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Acts 3

A Lame Man Healed

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Preaching in Solomon's Portico

11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. 12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. 14 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 "Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,[fn] 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'[fn] 24 Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold[fn] these days. 25 You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'[fn] 26 To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

DANIEL'S PROPHECIES - DANIEL 7

Due to the length of the next portion of this edition of the newsletter, "Prophecy In the News," our analysis of the last portion of Daniel 7 is going to have to wait until next week. However, for those who wish to review and reflect upon the passage we will discuss in our next issue, following is the major portion of the reference we will study — a most important part of Daniel's vision:

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a **fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and **it had ten horns**. 8 "I was considering the horns, and there was **another horn**, **a little one**, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, **in this horn**, **were eyes like the eyes of a man**, **and a mouth speaking pompous words**.

19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; 20 "and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. 21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 "until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. 23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. 24 The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. 25 He shall speak pompous [blasphemous] words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time [3 1/2 years]. 26 'But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' 28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart." Daniel 7:7, 8, 19-28.

PROPHECY IN THE NEWS

This week has been a week of much prayerful thought and investigation for me. I feel we are on the brink of something momentous. Paul wrote about our day when he said, "But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come" 2 Timothy 3:1.

There has been an enormous flood of news on the internet and on conservative news channels which underscore the observations reported in our last issue — news which may at first appear unrelated, yet when seen through the "glasses" of prophecy is very much related and quite ominous in nature. I will elaborate in a moment, but first I must provide the biblical backdrop for my disconcerting observations of what might be "just around the corner."

The Prophecy

Then I saw another **beast** coming up out of the earth, and he **had two horns** like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ... He was granted [power] to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Revelation 13:11, 15.

We have studied this prophecy in its entirety before, but for the sake of our present analysis of the news, we must note two things about it:

- 1) America is this two-horned beast of this passage, thus our focus on events occurring in America in recent weeks, and this week in particular
- 2) This prophecy tells of a time when all our constitutional liberties as Christians will be revoked

It's unthinkable that this could ever happen in America, "the land of the free." We live in a nation which has proudly distinguished itself, <u>from its birth</u>, from all the other nations of the world by a Constitution and Bill of Rights which unequivocally guarantee "certain inalienable rights" to her citizens, including freedom of speech, freedom to believe and worship according to ones conscience, and freedom from the control of government over these rights — EVER! But the prophecy is sure — "These words are faithful and true" Revelation 22:6.

The Catalyst — CRISIS!

All one must do to see how quickly our constitutional freedoms can be revoked, and how willingly Americans will relinquish their freedoms in exchange for the guarantee of their safety and the protection of their way of life, is to review our recent history when our nation has been in crisis. When COVID infected our country six years ago (it's hard to believe it's been that long ago!), we became a frightened nation. We were told to get vaccinated or lose our jobs, wear masks, stay six feet away from others, remain at home for work and school, and even our churches stopped meeting in person. Virtual church services became the mode of worship — all because these things were mandated by government and uncontested by "a free people." And we scorned and avoided those who didn't comply! "It was for our protection and good," we were told. And doctors and pastors who stood up against the mandates of government were put in prison! Dr. Simone Gold, who spoke publicly against the mandated vaccines, offering alternative methods of protection against the virus, spent six months in federal prison!

In addition to the response of the American people to the crisis of COVID, there is a lesson to learn from another national crisis of not that long ago which addresses another aspect of our prophetic text above. In the text, there is a religious element which is to be fulfilled — our nation will lead the world to "worship the image of the beast." There will be a world-wide revival of the devil's creation — signs and wonders will be performed to attest to the authenticity of religious mandates, and the world will "wonder after and worship the beast" (Antichrist). The religious fervor will come as a result of corrupt government joining hands with false religion to institute a common faith for the world which opposes the faith of the followers of Christ. Another hard reality to envision, right? But when America was attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001, patriotism in America became a religion. Everyone pulled together to show our common belief in America — and God! Our national flag became a symbol of true patriotism, and everyone was all of a sudden a Christian, saying and singing with patriotic energy, "God bless America!" I was one who shared in that cry of our national pride and resolve to eliminate those who had invaded our country and killed our people!

