



God's Remedy for a Distressed World

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains." - Matthew 24:6-8

In What Way is the World Distressed?

- **OUR CYCLES:**
- Fourth Turning in Generational America
- Kondratiev Waves
- East/West cycles
- War cycles
- Temperature cycles

ALL CYCLES converge on our time as being a time of extreme distress.

Cycles in Nature:

- *Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter*
- *Day and night*
- *Wet, Dry*
- *Hot, Cold*
- *Cycles of planets*
- *Water Cycle*
- *Nitrogen Cycle*
- *Hundreds more...*

In What Way is the World Distressed?

- Murder and crime
- Wars & civil unrest
- Unhappiness, depression
- Violence, Greed
- Anti-social behaviour
- Environmental chaos
- Financial breakdown
- Job insecurity
- Stress
- Drugs
- Family units falling apart

Signs of the state of the world when Christ returns:

Matthew 24:37-39

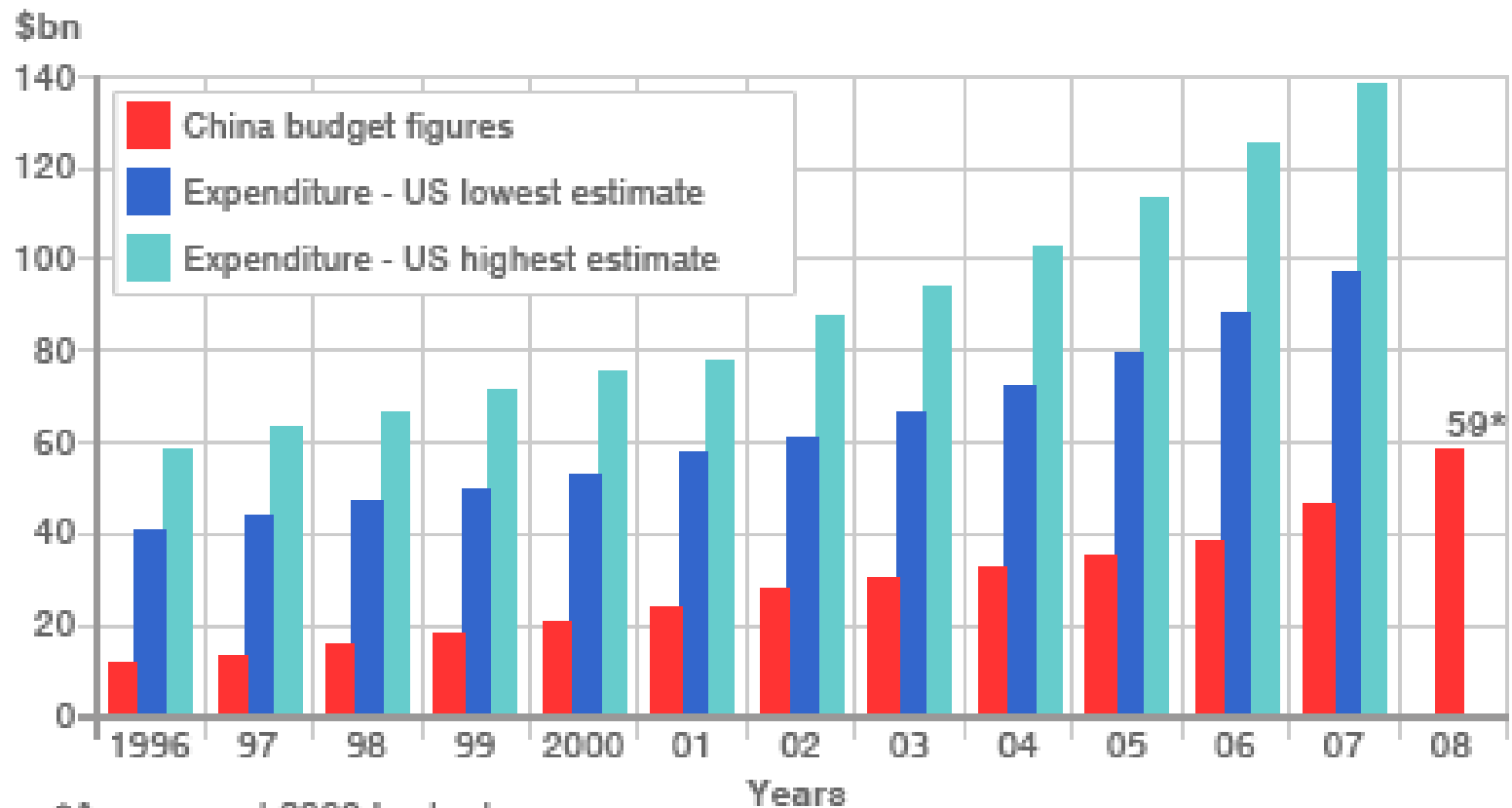
Luke 17:26-30

*A world unprepared...
Not believing in God...
Not knowing, or not caring
about God.*

“... And kingdom against kingdom”

Defence spending is on the increase around the world:

CHINA'S DEFENCE SPENDING 1996-2007



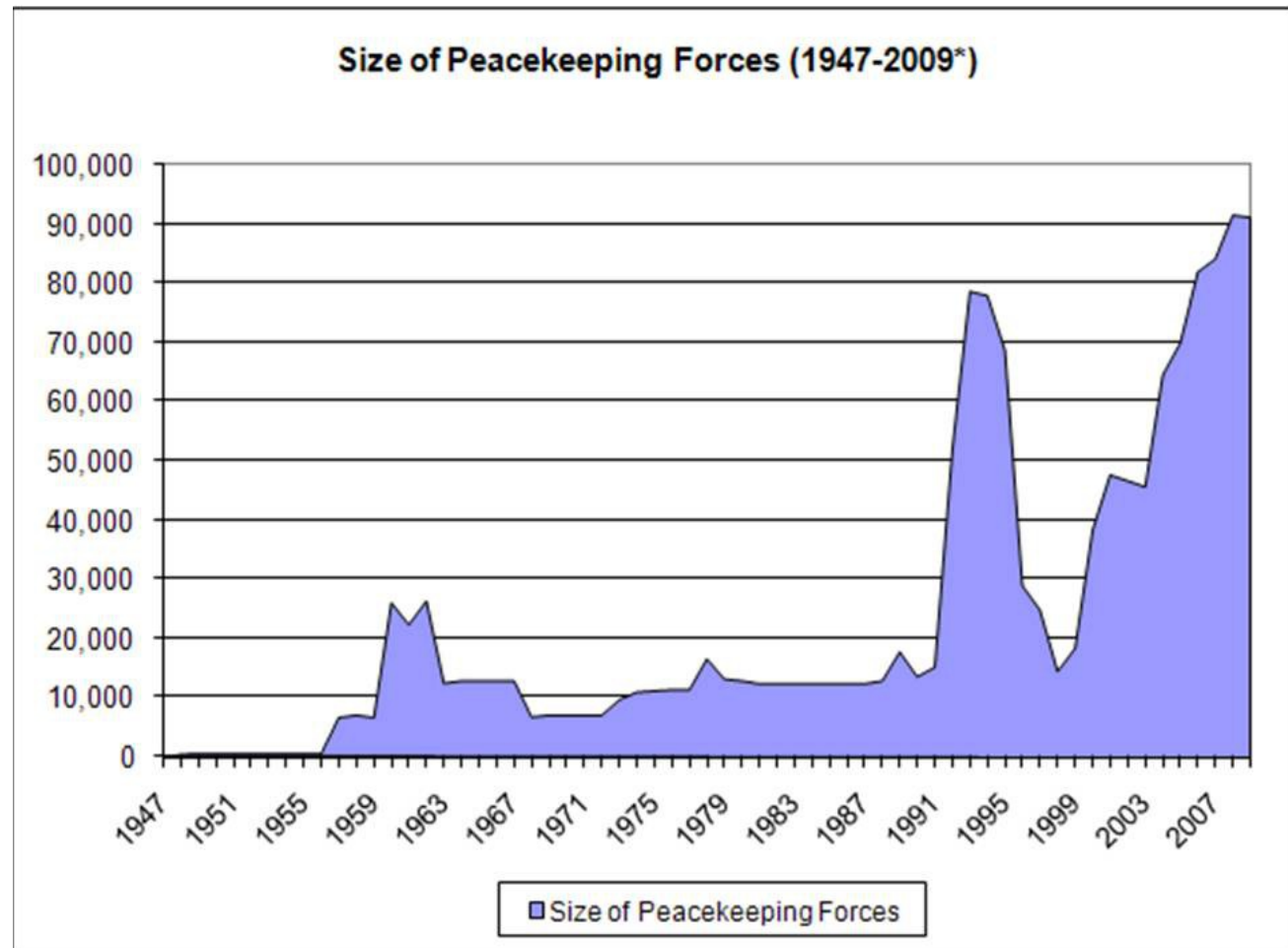
SOURCE: Pentagon report on China's military 2008

“When they shall say Peace...

