The End-Time passage of the West

Our journey beyond the Council of Nicaea, journeying beyond the Constantinian Accord of "God and king", -beyond the ethos of God and the Western kings and merchants.

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For a broad view of our Western history, we could step back nearly 2,000 years to the ministry of Jesus and the Passion Year. We could survey the first 300 years of Church history as it expanded under Roman persecution. Our next waypoint would be the Council of Nicaea where the Christian church came under the protectorate of the European kings and princes. For the past 1700 years we have been living through histories where both good and evil has prevailed. We might describe this period as the Constantinian Accord, the ethos of “God and king”. Will it last forever? Can the European kings, princes, and merchants take the Congregation of Christ to the end of our journey, and deliver us safely at the gates of the Holy City? That is a question all of us must ask ourselves.

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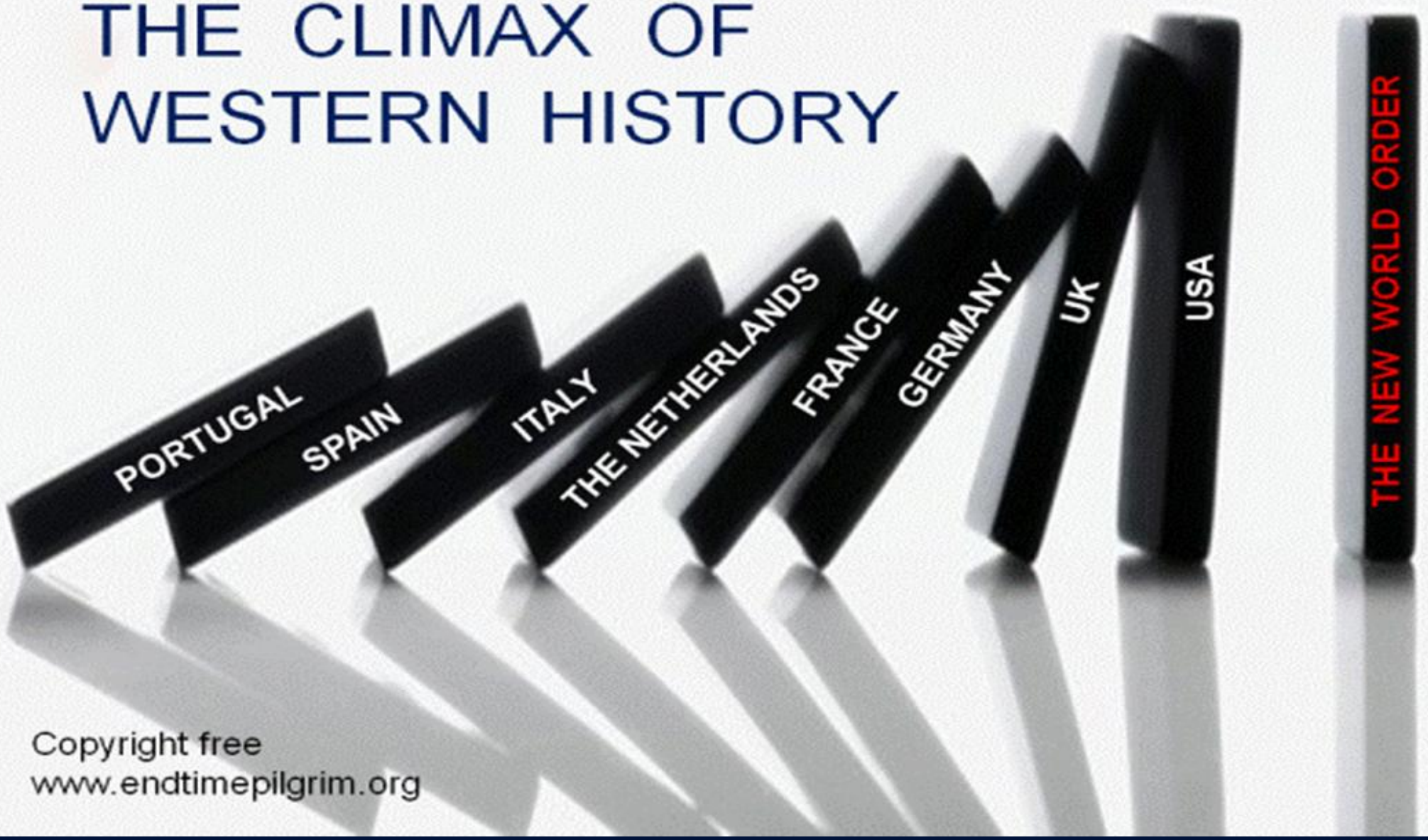
For a somewhat more recent survey of our Western history we could step back 600 years to the Portuguese navigators. The early explorations out beyond Europe were undertaken by the sailing expeditions of Prince Henry the Navigator and led out into the Atlantic and along the coast to West Africa. Throughout the 1400's they discovered Madeira and Santa Porto, and the Azores. They charted sea routes and laid out the wind charts to predict and plan the favorable seasonal passages out from Europe and back again. They rounded the Cape of Good Hope, and opened trading routes to India and to westwards across the Atlantic to Brazil. These navigators and cartographers were showing the West the way forward. Were these men perhaps flowing in the anointing of the "men of Issachar", who in former times, "had understanding of the times, and knew what Israel should do?"

