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A woman places goods on her son's grave in the soldiers' section of a cemetery in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

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FROM THE EDITOR
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The Ukraine War *Will Not* Start World War III!

Bible prophecy explains.

WHEN RUSSIA INVADED UKRAINE, IT EXPECTED TO WIN within a few days. The war it started has now dragged on for over a year. That is a serious miscalculation.

An estimated 8,000 to 30,000 civilians have been killed since the invasion began on Feb. 24, 2022. The *Telegraph* believes more than 120,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or wounded. The United States estimates some 200,000 Russian casualties. The United Nations reports that over 8 million Ukrainians have fled and become refugees across Europe, and an estimated 5.3 million more have been displaced within the country.

This conflict has been far more devastating than anyone anticipated. Russia is desperate for victory, yet Ukraine shows no sign of conceding. In fact, as time goes on, other nations are becoming *more* supportive of Ukraine's resistance. America has committed significant resources and recently promised to send even more into Ukraine to help battle Russia. So every indication is that the war could escalate even further.

Russia has threatened to use *nuclear weapons* if necessary. Some analysts say this could blow up into a nuclear World War III.

Others say Russia has miscalculated and is doomed to destruction, certain that Putin is finished.

So much is unknown, and the stakes are high and rising.

Politicians, military experts and geopolitical analysts are making a range of predictions about how the war will play out. But they overlook the most important factor: *What does Bible prophecy say?*

Prophecy says *a lot* about the major nations involved in this conflict. Though many details remain unclear, Scripture gives solid guiding principles that can help us understand how we should view these events and where we can expect them to lead.

Putin Is Right

Many Americans today are upset with the Biden administration for making such bold and generous promises to Ukraine. It is easy to see why: This administration is doing so much to destroy the country that we should view just about everything it does with suspicion. (You can see why in my free book *America Under Attack*.) In this case, there is real concern that

America is practically bankrupt and cannot afford to be writing blank checks to bankroll other nations' wars.

There is much to criticize about the way America's government is helping Ukraine. But to say it has no responsibility to help is failing to see the bigger picture.

We need to remember some important history. First we must acknowledge there are some things Vladimir Putin gets right.

When Putin ordered the offensive into Ukraine last year, in an address to his nation he recalled how NATO attacked Serbia and dismantled Yugoslavia in the 1990s. He essentially said that the West cannot criticize his action in Ukraine—since it was basically the same thing NATO had done in Yugoslavia.

This speech was full of self-serving lies, but he was right in condemning NATO's behavior. Yugoslavia was conquered by American military power. Under the banner of NATO, the U.S. blasted the Serbs to smithereens so Kosovo and other states could break away. It was a terrible attack against the Serbs, who were America's allies in World Wars I and II!

The world is rightly outraged by Putin's attacks on Ukrainian hospitals. Yet when NATO bombed Serbia, they damaged 19 hospitals. Their patients tell harrowing stories of being rushed into bomb shelters while giving birth.

Russia is killing dramatically more people more quickly in Ukraine than NATO did in Serbia. But America is not innocent of some of the crimes we see Putin committing.

But the most ominous part of all is that the United States conquered the Serbs basically *on behalf of Germany*, its bitter enemy in both world wars! For proof that Germany orchestrated the destruction of the Serbs and Yugoslavia, request and read my free booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*. It powerfully explains what happened in Yugoslavia, and it is supported by *facts*—not opinions.

I challenge you to look honestly at the history Putin was citing and determine whether he is right on this point! What was America doing *bombing* the country that was our ally in World Wars I and II? And why would we give Yugoslavia and the entire Balkan Peninsula over to the very nation that started the two world wars and was America's bitter enemy?

A German-Russian Deal?

Today, even as practically the entire Western world has condemned Russia for attacking Ukraine, Germany has been conspicuously reserved. THE WORLD HAS BEEN PUZZLED ABOUT HOW LITTLE GERMANY HAS DONE TO HELP UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIA'S ATTACK.

This is similar to what occurred during the Yugoslav Wars. The Serbs and Yugoslavia were allied with the Soviet Union for years. Still, Russia did little to help the Serbs as Germany started a civil war between the Serbs and the rest of the Balkans.

DID RUSSIA AND GERMANY MAKE A DEAL? Did Russia fail to aid the Serbs, as Germany has failed to aid Ukraine, because they made a deal?

Germany has been cozy with Russia in recent years. One of its former chancellors has worked for Vladimir Putin for years.

We need to remember how Germany and Russia made a secret deal just before World War II began. Both countries then attacked Poland and shared control of that country. Russia also agreed *not* to interfere with Germany's attack against the West.

So we should not be naive about Germany and Russia making more secret betrayals in this dangerous end time.

Germans persuaded the U.S. to use its power to lead the attack on the Balkans (including the Serbs) even though America strongly opposed that view in the beginning. Also, most of the West's leaders were vehemently against supporting Germany. But they followed America's broken will and caved in to a dangerous Germany rising again! AND NOW WE SEE THAT GERMANY—NOT AMERICA—CONTROLS THE BALKANS.

Germany has a history of betrayals and surprise attacks on its "lovers" and others. Bible prophecy tells us that a German-led Holy Roman Empire is going to attack its "lovers"—America, the British peoples and the Jewish state in the Middle East—if we don't repent (Hosea 5:5; this is explained in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

Germany is prophesied to lead a revival of the Holy Roman Empire militarily in this end time. America has given Germany nuclear bombs and sold them our most modern jets equipped to carry those bombs.

God has warned us specifically about our Assyrian, or German, "lovers"! They have a history of starting many wars. No nation has ever started more wars!

And yet we trust that nation more than we trust God.

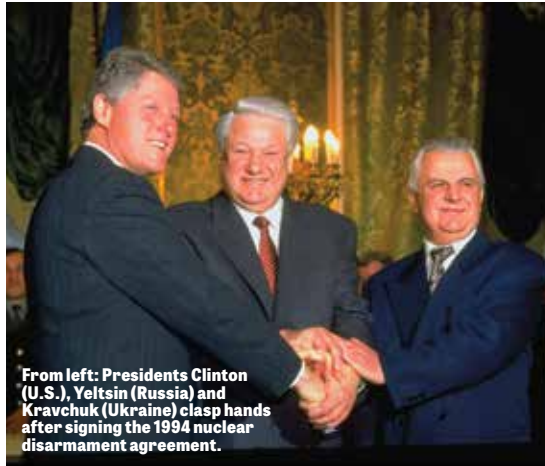
Germany was the first country to perceive and demonstrate the depth of America's broken will. Vladimir Putin also understands America's horrendous weakness in foreign policy. He is exploiting it as the Germans did.

The Budapest Memorandum

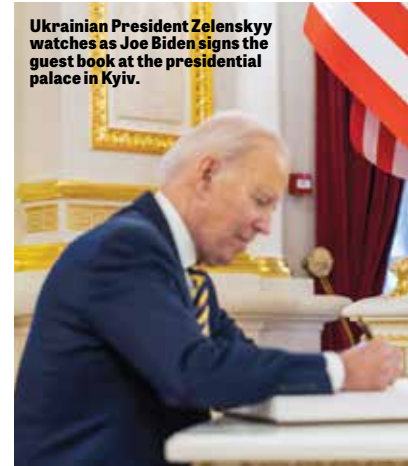
America's intervention in the Balkans was a terrible mistake. Putin is justified in calling us out on it. However, does this mean the U.S. should now sit back and allow Putin to take over Ukraine?

In 1994, in the midst of the Yugoslav Wars, U.S. President Bill Clinton, along with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and the leaders of the United Kingdom and Ukraine, signed the Budapest Memorandum. At the time, Ukraine had the world's third-largest and most advanced nuclear arsenal. But in this agreement, Kyiv agreed to give up these weapons in exchange for their promise to uphold Ukraine's territorial integrity—and for America, the UK and Russia to protect Ukraine against any future invasion. France later also joined the agreement.

Twenty years later, Russia was under new leadership. In the spring of 2014, Vladimir Putin directed Russia to annex Crimea



From left: Presidents Clinton (U.S.), Yeltsin (Russia) and Kravchuk (Ukraine) clasp hands after signing the 1994 nuclear disarmament agreement.



Ukrainian President Zelenskyy watches as Joe Biden signs the guest book at the presidential palace in Kyiv.

and to actively destabilize the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in Ukraine's east. This directly violated the Budapest deal.

America, too, was under new leadership. And what did President Barack Obama do? He ignored America's promise and left Ukraine defenseless. After telling Ukraine to give up its nuclear weapons and pledging to defend it, America simply allowed Russia to waltz in. Many analysts denounced Obama's failure to uphold the Budapest Memorandum. It was a startling display of America's broken military will for the world to see!

When this happened, nations all over Europe, especially Eastern Europe, trembled with fear. They realized they could not count on the United States for protection against Russia.

In my May-June 2014 *Trumpet* article "The Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!" I wrote, "After they gained their freedom from the Soviet Union, Eastern Europeans trusted in America. Some of those nations became members of NATO. Then they watched as Russia began to get aggressive again. They hoped to receive support from America, defending them from that aggression. But now they see America's will is broken!"

Immediately, Europe buzzed with renewed urgency over how to protect itself apart from America by strengthening and unifying politically and militarily. The nations also began looking as never before for more leadership from GERMANY. This was truly startling after all that Germany has done to terrorize Europe in the past! Even nations like Poland, which had suffered so much at German hands, began to fear Russia's aggression more than Germany's warmongering history.

America's weakness and Europe's unification are both crucial prophetic trends. And they have both advanced as a result of Russia's attack on Ukraine.

A Change of Direction

I have often made the point that President Joe Biden is effectively a stand-in for Barack Obama. His administration is full of hold-overs from the Obama years. About three-quarters of Biden's top staffers are former Obama aides. Many people recognize that Biden is not savvy enough to be running his government and that his policies continue and intensify Obama's disastrous policies.

So it is intriguing that Biden's approach to Ukraine today is so different from Barack Obama's. It has been the reverse: pro-Ukraine and anti-Russia. Mr. Biden personally visited Kyiv to express America's support for Ukraine. We are actually seeing the support for Ukraine that Obama had denied just nine years ago. And Obama is surely endorsing this change.

What is motivating this? We cannot be certain, but some troubling evidence might provide some clues.

On Feb. 22, 2014, not long before Obama let Putin annex the Crimean Peninsula, Euromaidan protests forced Ukraine's pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich to flee the country. With Yanukovich in exile, one of his allies, Mykola Zlochevsky, needed protection from rival Ukrainian oligarchs.

So he offered Hunter Biden, Vice

President Joe Biden's youngest son, a position on the board of the corrupt Ukrainian gas company Burisma Holdings LLC. Hunter had no experience in Ukraine or the energy business, but Zlochevsky hoped the Biden family could supply the same type of protection that Yanukovich had. Zlochevsky started paying Hunter \$80,000 per month, and Hunter began working on a number of shady projects for corrupt Ukrainian oligarchs. He played a key role in ensuring the medical research firm Metabiota was able to conduct pathogen research just a few hundred miles from the Russian border, and he helped the Obama administration dig up dirt on Donald Trump's campaign manager Paul Manafort. In fact, it is no exaggeration to say that Ukraine was at the heart of the Russiagate scandal. Even former German Chancellor Angela Merkel noted that Ukraine was meddling in elections for Biden.

Ukraine has been one of the world's most notoriously corrupt countries. It appears President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been trying to clean things up, but even that has yet to be proved. Still, the Biden administration is now flooding the country with an enormous amount of money with little accountability. It is quite possible this is not the altruistic operation that Biden claims it is.

Surely there are some more hawkish conservatives who are willing to overlook all this ugliness simply because they are eager for a chance to bring down Putin's Russia.

What is most important prophetically is this reality: THE BROKEN WILL AMERICA DEMONSTRATED AFTER RUSSIA'S 2014 INVASION HAS NOT BEEN HEALED. We cannot look at the aid America is promising and sending to Ukraine today without recognizing this truth.



A Cursed Nation

Based on the Bible, Herbert W. Armstrong—editor in chief of the *Trumpet's* predecessor newsmagazine, the *Plain Truth*—often prophesied that World War II was the LAST WAR America would win. He stood by that statement throughout the stalemated Korean War, the Bay of Pigs debacle, the shameful Vietnam spectacle, the embarrassing Iran hostage crisis and conflicts with Grenada, Libya and Lebanon in the early 1980s, before he died in 1986. Soon after the *Trumpet* began in 1990, we reiterated this prophecy throughout the 1991 Gulf War, the “war on terror” that began after the 9/11 attacks, and other crises that America has gotten involved with since.

We stand by that prophecy: *America has won its last war.*

This long-standing forecast is based on the fulfillment of Leviticus 26, a crucial end-time prophecy that applies directly to America and Britain today. In this chapter, God says that if our peoples rebel against Him, He will correct us by pouring out curses!

In verses 18-20, God warns, “And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I WILL BREAK THE PRIDE OF YOUR POWER ... And YOUR STRENGTH SHALL BE SPENT IN VAIN ...”

America has been suffering from these curses for decades now, and *we have only increased in our sins against God!* Our nation is far more defiant in rebellion today than in any previous generation. The wickedness of our leaders is another terrible CURSE because of our sin.

Apparently America's leaders today think they will be able to bring down Putin's Russia by supplying Ukraine with money and weapons. BIBLE PROPHECY SCREAMS THAT THIS IS A FALSE HOPE!

The American people have been fighting continual wars ever since we were attacked by terrorists in 2001. We sacrificed nearly 7,000 soldiers' lives and sank some \$3 trillion into wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Yet today, Iraq is controlled by terrorist-sponsoring Iran, and Afghanistan is ruled by Taliban extremists! With the pride in its power broken, America could not achieve victory against either of these third-rate powers—and an immense amount of America's strength was SPENT IN VAIN!

In fact, by removing Saddam Hussein and leaving Iraq leaderless, America inadvertently succeeded in *increasing* the power of the far more dangerous nation of Iran! This actually accelerated that nation's fulfillment of the biblically prophesied role of “the king of the south,” which we will look at later in this article.

After all these costly and protracted failures, Americans are deeply war-weary. They have no interest in getting involved in Ukraine, no matter what promises have been made or how valuable the fruits of victory would be. The U.S. certainly HAS the military might to decisively end Russia's attack and break the back of Putin's government. But it will not use it because it is cursed with a broken will.

So, as in every other conflict since World War II, it is intervening with ineffective half-measures.

No matter how much money and munitions America sends to Ukraine, THIS TOO WILL PROVE IN THE END TO BE VAINLY SPENT.

Prophecy gives *no* indication that America will succeed in toppling Russia's dictator or downgrading Russia's power to any significant degree.