Sudden destruction shall come upon them...”

Isaiah 48:22;

***“There is no
peace, saith
the LORD,
unto the
wicked.”***



“Earthquakes in diverse places”

Decade	8.0 to 9.9	7.0 to 7.9	6.0 to 6.9	5.0 to 5.9	5.0 to 9.9	Deaths
1970s	6	150	1029	14159	15344	815,956
1980s	4	101	980	14849	15934	58,880
1990s	6	147	1339	13276	14768	114,646
2000s	13	131	1447	15629	17220	465,373
<i>2010-2011 (so far)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>2528</i>	<i>2776</i>	<i>230,129</i>
2000s (est.)	13	175	1423	16432	18044	1,495,838

“Earthquakes in diverse places”

- Last decade, HUGE earthquakes bucked the trend.
- HUGE earthquakes suddenly became many times more common.
- This trend looks like it will be a new ‘features’ of life.
- Deaths will spiral out of control.

The Scriptures don't say that earthquakes will become more common.

But that earthquakes, in diverse places, will be a notable feature of Christ's return.

Pestilence and Disease

- Black Death killed 30-60% of Europe's population (1348-50).
- 1918 Spanish Influenza outbreak killed 50-100 million people.
- Medical people believe it is only a matter of time before something **really bad** happens...

Brand new diseases in past decade or two:

- ♦ HIV/Aids, Ebola, SARS, Avian Flu, Swine Flu
- ♦ Alzheimer's, Dementia, ADHD, etc.
- ♦ Cancer, obesity, diabetes etc. are all classed as pandemics.

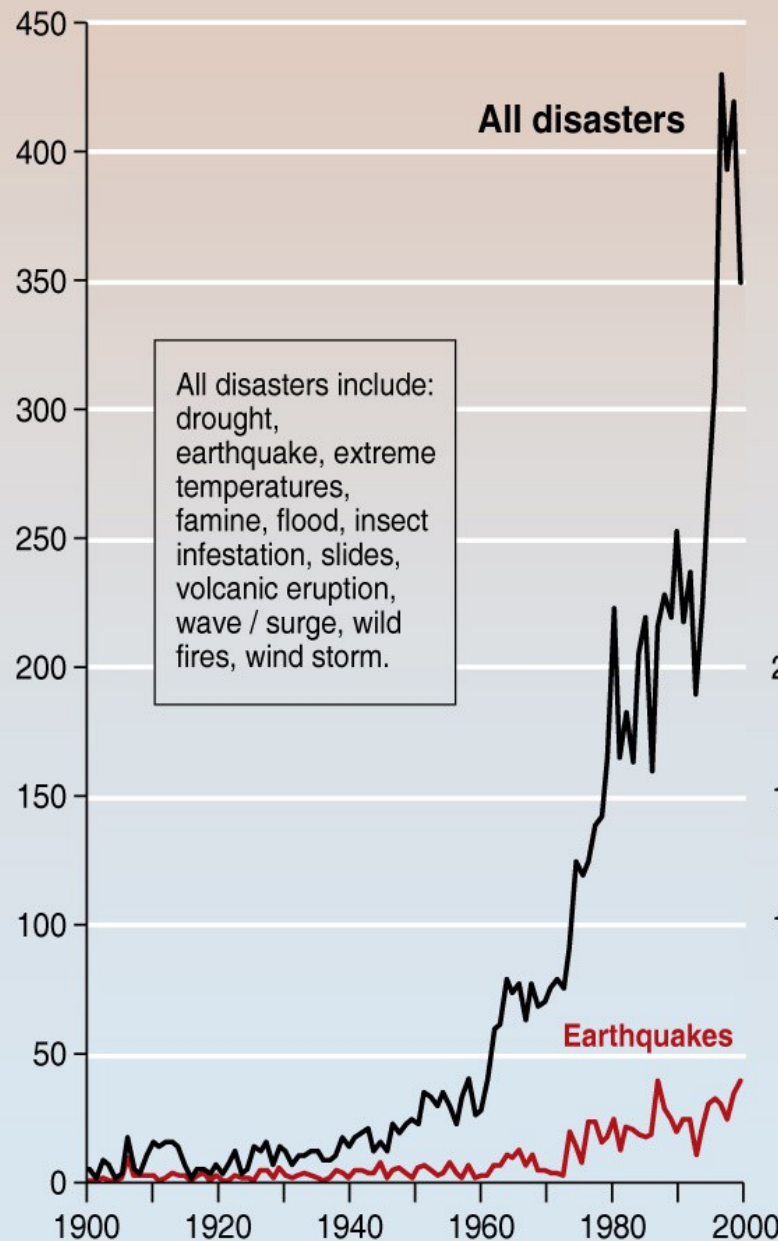
Old diseases are on the increase:

- ★ Mumps, Dengue fever, West Nile virus, Cholera, Typhoid etc.
- ★ Old diseases are becoming resistant to antibiotics.

Viruses will inevitably combine, with unknown/untold consequences.

**“The
earth
shall reel
to and fro
like a
drunkard
...”**

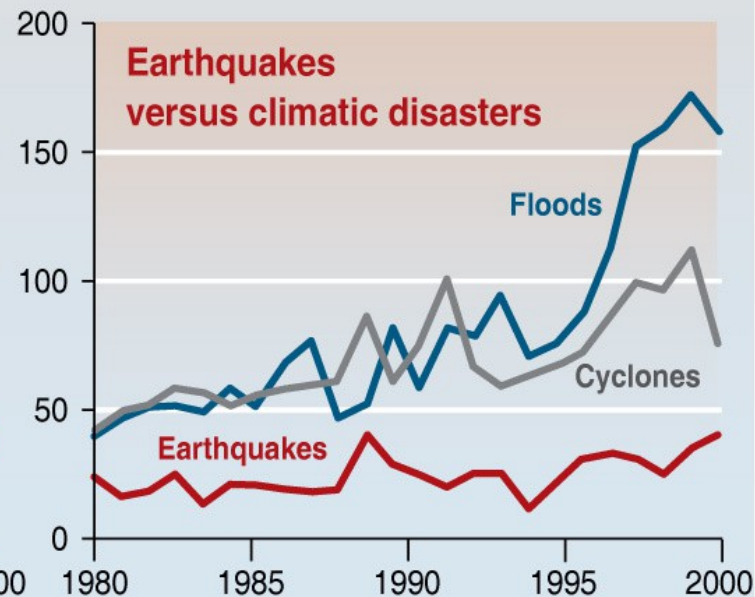
Number of events
per year



Source:

Trends in number of reported events

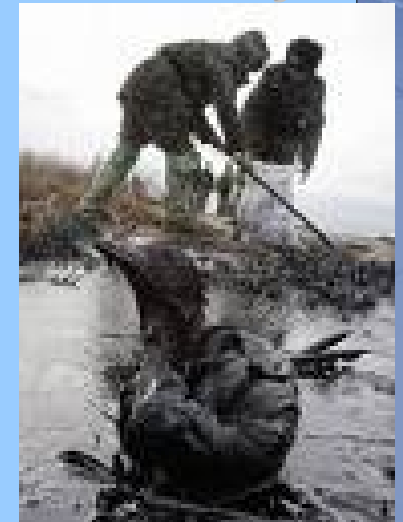
Much of the increase in the number of hazardous events reported is probably due to significant improvements in information access and also to population growth, but the number of floods and cyclones being reported is still rising compared to earthquakes. How, we must ask, is global warming affecting the frequency of natural hazards?