APPROACHING THE CLIMAX OF WESTERN HISTORY



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Most of the nations represented here have had their time in the sun and their period of influence in world history. They were the leading nation or at least a superpower to be contended with for a certain era. For 80 years, since the end of World War 2, the atomic bomb, and Breton-Woods, we have been under the American superpower, the Pax Americana. This graphic suggests that we may be headed for some sort of a climax. So, we may well ask, "Where do we go from here?" The God of Israel is sovereign over unfolding holy history, is He not? He does not lead His beloved covenant people into a box canyon, or send them off on a bridge to nowhere. So, what is His agenda, what His plan, and His purpose in all this?

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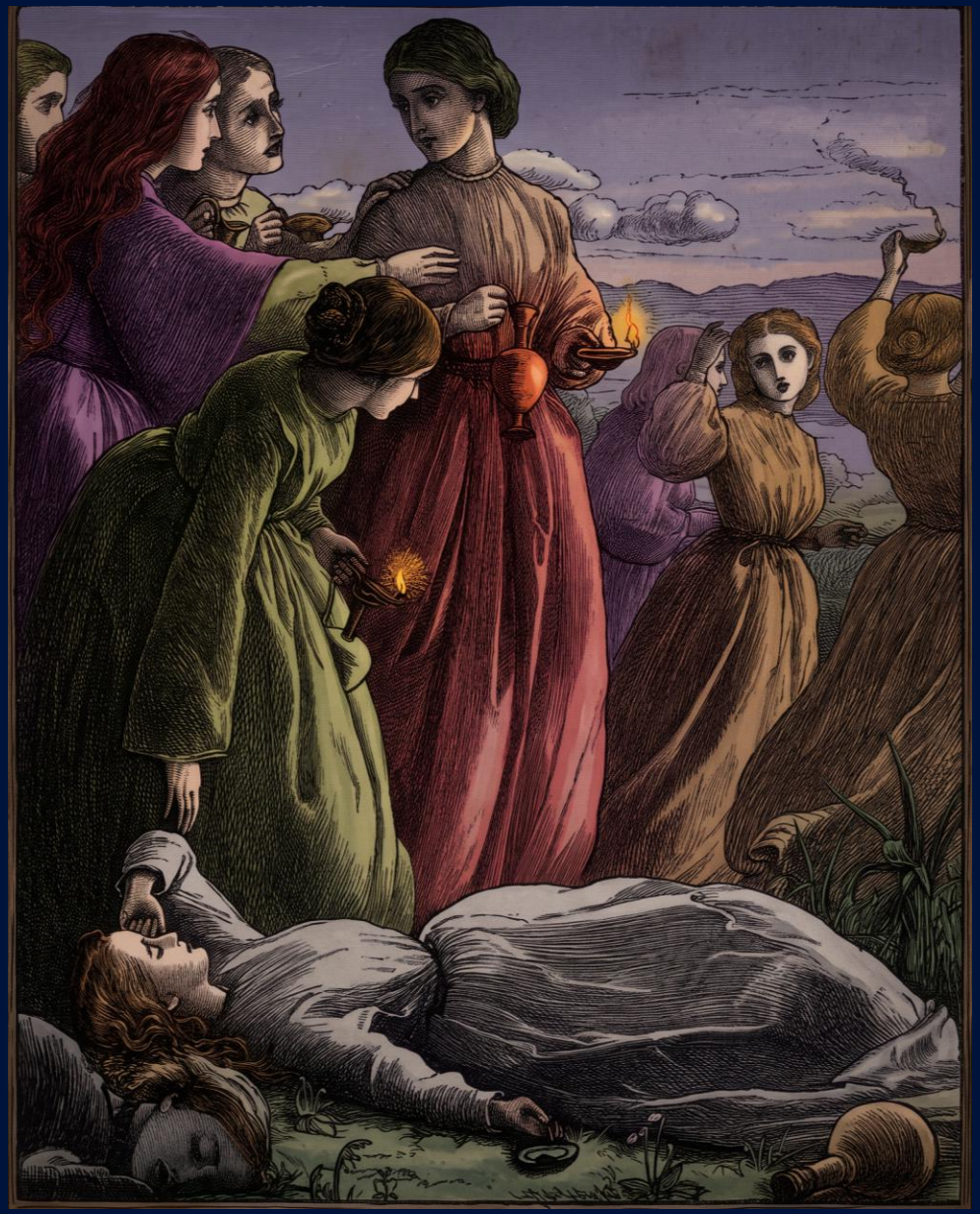
We are scarcely aware of this, but the Judeo-Christian people of the West, people God had originally commissioned long ago in Isa. 49:6, are about to enter the arena. They/we happen to be heavily involved in the outworking of **all** of these events. So, might now be a good time for us to arouse from our slumbers? Is it wakey-wakey time?

The Midnight Cry;
The Ten Virgins wake up.
Do they have the extra oil
to recharge their lamps?

By Friedrich Wilhelm von Schadow (1789-1864)

Perhaps the most haunting parable ever told by Jesus was the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25. Who are these slumbering virgins supposed to represent, if not those called-out, the ekklesia, the church? They await the arrival of the Bridegroom. Like us they lounge in a state of expectant inactivity, dozing off as they await His arrival. But Holy history has a way of breaking forth, suddenly and unexpectedly. Perhaps the time may not be too far away when they will hear the **midnight cry**, the rousing call, by the friend of the Bridegroom.

"Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!
Go ye out to meet Him!"



Colorized image of an engraving, ca. 1864, commissioned by Sir John Everett Millais.

Image from a mass-produced Sunday School publication created in the early 20th Century.

Are we soon to be overtaken by events? In the same manner as John the Baptist, became a voice crying out in the wilderness, the days of Elijah may soon be upon us. On that day, in the spirit of Elijah, the message of awakening, will be shouted from the roof tops. That Day of infamy, a day of awakening will surely come, even the midpoint Abomination of Desolation.
So, what spiritual reserve do we have, -beyond our self-life?
In Proverbs 29:27 we read,

“The spirit of man, is the lamp of Yehovah,
Searching all the innermost parts of the soul.”

The journey to meet the Bridegroom takes us out into the midnight darkness. Do we have the extra oil for the lamps?

Deut. 32 - GWFV

8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the heavenly court.

"The Tower of Babel", an AI variation of the painting by Dutch-Flemish Renaissance artist Peter Bruegel the Elder – (1526-1569)

We are now 1700+ years out from the Council of Nicaea. In the dreamtime of the West many believe that the nations can return to the Tower of Babel and in like-manner achieve world peace through compromise. But after the scattering at the Tower of Babel seventy angelic rulers, principalities and powers were given an inheritance over the nations. They are now sitting on the heavenly council. (See Psalm 82). They will remain there until these stars fall at the Judgment. The human hierarchies beneath them believe that human efforts will triumph in "the singularity". So, they believe that under the "tree of knowledge", tweaked by AI, we can "build back better" this time. The image of the Tower of Babel above is an AI variation of the painting by Renaissance Dutch master Pieter Bruegel the Elder, (1526-1569). The biblical account of this post-flood event is found in Genesis 11.

Genesis 11

1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

In the post-flood era Nimrod gathered mankind to himself to build structure reaching to heaven. It symbolized a humanistic unity in the face of God. Is not this same impulse evident today in the UN? Do we not see globalist oligarchs, elitist hierarchies pulling levers in the back halls of Western governments? The EU Parliament Building in Strasburg, France resembles an incomplete tower of Babel. It signals that more work needs to be done, --to finish the job. So, is a renewal of this drive for global unity happening today?

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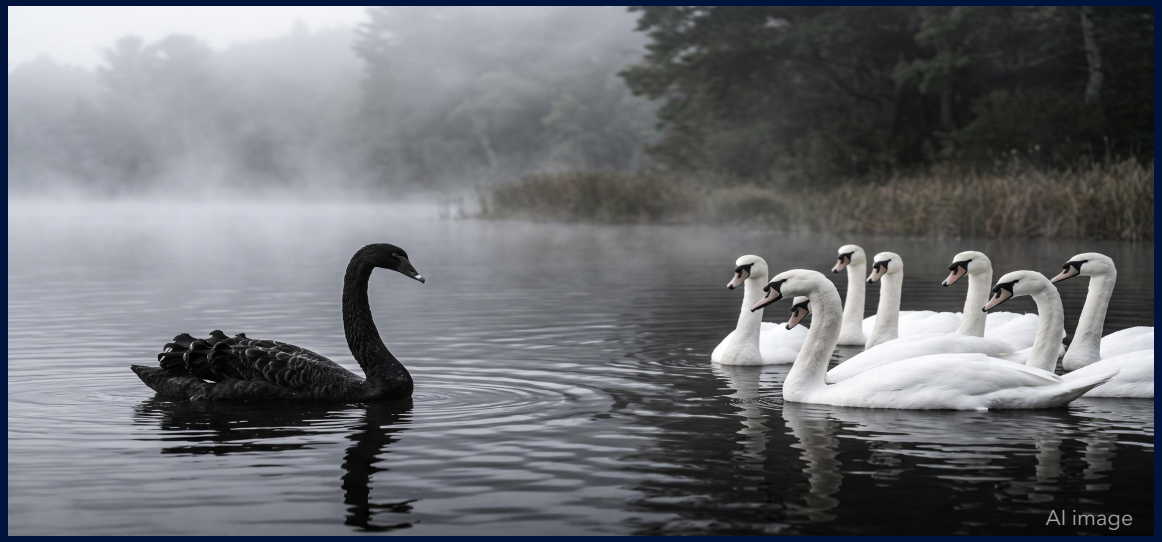
If there is an apparatus grinding away in political machinery for global unity it must be operating in the hidden ways of Fabian gradualism. Quite clearly, an end-time scheme towards that end is already underway. Events are emerging quietly, and it seems that a black swan has flown into the pond unnoticed. Upon her arrival in the lake, strange events are occurring. They are not reported in the media nor are they identified in the churches. Most do not see them. Those who do see these unfolding events, even a "covenant with many" for global unity cannot believe what they are seeing could be true. Because a black swan does not exist. Or does it? If this is a black swan event, then what is actually going on, and why can we not see it? Just when did this unbelievable course of events actually begin?



