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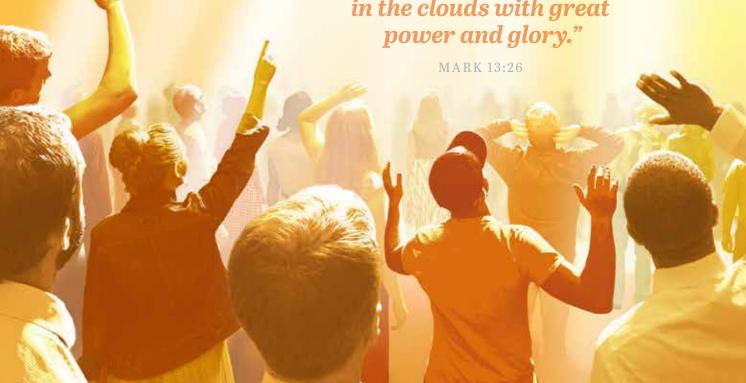
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A NEW GOVERNMENT IS COMING!

In a world wracked by bad news, here is some excellent news for every nation and person on Earth.



"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

REVELATION 11:15







RE YOU TIRED OF BAD NEWS? MANY terrible curses are hitting our nations all at once. We are feeling the sickness of COVID-19, the isolation of social distancing and lockdowns, the financial crunch of lost jobs and reduced economic activity, the shock over abolished freedoms, the pain of cities burning, the bitterness of racial and

political divisions. And as a result, we are also suffering more depression, anxiety, fear, despair and hopelessness.

Yet as terrible and shattering as these problems are, they contain the seed of extraordinary *hope!*

It is becoming clearer than ever that the leaders and governments of this world do not have real answers to the problems we face! In many countries, dissatisfaction and anger with government are spreading faster than coronavirus.

In the United States, we are in the final days before a presidential election. No matter who wins, it seems half the country will be convinced it spells doom for the nation. The governments of Britain and the Jewish state have faced political scandals that threatened to topple their leaders. Protest movements are shaking Lebanon, Belarus, Bulgaria, Spain and elsewhere. Authoritarian China has silenced dissenters in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Strongmen in Russia, Turkey, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and other nations have many people disturbed about their countries' future. In so many cases, not only are our leaders not solving our crises, they are CREATING MORE CRISES!

In this *Trumpet* issue, we look at a news event—to occur in the very near future—that will actually solve all these problems. It is certain to happen whether or not you believe it.

It is the establishment of a *new world government*—an entirely different type than any of the governments that are struggling with these escalating disasters on Earth today.

Advance News!

This event was first announced nearly 2,000 years ago—by Jesus Christ Himself. Christ came to Earth with a message. Notice: "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the

kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14-15). The word *gospel* means good news. Christ's message was *the good news of the coming Kingdom of God*.

This advance news Christ brought has *everything* to do with the troubles afflicting our nations today! It was an announcement of how world peace will come! Yet it is completely ignored by most people today—and misunderstood by many more.

Even after His crucifixion and resurrection, Christ went to His disciples and continued to preach the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). He really wanted them to understand this news! We must not take this lightly. We need to listen to what the Bible teaches on this subject.

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Just *what is* the Kingdom of God? To most people, this is an unsolved mystery. Even churches, theologians and Bible scholars don't understand what the Kingdom of God is!

As a result, today few people talk about or preach the message Christ brought. Instead they preach a gospel of salvation, or of grace, a gospel *about* Christ, a social gospel, a religious science or some other gospel. Yet Christ said it is necessary to believe His news of the Kingdom of God to be saved! And the Apostle Paul pronounced a double curse on any man, or even an angel, who would dare preach any other gospel than that of the Kingdom of God! (Galatians 1:8-9). The Kingdom of God *IS* the gospel.

Christ and His disciples preached the true gospel message over 1,900 years ago. But just a short time after Christ died, there came on the scene a counterfeit gospel! Within a few decades, that message of the gospel was suppressed! (You can read this shocking history in my free book *The True History of God's True Church.*)





Professing Christians have many definitions for God's Kingdom. One prominent evangelist said the Kingdom is not for us today. Others have said the Kingdom is all Christian denominations. But you cannot prove such views from the Bible.

One televangelist said the Kingdom of God is within each Christian. He used what Christ said in Luke 17:21 as "proof." There Christ told the Pharisees, "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Yet, as several Bible translations point out, this is a mistranslation of the original Greek; it should read "the kingdom of God is *in the midst of* you." Jesus Christ is King of the Kingdom of God, and He was there, in their presence, as a representative of that Kingdom! The Bible often uses the words "king" and "kingdom" interchangeably. The King, who is going to rule over the Kingdom of God and the whole universe, was in their midst! But none of them understood what He said about the Kingdom.

Every explanation of the Kingdom of God that professing Christians offer is wrong! How can someone possibly be a member of God's Kingdom if he doesn't know what it is?

This is a crucial subject. And it is the final mystery that Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his book *Mystery of the Ages*. I encourage you to read this eye-opening book. We will gladly send you a free copy (see the back cover of this magazine for details). You can understand the truth about this wonderful news!

Daniel's Kingdom Prophecy

The Prophet Daniel understood what the Kingdom of God is. This is clear in his book, which was written for this end time (Daniel 12:4-9).

Daniel was in the Judaean captivity of 585 B.C., when the nation was conquered by Babylon. In captivity, Daniel looked to serve King Nebuchadnezzar in any way he could. The king had a dream one night that deeply puzzled him. He called for all his magicians and astrologers to explain his dream and its meaning. They couldn't. Finally, the Prophet Daniel came to him with the answer.

Daniel explained: "[T]here is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these" (Daniel 2:28). Nebuchadnezzar's dream held a prophecy for "the latter days"—our time today!

Daniel taught the king about the God of heaven who REVEALS SECRETS. Nobody else can reveal or interpret God's Word.

Think about the great Being that Daniel is talking about! Though few people realize it, He rules this Earth and universe and always will! He orchestrates events to work out according to His master plan. The problems vexing our nations are God allowing mankind to learn some lessons the hard way—but even that is according to His design. In the world today, He allows mankind leeway to sin and transgress His law. It is not God's choice—He allows us the choice. He tells us, *Don't choose death*; *choose life!* (Deuteronomy 30:19)—yet men continually choose death. Still, God rules overall and shapes things to fulfill His plan to usher in His Kingdom to this world.

Daniel explained to Nebuchadnezzar that his dream depicted a vast statue representing four world-ruling kingdoms throughout history. The head of this statue was of fine gold, representing the Babylonian Empire. The breast and arms were of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, and the legs of solid iron—these represented three other successive world-ruling empires: Persia, Greece and Rome.

Then something strange happened in the dream: A supernatural stone came and smashed all those empires, establishing the Kingdom of God!

This is the gospel message, the good news about a literal, specific Kingdom that already rules the universe, and that will soon rule this Earth!

This dream of Nebuchadnezzar's was no ordinary dream! God was revealing to this Gentile king the true gospel—the gospel of the good news of the Kingdom of God!

When people today think about the gospel or the Kingdom of God, they don't think about one supreme Ruler, ruling over the Earth and universe. Yet that is what it is all about! When Jesus Christ returns—the most colossal event ever on Earth—He will establish the Kingdom of God!

This world will not be the Kingdom. Christ said flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:50). "The Kingdom of God will rule *over* the peoples and nations of the Earth," Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages.* "Yet these mortal peoples and nations will *NOT* be the kingdom, not even *in* the Kingdom of God. They shall be merely RULED OVER BY IT!" The Kingdom is not composed of flesh and blood; it is comprised of spirit beings.

The Bible shows that those spirit beings will not just be God and Christ. They will include all those whom God calls before that Second Coming, who will be born into that Kingdom by becoming spirit beings, and then help Him rule the world!

Those who follow Christ and allow Him to direct our lives before the Second Coming will be changed to immortality and become Christ's Bride. I wrote in our August issue about the mystery of the Church (*theTrumpet.com*/22506). The purpose of the Church is to prepare called-out ones to teach and rule in the Kingdom of God.

Eventually God will give everybody a chance to learn about His Kingdom. Many millions of people who never understood the Kingdom of God are going to be resurrected, and their eyes shall be opened. But right now, the whole world is deceived, and the Kingdom of God is a mystery.

The Kingdom of God is not some ethereal sentiment in your mind or something that is within you. It is very literal and specific—a ruling kingdom in the Earth and universe! Read these scriptures and think about them because they reveal the inspiring solutions to this world's problems—and they have everything to do with your future!

'In the Days of These Kings'

Take special note of Daniel 2:44. Get out your Bible and read it for yourself: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." This is referring to the days of the "10 toes" of the Daniel 2 image, which represent 10 earthly rulers. This is the time we are living in right now!

The leaders who are struggling and failing to address the problems today will be replaced by rulers of God's choosing.

Mr. Armstrong wrote about this verse in Mystery of the Ages: "This, by connecting the prophecy with Daniel 7, and Revelation 13 and 17, is referring to the new United States of Europe that is now forming out of the European Common Market [now European Union]." This European empire is ready to burst on the world scene! It will have 10 kings. It will be unified. And it will be a superpower that will shock and stun the world. Your Bible prophesies that it will initiate World War III!

It is "in the day of these kings" that Christ will return, smash those kings, and establish the Kingdom of God to rule Earth and the universe forever!

This world has been cut off from God for 6,000 years, since Adam turned away from God and was banished from the Garden of Eden. This whole world has followed in his footsteps. But there is a seventh 1,000-year period when Jesus Christ will take over and rule with a rod of iron.

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). When God's Kingdom is set up, it will supplant all the governments in the nations around us. The



leaders who are struggling and failing to address the problems today will be removed and replaced by rulers of God's choosing. And His Kingdom will never be destroyed! Christ will rule with His government and His law forever.

That is when the beautiful World Tomorrow will begin. All people who have open minds and receive the Spirit of God will be brought into the Family of God. There will be no more pain, no more suffering or tears, no more curses like those we see today.

This is the advance news Christ brought! What a gospel of GOOD NEWS! That is the message Christ preached everywhere He went: The Kingdom of God is coming to put an end to the kingdoms of this world.

Sadly, millions of people know nothing about this. They have never heard that Jesus Christ is going to return and rule Earth. Though the Bible is filled with this truth, most churches overlook these marvelous scriptures.

The King of the Kingdom

Just before His crucifixion, Pilate asked Christ, "Are you a king?" Christ responded, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world ..." (John 18:37). Christ was born to be a king, ruling every nation and person. What a beautiful plan!

Christ is King over the Kingdom of God. He came to Earth and qualified to kick Satan off his throne, and He is about to do just that—after He has developed some people who will be His helpmeet and Bride, helping Him teach and rule over the entire world in the Millennium!

The Kingdom of God is a literal kingdom, just like Nebuchadnezzar's, Alexander the Great's, Caesar's—or any great nation today, for that matter. The difference, however, is that this Kingdom is ruled by God!

Isaiah 2:2-4 and Micah 4:1-3 make clear what wonderful conditions are about to prevail in this new civilization: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains [in biblical symbols, a mountain represents a government], and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we shall walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." This world would have you believe God's law has been done away. But these scriptures show that law going forth to the nations!

The conclusion of these verses is written on the United Nations building, but few understand it. It is about the Kingdom of God ruling the Earth! People want peace. They don't want nuclear war. But the problem is, they won't let God guide them, and thus war is inevitable!

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The world today, ruled by men inspired by Satan, is plagued with unsolvable problems. The very creation itself is in a state of decay because of Satan's rebellion! It is a DEAD UNIVERSE. But very soon, God is going to bring it to life! As the Apostle Paul wrote, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:19-21; Revised Standard Version).

Read that carefully! THE UNIVERSE IS JUST WAITING FOR THE BIRTH OF GOD'S SONS—THOSE SONS WHO WILL BE BORN INTO THE KINGDOM, OR FAMILY, OF GOD AT THE TIME OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING! And why? Because they will help Christ remove all that decay and make that universe beautiful and thrilling!

Though the Kingdom of God is a mystery to this world, it is the only hope they have! And it is a sure hope. The advance news of that Kingdom which Jesus Christ brought nearly two millennia ago is about to come to pass. A new world government is coming! This government will oversee a worldwide revolution that will eliminate sickness and establish robust health, that will build strong families and vibrant communities, that will encourage and produce near-universal prosperity and industry, that will promote good will between races and secure peace among nations.

You need to understand the truth about this soon-coming Kingdom. This is the subject of the final and most inspiring chapter in Herbert W. Armstrong's masterwork *Mystery of the Ages*. Request a free copy of this



book to come to understand this truth as revealed in your Bible. Remove the mystery—and even as the world is weighed down by bad news, you will be filled with the hope of the King-

dom of God!



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Now our generation faces the timeless lesson of all human history. Will you learn it?

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

HE ILLUSION OF A "free world" is evaporating. Governments around the world are abolishing freedoms, opportunities and basic rights, and establishing new systems of surveillance, control and oppression. The century or so of governments recognizing individual rights is over.

Today, very suddenly, we live in a different world. Unintentionally—and intentionally—those who hold governmental power have stopped even *pretending* to submit to the law. They are wielding their power however they see fit. As a result, *liberty itself* has been locked down!

There is a lesson to be learned here. It's the lesson taught by all history to all generations. It's the lesson of leadership, of civilization, of freedom's fragility. It's the lesson of human government.

The Lesson in Your Nightly News

The Critic interviewed several experts who show how governmental actions have superseded the rule of law. It quoted Lord Sumption, a former United Kingdom Supreme Court justice, pointing out that police "had no business doing anything in a national crisis except enforcing the law. They are not there to give effect to their own views on what a national crisis might require or to give effect to what a prime minister's views might require in a crisis. They are citizens in uniform who should apply the law and nothing else" (September 2020).

That, on the whole, is what police officers in the free world used to do, all those many months ago. The police and the policed in our nations generally (if vaguely) understood that your rights are not something people in power give you but something you are born with. They understood that laws should protect those rights. They understood that even those who govern must themselves be governed by those laws.

How rapidly all this changed. "The rule of law is being so emasculated that when





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you actually need it you will find it is no longer there," attorney Kirsty Brimelow told the Critic. "That then leads to arbitrary decisions, overreach and [the law] being used against citizens. We have become too used to being a liberal democratic country, and our rights are being pulled away by stealth. If we don't have a strong legal framework, then we will move towards law by government and not law through Parliament, and the heart of democracy will be gone."

The director of the group Big Brother Watch, Silkie Carlo, said, "The idea that one of the oldest democracies in the world could buckle under a coronavirus is chilling. The question of the lockdown was never democratically asked. ... Our instincts on freedom are at risk of drifting."

"The state decided without debate to restrict our rights and freedoms in ways that are unimaginable in a democratic system," said Francis Hoar, another attorney. "This is not the way a normal liberal society operates. What is terrifying is that this wasn't just imposed by governments—people wanted it. Of

course, people can choose to stay in their homes, but they wanted it to be law, to impose these restrictions on others. ... This is an epochal moment: It feels as if a barrier has been breached. One thing that is troubling is that people experience restrictions being lifted and

indoor dining in New York City: "I'd like to see the restaurants open. However, there's a but—B-U-T. The but is: Our rules and guidance on reopening [are] only as good as the compliance and the enforcement." He went on to call out the New York City Council speaker, saying,

In the "free world," people now think a human being's most basic rights are determined not by God but by whomever is currently in power.

talk of being 'allowed' to go to the pub or visit their family. Can you imagine saying that before?"