And so it will happen again — patriotism and a common faith, promoted by church and government, will once again override our constitutional freedoms in the crisis which lies before us! And it will make sense to the majority of Americans. And it will result in the exclusion, persecution, loss of our freedoms, and ultimately the death of all who stand true to the faith of the Bible — *Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gatia, Solus Christus, Soli Deo Gloria*. And what will trigger these changes in the life of free America? — a national crisis, created by internal and/or external forces! — as stated in our previous newsletter, economic instability, political retaliation for the exposure of corruption and the strong arm of the rule of law, the resistance of liberal and globalist actors who will do anything to maintain the control they are losing as a result of Trump's new administration — even to the extent of "major civil calamity, possibly [civil] war. If that fails to materialize, there could even be another attempt on the President's life — anything to take down America" (Gary Kah). Any one of these potential threats to national stability could trigger the conditions which would call for the implementation of presidential actions which would restore order at the expense of our constitutional freedoms.

The News

So, what are the crises in America at the moment which are causing widespread fear that President Trump could act in ways which would cause our liberties to be revoked, entirely or in part?

1) The crisis at the Southern Border — the "invasion" of foreign terrorists, gangs, and cartels who are planning harm to the American people. On January 20, Inauguration Day, President Trump signed an Executive Order "Declaring a National Emergency at our Southern Border." He has already deployed troops to the border, and just this week he "authorized the transfer of federal public lands along the U.S.-Mexico border, known as the Roosevelt Reservation, to the military to designate as 'National Defense Areas,' according to a memo signed April 11. The latest White House effort enables the Department of Defense to have jurisdiction over a 60-foot-wide strip that runs along the international boundary line from California through Arizona into New Mexico, which the Interior Department had managed. The area will be treated as Defense Department property, meaning individuals found on the land could be subject to detention and legal

action." AZ Central. Tomorrow, April 20, 2025, is the deadline for Pete Hegseth and Kristi Noem to provide the president with a report and a recommendation of the measures to be taken to protect our citizens from the invasion of illegal immigants — an option being the invoking of the Insurrection Act! See the news article below:

Insurrection Act Explained: Trump Admin Deciding Whether to Invoke 1807 Law

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By Mandy Taheri

Nearly halfway through the 90-day deadline set by one of President Donald Trump's first executive orders upon reentering office, top national security officials are preparing a report on the U.S. southern border, which could determine whether Trump invokes the Insurrection Act of 1807. *Newsweek* has reached out to the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security for comment via email on Saturday.

Why It Matters

Illegal immigration and border security are cornerstones of Trump's agenda. He has vowed to carry out the largest mass deportation effort in U.S. history, impose tariffs and strengthen border security to limit crossings. He campaigned on the proposals, which have widespread Republican support, and many voters backing his plans for immigration reform. Most Democrats oppose his approach but agree on the need for reform.

The Insurrection Act of 1807 is a federal law that allows the president to deploy the military and National Guard to quell unrest, such as an insurrection or rebellion, or to enforce the law in certain situations.



President Donald Trump holds up an executive order in the Oval Office of the White House on January 20 in Washington, D.C. AP Photo/Evan Vucci

Critics worry that invoking the act would consolidate federal power and give Trump more leeway to use the military for domestic law enforcement or immigration enforcement.

The move comes less than two months into his presidency, during which he has strong Republican support but faces criticism from Democrats and others who warn his actions resemble authoritarian tendencies.

What To Know

One of Trump's first executive orders, signed the evening he took office on January 20, was titled, "Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States." In the order, he said "America's sovereignty is under attack," due to border crossings and declared a national emergency at the southern border.