However, as we consider recent events are these really hidden from our view? Is the coming New World Order truly unexpected? Because if we do see this reality unfolding before our eyes it is not truly a black swan event at all. In truth it is a grey rhino, charging towards us. Our problem is not blindness. It is denial.

A Beast with Seven Heads

1 Egypt
2 Assyria
3 Babylon
4 Medo-Persia
5 Greece
6 Rome
7 The Harlot-ruled ten-horned NWO beast system
8 The future
666 Antichrist beast regime

The woman of Revelation chapter 17

Could it be this? How about the fantastic specter we see here? Does this ancient and modern enchantress of human souls exist? John was amazed at vision. He wrote down what he saw in Revelation 17. Down through time this harlot has exerted hot and heavy, seductive influence over the seven mountains, seven world empires. All through this evil age she has been seeking worldwide dominion. And as she rides on into the realms of post-modern committees of Coexist and the multi-faith compromise of the global United Religions Initiative, she seems to be achieving "success" in the ways of this world. Religious humanism and New Age are popular new variants on Eastern Mysticism. And on the wings of Post Millennialism, Kingdom Now, NAR, and Dominion Theology it seems that the harlot John saw is with us even now. She is throwing Europe into chaos, bound and determined to attain her goal of global dominion.

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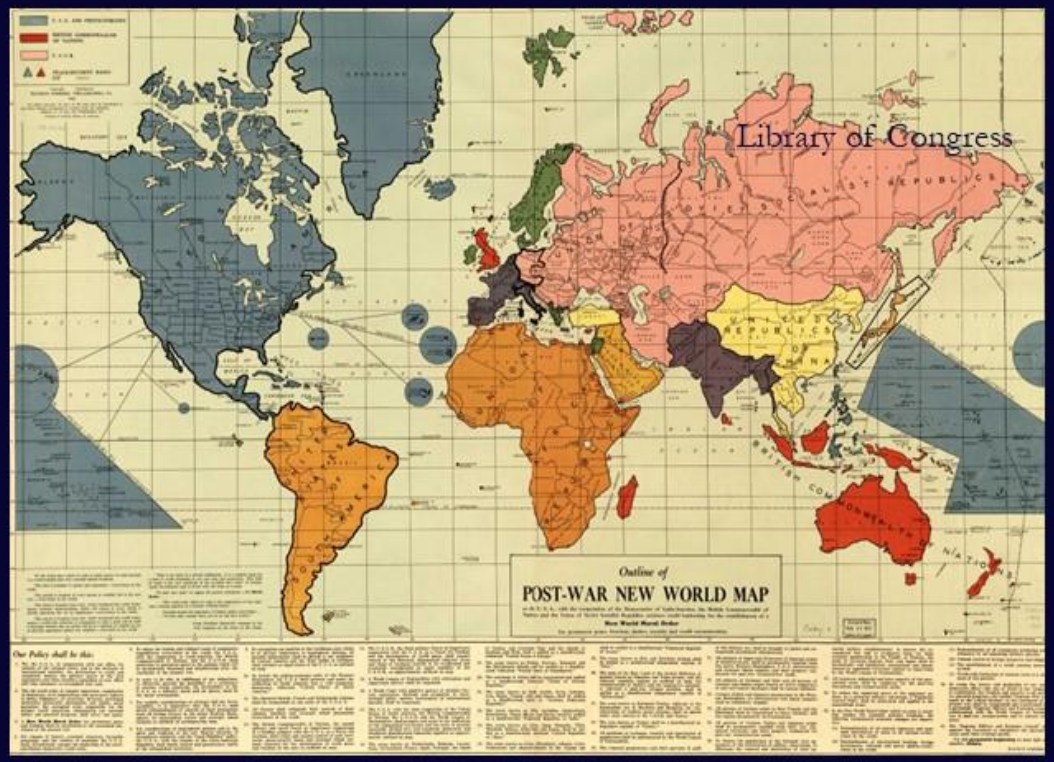
In her bid to attain global power John saw her achieving spectacular success. From the picture we are given of the woman of Revelation 17 we can clearly see that she has the mastery. She manages to pacify and subdue the beast, seducing him and bending him to her will, - for a period. But during those 3.5 years of her reign, in her bid for total global rule, she will run up against the horns of the nations. They will recognize her spiritual emptiness and debauchery. At the midpoint AOD her true odious character will be revealed for all to see, the good, the bad, and the ugly. As with the witch Circe, she will be overcome by the very beast she tried to ride. The ten horns will assault her, and the beast have the mastery.

The Rape of Europa, Greek Mythology from Homer's Lliad - 8th Century B.C.

Why are the blessed and “privileged” people of the West so easily smitten by the seductions of the world, the flesh, and the Devil? The artists know the situation, even if our theologians, churchmen, and Bible prophecy teachers do not. They feature the prevailing theme even as do the prophets of Israel, warning God’s called out Ekklesia of their relapsing history of descent into idolatry. This specter of the woman riding the beast is all through the arts of the West. The “Rape of Europa” is among the legends and stories told by Homer, and this theme emerges in classical Western literature in Greek mythology. Similar sculped images can be seen today in the EU and on the 2 Euro coin.

The woman of Revelation 17

The harlot of compromise and exploitation, end-time ***Mystery Babylon*** seen by John in vision, is riding the beast with ten horns. Today the world is already divided into ten geo-political economic and banking regions.