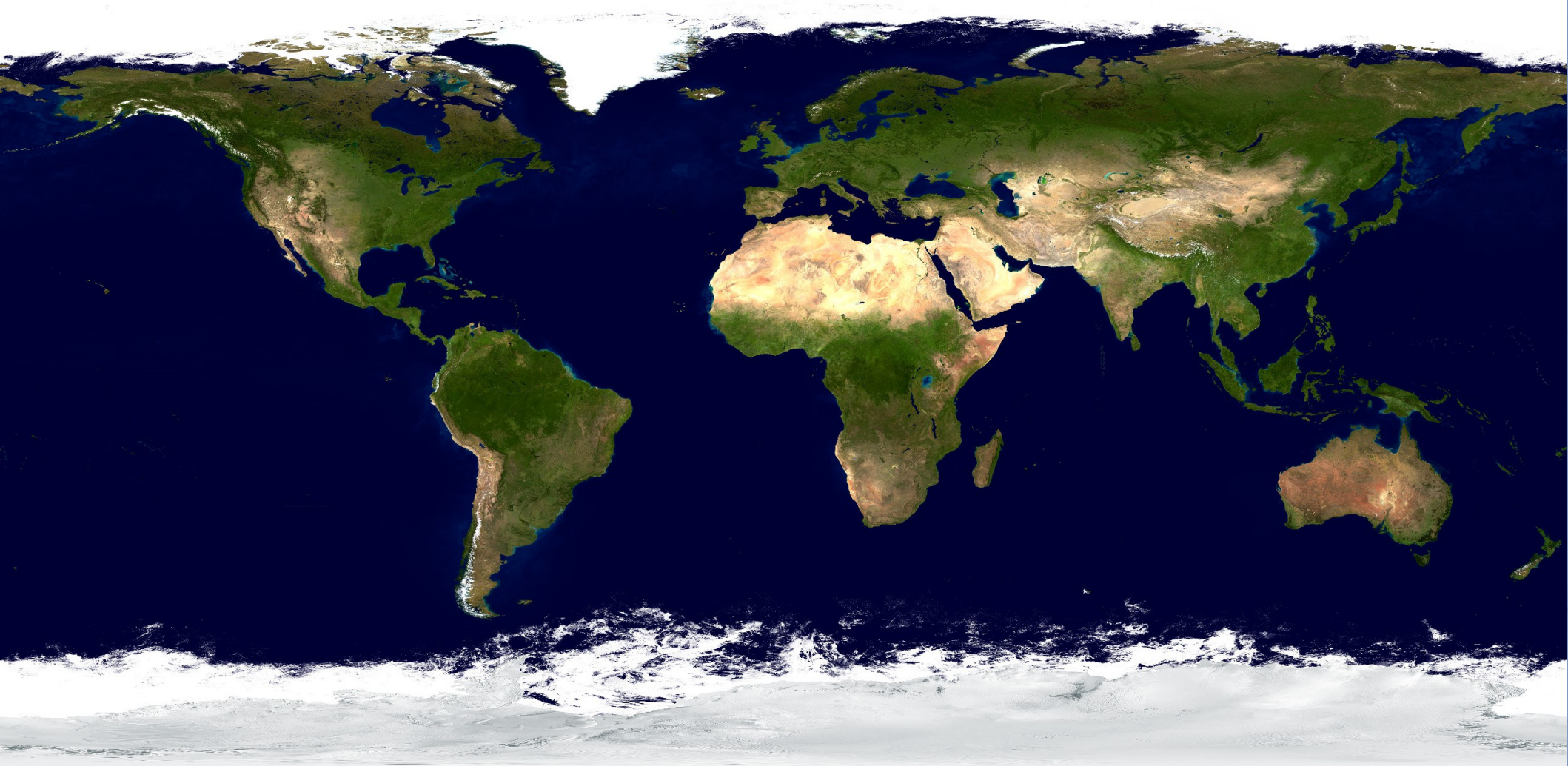
Earth being destroyed...



- “And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.” (Rev 11:18 KJV)
- Man is polluting and destroying the Earth.

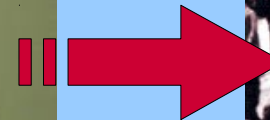


Just look at the yellow patches -
the Earth is being destroyed!



Financial ruin

- 'Day of the Lord' is characterized as a time when the world is financially in ruins.
- Isaiah 2:19-20.
- Isaiah 24:1-2.
- Isaiah 31:7.



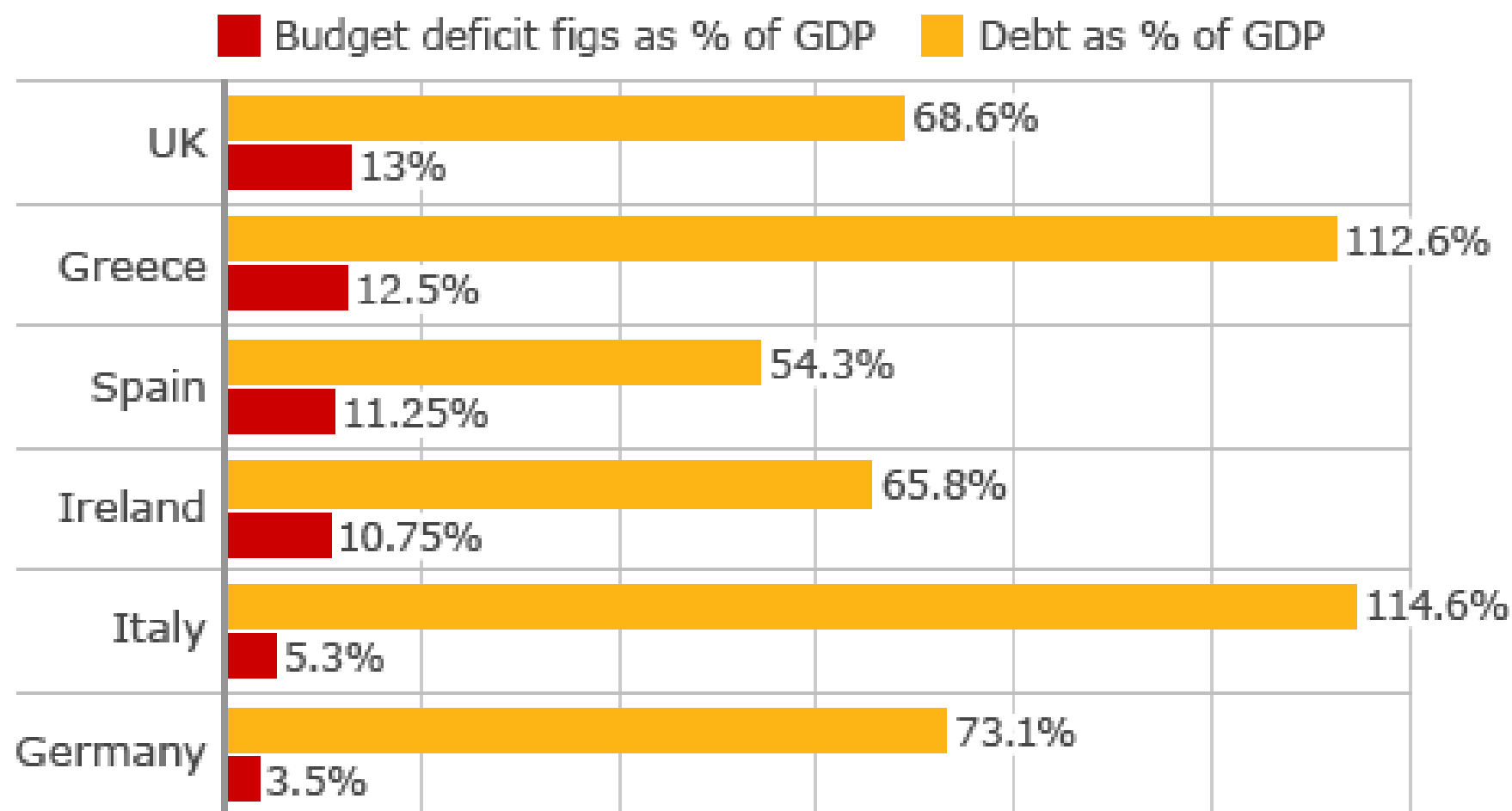
World is steeped in a growing debt tsunami:

