



The Last Pieces of the Prophetic Jig-Saw...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to this End-time presentation. My name is Jan Voerman. I am a retired pastor in the Netherlands.

In this presentation I will refer several times to my book: *The Hidden Agenda*.

Before we begin, may I invite you to join with me in prayer.

Dear Father in heaven, we praise Thy holy name. We thank Thee for the many blessings. We thank Thee for Thy holy Word. Help us to pay careful attention to the sure word of prophecy. We realize that we are living in the time of the end. We pray Thee help us to prepare ourselves for the soon coming of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And as we begin this study, we pray Thee be near to us. Send us Thine Holy Spirit to enlighten us. Give us clear insight and help us to be true witnesses for Thee in this world. We ask it in the name of Jesus, amen.

Some time ago someone said: "If I were to live on a little island and allowed to take only two books with me, then my choice would be quickly made.

*I would take with me the Bible and I would take with me Rick Warren's book: *The Purpose Driven Life*."*

You know, many people are charmed by this book. Many churches study this book in a period of 40 days.

Over the whole world the influence of Rick Warren is easily traced.

Thousands of churches have opened their doors to the church growth principles of the Purpose Driven Movement.

Over the whole world there are also a number of Adventists who go along with this popular form of church growth.

Other Adventists point out that we as a church should be separate in this world. We cannot agree or co-operate with a movement that does not recognize the specific message God has given us for this time of the end.

It is undoubtedly true that we as a church have always confessed and preached a special God given biblical message.

Are we now to join in with other movements? Movements that hold to a completely different viewpoint than we have been accus-

tomated to? Movements that constitute a part of 'apostate Protestantism' part of the three fold union that we have been warned against in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. When Israel of old joined with the other nations around her it always brought about disastrous results. Are we any different today?

I have a copy of, perhaps, the world's most well-known American daily paper: *The Wall Street Journal*.

In the edition of September 5, 2006, we read a very interesting article.

This article is not published somewhere in the middle of the paper or in a small corner. No, the article starts right on the front page and deals with the disastrous results that could happen if the methods of the Purpose Driven Movement are followed.

There is much debate - much struggle and disunity going on.

Suzanne Sataline, the author of the article, concludes it, perhaps the best way, in this short sentence: "*But the purpose driven movement is dividing the countries more than 50 million evangelicals.*"

Well, if this is the case, then one might pose the

Prologue

This sermon is about the End-time. What is written in the Bible and how the pieces of the Prophetic Jig-Saw will fall into place. What does the book of Rick Warren: *The Purpose Driven Life* do to the Christian community? And what are the effects of the Mega Churches in America worldwide? We must guard ourselves so that we may belong to that group of which the Bible says: "*Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus*".

Jan Voerman

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What is the message of the third angel?

question:

Does this popular movement yield good fruit?

America's leading paper says that this is not the case. The results may be disastrous. Disagreement and divisions are the fruit of this movement.

And yet, many people are fascinated by this church growth movement.

It doesn't seem to bother them if there is co-operation with the church of Rome.

They fervently defend the purpose driven movement as well as the Willow Creek way of doing church. Or, they defend the usefulness of Nicky Gumbel's Alpha Course.

Sometimes it seems as if some believers in our midst have lost their original vision.

As Adventists we have always believed that the church of Rome will increase in power and influence.

The Bible says it point blank: *"All the world will worship the beast."* Rev: 13:3. They will follow the beast with wondering admiration. That is what the Bible clearly teaches.

Are we not to give a clear warning message?

It seems as if some do not believe anymore in the unique biblical message of the three angels described in Revelation 14:9-11.

What is the message of the third angel?

"If any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, the same shall drink of the wine of God's wrath."

That's not a small thing. The whole world is being deceived.

The power of Rome is gradually increasing and many people close their eyes to the impending dangers.

Ellen White says: *"Men are closing their eyes to the real character of Romanism and the dangers to be apprehended from her supremacy. The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty."* The Great Controversy, page 566.

Those who follow Rome – who worship the beast, will drink the wine of God's wrath.

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Nicky Gumbel

Are we not to sound a warning or are we to go along and also be misled?

Did you know that Willow Creek, Purpose Driven and the Alpha Course – yes, these modern church growth movements cooperate closely with Rome?