This map, discovered in an antique shop back in1941, reveals plans for a New World Order.

In vision John saw the woman of Revelation 17-18. Initially he says that he was in wonder at what he was seeing. This woman of self aggrandizement and haughty dominion appears to be taking a leading global role, presiding over the waters, -- the nations of this world, by committees of compromise. So, with power given her to rule the beast with ten horns the harlot grasps and attains an internationally sanctioned mandate to rule over the ten geo-political areas of the earth. Today those ten geo-political banking areas are already in place. A New World Order Map is on display in the Library of Congress. It the was discovered in an antique shop back in 1941, before Pearl Harbor was bombed.

A ten-horned beast is among the four beasts in Daniel's vision of Daniel 7. The Aramaic word "qodam", meaning "in the presence of", is mis-translated ambiguously as "before". This leads to the idea that the first three beasts were living prior to the fourth beast. Not so. They are modern superpowers.

600+ years later, in Revelation 13, John records his vision of the very same seven-headed ten-horned beast he saw in Revelation 17. This time there are ten crowns on each horn. John saw the teeth of a lion, body of a leopard, and feet of a bear. These three identifying traits connect back to Daniel 7.

The reign of the woman of Revelation 17-18 must be the carefully planned kinder-gentler regime, the insidiously unfolding introduction to humanistic "global governance". And this in a time period before the regime John saw in vision and described for us in Revelation 13. In that vision he saw the beast rising up from the sea of nations with ten horns and with ten crowns on the horns. This would indicate that the ten kings are to assume their own sovereign rule, for a short time along with the beast. We see that fact clearly written in the text. This change of world government, appears to switch from a matriarchal rule back to a patriarchal rule, essentially under one man. This is a key waypoint. It fits the midpoint Abomination of Desolation that divides the first and second halves of the 70th Week of Daniel. This is spoken of by the angel Gabriel in his message to Daniel in Daniel 9:27 and by Yeshua/Jesus in Matthew 24:15 in the Olivet Discourse.

The woman of Revelation 12

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Some will submit that the woman of travail that John saw and described in Revelation 12 is just "Jewish Israel." They will say that the Jubilee is a matter for Jewish house, of no relevance to the church, and of no concern for Christians. But are there not a plethora of ancient biblical and historical connections linking the redeemed of the two houses? In Galatians 3:29 those who are in Christ are identified as "Abraham's Seed, and heirs according to the promise." In Romans 11 we see that the wild branches can be grafted back into the olive tree of Israel in Messiah. And in Ephesians 2 do we not see that the atoning blood of Christ brings the true church into the Commonwealth of Israel? So why are most Christian believer refusing to take ownership and responsibility for even their spiritual heritage in Israel?

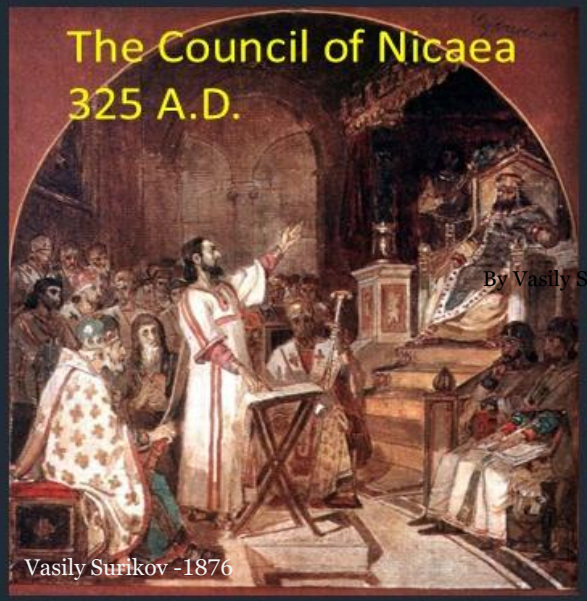
One way the book of Revelation can be made comprehensible is to see it as a climactic drama involving responses in the hearts of two women. As we notice, their respective dispositions to the latter-day global beast system are very, very different.

She seizes the **"Kingdom Now"**

Her flight towards **Messiah's Kingdom**

In 325 A.D. the elders of the church of Jesus Christ, the former Congregation of Israel, answered the summons by the Roman Emperor Constantine. The Council was held at Nicaea. This was a people who after the death of King Solomon, at the rebellion by the ten tribes, had walked out on the House of David. The Breach of Jeroboam left them without a sovereign. Even after Pentecost the Church was without a king or an earthly political protector, a "damsel in distress". Constantine was offering the congregation protection. The kings and princes of Europe would now be their "defenders of the faith".

1700 Years



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THE NEW WORLD ORDER

+ Proclaiming the Throne of David

The Future 70th Week Harvest

As we are seeing, the West is drifting into a deep cultural crisis. We are seeing political polarization, instability, and lawlessness. After 1700 years the post-Nicene Constantinian Accord with its ethos of “God and king”, our allegiance to European kings and merchants, is coming to the end of its shelf-life. The passing parade of Western superpowers appear to be suffering from the moral decadence we might have expected from that quasi-marital arrangement. Today, all the nations of Western Christendom are not doing too well. They are on an approach to bankruptcy with the global takeover prophesied in Daniel 7, 12, and the Olivet Discourse.