Everyone & everything (almost) is in debt:

1. Households are deep in debt, plus a mortgage.
2. Companies can't survive without credit.
3. Banks are gamblers. They have negligible assets.
4. Banks are leveraged 40, even 80, to 1.
5. Governments have no money and negligible assets.
6. Banks, people & governments drowning in debt.
7. Insane debt levels have been growing for 4 decades.
8. Financial systems work on debt & money supply increasing exponentially i.e. a giant balloon inflating.
9. It's all a gigantic pyramid scheme.

How country debts and budget deficits compare

Projected budget deficit for 2009

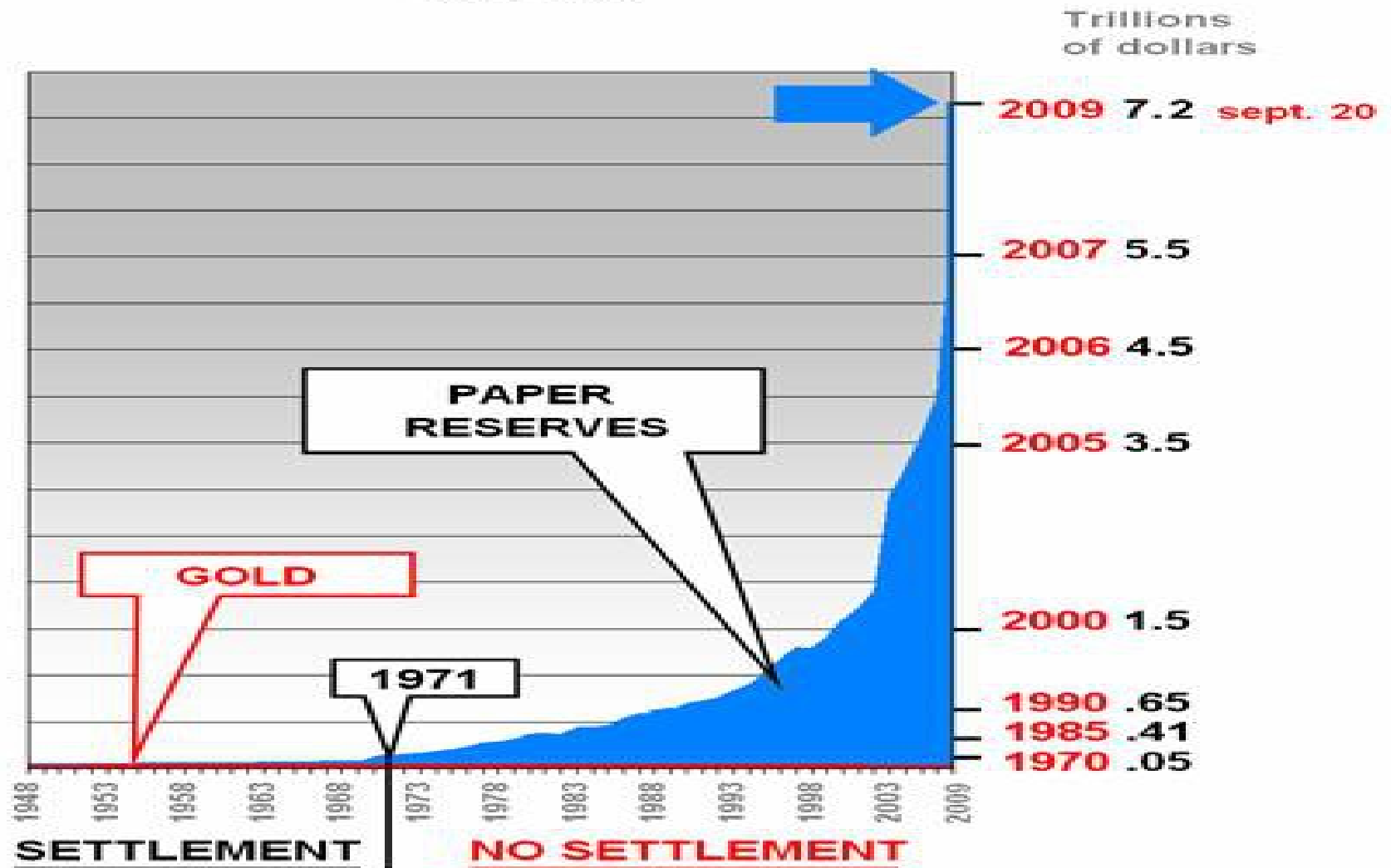


Source: European Commission/Economic forecast autumn 2009

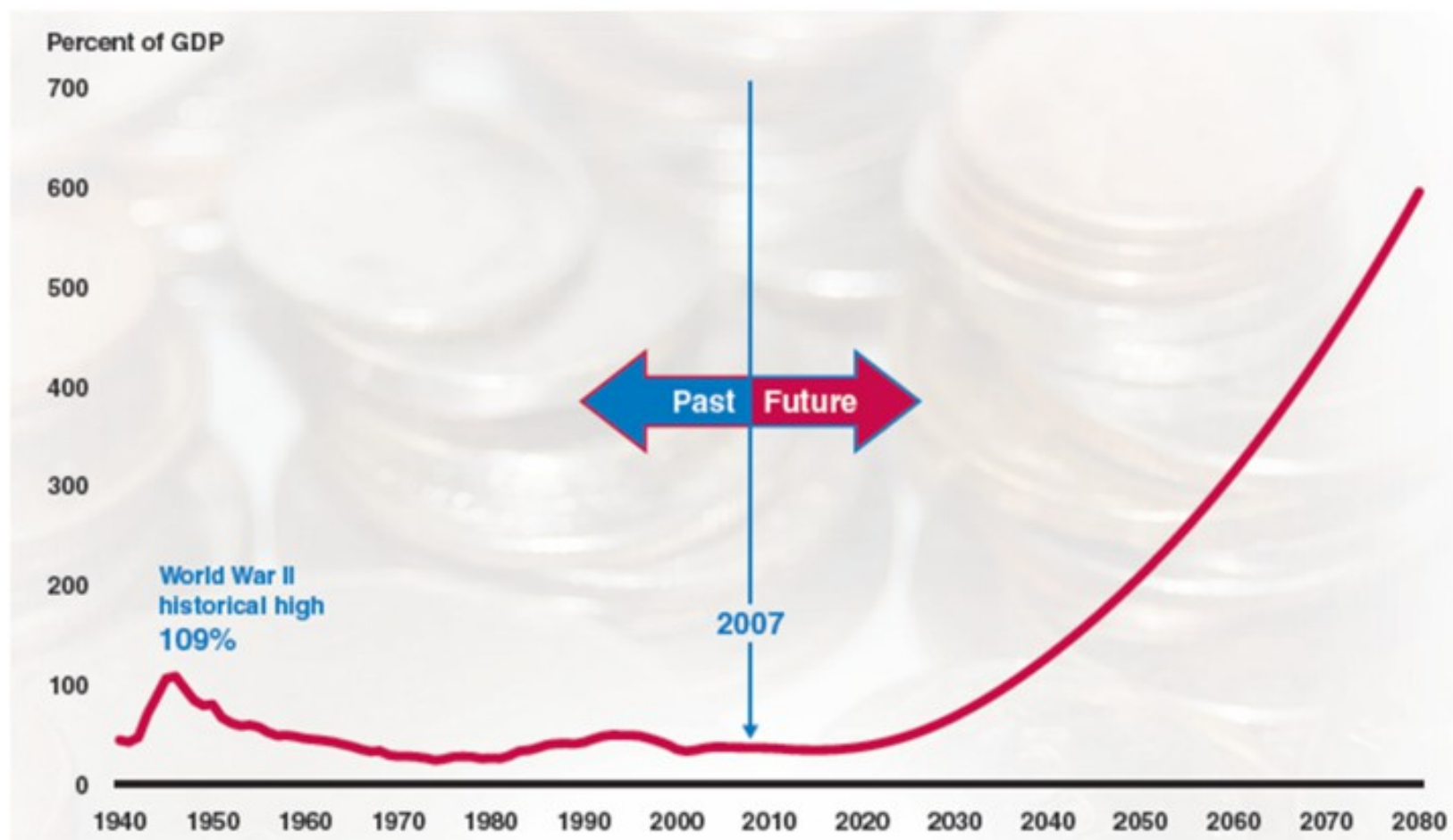
PAPER RESERVES IN CENTRAL BANKS

Gold at constant price of \$35 dlls./oz.

