

The Next Great Reign Of Terror - Revelation 12

John 15:20 Remember the Word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also.

Overview - While there are many scenarios, we will have to limit ourselves to two. Politics will only be briefly addressed. The other is religious and especially as mentioned in the Bible. So, how did all this begin?

Revelation 12:1-17 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man Child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her Child was caught up unto God, and to His throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days. 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *Child*. 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the

flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Past & Present

Reigns of Terror have been a part of this fallen world from way back when. It not only is on-going to-day, but is increasing. In Ancient Days, a conquering power usually slaughtered many of the defeated foe to terrorized the remnant to comply and to not cause any problems. The vanquished people, being paralysed by fear, had been programmed. Ritual abuse is very effective.

In modern times, let us consider the period following WWII. In particular, let us look at Africa. After WWI the losers gave over their colonies to the victors. But after WWII, the repeat victors were finding it too expensive to maintain their overseas possessions. As the USA delayed in entering the war, the UK and Commonwealth bore the brunt of the war effort. They were broke, and could not unload them fast enough. Newfoundland rejected the first ballot to leave the UK and join Canada. Tactics were changed, and another vote was held. Somehow this one succeeded.

In Africa, the UK and France had the most colonies. Portugal had Angola until Soviet backed Cubans liberated it. Now, all the colonies wanted their independance. Life was going to be so much better. But is it? Consider Rhodesia. Ian Smith was so bad. They had to go. Robert Mugabe and his Marxist terrorists took over, and renamed it Zimbabwe. Immediatly he commenced a Reign of Terror. It was not only on the successful white farmers to steal their land, he especially masacured the opposite tribes. It was even on his own supporters to cement their allegiance. This created an atmosphere of extreme fear on the country. And by the way, the new occupiers of the land knew nothing more about agriculture, than of how to plant a successful crop of land mines. The workers of the previous landowners were driven away and the land has gone to waste. Strangely enough, the rest of the world, especially Canada, who were so vociferous about the evils of Ian Smith, have turned a blind eye and ear to the Reign of Terror going on there now.

Definition - A Reign of Terror is strategy for acquiring and maintaining a grip on a people, who would not willingly accept the irrational dogma of the despots. A key element of their agenda is to villify and then de-humanize their adversaries. The plot commences with a targeted group, where many

lies and false charges are hurled at them. As most judicial systems are deliberately slow, the victims are crucified in the court of public opinion or social media. By the time a not guilty verdict has been proclaimed, the damage is done. The victim's reputation, career and unfortunately in too many cases, the family is destroyed. But most people passively look on without aiding the victim, or even agree with it. Words turn into action. Personal property is destroyed or confiscated. And when they start burning books, the destruction of people will not be far off. It quickly spreads to the rest of society. But by then, it is too late. If deception is the art of war, then disinformation covers up what is really going on.

In the French Revolution, the primary target was the rich aristocrats. Class warfare is still popular to-day. It's not fair, has always been a good slogan to whip up the gullible. But the rich and privileged only comprised 8% of the casualties in the French Revolution. The French peasants, who first cheered on the guillotine, soon found themselves there. 73% of the victims were themselves the pawns of France.

The transformation of Rhodesia into Zimbabwe is a modern example. What was called the Bread Basket of Africa soon could not feed their own people. And anyone who does not grovel to the despot is eliminated.

Wikipedia - The Reign of Terror or The Terror is the label given by some historians to a period during the French Revolution.

Several historians consider the "reign of terror" to have begun in 1793, placing the starting date at either September 5, June or March (birth of the Revolutionary Tribunal), while some consider it to have begun in September 1792 (September Massacres), or even July 1789 (when the first beheadings took place), but there is a general consensus that it ended with the fall of Robespierre in July 1794.

Between June 1793 and the end of July 1794, there were 16,594 official death sentences in France, of which 2,639 were in Paris. However, the total number of deaths in France was much higher, owing to death in imprisonment, suicide and casualties in foreign and civil war.

