

The Attackers: Paul's Date with Death, 2 Tim 4:18; when a Believer's Duty Is Done God Takes Him Home Regardless of His Age; No One Should Want to Continue in this Life when His Duty Is Done; the Only True Conspiracy: Griffin's Introduction from 1990 Study; Demon Influence Distracts Believers from the Imperative to Grow in Grace and Spend Maximum Time Inside the Bubble

2 Timothy 4:18 - The Lord Himself shall deliver [ῥύομαι (*rhúomai*)] me from the source of every evil deed, and shall continue to preserve [σώζω (*sózo*)] me for His heavenly kingdom; to Whom is the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- (11) Paul is about to die but he looks on his death as deliverance. Paul's death is not a victory for Lucifer or Alexander.
- (12) Until the Rapture occurs everyone has a date with physical death. For the believer, it is a date with the Lord in glory.
- (13) Earthly trials are over; heavenly rest is only a microsecond away. This is called deliverance by Paul.
- (14) In verse 17, *rhúomai* is best translated "rescued," since Paul's citizenship prevented him from being fed to the lions.
- (15) In verse 18, the best translation is "delivered." Such is the base meaning of *σώζω* (*sózo*), the word for salvation which appears later in the verse.
- (16) Faith alone in Christ alone results in two things related to one's eternal future: (1) deliverance from the lake of fire and (2) the imputation of eternal life giving the believer the security of knowing he will go to heaven when he dies.
- (17) In this verse, *rhúomai* refers to protection from the evil deeds of *cosmos diabolicus* while *sózo* emphasizes deliverance from the devil's world into the perfection of eternity.
- (18) Regardless of the trials, dangers, conspiracies, and intrigue that threaten the believer in time, he has the confidence of knowing that the divine decree contains the ultimate escape clause: absent from the body and face to face with the Lord.
- (19) One of life's major adversaries for Paul was Alexander Coppersmith. Paul's confidence that this man will be dealt with by the justice of God is expressed from a Roman prison:

2 Timothy 4:14a - Alexander Coppersmith demonstrated many categories of evil against me;

1. Alexander's assault on Paul began in Ephesus. Although he was prevented from speaking at the theater, he did not hesitate to spread rumors about Paul throughout the city.
2. Alexander was a metal worker; Coppersmith is a misnomer so I use it as a surname. The word is *χαλκεύς* (*chalkeús*): metalworker; he was a member of the Untied Metalworkers Union and Paul's message had convinced a significant number of people to bolt idolatry for Christianity.
3. Although Alexander was saved, he did not have enough facilitated doctrine to overcome his lack of faith in divinely guaranteed provisions through the grace pipeline.

4. His desire was to maintain the standard of living to which he had become accustomed and that could only occur if his clientele remained the same.
5. Therefore, Alexander decided to cut his losses and take up a campaign against Christianity in general and Paul in particular.
6. Alexander's lack of faith and his motivation to silence Paul make him a prime candidate to become Lucifer's agent to carry out a conspiracy to eliminate the apostle.
7. There is nothing new under the sun, so we are able to summarize Lucifer's scheme by defining a conspiracy:
 - (1) First of all, I would like to present the introduction to the study of *The Biblical View of Civil Disobedience* on Tuesday, July 3, 1990:

We are aware that the Rapture may occur at any moment of the Church Age thus initiating the seven-year Tribulation. Biblical prophecy clearly delineates the activities of this future dispensation. Daniel and other prophets address this period in the Old Testament while John gives as a thorough New Testament analysis in Revelation 6–19.

Historical trends in the Church Age often seem to take on some of the appearances of tribulational events. This inspires certain fundamentalists, long on imagination but ultra-short on scholarship, to predict the Rapture will occur on a certain date or to suggest that a certain famous person is the anti-Christ. However, there is no prophecy which warns the Church Age believer that the Tribulation is about to begin and, by application, the Rapture is about to occur.

