



# Crises are changing the world...

## The pope thinks he has the solution!

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Dear Friend:

The past decade has been traumatic. One crisis after another has assaulted our peace and security. First, it was the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Then in 2005, the most devastating hurricane season in recorded history wiped out New Orleans and numerous other cities. Next, the housing bubble erupted sending a shock wave through the economy.



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Most recently, financial institutions have collapsed, the stock market has crashed, and businesses are struggling to survive. The cumulative fallout has been devastating. **Millions are out of work, out of their homes, and out of hope.**

**Our world is going through change of prophetic proportions.** World leaders recognize something unusual is happening. Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, recently said,

“Historians will look back and say this was no ordinary time but a defining moment: an unprecedented period of global change, and a time when one chapter ended and another began.” Gordon Brown, Prime Minister

What Mr. Gordon probably can't appreciate is that this new chapter that has begun is found in Revelation 13. This predicts a time when global crises prompt church and state to unite in a tragic union.

**Today, we will share with you how the pope, the United States, and other global leaders are lining up to fulfill these age-old prophecies in our day and what Hope Channel is doing about it.** The past few weeks have seen what surely is *one of the most remarkable confirmations* of Bible prophecy in recent years.

### Papacy Fulfills Prophecy

In response to the current global financial crisis, Pope Benedict XVI recently issued a comprehensive plan for rescuing the world from the brink of disaster. The encyclical, *Charity in Truth*, was released in time for leaders

of the world's major industrialized democracies to consider during their G-8 summit in Italy this past month. The pope is also reported to have personally given President Obama a copy during Obama's first visit to the Vatican.

We have read *Charity in Truth* and have identified **ten crucial points that show the pope's agenda was predicted in Bible prophecy**. We list them here for you along with the paragraph numbers where they are found in the document.

- **A Global Government.** The pope is calling for a “true world political authority” to fix the problems that plague the world. (67)
- **Church and State.** The pope says this new political authority will make its decisions based on spiritual values. (Chapter 5)
- **The Papacy at the Head.** These spiritual values cannot be derived from just any religion, since not “all religions are equal.” (55)
- **Religion, Politics, and the Economy.** The church must influence all areas of society since God must have “a place in the public realm, specifically in regard to its cultural, social, economic, and particularly its political dimensions.” (56)
- **Power to Enforce Law.** This “political authority” must have “real teeth” and “be vested with the effective power” to enforce its laws around the world. (67)
- **Control Buying and Selling.** The new world governing power will institute socialistic policies for government to redistribute wealth. (Chapter 3)
- **Resurgence of Labor Unions.** Labor Unions are to be empowered to “play a decisive role” in the new world order. (25)
- **The Church's Goal.** Pope Benedict says that this encyclical is to help achieve “The goal of the history of the human family”—to build “the universal city of God.” (7)
- **Redefining Religious Liberty.** While claiming not “to interfere in any way in the politics of States,” the pope redefines “liberty” as happening when the world obeys laws shaped by the Roman Church's spiritual values. According to the pope, as the church influences states to enforce its view of “truth” on others, people are set “free.” “This mission of truth is something that the Church can never renounce.” (9)
- **Immortal Souls.** The non-biblical belief that man has an immortal soul helps to inspire the pope's global agenda. “Man is...God's creature, whom God chose to endow with an immortal soul.” (29)

When we first read *Charity in Truth* and discovered these ten points, we were astounded to see how remarkably similar the pope's agenda is to what God's Word predicted the Roman Church would do in the last days. It is amazing to see this taking shape in our time!

If prophecy is new to you, please accept our apology that we can't take the time in this letter to share exactly how each point of the pope's agenda is predicted in Bible prophecy. What we will do is offer you an **audio CD that fully explains how these recent events are a direct fulfillment of Revelation's prophecies**. We'll tell you

in a moment how to get your free copy. But first, we need to share how the United States fits into this.

### **Obama Meets the Pope**

While in Italy for the G-8 summit, President Obama visited the pope at the Vatican. Insiders wondered if the two men's differences on abortion would make for a tense meeting. However, the release of *Charity in Truth* erased all cause for concern.

The pope's views on the redistribution of wealth and his agenda set forth in *Charity in Truth* echo many of the same themes that Obama campaigned for last year. As a result, the White House was excited about the meeting, as this insider describes.

“The encyclical ramped up the level of White House enthusiasm for this meeting because you can't read it without sensing that these two men are seeing economic questions the same way,” says a Catholic adviser to the White House...The Holy Father's emphasis on putting the human person at the center of the economy strongly echoes themes that Obama campaigned on and is working to implement. (Dan Gilgoff, *Obama's Most Important Catholic Adviser*, U.S. News & World Report, July 10, 2009)

Revelation 13 predicts a time when the papacy will influence the United States and the world to pass laws based on the Roman Church's values. The role of labor unions, control of buying and selling, the cooperation of the USA and the Vatican, and the union of church and state have all been foretold in prophecy.

Over the years, you've read these predictions in the Bible and in classic commentaries such as *The Great Controversy*. Millions of people around this world have also heard these amazing prophecies taught on Hope Channel. **Today everyone can see these prophecies coming to life.** And it is having a powerful effect!

### **Peter's Story**

Peter was laying tile in his house when he was suddenly startled to hear someone on television say, “There is no such thing as the secret rapture.” As a Pentecostal Christian this sounded like heresy.

“This preacher must be wrong”, he thought, “perhaps he is preaching from a different Bible.” He recorded the program and carefully watched it, stopping to look up the references in his own Bible. Their curiosity aroused, Peter and his wife began watching Hope Channel regularly and started to learn about the Sabbath and many other Bible truths. Peter's Catholic wife was especially amazed to find how much of what she had learned as a child was not based on Scripture, but on church tradition.

After watching Hope Channel for eight months, they attended their first Adventist Church service. There they found a loving congregation that taught the Bible just as they had learned through watching Hope Channel at home. They were both baptized and are now enjoying fellowship with God's people on the holy Sabbath day.

This is the power of Hope Channel's global television network. As prophecy is being rapidly fulfilled, we are able to quickly spread God's Word so people like Peter can find truth. Your support this month will help us get the Word of life to honest seekers everywhere.

**Millions are counting on Hope Channel to bring them God's message.** Your help is especially needed to produce several new truth-filled programs to air on our global network. This month we are working on a

brand new series on the book of Revelation. As we write, our crew is taping parts of it in the Middle East. This new look at Revelation will help people make sense out of the chaos our world is in.

As we see prophecy in the process of being fulfilled, our work to give the gospel to the world is more important than ever. **And never have people needed your partnership with Hope Channel as much as they do now.**

Your support today will beam the light of God's last day message into hundreds of millions of homes across this planet. It will find those who are searching for Bible truth. Please send your best gift this month to help us tell the world that current events reveal we are in the days prophesied in Revelation.

As our special thanks to you this month, we will send you a free copy of Gary's audio CD, *The Vatican Solution*. This message is an insightful look at how current events, such as the pope's encyclical, are fulfilling Revelation. You will want your own copy to look further into the pope's agenda. Please return the enclosed card or call us for your free audio CD.

Yours for a finished work,



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Gary Gibbs

PS: Bible students have long suspected that crises would be the catalyst for the state imposed worship predicted in Revelation. Today, we are seeing the stage being set for these long awaited prophecies. **This is our wakeup call to finish the work God has given His people**—to share the everlasting gospel with the world (Revelation 14:6, 7). Your prayers and gifts this month are needed to help speed the message of truth around the world in these last days.



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