

SECTION VI :
OUR FUTURE HOPE

CHAPTER 70 : THE FALL OF 'BABYLON'

The modern secularist order led by 'Babylon' will not last forever. God's Word itself promises this:

"How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate." – Revelation 18:7-19

Both internal and external factors will bring her down. One significant external factor is the Islamist war of terrorism being waged against the secularist West, principally the US. "911" (i.e., the attack by Islamist terrorists upon the US on September 11, 2001) is proof of that, as are the on-going wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. So far, this war has been fought primarily outside the US borders. But we should not imagine it will forever stay there, as even "911" confirms. An article entitled "Suicide bombers coming to U.S.?" points out just how fragile the situation is:

"A document discovered during a recent Israeli army raid on some West Bank financial institutions found payrolls being prepared for terrorists trained to commit suicide attacks – not just in Israel but in the U.S. and Europe... Israel has reportedly shared the information with the intelligence agencies of friendly countries, including the U.S. and Russia ... Suicide bombers are growing more sophisticated... Israeli counter-terror experts who participated in a South Carolina conference introduced a number of photos

and actual products of suicide bombers' equipment including carry-on bags and briefcases loaded with pipe bombs and activated by cell phones. The cell-phone system is described as a method used by a team of attackers – one is the mule carrying the bomb and the other dials the activating number at the right moment. This method is also designed to avoid last-minute hesitations by the bomb carrier... While suicide bomb attacks are common in Israel, they have been unheard of in the U.S. They are on the increase, however, against U.S. forces in Iraq. Last week Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the No. 1 threat to the new government and U.S. forces in Iraq comes from suicide bombers.”

Islam has long been God’s rod against corrupt Christianity. And the dangers are even more profound when one considers the worldwide proliferation of nuclear weaponry, especially in the hands of some radical Muslims.

Writer Seymour Hersh, in his article "Why the US is going easy on Pakistani nuclear proliferation”, documents why Pakistan got off with "slap on the wrist," over revelations that its chief nuclear scientist had swapped nuclear secrets with Libya, Iran, and North Korea. Apparently, the US has made a deal with Musharraf to go easy on him for the nuclear proliferation. And in return, Musharraf will now let US forces in to hunt down bin Laden. Here is an excerpt from the article entitled "The Deal":

“The greatest risk may be not to Musharraf, or to the stability of South Asia, but to the ability of the international nuclear monitoring institutions to do their work. Many experts fear that, with Khan's help, the world has moved closer to a nuclear tipping point. Husain Haqqani, who was a special assistant to three prime ministers before Musharraf came to power and is a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, noted, with some pride, that his nation had managed to make the bomb despite American sanctions. But now, he told me, Khan and his colleagues have gone wholesale: "Once they had the bomb, they had a shopping list of what to buy and where. A. Q. Khan can bring a plain piece of paper and show me how to get it done—the countries, people, and telephone numbers. This is the guy in Russia who can get you small quantities of enriched uranium. You in Malaysia will manufacture the stuff. Here's who will miniaturize the warhead. And then go to North Korea and get the damn missile." He added, "This is not a few scientists pocketing money and getting rich. It's a state policy."

...Robert Gallucci, a former United Nations weapons inspector who is now dean of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, calls A. Q. Khan "the Johnny Appleseed" of the nuclear-arms race. Gallucci, who is a consultant to the C.I.A. on proliferation issues, told me, "Bad as it is with Iran, North Korea, and Libya having nuclear-weapons material, the worst part is that they could transfer it to a non-state group. That's the biggest concern, and the scariest thing about all this—that Pakistan could work with the worst terrorist groups on earth to build nuclear weapons. There's nothing more important than stopping terrorist groups from getting nuclear weapons. The most dangerous country for the United States now is Pakistan, and second is Iran." Gallucci went on, "We haven't been this vulnerable since the British burned Washington in 1814."

The reality is that America is resented by most of the rest of the world – especially the Islamic world - for varying reasons and with varying degrees of justification. In a world of Islamic terrorists and nuclear proliferation, this is an extremely precarious position to be in. It is especially precarious given that many Muslims reside within America's very borders, let in under a constitutional policy of secularism which does not differentiate on the basis of religion.

Another external threat is the growing rift between the US and the EU (European Union). The EU, dominated by Romanism, is both jealous and fatigued with US domination. In addition, the EU is closer politically to the Muslim Arabs, while the US is a staunch ally of Israel. The Israeli-Arab conflict therefore spills over into US-EU tension. The Islamist movement has made clear that alliance with US and Israel will be costly for the EU. A terrorist bombing in Spain in March 2004 made this message clear. So there is an enhanced reason for disaffection to increase. Most Europeans do not agree with the way the US is conducting the war on terror against Islamism, as they are not agreed with US policy towards Zionist Israel.

The growing disaffection with US superpower status even extends beyond the Muslim world and the EU. Many other nations are expressing their unhappiness. So there is a growing desire to bring the US down from its superpower status.