Occasionally, charges are leveled at some charismatic, dictatorial type as being the anti-Christ. All this is idle conjecture based on poor biblical scholarship. The anti-Christ is unknown until after the Tribulation begins.

In the Tribulation ... there will be the development of a global government led by a Satan-possessed dictator who controls the world's economy, politics, and religion.

It is Satan's belief that he can institute a perfect environment through his control of human beings. Thus, in order to gain control of the human species, he must centralize all government into one entity. Once accomplished, he will then physically possess a certain individual who will emerge as the dictator of this global government secretly promoting Satan's nefarious schemes.

Consequently, we should note a principle of application: All movements which deemphasize nationalism, patriotism, and indigenous cultures are a part of this satanic conspiracy. Without exception, such groups and organizations and the people who support them play their part, we hope unknowingly, in the promotion of Satan's plan for world domination. Nevertheless, their participation is no less effective. Further, any Christian group or organization which justifies the violation of law for the purpose of gaining some high moral objective has been lured into participating in Satan's insidious schemes. All revolutions, coups d'état, and anarchies justify their overthrow of authority from the flimsy motivation of moral indignation.

Many conservatives who observe the rapid drift toward globalist socialism are quick to accuse certain liberal organizations as forming a conspiracy dedicated to the merger of the United States into this international montage. Often mentioned are the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission. I reject this suggestion based on the principles of Scripture. The human mind is incapable of organizing the mechanics of a global empire much less supervising its administration. However, demon-possessed people and those under the control of demon influence can be coordinated on an international scale to bring about the results seen in Revelation 13.

Please understand then that there is a conspiracy but that conspiracy is satanic and demonic, not human. Admittedly, humans are used and they are manipulated to bring about Satan's desired ends as the ruler of this world. However, man, left to his own devices, is not capable or talented enough to pull off such a prodigious undertaking. World conquest takes genius organization and leadership dynamics on a higher level than human mentality permits.

Satan is described in Ezekiel 28 as the genius mentality of the entire angelic creation. There is a global conspiracy, but the lightweight mentalities associated with the CFR, the Trilateral Commission, or even the Communist Party itself, simply are not capable of pulling it off. They are simply dupes who, at most, make up only small regiments in a worldwide system called *cosmos diabolicus*. It is Satan, an angel of cherub rank, known as Lucifer, who directs this international conspiracy.

Therefore, we need to understand that there is a conspiracy, but it is not of human design or power. It is satanic and thus invisible and insidious. To isolate your attention on one specific human organization is to ignore the principle of compartmentalization. This is a procedure used by our military to insure the security of an operation. Those involved are given only enough information to execute their portion of the project, no more, no less.

If one participant were to leak information, the sum total of his knowledge would not be enough to jeopardize the success of the entire operation. When all parties fulfill their portion of the project, the operation runs smoothly. But only one individual knows the overall picture. This is the one who devises the plan, determines who will execute which portion of the plan, and then decides who does what and when they will do it. Such is the procedure used by Satan in his indefatigable march toward global domination.¹

- (2) Each element of the Luciferian agenda is part of an overall effort to delay the Second Advent. He accomplishes this by luring believers out of the divine dynasphere and keeping them there.
- (3) The Prosecution's rebuttal phase of the appeal trial is centered on the provision of the Operational Divine Dynasphere in which the believer is isolated from the machinations of the Dark Side.
- (4) Counteraction by the defense is accomplished by the failure of pastors to teach doctrine to believers; disinterest by believers in serious Bible study; bad theology, erroneous theology, and heretical theology; fuzzy gospels and false gospels; and condescension to cosmic philosophies rather than loyalty to biblical truth.
- (5) These failures disable believers from taking advantage of their divine operating assets and make them victims of demon influence. This results in diminishing the overall impact of Christianity in any generation.

¹ Joe Griffin, "Introduction," in *The Biblical View of Civil Disobedience* (St. Charles, MO: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 1990, 2012), 1-4.