Rick Warren declared in July 2006: *"Actually, we're working on the Catholic workbook for the 'Purpose Driven Life' that has been written by some priests in America. I asked Cardinal Rosales if somebody could review it and tell us what needed to*

be changed before it went to print and he could give the blessing that it was okay, that it was for all Catholic congregations, cathedrals, churches, chapels." You can find it in my book on page 115.

You see there is close co-operation with the Roman Church.

Do you know what Nicky Gumbel the author of the Alpha Course, says? *"...whether you are a Methodist or a Baptist, whether you are a Roman Catholic or an Anglican. These are not the significant things..."*

There is only one body... So, it does not matter whether you are a Roman Catholic or a Protestant." Page 126.

Willow Creek's senior pastor Bill Hybels said: *"The differences with the Catholic Faith are too small to name. We can learn from the Catholic Church."* Page 34.

And so, precisely, as Ellen White says, *"the opinion is gaining ground that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome."* Great Controversy page 563.

You know, these days, everywhere on this earth, ecumenical services are conducted. Protestants and Catholics sit together at the Lord's Table they celebrate together the eucharist.

A few hundred years ago Protestants were prepared to be burned at the stake rather than sit together with Catholics to celebrate the unbiblical eucharist.

The people are in a flush of ‘unity and brotherhood.’

Oh brothers and sisters, so much has changed. But is the Church of Rome now more in harmony with the Bible than before?

We read: *“But Romanism as a system is not more in harmony with the Gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side.”* Pages 565 & 566 of *The Great Controversy* by Ellen White.

Are these words faithful and true or are they outdated as some assert?

Oh no, those who have read Malachi Martin’s book “The Keys of this blood” know that the Vatican is very busy in order to regain the control of this world.

Martin was a Jesuit professor at the Vatican. A most knowledgeable man about the inner workings of the Vatican.

Ellen White’s words are clearly supported. No one need doubt. But do you know what the problem is? You don’t see and hear very much about it. The unfavourable developments are to a great degree going unnoticed.

The people are in a flush of ‘unity and brotherhood.’

They don’t discern the signs of the times we live in at this moment. And the church of Rome is

silently growing into power.

Ellen White says *“Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike... We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution.”* *The Great Controversy* page 581.

Dear brothers and sisters, Can you imagine that we will be persecuted? It may sound rather unbelievable, but the time is not far away. Through the Spirit of Prophecy we have been forewarned of our impending danger. Yet there are many who are choosing not to take heed.



St. Peter’s square

In Revelation chapter thirteen we read about another beast with two horns like a lamb and he will speak as a dragon and he will exercise all the power of the first beast causing all people to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed.

As good Adventists we know that this other beast with the horns like a lamb is the United States of America.

It is America that will exercise the power of the first beast – the power of Rome. America will tread in the footprints of Rome.

America has always been the land of religious liberty, but very soon this will change. And how will this change come about? What must happen in order that sincere Christians who keep the commandments of God will be persecuted? Revelation 13:14 says that *“an image should be made to the beast which was wounded and did live.”*

Now precisely what does this mean? Making an image to the beast?

An image is a reflection or likeness of something.

When America brings about that an image is made of the power of Rome then this means that a likeness is made of the Roman church. It means that the principles and dictates of Rome will be imitated and exercised.

Ellen White explains in *The Great Controversy*: *“In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends. Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines.”* Page 443.

Brothers and Sisters, That’s the image of the beast. That is the likeness of Rome’s ways and actions.

Thus Rome has persecuted for many long centuries God’s true children. The union of church and state is the vehicle she has used to achieve her end.

Ellen White continues: *“Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience.”* Page 443.

Modern church growth movement originates from America

Dear Friends, this is exactly what will happen. The apostate protestant churches will make an image of the papacy by imitating and exercising her dictates and actions. They will follow in Rome's footsteps and seek support from the political powers.

And thus pressure can be inflicted to bring all people in unity and to punish and persecute those who refuse to go along with them.

A little further Ellen White says: *"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result."* Page 445.

So, we have four important aspects:

1. The leading churches in America will unite on common doctrine.
2. They will influence the state – the government – the political power.
3. In that way an image of the beast is made.
4. The result will be religious intolerance. All dissenters will be punished and persecuted.

Brothers and sisters what are we to think of these four points?