The two main leaders, at that point in time were Barère and Robespierre. As with despotic tyrants of all ages, their grip on power was maintained by glorifying "terror".

There was a sense of emergency among leading politicians in France in the summer of 1793 between the widespread civil war and counter-revolution. Mr. Barère exclaimed on September 5, 1793 in the Convention: "Let's make terror the order of the day!"

They were determined to avoid street violence such as the September Massacres of 1792 by taking violence into their own hands as an instrument of government.

Maximilien Robespierre was a member of the Committee of Public Safety.

He said on February 1794 in a speech explained the necessity of terror: If the basis of popular government in peacetime is virtue, the basis of popular government during a revolution is both virtue and terror; virtue, without which terror is baneful; terror, without which virtue is powerless. Terror is nothing more than speedy, severe and inflexible justice; it is thus an emanation of virtue; it is less a principle in itself, than a consequence of the general principle of democracy, applied to the most pressing needs of the patrie [homeland or fatherland].

Some historians argue that such terror was a necessary reaction to the circumstances. Others suggest there were also other causes, including ideological and emotional.

Current Trend -

China & co-ercive measures

Pakistan & blasphemy laws

Environmental Movement & plans to silence non-compliant

David Suzuki & Al Gore - jail non-conformists

Pope - regular rebukes non-conformists

Many Churches - abandoned Evangelism for the Environmental Movement

2 Chronicles 7:13,14 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people; 14 If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

the Media - constantly lies about, degrades, and de-humanizes non-conformists

Biblical History

**OT - Exodus 1:8-22 - enslavement of Israelites & murder of boys
(Summarized)**

Job 1&2 - Job's trials (Summarized all book of Job)

Job 2:9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Job 1:21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the LORD.

Job 42:8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of Me the thing which is right, like My servant Job.

Judges - many invasions like Gideon;

Leviticus 26 Referred to God increasing judgement on sinful Israel.

1 Samuel 17-31 - David & escalating persecutions by Saul (Summarized)

Psalms 57 Referred to God protecting David in the cave.

1 Samuel 26:9,10 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless? 10 David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

1 Kings 13:25-33- Jeroboam chases out Godly priests and people

1 Kings 18:4 - Jezebel destroys Godly prophets

NT - Matthew 2:16-18 - Herod the Great

Luke 4 etc. - Jesus Christ & sufferings (Summarized)

Jesus replied to the devil's temptations with "it is written..."

Mark 8:33 But when He had turned about and looked on His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind Me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

2 Corinthians 12:8,9 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Acts 4 etc. - early church, the apostles & Paul (Summarized)

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Matthew 24 Summarized Jesus' warnings of the last times.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Many Religions - say believe like them or be killed

Revelation 13 - the tribulation (Summarized)

Summary - As we have seen, Reigns of Terror are a part of the fallen human race. Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us very clearly in Matthew 24 of what will happen. So, now is the time to get ready. Watch out for the devil's deflections. The worst ones are even in the Church. This pre-trib Rapture doctrine has doped believers into inaction. Why prepare for the future, if they will not be here. Only the gullable and spiritually immature fall for this. As Our Lord Jesus Christ told us to watch and pray, let Christians do it, but in the proper way. Our main adversary is the same one that confronted Our Lord in Luke 4. Paul tells us where the action is in Ephesians 6:10-18. Our Lord Jesus shows us the credentials that we have now.

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world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Daniel 10 Summarized of the angels battling in the heavenlies.

Luke 10:17-24 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name.” 18 And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” 21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 22 “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows Who the Son is except the Father, and Who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.” 23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; 24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.”” (Luke 10:17-24 NKJV)

The command to attack the devil’s kingdom is still valid to-day.

Mark 16:14-20 Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen. 15 And He said unto them, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils(demons); they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen. (Mark 16:14-20 AV)

1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: Praise the Lord! Praise the Name of Jesus! Amen.

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