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THE NAME OF THE GAME

The thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) informs us that when the Antichrist amalgamates his power over the nations of this world he will be able to control most of the citizens of most of the nations. *“¹⁶He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, ¹⁷so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark...” Revelation 13:16-17 New International Version*

Why will most of the citizens of most of the nations be willing to allow the government of the Antichrist to have such control over their lives during the Great Tribulation? They will be willing to submit to such control because they had become accustomed to submitting to governmental authority over their lives in the years prior to the Great Tribulation. Instead of the people controlling the government, the government will control them.

In a previous article (God Warned His Wife), we examined what God does to a nation when He can no longer tolerate their unfaithfulness and open sinfulness. The ninth thing we listed was that the government would lack people who were capable of deliberating and resolving the problems that would be facing their nation. Satan will take advantage of this void by carefully placing his children (the lost) and his pawns (the saved that do his bidding) in important positions within the governments of this world. They will cause everyone to become equally poor through hyperinflation and the other means we mentioned in prior articles. The citizens will be forced into becoming dependent upon their government to take care of them. I am told that in the year 2009, over half of the citizens of the United States of America benefit from some type of check that our government sends to them. I wonder what we will be willing to give up when our government leaders demand that we submit to their control in order to continue receiving their handouts. We know it will happen. We just do not know whether it will happen during our lifetime.