

Bible Prophecy and Socialism Prophecy Update – May 2022

Spring Prophecy Update:

A) Prophetic implications of Socialism –

B) I will be the first to say that I am not an expert on this subject –

1) There many layers – Socialism, Marxism – neo Marxism – Cultural Marxism

C) My objective tonight is not to dive into every aspect of socialism – **but to look at it from more of a general perspective**

I believe that socialism will be the predominant political Philosophy on the earth when the tribulation begins

A) It is tailor made for the Anti-Christ

B) In our first Prophecy Update back in November we talked about the Spirit of the Anti-Christ

1) When the Anti-Christ comes into power during the tribulation –

2) there will be a mindset an agenda a spirit that Characterizes his rule

C) Outlined Revelation ch.13 to see what his GOVT was going to look like – Looked at in depth in Nov

We talked about how the world is currently being set up for when that person comes into power

A) When the Bible describes what his rule is going to look like – **there are many aspects of it that resemble the Philosophy of Socialism**

B) So tonight I want us to consider this Philosophy and how the world is currently being taken in that direction

C) Begin tonight by consider what Paul said of the last days in 2 Timothy 3

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty,

lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ **having a form of godliness but denying its power.** And from such people turn away! 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 The Message

“But understand this, that in the last days dangerous times [of great stress and trouble] will come [difficult days that will be hard to bear].” 2 Timothy 3:1- The Amplified Bible

Jesus described the days leading up to his coming would be like the days of Noah

“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.” MATTHEW 24:37

What were those “days of Noah” like? Genesis 6:5 describes them this way: **“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”**

The people of Noah's day had grown evil – it is why the Lord decided to flood the earth.

A) It took Noah 120 years to get the materials and to build that massive boat

B) During that time Noah was a preacher of righteousness – What are you doing Noah? - Warn them.....

C) But the people ignored him and made fun of him – imagine the first few months – side show

The people were so indifferent that they didn't understand what was happening until it was too late.

A) **The heedlessness of the people in Noah's day will be duplicated in the last days of our world's history.**

B)It is in that type of day and age where people ignore warnings and are oblivious to the evil agenda's going on in their day

C)SD votes to re-define the definition of a Woman – to include a man

1)Think 1,000's protesting – not the case – whatever

D)California assembly passes a bill – that allows a parent to kill a baby 28 days after the baby has been born –

1)No way – Not standing for this – but most people are like whatever

Indifference leads to false ideologies creeping into a society.

A)As long as it doesn't mess up[my life – routine – I really don't care

B)Frog in the Kettle is slowly being cooked to death.

C)A Society in negatively transformed –

1)We are in the process of that happening right now

D)Why isn't the USA in Bible prophecy in the last days?

1)We are going to destroy ourselves from within

Tonight I want to consider the following:

- **What is Socialism?**
- **Why is Socialism attractive to many people?**
- **The Roots of Socialism?**
- **The Characteristics of Socialism we are seeing in our culture**
- **The Destruction by Socialism**

E)Then we will finish up by seeing how we as Christians today are to stand and combat Socialism in our culture

What is Socialism?

A)World Socialist Party of the United States
“The establishment of a system of society based on the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of society as a whole. ”

B)Socialists believe the world's means of production—including infrastructure, farms,

factories, energy, natural resources, medicines, and more—should be under the control of “the people.”

C)In a free market system, these materials are usually controlled by companies or individuals, but in socialist countries they are owned by “the people.”

D)There in lies the problem -there's no way to make decisions based on such a loose concept as “the people.”

Have you ever been a part of committee of say more than 10 people that didn't have a leader?

A)How did that work out?

B)Youth Pastor – School clubs – changed the rules – they had to be student led – that was a problem

1)The students weren't mature enough to lead – didn't know what they were doing

C)The clubs that went well had an Advisor that helped the students come up with a plan – and learn how to execute it

D)But sometimes you would get an advisor who had an agenda of what the club should look like – it would be a disaster

1)Or there was a strong group of students who didn't listen to anyone else – they did it there way and NO ONE CAME

That is how things work when there isn't a leader

A)Even here at the church – we have a great team – but if I put it out to our team – what they think should be the direction of the church –

B)End up with 5-10 different ideas – passionate...