For many years we have been predicting that this will come to happen. Will these four events come into effect or is it only an illusion that is rendered out of date?

Well, there are many who think that they will not come to pass.

We read: *"Their prediction that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd."* Great Controversy, page 605.



Schuller's Crystal Cathedral

Sadly, there are many people who do not believe that this will be fulfilled. *"Impossible"*, they say, *"We are all brothers and through the ecumenical movement we are all brought together. There is tolerance and human rights are respected and emphasized."*

Have we then preached a false message for so many years, predicting that we will soon face a time of intolerance and persecution?

Oh, dear friends, be not deceived.

Do you realize that the four mentioned points will be fulfilled through the modern church growth movement that finds its origin in America?

Let's have a closer look at these four aspects.

1. The leading churches in America will unite on common doctrine.

What are the leading churches in America? Could they possibly be...

- The Crystal Cathedral – Robert Schuller's Mega-church?
His "Hour of Power" undoubtedly is of great influence even in many countries. Robert Schuller is regarded to be the father of the modern church growth movement.
- The American Willow Creek Community?
The mega Church pastored by Bill Hybels and his many assistants with a worldwide influence.
- America Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Church?
Rick Warren is the leading pastor in America with great influence everywhere on this globe.

All these great mega-churches with thousands of members are united on points of doctrine held by them in common. They have close co-operation with the Catholic church and their influence is enormous.

Image of the beast made...

2. They will influence the state – the political power.

I have a magazine with me here: "Business Week" It's the European edition of May 23, 2005.

The Front page says in big letters: Evangelical America, Big business.

Explosive Politics.

Near the middle of the magazine is a big picture of a huge mega-church with the words: Earthly Empires – How evangelical churches are borrowing from the business playbook.

There is a picture of Rick Warren's Saddleback mega-church with the words: Increased Market Share.

And there is a picture of Bill Hybels Senior Pastor of the Willow Creek's Chicago Mega Empire congregation.

There's also an article with the title: They backed Bush – and expect him to deliver. The first sentence says: Evangelicals' influence in American Political life has become increasingly visible in recent years.

Oh, there are many interesting things mentioned in this article that clearly illustrate their influence on the state – the political power. The article speaks of an intrusion of religion into politics. Evangelical activists have unprecedented entrée at the White House. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of American United for Separation of Church and State warns that if the GOP gets 60 votes, it will allow the Religious Right to railroad anything through the Senate that they want, just like the House already does.

Yes, my friends, the State – the political power is clearly influenced by the evangelical churches. Without any doubt this has become increasingly visible in recent years.

Oh, brothers and sisters, this is a very important point.

Now listen to America's leading Pastor, Rick Warren.

He declared: *"I have trained around 400,000 pastors in 162 countries. But now, my staff and I are not just training church lead-*

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ers but business and government leaders and helping them too.

A three – legged stool will have stability. So I'm going from country to country teaching business its role, teaching church its role, and teaching government leaders their role – you've got to work together."

That's very interesting! You can find it in my book, "The Hidden Agenda" page 116.

Here we have clear proof that church and state must unite. "You've got to work together," Warren said.

The last pieces of end time Bible prophecy are falling into place. Churches uniting and co-

operating with state governments is being advocated. "They've got to work together."

Warren is also teaching business its role. Thus the economical world is involved as well.

The Bible says that *"all the world will follow the beast in admiration"*.

When Protestant churches work together with the state they follow the example of Rome. This fulfils the following point.

3. Thus the image of the beast is made.

However, the Bible makes clear that the church should stay apart from the world. Christ openly declared: *"My Kingdom is not of this world"*.

But Rick Warren does everything to unite Church and State. He is training church leaders, business leaders and government leaders. *"They've got to work together."* Rick Warren teaches the church to co-operate with the world.

The end of the world is probably nearer than we realize. Everything is ready for the last movements of the final events.



Church and state work together

Those who keep the commandments of God...

Ellen White warns: *"This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results.*

Men have almost past the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy." Manuscript Releases Vol. I, page 51.

Rick Warren, America's most influential pastor seems to be leading the way to make an image of the beast - an image of the papacy.

America's leading church growth pastor teaches co-operation with the state and works closely together with the church of Rome.

