

PAT ROBINSON'S *THE END OF THE AGE* 1995 - A novel with millennial themes.

The story line is that huge meteor crashes in the Pacific and floods the whole West Coast of America, Japan, Taiwan, other parts of Asia and Alaska are totally devastated. Many millions are killed. Volcanoes are set off all over the world. Darkness follows etc.

This is the beginning of the End because of the terrible sins that have caught up with the people. The antichrist US President [Mark Beaulieu – a French name!] gets control and manages to take over the whole world, except Israel. There are seven years of Tribulation while the President takes over the world. He builds his fabulous capitol at Babylon. The name of the second most important who controls the world finances, and all are marked with a laser beam that gives access to billing without the need for money but the State gets complete control of lives, is Tauriq Haddad [Arabic!]. All this is predicted from the Book of Revelation, and the story line is interspersed with such references.¹

A small group gathers in New Mexico to wait out the Tribulation, led by John Edwards, who is descended from Jonathan Edwards of Massachusetts. He does the teaching from the Book of Revelation. Also on board is the saintly American Secretary of Defense.

Israel is the exception that doesn't go along with a world government and world currency. When the President declares himself the Messiah and tries to put up his statue over the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem, a revolt starts. The President musters a huge army from all over the world to gather at Megiddo. [This is a staging place rather than the place of the final battle].

An army of angels and the few hundred thousand followers defeat the antichrist and the Rapture to the New Jerusalem takes place after the victory² [against LaHaye's notions of timing, but there are a lot of differences in the field these days]. Out of the old bodies, glorious translucent radiant angelic bodies morph to eternal marriages 'in the twinkling of an eye' [372].

All is well, except for the vast majority who are taken to the eternal lake of fire with Satan.

¹ "How can the US President be some character in a book by the apostle John?" John Edwards answers: "Manuel, I have absolutely no biblical authority to back me up on this part. Much that John wrote in Revelation about the Antichrist makes it look like he would be a Roman emperor more than anyone else. But there's one thing to keep in mind. All the modern European nations are continuations of the Roman Empire. The US is the offspring of GB, and other European countries whose people settle here. The US is the end and the greatest expression of Western civilization that sprang from the Roman Empire. The world has looked to the US for leadership for almost 100 years; so why wouldn't our president be the most likely candidate for world leader – or world emperor? [273]"

² "They saw that the luminescent columns stationed over New Mexico had begun to move across the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Suddenly, majestically, they poured down toward the east and the south. It was indescribable! The columns seemed like beams of pure white light, yet they also appeared to be cascades of colored light. They were brighter than the most intense laser beams ever created, yet they were full of the colors of a thousand sunsets over the mountains. They reached the assembled army of the Antichrist. Where there once had been tanks and trucks, suddenly there were piles of ash. Where soldiers had once stood, there remained only charred spots on the desert floor." [361]"