This is now reality in the "free world." The governors—and the governed think that a human being's most basic rights and responsibilities are determined not by God but by whomever is currently in power.

During a September 3 press conference, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo discussed his desires regarding

"[P]ut together a task force of NYPD, Speaker Johnson, and say, there are going to be 4,000 police who are going to be doing restaurant compliance."

We need 4,000 policemen to make sure diners obey the new rules for face masks and social distancing before we can reopen restaurants! In this governor's view, state and local government officials do not have *enough* power over citizens' lives. Systems of checks and balances need to be eliminated. The

principle of limited government needs to be erased. Government must become still more *unlimited*.

Yet consider this recent headline from the *New York Times:* "Finger-Pointing Continues as New York Sees Another Month of Violent Crime." This article reports, "The steep rise in gun violence that has rattled New York City and intensified the debate over policing continued at an alarming rate in August, as shootings more than doubled over the same period last year and murders rose by nearly 50 percent, the police said" (September 3).

Even as government officials seek to control routine behavior of law-abiding citizens, these same government officials are working to *defund* and *reduce* law enforcement against *actual* crimes. And crime, violence and lawlessness are soaring in our cities!

Read this next statement closely. This was New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio commenting on the state of America's largest city: "Look, we have had a perfect storm here. A million jobs lost in the city. People without work, kids not going to school, houses of worship not open, you name it, and then our court system hasn't been functioning until recently, all because of the coronavirus. Let's be clear. For the last six previous years, crime was going down steadily in New York City—safest

course corrections aimed at undoing the damage he has caused.

These are only a couple examples of many glaring failures in leadership within this nation. And this is the nation that has set itself up as an example of liberty, equality and prosperity to all nations. These failures reveal that even the "free world" is succumbing to the problems of governance that have plagued human beings throughout history.

New Leadership Prophesied

The catalog of history is one of thousands of years of oppressive and corrupt governments. As we wrote in our February issue, "For millennia, kings and princes and emperors and caesars and sultans and czars and kaisers have paraded and strutted around, abusing their power; populations have suffered under corruption and deceit and fraud and nepotism and greed and wickedness and injustice. Mankind has witnessed dictatorship, despotism, tyranny, oppression, persecution, genocide, unrest, uprising, coup, assassination, mutiny, revolt, rebellion, revolution, government after government, generation after generation" ("The Riddle of Government," the Trumpet.com/21691).

Historically, genuine freedom under the rule of law has been an exceedingly rare privilege. Its modern establishment in the Anglo-American world has been

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big city in America. What changed it? A pandemic that knocked out so much of the life of this city and just created crisis after crisis" (September 3).

This mayor is blaming the lawlessness in his city on the lockdowns that he imposed following the pandemic! Such blame-shifting is now routine. So many of the real problems we are facing were not caused by the virus itself, but by governments' response to the virus. Yet virtually nobody in a position of power will acknowledge his own responsibility for what has happened, let alone make

remarkable for its relative universality and longevity. But as we have seen, even this is rapidly fading. Our "free" governments are falling back into chaos and embracing oppression.

What is happening today underlines a lesson mankind has been writing for some 6,000 years, mostly through suffering: that HUMAN BEINGS, APART FROM GOD, ARE INCAPABLE OF JUSTLY RULING OTHER HUMAN BEINGS.

This inescapable conclusion points you directly to Jesus Christ and His gospel message! Read the book of Matthew, read the Gospels, read what Jesus Christ said. He was focused on *government!*

The only solution to our worst problems—for our generation and for all human generations, past and future—is RIGHT GOVERNMENT.

And the *only* individuals *capable* of right government are God beings!

This is why Jesus Christ repeatedly talked about the Kingdom of God, which is the government of God administered by the God Family. This is why He talked about true Christians *ruling over cities* (e.g. Luke 19:16-19). This wasn't just a metaphor—it is the one and only *solution* to the human condition!

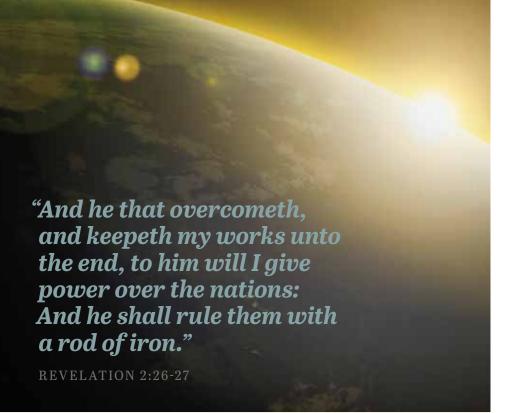
In Revelation 2:26-27, Christ promises, "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father." In Revelation 3:21 He says further, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

From the beginning of the biblical record to the end, God and Jesus Christ have been focused on *law*, *government* and *rule!*

True followers of Jesus Christ submit to the government of God and the law of God. That is how they qualify to administer that government themselves.

Most Christians do not understand or believe this truth! They don't really know what Jesus Christ's gospel was. Many think it was to tell people that He would die to pay the penalty for their sins. But the stark truth is, Christians who do not understand Jesus Christ and do not understand His gospel are not true Christians!

Throughout the ages, God the Father has drafted a small group of people into His true Church, led by Jesus Christ. They then have the choice to submit to His government and keep His law, or not. Only those who submit their belief, their attitudes and their actions to God can truly become Christian, can truly understand Christ's gospel, and can truly fulfill God's purpose for their lives. Only then can someone be trained to rule God's way—to govern a city or a nation with Christ and bring it order, safety, peace,





We need the Kingdom of God! We need the government of the Most High! We need the government of our Creator! We need the government of God! Only God's government, administering God's law, can finally end the self-righteous, self-destructive insanity of human misgovernment.

Jesus Christ is returning. And He is returning for the purpose He stated in His gospel message: to implement government. He will rule, and He will rule for the benefit of those ruled. Even when allowed to rule ourselves, mankind simply does not know how to do it justly and beneficially. We need individuals in government who have been prepared to rule not for their own benefit, not for their own glory, not in the interests of a certain group, but for the purpose of putting every man, woman and child under the loving authority of God the Father, helping them turn away from their own self-destructive sins, and raising them to understand the laws of cause and effect that govern human life, to realize the causes of good, the sources of evil, to learn their purpose for being, and to love God's joyful, abundant, dazzling way of life!

When you see reports about human government, think about that. *Government* was the mission of Jesus Christ. Government *is* the mission of Jesus Christ. And that government is the mission of true Christians. This is the lesson of our generation and *all* generations: The government of God is the *only* way to establish a true "free world."

abundance and the fulfillment of each person's incredible human potential.

When true Christians read the Bible, this theme of government leaps off the pages again and again. The last book of the Bible, Revelation, describes the future. And it repeatedly focuses on the theme of government—literal, actual, world-ruling government! Revelation 5:10 describes God's people being "kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 20:4 and 6 state, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ... Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

This theme of right government, God's government, appears repeatedly through Jesus Christ's ministry, and throughout both the New Testament and Old Testament.

The vision of Daniel 7 describes this same future reality: "Until the Ancient

of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.... And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him" (verses 22, 27).

We need to recognize the lesson staring us in the face in downtown Portland, Seattle, Chicago, New York and across the United States: There is no replacement for good government. And human beings have never administered good government. It has always been flawed with incapacity, corruption, evil. It has always been fatally flawed.

Not of the people, or by the people. But, finally, for the people.

The only government that can grant liberty, freedom and real equality is government not by human beings, but by the Creator of human beings. Study this almost unknown form of government in *God's Family Government*, by Gerald Flurry.



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THE DEATH AND REBIRTH OF AMERICA'S CITIES

Our celebrated cities are succumbing to decay and violence. But an inspiring resurrection awaits. BY JOEL HILLIKER

T HAS BEEN A ROUGH YEAR FOR America's cities. Their residents have been locked in their apartments for fear of coronavirus. Their attractions, offices, restaurants and stores have been evacuated. Their wealth has bled out because of ailing economic life, lost jobs and dwindling tax revenue.

Worse, their streets have choked with violent mobs vandalizing monuments, smashing storefronts, looting businesses, burning public buildings. Their law enforcement has been bridled by politicians more sympathetic to criminals than to law-keepers. Their protectors are being disrespected, disparaged and defunded, giving their enemies more license, more space to destroy. Their people are suffering rising rates of violent crime, including murder.

Yet these troubling recent events only aggravated a trend that has been wounding the nation's crowning cities for years, even decades.

Legacy cities like Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Louis and Buffalo have fallen from glittering heights of America's industrial power. Shifts in the nation's economy have cost hundreds of thousands of jobs and a loss of wealth. This has been exacerbated by race problems, "white flight," cutbacks in law enforcement, and escalating crime. These factors have hollowed out many an American metropolis, leaving

impoverished slums, empty buildings and decaying infrastructure.

In more recent years, failed welfare policies and lax law enforcement have turned cities into sanctuaries for homelessness, makeshift tent cities, drugs on the streets, garbage and filth, illegal immigration and criminality. Investigative reports have detailed how these problems are afflicting San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and other celebrated cities. Citizens are disgusted with their beloved cities being overtaken by trash, overpopulated by wastrels living off government largess, and overwhelmed by problems caused by bad governance.

All these crises have intensified this year. Animated by the twin specters of pandemic and race revolution, they are overtaking more and more of the nation's urban landscape.

The effects of these trends will be far-reaching and disturbing, affecting not just city-dwellers, but every American.

Changing City Demography

covid-19 has made population density a bad word. In areas where protests have turned destructive, a cascade of aftereffects are pummeling city-dwellers: jobs lost; stores destroyed and shut down; business costs skyrocketing as insurance premiums soar. And in far too many places, mayors and governors are *encouraging* these curses. They are shuttering companies in the name of public safety. They are permitting, even



applauding, marches and mayhem. And in the vacuum left by their failed leadership, revolutionaries are growing more bold, brazen, aggressive and ambitious.

"Urban dwellers are resilient, but these simultaneous events have forced people to face a hard reality," wrote Daniel Henninger in the *Wall Street Journal*. "In just three months it has become clear that modern urban progressivism is politically incompetent and intellectually incoherent. ... The message being sent is that progressive governance is, at best, ambivalent about maintaining civil order. The net result the past three months has been a sense in many cities of irresolvable chaos, stress and threat."

At the same time that city life is becoming more unpleasant, virus restrictions are forcing much of life online. Schools nationwide are shifting to distance learning, and businesses are asking people to work from home. Social distancing restrictions and reduced foot traffic mean that costly big-city office space or storefront makes less and less economic





sense. Consumers were already buying more and more online: this accelerates the trend. And many analysts are convinced some decentralization in the workforce is likely permanent.

The cost-benefit analysis is convincing many city folk to make a move. If you're working remotely anyway, why pay bigcity rent? And social distancing is far easier in suburbia, or in the country.

In San Francisco and Manhattan, when covid hit, many people left. Vacancies rose; home prices and rental rates dropped. Home sales in the suburbs around New York City soared, with many well-off city residents buying properties sight unseen based off Internet ads. The New York Times reported

a 44 percent increase in home sales in nearby suburban counties in July compared to the previous year; 73 percent in a county just over the state line into Connecticut; 112 percent in Westchester, just north of the city. Meanwhile, the number of properties sold in Manhattan plunged 56 percent.

Nationwide, home mortgage applications are up 33 percent compared to last year, and are still rising. FoxBusiness.com credits this to more Americans working remotely, and more families doing school from home and thus needing more space.

The people escaping the cities are people of means. Thus the concentration of impoverished people with no other options is growing. This at the



same time that jobs are drying up, businesses are vacating, properties are being destroyed, law enforcement is pulling back, and crime is rising.

This is casting a pall over the future of America's cities. And illuminating some of the most chilling end-time prophecies of the Bible.

The Bible foretells scenarios about America's cities so nightmarish, some are difficult to conceive. But these recent destructive trends definitely make these prophecies far easier to imagine.

The Prophesied Fate of Cities

Many of the prophecies in the book of Isaiah are for our day, this period concluding man's rule on Earth. Of the modern nations descended from ancient Israel—most prominently America—Isaiah foretells this: "[Y]e will revolt more and more From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers" (Isaiah 1:5-7).

America has witnessed the ghastly fulfillment of this prophecy, scenes of cities burning terribly at the hand of lawless people who seek to dismantle the American system. Crowds of protesters have chanted "Death to America"—echoing Islamists on the streets of Iran!

But this is only the outer edges of the destruction to come. Several prophecies describe a coming time of "great tribulation" worse than any in history (Matthew 24:21). This is God's terrible punishment for modern-day Israel's rebellion.

Like Isaiah 1:7, these prophecies describing the coming tribulation place unusual emphasis on what happens in the CITIES. They show that cities will be hit first—and in some ways hit hardest. And a great many of the problems will be curses we bring on ourselves. This lamentable reality is foreshadowed in the way we are behaving and treating each other in our cities even today.

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These major population centers have hordes of people concentrated in a small space—thus magnifying the problems associated with human nature. God says, "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place ..." (Isaiah 5:8). This is a major reason that particularly the earlier phases of the Tribulation will smash the cities hardest.

The convergence of destructive factors hitting our cities has created a climate of irreconcilable contempt. Leftists have foolishly insisted that destroying buildings and property is "not violence"—that it is actually necessary to highlight racial inequities. But the blaze of hatred overtaking America's cities has already started escalating into bloodshed—people assaulting and even murdering one another.

Changing demographics, deteriorating economic conditions, irrepressible racial hatred, escalating lawlessness—all these ingredients are already in place. Prophecy describes still more factors certain to aggravate the violence, most prominently grievous financial disruption.

How bad will the bloodshed get? You find the chilling answer in Ezekiel 5. Here God gave His prophet a parable of these nations' destruction showing that a mind-numbing *one third* of the people would "burn with fire ... in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled ..." (verse 2).

This is a prophecy of devastating disorder in cities being inflamed by economic besiegement. Foreign nations are prophesied to freeze America out of world trade. "As that happens, domestic rioting and violence will become much more prevalent," Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in Ezekiel—the End-Time Prophet. "Already in America today, instances of rioting and burning are occurring more regularly, often associated with racial hatred. ... As the economy grows worse, besieged by foreign powers, the rioters will burn more and more—because God's wrath is upon us! ... These problems will intensify until our people repent!"

It is not at all difficult to see how economic problems will add gasoline to these fires—yet the conflagration will grow far worse than we expect! Leftists in America act like they can encourage and use racial violence for their own

political gain, but these prophecies show that *nobody* will benefit from what is about to happen—except America's worst ENEMIES!

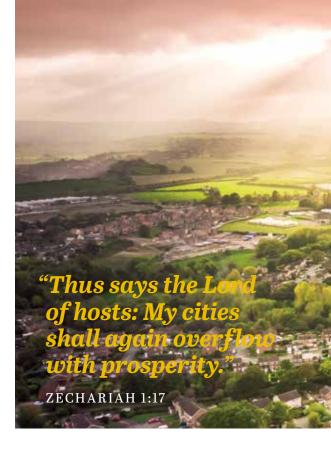
Verse 12 warns, "A THIRD PART OF THEE SHALL DIE with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee" The Hebrew word translated pestilence means destruction or death. "So this pestilence could be a plague of violence or burning," Mr. Flurry writes. "It can be defined as a plague of violence or rioting—such as the Baltimore riots in 2015 or the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks! ... The pestilence, or plague of violence, will cause many health problems that lead to famine. Sewage disposal will be disrupted. Gas lines will be broken. Jobs will be lost.

