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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

Please remember those who are on the Prayer Request page on the website.

First off let me apologize again for the technical issues that I had which led to actually two things - the first was that I felt like I needed to replay the message from 2 weeks ago because I heard from so many of you that there was an issue; then two, I was just plain worn out. So, it was kind of a two-fold issue. Thank you to each of you who contacted me to make sure everything was okay.

Before we get back to our “Possessed by Evil Spirits” series, there's a couple things that I saved from current events that I wanted to share with you. First of all, and I find this so interesting because we're in the series we are in - the events are happening right in my backyard - and it seems very ironic to me. There is something happening just about 50 miles south of where we live. It was only about 15 miles south of where we used to live. But there is a man that the locals are calling, quote: “The Devil in the Ozarks.” Now, if you've been paying close attention to the series - you know that I'm saying that I do not believe in spirit beings. I do not believe in the “supernatural”. I don't believe in Hollywood demons, I don't believe in the movie the Exorcist - in fact - for me - the movie is a comedy. It's not a drama. It's not a documentary - it is 100% comedic fiction. As is every single Hollywood movie that has been produced related to the devil, satan, demon possession or what have you.

We saw it. I showed you right from the Bible, the first mention of devil was a goat that was offered in strange sacrifice. Then, the next mention of devil is meant to be understood as a foreign king. A foreign king as in what? And I find this very interesting. In the Book of Deuteronomy, who was King over God's people? God was. The God of Creation, the God of the Bible - He was the King. It wasn't until the time of Samuel when that all changed. So, any foreign king - any king that was not the God of Creation, the God of Abraham, the God of the Bible, any king besides that One - was called a devil.

A physical animal, a goat. And a physical man, a foreign king. The mythological spirit beings are a concoction of that thing called “church” and it is not Bible. This is my opinion. This is what I believe. Well anyway, back to “The Devil in the Ozarks.” There's

supposedly this man named Grant Hardin. He was in prison for murder and rape. And a couple weeks ago, he supposedly escaped from prison and had been on the run for about two weeks. And the news is reporting that he was captured on the 6th of this month. So, really bad guy. Should not even be alive if he did what they said he did. Murder and rape are both punishable by the death penalty if the people in the u.s. cared one bit about the Law of God. But, they don't. Because they all know better. They know better than the God of Creation knows - so - murderers, rapists, kidnappers, unrepentant thieves, perjurers, etc., they are mostly allowed to continue living after doing things that God said demands the death penalty.

So why do I find this story unique or ironic during the time of this series? Well, before Grant Hardin was officially found guilty of murder and rape - he was the police chief in Arkansas. In this series, I have publicly made the statement that demons and devils are the police, the politicians - and anyone who supports that system, that way of life. I am not at all saying that every cop or every politician is a murderer and a rapist - physically. I'm not saying that at all. But what I am saying is this - and I want to be perfectly clear about this. A devil, a demon, a satan, fill in the blank with whatever name or title you want - those entities are people who believe it is perfectly fine for one man or a collection of men - to make their own definitions of good and evil, right and wrong - they call those definitions laws, statutes, ordinances - and then force other people - at gunpoint if need be - to obey those definitions, those laws, those ordinances and statutes. That is the way demons live. That is the way devils live. That is what the Satan in the Bible did - and those who believe in that system, in that way of living - are possessed with the spirit, the attitude, the understanding of Satan.

These are flesh and blood people. They are not invisible, floating around the sky, lurking under the beds of the kiddos spirit beings. They are people whose belief system is that of their father the devil, Satan, demons, etc.

Grant Hardin, as police chief, enforcing the laws, statutes, ordinances of mere men - was a demon and a devil because of that mindset and his actions, his way of life. I find it ironic that he was called "The Devil in the Ozarks."

I realize how offensive my beliefs are to most people. Probably 99.999% of people alive today would find my beliefs reprehensible as to the definitions of demons and devils. Most people worship the cops, worship the politicians and love having the apparent ability to force their beliefs on other people. But I believe that what I am preaching on this subject is the truth concerning what demons, devils and satans are.

We saw this not long ago, but turn again, please to II Corinthians chapter 11. Read beginning with verse 14.

[14] And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

[15] Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

This Grant Hardin man was apparently openly vile and evil while he was playing cops and robbers. It doesn't seem like too many people were surprised that he was convicted of murder and rape. But what about all the cops and politicians that put on this air of piety and purity? The guys who claim to be in it for justice and to truly catch bad people?

