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You Could Have No Power at All

Satan not only uses religion to deceive mankind, but he also uses political systems. In fact, it is becoming increasingly popular for people to believe that their version of politics is the means through which mankind can attain salvation. This is a core belief in organizations like the World Economic Forum. Hence, the fervor in which these people promote, and try to enforce, “*their brand*” to achieve specific goals or objectives.

However, putting one’s faith or trust in man’s ability to create the best form of governing is misguided. This was emphasized when Pontius Pilate believed he had control over Christ’s life. To Pilate’s surprise, Christ confirmed that no human leader could go further than Almighty God allowed him/her,

*Then Pilate said to him (Christ), “Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power (authority) to crucify you, and power to release you?”⁹“¹¹ Jesus answered, “**You could have no power at all against me unless it had been given you from above** (John 19:10-11a; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are on the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed proper to Me (Jeremiah 27:5; cf. Dan. 2:21, 37; emphasis added).

So contrary to what many believe, politics is not the source of salvation. In fact, the opposite is true because Satan’s values permeate all of man’s governmental systems. None of them accurately depict or represent God’s government, which is referred to as “*the Kingdom of God*”



Babylon the Great

At the current pace and trajectory, the majority of mankind will become enslaved to a universal system of governance referred to metaphorically as “*Babylon the Great*”, that will eventually implode. And, unless God intervened at this future point in time, no one on this planet would survive,

And he (an angel) cried with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great has fallen, is fallen, and has become a habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!”³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication (lawless behavior), the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury (Revelation 18:2-3; Ed. note in parenthesis).

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22; cf. Gen. 18:23-32).

Eventually, mankind as a whole will be able to make the connection that peace and prosperity can only prevail when everyone seeks to follow God’s law and commandments. Until then, conditions on this planet will only worsen because “*there is a cause for every effect*”, and Satan’s lawless way of living leads in only one direction, which is toward conflict, grief and, ultimately, everlasting death,

And in the days of these kings (of Babylon the Great) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever (Daniel 2:44; Ed. note in parenthesis).

In The Brief # 111, we will examine another one of Satan’s deceptions and how it is contributing to the destruction of communities, countries, and eventually this entire planet.