Society will unravel and the collective panic will bring a stock market disaster! It will get so bad that violence and famine will take millions of lives!"

A companion prophecy appears in Ezekiel 7:15: "The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and HE THAT IS IN THE CITY, FAMINE AND PESTILENCE SHALL DEVOUR HIM." Different fates await people in different locales. As other prophecies confirm, those in the field, or country, will be taken in a foreign attack. Pestilential violence, rioting and destruction will devour the city-dwellers.

Already you see the violence hitting cities hardest. It is the heavily populated urban areas that have the greatest concentration of radicals who are bent on destruction. These verses show that current hatreds are destined to erupt into full-scale civil war on a staggering scale!

"The seeds of this future calamity have already been sown," Mr. Flurry writes. "The government has lost control. There is a breakdown of law and order. ... We are getting dangerously close to social anarchy and chaos!" He first wrote about these scriptures in 2002. These prophetically based words have become more and more relevant in the years since.



"Some of these criminal leaders know how to play public discontent like a fiddle. The news media help them spread their destructive messages," Mr. Flurry continues. "There is only one solution to this nightmare! Our people, black and white, must repent and turn to God. If we fail to do that, the *suffering* is just beginning!"

Jesus Christ famously said, "A house divided against itself shall not stand." Looking at the savage division among Americans, it is plain just how much such infighting weakens the nation and makes it vulnerable to attack from without. This is exactly what will happen.

Several prophecies show that once war within America cripples the populace, particularly in the more densely inhabited areas, foreigners will attack.

Without Inhabitant

Closely read this terrifying prophecy from Amos: "Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord God; *The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred*, and that [the same city of 1,000] which went forth by an hundred SHALL LEAVE TEN, to





reconstruction program worldwide. The same Bible that warns of our cities' devastation also includes many spectacular prophecies about what will become of our cities beyond the near term. They depict a time coming soon when these cities will be rebuilt, and once again teem with vitality, prosperity and life!

A Peek at Tomorrow's Cities

Imagine quality city life being affordable. Imagine a city providing enough stable, decent jobs that unemployment is next to nil, and everyone enjoys affluence. "... Thus says the Lord of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity ..." (Zechariah 1:17; Revised Standard Version). Imagine a city devoid of run-down, impoverished slums and ghettos.

Imagine cities being crime-free. Imagine being able to walk the streets, even back alleys, at any time of day or night without fear. "[T]hey shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid" (Ezekiel 34:28). Imagine thievery, muggings, race riots and gang warfare no longer being a concern. "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders ..." (Isaiah 60:18).

Imagine a healthy city environment. Imagine lovely, productive gardens right in the midst of the city. "[T]hey shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them" (Amos 9:14). Imagine eating at a restaurant where fresh produce grows on site. Imagine land being allocated efficiently enough that areas exist for local animal husbandry. "[I]n all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down" (Jeremiah 33:12). Imagine the pastoral serenity enjoyed only by country folk today being common in the city as well.

Widespread prosperity, secure streets, nutritious food, outdoor activity in clean air—these benefits will dramatically increase the health of the residents of tomorrow's cities!

the house of Israel" (Amos 5:1-3).

What could possibly kill 90 percent of the people in a city so quicklyand soon after, another 90 percent of the survivors?

This is one of several prophecies warning that weapons of mass destruction are going to be used against America's cities! The nation's enemies are going to target America's cities, certainly with nuclear bombs, perhaps with chemical and biological weapons as well. Amos is prophesying of 99 percent of our cities' populations being extinguished!

This is one of several passages foretelling the use of modern mass-killing weapons, and how they will decimate the people of the cities, making them "without inhabitant." "I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate: I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: Their Cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there IS NONE INHABITANT" (Zephaniah 3:6; see also Jeremiah 2:15; 4:7; 33:10). In all human history, such sweeping slaughter has only been possible in the modern age. And the weapons man has devised for this purpose are certain to be used.

In Isaiah 6, God speaks of the spiritual blindness afflicting our peoples. The prophet asks, How long will you allow this to go on? "And he answered, UNTIL THE CITIES BE WASTED WITHOUT INHABI-TANT, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate" (verse 11). God is going to allow us to experience the full horrifying consequences of our own wrongdoing and wickedness!

It is crucial to study these prophecies—and Believe them. Look at our cities today, and you see the early stages of their fulfillment!

Don't be under the illusion that these problems will simply blow over, and all will return as it was before. Take what is happening now as advance warning of far worse to come, and turn to God in repentance! That is all that God is afterand He honors the nation, the city or the individual who will depart from wickedness and turn his heart to Him.

Thankfully, individuals who do so today will be protected from the worst that is about to befall this world. Yet there is still hope for the world that remains in rebellion against God. The coming punishment, fierce as it will be, ultimately will bring a willful mankind to its knees.

Jesus Christ is going to return in power, and He will rule those who survive the coming holocaust.

When He does so, in the new world He creates He will oversee a vast



HE SARS-COV2 VIRUS is a minuscule 120 nanometers in diameter. And its virulence and deadliness are far milder than those of many other pathogens. Yet this virus and the unreasonable reactions to it have done colossal damage to economies around the world. The reckless shutdowns, money printing, borrowing and spending have plunged the world into the worst recession since the Great Depression. It has severely disrupted markets and pushed numerous nations near to a tipping point.

How can massive economies be so fragile? How can such a tiny threat wreak such havoc? Because man-made economies are a house of cards: precarious and highly vulnerable to shock.

The Economy Israel Chose

When ancient Israel demanded the Prophet Samuel to give them a king

like their neighboring countries had, it angered him. In considering the matter in prayer, however, Samuel found that God would allow Israel to reject His government—but not without a stern warning. God told Samuel to "protest solemnly" to the Israelites—to tell them they were making a huge mistake (1 Samuel 8:9).

In protesting, Samuel told them how their king would rule: He would recruit the most talented young people in the land for his own gain—filling positions in an ever expanding bureaucracy. He would draft the most able-bodied young men for the army—to be his "instruments of war" (verses 11-13). He would then apply burdensome property taxes, taking the best fields and vineyards from the citizenry (verse 14). He would introduce income tax and use the proceeds selfishly, giving it to his officers and his servants (verse 15). Even laborers would have to devote a portion of their time to the king's services (verse 16).

In short, if they wanted a king like all other nations, they could have one—but

they would end up being their king's servants (verse 17).

Then, under the oppressive weight of big government, if the Israelites cried out to God, He would not hear them! (verse 18).

Even after this solemn protest from Samuel, Israel refused to heed God's warning and instead chose for themselves a leader. They wanted to be just like other nations (verses 19-20).

Israel Today

With that in mind, we should not be surprised by the unbelievable size of government today—or by its remarkable inefficiency and waste. The United States is descended from ancient Israel. And its government, like every other administration on Earth, has many flaws. But we as a people must remember: We chose it to be this way.

Indeed, from history we learn that human government has spent *much* of its resources either on war or in preparing for war. Here in the United States, it was



the cost for World War I that prompted Congress to introduce the income tax.

Yet even in times of peace, most human governments have not been able to curtail oppressive taxes, eliminate debt or even balance the budget. Our national debt has steeply risen for years, and the curve is getting steeper all the time. People's expectations of the government to solve every problem keep rising, and government interventions are getting more expensive all the time. Thanks in part to his response to the 2008 financial crisis, President Barack Obama oversaw the national debt's increase from \$10 trillion to \$20 trillion in eight years. In a single term, President Trump has helped it grow \$7 trillion more—to \$27 trillion.

It's a sad picture, and this concerning the richest, most prosperous nation in man's history. We could devote plenty more space to the dismal, debt-ridden economies of other nations.

Man's system of government—not just in the U.S.—has forced upon our society exactly what the Prophet Samuel said it would: big government, endless war and oppressive taxes.

There are solutions to these worsening problems, but not the kind most people want to hear. God is about to revolutionize this world's economy. When Jesus Christ returns to Earth, He will bring about economic reform that will finally make a difference. The Bible reveals the economic policies of God's soon-coming Kingdom. These principles would bring about sweeping change even today, if only man would practice them.

A Clean Slate

Many prophecies describe the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord to come upon the whole Earth just before Christ returns. The devastation of these end-time events is truly hard to fathom. Isaiah 24 says God will turn the Earth upside down, making it waste and empty (verses 1, 3). In verse 6, God says there will only be a "few men left." (Obviously, this prophecy has not yet been fulfilled nothing like this has ever happened before.) Jesus Himself, in the New Testament, said events would get so bad that if God didn't intercede, man would become extinct! (Matthew 24:21-22).

This gives us a picture of the kind of world Jesus will return to—one utterly devastated by modern warfare and the resultant disease and famine.

In Zechariah 14, God describes the final climactic battle to take place around Jerusalem when Jesus returns. God says He will "gather all nations" at Jerusalem (verse 2). "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle" (verse 3). Jesus Christ will forcefully subdue man's final attempt to defy God.



The Mount of Olives, verse 4 says, will split in two—another prophecy that has obviously not yet been fulfilled.

The last part of verse 14 says this about when this battle ends: "... and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance." The positive side to all the destruction is that in one swoop, God will wipe away all the complex, debt-ridden, inefficient, wasteful and selfish economic systems of man. He will then gather all available wealth and start anew.

Man will also, at long last, be freed from the bondage of Satan's rule on Earth (2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9). This will be the fresh start man needs to begin to understand how God's economy will work.

Changing Man's Nature

Of course, it will take much more than a fresh start to change man's faulty systems of economics. Mankind will need to be re-educated according to God's law.

James 4 describes this present world as it operates under the deceptive sway of Satan. "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (verse 1). War is a primary contributor to escalating debt and crippling economies. And the root cause of all war is lust. "Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (verse 2). James stresses the fact that God wants us to have material goods and prosperity, but on His terms-not ours.

But since the days of Adam, mankind in general has rejected this proposition and instead sought after wealth and riches on his own terms-and as influenced by Satan the devil. "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?" (verse 5). The way of this world is simply the way of get. It is natural for human nature to covet. The Apostle Paul attributed "the love of money" as a

"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree"

root cause of evil (1 Timothy 6:10). This competitive nature in man must change before economic reform will ever last.

Unsurprisingly, the great financial law in God's Kingdom is found right within the Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" (Exodus 20:17). God's law prohibits covetous, selfish gain. It forbids the way of get. Breaking this commandment violates the basic principle of God's way of life: the way of give. The give way will underpin the economic system of tomorrow.

Property Ownership

When Jesus Christ returns to forcefully put down mankind's final rebellious assault, that victory will also mark the end of all war. Micah 4:3 shows that man will convert all remaining war materials into farm equipment. This will radically change the world's economy. No more defense spending. No more multimillion-dollar Marshall Plans to rebuild nations ruined by war. And no more massive debt to pass on to our children!

The Prophet Micah also wrote this about this millennial setting: "But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it" (verse 4). God's economy in the World Tomorrow will revolve around land ownership, just as it did in ancient Israel (1 Kings 4:25).

In many ways, this was the way it was in America's history. Historian Paul Johnson notes this about American life in the 19th century: "Never in human history, before or since, has authority gone to such lengths to help the common people to become landowners" (A History of the American People). Back then there was so much land that, in some cases, the government gave it away. This helped develop communities and keep people spread out. It also kept most Americans busy developing their own raw land.

Not that life in early America was utopian, but regarding land ownership it was much closer to the way God will set up His society than anything else we see today. God never intended human beings to bunch up by the millions, one on top of another—none owning land—crammed into over-crowded, crime-infested, polluted cities. He wants all to have their own space on their own land so they can learn to beautify and maintain that little creation—like God does with His creation!

But that is not the way man's society operates. While land is still plentiful in the United States, rising costs and excessive taxes make it far more difficult to get than it once was. Americans today are actually penalized for developing property: The more its value rises, the higher its taxes. At present, Americans pay about 2 percent of the property's value every year in taxes.

Another form of property tax is the estate tax, commonly called the death tax. When a wealthy landowner or business owner dies, heirs may have to pay taxes as high as 60 percent on the estate, which is why so many family-owned businesses do not make it as far as the second generation. In fact, according to Martin Gross, only 30 percent do-and of those, a paltry 13 percent make it to the third generation.

This is not God's way! Proverbs 13:22 says, "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children" Prior to protected. The Eighth Commandment ("thou shalt not steal") is the great law God instituted to protect all private property and possessions. No more property taxes or estate taxes. No more high-rise apartment complexes in polluted cities.

Every man will sit under his own vine and fig tree.

Honest Work and Honest Pay

Another godly economic principle is hard work. The Apostle Paul wrote that "if any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). He also wrote, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28).

In this age of stimulus bills, bailout checks, welfare programs, deficit budgeting, labor disputes, declining health and overindulgence in entertainment, it's a wonder anything gets done. To be sure, many people work hard. But overall, especially among younger generations, we have seen a noticeable decline in work ethic.

God and Christ are not lazy. Both of them work! (John 5:17). And fruits of their labor reveal them to be hard work-

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Social Security, oppressive taxes and buying on high-interest time payments, most Americans secured their old age through savings, property ownership and family.

Today, however, government programs have helped free adults from their responsibility to their own children and grandchildren. Instead of encouraging adults to dream of retiring among family, the government through these selfish programs prods the elderly to "sell the farm" and spend the money on themselves. If that even means passing debt on to children, so be it—after all, that's what the government does.

In the World Tomorrow, every family will own property. And God's law will ensure that everyone's property is well

ers. For human beings to ever realize our full potential, God wants us to understand the great meaning and purpose behind productive, efficient labor. Jesus said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10). Before God will offer us life within His Family, He wants to see what we will do with what we have now, no matter how small it might seem. Actually, it is small when compared to God! "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon [or money], who will commit to your trust the true riches?" (verse 11). If we haven't learned to be wise stewards with the money and goods God has given us now, how will we ever be ready for the true riches of His Kingdom? (verse 12).

The Laws of Tithing

Of course, government operations do cost money, even in God's society. That's where the laws of tithing come in to play. In Leviticus 27:30, God commands, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is *holy* unto the Lord."

God's universal tithing system is 10 percent. Everyone pays the same rate. Deuteronomy 14:22 says we are to pay the tithe—or tenth—on our *increase*. In this way, God's tax neither soaks the rich or oppresses the less wealthy. It's an across-the-board flat tax that encourages initiative and gives people incentive to produce.

In God's income tax system, all tithes will be sent to headquarters (Deuteronomy 12:6) where one unified administration, under the direction of Jesus Christ, will use the money for the good of all mankind.

In man's system, however, many people pay up to 40 percent of their earnings—just in income tax. To illustrate how astronomical that figure is, consider this: In 1913, when Congress ratified the 16th Amendment—which permanently established income tax—politicians debated about whether or not they should cap the tax at 10 percent. In the end, they dismissed the discussion, saying it was absurd to think taxes would ever rise above that level.

God's tax—in stark contrast—will never rise.

Welfare System

Even in the World Tomorrow, some people will hit hard times. For them, God has a fail-safe welfare system to prevent them from descending into poverty. It's described in Deuteronomy 15.

There will be some borrowing and lending in God's society, but without interest, which means people will no longer make money on other people's debts. Additionally, there will be a release from borrowed debt every seventh year (verses 1-2). Under this system, those who lend will know they may never receive their money back.