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These are actually the ones to be most concerned about. The Grant Hardins in their world are easy to hate. Everyone hates him. Except for the people that helped him escape from their prison, of course. But he's easy to hate because of the life he lived.

But God told Paul to warn Christians about those who appear to be righteous, the ministers of righteousness. Yet, God told Paul to teach that they were ministers of Satan. Good looking. Clean cut. Never a hair out of place. But they manage to transform themselves - in the eyes of naive people - as the ministers of righteousness.

The truth is - they are ministers of what they have declared to be righteous - and what they have declared to be unrighteous.

God has never. Not once for a day, not once for a second, said that it is okay for men to make their own laws. Those who believe that it's okay for men to make their own laws, those that enforce those laws on other people - our Bible calls them Satans and devils.

Let's read again from Matthew chapter 4, the foundational passage for this series. Read please, beginning from verse 1.

[1] Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

- [2] And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
- [3] And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
- [4] But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- [5] Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
- [6] And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- [7] Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
- [8] Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
- [9] And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
- [10] Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- [11] Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

This devil, in this passage, we find that this devil has a name and that name is Satan. This Satan devil was the one who was in control of the kingdoms of the world. This Satan devil is also described as the tempter. It is perfectly Biblical to refer to the devil, or a devil, but this particular devil in Matthew chapter 4, it is perfectly fine to call this devil Satan. Turn to Revelation chapter 12. Read beginning with verse 1.

- [1] And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
- [2] And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
- [3] And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
- [4] And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
- [5] And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

[6] And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

[7] And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

[8] And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

[9] And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Alright. Now, we find this great dragon, who is also called that old serpent, who is called the devil, who is also called Satan. In the Old Covenant - which is what all of this is - it is perfectly fine Biblically speaking - to call this Satan, devil, dragon, old serpent - the name and the descriptions all referring to the same thing.

Now, I need to spend a complete hour or more on this war in heaven, and I will. But today is not the day. I have something else I want to go to, to lay more foundational work. I will say this, though. I believe that the war in heaven was symbolic. I do not believe this was a war between two supernatural beings. One supernatural being representing the forces of good and another supernatural being representing the forces of evil.

So, that will be for another day, hopefully sooner than later.

It is my belief that, Satan, the devil, the dragon, the old serpent are - in this passage - more symbolizing of the war against the God of Heaven - than actual men or beings of some kind. I believe Satan, the devil, the dragon, the old serpent are representative of anything and anyone that opposes the God of the Bible.

Let's talk about what opposes the God of the Bible. In order to do so, I believe we need to go back to the beginning. Let's go back to the Book of Genesis and take another look at that Old Serpent. Genesis chapter 3, beginning with verse 1. We've seen this several times before, but I believe it is the clearest example of what it means to oppose the God of the Bible, it's as clear as anything we have - and this mindset continues today. This is how Satans continue. This is how devils continue and demons, dragons. It is now an attitude. It is a system of belief. It is a system of belief that dictates how people live their lives - and it is the life that opposes the God of the Bible.

[1] Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

If you want to believe this was a literal talking snake, then I'm not going to oppose you. I do not believe in literal talking snakes. The Garden of Eden is not the Jungle Book. It is not Hollywood or Disney make believe. I'm not being condescending or mocking if you believe that this story is talking about a literal talking snake - but I do not believe that's what is going on. This is symbolic language for someone who was tempting Eve and the descriptive language uses a snake, subtil, more subtil than any other creature. I believe we are to tie this in with the one who was the tempter of Christ from Matthew 4. The one who possessed the same attitude, the same evil spirit, the same evil belief system which determined how he lived - and how he opposed the God of the Bible.

[2] And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

[3] But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

[4] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

[5] For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

As I've said before, I'll say again today. I do not believe that it was the plan of God for us not to know the difference between good and evil. Our Bibles are filled with "this is good, do this, this is evil, do not do that." Clearly, we are to know what is good and what is evil and we are to strive for the good and flee from the evil. To me, it is possibly the most shallow thing that churchmen have ever come up with when they say that God did not want His Creation to know the difference between good and evil.

I believe that what this is talking about is the fact that God is saying, "I have given you every tree in the garden, everything in My world, I have given you. I want you to succeed. I want you to have the good of what I have created in my world. You can have all of this. Take dominion. But there is one thing, there is one tree, there is one fruit, there is one thing you cannot do. And that is, you are not allowed to make your own definitions of good and evil, right and wrong. I and I alone, the Creator, I'm the Only One Who knows how to define good and how to define evil." That's what I believe this means.

