

Dear

Contemporary Comments

Subscriber:



Thank you for faithfully reading and using Contemporary Comments-- which uses a story from our current news to illustrate a theme for Bible topics--as a resource for your personal use, and for your small Sabbath school groups.

We are now shifting this resource to be more. We will be rebranding Contemporary Comments as Sharing Scripture, which will still contain the narrative you've come to appreciate--but now, with reflection questions (all free of charge)!

Soon, you'll see the name change and the rebranding for the weekly release of this newsletter.

If you appreciate using Contemporary Comments as a resource, and know others who may be interested, share these email newsletters with a friend. If you have any questions regarding our rebranding or Contemporary Comments in general, please call us at 800.272.4664 or email us at 2724664@gmail.com.

Paul Richardson
Executive Director

Contemporary Comments

"Satan and His Allies"

March 2, 2019

Texts: Revelation 13, Revelation 17:8, Daniel 7:24, 2 Thessalonians 2:2-12, Revelation 12:14-16, 1 Kings 18:38

Venezuela is in desperate need of allies. After years of mismanagement by President Nicolás Maduro, the economy is in shambles and over 4 million have fled the crumbling country. Food and medicine are a scarce commodity and though several countries have attempted to bring in humanitarian aid, the president, who has the loyal support of the army, refuses to let caravans with emergency supplies across the border.

"Opposition leader Juan Guaidó has called on the international community to consider 'all options' to resolve Venezuela's crisis. ... Guaidó's comments late Saturday came after a tumultuous day that saw President Nicolás Maduro's forces fire tear gas and buckshot on

activists trying to deliver humanitarian aid in violent clashes that left two people dead and some 300 injured. For weeks, the U.S. and regional allies had been amassing emergency food and medical kits on Venezuela's borders in anticipation of carrying out a 'humanitarian avalanche' by land and sea to undermine Maduro's rule." [1]

This week's Sabbath school lesson looks at Satan and his allies. As the world marches closer to the final events of earth's history, the devil is working feverishly and with maddening insanity to bring down God's people. In a deceptively creative strategy, the enemy of heaven will work to combine church and state powers to enforce human laws which violate the laws of God.

A global crisis will erupt and lay the groundwork for world powers, unlikely allies, to join hands in supposedly "saving" humanity, all in the name of religion. Revelation 13 shows that history will repeat itself, but with much greater intensity, and with a new world power, a nation that was once known for religious freedom.

As you study about the "beast from the sea" and the "beast from the earth," remember to deal with the ugly beast within your own heart. Having a knowledge of end-time events is not the same as living in humble obedience to the commandments of God. Unless you maintain a daily walk with the Lord, staying close to Scripture, and applying truth to your life, you might find yourself making allies with the wrong side.

~cr

[1] <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/venezuela-opposition-leader-urges-foreign-allies-to-be-open-to-military-options-2019-02-24>

About Us

Since 1988, the Center for Creative Ministry has been serving local church leaders and individuals around the world. Formerly known as the publishers of ABBA Newsletter and the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center, we have now broadened our generational/ministry focus to include our children. The Center for Creative Ministry took on its new name on June 1, 1996.

The Center for Creative Ministry, formerly Baby Boomer Ministries, is a privately funded and managed para-church ministry fully recognized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. We are dedicated to supporting the local church in outreach and nurture ministries by providing resources, information, training, and consulting.