Spokesmen for the World Economic Forum talk of a **“Great Reset”.** Global politico-economic plans are being pushed. In the UN new resolutions are being put into action. Efforts are afoot to muscle in an over-arching new

“global governance” based upon treaties and business deals. We see the relentless progression of stringent new international laws armed with many new man-dated directives. All this stands to draw the West away from the God of Israel into increasing degrees of spiritual compromise.

Times of change and crossings of thresholds of history can lead to questions of loyalty. Good people can find themselves cut off from friends and family. Italy's renowned poet Dante was politically alienated and then even excommunicated. But through it all he poured out his heart in some of the most beautiful poetry this world has seen.

Woodcut for "Dante's "Inferno"
by French artist Gustave Dore
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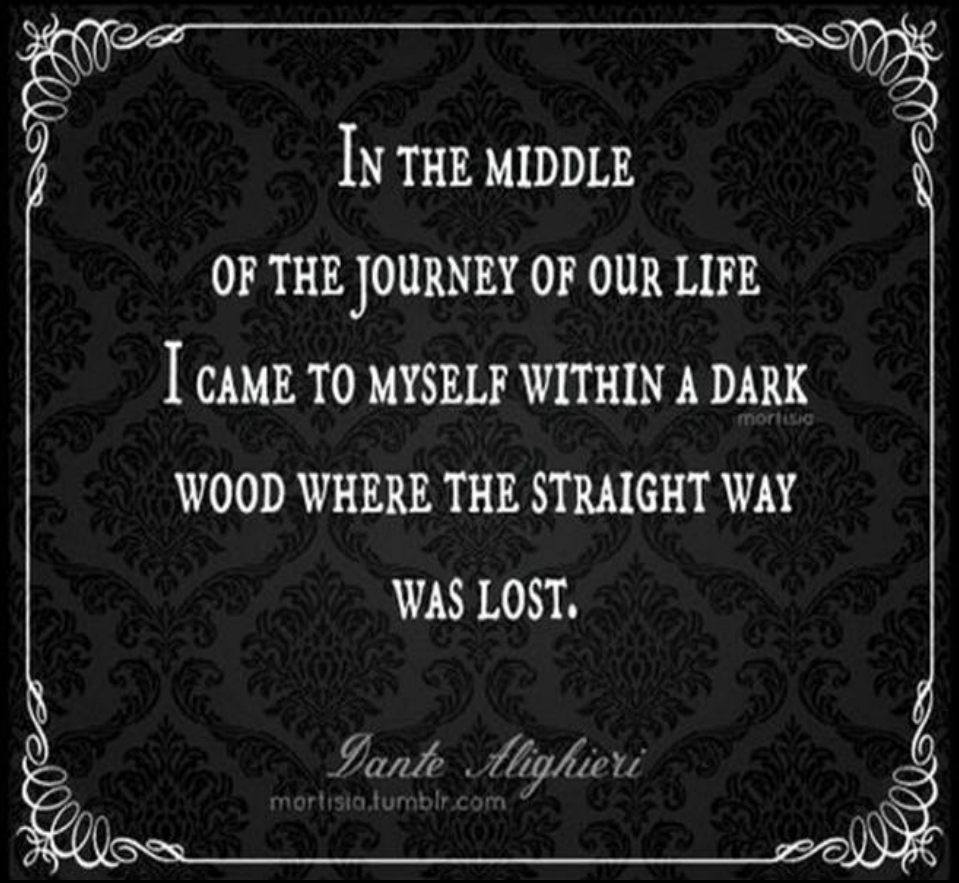
Dante, Italy's famed and beloved poet. (1265-1321)

His awful predicament.



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DANTE'S PRAYER (Loreena McKennitt)

When the dark wood fell before me.
And all the paths were overgrown.
When the priests of pride say there is no other way.
I tilled the sorrows of stone.
I did not believe because I could not see.
Though you came to me in the night.
When the dawn seemed forever lost.
You showed me your love in the light of the stars.

Cast your eyes on the ocean.
Cast your soul to the sea.
When the dark night seems endless.
Please, remember me.
Then the mountain rose before me.
By the deep well of desire.
From the fountain of forgiveness.
Beyond the ice and the fire.

Cast your eyes on the ocean.
Cast your soul to the sea.
When the dark night seems endless.
Please, remember me.
Though we share this humble path, alone.
How fragile is the heart.
Oh give these clay feet wings to fly.
To touch the face of the stars.

Breathe life into this feeble heart.
Lift this mortal veil of fear.
Take these crumbled hopes, etched with tears.
We'll rise above these earthly cares.
Cast your eyes on the ocean.
Cast your soul to the sea.
When the dark night seems endless.
Please, remember me...
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Messiah's Triumphant Kingdom

Psalm 2 - NKJV

1 Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His
Anointed, *saying,*
3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us."
4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.

5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
6 "Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion."
7 "I will declare the decree:
The LORD has said to Me,
'You *are* My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
8 Ask of Me, and I will give *You*
the nations *for* Your
inheritance, And the ends of
the earth *for* Your possession.'"

In Psalm 2 King David asked, “Why do the nations rage, and the people in their secular and religious humanism imagine a vain and foolish thing? Can man rule this planet successfully, without God? Why are they conspiring together against the Judeo-Christian God and His family here below? Are the gods crazy?