This is very significant. What will be the result? Listen to what the Spirit of Prophecy has to say: *"... Protestantism shall give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power. Then there will be a law against the Sabbath of God's creation, and then it is that God will do His 'strange work' in the earth."* Review and Herald, March 9, 1886.

Everyone will have to obey that law against the Sabbath of God's creation.

It brings us to the last point.

4. There will be religious intolerance. All dissenters will be punished and persecuted.

This will surely follow.

In fact we are already clearly confronted with religious intolerance.

Those who prefer not to go along with Rick Warren's program are already judged. Warren openly declared in a June 14th article *"I am saying some people are going to have to die or leave."* Page 159 in my book.

Leonard Sweet, a co-worker of Rick Warren, explains that it is time for a *"Post-modern Reformation"* and everyone must choose: Reinvent yourself for the 21st century or die. Page 161.

Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Program is supported by Dan Southerland, director of Church Transitions, a training organization for Pastors and church leaders to accomplish transitions within the church. Warren endorsed Southerland's book and recommends it.

Southerland teaches this transi-

"Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus".

tion process annually at Saddleback's Purpose Driven Conference.

Southerland compares those who criticize the program with Sanballat who resisted Nehemiah's work. He characterizes them as leaders from hell. You find it in my book on page 161.

That's the threatening language being used against all those who cannot go along with the principles of the church growth movement. And we can be sure that very soon the sanctity of God's holy Sabbath will play a very im-

portant part in this process of religious intolerance.

The prophetic time clock discloses a later hour than we think.

Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will not face an easy time. The contours of the mark of the beast are clearly discernable.

Pope John Paul the Second in his apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, July 8, 1998, called the rediscovery of Sunday an urgent priority in the life of the Christian community today. It is the Lord's Day par excellence.

In obedience to the third commandment, Sunday must be kept holy.

Brothers and Sisters, the last pieces of the biblical prophetic puzzle are falling into place. The end is near.

But God has called us to warn the world.

Before Christ will return the everlasting Gospel will be preached in all its purity.



Gods Church will Triumph

In this time of the end, we should understand our calling. We haven't been wrong. Through the years we have been preaching a sure and faithful message. A message that is not out of date.

Let's be faithful. We are very close to the borders of the heavenly Canaan. Let's exercise faith. May we belong to that group of which the Bible says: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus".

Though we will face a hard time we may be sure that God will never forsake His children. He will empower us to gain the victory.

He has given us many promises we may claim in faith. God has promised the latter rain to prepare us for the time of trouble.

God's church will be sifted and purified. A number of people will leave us but a multitude will leave Babylon and join the ranks of the remnant.

God's church will triumph in a mighty way. Let us be prepared **and dedicate ourselves fully to Him in readiness for his coming.**

Let us remove everything from our lives that may separate us from our dear Saviour Jesus Christ.

May we stand firm until the end to receive God's invitation to enter His eternal Kingdom.

May God bless us all to this end. Amen.

Let us thank God for His love and mercy in prayer.

Our dear heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this moment of contemplation. We realize that the word of prophecy is fast fulfilling. We realize that the end of this world is near. We pray Thee; help us to be prepared for the coming crisis. May we discern the seriousness of the time we live in. Help us to open our hearts more fully for the blessed workings of Thine Holy Spirit. Empower us to reveal in our daily life the character of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we be ready to meet Thee in joy and peace. We pray it in the name of Jesus and for His sake, Amen.



Multitude of people...



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Those who want to study in the light of God's prophetic word the developments in the churches in this time of the end may like to read the book: *The Hidden Agenda*. The book has 200 pages with valuable information and has been published by Teach Services.

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All the above points are being discussed in the *Hidden Agenda*.

A very attractive and well documented book describing in a conveniently arranged way the various sweeping problems of modern church growth.

Increasing numbers of people feel uncomfortable with the new forms of worship - the popular music styles - the seeker friendly messages and a different kind of spirituality. They are at a loss as to what is happening not knowing how to adjust to these modern changing developments. The trusty old paths must be left behind. A new mind set - new methods - other rules and values are introduced into the churches that raise much concern dislocating thousands of faithful members worldwide. People will be excited to read in understandable language what is going on behind the scenes

discerning the Masterplan that is worked out and view things in a clear perspective as well as the way out.

Dealing with urgent contemporary needs this book will prove to be much appreciated.