This may not necessarily guarantee that Russia will win, since European and Ukrainian power could drive the Russians out. Some analysts now believe this could be a long war—even lasting *years*. We may still be in its early stages.

However deep America’s involvement, its strength will be spent fruitlessly. Bible prophecy shows that America WILL NOT be the decisive factor in this war. But as we will see, its actions *could* end up hastening the fulfillment of other Bible prophecies.

Now let’s look at what prophecy says about Russia under Vladimir Putin.

The Prince of Rosh

The Russia-Ukraine War is giving the world a vivid picture of the scale of evil Putin is willing to commit.

Russia is inflicting some terrible atrocities against Ukrainians. It is deliberately bombing civilian structures, including apartment buildings, hospitals and schools. It is laying mines in areas it retreats from, putting innocent lives at risk. It has forcibly taken at least 6,000 Ukrainian children to Russia and is paying Russian families to adopt and “reeducate” them, a crime that international law actually labels as genocide. The European Union’s justice commissioner says that 65,000 suspected war crimes—violations of international law—have been reported since Russia launched its invasion.

Most of the world can recognize the wickedness of such acts.

This is all being directed by Vladimir Putin. This man has been working to rebuild the Soviet empire for years now, including taking over territory from former Soviet states. But now in Ukraine, for the first time, he is encountering real resistance, and he is showing himself willing to keep escalating the brutality to achieve his goals.

As one Russian journalist put it, Putin “is a supersize model of the КГВ.” This man has given enormous support to the suicidal religious extremist regime ruling Iran, including its *nuclear weapons* program. In Chechnya, an Islamic separatist region of Russia, Putin lashed out in warfare that killed more than 80,000 of his own people! He has crushed Russia’s independent media and taken control of it, including allegedly ordering the murder of dozens of journalists. He is also widely considered responsible for the 2004 poisoning of Ukraine’s opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko.

Putin is an evil, ruthless, vindictive agent with Soviet-style methods of psychological warfare, assassination and war. He has disgusting and devastating policies that are sick to the core and even satanic!

Did you know that he is fulfilling a prophetic role forecast many centuries ago?

If you can believe it, a perfect description of 21st-century Russia and its tyrannical dictator is recorded in the sixth-century B.C. book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 38:8 says, “After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years” Notice that Ezekiel was writing not for people who lived at that time, but to those who would read his book “in the *latter years*.” That is our time today.

“Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him’ (verses 1-2; New King James Version). God will send a man in the *latter years* to prophesy against “the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.” This prince is a powerful leader who is prominent in world news.

The Bible prophecies of a “prince” in our lifetime and says he will be revealed during a period called the end time. It also prophecies that there will be a messenger who will prophesy against this leader. You can’t understand this prophecy unless you know *who* this prince is.

Ezekiel is specific here. There are two individuals, a “son of man” and this “prince.” If you can identify the message of Ezekiel to this prince, then you can also identify God’s messenger in the 21st century. God reveals this message to His messenger.

No human being can just figure out these prophecies and discern anything from them. Only God can unlock what these prophecies mean.

This passage mentions “Gog” and “Magog.” Ezekiel is using the ancient names of these nations. What modern nation or nations do these peoples represent? The Bible says Gog and Magog must be warned. So God’s messenger has to *know* who these two



great nations are and who this prince is.

This is an electrifying prophecy that discusses super-powerful nations in the latter years. This is the leader of Gog, the leader of Meshech, the leader of Tubal, the leader of Rosh! This is the *prince of Russia*.

This individual controls an enormous swath of land in Asia, east to west. The territory described in your Bible sounds much like that of the former Soviet Union, the territory Russia dominates or wants to dominate. This “latter years” prophecy about Gog, Magog and the prince of Rosh, including Meshech and Tubal, indicates that Russia may conquer more former Soviet satellites.

I have believed for years now that Vladimir Putin is this “prince.” You can read more about this in my free booklet *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia.’*

Because of this, I believe the people who say Putin has overplayed his hand and expect him to lose are mistaken. From what I see in prophecy, we should expect Russia most likely to win the war and for Putin to remain its leader. However, even if Russia loses this specific war, it is conceivable that the nation could regroup and Putin could remain in power and still lead Asian nations in future wars, which means the overall prophecy in Ezekiel 38 and 39 will still come to pass.

Prophecy shows that when men like Vladimir Putin rise, the world is entering a very dangerous time! God describes



Bank Runs Portend Economic Collapse

‘See if this dramatic prophecy from Mr. Armstrong doesn’t come to pass just as he said it would!’

BY RICHARD PALMER

THE SECOND-LARGEST BANKING collapse in American history hit on March 10. In its wake the United States took a massive step toward more government control of the national economy—and control over the lives of every individual in the country.

The underlying *cause* of this banking crisis—and others, past and future—will lead to the financial and physical destruction of the nation.

Implosion

On March 10, Silicon Valley Bank failed and was taken over by the U.S. government. Two days later, Signature Bank failed. First Republic Bank shares fell 75 percent and was later bailed out by a consortium of big banks. Western Alliance Bank shares fell by 80 percent, and PacWest by 50 percent.

The government had been keeping interest rates low and creating new money through quantitative easing. This flood of money pushed up asset prices and encouraged people to stop saving and to buy and invest in just about anything.

Silicon Valley Bank specialized in dealing with tech companies. Over the past couple of years, cash flooded into their accounts. What to do with the money?

They believed these conditions would last forever. Even as inflation took off, U.S. government officials said it was “transitory.” So bank officials invested these funds in U.S. Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities. These are historically safe investments—as long as interest rates don’t rise sharply.

Then interest rates rose sharply. “Transitory” was a lie. The problem was obvious and growing worse. Regulators

could have and should have stepped in. This is where the story gets darker.

Republican Congressman James Comer, chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, called svb “one of the most woke banks” in America.

The bank had a “safe space catch-up” where employees could share their coming-out stories, sent its personnel to serve on LGBT panels, and boasted about finding ways to put more homosexuals and racial minorities in senior positions. The bank aimed to be carbon neutral by 2025 and promised at least \$5 billion in loans and investments to climate-change measures.

The bank spent nine months without a chief risk operator. Shortly before that vacancy opened, it boasted, “We have a chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion [DEI] officer, an executive-led

DEI Steering Committee and Employee Resource Groups with executive sponsors focused on these objectives.”

Only one member of SVB’s board had experience in the finance industry: Tom King, former CEO of investment banking at Barclays. On its board of directors were minor Clinton donors and Democrat Mary J. Miller, a former Treasury official who ran for mayor of Baltimore, Maryland, in 2020.

Executives at Signature Bank appear to share similar ideologies. They are the ones who famously shut down the account of Donald Trump.

Did SVB executives get away with it because they shared the



A former assistant secretary of the Treasury said this decision is “absolutely profound” and a “breathtaking step.” He told CNN that we are now much closer to “nationalizing the banking system.”

No one voted for this, and it was barely debated. The leftists in power have used this emergency to grab enormous control over the American banking system.

On top of grabbing control of banks and their depositors, this overreach incentivizes risky behavior.

When businesses set up their bank accounts they knew how much of their deposits were guaranteed and how much weren’t. They could put their money in a safe

banking system. It can get away with this when times are good. But when another major crisis strikes, this can turn a disaster into an irreparable catastrophe.

What is especially dangerous is that this new U.S. government banking policy is *implied* by the government’s actions, but not officially defined. This is exactly what caused the euro crisis in 2008. Investors believed Germany would bail out Greece. That obligation was never stated, but was believed to be implied by Greece’s membership in the eurozone. When people realized this assumption was false, confidence in Greece collapsed and the economies of southern Europe imploded. The U.S. could be in for a similar structural failure. Investors

If you help empower a certain

ideology of the radical leftists currently in power? Did they learn the same lesson as Sam Bankman-Fried and the other leaders at FTX—that if you help empower a certain political party, you can get away with anything?

A Banking Revolution

The U.S. government guarantees bank deposits up to \$250,000. If a bank fails, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) will reimburse you.

But many SVB clients were tech companies and other businesses with far more than this amount in their accounts. When they heard of potential trouble, they raced to get their money out. Clients at smaller banks began moving their funds too, just in case.

So Joe Biden’s regime made a dramatic decision: The federal government will make sure that no matter how much money you put into this private bank that was insured only up to \$250,000, you will get all of it back. He boasted that no taxpayer funds will be used for this, but the funds come from money the banks pay the government. As the *Wall Street Journal* wrote: “Bank customers with less than \$250,000 in deposits will indirectly pay for this through higher bank fees. In other words, this is an income transfer from average Americans to deep-pocketed investors.”

bank and earn less interest—or somewhere riskier and get a higher return.

But if all your deposits are guaranteed, the logical thing to do is to invest in whatever bank will give the highest returns—no matter the risk. You can reap the rewards, and if things go wrong, the government will use other taxpayers’ money, directly or indirectly, to pay you back.

The only way to make this de facto bank nationalization work is through a lot more regulation. Otherwise, banks compete to engage in higher-risk, potentially higher-reward behaviors, knowing that if anything goes wrong, Uncle Sam has their back. This would guarantee a crash.

Then there is the alarming issue of government control over the banking system. What would the Biden administration do with that power? Already they want to know about the \$600 you sent to a friend to cover a shared hotel room. They want to hire nearly 100,000 new agents for the Internal Revenue Service under the command of the same official who helped the IRS go after conservatives when Barack Obama was in office. The way these people would use their power over private banking is frightening to consider.

This decision may also lead to a massive crisis. The U.S. government (\$31 trillion in debt) is implying that it will pay for every single lost deposit in the U.S.

may now believe the U.S. government stands behind all U.S. banks and make risky decisions accordingly in pursuit of profits. When the next big bank fails, top federal officials may be unable—or, if the bank executives and depositors do not share their ideology, unwilling—to help. Should that occur, people will realize their presuppositions were wrong, their supposedly safe investments are actually unsound, and everyone will stampede for the exit.

Biden officials may have stabilized the system for now. But they have grabbed more power for the central government—and more leverage over anyone in America who uses money. And they have further undermined the foundations of the economy, ensuring that the next crisis will be far worse.

Watch Europe

But those foundations of the American economy are already crumbling. They rest on the unsteady sands of greed and theft. The Bible condemns this widespread corruption.

One core biblical passage guiding the *Trumpet’s* analysis right now comes from Amos, an end-time book for the people descended from ancient Israel, most notably America. The *Anchor Bible Dictionary* states, “Amos decried the social injustice, the oppression of the poor, and

the lack of any moral or ethical values on the part of the rich and powerful. According to Amos, the spokesman of [God], Israel was a violent, oppressive and exploitative society. The poor had to sell themselves into slavery to pay off trivial debts (Amos 2:6; 8:6). The rich falsified weights and measures (Amos 8:5) and traded dishonestly (verse 6). Even the courts, the last bastion of hope for the poor, were corrupt. Judges were bribed to cheat the poor out of what little they had (Amos 2:7; 5:10, 12). In fact, Israel was no longer capable of acting with justice (Amos 3:10; cf. 5:7, 24; 6:12). Truth and honesty were now hated (Amos 5:10)."

With FTX and now SVB, how many of America's financial problems stem

The Swiss central bank stabilized the situation with a \$54 billion lifeline. But if it keeps worsening, even the Swiss government may not have enough money to keep up. Fears of its collapse are worrying the whole European market.

And that's not the only thing they're worried about. America's unusual response to SVB's collapse took Europe by surprise. The *Financial Times* explained, "Europe's financial regulators are furious at the handling of the Silicon Valley Bank collapse, privately accusing U.S. authorities of tearing up a rule book for failed banks that they had helped to write" (March 16).

This is easy to understand. If you're a big business, where will you now put

the rise of a "beast" power, or empire, led by a woman, or church in biblical symbolism. This can only be referring to a European power, which has risen numerous times throughout history. In our day it will be a union of "ten kings" (verse 12) who shall "have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (verse 13).

"What will cause these nations to unite so forcefully?" asks *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry. "It is very difficult to unite nations into 'one mind'! That's an incredibly challenging undertaking... Mr. Armstrong had profound insight in specifically forecasting that the catalyst for this dramatic unification would be a massive financial crisis that starts

political party, you can get away with anything.

directly from this kind of corruption?

The turmoil in America's finances tie into another key prophecy. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in 1984 that a massive banking crisis in America "could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power, larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S."

Financial mismanagement and corruption are causing the wealthiest nation in world history to inflict upon itself its own, long prophesied, economic destruction. But its people won't be the only ones hurt. The fallout of this collapse will quickly spread to Europe.

SVB's collapse shows clearly how this can happen. When it fell, shares in Credit Suisse, Switzerland's second-largest bank, plunged 30 percent to a record low. There is no direct connection between Credit Suisse and SVB. People just know the Swiss bank is weak, and any talk of trouble in the banking system makes depositors nervous.

Many banks in Germany have made less-than-ideal investments to prop up the German economy. If things get worse in America, these banks could topple like dominoes. The problems that caused the euro crisis were never really fixed. Other governments, like Italy, also have vulnerable banks and no cash with which to bail them out.

your cash? Bank of America, where, if something goes wrong, you'll get it all back—or Deutsche Bank, where you won't? Choosing a bank is far more complicated than that, but this development clearly puts pressure on European countries to follow America's lead or lose out.

But many European countries can't follow that lead. No one would trust Italy's guarantee of all its banks. Even a French guarantee would be suspect. The only way for Europe to do what America just did would be to unify its banking system and back all its banks jointly. But Germany has fought hard to prevent German taxpayers from having to bail out Italian banks. The whole debate is toxic.

America's tottering financial system is causing a lot of Europeans a lot of problems. If the U.S. goes into a major crisis, it will drag Europe in after it—and Europeans will react.

Revelation 17 forecasts

in America and ripples out from there. Look at conditions in America and the world today, and it is not difficult to see just how right he was! ...

"Watch the economic situation in America closely, and its effect on Europe—and see if this dramatic prophecy from Mr. Armstrong doesn't come to pass just as he said it would!" (*Trumpet*, May-June 2015).

This financial crisis will eventually cause Europe to unite and turn dramatically against America. In the meantime, Europeans have more and more motivation to distance themselves from the United States and to build their own economic system.

Ultimately it's this new economic system that will have the biggest impact on depositors from New York to New Zealand and from Argentina to Amsterdam. It will fuel the rise of a new, European superpower that will shake the world. ■



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THREE VISIONS OF THE FUTURE

Can we build ourselves a better world through innovation and ingenuity?

BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU AND JOSUÉ MICHELS

THE FAST-PACED INFORMATION Age is now on fast-forward. Some of the most imaginative futurists of the past would ogle at the gadgets and technology the average person has today. We carry or wear extremely small, extremely powerful computers and connect ourselves instantly to limitless amounts of data and information. We immerse ourselves in ever more realistic and interactive fantasies in theaters, on television and in video games. We work, learn, play and bank from cafés and couches. We order whatever we wish and have it delivered to our doors.

While we indulge in technological luxuries, at an average of eight hours per day, millions of robots assemble vehicles, stock warehouses, make food, sanitize, monitor, formulate, weld, fabricate, machine, paint, coat, load, pack, build and drive. Our quest to use human ingenuity, willpower and creativity to free us from our problems and bring us happiness has produced a world of such dazzling technology that no one can truly comprehend it all. And it's only becoming more and more advanced—at a faster and faster pace.

Computers are processing even more inputs, even more rapidly, providing even more goods and services to even

more people in even more unexpected ways. An unimaginable amount of information has been fed into computer systems that are producing digitized outputs that seem almost to have come from human minds.

Advancements in computers, robotics, energy, materials and other technologies are promising self-driving vehicles on the ground, in the water and in the air; rocket daytrips to space; implanted communications devices; wearable augmented reality, wayfinders and health monitors; automatic law enforcement; resurrection of extinct species; fusion of human brains with computers; eradication of diseases, and even instant cures for mental problems.

Visions of the Future

This is one vision of the future. Herbert W. Armstrong included it as one of three

in his booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. It is a utopia of leisure, luxury and license. As author Aldous Huxley summarized it: “[T]he world is destined—within a generation or two—to become a kind of gigantic Disneyland, in which the human race will find perpetual happiness playing with an endless assortment of ever more ingenious mechanical toys.”



Futurists in Huxley's day and in Mr. Armstrong's lifetime anticipated a myriad of technologies that would transform human life within the coming years and decades, some of which have been developed, and some of which have not: artificial organs, brains linked

to computers, synthesized food, the elimination of cancer, the cloning of humans, intelligence-enhancing drugs, genetic and heredity engineering, and more (sidebar, page 11).

But the second vision of the future—then and now—is much more ominous. “Besides nuclear annihilation, there are at least five other means by which mankind could be destroyed from off the face of the globe: chemical warfare, biological warfare, overpopulation and resulting famine, disease epidemics, and environmental pollution. ... Leading

scientists look at this world picture and say they are frankly frightened.”

These dangers are in our present world and in our future. So are many others, not the least of which is human beings *using* the incredibly powerful technologies that they have invented to deceive, degrade, manipulate, control and destroy other human beings.

From the time these predictions were written to now, humanity has moved in *both* directions—toward dizzying technological advancement and disastrous moral and physical peril—at the same time. Where will we go from here?

For now, it is certain that we will continue to rely on our own minds, energies, tools and technologies to fix our problems, stave off threats, manufacture luxuries and try to somehow invent our way to a better world.

But *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like* presents a third view of the future—one more inspiring than any futurist has ever imagined.

Medical Messiah

Our generation lives in a push-button world. However, the core problems the futurists were trying to fix have only grown worse. Our technology is more advanced than our predecessors imagined, but *these gadgets are not solving our problems.*

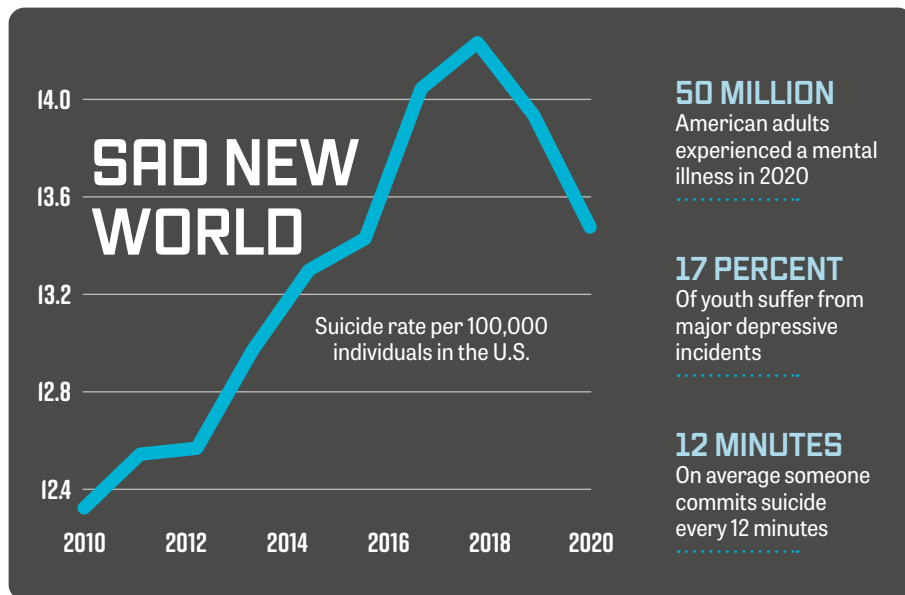
Leisure, entertainment and convenience are not delivering happiness and joy. Instead, our society is more lonely, more depressed and more depraved.

Pursuing a utopia free from sickness, disease, depression and even *death*, human beings have invented and poured lifetimes and immeasurable resources into the science of medicine.

One example of a futuristic medical technology is manipulation of mRNA. In the body, mRNA molecules instruct cells to create specific proteins using their natural processes. Artificial mRNA, which has now been experimentally tested on hundreds of millions of people as COVID-19 “vaccines,” simulates a natural virus in an attempt to train the immune system to target that virus when it enters the body. Many see this gene-therapy tool as the future of combating sicknesses.

Futurists have also looked forward to scientists altering our bodies' genetic





“code” to prevent hereditary illnesses and even improve or perfect our physical characteristics. Today, this controversial technology is beginning to take shape as Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR). Some think it will bring medical utopia. Others believe its unknown consequences raise serious ethical questions. The problem is, the only way to find out is to edit embryos, allow them to survive if they can, and observe the effects. Like many other technologies, the byproducts and side effects can be chilling—but they are often ignored.

Computerized Messiah

Another revolutionary technology promising revolutionary change is blockchain. Blockchain’s most famous use is in bitcoin, the first widespread digital currency, but this type of computer code and system is used in many other applications, from banking to customs to record keeping to contracts to medical records to logistics to elections to warfare. By providing a permanent registry of the movement of goods and services along the supply chain, it promises to be a virtual replacement for human honesty.

For example, the Bank for International Settlements, called the “bank for central banks,” piloted a blockchain technology called mBridge to connect digital currencies of central banks and help dispense with the need for U.S. dollars in world trade. Some say the technology could be used to help poorer

countries and poorer people. It could also concentrate greater power over commerce in fewer hands, who could use it for whatever purposes they see fit.

Another example of how we are using computers to try to solve our problems is the attempt, now in progress, to literally fuse man with machine.

A 2017 article titled “Melding Mind and Machine: How Close Are We?” argued: “Just as ancient Greeks fantasized about soaring flight, today’s imaginations dream of melding minds and machines as a remedy to the pesky problem of human mortality. Can the mind connect directly with artificial intelligence, robots and other minds through brain-computer interface (BCI) technologies to transcend our human limitations?” (The Conversation, April 9, 2017).

A company called Neuralink has already applied for permission from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to test its brain implant on human beings. The request was reportedly denied out of fear of the unknown side effects. But the implant, already tested on animals, promises to make the paralyzed walk and the blind see and to turn humans into cybernetic organisms.

The possibilities opened up by connecting a human brain to computers, the Internet and robotic hardware are staggering. *Harvard Business Review* wrote: “BCIs can connect to a human’s brain either internally or externally. They read the brain activity and process the activity into information, and can

also communicate information back to the brain. BCIs have the potential to amplify human intelligence to superhuman levels, which is exciting for technologists and entrepreneurs, but begs the question: Are we, our businesses and our technological systems ready for this change?” (Sept. 28, 2020).

Utopia or Dystopia?

From the beginning, we human beings have faced problems and attempted to solve those problems by applying our mental and physical energies and, often, developing tools and other technologies. We are now thousands of years into this attempt, and we still believe that the problems of today are just one more invention away from being solved.

Many of the futurists of the past, and the present, have a noticeable element of naivety in how they expect new technologies to be developed and used. As some of these tools have become reality, a more dystopian flavor has become dominant. Instead of living in a future pictured by *The Jetsons*, it appears we are gradually becoming trapped in the pages of George Orwell’s *1984*.

One organization aimed at shaping the future is the World Economic Forum. One of its most infamous videos proclaimed that in the near future, “You will own nothing, and you will be happy.” Instead of owning appliances, for example, you will rent them and take delivery by drone. Instead of owning land, a home or even a vehicle, you will live in a “15-minute city,” where everything you need is nearby. Meanwhile, hospitals will be inserting 3-D printed organs into people, and spaceports will be sending humans to live on Mars. You will also be eating “replacement meats,” created using cells extracted from living animals—or perhaps just using crushed up insects. Your thoughts will be scanned and monitored, and not just through detailed tracking of your Internet usage.

“The next phase is the surveillance going under our skin,” said the World Economic Forum’s Yuval Noah Harari. “It’s not just dystopian. It’s also utopian. This kind of data can also enable us to create the best health-care system in history.”

Some think of it as the “Fourth Industrial Revolution.” Some envision it as utopia. Some view it as a nightmare. But

whatever you think of it, a future where problems will be addressed by powerful people wielding powerful technologies is coming at you fast.

Universe and Beyond

Some of the world's most successful men are now trying to build entire new societies with new ideologies in new cities built from scratch (article, page 14). Some have abandoned any attempt to save humanity on Earth, and instead believe utopia awaits in the heavens and depends on us building new technologies to get there.

The National Aeronautics and Space Agency's Artemis program is designed to return man to the moon and establish a long-term human presence. Following the establishment of the program in December 2017, President Donald Trump stated: "The directive I am signing today will refocus America's space program on human exploration and discovery. It marks a first step in returning American astronauts to the moon for the first time since 1972, for long-term exploration and use. This time, we will not only plant our flag and leave our footprints—we will establish a foundation for an eventual mission to Mars, and perhaps someday, to many worlds beyond."

The \$6 billion program will use the most powerful rocket launch system humanity has ever created, standing 30 stories tall. It has multiple stages to bring thousands of tons of equipment and supplies to the moon and prepare for a trip to Mars. Habitat capsules, exploration rovers, solar power sources and a lunar space station are all included in the program. The end goal is to have humans on Mars in the 2030s.

Elon Musk founded SpaceX with the "ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets." So far, the technology has not caught up with the dreams. Musk and other scientists want to "terraform" Mars to make it more earthlike by redirecting sunlight and introducing microorganisms to create oxygen. But for now, this technology is just a pipe dream.

Billions of dollars are being spent trying to create utopia in the cosmos. Efforts to colonize other planets highlight the expansive imagination of mankind, but also reflect a hopelessness about the

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MISSED PREDICTIONS

In *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, Herbert W. Armstrong highlighted several prognostications from Jerrold Maxmen's 1976 book *The Post-Physician Era: Medicine in the 21st Century*. Here is how they are panning out.

1980 | Choosing the sex of children before they are conceived

This was accomplished in **1990** using preimplantation genetic diagnosis, but the procedure is still not widely available. It may be 20 or 30 more years before designer babies become common.

1982 | Artificial plastic and electronic organs for humans

The first real breakthrough in artificial organ design came in **1982** with the first fully functioning artificial heart. Businesses hope to have artificial organs commercially available by **2030**.

1985 | Artificial heart implantations; brain linked to computer

The human brain was wirelessly connected to a computer for the first time in **2021**, and Elon Musk is funding Neuralink technology to develop brain-computer interfaces soon.

1990 | Chemical synthesis of inexpensive, nutritious food; cancer conquered

The first lab-made hamburger was created in **2012**, and it cost about \$325,000 to produce. So it might be awhile before inexpensive synthetic food replaces natural food.

1995 | First human clone; brain transplants common-place

The Roslin Institute in Scotland successfully cloned a sheep in **1996**, while Chinese researchers successfully cloned a monkey in **2018**. No human clones have yet been attempted.

2000 | Transplantation of almost all organs of the body

The brain is the only organ in the human body that cannot currently be transplanted. The brain cannot be transplanted because the brain's nerve tissue does not heal after transplantation.

2005 | Alteration of the processes of aging

By tweaking a few key genes in the DNA of a roundworm in **2020**, scientists extended its lifespan by about 500 percent. But this has not been tried on humans.

2007 | Biochemicals to aid the growth of new organs and limbs

Researchers have developed a technique that could one day enable us to grow fully functional human organs in the laboratory, but no known biochemical causes humans to regenerate organs.

2010 | Widespread use of artificial insemination to produce genetically superior offspring

This technology has existed since **1770** but still isn't widespread.

2012 | Drugs to raise the level of human intelligence

Modafinil has been on the market since **1994**. It has serious side effects, but is sometimes prescribed to cellists, judges, pilots and scientists to enhance attention, memory and learning.

2015 | Fetuses grown in artificial wombs

A 14-day rule prevents embryos from being kept in artificial wombs longer than 14 days.

2020 | Genetic engineering in humans by chemically modifying their DNA chains; human brain linked to a computer to enlarge man's intellect

In a landmark **2022** trial, a group of scientists from the United Kingdom and New Zealand showed that CRISPR can be used to successfully edit genes in the human body.

2030 | Total mastery of human genetics and heredity

The human genome was mapped in **2003**, but mankind is a long way from mastering heredity.

2040 | Suspended animation of life

Doctors placed a human in suspended animation for the first time in **2019** by replacing the blood in the patient's brain with an ice-cold saline solution. The patient was revived in an hour, but doctors hope to prolong the process soon.

2050 | Complete control of the aging process; man-made immortality

This is still complete science fiction.



THE WARS OF THE FUTURE

Computer technology is revolutionizing combat. **BY JOSUÉ MICHELS**

WILL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE revolutionize humanity? Will it end humanity as we know it? Computing power has advanced rapidly throughout our lifetimes, but today it is blazing almost past belief. Supercomputers can process 1 quintillion calculations per second. Scientists have invented artificial neurons that operate 1 million times faster than the estimated capacity of natural neurons. Stanford University scientists estimate that the performance of artificial intelligence software has been doubling every three months. This means a supercomputer could be built within our lifetimes that will perform more calculations than all human brains combined.

Drawing on vast amounts of information, computers are producing quality illustrations, edited photos, realistic video, original music, detailed transcriptions, accurate translations, spoken words, robotic movements, medical diagnostics, advanced searching, precise mapping and more to such a high level that their outputs appear as if they are coming from superhuman *minds*—hence the phrase “artificial intelligence.”