C)It takes leadership to listen to the different ideas – pray and come up with a plan

1)How to implement

D)So the concept of Socialism sounds great – the People are going to lead themselves – but it is unrealistic

So here is what happens under socialism, the government becomes the sole authority and controller of the means of production.

A) Unfortunately, governments are controlled by specific people flawed people sinful people

B) And those people are entirely susceptible to corruption by greed, selfishness, lust, vindictiveness, violence, and the overwhelming desire for authority.

C) Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely – Lord Acton

D) As more power flows to the government, the handful at the top become dictatorial.

1) That has been the predominant history of Socialism

Despite the negative History behind Socialism

A) A 2020 poll showed that 40 percent of Americans had a favorable view of socialism.

B) And 47 percent of Millennials and 49 percent of Generation Z viewed socialism favorably.

C) Back in 2020, Bernie Sanders nearly won the Democratic Party's nomination for president of the United States.

D) This is the same senator from Vermont who declared, **"I am a socialist and everyone knows it"**

In addition to Sanders, recent elections have seen record numbers of socialist candidates win roles as representatives both in state legislatures and in Congress.

A) Notable among them is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez who in 2018 became the youngest congresswoman in history.

B) AOC as she is called is **an avowed member of the Democratic Socialists of America**, the largest socialist organization in the United States.

C) Given her young age and massive following, many believe she'll run for president of the United States one day.

D) That's a sobering thought given her stated goals of ending capitalism and implementing the same socialist agenda that failed in countries like Venezuela.

Venezuela was the wealthiest nation in South America.

A) The per capita income of its citizens was greater than those of China and Japan,

B) And was almost rivaling the income of US citizens.

During that time Venezuela enjoyed religious liberty, political freedom, personal dignity, and economic opportunity.

A) But when oil prices crashed in the 1980s, and then again in the 1990s, the Venezuelan economy experienced a dip.

B) That dip became a dive in 1998 when the Venezuelan people elected Caesar Chávez as their president.

C) Once in power Chávez relentlessly implemented the socialist playbook formulated by the Soviet Union, Cuba, China

D) Result – Venezuela declined greatly

Today Venezuela is descending into anarchy, and record numbers of Venezuelan migrants are fleeing northward, trying to reach the border into the United States.

When we look at the history of Socialism – why do some people like Sanders, AOC – actors like Sean Penn – Danny Clover think – good idea

A) In our arrogance – in America – **we tend to think that the right people haven't tried it**

B) Socialism is attractive to many because of its exaggerated promises

C) In his book We Will Not Be Silenced, author Erwin Lutzer puts it this way

Socialism promises "hope and change," income equality, racial harmony and justice based on secular values rather than Judeo-Christian morality.

It is known for professing inclusion rather than exclusion and promoting sexual freedom rather than what they view as the restrictive sexual ethics of the Bible.

It is not stifled by allegedly narrow religious traditions but espouses progressive ideas that are deemed worthy of an enlightened future.”

D)Note that idea of professing inclusion rather than exclusion –

E)unless you believe that the Bible is the ultimate authority – The word of God

1)The Standard for Morality – then you are excluded – don’t fit in this system – Cancel you out

Roots of Socialism – Scary

A)Traced back to Karl Marx

B)To understand socialism, we must first understand Karl Marx.

1)When you understand who he was and what he believed, you’ll be able to trace much of what’s happening back to him.

C)In 2020, Paul Kengor wrote a book titled The Devil and Karl Marx: Communism’s Long March of Death, Deception, and Infiltration.

1)According to Kengor, Marx was a tyrant, a racist, and a misogynistic radical who hated God and wanted to see the world burn.

D)Marx -was a hater of God and a cheerleader for the devil

1)People in his own family believed he was demon possessed.

One biographer described him like this: “He had the devil’s view of the world, and the devil’s malignity. Sometimes, he seemed to know that he was accomplishing works of evil.”

On one occasion, Marx’s own son sent him a letter and addressed it “My dear devil.”