In the realms of Bible prophecy, and in the ways of faith, hope, and love, there must be a way in, through, and out of all this confusion, subterfuge, and discord. The God of Israel must have a path up ahead for His covenant people that leads on to better things. And as we shall discover, He most certainly does.

The Road to Emmaus
by German painter Robert Zund

Disappointment, confusion, loss of direction. That is what happened to these two disciples. The high point they had hoped for in the festive season of Passover had been to them anything but. It had been a disaster. Jesus had been taken from them and crucified! After the Passover they left Jerusalem and were walking sorrowfully on the road down to Emmaus. But at some point, they were joined by Someone who came alongside them as they walked. He opened up the Old Testament scriptures to them and showed them what had been prophesied. Then after they stopped and he broke bread with Him they recognized just who He was. They said afterwards, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" - Luke 24:32

- John 16:13
“when the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”
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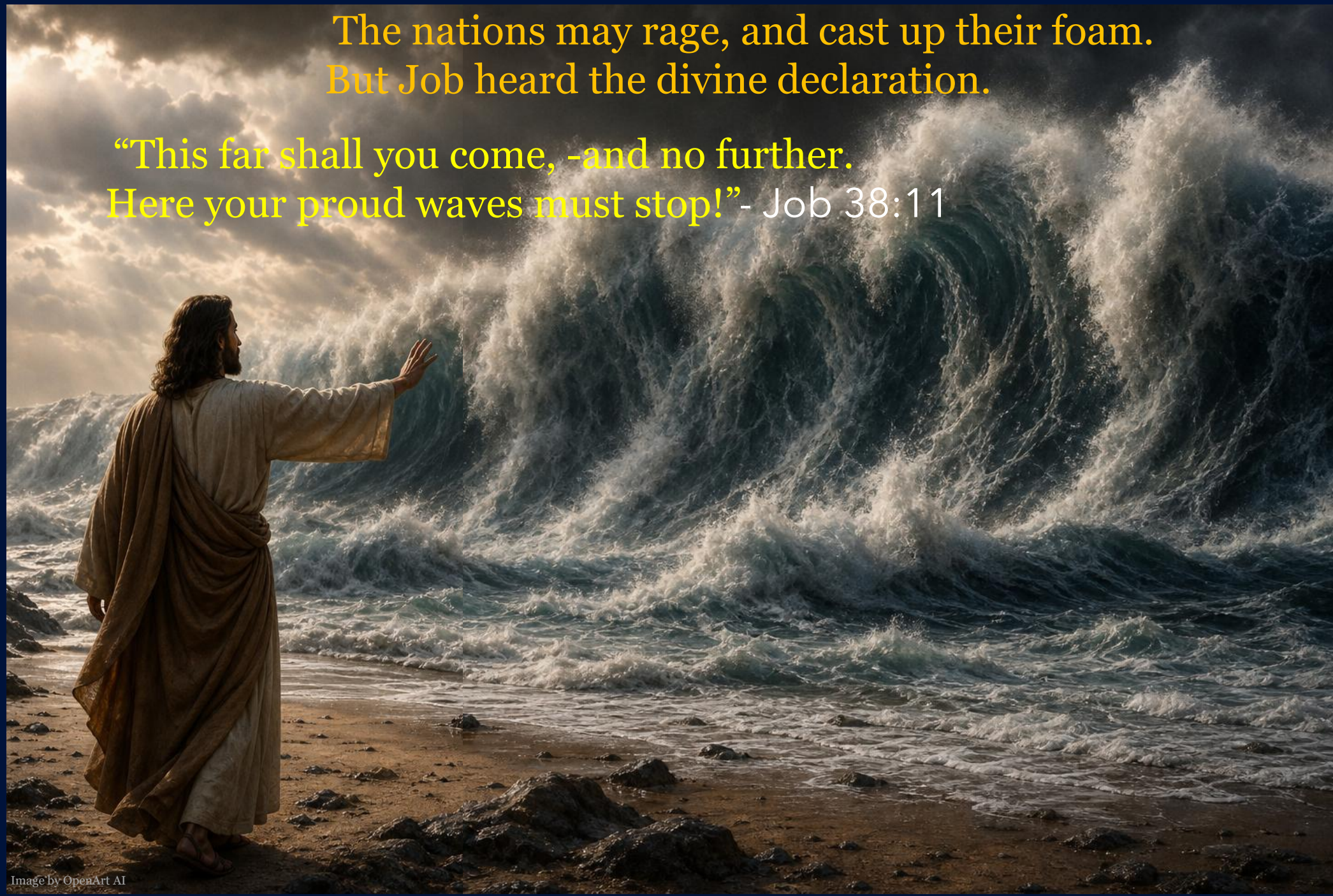
There is a God who invites us to measure the things we hold to be true against the plumbline of Holy Scripture, even in the prophetic themes. There are clues and messages that lie in the types and shadows. If we wish to ask for divine guidance in this endeavor, then personal help is most certainly available. On the night in which He was betrayed Yeshua spent a lot of time encouraging His disciples. He emphasized the role of the Holy Spirit who He sent to comfort and to provide intelligence for His witnesses. In John 16:13 Jesus / Yeshua promised us that "when the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; and He will disclose to you what is to come."