Why would God institute such a law? "To the end that there be no poor among

you" (verse 4; see margin in King James). God's welfare system eliminates poverty. Keep in mind, the principle of 2 Thessalonians 3:10 stands: If any man won't work, he shouldn't eat. God doesn't give handouts to sluggards.

Notice how God keeps people from abusing His welfare system: "If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother" (Deuteronomy 15:7). The poor and needy are to be dealt with on the local level, preferably within the family. That way it is easier to discern whether the individual in need really deserves welfare or if he is just being lazy.

In the World Tomorrow, these unusual cases will most likely involve people who need financial assistance to get back on their feet. In that case, God says, "[T]hou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth" (verse 8). Compare this practical wisdom with the horrible inefficiency of gigantic bureaucracies doling out billions of dollars to millions of people who have no intention of ever finding a job.

"Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto" (verse 10). That is how lenders will be rewarded. Instead of making money on borrowers paying off high-interest loans, God will reward them personally for living the way of give. It is as if the loans people give the poor are actually made to God. As Proverbs 19:17 says, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." God will repay those unselfish loans many times over!

Overseeing All Things

This is a financial principle man has never yet followed. It *really is* more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). When man finally begins to realize this in the World Tomorrow after practicing on the individual level, what sweeping economic reform it will bring to all society!



"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Proverbs 3:9). The give way of life begins with tithing—giving the very best of our increase to God. Beyond that, it trickles down into every facet of living. "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (verse 10). Live that way, and God will give back many times over!

God wants us—even now as we prepare for our future in His Family—to be as materially wealthy as we can handle—not to serve our own selves, but so we might honor Him in all our substance. He wants us to have these things to help prepare us for *true riches!*

David, in the Psalms, wrote about those riches. He asked God in Psalm 8:4, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" He answered that question in verse 6: "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." What purpose! The God who *made* all things (Psalm 24:1-2) wants to *give* all things to man!

Is it any wonder why God wants us to learn how to properly use material goods—to lead prosperous lives now? He wants to give us *all* material things later!



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WHY THE WORLD NEEDS THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

In the past 6,000 years, some 100 billion people have lived on Earth. The vast majority have lived lives that English philosopher Thomas Hobbes characterized as "poor, nasty, brutish and short." For most of history, about 80 percent of humanity lived in poverty. Disease was rampant, violence was common, and the average lifespan was 40 years old.

In the Western world, modern science has alleviated some of these problems. But it has also proved a false messiah that has gifted humanity the technological capacity to blot out every human life.

History shows that world peace and prosperity will not come from human efforts. But Bible prophecy shows that it will come—from a Being with omnipotent power and perfect character!

SLAVERY

RELIGIOUS OPPRESSION



30 to 40 percent of the people who lived in the Roman Empire were slaves.



The Roman Emperor Nero used to light his garden with the bodies of burning Christians.





In the 17th century, pirates raided European villages for women to sell into sexual slavery in the Ottoman Empire.



Aztec priests cut out the hearts of 20,000 living people each year as part of a pagan religious ritual.



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PLAGUES



Malaria may have killed half of all people who have ever lived.



It has been estimated that 19 out of every 20 days of human history have been filled with war.

WAR.



In ancient Sumeria, tyrants could starve whole provinces into submission by closing irrigation channels.

FAMINE



In the 14th century, the Black Death killed about 60 percent of Europeans.



The Mongol Army killed 10 percent of the world's population in Genghis Khan's conquests of Asia.



In the 19th century, the Irish Potato Famine caused the population to fall by **25 percent** due to death and emigration.



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Smallpox killed **95 percent** of the Native Americans after Christopher Columbus introduced it to the New World.



Of all Soviet males born in 1923, about **80 percent** were killed in World War II.



In the 20th century, man-made famines like Mao Zedong's Great Chinese Famine and Josef Stalin's Holodomor have killed almost as many as World War II.



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PERCENT OF GLOBAL **POPULATION** KILLED





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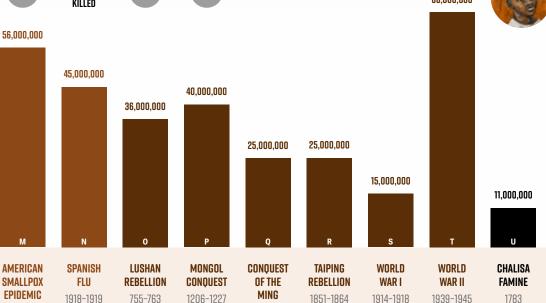
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Today, **3.1 million** children die each year because of malnutrition.

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RE AMERICA'S ELECTIONS free and fair? I am writing this about two months before the United States holds its 2020 presidential election, and a lot of evidence is exposing efforts to rig the election. This is a serious crime that undermines our constitutional republic!

Many politicians, press and media personalities dismiss accusations that the Democrats are trying to steal the election. But more and more evidence proves that they tried to steal the election in 2016. To believe they wouldn't do so again is folly.

A lot of truth is also coming out showing how Britain was involved in this effort.

You have heard of the "Steele dossier"—a series of memos that falsely accused Donald Trump of escapades with Russian prostitutes and criminal links to the Russian government. It was authored by former British MI6 intelligence agent Christopher Steele. Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign paid him \$168,000 to produce it.

Not one bit of that dossier was verified. It is filled with lies! Yet Steele shared his dossier with former MI6 head Sir Richard Dearlove, who allegedly advised him to contact the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation about it.

The Steele dossier set off the Crossfire Hurricane investigation into links between the Trump campaign and Russia, which started a 22-month Special Counsel investigation led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller. Yet investigators couldn't find any evidence of wrongdoing by Mr. Trump and his

campaign. That is because Steele never had any such evidence. He did not collect any factual information—only rumors from Ukrainian attorney Igor Danchenko, who had relied on hearsay from drinking buddies in Russia. Steele presented these rumors from Danchenko's anonymous sources as if they came from high-level Kremlin insiders.

In fact, the only high-level foreign spies working to disrupt America's 2016 presidential election that we know of were British.

In his book Ball of Collusion, investigative journalist Andrew McCarthy explains that London was actually "the nerve center of Russia-gate." Aside from Danchenko's Russian drinking buddies, almost all the key players in the effort to convince the public that Donald Trump colluded with Russia were American and British government officials who desperately wanted Hillary Clinton to win

Britain's intelligence-gathering services, MI6 and the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), were working together with President Obama's Central Intelligence Agency, FBI and National Security Agency to spy on American citizens and frame Donald Trump for a crime he did not commit. Why would these intelligence officials do such a diabolical thing?

To understand, you must know what the Bible reveals about ancient Israel and its modern-day descendants-and the evil spirit whose goal is to blot out THE NAME OF ISRAEL.

Modern-Day Israel

the election.

America and Britain have an important shared history—history that goes back to Bible times!

Most people today falsely assume that all 12 tribes of ancient Israel are Jewish. But ancient Israel actually split into two nations after the death of King Solomon (1 Kings 12). Two southern tribes, headquartered in Jerusalem, followed King David's grandson Rehoboam. They became the kingdom of Judah. But 10 northern tribes, headquartered in Samaria, followed a new king named

Jeroboam. These tribes became the kingdom of Israel.

In his book The United States and Britain in Prophecy, the late Herbert W. Armstrong explained how the Assyrian Empire took the northern kingdom of Israel captive. These captives later settled in northwestern Europe. The Israelite tribe of Manasseh became the United States, while the ancient Israelite tribe of Ephraim became the British Commonwealth. This astonishing truth means that—while end-time prophecies about Judah are about the Jewish state in the Middle East, as many Christians understand—end-time prophecies about Israel are about the U.S. and Great Britain.

One specific prophecy speaks of an effort to *blot out* the very name

Israel. It shows that the only

submission." Those are monstrous lies! They show terrible contempt for probably the greatest world leader of the 20th century, and really for all that the British once stood for.

During his presidency, Mr. Obama tried to weaken Britain by preventing it from leaving the European Union. He told Britain that if it left the EU, it would go to the "back of the queue" for trade deals with the U.S. He did not want Britain to be a great leader among nations he wanted Britain to be a vassal state to a German-led European superstate!

Shockingly, these anti-British views are apparently shared by many in Britain's intelligence community. Christopher Steele has said the British only voted for Brexit because of Russian meddling. For some reason,

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thing that prevented their success was God's intervention.

This prophecy has come to pass in recent years. More and more evidence shows an attack on America that, shamefully, came from within both America and Britain.

Foremost among the people attacking America and Britain is one who was president for eight years, and did untold damage while in that office.

Anti-American, Anti-British

Shortly after he was inaugurated in 2009, President Barack Obama removed a bust of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill from the Oval Office. He didn't do it inconspicuously. He did it publicly, because he wanted to send a message to anybody who loved the British Empire. He hates that Empire!

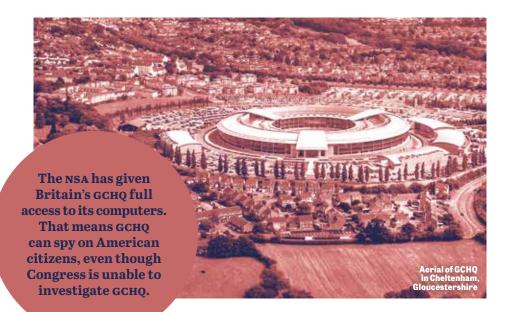
As a teenager Barack Obama was mentored by the card-carrying Communist Party member Frank Marshall Davis, who also harbored a special hatred for Winston Churchill. Davis said, "[T]he only people Churchill gives a rap about are the white people of the British Empire." He accused Churchill of wanting America to join him in bludgeoning "all other countries into

he cannot seem to understand why a British citizen would want to be free of EU control. Former MI6 Chief Sir John Sawers said Brexit was the result of a "political nervous breakdown" in Britain. He said former Prime Minister David Cameron was "unwise" to even allow a Brexit referendum in the first place. He believes the British people should have no say—they should just submit to the dictates of government technocrats like him!

Nobody voted for Mr. Sawers, but people like him consider themselves the only ones qualified to govern. They think they are destined to rule the world, and cannot fathom that citizens might want something different. So when people vote the "wrong" way, these elites accuse them of having a "nervous breakdown" or of being manipulated by Russia. That is the height of arrogance!

Even before he was elected president, Donald Trump supported Brexit, saying Britain would be "better off" without the EU. So it's safe to say the British technocrats who opposed Brexit also opposed Mr. Trump.

Is this why President Obama used London as "the nerve center of Russia-gate"?



In my booklet America Under

Attack (free upon request), I explain how President Obama is a type of the ancient Seleucid King Antiochus Epiphanes. Antiochus was never meant to be king. He gained control of the Seleucid Empire by pretending to be someone he was not. Daniel 11:21 says he obtained rule through lies and flatteries before attacking the people of ancient Judah, slaughtering them, and desecrating the temple in Jerusalem with an idol bearing his likeness.

President Obama also came to power through lies and flatteries, and he spent eight years attacking the moral values and constitutional principles of America, Britain and the Jewish state. He started his presidency by insulting Churchill and the British Empire. And he ended his presidency by colluding with British agents who wanted to undermine everything the British Empire stood for by betraying the British people to a German-led superstate. He had a lot of help from the mainstream media and the intelligence communities in both the United States and Britain. Some powerful people in Britain want to bring down America so they can ally with Germany instead!

Spy Traps

Fox News senior judicial analyst Andrew Napolitano was temporarily pulled off the air in 2017 after he claimed British intelligence officials spied on Donald Trump for President Obama. Napolitano

noted that the NSA has 24/7 access to the mainframe computers of all telecom providers in the nation, so all President Obama would have had to do to access transcripts of Donald Trump's phone calls was ask the NSA for those transcripts. However, if President Obama made such a request—even under the guise of protecting national security—a record of the request would exist where Congress could find it if they were to investigate the president for corruption.

To spy on Donald Trump without leaving fingerprints, Obama would need Britain's help. The NSA has given Britain's GCHQ full access to its computers. That means GCHQ can spy on American citizens, even though Congress is unable to investigate GCHQ. Three intelligence sources told Napolitano that President Obama asked GCHQ to spy on Donald Trump for him. GCHQ denies these accusations, and Napolitano cannot prove these claims without exposing and endangering his sources.

Whether or not President Obama used GCHQ to get transcripts of Donald Trump's phone calls, Britain's intelligence community did help the Obama administration spy on the Trump campaign in other ways.

Even before the Clinton presidential campaign hired Steele in May 2016, a mysterious Maltese scholar named Joseph Mifsud met with Trump campaign foreign-policy adviser George Papadopoulos in London and told him that the Russian government had "dirt" on Hillary Clinton. Former FBI Director

James Comey accused Mifsud of being a Russian agent and a link between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin—but there is evidence he was actually an agent of the British government setting a "spy trap" for Papadopoulos.

Two months after he met Mifsud in Rome, Papadopoulos met Australia's high commissioner Alexander Downer at a Kensington wine bar in London. Papadopoulos repeated what Mifsud had told him. Downer passed on the information to his U.S. counterpart Elizabeth Dibble. and the FBI used it as one of their reasons to launch the Crossfire Hurricane investigation. Yet it appears this meeting was another set-up. Downer was a devoted Clinton supporter who helped the Australian government give a \$25 million donation to the Clinton Foundation. He had also been on the advisory board of Hakluyt, a shadowy security firm set up by former MI6 agents.

So both Mifsud and Downer, who reported Papadopoulos to the U.S. government for talking to Mifsud, had close links with British intelligence agencies. And Downer was not the only affiliate of Hakluyt involved in this story.

Stefan Halper

It was around the time Downer met with Papadopoulos in London that the Clinton campaign hired Christopher Steele to produce his dossier. The dossier alleged that Trump campaign foreign-policy adviser Carter Page secretly met with Russian oligarch Igor Sechin and a senior Kremlin Internal Affairs official. (It failed to mention that Page was a CIA agent gathering intelligence for the U.S. government.) Steele passed his dossier on to Sir Richard Dearlove, a former MI6 colleague. Dearlove told Steele to work with the British government to share this information with the FBI. And Dearlove may have passed Steele's information on to other key players.

Besides mentoring Christopher Steele, Richard Dearlove was a friend of Cambridge University academic Stefan Halper—an American with close connections to MI6, Hakluyt and the CIA. Only a week after Steele gave his dossier to the FBI, Halper went out of his way to meet Carter Page at a Cambridge symposium. The symposium's organizer, political analyst Steven Schrage, said Halper was only interested in meeting Page after Dearlove arrived toward the end of the conference. In an article titled "The Spies Who Hijacked America," Schrage recounted how, after Dearlove arrived, Halper almost became desperate to meet Page.

Halper was trying to work his way into Mr. Trump's inner circle, and he developed a relationship with Page. But he realized that Page wasn't particularly bright, and he wasn't getting very far. So then he turned his attention to Papadopoulos. He met with him on Sept. 13, 2016. Though he acted like a friend,

he was really an fbi informant for the the Trump presidency—disappeared from the news. I don't know exactly what happened, but it seems Papadopoulos saw through him and realized what he was trying to do. Or perhaps God personally stopped him to save the presidency and the country! (Over the past few decades, many significant events have occurred on or around January 16. Request my free booklet January 16: God's Miracle Day to learn why this calendar date is so important.)