But there are internal factors as well that point in the direction of fall. One of these factors is certainly demographic trends. Secularism breeds moral anarchy, especially in the sexual realm. The sexual revolution of the modern era has led to legalized artificial contraception, murderous abortion and sodomy. God testifies in Romans 1-2 that He gives society up to these vices when they indulge in false religion and false worship. Western societies are evidence how false religion and false worship give way to these vices. And these vices in turn lead to de-population.

Political commentator Patrick Buchanan has documented the demographic trends in his book *The Death of the West: How Dying Populations and Immigrant Invasions Imperil Our Country and Civilization*. At present demographic rates, he contends, the U.S. will be a Third World nation by the year 2050, Europe will be inundated by an Islamic-Arab-African invasion and most First World nations, including Japan, will have begun slowly to vanish from the earth. In other words, the centers of modern secularism are dying. Relying upon the most recent UN population studies, Buchanan declares:

- By 2050, only 10% of the world's people will be of European descent. One third of Europe's people will be over 60, and one-in-ten over 80. Involuntary euthanasia has already come to Europe.
- Between now and 2050, Asia, Africa, and Latin America will grow by three to four billion people -- 30 to 40 new Mexicos! -- as Europe will lose the equivalent of the entire population of Germany, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland.
- By 2050, 23 million Germans will have disappeared along with 16 million Italians and

30 million Russians.

- Russia will lose Siberia and the far east to China and be pushed out of the Caucasus and Central Asia, where Islamic populations are exploding while Russia's is dying.
- Either Europe must effect a radical cutback in pensions and health care for seniors, or Europe must import scores of millions of Arabs and Africans to care for the elderly and pay the taxes to sustain their welfare states.
- The 4.2 million Palestinians in Israel and on the West Bank and Gaza will explode to 9 million by 2025, and 15 million by 2050, when Palestinians will outnumber Israel's Jewish population two-to-one.
- America's "Dual Containment" policy in the Persian Gulf seems unsustainable. In less than 25 years, Iraq will have 42 million people and Iran 94 million people, more than any European nation except Russia.
- The Islamic invasions of Spain and France in the eighth century, and of the Balkans and Central Europe from the 14th to the 17th centuries, will be reenacted in the lifetime of most of those now living. Islam has already surpassed Catholicism as the largest religion on earth.

In his chapter *La Reconquista*, Buchanan contends that an invasion of the United States is taking place and that America now harbors a "nation within a nation."

- There are 30 million foreign born in the U.S. today, and between 9 and 11 million illegal aliens, or as many undocumented aliens in the U.S. as there are people in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- Mexico is exporting its poor and unemployed for U.S. taxpayers to employ and educate. Radical and militant Hispanics and Mexican leaders alike believe this will lead to the cultural and demographic recapture of the Southwest from America, reversing the results of the Mexican War.
- By supporting open borders, the GOP is committing suicide. First-time Hispanic voters chose Clinton 15-1 over Dole. Of the seven major immigration states -- Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, California, Texas and Florida -- Mr. Bush lost five, and perhaps six. Of the 10 states with the smallest share of immigrants, Bush won all 10.
- European-Americans are a minority in America's most populous state, California, and by 2004, will be a minority in Texas.
- The political agenda of California Hispanics includes race welfare for illegal aliens, racial preferences, bilingual education, open borders, dual citizenship, Cinco de Mayo as a California holiday, and, in one case, replacing a statue of an American hero of the Mexican War with the Aztec god Quetzacoatl.

- White Americans are fleeing California at the rate of 100,000 a year.
- MeCHA, the student organization that claims chapters on hundreds of campuses has a program that reads like a Mexican version of the agenda of the white-supremacist Aryan Nation.
- In 2001, an Office for Mexicans Abroad in Mexico was providing survival kits with everything from dried meat to anti-diarrhea pills to condoms to Mexicans setting off to break in to the United States .
- As of 2000, there were 8.4 million foreign born in California, as many foreign born as there are people in New Jersey, a primary cause of the state energy and schools crisis.
- Among Third World immigrants, poverty rates and incarceration rates are double and triple what they are among native-born Americans.

Nor is the demographic trend the only factor which weighs against the US. Another internal sign of collapse is America's economic plight. As reported in a BBC article entitled "America: An empire built on sand?", the US economy is set on a very weak foundation:

"... economist Will Hutton told me of what he calls "the dark underside of the United States economy" - the condition of its international accounts. Put bluntly it owes the rest of the world \$3 trillion dollars, and that is debt which is increasing by \$500bn a year. Mr. Hutton makes a persuasive case that America's current strength is built on other peoples' money and he fears that the US economic bubble will eventually burst. "People simply aren't going to carry on lending America billions and billions of dollars and America's not going to carry on borrowing it," he told me. In his view America's economic strength is 'built on sand' . "

In fact, America's debt burden is greater than at any time in its history, even the Great Depression. America has simply been irresponsible in its spending, and this sin will surely catch up with it.