In the day that you decide you can make your own definitions, then your eyes will be opened, your understandings will change, you'll like it, your flesh will like making your own definitions of good and evil and it won't be too long before you'll be forcing those definitions on other people - even against their will. And even worse than that, is when you find people who are trying to stay faithful to the God of the Bible - and you try to lead them away from serving Him - and following you and your definitions, your "laws, statutes and ordinances." You'll be offending the children of God - one of the worst things that Christ said men can do - better for that man to have a millstone wrapped around his neck and cast into the sea - than to try to lead one of God's children - one of God's obedient ones astray.

The tempter, the old serpent, Satan, the devil - the first time we see this entity in our Bibles, it is in a story about trying to lead Eve into believing that she would not die if she ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. "Did God really say you would die if you ate of that tree? Come on, what's so bad about making your own definitions of good and evil? You won't die." That was the original lie from the devil, the old serpent, Satan - and that is - in my opinion - the original evil spirit. When people believe it is perfectly fine for men to make their own definitions of good and evil, right and wrong, then force others to live accordingly - I believe - this is what is meant by - to be possessed with an evil spirit.

And yes, I understand that pretty much the entire world in which we live believes this. And that is why we read in Revelation chapter 12 that this devil, serpent, dragon, Satan - deceived the whole world. The whole world was deceived into believing that the kingdoms of men are okay. Today, the whole world is deceived into believing that the kingdoms of men are okay. But it's not okay. The deception is not okay. Revelation chapter 12 was a war between the ideology of the kingdoms of the world - represented as devils, serpents, dragons, satans - and the Kingdom of God.

The Book of Revelation is supposed to reveal to us that the war was ended. The Kingdom of God put down the kingdoms of men. Meaning that forevermore those who claim Christ are supposed to live in His Kingdom, with His Law, with His Statutes. We are not to revive the spirits, the beliefs, the attitudes of the satans, the devils, the dragons, the original old serpent who said "You will not die if make your own governments." And that's what was going on in Genesis chapter 3.

I've said this a thousand times, the Bible is about pleading with men and women boys and girls to choose the Government of God.

I showed you even the false teachers like C.I. Scofield - they say - yes - the Bible is ultimately about the Government of God on this earth - that, as Scofield said, "It is earth's golden age. It is the age of resistless power. No matter the inner thought of man, he must do right or die." It is the Government of God. It is when the kingdoms of men are done away with - and the Only Government allowed to exist is the Government of Christ." Scofield said this. All of them say that. Everyone - including me - says it's all about the Government of God on earth. The difference me and them - is that they say it's all in the future. It's not now. But I'm saying that the Bible says it is now. It's been that way since Christ came in the first century. The war in Heaven. What we read from Revelation chapter 12 - that is history - that is past history.

[5] [the] man child, Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne.

That is past history. That has already happened. It's already taken place. This is Christ. This was fulfilled in the first century. And since that, it has been the responsibility of every living breathing creature to come off the side of the war that was the kingdoms of men - and join the side of the war that was Christ and His Government. That war is not in the future. That war already took place. Christ won. And if you are still on the side of the kingdoms of men - you're on the wrong side. You are lost. You are aligned with the devils, the dragons, the satans, the old serpents - who were all destroyed in the first century - but their spirits live on - their evil spirits live on in the lives of all who refuse to enter the winning side - the Government of Christ. Go back to Revelation 12 for just a minute. Go back to verse 10.

All the church people use the phrase, "Are you saved? Have you been saved?" But none of them know what the Biblical definition of salvation even means. Read this. Look at this:

[10] And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Salvation is in making a conscious decision to leave the mindset of the kingdoms of the world and enter the mindset of the Kingdom of our God and the power - the Authority of His Christ. Here it is. I don't know how it can be any clearer. This is salvation. This is what it means. This isn't my teaching. This isn't my words. It says, this is a loud voice

from Heaven. It wasn't just a voice. It was a loud voice. Friends, today, listen to the loud voice. The loud voice is calling today just as it was then. It's about coming into the Government of God and leaving the kingdoms of men. Verse 11.

[11] And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

They overcame who? The devil, the dragon, the satan, the old serpent. Those who represented the kingdoms of men in this great war, this great battle between the kingdoms of men and the Kingdom of God.

Now go back to Genesis chapter 3, verse 6.

[6] And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

[7] And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

[8] And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

[9] And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

[10] And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

[11] And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

[12] And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

[13] And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Why is this here? What does it mean for today? I don't believe it's all that hard. I believe it's just simple that we are not to be in the blame game. We all have a choice to make to follow God or follow man. All of us have the same decisions and we all face the same consequences for our choices - whether those choices are good or bad, right or wrong. Verse 14.