It is amazing how much of this plot has become known to the public. People like Christopher Steele, Richard Dearlove, Joseph Mifsud, Alexander Downer and Stefan Halper all had close conneclikely Steele's connections with British intelligence that got Robert Hannigan, the head of the UK's GCHQ, involved in the Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

According to Andrew McCarthy, Hannigan flew to Washington, D.C., sometime during the summer of 2016. He considered his mission so sensitive that he had to personally transfer intelligence to CIA Director John Brennan. Hannigan's direct U.S. counterpart was NSA Director Mike Rodgers, but Brennan was the driving force behind the Obama administration's investigation into the Trump campaign, as well as Obama's spy czar. So Hannigan met with him instead. And three sources told Andrew

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Crossfire Hurricane investigation.
He wanted to take down the Trump campaign from within.

Political commentator Rush Limbaugh has talked extensively about Halper. "Stefan Halper hoped to be part of the Trump foreign policy advisory team, and I guarantee you if that had happened, he'd have been on the phone with people he knows in Russia, and those phone calls would have been wiretapped in cooperation with the FBI, and he would have been talking to Russians about Hillary's e-mails, whatever it took," he noted earlier this year. "It's amazing that didn't happen. Because this is the kind of thing they were trying with any number of people, not just Stefan Halper. They were trying to get people hired. When they couldn't do that, they tried to get people like George Papadopoulos to do those kinds of things while they were observing and surveilling and that bombed out. We don't know how close we came!" (May 15).

THE INTELLIGENCE COUP AGAINST DONALD TRUMP WAS SO WELL PLANNED THAT RUSH LIMBAUGH IS AMAZED IT DID NOT WORK!

It appears Papadopoulos somehow began to realize that Halper couldn't be trusted. On Jan. 16, 2017, Stefan Halper—perhaps the greatest threat to tions to British intelligence. Congress cannot investigate these people like it can investigate Americans. But we still know an astonishing amount of detail about what happened.

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton surely do not want us to know what they were conspiring to do before, during and after the 2016 presidential election to undermine American democracy. But I believe God made sure this information was exposed!

Still, considering the dangers to our nation, it is appalling how little interest the press and the public have in it!

High Treason

After the Wall Street Journal exposed Christopher Steele as the author of the dossier on Jan. 11, 2017, Fusion GPS cofounder Glenn Simpson started telling people he hired Steele on Hillary Clinton's behalf because he was an "extremely well-regarded" former "lead Russianist at MI6." But all this "lead Russianist" did was ask a Ukrainian attorney living in Washington, D.C., if he had heard any good rumors. Simpson probably could have done that himself. So, it seems the real reason Simpson hired Steele was for his MI6 connections.

It was Steele's relationship with Sir Richard Dearlove that enabled the fbi to recruit Halper as a mole. And it was Napolitano that Hannigan's department was spying on Donald Trump.

You don't have to connect many dots to infer what Hannigan and Brennan discussed.

When you trace all the strands back to their source, you find President Obama was using John Brennan to orchestrate a treasonous plot against Donald Trump! In America, the plot involved the CIA, the NSA and the FBI. In Britain, it also involved gchQ and a network of former MI6 spies! Brennan has done a lot of his dirty work from Britain!

Powerful people in both countries are heavily involved in this conspiracy! And they have done all they could to hide this and obscure it. They are lawless. They lie and deceive—and it seems most people don't value their freedoms enough to care!

These two supposedly "free" countries are DESTROYING THEIR OWN FREEDOM. Young Americans and Britons are buried in the graves in America, Britain, France and other places around the world—heroes who fought for freedom. Winston Churchill's spirit was to defy tyranny and defend freedom without wavering, even if that meant "each one of us lies choking in his own blood upon the ground." Yet the principles and freedoms they made the ultimate sacrifice for are being scorned, attacked and

destroyed by evil people who act like they are moral authorities. Americans and British people today have lost that spirit. Our freedom is being STOLEN!

Why? The ultimate reason is that we have forsaken God! That has made our peoples vulnerable to the devil.

Satanic Attack

Over the ages, God has had to defend the nations of Israel from many Satan-inspired tyrants, like Adolf Hitler, Kaiser Wilhelm and Napoleon Bonaparte. One such Satan-inspired tyrant that most people forget about was King Hazael. In the days of the Prophet Elisha, Hazael attacked the kingdom of Israel and almost destroyed it.

2 Kings 13:3-7 say, "And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all their days. And Jehoahaz besought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. (And the Lord gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime. Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.) Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing." This passage reveals that the Syrian attack was so devastating that Israel lived in tents for the first time since Joshua's conquest of the Promised Land.

Yet God did not allow Hazael and Benhadad to crush Israel completely. Verse 5 says "the Lord gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians." 2 Kings 14:26-27 reveal who this savior was: "For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. AND

THE LORD SAID NOT THAT HE WOULD BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL FROM UNDER HEAVEN: BUT HE SAVED THEM BY THE HAND OF JEROBOAM THE SON OF JOASH." THIS SAYS IF GOD DID NOT SEND THEM A SAVIOR, ISRAEL WOULD HAVE BEEN BLOTTED OUT!

It is important to understand the prophetic principle of duality in these verses. The book of Kings is one of the former prophets—prophecy for this end time primarily. (I explain this in my free book *The Former Prophets.*) Today we are seeing a repetition of what happened anciently when God saved Israel. God is saving America from the brink of destruction temporarily, to give people one last chance to repent.

> The trouble is, far too few people are paying attention

aspect of the Obama agenda." Limbaugh is absolutely right about this, and time has shown it to be true.

Limbaugh continued: "There were a lot of white Americans who are not racists; they're not bigots; they don't even know what white supremacy means, and this white privilege stuff. All they knew was they're sick and tired of being called racist just because they're white. They're sick and tired of the country's being labeled as racist. So they couldn't wait to vote for Obama. They didn't care if Obama was a Communist, a Marxist, or whatever he was. He was black, and so they were going to vote for him. The reason they were going to vote for him was so it could be proven that they were not racist and that the country isn't

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and are even aware of how close America and Britain came to being blotted out!

In my booklet *America Under Attack* (free upon request), I describe how the Obama administration ignored America's Constitution, ruled by executive order, put more restrictions on guns among the populace, and armed his own government agencies to the teeth with guns and ammunition. Elsewhere I have written about the Obama administration's massive NSA surveillance of American citizens. The evidence proves that the Obama administration was building a "turn-key" totalitarian dictatorship, where all he had to do was turn the key once he was ready. Since he was not ready, he used his "deep state" allies in America and Britain to try to rig the election.

Insight on America's Racial Division

On September 14, Rush Limbaugh made some remarks with powerful insight that every American should understand. "One of the things that I don't think gets enough comments-and it didn't at the time—is the racial division created in this country by Obama and the Obama administration," he said. "And it was done purposefully. And it was a strategic part of implementing whatever

racist. ... They thought the fastest way to disprove those allegations was for America to elect an African-American president. Most powerful job in the world. And that's what happened: America, with the support of untold millions of white voters, elected the first African-American president. ... [He] could not have been elected with black-only votes. The first African-American president needed millions of white votes, and he got them." Millions of people believed electing a black man would prove how much progress America has made with race relations. Not that it is perfect, but this should have eradicated the false idea that this nation is irredeemably racist.

The trouble is, leftists will never ACCEPT THAT ASSERTION. In fact, they sought to use Mr. Obama's election to divide the country even more!

How? "Very simple," Limbaugh explained. "Any Obama proposal that was not universally agreed to and accepted by everybody was said to be racist." So, whenever people criticized something President Obama did-even the very people who voted for him—they were labeled racist! "It was impermissible to criticize him; it was impermissible to criticize his policies. Imagine, folks, to not be able to criticize the president of the United States, the most powerful man in the country—to not be able, using the First Amendment, to criticize policies. You have to shut up, otherwise you're a racist." That was the plan, and leftists pushed it as hard as they could.

This diabolical strategy created even more racial division in America. And THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE LEFT WANTED! As a result, after eight years of an Obama presidency, our nation's race problems are far worse! And that division is what led to Black Lives Matter and Antifa.

Those millions of white voters were trying to help end racial strife in this country. "They were trying to show that there isn't racism in America—not like the left has claimed," Limbaugh said. "They'd already made Oprah Winfrey the most popular and wealthy television performer in America. There were countless African-American athletes that were among the wealthiest athletes in America. And yet that didn't matter. The charge still came that there was white supremacy, that there was white privilege, and that there was blatant racism everywhere. ... After America going to that length to prove it's not racist, look at what is being said about America today: that it is racist and it is bigoted, that there is white supremacy, that there is white privilege. And it's worse than ever. We need reparations."

Nobody can disprove this powerful insight! It is an unusually profound understanding of American politics today.

"So what went wrong?" Limbaugh asked. "After electing the first African-American, now it's worse than ever in America. How do you explain that? ... You know, it's no small thing for a bunch of white people to band together to elect somebody on the basis of race so as to show that they're not racists; that's a big, big thing. And now it counts for nothing? ... Now it's almost as though it never happened? Now America is a

worse racist nation than it's ever been since the Civil War?"

Rush is an American patriot, but he cannot explain that. It is unparalleled EVIL in American politics!

You can explain that *only* if you understand Bible prophecy. Yet Americans are dangerously ignorant of the Bible. They don't know the Bible and they don't know God!

ONLY GOD can reveal why this is happening in America. And He has done so. He has fully explained these evils in some mind-shattering Bible prophecies! (You can read about them in our free booklets *America Under Attack* and *Great Again.*) God is full of wrath because of our sins!

We have been explaining why this is happening for over 70 years—and it will grow far worse very quickly if we don't heed God's warning!

Many Americans are praying for God to save America. He has done that—temporarily. But that is only so He can give America and the world one final warning.

The people of America do not know God. And to this point, we don't *want* to know God, or so it seems! God has explained explicitly what is happening—but this nation has turned its back on God and His Bible.

Jesus Christ's return is "at the door"! He is going to save us in spite of our sins. However, that won't happen until we have experienced the worst suffering ever on Earth!

Will you let God show you what is happening? And *why* it is happening? God is giving you a life-and-death choice. HE WANTS YOU TO CHOOSE LIFE!

Final Warning

The situation in America and Britain is worse than most think. The people fighting the Trump administration are not just leftists, not just radical leftists, not just Marxists. They are inspired by the spirit of Satan!

God had to intervene in America and Britain like He intervened in ancient Israel, saving these nations by the hand of an end-time type of King Jeroboam II. A Satan-inspired man tried to blot out America, Britain and Israel, so God had to raise up President Trump to save these nations—temporarily. That is why the radical left is trying to destroy the Trump presidency through spying, through the Mueller investigation, through the Ukraine phone call impeachment, through the news media, through coronavirus politics, through the national debt, through violence in the cities, through any means possible.

But the worst threat is the WICKED-NESS WITHIN US that Satan is using to fatally weaken our nation!

Anciently the Israelites refused to repent of their sins even after God miraculously saved them. God sent them two prophets during the reign of King Jeroboam II. First He sent Jonah the son of Amittai. Later He sent Amos, a herdsman from the kingdom of Judah. The prophecies of Amos are some of the strongest in the Bible, as I explain in my article "Who Is the Modern-Day Jeroboam?" (the Trumpet.com/14642). Israel crossed a line when King Jeroboam II rejected Amos's warning and allowed an ungodly priest named Amaziah to exile him back to Judah.

But God sent Israel one more prophet after Jeroboam's death. Hosea was the last prophet before the Assyrian Empire took the Israelites away captive. Hosea often singled out the tribe of Ephraim for condemnation, since it was the lead tribe of the northern kingdom. But many of his prophecies also apply to Manasseh.

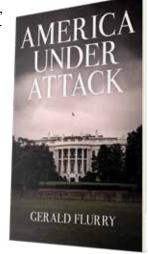
"I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now,

O Ephraim, thou committest TREASON

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This is not politics as usual.

Human politics has always been negative and corrupt. But the spying, false news reports, incitements to hatred and other attacks on America's Constitution and its history are something much more sinister. Even those undermining this country don't understand the spirit that is motivating them. But you can. Read *America Under Attack*, by Gerald Flurry.





HAT'S RIGHT, THIS ARTICLE IS aimed at you. If you're like most Trumpet readers, you live outside the European Union and the United Kingdom. You don't know much about or care about the decisions coming from the EU capital in Brussels. But wherever you live in the world, the European Union is influencing your life in a major way, right now.

How does the EU wield this much power? And does it matter?

The Rules That Rule the World

So many aspects of our lives are governed by detailed, yet often invisible regulations. Your food, your car, your bank, your travel. How you post on social media, what information your smartphone can collect, what standards your children's toys must meet, how your car seat keeps your kid safe, how your computer locates the website you're looking for.

These regulations have huge effects on your life. Tougher car safety standards, for example, may save your life. But they may also make your car more expensive to both buy and run. An obscure detail of food regulation could cost you hundreds, or even thousands of dollars a

year. Yet in many cases these important decisions are not taken by national governments. Instead the rules that govern what goes into the food you eat every day are decided by more obscure groups.

The presence of many of these regulations isn't necessarily a bad thing. It's handy to have Bluetooth headphones purchased in one country able to work in another. A common minimum food standard makes trade much easier. Common standards are essential in a globalized world.

But these regulations are often managed by remote organizations and technical commissions. And no one is more influential in the making of these rules than the European Union. An examination of these rules reveals a power rising in Europe that has far more global clout than most realize.

"Today, few Americans are aware that EU regulations determine the default privacy settings on their iPhones or the type of speech that Twitter will delete as unacceptable," writes Colombia Law Professor Anu Bradford in her book The Brussels Effect—How the European Union Rules the World. "EU laws determine how timber is harvested in Indonesia, how honey is produced in Brazil, what pesticides cocoa farmers use in Cameroon, what equipment is installed in dairy factories in China, what chemicals are incorporated in plastic toys in Japan, as well as how much privacy is afforded to Internet users in Latin America."

The Brussels Effect is similar to the California Effect. California is the most populous state in the United States, and has some of its strictest laws. Businesses want to sell to California's 40 million residents, so they make their products conform to California's laws. It's not cost effective to apply California's rules only to products sold to California. So instead, businesses apply those laws to everything they sell in the United States. It's why half of what you buy has a little note on it explaining that the product is known to cause cancer in the state of California.

Europe has a population of 445 million relatively rich consumers and is one of the biggest, most lucrative markets in the world. It also has some of the world's toughest regulations. Big businesses follow the EU's rules so they can sell to EU customers, and they then sell the same goods and services to those in other nations.

Big businesses who want access to the European market have to spend millions of extra dollars on lawyers, equipment, fees, taxes and other costs

to come into compliance with EU regulations. But these businesses actually love it. Why? Because it is easier to face one tough set of regulations than dozens of differing sets in dozens of European countries. It also means that smaller businesses can't compete.

Once big businesses commit to applying EU regulations, they become, in effect, agents of the EU. A big business's smaller, domestic competitor in a non-EU country does not have to follow these same rules and is therefore smaller, nimbler and able to peel away some of their market share. So big businesses are motivated to pressure national governments around the world to adopt the EU's rules, which helps them squash their competition.

The result is some bizarre alliances. You may have thought big corporations and environmentalist charities would be bitter enemies. But the two worked together to pressure the EU to adopt one set of standards for reporting companies' environmental records. Then they worked together to persuade the International Organization for Standardization to apply the same rules worldwide. Greenpeace and Copa-Cocega—a body representing Europe's farmers—worked together to push for tough European rules limiting genetically modified crops.