Marx’s partner, Friedrich Engels, declared that ten thousand devils had Marx by the hair.

In 1849, one year after publishing his crowning work, The Communist Manifesto, Marx was evicted by his landlord

A)The landlord was fed up with his filthiness.

B)He was quoted as saying that “Karl drank too much, smoked too much, never exercised, and

suffered from warts and boils due to lack of washing. He stunk.

B)His apartment was a disaster - Unclean, - everything [was] broken down, and falling apart—

C)And this is the guy that many want to listen to in how to govern the world. – Crazy!

His wife, Jenny, was so miserable in their marriage she wanted to die, a wish she pondered daily.

A)His daughters, Jenny and Laura, fulfilled their mother’s wish. Jenny poisoned herself when she was just forty-three.

B)And in a death pact with her husband, Laura also committed suicide when she was sixty-six.

C)Marx himself died in despair on March 14, 1883. Just before his death, he wrote to his friend Engels, **“How pointless and empty is life, but how desirable!”**

D)He was buried in Highgate Cemetery, considered the center of satanism in London.

1)DEMONIC ORIGINS

E)This is who is at the root of Socialism – Someone who brought terror heartache and grief to himself and his own family.

Marxism Is Totalitarian

A)The term totalitarianism was first used by supporters of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, who summed it up this way: **“Everything within the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state.”**

B)Hannah Arendt, the foremost scholar of totalitarianism put it this way

“A totalitarian society is one in which an ideology seeks to displace all prior traditions and institutions, with the goal of bringing all aspects of society under control of that ideology. A totalitarian state is one that aspires to nothing less than defining and controlling reality. Truth is whatever the rulers decide it is.”-

C) So here are some Characteristics of Marxism we are seeing in our culture today

- Marxism wants to rewrite History

Marxism wants to write God out of our History

A) Our founding fathers are no longer portrayed as men who believed in God or the Bible.

B) According to Author Milan Kundera, *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*

“The first step in liquidating a people is to erase its memory. Destroy its books, its culture, its history. Then have someone write new books, manufacture a new culture, invent a new history. Before long the nation will begin to forget what it is and what it was.”

C) Socialist want us to forget and yet God wants us to remember –

D) The word remember is mentioned 164 times in the OT

E) Build memorials – Jordan River – rocks - tells this to your Children –

Those who want to change our country and who want to infiltrate their Marxist socialistic ideology – are in it for the long hall.

A) They are like marathon runners – when the rest of us prefer the short sprint – I want to see it now mentality

B) One such leader that emerged in the early 1900's was **Antonio Gramsci** - an Italian Marxist put forth this strategy:

1) You want to change the thinking of a Society – **control the robes of society**

C) Who are the robes – Judges, Professors, politicians, and pastors

D) Leverage those people and positions in order to educate and mobilize the masses against the leadership or ideology in power.

E) Use the educational system, the political system, the judicial system in order to overturn the cultural ideology of the day.

1) Does that sound at all familiar?

In our schools, in our universities, in the Halls of GOVT – in the courts –

A) and even in many churches – turning against the Judeo Christian Values our country was founded on.

B) After Gramsci – a group came along called the Frankfurt group that originated in Frankfurt Germany – German Philosophers

C) But in 1935 they moved across the Atlantic and settled in NY at Columbia UNIV

1) their strategy – **Control the media**

D) The Frankfurt School – strategy was this:

Reduce everything to discussions of race, class, gender, and sex,

1) and notice how you use both of those because according to their philosophy sex and gender are two different things,

E) They say Sex has to do with your biology; gender, [with your] social construct.

1) So Your gender doesn't necessarily have to match your sex.

F) And if your gender doesn't match your sex then you are transgender

So this ideology and plan to turn a country away from its Christian Values has been strategic, calculated – IN for the Long hall.

AND What we are seeing happen in our country – more rapidly than ever before

A) has been the norm in Europe and Canada for more than a decade

B) Most people are oblivious and indifferent – even many in the church

Characteristics of Marxism we are seeing in our culture

Marxism Is Divisive

- It wants to cause division among classes

A) Two classes – the rich who control everything and the poor who are subservient to the rich

B) **Division of race**- Critical Race Theory has its roots in Marxism

C)An article in the New York Post - Critical race theory is fast becoming America's new institutional orthodoxy.