[14] And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

[15] And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

[16] Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

[17] And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

[18] Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

[19] In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

[20] And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

[21] Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

[22] And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

And here, it is my belief, that this constant battle between rebellious men and the Creator of the World began - and it continues even today. Even after we read in the Book of Revelation that there was this great war, this great battle between the forces of men who oppose God and God Himself - because men and women choose to continue trying to live lives by their own definitions of good and evil - the battle continues.

Men and women are possessed by evil spirits, which are beliefs, attitudes, ideologies that oppose God. Opposing God is not what we saw many years ago in the drama of Bob Harrington and Madalyn Murray O'Hare. Opposing God means to oppose His Law. It's as simple as that. It is choosing to live by man's laws as superior to God's Laws. I believe it's that simple.

I want to read something to you this morning. When I read this, I was so appalled, in

fact, even the headline is appalling. This is demons. This is demon possession. This is evil spirits at work. This is evil people possessing the spirit of devils for the purpose of controlling how people live. This is the exact opposite of how Christ said people are to live. We are not to be controlling. We are not to be dominating over people. But this is how demons think. This is how demons and devils and satans plan and scheme to control the lives of people - drawing them away from the Kingdom of Christ and further entrenching them in the satanic kingdoms of the world.

Listen to this headline:

“Foreign globalist is upset that you’ve got ‘untraceable cash’ in your pocket...”

The link is in the notes.

<https://revolver.news/2025/05/foreign-globalist-is-upset-that-youve-got-untraceable-cash-in-your-pocket/>

The war on cash isn’t about convenience. It’s about control. And the people leading the charge aren’t freedom-loving innovators; they’re smug, bloated globalists like Agustin Carstens. These unelected elites want to replace physical currency with programmable, traceable, fully centralized digital money. Why? Because cash keeps you free, and freedom is the one thing they can’t afford you to have.

This is an audio clip from this article.

Another case in point: Mr. Agustin Carstens. Who is he? He’s a Mexican economist who’s been the General Manager of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) since 2017. Before that, he served as governor of the Bank of Mexico. In short, he’s a deeply embedded globalist insider, and he really doesn’t want to live in a cash society.

Why? Well, because, as Mr. Carstens puts it, he wants to know what you’re spending and purchasing, and he can’t do that if you’re using cash.

Listen to a clip of what he said last month.

Then this.

A technological revolution is changing our economy and even money itself. In addition to improvements to existing payment systems, new digital currencies have been unleashed. Yet societies face two forks in the road in designing digital money. First, should digital currencies rely on a central authority or a decentralised governance system? Second, should access be based on verification of identity, or purely on cryptography? The answer is that if digital currencies are needed, central banks should be the issuers and they should grant access based on identification. Central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) can combine novel digital technologies with the tried and trusted foundation of central banks. Developing CBDCs comes with a host of technological, legal and economic issues that warrant careful examination before issuance. Central banks – the guardians of stability – will proceed carefully, methodically and in line with their mandates. The BIS is supporting this international discussion, ensuring that central banks can continue learning from one another and can cooperate on key design issues.

The article continues:

And let's not pretend this is some far-fetched, loony hypothetical. We've already seen what happens when the powerful decide certain voices don't deserve a bank account. People like Alex Jones, Laura Loomer, Andrew Torba, and Mike Lindell have all been "de-banked" in real time, cut off from their own money for nothing more than their political beliefs.

Now imagine how much easier that gets when the government has complete and total control over your funds. When every dollar you earn, spend, or save is tied to some shadowy central system monitored by globalist elites like Mr. Carstens. You won't need to be "de-banked" the old-fashioned way. With digital currency, they'll just click a button and freeze you out instantly. No appeal, no warning, no recourse.

And honestly, they might not even need to go that far, because the threat alone will be enough to silence people. Just the idea that they can cut you off will be enough to keep millions of people quiet. That's the real goal here. It's not about being "modern" and moving into the future. It's about power. Total control over your livelihood, your choices, your words, and your freedom.

Because once they kill cash, they own you. End quote.

As you know, I've preached against cash. Folding green cash is totally unBiblical. It's unBiblical - because it is not gold, silver or copper - or something else that has trade value all by itself. Items that have trade value all by themselves are what God intended for man to use as a currency - something to buy, sell and trade with. And, though, the folding green cash is unBiblical - the amount of control - though it is absolutely controlled - but it is far less controllable at least on an individual level. You heard the globalist say that to a certain extent - the use of cash was anonymous and not easily controlled. I'm actually amazed that there is still such an urgency with these people to get rid of cash - because the reality is - already - very few people still use it.