Not that EU bureaucrats need the help. They are quite aggressive themselves in forcing EU rules on other countries around the world.

Bradford claims this push began around 2007. That's when the European Commission saw what it called "a window of opportunity to push global solutions forward. The EU is in a good position to take a lead" The same year, another EU paper said that the EU's efforts to create a single set of internal rules should be "the launch pad of an ambitious global agenda."

That has now become a worldwide reality.

The EU signs a lot of trade deals. It has completed more than 50 preferential trade agreements—compared to 18 for Japan and 14 for the United States. Bradford writes that "the EU can use its vast market size as an asymmetric bargaining chip that allows it to demand significant changes" for other countries' rules. And these preferential trade agreements

are just one type of treaty—the EU signs many more different types and almost all of them push EU regulations.

The EU goes out of its way to help other countries adopt its rules. It provides technical expertise to draft local variants of its rules, and it pays countries to implement them—not something other countries typically do.

EU courts also play their part. The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has been keen to apply justice by applying EU rules to other countries. In 2012, it famously ruled that Google, an American company, had to respect the right of a Spanish citizen to be "forgotten" and to delete certain data from search results on her name.

Then there are the EU clones around the world. The Andean Community, the **Economic Community of West African** States and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa all copy European systems and European regulations. They even have their own copies of the ECJ. The Andean Community's Andean Tribunal of Justice, for example, is based on the ECJ and often cites ECJ rulings in its own rulings. It is one of 11 courts worldwide that are essentially ECJ clones.

Since the EU began instituting heavy regulations before most of the rest of the world, it influences other international organizations that implement international standards like the Food and Agri-

Once big businesses commit to applying EU regulations, they become, in effect, agents of the EU.

cultural Organization. The World Health Organization followed European principles in its Codex Alimentarius Commission, which sets global food standards. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe has caused EU car safety standards to be exported to countries in Latin America and Asia.

Another reason that other countries and international bodies implement EU-style regulations is simple convenience. It's easier to copy bits of EU law than to write your own. American law relies less on central authority than EU law does; to preserve individual rights, it leans more heavily on court rulings. This makes it harder for other countries to copy and paste U.S. laws into their own separate legal systems. European laws, by contrast, rely on a stronger central authority; they are already designed to work across a range of countries and are handily translated into many languages, including French, Spanish and Portuguese. This is another reason former European colonies in Africa and Latin America often copy the EU's laws and ECJ's rulings.

So Latin America's environmental regulations are similar to those of the European Union. African courts copy the rulings of the European Court of Justice. Ecuador has plagiarized Spain's laws on business competition almost exactly, which were based on those of the EU.

Some of the EU's most eye-catching cases come from its competition law. In 2001, General Electric wanted to buy Honeywell—both American firms. The U.S. Department of Justice approved the purchase. But the EU used its competition laws to block it. More recently, the EU has fined Google, Apple, Microsoft, Intel and others billions of dollars. Fear of these massive fines has caused these companies to change their practices around the world.

But it has also shaped law in other countries.

Over 130 jurisdictions have competition laws. "A closer look at these laws reveals that a great majority of them have been drafted to closely resemble EU competition law The majority of the global markets are covered, in practice, by a variant of EU competition law," writes Bradford.

So the rules that govern business and products in your country are written in the EU. Who cares? Well, some of these rules restrict your individual freedom, including what you can and cannot say.

The Rules Ruling the Internet

Try to send the "wrong" type of video to your friend, and you may quickly become familiar with the new censors of the Internet.

YouTube, Facebook and other social media platforms have been downplaying, hiding and deleting content that their leadership disapproves of. That's old news. But now the censorship is becoming more aggressive.

YouTube has spent the coronavirus period playing whack-a-mole: It smacks down videos that present any kind of dissenting view on the crisis, only to see the same video reposted again and again. Some of these videos are by obvious quacks, but many are not.

Try sharing one of these problematic videos privately with a few friends on WhatsApp, which is owned by Facebook, and you'll find yourself blocked. WhatsApp can detect what you are doing, even in your "private" messaging, and limit how much you share videos with content it disapproves of.

Search for information about coronavirus on Google, and you're taken to a special part of the site that links only to mainstream sources promoting the same mainstream narrative. Encourage people to protest lockdown orders on Twitter, and you'll see your account suspended.

European governments want censorship to go further. France and Germany have both unveiled laws against online hate speech. Though not identical, both laws require content deemed "hateful" removed quickly from social media sites—with threats of massive fines if they fail to do so. Digital Affairs Junior Minister Cédric O called France's law "the first brick of this new platform regulation paradigm."

Some of these laws will be good, especially provisions against child pornography. The trouble is, laws against "hate speech" and "terrorist propaganda" can be stretched pretty far. La Quadrature, a digital rights nonprofit organization, warned that, in French law, the definition of terrorism is broad enough that it could be used to shut down peaceful and otherwise lawful protests. European courts have previously counted even academic criticism of Islam as "hate speech."

One of *La Quadrature*'s spokesmen told CNN that this could give the government "a new tool to abuse their power and censor the Internet for political ends."

France's constitutional court raised similar concerns, and so the implementation of their law has been delayed.

Germany, however is moving full steam ahead. Its 2017 Network Enforcement Act was so restrictive that Human Rights Watch attacked it for being "vague, overbroad, and turn[ing] private companies into overzealous censors to avoid steep fines, leaving users with no judicial oversight or right to appeal." This summer Berlin added to it, requiring social networks to report certain

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types of "criminal content" to the police. Tech Crunch wrote that "Now the concern is that social media giants are being co-opted to help the state build massive databases on citizens without robust legal justification."

The EU is currently working on a directive that would force the whole bloc to adopt a similar standard. It's working on a Digital Services Act. Though the law is yet in its early stages, indications are that the EU wants to police "harmful"—not just illegal content on social networks. Last year the Financial Times reported—citing anonymous EU officials—that this law would create a new "centralized EU tech regulator" with "sweeping legal powers to regulate hate speech, other illegal content and political advertising."

This would hardly be surprising. When it comes to policing online content, the EU has generally followed Germany's lead.

Too bad for France and Germany, you may be thinking. Good thing I don't live in Europe. But this affects you too. Even if you live in the United States, websites you use regularly already follow EU law.

In 2018, for example, the EU implemented the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which regulates how Internet firms use your personal data. Facebook, Microsoft and Google have all applied this policy globally. You have probably already found yourself having to go through additional steps and

verifications to open or even maintain an online account.

"Similarly, EU rules influence the types of speech that Internet companies will allow on their platforms," wrote Bradford. "Instead of being guided by America's First Amendment free-speech protections, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube follow the EU's definition of hate speech worldwide when deciding which content to remove from their platforms." Google used to have a more open direction, but now they have made "a strategic choice to switch to a more restrictive European style of hate speech regulation."

Many of these companies have already signed up to a voluntary EU code on hate speech-under threat of much tougher regulation if they did not. These regulations have been incorporated to the firms' official terms of service, even in the United States. When YouTube takes a video down because it violates its standards, what it's not telling you is that those standards include rules foisted upon it by the EU.

Last year, the European Court of Justice ruled that a judge in an EU country can order content to be taken off of social media worldwide. An American can write a Facebook post aimed at Americans in America—but the ECJ says European courts have the authority to order it taken down. The ECJ admitted in its judgment that policing speech worldwide is a drastic step to take. What safeguard does it propose for preventing the courts from abusing that immense power? They must "adopt an approach of self-limitation" (emphasis added throughout). There is no safeguard.

This summer has shown these American tech companies are not reluctant to censor. Even if the EU did nothing, a lot of this censorship would still be going on. The Big Tech ceos overwhelmingly support Democrats. But it still matters that the EU writes the rules. It has drawn up the borders of acceptable speech, and European judges patrol them. They're already pushing Facebook and Google toward more censorship than the tech giants would have otherwise implemented.

The Worldwide Web is changing before your eyes. It was once a free-forall, with all the good and bad that came

with it. Now the vast majority of traffic is funneled through a handful of gate-keepers, which will only allow you to see certain things. And it is the German-led European Union that is determining what you can and cannot see.

Making Rules—Becoming Rulers

Bradford wrote that the EU's rule-setting power means that it "remains an influential superpower that shapes the world in its image."

So why don't we hear more about this power? Because people are comfortable with the EU. At present, no one fears it; Brussels is not threatening. But this is naive, and it fails to recognize who is really behind this important trend.

Germany is the undisputed leader of Europe—and the most influential in its rule setting. Its environmental laws became the EU's environmental laws, which are now having a major impact on the world.

More importantly, Germany, along with France, is the main architect behind the EU's Internet regulation. The Germans have led the way in clamping down on hate speech. With France joining them, the entire EU is quickly following suit, bringing EU-wide hate speech laws broadly in line with Germany's.

Imagine if the coverage of this subject had talked of "Germany" instead of "Europe" and "Berlin" instead of "Brussels." The world would be much more disturbed about Germans writing the rules that apply from Bolivia to Belize, from Trondheim to Timbuktu.

Brussels isn't 100 percent under Germany's thumb. But for the Germans, having the occasional ruling go against them is a small price to pay for the invisibility cloak Brussels provides.

"We must put this issue in the context of Bible prophecy and history," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in "Germany Is Taking Control of the Internet." "The German-led EU is behaving the way the Holy Roman Empire has *always* behaved. Germany is once again seeking to impose its will on the world. This is a difficult message to accept, and many people will disagree with it, but it is the truth!" (*Trumpet*, July 2019).

This new power is already making itself felt, and it wants to control what you read and say. This is exactly the kind

of power forecast in the Bible—and one we have been forecasting for decades.

In May 1945, as the dust of World War II was still settling in Berlin, Herbert W. Armstrong made an astonishing forecast: Germany would rise again. But it would do so not as a sole power as it had in World War I and World War II. Instead, Mr. Armstrong said, it would be part of "a European Union."

He also said that it would be an economic power. Just a few years after the earliest beginnings of the EU, in 1959, Mr. Armstrong wrote that this coming German-led power "is first to start as an economic system with very great prosperity. Later it is to become a political union."

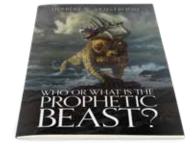
We have seen Europe walk down exactly this path. How did Mr. Armstrong make these forecasts?

Revelation 18 describes a power that dominates world trade. "All nations" are influenced by this superpower. "[T]he merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies"—big business has become rich by working with her (verse 3). Once this power falls, "the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more" (verse 11).

You can see some of this fulfilled already. The EU is at the center of a global system of trade and regulation. It wields power to impoverish or enrich



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modern merchants through its regulation of one of Earth's richest regions. It works hand in hand with big business, to the benefit of both.

Revelation 17 confirms that this power is in Europe—it gives a description of an empire found nowhere else. This empire is controlled by a woman—or, in Bible symbolism, a church (Revelation 17:3). And it rises and falls seven times (verses 9-10). Only Europe has seen the rise and fall of successive powers, led by the Catholic Church.

What is rising today is an extension of what has gone before. Verse 8 calls this power "the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." There is a power with a similar, censorious character that comes and goes on the European scene throughout history: the Holy Roman Empire.

Revelation 13 describes this same power intervening in day-to-day business activity. It imposes a symbolic "mark" upon all it controls. If any refuse it, he may not "buy or sell" (verse 17), or participate in trade.

The EU already partially controls what people can and can't say online. It's not hard to imagine it going further and imposing heavy restrictions on those who dissent from its beliefs.

This is the real reason to fear the rise of the EU's regulatory power. Currently the EU excels in exactly the areas of "soft power" that the Bible said it would dominate. The same scriptures tell us it will soon have the hard power to force its rules on others—rather than simply cajole, incentivize and persuade.

The result will be a brutal new economic system that dominates the world. Revelation 18 tells us that its merchants will even trade in slaves (verse 13).

Such a forecast may seem far-fetched. But so did forecasts that Germany would rise up as the head of an economic power, back in 1945. You can see so many of these forecasts and prophecies fulfilled already. Will you believe the rest before it is too late?

If you do, the Bible also holds out great hope. The same scriptures that describe this power show how it fits in to God's overall plan for man. He is in control, He allows this power to rise, He destroys it when it is time, and in the end, He is working out a fantastic plan for the whole Earth.



sraeli pilots, some of whom descended from Holocaust victims, trained in German airspace for the first time during the August 17-28 military exercises "Blue Wings 2020." This follows German pilots training in Israel in 2017 and 2019 during "Blue Flag" military exercises.

This year's war games began with the commander

of the Israeli Air Force being escorted by German Eurofighter jets to the Nörvenich Air Base, where he was received by the inspector of the German Air Force. German-Israeli aircraft formations flew over historical sites such as the Fürstenfeldbruck Air Base to memorialize the massacre of Israeli athletes by Palestinian

terrorists at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, and Dachau, the site of a major World War II concentration camp where Germany's Nazi regime confined and killed tens of thousands of Jews and other victims. A German-Israeli delegation laid a wreath at the concentration camp memorial to commemorate victims of the Holocaust and Nazi tyranny.

Over the past five years Germany and Israel have increased their cooperation in military and other important matters. But Bible prophecy shows that Israel is trusting an attacker not only of the past, but also of the future.

"It seems the Israelis can trust their worst enemy," Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in Jerusalem in Prophecy (theTrumpet.com/go/ JIP), "but they can't trust God to protect them! And God is their only source of help."



IRAN ANNOUNCES NEW PRECISION MISSILES

ran announced a new ballistic missile and a new cruise missile on August 20, its National Defense Industry Day. The Iranian military said the ballistic missile named after Gen. Oassem Suleimani, who was killed in a U.S. air strike in January, has a range of 870 miles, is equipped with an advanced precision-guidance system, and is faster and more flexible to deploy. Its Abu Mahdi cruise missile, named after an Iraqi militia leader also killed in the January air strike, has a range of 620 miles and a new targeting system that uses satellite navigation and radar for greater accuracy.

Iran's Tasmin News Agency reported that the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman are all within range of these two weapons. These are all nations that have themselves been militarizing in response to increasing Iranian power. The missiles also increase Iran's ability to threaten shipping routes like the Gulf of Oman, used by these and other nations.

Just last year, oil tankers from Japan, Norway, Saudi Arabia and the U.A.E. were attacked with explosives; Iran is the most likely perpetrator.

Recent history shows that Iran is willing to use whatever power it has to push its aggressive foreign policy, which is forecast in the prophecy of Daniel 11:40. With these new missiles, it is even better equipped to do so.

GUTTENBERG HAS A DOCTORATE AGAIN

ermany's Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg again has a doctorate degree. His original doctorate on constitutional law in the United States and Europe was awarded by the University of Bayreuth in 2007 while he was a member of parliament and considered by many to be a possible future chancellor. But in 2011, it emerged that he had intentionally copied significant portions of his doctoral thesis. and he lost both his doctorate and his position as defense minister. Yet many of his supporters hoped he would regain the trust of the German people, perhaps in part by re-obtaining a doctorate, honestly this time.

Universities typically hesitate to affiliate their reputations with someone who has committed what amounts to an academic crime, but in August of this year, German news media reported

that the former political star had submitted a new doctoral thesis, this time on the history of banking. The institution that received it and then granted Guttenberg a new doctorate. was Southampton Business School at the University of Southampton in Britain.