Under Section 6 of the order, Trump directs Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem to submit a joint report on the border, including recommendations for actions that "may be necessary to obtain complete operational control of the southern border." He specifically cites one option—"including whether to invoke the Insurrection Act of 1807." The Act is outlined in a series of statutes under Title 10 of the U.S. States Code, with some of them dating back before 1807. The statutes grant the president the power use the military to put down a rebellion at the federal or state level. Some worry that if department heads recommend invoking the act, the president—already accused of greatly expanding executive power—could gain more, backed by the armed forces.

The Trump administration has made border policy a priority, including proposals to end birthright citizenship and orchestrating U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids in an effort to carry out mass deportations. Several of Trump's immigration-related policies are being challenged in the courts.

When Has Insurrection Act of 1807 Been Invoked?

The law is used only in extreme circumstances and has been invoked only a few times in the past century, most recently by President George H.W. Bush to quell the Los Angeles riots in 1992 after the police beating of Rodney King.

That followed mass unrest by tens of thousands of people that left 63 dead, around 2,300 injured and more than 12,000 arrested.

Other times the Act was invoked include when President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered federal troops to escort Black students into Little Rock Central High School after Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus refused to comply with a federal desegregation order and during the 1967 Detroit Riot, which left 43 dead.

What People Are Saying

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, in a recent statement: "The drop in illegal border crossings has been fantastic: 95% since President Trump took office. We'll keep our military at the border until it is entirely closed."

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, on X, formerly Twitter, on Monday: "In February, there were just 8,326 apprehensions at the U.S. Mexico border. That is lowest number in recorded history. President @realDonaldTrump has delivered a powerful message and the world is taking notice: America's borders are CLOSED to lawbreakers."

President Donald Trump, in a March 4 address to Congress: "The territory to the immediate south of our border is now dominated entirely by criminal cartels that murder, rape, torture and exercise total control. They have total control over a whole nation. posing a grave threat to our national security."

Ruth Ben-Ghiat, a historian and political commentator, on X on Friday: "Americans, Trump is apparently now considering the invocation of the Insurrection Act. He has asked Hegseth & Noem to weigh in on the issue. Autocrats use such measures to speed power consolidation, repress protests and demonstrate force to the world."

White House spokesperson Kush Desai told Politico in February: "After four years of a lackadaisical approach to border security and immigration, every lever of executive power is now being marshaled to enforce our laws, mass deport criminal illegal immigrants, safeguard our borders, and put American citizens first."

Brett Wagner, a retired professor of national security decision making for the U.S. Naval War College, in an opinion piece in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on Wednesday: "Many of us are now holding our collective breath, knowing that the report and what it contains could put us on the slippery slope toward unchecked presidential power under a man with an affinity for ironfisted dictators."

What Happens Next?

Noem and Hegseth have 43 days until the report is due to the president. (That's tomorrow!)

2) "Civil War" Within Halls of Congress — Liberal elements of our government are at war with our president and are plotting the end of his presidency. Governors and Mayors are refusing to abide by his executive orders, and many of our congressional representatives are actively introducing bills and leveling lawsuits to stop the president and his administrative team from their efforts to restore law and order to our republic. These individuals are doing things which could be interpreted as acts of "insurrection!" See the article below:



By Jim Hoft, the Gateway Pundit April 15, 2025



California Democrat Rep. Laura Friedman has admitted House Democrats are coordinating *every single* week with far-left state attorneys general to weaponize the justice system against President Trump and his America First agenda.

Speaking to voters, Friedman bragged that House Democrats have established a so-called "litigation working group," aka "shadow government," comprised of approximately 75 sitting members of Congress who gather behind closed doors *every week* to craft legal strategies in conjunction with state AGs — the same AGs who have brought politically motivated lawsuits and investigations against Trump, his businesses, his allies, and his policies.

