.*  
(Jer 50:31-32)

Who will do it? Ten kings as I have talked about in the [last couple of PESR's](#). Who are they? I cannot say for sure and they may not have taken the global stage yet. But I did deal with this issue several years ago [in an article](#). The only other possibility (far too early to tell for sure) that is not mentioned in that article is a new force that is moving onto the Global stage, Sovereign Wealth Funds. They have enormous capital, and are gaining enormous influence. Time will tell. One other thing to keep in mind for those of you who are curious about the influence of these Funds is to see how many are Islamic and how prevalent Islamic Banking is becoming, not just in the Middle East but in Europe as well.

[- Concern Over Sovereign Wealth Funds](#)

[- Future Of Islamic Banking In the EU](#)

I get a lot of newsletters from Middle Eastern News organizations and I am often surprised at how many Islamic Banking Conferences are held and how many EU bankers attend or even host these confabs. It is a trend that has received little play in the US but as our banking system continues to collapse, I suspect we will hear a lot more of each of the above in the near future.

Keep your eyes open.

In closing, I want to thank all of you who supported me in 2007 with your prayers and gifts, it is truly humbling to get so much support from people. I ask that you pray for me and this ministry as we head into 2008 and ask God to assist me with some challenges I am facing. I would appreciate those fervent prayers far more than money at this point in time. They are most precious and important.

May the God who rose Christ from the dead, grant you wisdom and special strategic insight, both temporal and spiritual in the days ahead.

In Christ,

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