Despite denying political ambitions, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, PhD, has been traveling to Berlin repeatedly, advising politicians on economics and even holding private meetings with Chancellor Angela Merkel.

"Is KT zu Guttenberg About to Come to Power?" Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry asked in the January Philadelphia Trumpet cover story (theTrumpet.com/ go/KTZ1). Mr. Flurry has said that Daniel 8 contains a prophecy of a man who will lead Germany and Europe to become a powerful and aggressive 21st-century



empire, and that empire will ultimately destroy the United States, Britain, Israel and other nations descended from ancient Israel. Mr. Flurry has been watching Guttenberg closely since 2009—before his plagiarism scandal, before his work in futuristic banking, before his thesis on historical banking. and before his new doctorate from a British university. As Guttenberg has acquired the forgiveness, support, knowledge, connections and power to return to European and trans-Atlantic politics, he is being watched. You should watch him too.

EUROPE POISED TO INTERVENE IN LEBANON

ne hundred years after the French government created Greater Lebanon, France was back in Lebanon on September 1, discussing how it could intervene. The initiative comes after a massive explosion occurred in Lebanon's capital, Beirut, on August 4. French President Emmanuel Macron said after the blast. "France will never let Lebanon go. The heart of the French people still beats to the pulse of Beirut." Some Lebanese once again were celebrating "France, the tender mother."



Many Lebanese are deeply hostile toward their government, which is dominated by Hezbollah and influenced heavily by Iran. This has opened the door to reform, even to the extent of inviting in Lebanon's former colonizer. Just before

Macron's visit, the Lebanese parliament announced it had selected a caretaker prime minister to manage the reform process: Mustapha Adib, formerly the Lebanese ambassador to Germany. Macron said he accepted the

selection and would give Lebanon's leaders a chance to make changes before he returned a month later.

"It's the last chance for this system." Macron told Politico. If Adib does not implement significant reforms, Macron

said, he will "switch tack, taking punitive measures that range from withholding a vital international financial bailout to imposing sanctions against the ruling class."

The Bible prophesies that Lebanon, currently aligned with Iran, will enter a full alliance with Europe instead, even as Europe and Iran clash in open warfare. The Bible specified that Germany would lead Europe, so although France will be a major part of that union, Germany will exert its power over Europe and other nations around the world. Adib could be uniquely positioned to give Germany a greater role in Lebanon.

FIRST ISRAELI COMMERCIAL FLIGHT LANDS IN U.A.E.

he first-ever direct flight from Israel to the United Arab Emirates by an Israeli commercial airline took place on August 31. A Boeing 737 from Israel's national airline, El Al. carried dozens of Israeli and American representatives from one capital. Tel Aviv. to the other. Abu Dhabi.

Upon landing, Israeli **National Security Adviser** Meir Ben-Shabbat met with his U.A.E. counterpart, Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed, and other Israeli and Emirates officials met to discuss opportunities for cooperation, often with an American facilitator.



This flight is part of the peace deal announced on August 14 after Israel and the U.A.E.. in a telephone call with United States President Donald Trump, agreed

to full normalization of relations. This is the first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab country in 25 years.

The peace agreement includes establishing embassies and exchanging ambassadors, investments into Israel's economy, trade, direct flights between Tel Aviv and Abu Dhabi, investment in Israeli efforts to develop a coronavirus vaccine, and cooperation in matters of energy and water, the Jerusalem Post reported.

The deal was followed up less than a month later by a similar deal between Israel and Bahrain, another Middle East Arab state.

Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu called these normalized relations a "warm peace," but it is actually a deceptive peace. Based on a prophecy in Psalm 83, Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has forecast that an

alliance will quickly form between Arab states that oppose Iran. This anti-Iranian alliance, however. will be anything but warm toward the Jewish state.



CHINESE NAVY RUNS FIVE SIMULTANEOUS WAR GAMES

hina conducted five nearly simultaneous military exercises along its coast during August, demonstrating an unprecedented ability to mobilize its forces for operations across multiple sea regions.

Two of the drills occurred at locations in and near the South China Sea from August 24 to 29, one of which included test firing a series of advanced missiles into waters between Hainan and the contested Paracel Islands. Another drill took place in mid-August in the East China Sea, near Taiwan. The other two drills took place in the northern and southern areas of the Yellow Sea. from August 22 to 26 and from August 17 to September 30.

Chinese military analyst Ni Lexiong said, "By simultaneously conducting drills in the three seas, it means China is testing its ability to fight enemies coming from three directions at the same time—for example from Taiwan, from Japan and from the U.S. from the south" (Reuters, August 26).

China used these drills to send a message mainly to the United States that it is anticipating and ready for war. Ni also noted the increasing frequency of Chinese military drills in these sensitive areas and said, "Historically, frequent drills are a clear predictor of war."

Read "China Is Steering the World Toward War" (theTrumpet .com/13880).



'THE MAN VLADIMIR PUTIN FEARS MOST' POISONED

erman authorities announced on September 2 that Alexei Navalny was poisoned with a Novichok chemical nerve agent.

Navalny, a Russian political activist, rose to prominence in the early 2010s for exposing corruption by Russian President Vladimir Putin and his allies. The Wall Street Journal described him in 2012 as "the man Vladimir Putin

fears most." Putin's government has arrested and jailed Navalny more than 10 times, keeping him in custody for hundreds of days. The fact that Navalny was poisoned with a military-grade substance developed by the Soviet Union indicates that Putin wanted to end his activism permanently, and wanted the world to know it.

After Navalny fell ill on August 20 and was admitted to a Russian hospital, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other officials petitioned Putin's government to allow Navalny to transfer to Berlin for treatment. The Russians denied the request until August 22, at which time Navalny was flown to the Charité hospital in Germany's capital. Specialists there found traces of Novichok in his body.

"This means that Alexei Navalny is definitely the victim of a crime," Merkel said at a press conference on September 2. "They wanted to silence him and I condemn this in the strongest possible terms, also on behalf of the entire federal government."

Navalny is the latest known example on a list of assassinations and assassination attempts that are evidently connected to Putin. Putin is determined to stay in power, and has shown himself willing to use violence to remove threats to his position.

Read The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia' (theTrumpet.com/go/ prince).



RUSSIA AND CHINA WAGE WAR ON THE DOLLAR

ata released by Russia's central bank in August shows that in the first quarter of 2020, the amount of dollar-denominated trade between Russia and China dropped below 50 percent for the first time on record. Trade between the two using the U.S. dollar fell to 46 percent. Trade in euros hit a new high of 30 percent. while the Russian ruble and Chinese yuan were used for a record 24 percent. As recently as 2015, the dollar was used for 90 percent of Russia-China trade.

For more than 50 years, the Trumpet and our predecessor magazine the Plain Truth have warned that a monetary crisis will strike the U.S., affect the world economy, and dramatically change the balance of power. In 1968. Plain Truth editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "If the dollar is devalued, inflation will almost surely result," he wrote, "and eventual economic collapse for the United States" (co-worker letter, March 26, 1968).

Mr. Armstrong's assessment was based on Bible prophecies. such as those in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, which reveal that if the people of the United States reject God and His law of love, He will bring the country to collapse. Mr. Armstrong continued: "Those of you who truly believe the prophecies of your Bible know such economic collapse is prophesied to happen! ... We have shown how God prophesied a virtual trade war will get underway against the United States and Britainand how our national economics will falter, and then collapse!"

COVID-19 LOCKDOWNS ARE CRIPPLING AUSTRALIA

overnment lockdowns are exacting a toll on Australians, economically, mentally and emotionally.

The restrictions have helped tip Australia into its first recession in 29 years as jobs have been lost and businesses have closed, some temporarily, some permanently. Investment has plunged, and debt has risen. Total government debt is at its worst level since World War II and is estimated to eclipse 80 percent of gross domestic product this fiscal year, while national unemployment may surpass 10 percent, a 26-year high.

Australians are also experiencing more mental and emotional problems. Support network Lifeline reports that suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians age 15 to 44. and its phone lines are receiving an increased number of calls.

Trumpet executive editor Stephen Flurry wrote in the May-June 2020 issue, "These measures will no doubt save lives that would have been cut short by this virus. But they are also coming at incalculable cost-

to our economies, our livelihoods, our civil liberties and freedoms. our social cohesion, even mental and physical health. In many ways it appears the ramifications of the reaction to the coronavirus will dwarf and far outlive the virus itself" ("The Cure Is Killing Us." theTrumpet.com/22173).

Many people realize something is dangerously



wrong with the hysterical way governments around the world are responding to COVID-19, but few realize the deadly reason so many people are adopting insane ideas. There is a real, active evil being: Satan, As Revelation 12:12 and other scriptures show, his powerful influence of selfish. self-destructive attitudes on human minds is intensifying.



eaked documents reveal that Marxists are turning public schools into indoctrination centers. On August 25, radio host Glenn Beck unveiled 800 leaked documents containing lessons that Marxists plan to teach children. These documents reveal a Black Lives Matter initiative to move beyond protests and establish a foothold in the classroom.

The documents also include instructions on how to talk to preschool children about the 13 guiding principles of Black Lives Matter, including "the disruption of Western nuclear family dynamics and a return to the 'collective village' that takes care of each other." This means teaching children that the nuclear family model of a married man and woman raising children needs to be replaced with a new system in which children are collectively educated by the state.

The posters in this document trove include a whiskered man in a dress raising a clenched fist in a Marxist salute. The caption to the poster says, "Everyone has the right to choose their own gender by listening to their own heart and mind." This message goes along with the sixth guiding principle of Black Lives Matter:

dismantling "cisgender" privilege.

The New York City Department of Education announced on June 3 that teachers would be instructing children on systemic racism, police brutality and white privilege. North Carolina's largest school system has announced a similar program, holding up Black Lives Matter cofounder Patrisse Cullors as a role model.

Cullors is a self-described Marxist who received training from Eric Mann, a former member of the Weather Underground. Weather Underground was a Maoist terror group that committed murders and roughly two dozen bombings, including at the U.S. Capitol, the State Department and the Pentagon.

God delivered a warning to America's ancestors about teaching their children: "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons" (Deuteronomy 4:9). American parents rejected God and the Bible many school years ago, and American children are now receiving education that is not only godless, but virulently anti-American as well.

TIKTOK SECRETLY SPYING ON **AMERICAN CITIZENS**

n estimated 800 million people use TikTok, a popular video-sharing program. If you use this app, TikTok's developer, ByteDance, has your age and phone number, your GPS location, your phone and social media contacts. your browsing history, and the messages you send and receive on the app. Since ByteDance is a technology company based in Beijing, China, this information is also most likely known to the ruling Chinese Communist Party.

On July 20, the United States House of Representatives voted to bar federal employees from downloading TikTok on government-issued devices. On August 6, President Donald Trump issued an executive order directing the Secretary



a list of TikTok transactions that

Hosea 7:8-9 predicted that the modern descendants of ancient Israel would mix themselves with foreigners and foreign ideologies, which would subtly devour the nation's strength. Chinese technological espionage tools like TikTok provide realworld, ongoing examples of how this can happen.



CANADA'S TOP CONSERVATIVE TEAMS WITH RADICAL ISLAM

rin O'Toole, a member of Canada's Parliament, ■ won the leadership race for the Conservative Party on August 24 with 57 percent of the vote. O'Toole has claimed he is a "true blue" conservative, yet he is closely affiliated with radical Islamists, His campaign chair, Walied Soliman, has connections to radical Islamists in the Muslim Brotherhood through an organization called the Muslim Association of Canada.

The Muslim Association of Canada was named in a Royal Canadian Mounted Police search warrant, which discovered it had sent nearly \$300,000 to the International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy (IRFAN-Canada). IRFAN-Canada was designated a terrorist organization in 2014 after funneling \$14.6 million to Hamas-backed terrorists. Prior to being elected, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau spoke at an IRFAN-Canada sponsored event. Now it appears that conservatives are also trying to appeal to Islamists.

Leviticus 26 prophesies of the consequences modern Canada and other nations that descended from ancient Israel will face for failing to believe, obey and stand up for God's law. This chapter prophesies that if our nations turn from God, they will lose the pride of their power, and terror will reign over them. Canada's national leaders now find themselves seeking to cajole the nation's enemies into loving it.

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But how will such a revolution be possible?

Biblical prophecy is clear that our present civilization is about to be replaced by a far better world. Though today's cities will be destroyed (e.g. Ezekiel 6:6; 12:20), the positive upshot is that the builders of tomorrow's cities won't have to compromise in order to work around what already exists; they will be able to start from the ground up. "For thou shalt ... make the desolate cities to be inhabited. ... And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations" (Isaiah 54:3; 61:4).

Prophecy also shows that God will change the hard hearts of men and women, eliminating hostility, competitiveness, aggression and selfishness, and replacing it with *His own nature*—a basic desire to follow His law of love. Thus, in the cities of the future, people will resist the tendency to degenerate. Instead, they will care for their families and their surroundings, take pride in their homes and their work, and treat others with respect and courtesy.

And who will preside over these cities? It would be a significant revolution just to have leaders who truly serve people and refrain from corruption, bribery, cheating and imposing burdensome taxes. But God promises to do even better: Tomorrow's cities will be ruled by spirit beings—the glorified saints of God made perfect! Read in Luke 19:12-19 and Revelation 2:26-27 Christ's promise to appoint individuals who have already proven themselves by overcoming their human nature, and have been transformed into an immortal spiritual state. These beings will have the authority and power to enforce God's law in order to prevent problems and to ensure that business in the city is conducted in an ethical, fair, organized manner that benefits everyone.

If you have never proved this truth from Scripture, you owe it to yourself to order a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like. It describes in vivid detail, supported by ample biblical proof, how a great many of the administrative positions in God's coming Kingdom will likely be filled by

the men and women of the Bible, resurrected to spirit life.

Once this fundamental issue is resolved, and society is composed of godly leaders ruling over a human populace unified in their desire to build harmonious, attractive communities, the real work of creating utopian cities will proceed.

The cities of the future will likely be somewhat small, more like today's towns than megacities like Tokyo, New York or Shanghai. They will support balanced, moderate living and personal growth. Massive skyscrapers will be unnecessary because property will be plentiful. Scripture describes a vigorous land-renewal program: mountains being lowered, deserts being reclaimed, underwater land being raised. Leviticus 25 details a homesteading system whereby every family will own land. Micah 4:4 says, "[T]hey shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid" Equitable property distribution will create widespread security and fulfillment for all families.

However, don't expect tomorrow's cities to follow the pattern of today's suburbs, which come with several problems: homogenous neighborhoods, automobile dependency, commuting and traffic nightmares, social fragmentation, and poor health for lack of exercise, to name a few. Biblical accounts show that future cities will include vibrant, heavily used community spaces. The Bible describes tomorrow's cities as being very social—"filled with flocks of men" (read Ezekiel 36:34-38). Today, cities are packed with anonymous strangers who rub shoulders but don't interact, who then commute home to their private suburban bunkers where they remain isolated from neighbors. Tomorrow, cities will be designed to nurture a sense of community and belonging.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof" (Zechariah 8:4-5). All cities will likely pattern certain elements after Jerusalem. Clearly, some quarters will be closed to traffic, opening the door for these extraordinary intergenerational experiences. This is a picture of attractive boulevards, with storefronts on the sidewalk, rather than being pushed away from the street and out of walking distance behind enormous parking lots. It suggests the existence of smart, efficient public transportation that people of all ages can easily use to get to the city center.