The Article went on to explain

A)Critical race theory is an academic discipline, formulated in the 1990s and built on the intellectual framework of identity-based Marxism.

B)it has increasingly become the default ideology in our public institutions over the past decade.

C)It has been injected into government agencies, public school systems, teacher training programs and corporate human resources departments

D)Control the Robes -

Critical race theorists, like to Use the word equity - realize that "neo-Marxism" would be a hard sell.

A)Equity, on the other hand, sounds nonthreatening and is easily confused with the American principle of equality.

B)But the distinction is vast and important.

C)See critical race theorists explicitly reject equality —the principle proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence,

1)defended in the Civil War and codified into law with the 14th and 15th Amendments,

D)But To them, equality represents "mere nondiscrimination" and provides "camouflage" for white supremacy, and oppression.

E)In the name of equity, UCLA law professor and critical race theorist Cheryl Harris has proposed suspending private property rights, seizing land and wealth and redistributing them along racial lines.

Zimbabwe – Leave the landrover

Marxism wants to create Division – cries to Defund the police Recent efforts to defund the police

- In Minneapolis, murders rose by a mind-numbing 46 percent.
- In Portland, Oregon, murders more than tripled.

- And the Los Angeles Police Department reported a 38 percent increase in murders

Marxism wants to destroy the original picture of the family

A)Lutzer wrote - **In Marxism, the family is perceived as a unit in which wives are suppressed by their husbands and children are suppressed by their parents.**

B)These clusters of oppression have to be broken up; mothers have to leave their homes and join the workforce."

C)Once people realize they have been duped by Socialism – and decide to push back – it can get deadly –

D)According to The Black Book of Communism chronicled the death toll in the 20th century due to Marxism

- Latin America: 150,000 deaths
- Eastern Europe: 1 million deaths
- Vietnam: 1 million deaths
- Africa: 1.7 million deaths
- Cambodia: 2 million deaths
- North Korea: 2 million deaths
- USSR: 20 million deaths
- China: 65 million deaths

: Crimes, Terror, Repression Hardcover – October 15, 1999

So when the Anti-Christ comes into power in the tribulation he is going to initiate a one world economic system

A)One world religion – MAKE US ONE - **think** the same – **act** the same **believe** the same

B)**Can't buy or sell without his mark** – the world is being programmed name through Socialistic and Marxist ideologies to accept this system

C)To see this as a good thing – It is inevitable it is going to happen

D)But How do we as believers combat the ideology of Socialism?

#1 We stand on the Bible

A)Scripture affirms the dignity of work (Ephesians 4:28)

B)and the fact that those who refuse to work should not eat (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

C)The Bible clearly affirms private property (Exodus 22:7) and condemns theft (Exodus 20:15) 1)and covetousness (Exodus 20:17).

D)The Bible affirms Saving (Proverbs 13:22), being good stewards (Proverbs 21:20),
1)Affirms **land ownership** (Acts 4:34–37), and investment (Matthew 25:27)

E)The Bible teaches that the laborer is worthy of his wages (Luke 10:7).

How do we as believers combat the ideology of Socialism?

#2 We live out the gospel.

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.” Acts 2:42–45

This wasn’t socialism – this was voluntary – communal living was out of necessity – Many saved who didn’t want to go home

How do we as believers combat the ideology of Socialism? #3 We pray.

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-3

How do we as believers combat the ideology of Socialism?

#4 We preach the gospel.

²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ **Him we preach**, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” Colossians 1:27-28

Jesus is the Answer – the Kingdoms of this world are coming to an end

How do we as believers combat the ideology of Socialism?

#5 We Stand up and we Stand out.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16

Light in the darkness – stand for righteousness –

A)Expose evil- John 3 the darkness hates the light exposes evil deeds

B)Salt permeate – Medicinal –

1)Preserving

2)Flavor enhancing

C)Speak up – Speak out – Get involved