1948 - 2009

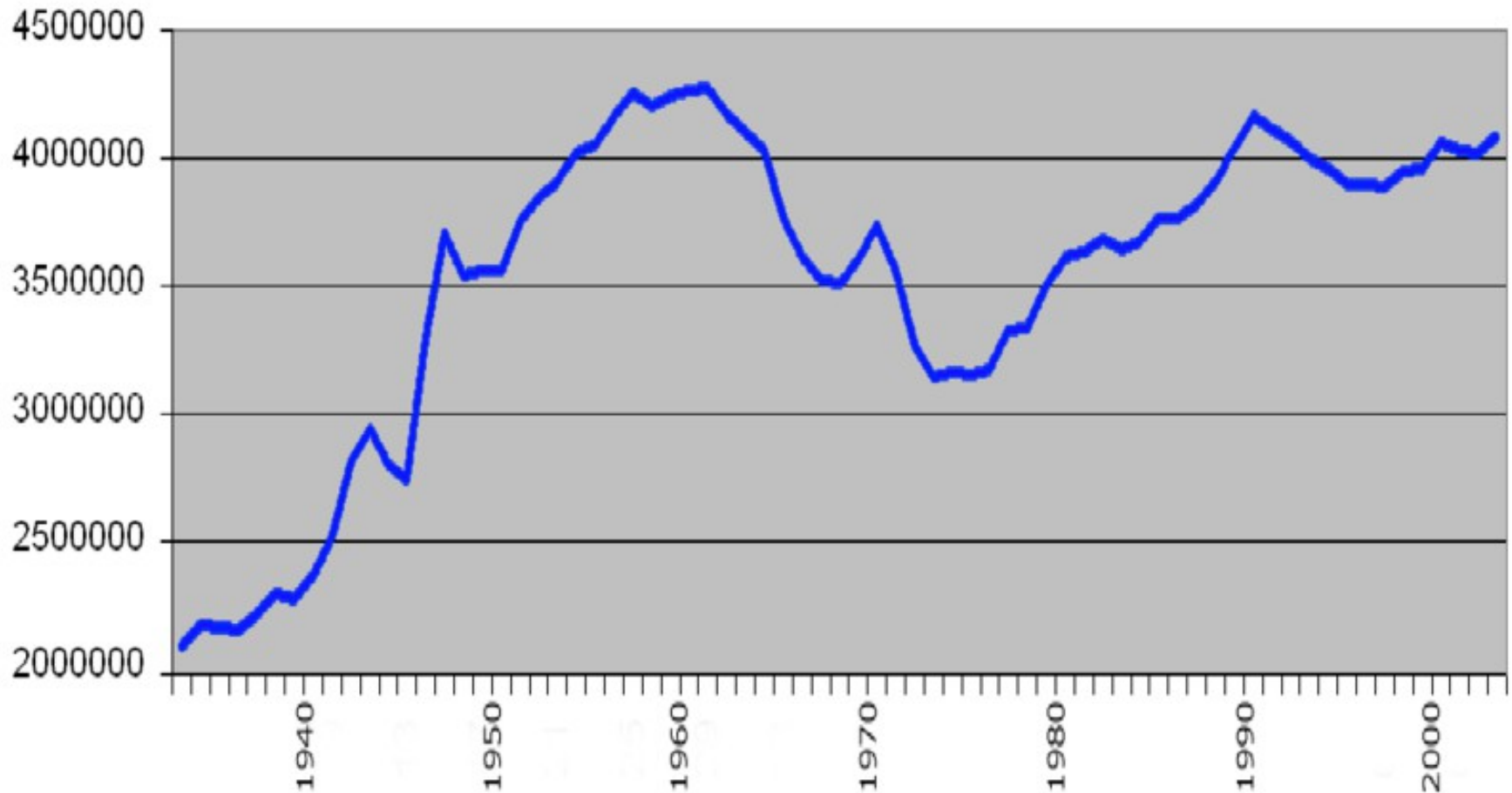


Federal Debt Held by the Public – 1940 to 2080

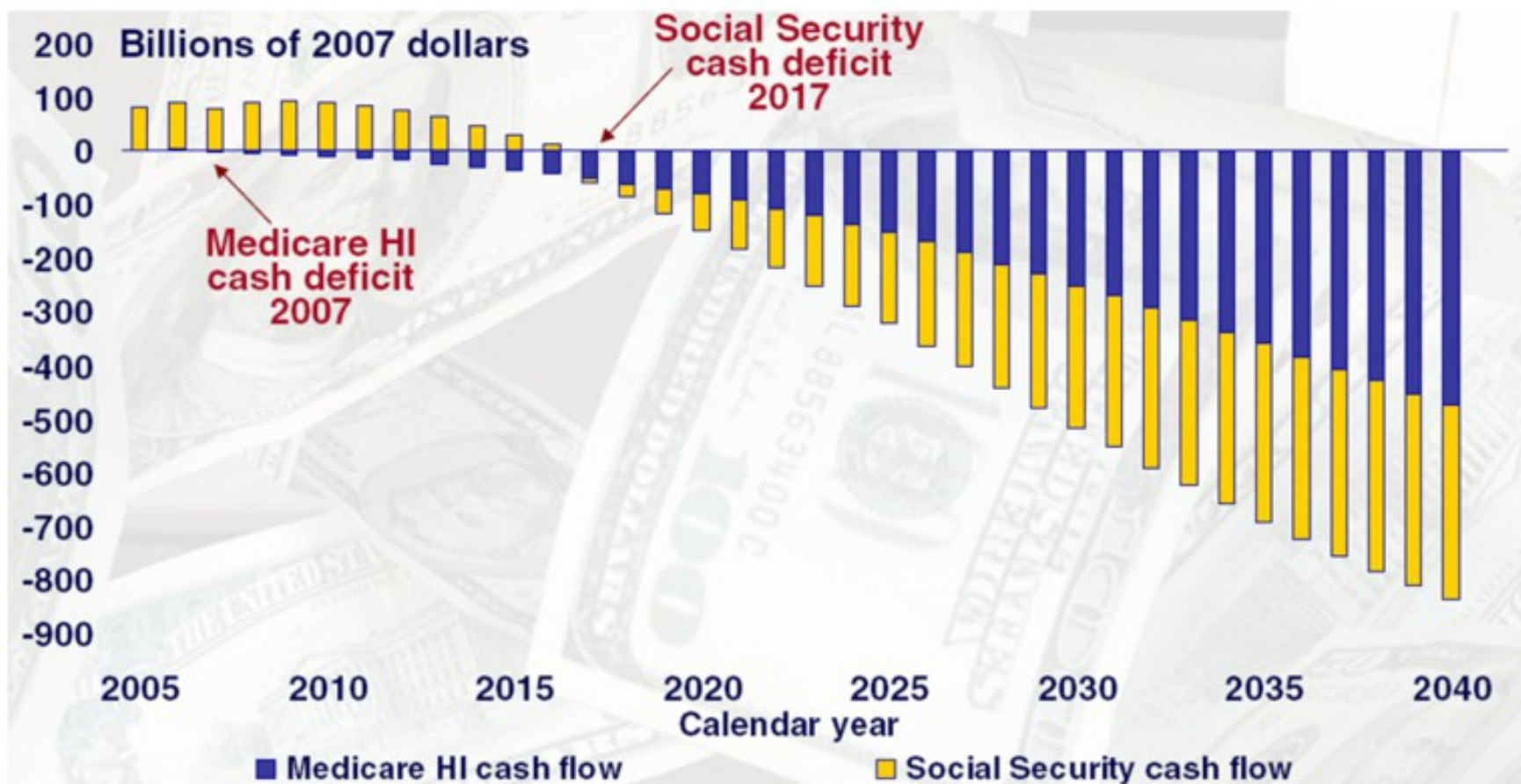


Source: GAO Citizens Guide FY 2007
<http://www.gao.gov/financial/citizensguide2008.pdf>

Demographic Timebomb (Baby Boomer Crisis)



Medicare and Social Security Face Large Deficits

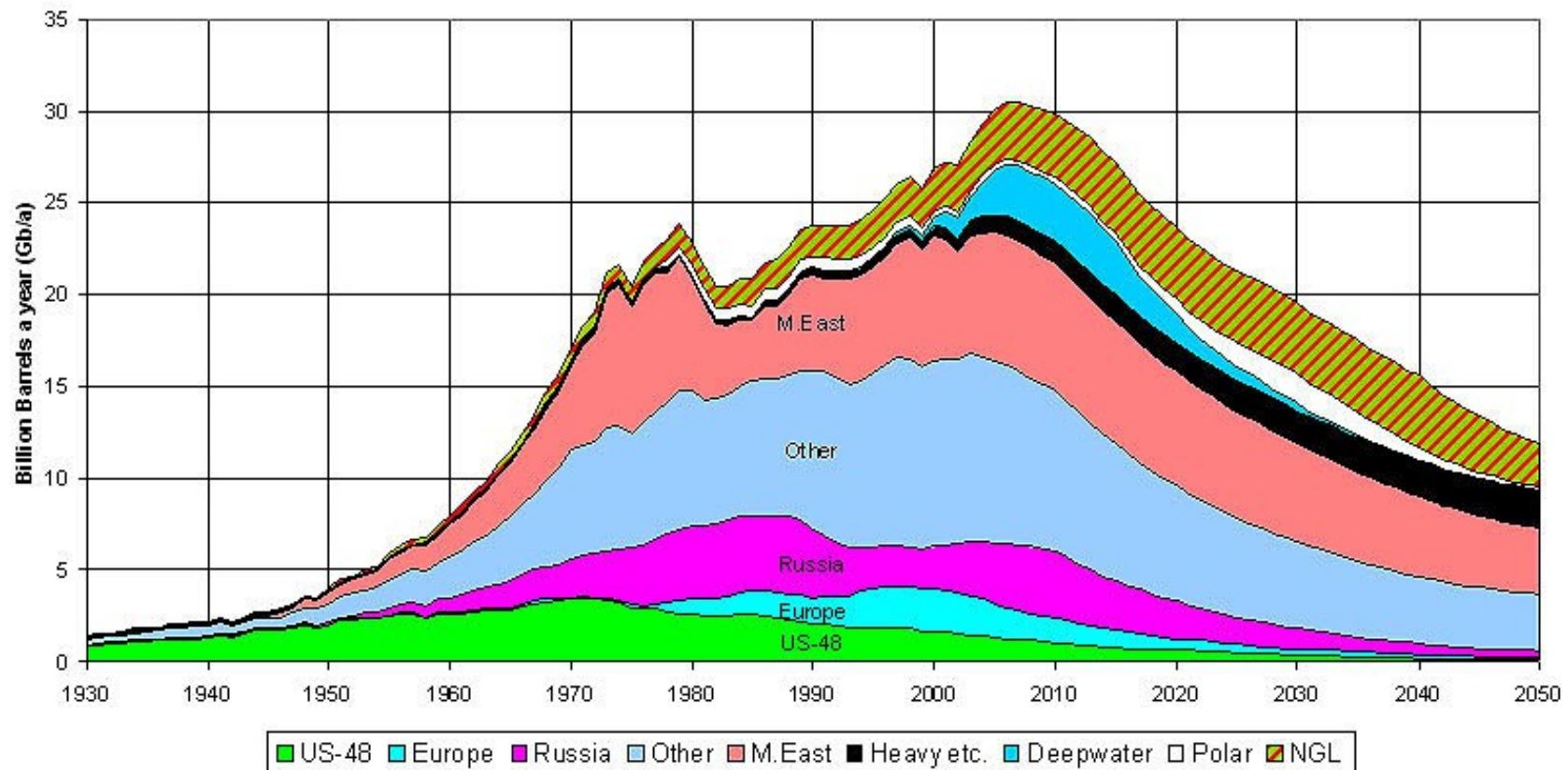


Source: GAO analysis of data from the Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration and Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Note: Projections based on the intermediate assumptions of the 2007 Trustees' Reports. The CPI is used to adjust from current to constant dollars.

More Realistic Graph of Peak Oil:

OIL AND GAS LIQUIDS 2004 Scenario



Peak GDP, Peak Population:

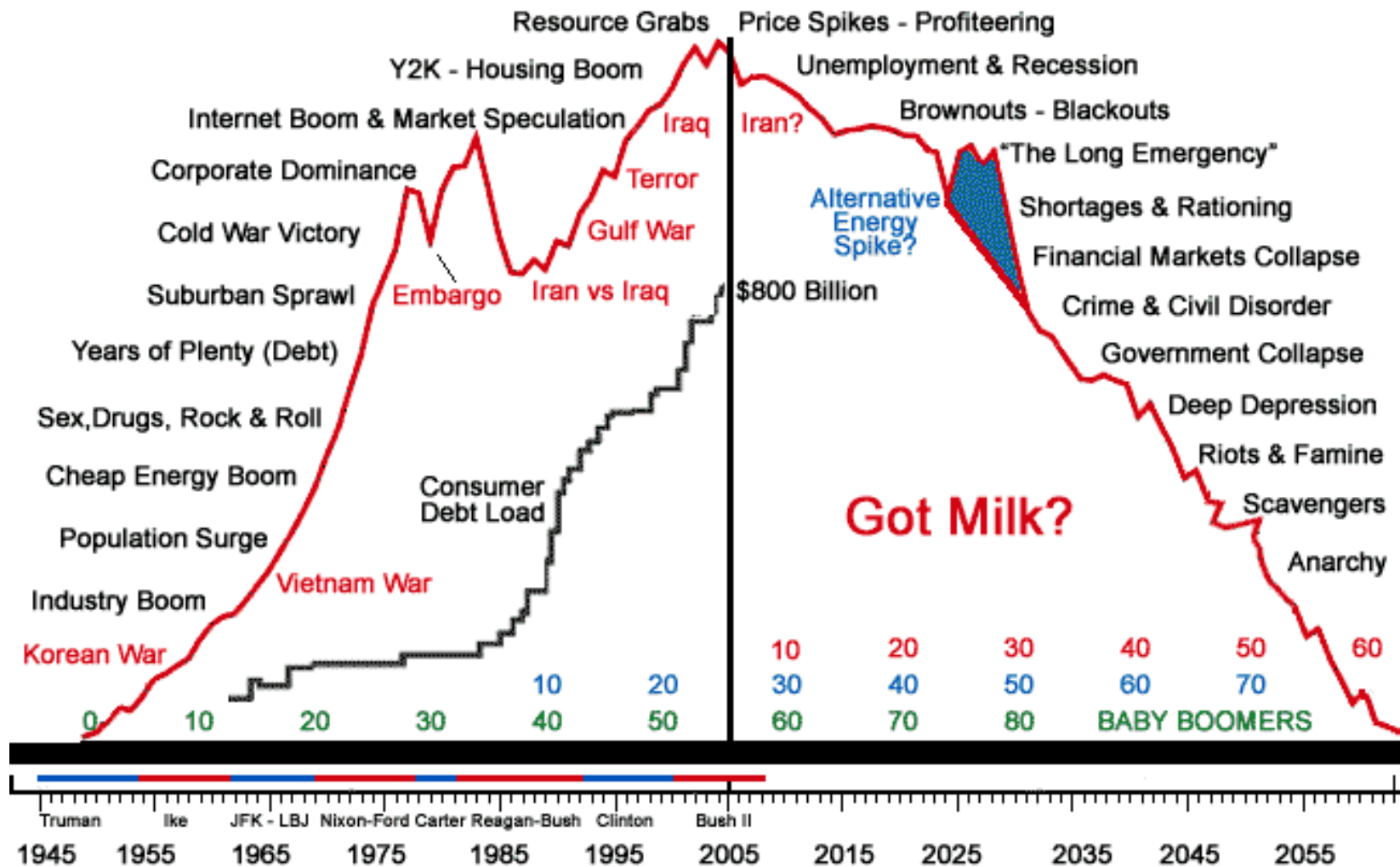
Effect of Peak Oil:

Everything is made from oil. Cars, planes, ships, food transportation, agriculture, diesel for tractors, fertilisers, plastic, aluminium, modern intensive agriculture, fuel. The list goes on.

Dwindling supplies of oil means:

- Oil prices will spike unpredictably.
- People/governments will start to panic.
- Fuel will be directed to police, army, ambulances, etc.
- We have reached peak GDP (economic output).
- The end of mass food-production → mass starvation/famines.
- Peak population (because peak food).
- The end/decline of civilization as we currently live it.
- Being 'rich' won't solve the problem.

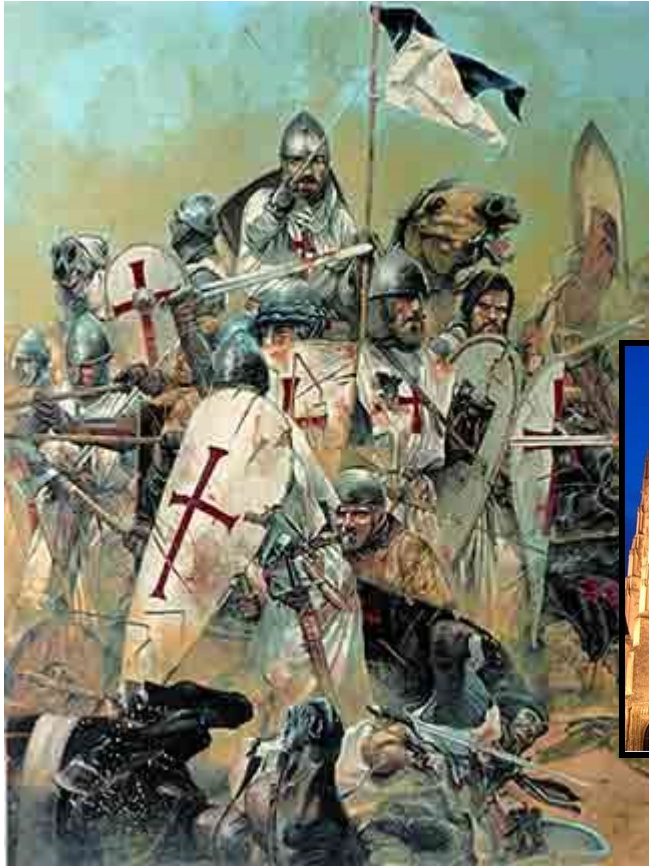
Effect of Peak Oil:



"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" Human Rights Movements



"By their fruits ye shall know them"



Return of Christ is certain:

Acts 1:11 “Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

1Thess 4:16 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first”

Rev 3:11 “Behold, I come quickly”.

Rev 16:15 “Behold, I come as a thief”.

Rev 22:20 “He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

**Also many parables about the coming kingdom
and the return of Christ.**

A Kingdom to be set up...

Like the Kingdom under the Kings of Israel, but better:

- 2 Samuel 7:12-17.
- 1 Kings 9:1-5.
- Daniel 2:40-45.
- Daniel 7:13-14, 18-22, 27.

Christ will rule this Kingdom:

- Isaiah 9:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-9.

Unlike anything this world has every seen before:

- John 18:36.

When we pray the Lord's prayer, we ask for the Kingdom:

- Matthew 6:9-13.

A Kingdom needs:

- **A King**, to reign
- **A Land**, to reign over
- **A Capital City**
- **A Set of Laws**, to govern by
- **A People**, as citizens of the Kingdom

A King

A King

- **Zechariah 14:9;**
Romans 14:11.

A King who rules:

- **Psalm 72:1-11;**

and Christ his Son:

- **Psalm 2:1-2, 6-7, 11-12**



A Land

The Land of Israel

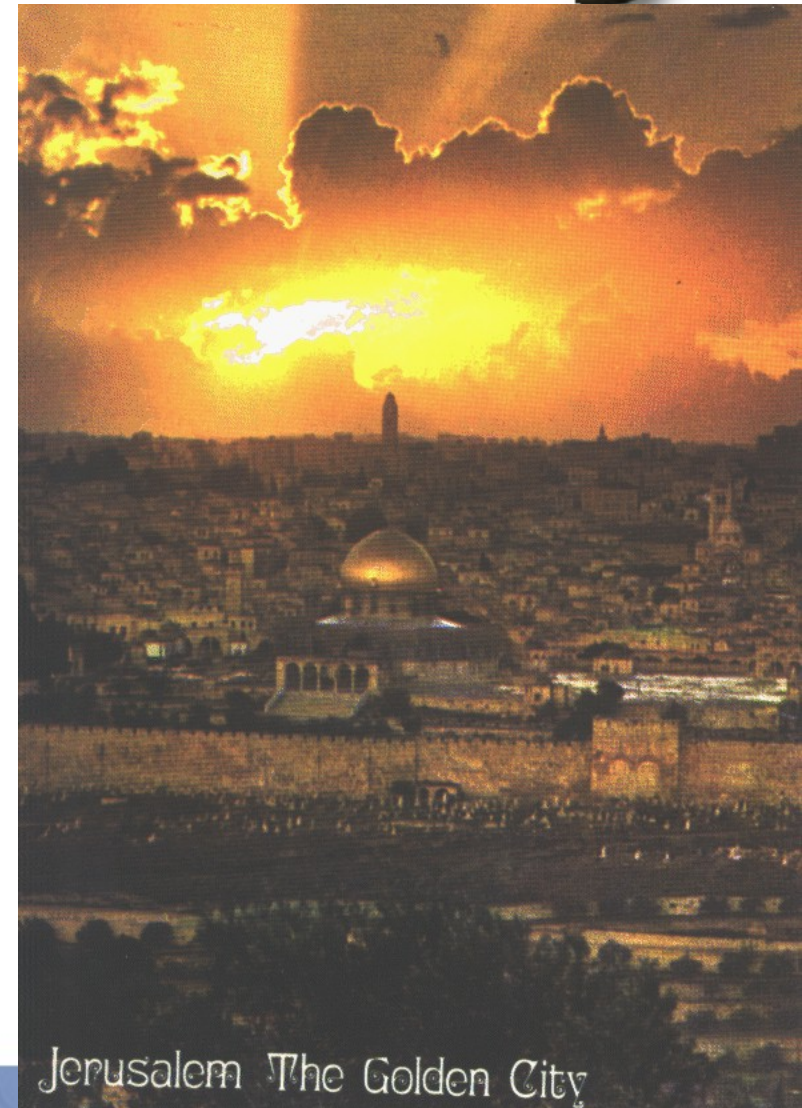
- Genesis 13:14-17;
- Genesis 15:18-21;
- Ezekiel 48:1-8, 23-29
- Revelation 22:1-5.