Isaiah described this social atmosphere perfectly when he wrote, "[J]oy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody" (Isaiah 51:3). Jeremiah got even more eloquent: "Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place ... even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem ... The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness ..." (Jeremiah 33:10-11). These prophecies are *promises* from the same God who richly designed and created this exquisite planet and universe. They are *certain* to come to pass!

It can be difficult for our minds to conceive of a world where transportation doesn't pollute; where families can easily access the city and yet live in their own homes on their own land; where industry operates smartly and cleanly without dominating or besmirching the landscape; where urban life is just as healthy and safe as country life. But we can rest assured that this world will soon be here. God has spoken it, and He is not one to go back on His word (Isaiah 55:11).

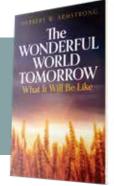
The question is, will you be there to enjoy it? Turn to God now, and you can do even better: You can be there

to help *govern* it!

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Is God Able to Correct You?

What would work for our society—if only people would heed—will work in your life.

s coronavirus, race riots, wildfires and curses descend, politicians, presidential candidates, media pundits and academics are proposing a wild range of solutions. Yet they all have one consistent theme: Whatever the problem, it is always someone else's fault.

Human beings of all ideologies are making a wreck of this world. Yet stunningly, we refuse to acknowledge our obvious failures. Instead, we keep doubling down on futile, rebellious, stubborn, willful, destructive behavior. Human nature hates to admit it is wrong. But if we never admit the truth, we can never solve our problems!

These are not just problems, they are *curses*. Yes, we are being cursed by God for our sins. And the curses will intensify until we acknowledge our sins and turn to Him.

God is correcting us, but we are resisting. The hardest thing for any person is to admit error and then to change. The carnal mind excuses mistakes, justifies itself, seeks escape. But this creates serious problems. Ultimately it leaves God no choice but to intensify the punishment. Jesus Christ said this attitude is about to cause "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21).

The nations are ignoring this lesson. But you *must learn it personally.* You *must* accept God's correction and take responsibility for your sins. This is the single most important key to solving our problems—nationally and individually.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12:6). We all need God the Father's correction. As long as God can correct you, He can perfect you. When you are uncorrectable, you jeopardize your relationship with God—and your eternal life.

"Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful: nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (verse 11; New King James Version). *Trained* comes from the Greek *gymnazō*, which means to exercise in a school of athletics; to exercise vigorously, body or mind. Paul is comparing God's correction to strenuous training that leaves you breathless, with sore muscles, but that did you good.

"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid" (Proverbs 12:1; Revised Standard Version).

Acknowledge your own natural carnal resistance to God's correction. We all need a lot more correction than we think. Without God, human beings simply don't know how to solve their problems, individually or nationally. The good news is, the Creator of human beings, the source of solutions, is ready to help us—and our nations—if we will get down on our knees and ask Him to help us see our faults and turn from them. Pray for correction with mercy, like Jeremiah did (Jeremiah 10:23-24). It takes courage to pray this way, but courage is a virtue we all need.

Then accept correction in whatever form it comes. Don't resist it because you don't respect the person through whom it comes, for example. Be alert to correction from Bible study, conversations, the examples of others and the situations in which you find yourself. Correction is actually all around us, every day, if we will take advantage of it. God corrected Balaam through the mouth of an ass (Numbers 22:28-30), so He can give you correction from places and from people you don't expect. It depends on *your* attitude.

You are never too good or wise to receive correction. "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" (Proverbs 9:9).

For many, we may hear instruction or correction, and recognize that we need to change, but then go our way and forget.

This leads to self-deception (James 1:22). You must be not only a "hearer" of the word but a door.

The harder it is for God to reach you, the more He must chasten you to wake you up, to prod you to keep growing. "A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool" (Proverbs 17:10). Being uncorrectable is dangerous. It is because the world is uncorrectable that as tragedies mount, people only become more entrenched in sin! "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).

"Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and HE THAT HATETH REPROOF SHALL DIE. ... [yet] The ear that heareth THE REPROOF OF LIFE abideth among the wise" (Proverbs 15:10, 31). This is a matter of life and death!

Responding well to correction can be wonderfully healing. "Blows that wound cleanse away evil; strokes make clean the innermost parts" (Proverbs 20:30; RSV). God will use the lightest touch He can to set us right. If we are judging ourselves by God's Word and purging our sin, then generally God's chastening can be quite gentle. Because this world is uncorrectable, its chastening will be severe (1 Corinthians 11:31-32).

Realize the lesson that current events and all of human history are teaching you—and apply that powerful lesson in *your* life. Acknowledge your natural resistance to correction and stop fighting it. Pray for God to correct you in mercy. Accept correction from wherever it comes. Apply it when you receive it. Most importantly, LOVE CORRECTION. It is God the Father preparing you for eternal life, purifying and perfecting you—and showing just how much He loves you.



THE HARDER IT IS FOR GOD TO REACH YOU, THE MORE HE MUST CHASTEN YOU TO WAKE YOU UP, TO PROD YOU TO KEEP GROWING.

Everyone is wondering, *What's happening?* But it's all right there in the Scriptures! Prophecy is being fulfilled, and it's only going to get worse—much worse than anyone can imagine. Thankfully, the Messiah wins in the end!

Georgia E-MAIL RESPONSE

I have never seen anything like the *Philadelphia Trumpet*! I don't agree with everything written, but I really love the magazine. I would like to see an option either on the website or on the renewal notice for ways to donate.

Greg Post CALIFORNIA

So glad you are enjoying the magazine. You are welcome to visit *donate.pcog.org*.

I have just finished reading the latest *Trumpet* magazine. Each issue gets better and better. Thanks so much to everyone for the amazing work that you do.

Karran Cooler PENNSYLVANIA

This article is crystal clear ("Disunited States: A Lesson We Must Learn," October, the Trumpet.com/22824). It is well written and logical—thanks. Your point, "People think they can overcome evil by embracing it," is so true. For decades, instead of confronting evil or misbehaved

children, schools and parents have embraced it. Well, now they are throwing a temper tantrum in the streets. And they threw out God and the Ten Commandments, so looting and burning is OK. This morning I read Proverbs 22, and it is appropriate to these points and your article: "The shrewd man perceives evil and hides, while simpletons continue on and suffer the penalty. ... Train a boy in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not swerve from it. ... Folly is close to the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him." Now, the United States is suffering the penalty because the folly of the child is now the folly of the adults.

Joe E-MAIL RESPONSE

I read this article and it was not wasted time! ("Disunited States: A Lesson We Must Learn"). Thank you for this wonderful insight into crumbling America. It's odd that these kinds of stories don't make world news. All the media giants cover is the Wuhan virus, President Trump removing TikTok, and other rubbish. Thank you for not giving "fake news"!

John Daniel Smith SOUTH AFRICA

As I learned in high school, the United Kingdom rose to such heights of success because it was somewhat isolated from vicious royal rivalries and inquisitions that existed on the European continent ("How to See God in History," September, theTrumpet.com/22708). They had time and peace to develop a parliamentary and legal system, and an elaborate language, that dominates the world today. Most importantly, they learned to control their environment. They invented the steam engine and the cotton gin-very basic technology that led to our advanced control of technology

today. Their acceptance and

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THE BLAST THAT CHANGED LEBANON

insistence of Christianity was the icing on the cake, or the sauce that made the dish. The "fagins" that have infiltrated the royal family will cause that institution to come to a shameful end.

Marie E-MAIL RESPONSE

I thank you and the Trumpet.com every day for keeping little old me up-to-date on world events in Bible prophecy.

Ronald Campbell E-MAIL RESPONSE

I want to thank you for the truth you have been sending me these past 20 years through the *Trumpet* and *Royal Vision*. I cling to that truth desperately. Through you I believe God is drawing me. Please keep sending me your updates.

Oliver Mason E-MAIL RESPONSE

We thoroughly enjoy this magazine. I know a lot goes into it, but we read it cover to cover.

Eddie Mclean North Carolina

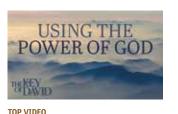
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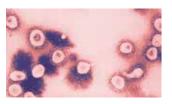
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Seeing God in Kenosha

"DISASTER AFTER DISASTER!
BEHOLD, IT COMES. AN END HAS
COME, THE END HAS COME."
— E Z E K I E L 7:5

Police patrol an
intersection in Kenosha on
the second night of riots.

Only God could make such specific forecasts and then see that they are fulfilled.

HEN I WAKE UP EACH MORNING, I GENERALLY SPEND 5 to 10 minutes reading the news. After that, I settle into my study. This summer, I studied the book of Ezekiel. More than a few times, I had the profound experience of reading an article or watching a news clip, then minutes later seeing virtually the same scene described by the Prophet Ezekiel in a book written more than 2,600 years ago.

The biblical book brims with prophecies describing in detail the events and scenes unfolding daily in Britain and America. Consider Ezekiel 7. This chapter prophesies the shocking destruction of the modern-day peoples of Israel—the nations of America and Britain.

Verses 5-7 read: "DISASTER AFTER DISASTER! Behold, it comes. An end has come, the end has come Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land; the time has come, the day is near, a day of tumult ..." (Revised Standard Version).

That's precisely how many people feel about America and Britain right now. 2020 began terribly, with America's president being impeached and Britain engaged in a messy divorce from the European Union. Since then, it has been "disaster after disaster." Coronavirus has transformed both nations colossally, and in more ways than we yet realize; then Antifa and Black Lives Matter (BLM) began torching cities, first Seattle and Portland, then Chicago, Kenosha and others. Meanwhile, uncontrolled fires scorched 1.2 million acres of land in California and a hurricane barreled into Louisiana. This isn't even close to the full list of disasters hitting Britain and America.

"Behold, the day! Behold, it comes!" verse 10 says. "Your doom has come, INJUSTICE HAS BLOSSOMED, pride has budded" (RSV). *Injustice* means a "lack of fairness," "corruption," "tyranny," "repression" and "intolerance." All these terms describe facets of modern Britain and America, be it our governments' ludicrous response to COVID-19, the assault by the radical left on our nations' Judeo-Christian history and traditions, the irrational hatred of President Donald Trump, or the Marxist solutions and policies championed by Antifa and BLM and embraced by huge swathes of society. There's no fairness and impartiality, no defense of truth, no respect for tradition, morality, law, government or authority.

You have to meditate a bit to appreciate verse 12: "The time has come, the day draws near. Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn, for wrath is upon all their multitude" (RSV). The general state of America and Britain is becoming so grim and hopeless, there's no point in getting too invested in the pursuit of material fortune. The stock market is roaring, interest rates

are low. There is opportunity to gain material wealth. But it's all about to come crashing down! Verse 19 says gold will become so worthless it will be cast in the streets.

Notice verse 14: "They have blown the trumpet and made all ready; BUT NONE GOES TO BATTLE, for my wrath is upon all their multitude" (RSV). This prophetic scene resonates when watching footage of the riots and protests in America's cities. These are scenes of chaos and anarchy—protesters firebombing government buildings, rioters beating innocent people in the streets—and there are often very few police to be found. When they are present, they are in a defensive position or in retreat. This isn't the officers' fault; they are simply obeying orders from political leaders who are afraid to go to battle.

Figuratively, this is happening all across Britain and America: The sirens warning about our imminent cultural annihilation and political, social and economic collapse are blaring. A small few, including Donald Trump and a few key members of his administration, and many valiant members of the National Guard and police, are ready and willing to intervene—but in too many cases, "NONE GOETH TO BATTLE."

"The sword is without, PESTILENCE AND FAMINE ARE WITHIN; he that is in the field dies by the sword; and him that is in the city famine and pestilence devour" (verse 15; RSV). Again, no rational person can witness events in America and deny the prescience of this prophecy.

Mr. Flurry explains the term *pestilence* in his book *Ezekiel—The End-Time Prophet:* "So this pestilence could be a plague of violence or burning—not necessarily a physical disease at all! It can be defined as a plague of violence or rioting The pestilence, or plague of violence, will cause many health problems that lead to famine" (emphasis added). Daily it gets easier to recognize that America (and Britain) are on the path of Ezekiel 7!

When we study such biblical passages, the question we need to dig down into is this: How could events prophesied so long ago be fulfilled so exactly? Gerald Flurry first wrote his book on Ezekiel in 2002, almost 20 years ago. Ezekiel delivered his prophecies 2,600 years ago. The fact that these two men so long ago prophesied the exact scenes now unfolding in Britain and America Ought to make more people think and reflect!

Only God could make such specific forecasts and then see that they are fulfilled. There is proof of God's existence in the Kenosha riots!

To really understand this, you cannot just watch the news. You must also study the Word of God. You've read the headlines and seen the horrible footage. It's time now to study what God revealed about today's news thousands of years ago. Why not start with our book on Ezekiel? Request your free copy.

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whoredom, and Israel is defiled. They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord" (Hosea 5:3-4). This is a prophecy for the descendants of ancient Israel, particularly the British, who descended from Ephraim. Their ancestors knew God, but it says that modern Israel has forgotten God!

And what does Hosea say will happen because of Ephraim's and Manasseh's sin if they refuse to repent!

"And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity [lawlessness]; Judah also shall fall with them" (verse 5). This is a prophecy about the United States, Britain and the Jewish state being *destroyed*. Are our sins serious? Is forgetting God serious? Is the division that radical leftists are causing serious?

Hosea says, "They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them. They have dealt treacherously against the Lord: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions" (verses 6-7). It will only take ONE MONTH for modern-day Assyrians to invade and conquer the United States, Britain and the Jewish state! By the time the invaders get here, civil war will already have destroyed much of the country. We see this time of war being stirred up by treacherous radicals already.

"Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be" (verse 9). God is getting out His prophetic WARNING MESSAGE! THIS MESSAGE IS THE MOST IMPORT-ANT WARNING YOU WILL EVER HEAR!

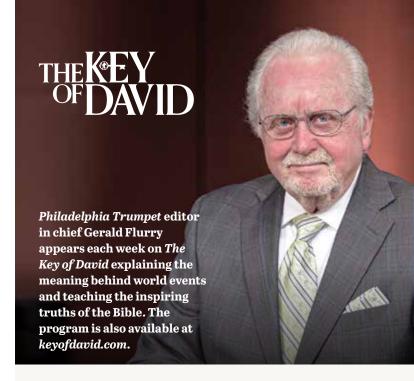
"Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound" (verses 12-13). The American and British peoples will be like a garment hanging in a closet that looks good, but once you take it out, it falls apart because it is completely moth-eaten. These nations that seem so strong will fall in only one month! They are completely sick, and that will finally be made plain.

But will they listen to God? Hosea prophesies that, shamefully, they will turn instead to Assyria—their greatest enemy in two world wars: modern-day Germany!

Committing sin and forgetting God brings catastrophic destruction! America and Britain need to learn from this history. Those who do not will be conquered by the German-led superstate that Britain's intelligence services seemingly want to join willingly.

The good news is that when God sends this grievous punishment, it will finally cause them to acknowledge their offence, and seek God's face (verse 15).

So much of this suffering could be avoided if only individuals would learn from ancient Israel's mistake and heed God's message today!



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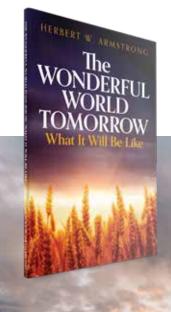
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