But here's what I believe. I believe it's part of the war against Heaven. It's about trying to make sure that every single man woman boy and girl today is living on the side of the kingdoms of men and not living on the side of the Government of God. If there's just one man or one woman that's trying to stay faithful to the God of the Bible - they want to do whatever they can do to eliminate that man or woman's ability to stay faithful to the God of Heaven.

The reason, I believe, why they want to completely eliminate the personal use of cash - is because they want total and complete control of God's world including God's people. Just like Revelation 12:9 speaks of the world in total deception. We're pretty much right back again to the whole world in deception - led by satanic forces - and these satanic forces are people. They are not spirit beings. They are not mutants. They are people. And these people are possessed by the spirits of demons and devils.

But friends, hope is not lost. While Christians still have breath - there is still hope. Preaching the present day reality of the Government of God provides hope. Calling men and women, boys and girls out of the kingdoms of men and into the Government of Christ is what it's all about.

Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:

We need to be pulling people out from the false, deceptive "gospel" of the church and into the true Bible definition of the Gospel, the way of salvation. And that way is by changing sides. Leave the kingdoms of the world and come into the Kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ - of Christ the King.

In conclusion this morning, I want to share with you something that might be of a

positive note in their world. This is from last month. An article in the Guardian, the link is in the notes.

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/mar/16/sweden-cash-digital-payments-electronic-banking-security>

The article is titled, *Back to cash: life without money in your pocket is not the utopia Sweden hoped*

Here's a little of the article.

Nordic countries were early adopters of digital payments. Now, electronic banking is seen as a potential threat to national security

Forget about “national security.” It is an absolute threat to individual security.

In 2018 a former deputy governor of Sweden’s central bank predicted that by 2025 the country would probably be cashless.

Seven years on, that prediction has turned out to be pretty much true. Just one in 10 purchases are made with cash, and card is the most common form of payment, followed by the Swedish mobile payment system Swish, launched by six banks in 2012 and now ubiquitous. Other mobile phone payment services are also growing quickly.

In fact, according to the central bank’s annual payments report, published this month, Sweden and Norway have the lowest amount of cash in circulation, as a percentage of GDP, in the world.

But in the context of today, with war in Europe, unpredictability in the US and the fear of Russian hybrid attacks almost a part of daily life in Sweden, life without cash is not proving the utopia that perhaps it once promised to be.

*Such is the perceived severity of the situation that the authorities are trying to encourage citizens to keep and use cash in the name of civil defence. In November, the defence ministry sent every home a brochure entitled *If Crisis or War Comes*, advising people to use cash regularly and keep a minimum of a week’s supply in various denominations to “strengthen preparedness”.*

In its report, the central bank says: “Measures need to be taken to strengthen preparedness and reduce exclusion so that everyone can pay, even in the event of crisis or war.” For years, it says, efficiency has been the priority for payments, but now safety and accessibility “are at least as important”.

In December the government published the findings of an inquiry that proposed that some public and private agents should be required to accept cash – a recommendation that the central bank says the authorities should implement.

Swedish banknotes

Sweden and Norway rethink cashless society plans over Russia security fears

Read more

In recent years the central bank has been working on its own digital currency, the “e-krona”, as cash declines. But the project ended a couple of years ago, and the bank is now focused on monitoring the global development of digital currencies.

Sweden is not the only Nordic country backpedalling on plans for a cashless society. Last year Norway, which has a popular equivalent to Swish called Vipps MobilePay, brought in legislation that means retailers can be fined or sanctioned if they will not accept cash. The government has also recommended that citizens “keep some cash on hand due to the vulnerabilities of digital payment solutions to cyber-attacks”.

Norway’s former justice and emergencies minister Emilie Mehl put it in clear terms: “If no one pays with cash and no one accepts cash, cash will no longer be a real emergency solution once the crisis is upon us.”

Ultimately, when it comes to emergency planning, the world’s two most cashless societies are still banking on cash. End quote.

I believe the reason for this is because, once again, the Bible is true. All of this move to cashless societies - which is nothing but a power grab. Is sticking a fist in the face of God and saying - “We will not have Christ to rule over us.” But,

God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Yes, there is war declared on the God of Heaven, on His Government. And this war is the kingdoms of men - led by demons and devils and satans and dragons - but just like the war that Revelation 12 described - the Government of God wins and will always

win. And, just like Revelation 12 speaks of the followers of Christ, we are to

[11] ...overcome him [the satans, devils, demons, dragons] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.