But perhaps the greatest curse is the sodomite movement in the US and throughout the West. They are increasing their demands for recognition of sodomite marriage. In San Francisco they sought to take the law into their own hands to obtain marriage licenses, as they have in other US towns. Already the State Supreme Court of Massachusetts has declared sodomite marriage to be the law of the land in Massachusetts. A *Worldnetdaily* article had this to say about the crisis:

"...If there was any doubt whether "gay" activists would settle for civil unions, it has been erased by events in San Francisco, where the mayor has illegally ordered marriage licenses to be issued to same-sex couples despite California's recently enacted "domestic partner" law, which is nearly identical to Vermont's "civil union" law.

Not content with creating counterfeit marriage by another name, the activists are trying to seize marriage itself by whatever means. California legislators have also enacted a series of laws that:

- deny state contracts to businesses that don't offer benefits to homosexual couples, regardless of the business owner's beliefs;
- threaten businesses with a \$150,000 fine if they don't promote transsexuality as a part of diversity programs;
- disqualify any foster parents who won't encourage children to engage in sexual deviance;
- force schools to promote homosexuality throughout the curriculum, beginning in elementary school.

In San Francisco itself, the state bar association has forbidden judges to associate with the Boy Scouts of America. The city also passed a law forcing businesses and charity organizations to give benefits to homosexual couples or lose city business. In 1998, city supervisors passed a resolution urging local media to reject ads from Christian groups that featured an outreach by former homosexuals. One supervisor openly blamed Christian groups for Mathew Shepherd's murder at the hands of two thugs in Wyoming.

As with the mayor's lawless order to issue "gay marriage" licenses, the supervisors' resolution shows that the homosexual agenda is not about expanding tolerance but about crushing everybody else's civil rights under the steamroller of "gay" activism.

If you want to see where this is all going, take a look at some other Western nations. In Canada, it is illegal to criticize homosexuality over the airwaves, and print media is feeling the heat as well. A Saskatchewan newspaper and a private citizen were fined in 2001 for publishing an ad listing Bible verses about homosexuality. In November 2003, police in Ontario visited the home of a pro-family Christian activist and investigated him for a "hate crime" because some homosexuals disliked his defense of marriage on his website.

In London, England, police investigated an Anglican bishop in November 2003 for his advocacy of the view that homosexuals can change. The Right Rev. Dr. Peter Forster, bishop of Chester, had said in an interview with a newspaper, "Some people who are primarily homosexual can re-orientate themselves." Acting on a complaint, police began a formal hate-crimes inquiry. The bishop was not formally charged, but police told reporters that if they had been able to make an arrest, they would have done so.

In October 2001, Harry Hammond, an English pastor who had been beaten by a gang of homosexual thugs for carrying a sign urging homosexuals to repent, was convicted of inciting violence and disturbing the peace. He was fined 300 British pounds (about \$550) and forced to pay 395 pounds (\$725) in legal costs. No charges were brought against the men who physically assaulted him. A higher court recently rejected the Rev. Hammond's appeal of this conviction.

Or how about Sweden, where "civil unions" have been a reality for several years? Last year, the Swedes passed a sweeping "hate crimes" law forbidding any criticism of homosexuality. Last summer, Pastor Ake Green was arrested at a church in Kalmar, Sweden, and charged with "hate speech against homosexuals" for a sermon about homosexuality. According to the church newspaper Kyrkans Tidning, the prosecutor, Kjell Yngvesson, justified the arrest this way: "One may have whatever religion one wishes, but this is an attack on all fronts against homosexuals. Collecting Bible cites on this topic as he (Pastor Green) does makes this hate speech."

In the brave new world fashioned by homosexual activists, this is what passes for "tolerance."

Yesterday, it was Czechoslovakia. Today it is San Francisco, on its way to becoming London, or Stockholm by the Bay. People who believe that all will be well if we appease homosexual activists with "civil unions" had better wake up and smell the smorgasbord..."

In other words, the sodomite movement seeks to drive out the last vestiges of the once established Protestant order in America. Starting with established Protestantism in the American colonial era, the US is moving to overt anti-Protestantism. In between, there was the removal of Protestant establishment, the spread of Arminianism and Romanism, the removal of Sabbath laws, the teaching of lies like evolution in public school, removal of laws against contraception and abortion, removal of laws against adultery, removal of laws against sodomy, now we have civil unions of sodomites, next sodomite marriage, and increasingly there will be laws against sodomite "hate speech" (which is overt persecution of Protestants). But it has been the remaining presence of the old Protestant order which has kept the US from sinking into the pit of moral anarchy. The US is casting away its life jacket, even as there are unmistakable signs the ship will sink. And the US has been pivotal in maintaining the *Pax Americana* that the world has shared in.

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