Soon we will see what happens when humans apply these tools to a field in

which they have always employed cutting-edge technology: warfare.

Battlefield of the Future

Developed by or equipped with extremely advanced computers, soldiers, targeting systems, vehicles, communications, tactics and strategies, fighters on tomorrow’s battlegrounds will likely experience a much faster-paced, much deadlier combat environment.

Imagine numerous autonomous armed vehicles rolling rapidly toward you, with zero gaps in their fields of fire. The matte-black cloud in the distance storming in is a squadron containing thousands of drones, from large to tiny. Above them and out of view are reconnaissance craft watching your movements, almost down to the foot, and calculating your next move. Armed satellites and electronic warfare systems have already destroyed what few communications systems you had left after your main systems were hacked and neutralized. Autonomous and manned ships and maritime drones have cut off your supplies and reinforcements. On standby are AI-guided nuclear weapons, hypersonic missiles, chemical weapons and biological weapons that kill only people with certain genetics. Hundreds

of thousands of cameras and other sensors on these and other assets are pumping millions of exabytes of visual, range, temperature, chemical and other telemetry into an artificial intelligence system coordinating thousands and millions of pieces of equipment to move and act almost as if one organism.

In the distance, soldiers in heavily protected vehicles with deadly accurate weapons are drawn up in formation, ready to finish off, at long range, the survivors of the first few salvos. Should they need to engage in old-fashioned close combat, they have extra-human abilities, developed with the help of artificial intelligence.

All these fantastical technologies, and more, already exist.

Laboratories of Today

The above scenario most certainly doesn’t describe current conflicts, such as Russia’s war on Ukraine. A very limited amount of high-tech weaponry has been deployed there thus far. But future wars may surprise us.

And who will be deploying such fearsome systems? You might think the United States, with its \$1 trillion military budget, will continue leading the way with its future combat systems.

But the *Trumpet* is keeping its eye on a nation that has fielded fearsome forces throughout history: Germany.

Germany possesses a strong economy and an advanced technology sector. Its military currently lags well behind what it was in previous generations and what its current potential could be. But with war raging in Eastern Europe and the United States declining, unwilling and unable to help its allies, the Germans have drastically increased military spending. And as Winston Churchill warned, Germany is a nation historically “fertile in military surprises.”

The German government has shown interest in developing drone swarms controlled by artificial intelligence. It has spent millions to quietly collect experience with such systems, to be used—for now—in search-and-rescue operations. The German military is also working with France’s Atos Information Technology and Israel’s Rafael Advanced Defense Systems to create a so-called glass battlefield, a real-time three-dimensional mapping of the combat space designed to enable unmanned systems in the air, in the water and on the ground to act as one swarm, overwhelming their targets like a pack of wolves, school of piranhas or swarm of hornets.

In December, a Luftwaffe Airbus A400M transport airdropped an Airbus Do-DT25 drone and then remotely controlled its flight. The German Air Force plans next to test-drop 12 large drones or 50 smaller ones.

The German weapons manufacturing industry is one of the greatest in the world. Rheinmetall is a top manufacturer of unmanned vehicles. For ground combat, it has developed Wisel, an “autonomous combat warrior” that uses state-of-the-art technology.

Like military planners in other countries, the Europeans are also looking to enhance the people on the battlefield. Augmented soldiers are coming.

France, which is cooperating with Germany on a European military, has already established legal approval for medical treatments, prosthetics and implants that improve “physical, cognitive, perceptive and psychological capacities.”

Radioprotector agents are designed to help protect soldiers on the nuclear battlefield; the use of AI promises to advance

their efficacy. Similar developments could occur in the field of bioweapons and vaccines. Anthrax, botulism and variola already exist, with the potential to kill millions. But increasing computing power could help develop the next generation of biological weapons.

In a 2019 report, Cambridge University stated that future bioweapons empowered by AI could be activated based on specific sequences of DNA, killing certain races while leaving others unharmed. Adolf Hitler’s scientists worked on creating bioweapons and vaccines through human experiments—today we have the addition of astonishing computing power that can help stimulate the human immune system. Biological weapons that won’t kill the soldiers who deploy them are a much more appealing option.

Germany was the first to use bioweapons in World War I and conducted the most advanced research in the field during World War II. Today, Germany is home to the largest chemical company in the world and the second- and third-largest pesticide producers. Through international cooperation, it also has a trove of physical data on people living in potentially adversarial nations, including unsuspecting America, Britain, Israel and related nations.

The recent coronavirus outbreak started in a biology lab and killed millions. So too did the correspondent vaccine. Germany’s BioNTech cooperated with Pfizer, a U.S. company founded by German immigrants, to create one of the vaccines. The data from this horrible mass experiment is now being analyzed and could serve as a tool to create powerful, precise bioweapons in the near future.

Prophesied Military Advances

Churchill also said, “The future, though imminent, is obscure.” We do not know what technologies have been or soon will be developed—but there is a source that gives us special insight: Bible prophecy.

The Bible reveals that the military ability of one particular nation will be totally outdone by another. “They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle ...” (Ezekiel 7:14). In the January 1995 *Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry explained this verse: “The trumpet of war was blown in Israel—mainly

America and Britain. It seems everybody was expecting our people to go into battle. But the greatest tragedy imaginable occurred! Nobody went to battle—even though the trumpet was blown!”

Bible prophecy indicates that the attacker will be Germany. The Bible prophesies that in a future conflict, despite its apparent lead in the field of computer technology, not to mention its trillion-dollar military, the United States will not have high-tech advantages, but high-tech vulnerabilities. The Americans—and the world—will again be stunned by German military surprises.

Today, Germany cooperates closely with the United States. But this means it has greater insight into its vulnerabilities. We know that Germany will leap ahead in the use of its military. One way this could occur is by a giant leap in the field of artificial intelligence.

Revelation 9:3-11 describe the European army and its military equipment as devouring “locusts.” This could describe the vast array of manned and unmanned aircraft, coordinated by controllers using artificial intelligence. Later in the chapter, this army is confronted by a 200 million-man army, which can come only from an Asian alliance. This vast number will likely be necessary in order to confront a technologically superior European army—and its leader.

‘Understanding Dark Sentences’

Antiochus IV Epiphanes of the Seleucid Empire had an abnormal interest in technology. Most Bible commentaries agree that the prophecy in Daniel 8 refers to him. Yet the book of Daniel is for the “time of the end” (Daniel 12:4, 9). Another such king will rise in our time.

For more than 15 years, Mr. Flurry has pointed to one man as a possible strongman to fulfill this prophecy: former German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. In his article “Is KT zu Guttenberg About to Come to Power?” Mr. Flurry specifically connected the understanding of emerging technologies with Daniel’s prophecy of “understanding dark sentences.” Polybius’s *Histories* relates that Antiochus often wandered in the city streets, “holding forth at length and discussing technical matters with the molders and other

SOME VERY RICH PEOPLE ARE WORKING TO BUILD tomorrow's cities from scratch. Billionaire Elon Musk recently founded Snailbrook, a community in Texas. Billionaire Marc Lore wants to build Telosa, a city of 5 million people, operating by a new economic model. He is looking for land, but billionaire Bill Gates has already found his: He spent \$80 million on 24,800 acres in Arizona to create Belmont, has since added to it, and has issued thousands of single-family residential permits.

In Saudi Arabia, the government is starting construction on an even more unusual city called The Line. This will be more than 100 miles long, a quarter-mile tall—and *about 650 feet wide*.

What these would-be city builders are promising begins with a “nearly blank slate of opportunity” as one real-estate lawyer put it. “The vision calls for it to be a sustainable city capitalizing on cutting-edge infrastructure,” he said, a “forward-thinking community with a communication and infrastructure spine that embraces cutting-edge technology. ... It will rely completely on smart technologies such as high-speed digital networks, data centers, high-speed public Wi-Fi, high-tech manufacturing facilities and autonomous vehicles.”

Planners want to eliminate pollution; respect and enhance nature; provide healthy, sustainable quality of life; conserve energy; and encourage community. They want vibrancy, diversity, efficiency, safety, cleanliness, sustainability and right governance. They abound with ideas for new technology and new ideologies.

Mayors of existing cities and would-be inventors of utterly new ones are surveying our current communities and seeing *problems*—insoluble problems.

New cities built from scratch are their only hope for something better. The trouble is, they have no real idea of what caused our existing cities to become what they've become.

Clean Slate

What do you see, hear and smell when you walk the streets of San Francisco, Portland or New York City? A jungle of extremes: impressive architecture and maddening traffic. Vibrant creativity and deplorable dilapidation. Wealth and opulence; poverty and crime. Increasingly you see vagrants staring vacantly into space, sitting amid trash, excrement and drug paraphernalia.

Contrast this with the imagery published by the futurists. Some of their descriptions of tomorrow's cities—beautiful, clean, welcoming, inclusive, traffic-free—make you want to step right into them and *be there*, leaving far behind the depressing, harmful, filthy cities of today.

But can these promises become reality? How, for example, will they have enough water in the middle of the deserts where they want to build? “Efficiency, recycling, green energy,” say planners. And how will they pay for extravagant social services? “Community ownership.” And how will a mile-long tower of Babel turned on its side in the desert *not* become a disaster? “Technology.”

Mark Lore's proposed city of Telosa will experiment with a new economic model. “We're taking a stab at what we call equitism here,” he said. “What if you can pay the same taxes that you pay today but get the best social services of any country in the world? That's equitism.” This ideology seems to be a mashup of democracy, capitalism and socialism. A manifesto on the subject defines it this way: “Equitism is an economic and political system grounded in community ownership, balancing systemic tensions, infinite play, and intersecting worlds.” Such rhetorical legerdemain doesn't inspire great confidence that it can build a functional economy.

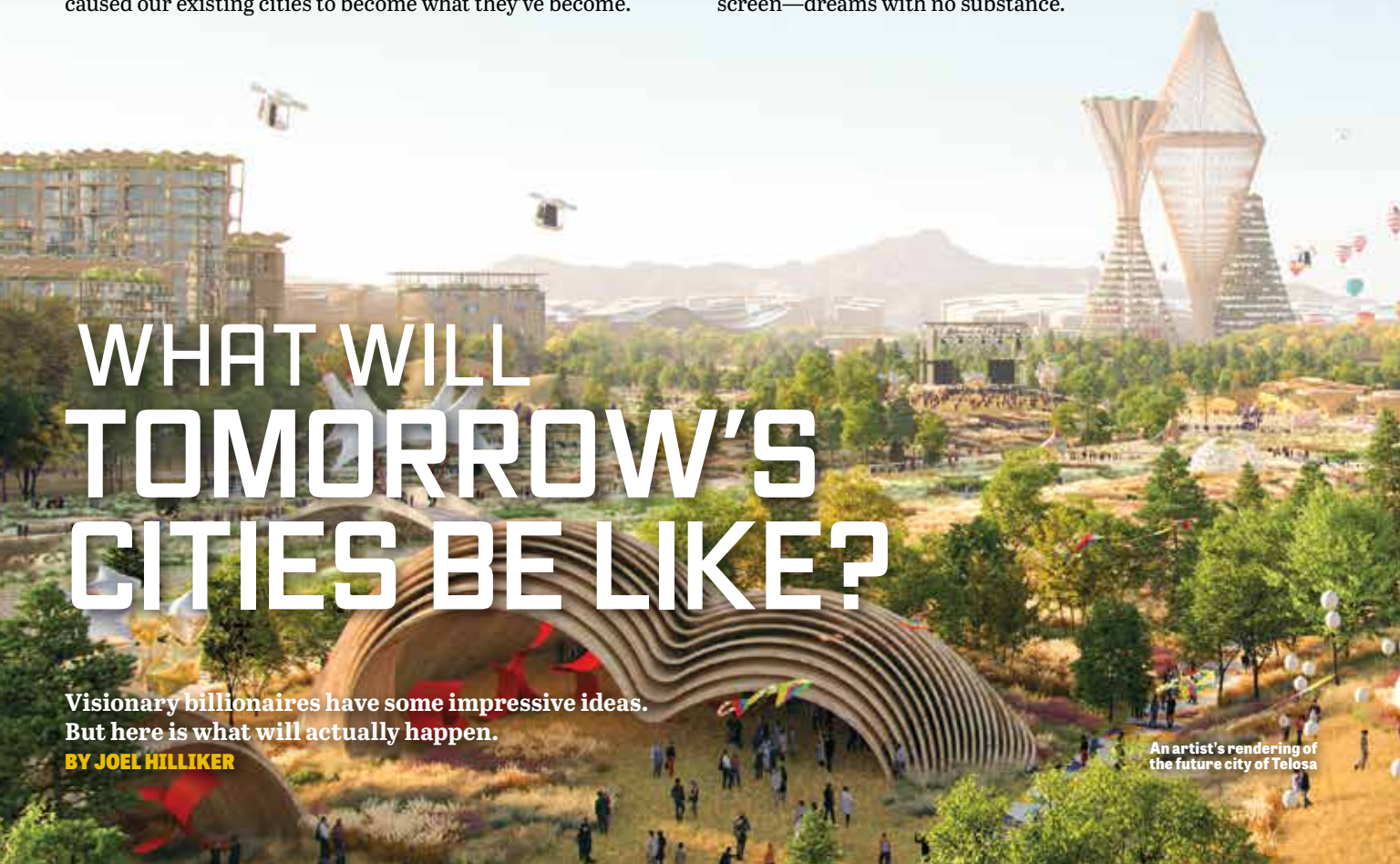
Lore and others know how to make impressive computer-generated animations of cities. But those are pixels on a screen—dreams with no substance.

WHAT WILL TOMORROW'S CITIES BE LIKE?

Visionary billionaires have some impressive ideas. But here is what will actually happen.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

An artist's rendering of the future city of Telosa



Human beings have been building cities for a long time. Many have been built, from scratch, by visionaries. The Gateses, Lores and Musks of yesteryear built ideologically based communities from Bourneville in England to Massachusetts to California, almost all of which had start dates in the 1800s and 1900s, and end dates a couple decades later. Our myriads of new technologies that past futurists never dreamed of have failed to make the cities of today any more beautiful or equitable. New technology did not necessarily cause the rot, but it has definitely failed to stop it.

We have been erecting our various versions of utopia for 6,000 years. Have any of them worked yet? Today's big idea—rejecting the past, trying something bold and new—is tomorrow's blight. So many of the worst problems in our cities have been, in fact, people's *solutions* to other problems. "[T]hey are wise to do evil," the Bible says (Jeremiah 4:22), "but to do good they have no knowledge."