The nations may rage, and cast up their foam.
But Job heard the divine declaration.
“This far shall you come, -and no further.
Here your proud waves must stop!”- Job 38:11
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And in the meantime, we might pause and consider this question. When all is said and done, who is really in charge of affairs here on earth? Who is the One who stretches out the heavens, holding time and space in the palms of His hands? Whose sovereign arm is extended out over unfolding world history? Who sets the limits on just how far evil men and nations can go, bent on their path of utter destruction? Who is the Sovereign Ruler who speaks to the raging seas and foaming waves of the nations? We can find great assurance and comfort in this. Job heard Him declare,

"This far shall you come, and no further.
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The Woman of Wisdom
cries out in the street,
She lifts her voice in the square;
In the main concourse she cries aloud,
At the city gates she makes her speech.
- Proverbs 1:20-33

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“How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will scoffers delight in their scorn and fools hate knowledge? If you had repented at my rebuke, I would have poured out my Spirit upon you, and made my words known to you.”

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Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- 2Timothy 2:15

There is a study that is fruitful in the walk with God. The Elect will look into the issues unfolding before them. As pilgrims in passage, they may find themselves in places they have never been before. They will search the scriptures in the Berean diligence for further insights. As they prayerfully ponder the prophetic scriptures, they will be given the leads and the clues to connect the dots.

Evangelist, showing Pilgrim the way forward

(from “Pilgrim’s Progress”, by John Bunyan)

So, we need not be confused, dismayed, or discouraged. There is a biblical road-map showing us the way ahead. We are also given a time-line on the Hebrew calendar for us to anticipate and also prepare for future events.

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We also have a wonderful promise of **deliverance**, and amazing grace, -even from the Old Testament.

Ezekiel 34:12

"As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day."

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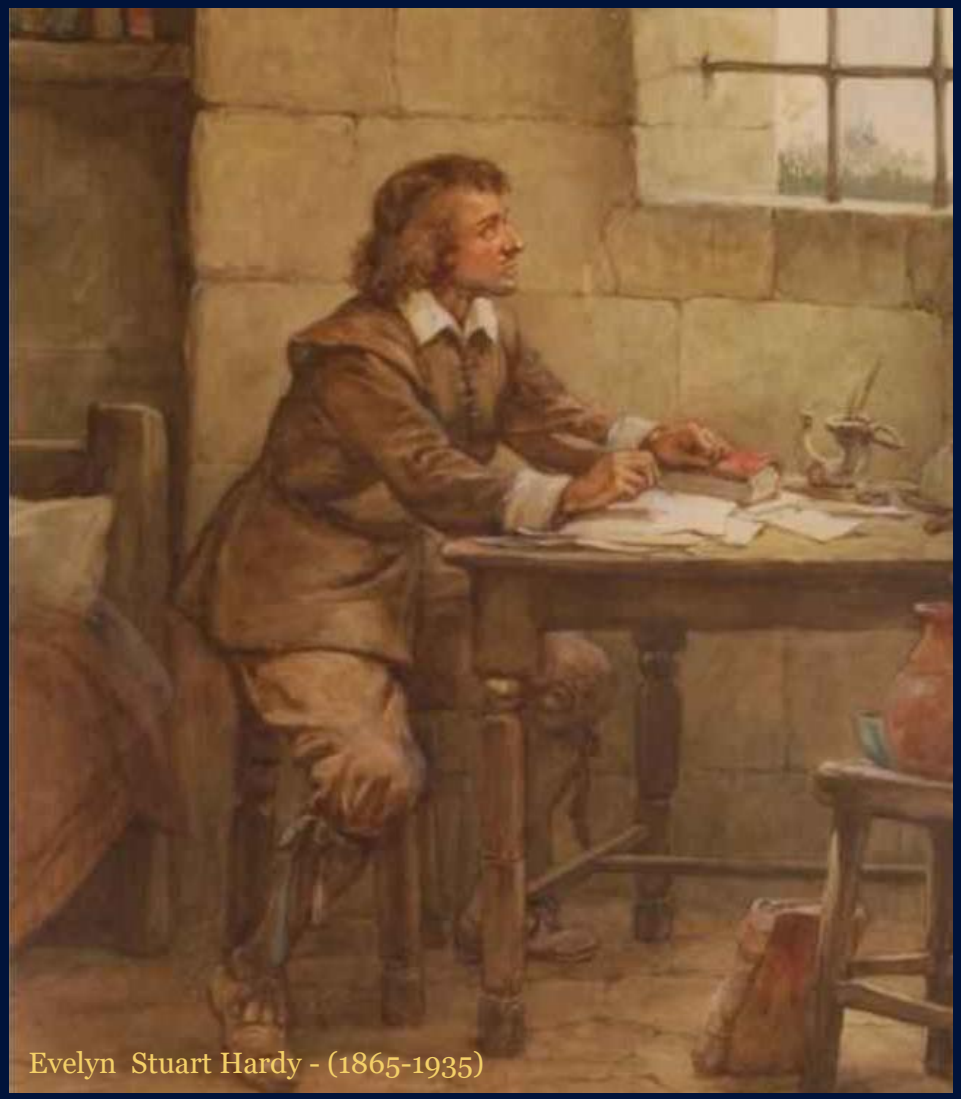
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