

Get Ready for the Great Reset (Part 4)

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In our first three installments on the Great Reset—proposed for the world by the global elite, including politicians as well as many influential corporate leaders—we have looked at some of the basic concepts involved in the Reset, as well as two extremes to avoid when evaluating it from a Christian perspective.

We need to move on from there to discern how we should properly evaluate these global trends *through a Biblical lens* (to use a phrase made popular by Ken Ham)—yes, even through the lens of Biblical prophecy.

But before we deal with that specifically, let's take a moment to reflect and remind ourselves where we are today—and just how far we've come in the past 12 months.

We've all seen how governments across the world have instituted sweeping new regulations in the wake of a pandemic. Here in the United States—where, perhaps, we assumed that such measures would be untenable—much of the country continues to struggle through imposed shutdowns or other severe restrictions. Yet major questions remain as to both the Constitutional authority to mandate such policies as well as the scientific evidence supporting their efficacy.

The physical, emotional and spiritual effects of these policies have, however, been enormous. This is not to mention the financial ruin suffered by many. One might think that there would be a robust public debate regarding all of this cultural upheaval.

And while there has been much vibrant discussion, we have also learned in the past year how powerful forces can act efficiently to shut opposing viewpoints down. The technological giants which now oversee almost every sector of life have given a new connotation to the term *anceled*. This frightening concept can relate not only to one's inability to send a message out across social media, or media in general, but can even pertain to one's ability to communicate at all, or to access something as necessary as a bank account. Once a person has been *anceled* in this fashion, other forces may then attempt to destroy the victim's career, professional standing and livelihood. Were you under the impression that doctors, scientists and lawyers would always have the freedom to share a reasonable point of view? Think again.

Then, in the wake of a chaotic national election in November, and a disturbing and highly suspicious riot at the United States Capitol on January 6, *cancel culture* seemingly has free reign. Anyone who even thinks there might be some potential alternative explanation or response to the many troubling events of the past year is in real danger of having at least some part of his or her life turned upside down.

But all of this was just prelude. Here in the United States, we face the imminent passage of the Equality Act. This bill, the culmination of at least 50 years of Leftist

political trajectory (if not fantasy), would be horrifically destructive, especially to women and girls. But it has equally chilling ramifications for the church, and will ultimately impact every aspect of life.

And, in the midst of such an amalgamation—almost as if these events were coordinated—the Great Reset is emerging. Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, which is the leading proponent of the Great Reset, has notoriously stated:

... the pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world to create a healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous future.ⁱ

However, almost two years ago, before anyone suggested that a pandemic was headed our way, he had already proclaimed the following:

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is a combination of technological [unclear word], which will completely change business models, society, economies. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is coming with enormous speed and will change, not only what we are doing, but who we are.ⁱⁱ

Such talk sounds eerily similar to a future world leader who “shall intend to change times and law” (Dan. 7:25).

If I had written any of this 10 years ago—or told you it was coming—you may have questioned my sanity, unless you thought I was attempting to write a dystopian novel. Yet students of Biblical prophecy should rightly be less shocked than others. Our surprise may relate to the fact that such things are happening *now*, and coming together so *quickly*—rather than to the mere fact that they are happening. It seems that the world is now being prepared for the events of the tribulation—the coming seven-year period of fulfillment of Biblical prophecy through the outpouring of God’s wrath—in terms of both *technology* and *psychology*.

There appears to be ample evidence that history is moving directly toward the ending that God has ordained for it, as revealed in His inspired Word. We will continue this series by considering exactly how we should evaluate and define such evidence.

First, we will remind ourselves of some overarching themes related to the character and purposes of God, which should govern our lives, our perception and our pursuit of this very subject, at “*such* a time as this” (Esth. 4:14).

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ⁱ Klaus Schwab; “Now is the time for a ‘great reset;” World Economic Forum; 3 June 2020;
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