What Makes or Breaks a City

The true strength and beauty of the city has far less to do with wood, steel, stone or glass, parkways or Wi-Fi than it has to do with a *right* understanding of human nature. And the people producing these soaring ideas *don't understand human nature*.

Our cities today are depressing, gloomy and dangerous not because of a lack of diversity, efficiency or new technology but because of the *human nature* of the people building, governing and inhabiting them. Human beings *do not know* how to live in harmonious communities with each other. Our depressing and worsening cities are one symptom of this fact. Another is the outbreak of human nature that is about to rage across the globe and *physically destroy* these cities.

The Prophet Jeremiah saw, in prophetic vision, a chilling reality that all cities live under: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light" (verse 23). No matter how equitable and inclusive a city aims to be, we live in an age where human beings can destroy each other, *city by city*, with nuclear warfare, chemical warfare, biological warfare.

"Without form and void" is the exact expression used to describe the surface of the Earth in the past (Genesis 1:2). One of God's subjects, Lucifer, decided to "think for himself," to reject the Creator's authority and involvement, to assert his "solution." Consequently, the *whole Earth* and the universe were devastated!

Through His power and supported by His laws, God created beauty on Earth again. Then human beings chose the same type of thinking that Lucifer had chosen. We are 6,000 years deep into that choice. Our cities are cesspits, we are suffering, and we are about to self-destruct on a global scale.

We are about to turn our cities, utopian and otherwise, into ruins. New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Washington, Toronto, London and Sydney will look like Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is interesting that the city-building billionaires are interested in deserted areas. They want to start with a clean slate. Biblical prophecy makes clear that the massive destruction that is nearly upon us will leave behind a clean slate, globally.

A New Foundation

"They shall rebuild old ruins, The wrecks of the past, They shall raise and renew ruined towns, Wrecks from ages of ages." This is how Ferrar Fenton renders Isaiah 61:4. *They shall rebuild the old ruins*. Against the sobering backdrop of *worldwide destruction* stands this message of hope.

Human beings will survive. They will rebuild. But not with the old blueprint, nor on the old foundation.

All cities through all of human history have been founded on wrong character. They have been built up—and up—on Lucifer's distorted thinking. That is why they have all failed. And the visionaries who want to build anew have no solutions for greed, envy, corruption, rebellion, hatred, crime, vandalism, drugs, prostitution and the other human thought and behaviors that have made all human cities, and the quality of life in them, terminally sick. The equitist, communalist, utopianist dreams of the visionaries will remain pipe dreams.

Yet the dream of a new city *will* become reality. And it will be built on the *right* understanding of human nature!

The Bible even prophesies of specific rebuilding that will take place in a specific city: Jerusalem.

As Isaiah 62 describes, Jerusalem will be rebuilt as a model city. Masses of people from all nations will travel to it. The world will revolve around this new capital city. People will marvel and be inspired, and not just because of its buildings or parks. It will be a model city because it will be built on a new, different, strong foundation: the *right character* of its inhabitants.

At the center of Jerusalem will be a great physical building, a house for the Creator to dwell in. Human beings will have been extremely humbled by the massive destruction we brought on ourselves, and eager to build God's way. God will measure and build, providing Jerusalem as a pattern for other cities—"my cities" (Zechariah 1:16-17)—around the globe.

Built on the right foundation, God says His cities will "overflow with prosperity" (verse 17; Revised Standard Version). No ghettos. No slums. No abandoned lots and dilapidated homes. And why? Because people will be keeping the statutes, judgments and laws of the God who made them!

Think, like those billionaires, of building entirely new cities. But unlike them, think of what it will be like to lay the *right* foundation from the start. Think of human beings accepting and submitting to their Creator and finally living as they were created to live. The quality and the beauty of these cities will dazzle!

The Bible prophesies that God will bring people back to the land they once inhabited, and the ground will produce for them (e.g. Ezekiel 36:8—" [T]hey will soon come home," the rsv reads). No longer will it lie desolate. People will possess the land, use the land, love the land! They will build beautiful cities. Individuals *will* come together to reach their fullest potential.

These goals and ideals will in fact be realized. Tomorrow's cities *will* be safe, clean, sustainable, equitable, efficient and vibrant. People will soon come home, and they will love to come home.

The foundation of the city can only be strong, and the inhabitants can only be free, if they keep right laws, good laws—God's laws. But those laws can only be taught and enforced by God's government.

In the parable of the pounds (Luke 19), Jesus Christ spoke of *personally* choosing the leaders of tomorrow's cities. These will be governed, finally, by a government of the people and for the people—but not by the people. It will be the government of God. And that will make all the difference.

God's Way

In recent years, many people have come to believe that “diversity is our strength” and ignore all evidence that the opposite is true. God set the bounds of man's habitation (Acts 17:26), and God is going to do that again in the Millennium. He will build thriving communities and wonderful cities where everyone will feel included and at home, able to reach their fullest potential. They will be built around families and extended families.

The only way to build anything that will last, that will be worthwhile, is to build with God (Psalm 127:1).

God has an economic model that works. Tithing, a 10 percent flat tax, for everybody. Land ownership for everybody.

Free markets. Laws against greed. The jubilee (in which debts are forgiven and land—except for land in cities—is returned to its original family owners once every 50 years). Why isn't land in cities returned? It is a beautiful detail in God's economic model. Land purchased in cities stays with the purchaser, providing motivation to continue developing and improving densely populated areas. This is how people will build beautiful auditoriums, educational museums, amazing zoos, inspiring galleries and other enriching structures and institutions.

Cities in the Millennium will be large enough to include industry and opportunity, yet small enough to promote healthy, happy family life.

Developers today try to pack as many people into as little space with as little cost as possible to get the most profit possible. “Woe to those who join house to house; They add field to field, Till there is no place Where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!” (Isaiah 5:8; New King James Version).

God wants people to have space, to have some property, to spread out a bit. He wants people to have their little Garden of Eden to dress and to keep. He wants them to be able to build a family, to earn their bread, and to take responsibility for their little corner of the world.

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they 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 9:13-14). Imagine crops with yields so great that farmers cannot

keep up: They are still harvesting when it comes time to plow the fields for the new crops. Imagine eating fresh produce year-round, straight off the vine, straight from the soil.

And notice: They do not “build the waste cities” with acres of asphalt and clouds of pollution but with vineyards and gardens. This is one thing the visionaries of today all yearn for, cities with *gardens*. And they will see them become reality.

Jeremiah 33 depicts food production taking place within cities: vegetable gardens, orchards, vineyards and pastures. Farm-to-table restaurants will not be just a trend. You will not eat foods that were picked unripened, shipped across the world and ripened on the way using chemical or other unnatural means. Fruits, vegetables and even livestock (verses 12-13) will be a normal part of city life.

“Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without

beast, The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord” (verses 10-11). The model city, and cities around the world—places that were cesspools of suffering before World War III, and were inde-

scribable horror zones during World War III—will be cleansed from the fundamental cause of ruined cities: *sin* (verse 8).

In city streets around the world will be heard *the voice of joy!*

Family

Note: In these joyful future cities will be heard “the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.” That is no random detail. These cities will be full of *happy marriages* and *happy families* worshiping the Creator of marriage and family. *That* is how they will be full of joy and gladness.

When you think of the cities of today—even the cities that futurists are planning—you don't really think about family. City planners and builders talk a lot about culture, wealth, opportunity, diversity, inclusivity, vibrancy, fairness, equity, efficiency, safety, cleanliness, social services, sustainability and being “people-centric.” They want to build future cities “around people.” But they don't talk about building an environment where people can build strong *families*.

The family is the building block of the city and the nation. People do not know how to have strong families or even how to define it, so they have stopped trying and just ignore the idea. City life has gone from being agnostic to antagonistic to



An artist's rendering of the future city of Telosa

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belligerent against the needs of marriage, children and family. But the Bible reveals the truth about building strong families and focuses right in on it. Like everything else regarding human life, cities of tomorrow will be for advancing the very purpose for which we were created—which is inseparable from family.

“Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain. 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 8:3-5).

How marvelous! Instead of rumbling, roaring, dangerous, speeding vehicles, the streets of Jerusalem, and of other cities, will be filled with children. And because these cities are founded on *truth* and on *obeying* God’s law on *family*, these young people will *not* be traveling in packs, intimidating themselves and others, drinking, taking drugs, raiding stores or committing violence. They will be playing, talking, laughing, learning—and not just among their cousins and friends and parents, but also among their grandparents and other elderly men and women. The joy will literally fill the streets!

Even the best-case-scenario, computer-generated visions of today’s futurists utterly fail to capture this warmth, this gladness, this joyful atmosphere. Unity of spirit, harmony, happiness, contentment. No strangers: Every inhabitant is just a friend you haven’t met yet.

This can only happen through families knowing why family exists and obeying the laws of the Creator of family. Just like the laws of physics, those laws are what cause strength, growth, happiness and joy. That knowledge has been provided in the Bible, but human beings have continued to reject it and will continue to do so until we find ourselves bombing and otherwise destroying each other’s wretched cities right off the map.

But the Bible gives hope! The waste cities *will* be rebuilt—in a totally new way, on a totally new foundation. It even gives us interesting details on the technology, food, environment, weather, animal life, transportation, commerce, recreation, language, culture, religion, government and other aspects of future city life.

Why does the Bible record all this? One reason is to *give you hope*. Another is to show you that there is a right way to live *today*. And that way is the way of God’s law. His law is not just a set of arbitrary commands, like human laws so often are. He *created* us: His law is the guide to what *causes* human happiness—in marriages, in families, in cities, in the country, now and forever.

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

Accept the obvious lesson of our cities and the lives inside them: We keep trying to solve our own problems—going to great and often crazy extremes—but the only true solution is to turn to our Creator. Whether we are billionaires trying to control the future of millions of people, or we are just living our own lives with our own families, to take it into our own hands, and out of our Creator’s hands, is to make a wreck of things.

Let God build your life today. Live in the way consistent with, and in hopeful anticipation of, the cities of the future. ■

Welcome to OPHIRIA

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW



Ophiria is a model town of the Millennium—the wonderful World Tomorrow. Upon the return of Jesus Christ to Earth and the establishment of God’s Kingdom, the government of God will administer God’s outflowing law of love.

You’ll see the fruits of God’s system throughout our town. You’ll see peace and productivity manifest in the people, activities, education and the environment.

Enjoy your stay in paradise.



THE WORLD TOMORROW
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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EDUCATION

Church 1

ZECHARIAH 8:23

Auditorium 2

Enjoy the arts from the local area and world-class international performers

College 3

Liberal arts institute dedicated to the development of the whole man
ISAIAH 30:19-21

Library 4

A peaceful environment for learning, open to local educational institutions and the general public
ISAIAH 54:13-14

Bookstore 5

Grade School 6

Where the spirit of the next generation thrives
DEUTERONOMY 4:9-10

Petting Zoo 7

A truly interactive experience
ISAIAH 11:6-9

ENVIRONMENT

Wilderness and Wildlife Agency 1

Learn more at this institution dedicated to the management of nature
JOB 12:7-8

Wilderness Adventure Area 2

Hike, swim, sail, paint, even hug a bear in our great outdoors
ISAIAH 11:6-9

Park 3

A gathering place for all ages and intergenerational fellowship; a pride of lions to keep you company
ZECHARIAH 8:4-5

COMMUNITY

Tavern 1

Great spot for families to share a relaxed meal together

Fancy Foods 2

Enjoy imported products from afar

Cafés and Shops 3

Community Restaurant 4

A fine-dining option supporting the best local agriculture

Farmers' Market 5

Fresh is best, year-round
AMOS 9:13

Outdoor Entertainment 6

Transformations

Life is a lot different here in Ophiria since the establishment of God's Kingdom. Miles of asphalt, concrete and depressing architecture have been replaced with infrastructure that complements nature. Where people once faced annoying litter, toxic pollution, parking lots and gaudy billboards, you now see farmers with their flocks in our streets. Wildlife abounds—and it is now tame. Nature is everywhere; you'll see it, hear it, even touch it. You can also taste it in our local markets and restaurants supported by local agriculture.

What is no longer in the town is a different life has become. There is no fire station. These, along with areas once devoted to bureaucracy, are gone.

There are popular areas for recreation by the very people that use the town. The climate promotes healthful outdoor activities. The agricultural enterprises in the town and factory farming methods have



CIVIL

Visitors Center 1
We're here for you!

Port 2

Civil Services 3
Utilities, construction and public works ISAIAH 41:18-19; 51:3

Hydroelectric Dam 4

INDUSTRY

Workshop 1
Community project center; work on projects together and learn new skills

Sawmill 2

Luthier 3

Cobbler 4

Jeweler 5

Blacksmith 6

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Guild 1
A research center for farmers and all landowners MICAH 4:4

Farm and Homestead Supplies 2

Dairy 3
Milk, cream, cheese and all the good stuff JEREMIAH 33:12-13

Mill 4

Winery 5
Award-winning multigenerational estate; tastings at the cellar door PROVERBS 3:10; AMOS 9:14

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s no hospital, no courthouse,
th a plethora of buildings
are no longer needed.

community gathering—built
em. Consistently salubrious
outdoor living. This also benefits
the district. Monocultures
have been replaced with

diversified, regenerative initiatives. This contributes to the
energy and well-being of our community, with every family
enjoying the literal fruits of their own labors. The result:
vibrant health for all.

The most noticeable change is in the nature of the
people. The days of broken homes, rampant crime, poverty
and loneliness are gone. Now, family life thrives. The
community is strong. Rural and town folk support one
another. And all are unified under God.

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situation on Earth. This is a last-ditch attempt to use technology to save us from our problems—and from ourselves.

Unintended Consequences

Throughout human history, we have met our problems—be they physical, material, mental or spiritual—by developing new tools. Whether it be a mega-tower on the plain of Shinar (Genesis 11) or whether it be inserting plasmids with synthetic spike proteins and genetic codes into our bodies, it is and always has been in our very nature to *fix it with technology*.

These attempted solutions have generated a number of consequences, intended and unintended. Many have been impossible to produce without manipulating and forcing other people. Throughout history, including today, much of the mining, manufacturing, labor and other effort needed to solve the problems of one group of people have come from the enslavement of another.

At the same time, tools have been made, buildings built, cities developed, voluminous waste disposed, inventions promulgated with little thought, and even less restraint devoted to dealing with *new* problems.