Watch the video of her speech to voters:

https://vimeo.com/1076721331

"Every single week, we have a litigation working group where a large group of us—and I'm talking maybe 75 members of the House—sit down with the AGs to talk about legal strategy," said Friedman.

"This is all going on every single week behind the scenes. It is nonstop talk, nonstop introduction of bills and legislation, nonstop being on social media as much as we can without being throttled, without the crazy analytics, and doing all these things."

Friedman's admission lays bare the hypocrisy of a party that lectures about "democracy" while secretly colluding to subvert the will of the voters.

Their so-called "legal strategy" is nothing more than lawfare—a desperate attempt to cripple Trump's ability to deliver on his promises, from restoring economic prosperity to draining the swamp. And who's footing the bill for this circus? You, the American taxpayer.

It's time to call this what it is: a scandal. House Democrats must be held accountable for this blatant abuse of power.

Republicans in Congress should launch an immediate investigation into this "litigation working group" and demand transparency about who's involved, what they're planning, and how deep this collusion goes.

The American people deserve answers, not more elitist schemes cooked up in D.C. backrooms.

[Editor's note: This article originally appeared on The Gateway Pundit.com]

3) According to a number of news sources, President Trump is not only supporting Israel in her fight against terrorist regimes in the Middle East, but he's also demanding that Iran cease its race to become a nuclear power and is indicating he will do whatever is necessary to stop Iran from continuing its nuclear enrichment program — including military action.

According to Prophecy News Watch, on Sunday [President Trump] told the press that a final decision on Iran will be made "very quickly"...

Trump, who has threatened military action if no deal is reached on halting Iran's nuclear program, told reporters aboard Air Force One that he met with advisers on Iran and expected a quick decision. He gave no further details.

"We'll be making a decision on Iran very quickly," he said.

Subsequently, on Monday Trump gave us even more insight into what he is thinking.

In the Oval Office, he told reporters that he will solve the "problem with Iran" one way or another...

"We've got a problem with Iran. I'll solve that problem. It's almost an easy one," Trump declared, speaking to reporters in the Oval Office during a meeting with Nayib Bukele, the president of El Salvador.

"Iran has to get rid of the concept of a nuclear weapon. They cannot have a nuclear weapon," Trump said. "I want them to be a rich, great nation. The only thing is, one thing, simple, it's really simple: They can't have a nuclear weapon. And they've gotta go fast. Because they're fairly close to having one. And they're not going to have one."

"And if we have to do something very harsh, we'll do it," he added. "And I'm not doing it for us. I'm doing it for the world. These are radicalized people, and they cannot have a nuclear weapon."

When a reporter asked Trump to clarify what "something very harsh" means, Trump once again threatened to conduct a military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities...

He was asked, regarding his reference to something harsh, "Does that include a potential strike on Iranian nuclear facilities?" And he answered: "Of course it does."

President Trump is in an "America First" fight that he intends to win, whatever it takes. As a result, he has many enemies both domestic and foreign who are determined that he will **not** win this fight, and they will do **whatever is necessary** to stop him. There is a war going on within our government which is destined to bring crisis. Our president is doing everything he can to restore power and order to those who value constitutional law and freedoms which we as a country have enjoyed for nearly 250 years. The price we pay as a nation will be very costly. But for most Americans, the personal costs we will ultimately be willing to pay to protect our way of life will likely also cost us our freedoms!

Conclusions

- 1) Someday, we as Christians will have our rights to worship and serve God in keeping with our understanding of His Word revoked. Our beliefs and practices will be in opposition to the religious order established in America by the coordinated efforts of false religion and corrupt government. That reality will be triggered by CRISIS which appears precariously imminent!
- 2) The tensions which exist between conservative and liberal individuals, agencies, groups and enemy nations cannot continue to exist as they are. Something is about to occur which will catapult our world into a crisis which will only be resolved by violence, chaos, and something akin to martial law. The question is not whether this will happen, it's only a matter of when, and many credible people believe it will be sooner than later.