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HOW TO BOIL A FROG

Please note what inflation will do to the buying power of the currency in every person's country. If a person agrees to work for an employer for a certain amount of money (a day's wages) during the Great Tribulation, the value of the currency will lose its buying power so fast during the day that the amount they agreed to work for, at the end of the day, will only buy a loaf of bread. We are told that has already happened in the past. In one South American country, inflation caused their currency to lose its buying power so fast that the merchants would not post the prices for their goods since the prices would continue to rise during the day. Ask yourself if the groceries you buy today cost the same as they did 10 years ago? When a country prints and then puts into circulation a greater number of those pieces of paper we call "money", the buying power of each of those individual pieces of paper we call "money" loses its value. THAT'S INFLATION.

When inflation causes a person's expenses to be more than their income, many people look to the government to "take care" of them. However, the people in government will only "take care" of them if they are willing give up more and more of their individual rights and align themselves with the political party in control of the economy. We believe that is the reason why so many people will align themselves with the Antichrist.

Jesus explained in the 24th chapter of Matthew why most of the citizens of this earth would be willing to allow one man to govern their entire lives. They will slowly be acclimated to accepting the damnable regime of the Antichrist by the events and governments that influence their lives prior to the Great Tribulation. Only Jesus Christ has the answers to man's problems but Jesus said that in the last days, false messiahs would promise their followers that they have the solution to all their personal problems, both material and spiritual. When the people discover that the salve of religion does not satisfy the longing in their heart they will search for it from someone else. Suddenly the Antichrist will be projected upon the scene with seemingly great wisdom and power and they will be ready to follow him because he will promise to take care of all their needs.

Like someone said, "There isn't any free lunch". If a person or a government is big enough to give you everything you want, they are big enough to control your life and eventually, to take away everything you have. The people who govern, begin to consider themselves as "the elite" (an oligarchy) and they begin to consider those they provide for as "second class citizens". One day the average citizen of the United States, for instance, will find that they have allowed their government to change. The United States Of America began as a republic, not a democracy. The government of a republic is based upon and is supposed to be confined to following rules and laws that were framed in their constitution. In the case of the United States, the beginning rules and laws also included 10 amendments to their constitution known as the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights, for the most part, spelled out the protection that would be afforded all of their citizens. We are told that if you drop a frog in very hot water it will do it's best to jump out of the water. On the other hand, if you put a frog in cold water on the stove and then slowly increase the heat, most frogs will remain in the water until it is too late.