In earlier generations, crop yields were low, sickness was threatening, raids and wars were never too distant, and the knowledge of how to live was hidden. We have invented numerous tools, some of which have had beneficial effects, but none of which have solved our fundamental problems. Now, well into the 21st century, our problems are multiplying and intensifying. Famine, drought and weather disasters have increased over the past decade. War is raging in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and beyond. In 2021, there were 15 million excess deaths from unknown reasons. Increases in Internet devices and prescription drugs, hailed as fantastic technologies, have accompanied increases in depression and anxiety. Internet connectivity, cameras and other monitors, digital currencies and blockchain technologies promise convenience and efficiency, but also give governments tyrannical control over your money.

We have definitely succeeded in developing powerful technologies. But this should not deceive us, as it has deceived

so many, into thinking that because they are advanced they can solve the fundamental sources of our problems: selfishness, slothfulness, jealousies, hatreds, corruption and more. With those fundamental sources decidedly *unsolved*, the more advanced and powerful our technologies, the more *dangerous* they are. Like an arms race between superpowers, our rapidly advancing industrial, medical, electronic and other technologies have succeeded only in dramatically increasing the stakes.

Look at the society and world around you and ask: Are we progressing—or regressing?

The fantastical technology at our fingertips does not always cause problems, but we must face the fact that our problems have increased at least as fast as our technologies. And we need to ask ourselves *why*.

The Missing Dimension in Technology

Throughout human history, we have been making the same mistake. We face problems, both physical and spiritual, that ultimately trace back to wrong *thinking* and we respond, *We will fix it with technology*. Such a solution is doomed and always has been! Steel production cannot solve covetousness. Silicon and glass cannot create fulfillment. Cameras cannot provide justice. Computer code cannot produce the same result as human honesty.

A colossal tower for resisting floodwaters cannot produce the same result as obedience to God.

Most technology is not intrinsically evil; in fact, it can be used beneficially and productively for the human race. The problem is that technology deals purely with the material, while the real root causes lie in the unseen *spiritual* dimension.

Mr. Armstrong explained this reality in *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*: “We repeat, there’s a cause for every effect. If crime is to be greatly reduced, then wiped out, there will be a reason. People may have many guesses, opinions, theories about what causes crime, but the answer is—human nature. What is the cause of wars? The answer is—human nature. Why do people steal, murder, commit adultery or fornication, covet what is not theirs? Human nature.

We shall never have utopia on Earth until human nature is changed.”

We will never find utopia by applying material technological solutions to spiritual problems.

When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, He gave them a choice between two ways of life: the tree of life, which symbolized God’s way of life, or the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which symbolized Satan’s way. Adam chose the latter, thus setting the

EFFORTS TO COLONIZE OTHER PLANETS HIGHLIGHT THE EXPANSIVE IMAGINATION OF MANKIND, BUT ALSO REFLECT A HOPELESSNESS ABOUT THE SITUATION ON EARTH.



foundation of our current civilization (Genesis 2-3). Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*: “Adam took to himself the knowledge of good as well as evil. But it was only human good, no higher than the carnal human level of the human spirit within him. He rejected reliance on God and relied on himself for knowledge, ability and power—all limited to the fleshly human plane, deceived and led by the perverted Satan.”

Our entire civilization developed on this foundation. The first child ever born grew up to develop implements to force the ground. His immediate descendants developed other tools, instruments, weapons, cities, systems and approaches to solve their problems their own ways. Yet their problems multiplied and intensified to the point that their Creator took away the lives He had made

in a global flood to stop our acceleration into complete self-destruction. Yet shortly after the Flood, human beings assayed to solve even *that* problem, not by addressing the mental and spiritual problem and obeying God, but in developing the government, religious, labor and technological systems necessary for building a “flood-proof” tower!

Now, just as then, our civilization is descended from Adam and Eve, Cain and Nimrod. It is influenced and ruled



by Satan the devil (Revelation 12:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4), the “god of this world” who broadcasts human nature into the minds of humanity (Ephesians 2:2). Adam’s decision sentenced all of his progeny to be automatically tuned into Satan’s wavelength of selfishness and meant all our endeavors would rely solely on human effort.

Mr. Armstrong continued: “And so a world—a civilization—developed from the original Adam and Eve. When God shut off the tree of life, that act marked the foundation of the world. It was founded on rejection of God, on disobedience to God’s law, which defines God’s way of life. And all the evils, sorrows, pain and suffering in 6,000 years of human civilization have resulted.”

But what would happen if, with God’s help, we stopped trying to use technology to fix wrong attitudes and finally addressed the *root causes* of our problems?

The Futurism of the Bible

This third view of the future is only found in the pages of a book written thousands of years ago, yet it is the most modern, up-to-date text you can find. The Bible records Jesus Christ teaching the solution to our modern-day problems. In Matthew 24, He said there would be wars and rumors of wars (verse 6), famines, pestilences and earthquakes worldwide (verse 7). In fact, He foretold that mankind would commit cosmocide, wiping out every human being, if He did not intervene! (verse 22).

“At its very climax when delay would result in blasting all life from off this planet, Jesus Christ will return,” continued Mr. Armstrong. “Think of it. The glorified Christ—coming in all the splendor, the supernatural power and the glory of God Almighty—coming to save mankind alive—coming to stop escalating wars, nuclear mass destruction, human pain and suffering—coming to usher in peace, abundant well-being, happiness and joy for all mankind.”

A new world government is coming that will bring peace, happiness and the fulfillment of our human potential. But it won’t come the way mankind wants or thinks. Jesus Christ will build a new civilization from the foundation up! Addressing *human nature* will solve the problems that technology has repeatedly promised, but failed, to fix.

God will abolish human nature by exercising the divine authority of this new world government and through a process of reeducation. Every human is a free moral agent who will have to choose to live God’s way of life that *produces* the good results we all desire, or to continue the miserable path of human nature until death results. God’s law, encapsulated in the Ten Commandments, will be the law of the land for the entire Earth!

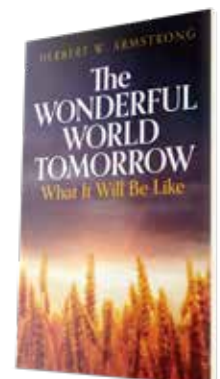
Imagine a world ruled by the perfectly righteous and loving God, where our very nature gradually changes from being selfish to being selfless, like our Creator.

With the spiritual root cause corrected, we can advance into a truly revolutionary future. Allow Mr. Armstrong to help you imagine this future utopia:

“In such a world, with all loving and worshiping God with all their minds, hearts and strength—with all having concern for the welfare of all others equal to concern for self—there would be no divorce—no broken homes or families, no juvenile delinquency, no crime, no jails or prisons, no police except for peaceful direction and supervision as a public service for all, no wars, no military establishments. But further, God has set in motion physical laws that operate in our bodies and minds, as well as the spiritual law. There would be no sickness, ill health, pain or suffering. There would be, on the contrary, vigorous, vibrant good health, filled with dynamic interest in life, enthusiastic interest in constructive activities bringing happiness and joy. There would be cleanliness, vigorous activity, real progress, no slums, no degenerate backward races or areas of Earth.”

This is God’s promise for the future. And it can happen only when our perpetual cycle of doomed self-reliance is finally broken. Some of today’s technology will finally reach its full potential once its correct use is ensured because man’s nature has been changed. Finally, all the innovative power of the human mind will be combined with the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14; Acts 2:17). United with our Creator, we will achieve the purpose for which we were created.

“What glory! A new day shall have dawned. Peace shall soon come. Men shall turn from the way of ‘get’ to the way of ‘give’—God’s way of love. A NEW CIVILIZATION shall now grip the Earth!” (ibid). The dawn of this utopia and a new chapter in the history of mankind is not far away. You can have real hope in this promise of the future. Catch this vision of tomorrow and it will transform your life starting today. ■



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TOMORROW'S

Today's universe is breathtakingly awesome. Discover how God plans to make it infinity times better. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE IS SHOWING US THE universe as we have never seen it before. It is spectacular. Yet your Bible says tomorrow's universe will be much more glorious!

"When you see Webb go into space, it's the whole force of human creativity and all kinds of disciplines that push it there," said NASA astrophysics chief Eric Smith. Such a remarkable project takes all the creativity mankind can muster! The builders of this telescope achieved over 99 percent perfection in the many complex processes it took to construct, launch and deploy it. How impressive and encouraging that is.

Many people, even the scientists themselves, overlook the significance of this fundamental point: They had to learn and obey *all kinds of physical laws* to achieve what they did. These laws clearly came from somewhere.

They were made by the Creator of the universe!

Great scientists, mathematicians, historians and others have recognized this obvious logic. "Men became scientific because they expected law in nature," author C.S. Lewis said, "and they expected law in nature because they believed in a Lawgiver." The entire study of science is based on the conviction that the universe and everything in it is rational and orderly. As one Nobel Prize-winning quantum electrodynamics scientist said, the very fact that there are laws of physics in the first place is "kind of a miracle."

Yes, the existence of laws in the universe is indeed a miracle! Who could possibly create all these laws out of nothingness to create and sustain the universe? You won't find the answer in man's scientific treatises—but you WILL find it in the Holy Bible. There God declares that He is the one supreme Lawgiver and reveals that He rules the universe.

The biblical patriarch Abraham studied the stars and the planets and was an accomplished scientist. Looking up into the heavens, he could see laws in motion and that not only was there a higher power, but there was *one supreme Lawgiver*.

The laws of physics that God created are marvelous in their power, their precision, their constancy, their coherence. We can set our clocks and mark our calendars by the consistent activity of the universe, perfect in its precision and timing.

Physicist Paul Davies said, "The really amazing thing is not that life on Earth is balanced on a knife-edge, but that the entire universe is balanced on a knife-edge—and would be total chaos if any one of the natural 'constants' were off even slightly." Understanding this fine-tuning and its clear overall purpose of sustaining *life* is what caused famous atheist Anthony Flew to finally come to believe that the universe *had* to have an intelligent Designer.

Earth is the perfect distance from both the sun and moon to have a stable, predictable, warmed and cooled orbit. It is the perfect size and mass to hold a perfect atmosphere; it has the perfect core for producing a magnetic field to block the perfect percentage of radiation; its surface has the perfect mix of elements and just the right amount of water in just the right ratios of liquid, solid and gas. (Read more about these factors in our free booklet *Our Awesome Universe Potential*.)

This planet has been perfectly fine-tuned for *human life!*

How to See God

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:19-20).

By looking at creation, we can *see* the invisible God behind it all! We can know about the Father and the Son and all they have created. Evolution could *never in trillions of years* accomplish what God has done! And He has done it to sustain *life*.

The heavens declare God's glory (Psalm 19:1). They send us a message, if we will just bring God into the picture. After the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope, NASA administrator Bill Nelson referenced this psalm, and described how "a shepherd grazing his sheep would look up at the night sky. He became a poet. And he penned the words, 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows his handiwork.' That shepherd, that poet, became king. And those immortal words in Psalm 19 encapsulate the expressions that we have today—the handiwork of God—as we peer back in time, over 13 billion years ago, [and] capture the light from the very beginning of the creation."

King David also said, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14:1). That is a dogmatic statement! He had studied the universe and *proved* that God exists.

To learn about the orderly cosmos that James Webb Space Telescope scientists are studying, see "Seeking the Message of the Universe." theTrumpet.com/go/seek

UNIVERSE

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, “The God I believe in—the God that I know exists, because I can prove it!—is the God who created all things. He is the Creator not only of matter, but also of force, of energy, of all the laws that exist: the laws of chemistry, the laws of physics—spiritual laws as well as physical laws to regulate man’s life and man’s happiness” (*Plain Truth*, February 1986).

Just as God created laws for the universe, He created laws for mankind—*spiritual* laws. Your happiness depends on keeping these laws. Excitement and thrills come from keeping them. Without them, there is chaos. All of mankind’s problems testify of this truth.

God is trying to teach us that there are laws in everything! Chaos and danger fill the Earth because men will not heed God’s warning.

Planting the Heavens

During the World Tomorrow—the 1,000-year rule of Jesus Christ on Earth—our planet will flourish. “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God” (Isaiah 35:1-2).

There will be all kinds of *planting* during the Millennium. “I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will PLANT in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together” (Isaiah 41:18-19).

All this planting is only the *beginning* of a much GRANDER, more EPIC planting project God has in mind! He says through the Prophet Isaiah: “And I have put my words in thy mouth

... that I may PLANT THE HEAVENS ...” (Isaiah 51:16). God wants to get His Word into our minds and mouths so we can understand His goal: to plant the heavens—to seed distant planets with *life*, just as He has already done with this planet! He is talking about the universe!

“For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak” (Hebrews 2:5). Angels failed to qualify to rule the universe, so God is re-creating Himself in mankind to fulfill that job—to rule under Him and Jesus Christ! *This* is TOMORROW’S UNIVERSE, which is preceded by the World Tomorrow.

“Thou hast put ALL THINGS in subjection under his feet. For in that he [God] put all in subjection under him [man], he [God] left *nothing* that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him” (verse 8). The Moffatt translates *all things* as THE UNIVERSE! Humans don’t rule the universe *yet*, but Christ is about to give us this opportunity. He is the Heir of *all things*, and He wants to share the vast universe with us.

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation [all the suns, planets, stars and moon] 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).

Why is the universe now subject to futility and decay? Because Lucifer and the third of the angels under him wrecked the Earth, then wrecked much of the universe. *Lucifer did not apply God’s laws, and destruction was the result.*

The universe *groans* for us to repair and beautify it! (verse 22). We groan through trials and tests as we await this glorious future (verse 23).

God is giving us a vision of this future by helping the Webb telescope successfully travel a million miles from Earth and send back breathtaking images. For God to prepare such a future for us—beautifying and ruling the limitless universe—shows the profound love He has for mankind!

This is the message of tomorrow’s universe. What a blessing to reap such a reward.

WHERE DID THE LAWS OF PHYSICS COME FROM?

“At the heart of all science lies the conviction that the universe is orderly.”

—Mathematician John Lennox

“Science arose only because the doctrine of the rational Creator of a rational universe made scientific inquiry plausible.”

—Historian Rodney Stark

“Men became scientific because they expected law in nature, and they expected law in nature because they believed in a Lawgiver.”

—Author C. S. Lewis

“Western science grew from the novel idea that the universe was rational; and that belief was given to us by Genesis, which set out the revolutionary proposition that the universe had a rational Creator.”

—Author Melanie Phillips

“The fact that there are rules at all is a kind of miracle.”

—Scientist Richard Feynman



Did America Just Lose Saudi Arabia?

Riyadh's pivot away from Washington marks a turning point in the Middle East. **BY MIHAİLO ZEKIC**

ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT alliances is falling apart. Since the end of World War II, the United States has relied on a partnership with Saudi Arabia both to keep the peace in the Middle East and keep Western economies' oil supply secure. Today, this partnership is about to die. From removing Patriot and THAAD missile defense systems from the kingdom in 2021 to empowering terrorist regimes in Iran and Afghanistan, America's security commitments are vacillating at best. And Saudi Arabia is responding accordingly.