A Capital City

A Capital City... Jerusalem

- **Psalm 102:19-22; Isaiah 2:2-4;
Isaiah 62:6-7; Isaiah 65:17-22;
Micah 4:1-5.
Matthew 5:35; Revelation 21:1-3,10.**

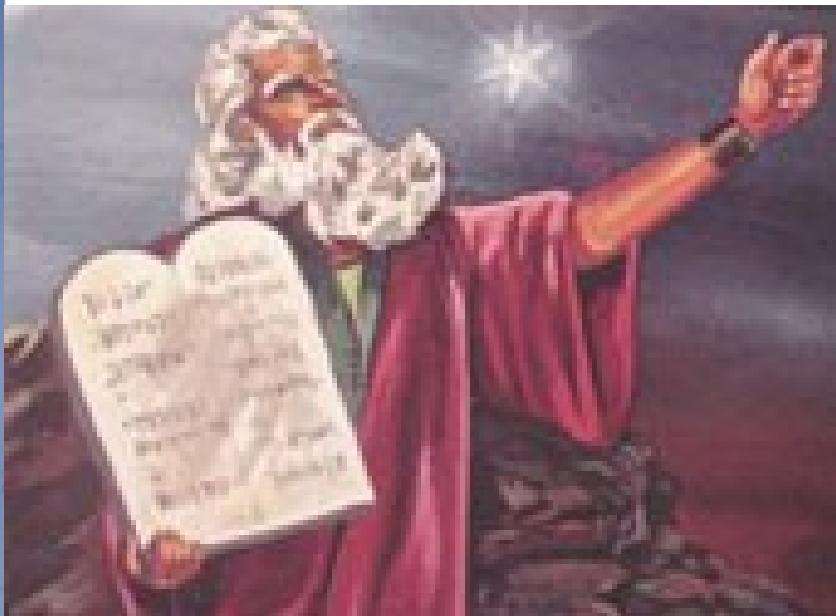


Jerusalem The Golden City

A Set of Laws

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- **Micah 4:1-5; Isaiah 2:1-5.**



A People

Populated by a people who are honest and upright:

- **Matthew 5:3, 10; 7:21.**
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 15:50, 54.**
- **Galatians 5:19-22.**
- **Ephesians 5:1-5.**

Many, many people:

- **Genesis 15:5-6; Deuteronomy 33:2-3;
Jude 1:14;
Revelation 5:9-11.**



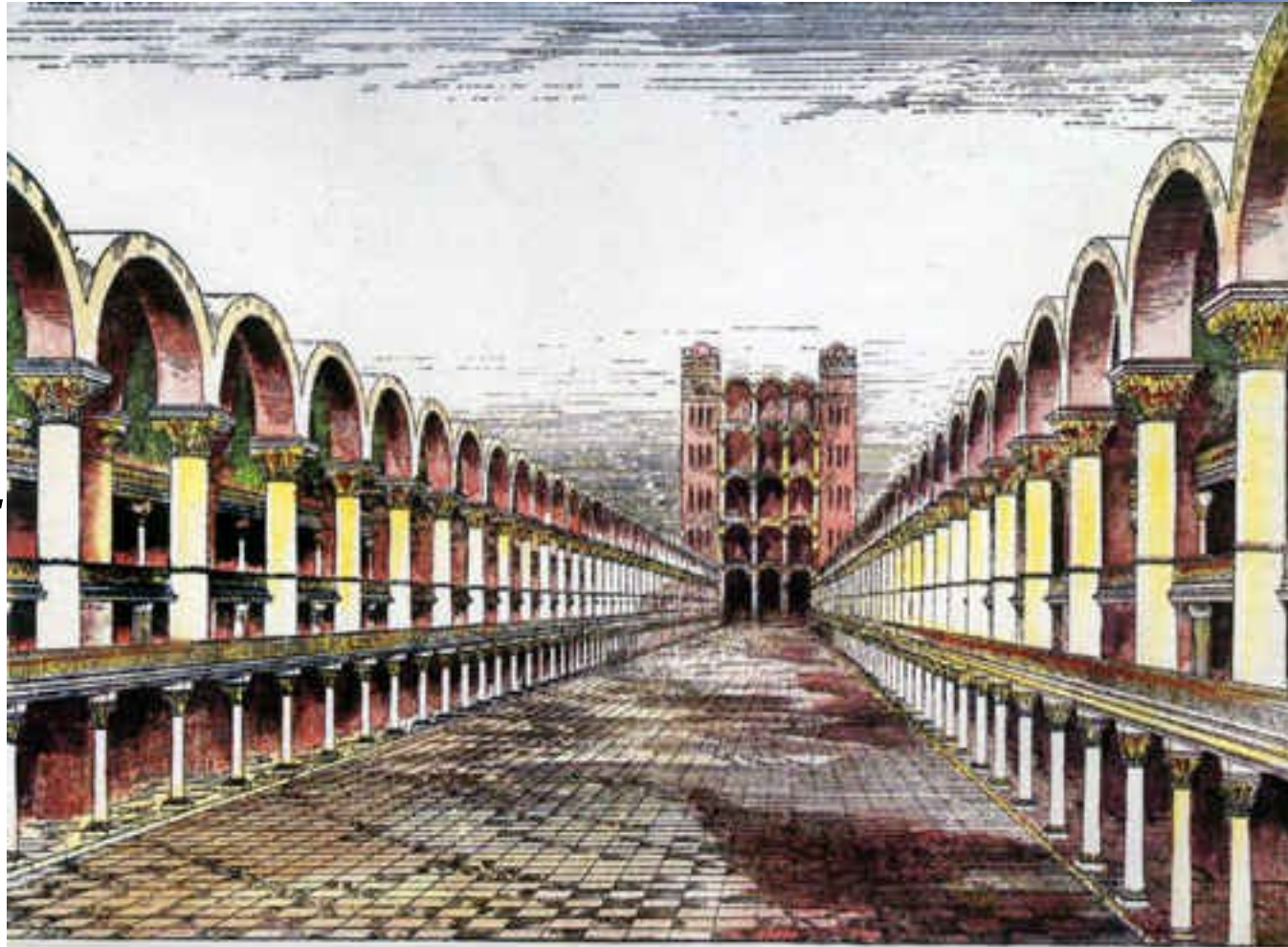
A Glorious Kingdom

A Glorious Kingdom...

- Numbers 14:21;
Habakkuk 2:14;
Isaiah 11:1-9.

A renewed Earth..

- Revelation 21:1-5.



VIEW DOWN THE OUTER COURT

Will YOU be there?

Not everyone will be in this Kingdom:

- **Matthew 8:11-12.**

A jailor once asked:

- **Acts 16:30-31.**