On January 17, Saudi Arabia announced it was open to discussions about trading in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan stated, "There are no issues with discussing how we settle our trade agreements, whether it is in the U.S. dollar, whether it is the euro, whether it is the Saudi riyal." This amounts to a massive economic threat. One reason the dollar is the world's reserve currency and Americans

enjoy the wealth they do is that it is the currency of the international oil trade. Rather than being backed by gold, the "petro-dollar" is backed by oil in exchange for American security assurances. If the Saudis drop the dollar requirement, America's already weak economy will suffer massively.

The oil announcement wasn't Saudi Arabia's only foreign-policy pivot this year. On March 9, the *Wall Street Journal* printed a story claiming Saudi Arabia was working on a normalization agreement with Israel, brokered by the U.S. The two nations already have cordial relations and cooperate in intelligence sharing. But like most of the Arab world, Saudi Arabia does not have formal diplomatic relations with Israel. A deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia would be dramatic enough, but what was even more shocking was what the Saudis were requiring in return: The U.S. would have to enter a formal defense alliance with Saudi Arabia and help it develop its own nuclear program.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia's main rival for influence in the Middle East, is closer than ever to developing its own nuclear weapons. Iran's sights are mainly on the U.S. and Israel. But Saudi Arabia knows that if nuclear war breaks out between Iran and Israel or the West, it could easily end up in Iran's cross hairs.

Nothing is official at this point. Israel and the U.S. may find the price tag too high. But the *Journal's* sources say that to get what it wants, Saudi Arabia is even willing to drop its demand that Israel grant the Palestinians their own state. Previously, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (the de facto ruler) said there would be no deal with Israel without settling the Palestinian question. Such a reversal suggests just how desperate Prince Mohammed is to beef up his security situation.

America already has several thousand boots on the ground in Saudi Arabia, plus a heavy naval presence in the Persian Gulf. The Saudis evidently don't think this is enough. Their negotiating position suggests that they do not trust America's current defense commitments, and they see war with Iran as plausible.

Saudi-Iranian relations took an interesting turn the day after the *Journal's* report. On March 10, the two nations agreed to reinstate diplomatic relations after a seven-year split. Iran agreed to halt attacks on the Saudis, including those by its proxies in Yemen. Saudi Arabia suggested that it is ready to start investing in Iran.

The deal was mediated not by the U.S. but by a new player in the region: the People's Republic of China. The negotiations took place from March 6 to 10 in Beijing. Energy-hungry China has good relations with both of these major oil producers. The agreement is a huge diplomatic win for China and shows its desire to involve itself more and more in the region.

Saudi Arabia knows Iran is not a country to be trusted. Iran sees itself as the leader of an ongoing Islamic revolution and has been building an Islamic power bloc across the Middle East and northern Africa. Saudi Arabia has the same goal, and the Middle East is not big enough for both. Saudi Arabia is publicly courting China, arguably America's

biggest geopolitical rival. These recent developments appear to show the Saudis are disengaging from the U.S. and looking for new international partners. They could see China as a partner to keep Iran from becoming too extreme. China is one of the few world powers willing to have close relations with Iran. China also wants Saudi oil. Saudi Arabia could petition China to rein in the Iranians if they start causing too many problems.

Some view Saudi Arabia as an unsavory regime that the United States shouldn't be doing business with. Saudi Arabia is an autocracy under sharia law with an egregious human rights record, but it has also proved to be a stabilizing influence aligned with U.S. interests. If the U.S. were to break with Saudi Arabia, that stability would break with it. This could have a ripple effect on America's relations with the rest of the Middle East. Saudi Arabia is the unofficial leader of the "moderate Arab" camp, and countries like the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain look to Riyadh for leadership. Many of these countries are major American allies with significant military

A MYSTERIOUS ALLIANCE

Is the book of Psalms only a book of charming poetry? Psalm 83 is an end-time prophecy of Germany allying with several moderate Arab nations. To find out which nations are allied and what the Bible says is in store for them, request our free reprint article "[A Mysterious Prophecy.](#)"

and economic links with Washington. Breaking with the Saudis will likely mean breaking with these Gulf states down the road. Some of these countries have quarrels with Iran but are too small to defend themselves. Like Saudi Arabia, they too may feel pressured to start searching for new friends.

The *Trumpet* uses the lens of Bible prophecy to analyze current world events. And the Bible has a lot to say about modern Middle Eastern developments. A prophecy we often highlight refers to two end-time power blocs

warring with each other (Daniel 11:40-43). The "king of the north" is a united Europe led by Germany, while the "king of the south" is an Islamist alliance led by Iran; this includes Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia. Saudi Arabia is not in the list. (Request a free copy of *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry's booklet *The King of the South* for more information.)

A related prophecy in Psalm 83 shows who Germany's partners will be. Verses 1-4 describe another prophetic alliance—formed against the nations of Israel (primarily America and Britain, as Herbert W. Armstrong proved in his landmark book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

Verse 8 uses Germany's ancient name Assur. Verse 6 specifies that the Ishmaelites, the modern Saudis and Gulf Arabs, are allied with Germany AGAINST America.

As Daniel 11 brings out, this alliance also opposes Iran. So expect the improved relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran to deteriorate again soon, dramatically. As for China, it is a newcomer to Middle Eastern affairs. Germany, by contrast, has been a longstanding economic partner of the Saudis and has been selling them weapons for years. Riyadh and Berlin have a much longer tradition of good relations. Ultimately, China will probably side with Iran over Saudi Arabia if for nothing else than to further reduce American influence in the region.

There will be other countries in this alliance, but Saudi Arabia is in a unique position to damage America's economy and geopolitical position. Deuteronomy 28:52 prophesies of an economic siege on America by the same countries in the Psalm 83 alliance. If the dollar loses the backing of Saudi oil and therefore its strength as the world's reserve currency, this trade war becomes much likelier and much more grave. Expect Saudi Arabia's split with America to deepen, the dollar to lose what backing it has from Saudi oil, the Saudis to continue looking for new allies, and for them to find one in Germany. Expect Saudi Arabia's fear of and enmity with Iran to increase. As you see these events come to pass, remember: You are not merely looking at geopolitical developments. You are watching the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. ■

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craftsmen." The man who might be a modern Antiochus has a similar interest in much more modern technologies.

Guttenberg, who was economic affairs and technology minister prior to becoming defense minister, currently leads Spitzberg Partners, a New York consulting and investment firm he founded, and is a member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a foreign-policy consultancy in Washington, D.C. He is also involved in the Human Vaccines Project, which uses artificial intelligence to decode the human immune system.

Guttenberg knows the people developing the drone swarms, knows the people pushing for human augmentation, knows the people developing mRNA vaccines, knows business leaders interested in cryptocurrencies and other blockchain technologies. He is even a member of Germany's literal nobility. And he is a man of vision. "In the field of artificial intelligence," Guttenberg claimed in 2019, "Europe is in a position to play a major global role."

A new era of cyberattacks, drone swarms, robotics and cyborgs may be upon us before we know it. Most of us will have no idea how these technologies work. Yet the Bible indicates that the man who rises to dominate Europe could wield them to great effect.

Whoever this king will be, his trust in warfare and his instigation of unprecedented destruction and death will ultimately bring him and his empire to a point where they are "broken without hand" (Daniel 8:25). Your Bible says that the militaries of the future will ultimately be crushed, not by opposing militaries or by more advanced technology, but by the very power of God! As you watch the development of emerging technologies, watch Germany, watch Guttenberg, and watch Bible prophecy. ■

The future king of Europe.

To understand why the *Trumpet* watches Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, request Gerald Flurry's **A Strong German Leader Is Imminent.**

THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT website says: “Israel has no greater friend than the United States.” If this is true, Israel has no friends at all.

In February, Joe Biden (and the power behind him, Barack Obama) demonstrated in two obvious ways his enmity toward the Jewish state. In February, for the first time since late in Obama’s second term as president, the U.S. betrayed Israel at the United Nations Security Council. At about the same time, revealing comments from Biden’s ambassador to Israel suggested unprecedented meddling in Israel’s domestic affairs.

Why is America abandoning Israel?

How Netanyahu Is Making Enemies

Since returning to power late last year, a priority of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been to reform Israel’s activist Supreme Court—an unaccountable and partisan institution that has rankled Israeli conservatives for years. This has made him many

enemies on Israel’s left (see WorldWatch, page 32). It has also caught the eye of the activist presidency in Washington.

“We’re telling the prime minister—as I tell my kids—‘pump the brakes,’ slow down, try to get a consensus, bring the parties together.” That comment came from the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Tom Nides, in a February 16 podcast with former Obama official David Axelrod.

The patronizing remark “as I tell my kids” is consistent with Obama’s and Biden’s openly disdainful treatment of Israel generally and Netanyahu specifically. Obama infamously brought Netanyahu into the White House through a side entrance, walked out on him in anger during a meeting and went off to have dinner, and meddled in Israeli elections. In 2021, Obama, through Biden, undermined Israel-Sudan peace negotiations to try to prevent Netanyahu from returning as prime minister.

In a later interview, Nides said, “I really think that most Israelis do not want America to stay out of their business.” In

this case, “America” (Obama and Biden) want Israel’s Supreme Court to remain an unaccountable body with unreasonable control over the other branches of government. In short, they want Netanyahu to stop muzzling the court so that the court can muzzle Netanyahu.

American Intervention

On February 20, Obama and Biden demonstrated how much America will intervene in Israelis’ business. The UN Security Council approved a nonbinding resolution condemning Israeli settlements in the West Bank, the first anti-Israel resolution the U.S. has allowed through the Security Council since Obama was president.

This came in response to the Israeli government legalizing previously illegal settlements, which came in response to an increase in Palestinian terrorist attacks. Legitimate criticism of Israeli policy is not wrong. But the UN is notorious for its irrationally numerous resolutions condemning Israel. Last year, its General



No Helper for the State of Israel

Why is the relationship between America and Israel breaking—and who is breaking it? **BY MIHAILO ZEKIC**

Assembly approved twice as many resolutions against Israel as it did Russia, in the same year that Russia started the biggest war in Europe since World War II. The U.S. has traditionally defended Israel, especially in the Security Council, over Israel's 75-year history and 56-year history of constructing settlements in the West Bank. This appears to be a veiled threat from the U.S. to Netanyahu to "pump the breaks" in more ways than one: *You start doing what we want or you'll lose what little protection we're still giving you.*

This "protection," however, is meaningless when one considers the U.S. under Obama-Biden is *actively empowering Israel's enemies*—and trying to be as low-key about it as possible. The *Washington Free Beacon* reported on February 6 that U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken renewed sanction waivers for Russia and for Israel's greatest enemy, Iran. The waivers, a vestige of Obama's 2016 Iran nuclear deal, allow Russia to assist Iran in its *nuclear program*.

"The waivers ... provide billions in profit for Russian-state controlled firms, such as the Rosatom nuclear company, for work at Iran's Fordow nuclear plant, a contested military site suspected of housing Tehran's nuclear weapons program," the *Washington Free Beacon* wrote. "At this site, Iran is enriching uranium, the key component in a nuclear weapon, to purity levels that international observers worry put it within reach of a bomb. By permitting cooperation, critics charge that the Biden administration is allowing Tehran to develop its nuclear program while enriching Russia through business with state-controlled organizations."

Iran is the world's main sponsor of Islamic terrorism; its leaders have vowed to "wipe Israel off of the map." Everybody knows that some of the first targets to be programmed into an Iranian nuclear targeting system will be Israeli cities. Yet Obama and Biden are actively assisting the Islamist terrorist regime of Iran and endangering the parliamentary democracy of Israel!

Even more unusual is that the White House tried to keep the sanction waivers secret. Congress wasn't even informed until February 3—and only after the *Washington Free Beacon* started asking government officials about it.

Facilitating Iran's nuclear program while cooperating with Ukraine aggressor Russia *looks* bad and *is* bad. Obama and Biden would just as soon you didn't know about it, but even if you do, they will ram it through with as much force as the 2016 nuclear deal.

The last time America was this hostile to Israel was during the Obama presidency. U.S. Middle East policy—especially toward Iran—was actively endangering Israel's security. Obama concluded his presidency in 2017 with a precedent-breaking betrayal at the UN. Biden's presidency extends Obama's policy. The recent U.S.-Israel bickering must be interpreted within the context of the Obama-led campaign to weaken and ostracize Israel and Netanyahu.

Why is the United States mortally endangering its brother nation and empowering—with nuclear technology—the Islamists who cheered 9/11 and who call the U.S. and Israel the "great Satan" and the "little Satan"?

One biblical prophecy in particular sheds light on this mystery.

Bitter Affliction

"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" (2 Kings 14:26-27).

Both the State of Israel and the United States trace their ancestries back to ancient Israel. Judah (the Jewish people) was only one tribe among 12. In Bible prophecy, "Israel" primarily refers to the U.S., Britain and the State of Israel.

The book of Kings is part of the former prophets. This is both a historical record and prophecy for the modern nations of Israel, as *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains in his book *America Under Attack*. Efforts to "blot out the name of Israel" are causing so many the problems America is suffering, including its deteriorating relationship

with its brothers in the State of Israel. But the Bible also reveals that God will stop the destruction—temporarily—by the hand of a man foreshadowed by the ancient King Jeroboam II.

Mr. Flurry wrote this in his September 2022 article "Britain's and Judah's Governments Fall—America Next?": "When Barack Obama was president, he was terribly unmerciful to the Jewish nation of Israel. But in President [Donald] Trump's first term, he saved the Jewish nation of Israel (biblical Judah) from much of Obama's tyranny. He supported Israel in many ways, including scrapping the Iran deal, moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and helping Israel sign the 'Abraham Accords' with Arab nations in the region. Joe Biden has taken America back to the terrorist-supporting policies of Barack Obama."

The prophecy continues: "Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam ... and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?" (verse 28).

God is still in the process of temporarily saving the United States and the other nations of modern Israel through a modern Jeroboam. Notice that when He does, the victories of this man will involve the Jewish nation.

Like the Americans, the Jewish people are under great threat from enemies within and without. America's current government is doing all it can to make this stress greater. If there ever was a time when Israel needed saving, it is now.

"[T]he indication is that Jeroboam reclaimed something to help Judah, the Jewish nation," Mr. Flurry wrote. "This verse ties the politics of the U.S. and Judah together."

The temporary saving of the State of Israel has yet to materialize. But the desperate need for it is becoming clearer and clearer. And this respite from its troubles *will* come. It will start when those leading America and attempting to "blot out the name of Israel" meet their day of reckoning. ■

Trump in Bible prophecy

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PHARMAGEDDON

WHEN LEGAL DRUGS KILL



By one estimate, prescription medication is the fourth-leading cause of death among Americans. **BY JORG MARDIAN**

DURING ALMOST EVERY TELEVISION commercial break, you will see an ad for some brand of medication. It will tell you that if you just purchase this particular pharmaceutical, you can be as happy as these actors walking along the beach at sunset: You can reduce inflammation, control heartburn, sleep more, and live a better life. These are audacious claims. Not only are they inaccurate, they are outright lies.

The real story is that more people die in the United States every year from prescription drug abuse than from heroin and cocaine combined. But even if you don't become an addict, should you place your faith in dangerous, addictive chemicals? Or is there an alternative to drugs that can produce the improved health so many people yearn for?

What Do Statistics Say?

The amount of harm stemming from inappropriate prescription medication is staggering. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 1.3 million people visited U.S. emergency rooms due to adverse drug

effects in 2014, and about 124,000 died from them. If we add prescribing errors, overdoses and errant self-medication, legal medications are the fourth-leading cause of death in America.

All that bad medicine is costly too. The U.S. has easily the most expensive health-care system in the world. In 2016, the U.S. spent \$3.3 trillion on health care, more than all the yearly goods and services produced by Britain, Canada, France or any other country except four.

A total of \$6.4 billion was spent on drug advertising in 2016, 64 percent more than in 2012 and \$1.3 billion more than the Food and Drug

Administration's entire 2017 budget. Statistics show this type of aggressive marketing pays off handsomely. By 2024, about 4.9 billion retail prescriptions will be filled, averaging about 14 for every man, woman and child.

With Americans taking so much medicine, shouldn't they be among the world's healthiest people? Yet studies show that Americans suffer worse health problems and experience lower life expectancies than those in many other industrialized nations. It's a paradox: Spend more on health, become less healthy.

Peddling Magic Pixie Dust

More and more scholars who scrutinize health research now claim that almost everything you hear about medicines is wrong. They're not talking about individual studies but the very framework of medical investigation. They say numerous medical findings are unproved at best and dangerously wrong at worst.

In 2013, the *Los Angeles Times* covered the incessant drive among medical researchers to have their work published in a top journal. This motivates them to

hype their results. Their work is peer-reviewed, meaning that eminent scientists look at it before it is published. But unpaid reviewers seldom have the time or inclination to devote the effort necessary to unearth a study's flaws.

For example, a major study concluded that there is no credible evidence that statins (drugs like Lipitor and Crestor) help people without a history of heart disease. But statin sales are \$20 billion per year, so the publication of these findings was delayed as patients continued to receive ineffective treatment.

Numerous other studies concluding that popular antidepressants work by altering brain chemistry have now been contradicted. So too has research claiming that early cancer detection invariably saves lives. The list is endless.

The FDA (which is responsible for protecting public health by regulating pharmaceuticals) should be investigating these shenanigans. But a 2000 *USA Today* study found that more than half of the experts on the FDA advisory committees had financial relationships with drug companies, an obvious conflict of interest.

It's an incestuous relationship that forges a climate of corporate criminality, fraud, kickbacks, price-setting, aggressive marketing and illegal sales activities, says the Bureau of Investigative Journalism.

The end result is no surprise. These powerful drugs—produced for profit, poorly peer-reviewed, portrayed in journals as if they were reliable, marketed with billions of dollars, and prescribed by doctors and regulators with financial ties to the pharmaceutical industry—are *killing people*.

Another non-surprise is that criminal settlements against pharmaceutical companies are ineffective at stopping illegal behavior. The penalties are not high enough to offset obscene drug profits. Pharmaceutical companies account for these payouts as a "cost of doing business."

What about your doctor? Does he or she care about you? A report published in *PLoS Medicine* showed that pharmaceutical sales agents—basically drug dealers in Armani suits—regularly infiltrate physicians’ offices. Trained in some of the most potent persuasion techniques, their job is to increase drug sales with finely titrated doses of manipulation. And they achieve their sales targets, even if they have to use perverse incentives.

Doctors have profited immensely from these dangerous drugs, states a CNN report titled “The More Opioids Doctors Prescribe, the More Money They Make.” The result is that tens of thousands of Americans die from prescription opioid overdoses each year.

What Can You Do?

The pharmaceutical industry wants you to swallow its version of “health care.” These companies understand that disease is caused by poor food choices and a sedentary lifestyle. They also know there is no such thing as a risk-free drug with no side effects. But most importantly, they know that sick people will spend a lot of money to buy a “cure.”

This leads us back to our part in this cycle. We naturally want to keep doing the pleasurable easy things (eating what we want, sitting as much as we want, etc). We do these things even when we know that they hurt our health. Then we try to solve the problem by again doing the easy thing: buying a pill.

Face the truth. Face the real cause—and the real cure—for health problems.

In *The Plain Truth About Healing*, Herbert W. Armstrong emphasized the role of the Creator in human health and obeying His laws of health: eat nutritious foods; uphold cleanliness and hygiene; get sunshine, fresh air, sufficient exercise and sleep; avoid bodily injury; maintain a positive mental attitude; and bring your Creator into your health decisions.

Our industrialized, profit-driven society is set up to conflict with these principles of health. But you can avoid being another prescription medicine statistic. Study our free reprint “**We Are What We Eat**,” follow the Creator’s laws of health, and obtain the vigorous, good health that He created you to enjoy. ■

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the men who lead such powers as “beasts”—they think like wild animals, wanting to conquer, pillage, burn and destroy. As the U.S. falls in power, it is being replaced by leaders who act like wild, raging beasts!

We all must recognize this reality. Yet most people don’t believe God and fail to see clearly the evil that human beings are capable of.

Trump’s Error

Donald Trump recently boasted that, during his presidency, Russia didn’t attack. “Don’t forget, under Bush they [took] over Georgia. Under Obama they took over Crimea. And under Biden, they’re taking over everything,” Mr. Trump told Sean Hannity. “And under Trump, you know what they took over? They took over nothing. Russia. First time, first president in a long time He [Putin] understood. He would have never done it.”

Perhaps that is true. President Trump did have a bolder foreign policy in some areas. But he was also woefully wrong in other areas, as we will see. Anyone who thinks that Trump can single-handedly restore America’s standing in the world—and HEAL the national will and pride in our power that GOD HIMSELF has broken because of our sins—is terribly mistaken!

In that interview, Mr. Trump added, “That’s without even negotiating a deal. I could have negotiated. At worst, I could have made a deal to take over something; you know, there are certain areas that are Russian-speaking areas And now Ukraine is just being blown to smithereens.”

Mr. Trump believes he could negotiate with Vladimir Putin, giving him sections of Ukraine and expecting this to pacify him. THAT REVEALS A TOTAL LACK OF COMPREHENSION ABOUT WHO HE IS DEALING WITH.

President Trump said that Putin is a man that he “got along really well with.” Is that true? Is that wise? Should *anyone* get along with an evil man like the prince of Russia?

CAN GOD GET ALONG WITH THE DEVIL?

Throughout his presidency, Donald Trump had a consistent message for Europe: *You must step up militarily*. He complained that America was paying too much for NATO and that Europe wasn’t pulling its weight. He particularly pushed Germany to remilitarize. He encouraged it to increase its military spending to 4 percent of its gross domestic product—a figure that would make this nation, against whom America and the Allies fought in World War II, the third-greatest defense spender in the world after America and China! Even 2 percent would make it a bigger spender than Russia. But combine such spending with the other nations of the EU, and Trump was advocating transforming Europe into a military superpower!

What Donald Trump doesn’t realize is that Bible prophecy shows that it is not *Russia* America needs to be concerned about, or even China. The power we MOST need to watch out for in end-time events is EUROPE.

During his term, Trump had limited success in encouraging gargantuan



spending increases in Germany and the rest of Europe. But then Russia invaded Ukraine. This provoked several European states to boost their militaries and intensify their military cooperation considerably. The Biden administration is pushing them to militarize all the more. The money and armaments it has been pouring into Ukraine is also heightening what is essentially an arms race between Europe and Asia.

Prophecy shows that America’s efforts will backfire spectacularly. The superpower that is prophesied to destroy and dethrone America and take its place in

dominating the world is a German-led European alliance!

Just as with Iran, it is a broken-willed *America* that is unwittingly contributing to the rise of this major end-time power, called in prophecy “the king of the north.”

The king of the north and the king of the south not only both prominently feature in end-time prophecy, they also feature in the Bible’s forecast about what will trigger the next world war.

How World War III Will Start

Ukraine is not specifically described in biblical prophecy. However, it could factor in significantly in one way.

The present-day European power called the king of the north is also portrayed in Daniel 2 as the 10 toes of a great statue. These toes represent 10 European “kings”—five in one geographic area and five in another (verses 41-44), united briefly in an unwieldy, fractious alliance of iron and clay.

So prophecy instructs us to watch for a transformation in Europe from its present composition of 27 member states to a leaner, pared-down alliance of 10 powers under 10 rulers: five in Western Europe, five in Eastern Europe.

Daniel 11:40-41, a prophecy about “the time of the end,” describes a mighty clash: the king of the south, a radical Islamic alliance led by Iran, provoking the king of the north, the 10 European kings led by Germany, into a catastrophic war that destroys Iran and swallows many other Middle Eastern nations. Other prophecies show that this clash will mark the beginning of this European power’s world domination—which will include the

destruction of

America, Britain and the Jewish state of Israel! (You can read about this in our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.)

This, according to prophecy, is how World War III will begin.

Many prophecies show that nuclear weapons will be used in this coming war. (Read my free booklet *Nuclear Armageddon Is ‘At the Door.’*) However, this war will *not* be initiated by a nuclear strike from Russia. In fact, Russia’s nukes won’t factor into these events until later.

Once that European power has conquered mightily and is bestriding the Middle East, it will then hear troubling “tidings out of the east and out of the north” (verse 44)—that is, from an Asian



alliance described in Revelation 16:12 as “the kings of the east.” This power will be led by Russia and, secondarily, by China.

Prophecy warns of catastrophic world war then enveloping these two remaining great powers!

The precise dividing line between these 10 European kings and the kings of the east, which will certainly include some former Soviet states, is still to be determined. It will be decided by events

in the time between now and the outbreak of that nuclear world war.

I believe Germany has already given Ukraine to Russia in a secret deal.

The Ukraine conflict has brought the kings of the east closer together: China has proved itself willing to defend Russia even against opposition from the rest of the world.

This is the overarching picture that prophecy gives us of end-time events. Watch closely how America’s fundamental weakness hinders its effectiveness in aiding Ukraine. Watch for Europe to continue augmenting its military capability and cooperation. Watch for Russia, with Vladimir Putin at the helm, to emerge victorious, or at least unbroken.

Watch for the dividing line between Europe and Asia to be solidified. Watch for this powerful Asian alliance to continue to strengthen.

And realize that ALL of these events are happening according to the prophecies of the great God, who is bringing them to pass! These are momentous signs of God’s mighty power—signs that He gave for us to watch, signs of the final days of this age of man! As Daniel 2:44-45 promise, “And in the days of these [10 European] 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. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.” ■



We told you how World War III will start. Now get to know the nations involved.

Which nations will strike first and which nations will suffer first? Order your free copies of **Germany and the Holy Roman Empire**, **The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia’** and **The King of the South** to get the Bible prophecy-based answers.

The Factor Needed for a Stable Economy

Universal prosperity is coming—and by very different means than today’s economists use.

THE UNITED STATES AND ECONOMIES AROUND THE WORLD are facing collapse. Massive amounts of wealth are created from nothing and vanish into nothing. Corruption is systemic. Stealing is occurring on an incalculable scale. Don’t you long for right government and a right economy? Could that be in our future? If so, how?

Did you know that Jesus Christ’s message is about a *literal* future government? He said that the Kingdom of God, a literal government, will be restored to Earth when He returns. Throughout our 6,000-year history, human beings have rejected God’s rule and created their own systems of governance and economics. That will end when Christ returns; meanwhile He has been preparing leaders to staff that future government.

One example is Joseph. When he was young, his brothers sold him into slavery, one of the worst economic, social and political positions possible. He was forced to serve in the house of an Egyptian officer named Potiphar. Remarkably, this young slave actually became a “prosperous man” (Genesis 39:2). Potiphar took note of Joseph’s wise stewardship and gave him control over all his possessions and affairs. God blessed Potiphar’s house all the more as a result of the kindness he showed Joseph. A financial and economic factor was at work that economists never consider: God’s blessings!

Joseph was in a position not unlike today’s politicians. He was given charge over large amounts of wealth, none of which belonged to him. God tested him to see if he could handle the goods of another with honesty, diligence, prudence and wisdom. With those often-overlooked traits, an economic boon could come to Egypt that would extend far beyond Potiphar’s house.

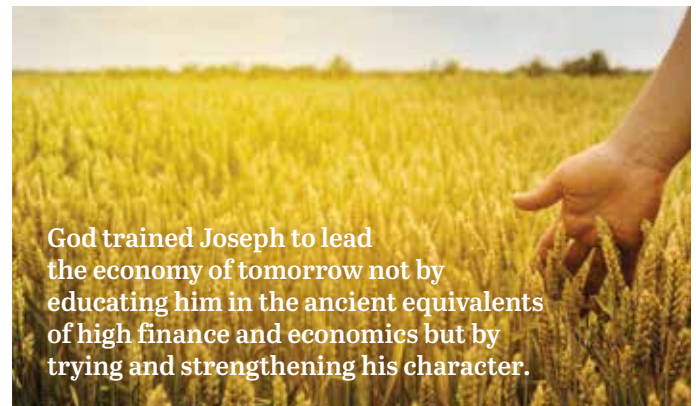
“And he [Potiphar] left *all that he had* in Joseph’s hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured” (verse 6). With Joseph overseeing his estate, Potiphar did not worry about one thing. Even as a slave, Joseph did not waste his money, wear out his equipment, fall into debt, cause problems with his staff, or covet the many possessions Potiphar had that he lacked.

Joseph’s character also saved him from giving in to Potiphar’s wife when she repeatedly tried to tempt him. When she accused him of trying to seduce her, Potiphar had Joseph imprisoned, and he went from being a successful slave to a prisoner. Yet even in jail, Joseph proved himself trustworthy and was eventually given charge over all the prisoners! Much like Potiphar, “[t]he keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him [Joseph], and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper” (verse 23). Joseph spent *two years* “prospering” in prison.

Then the king of Egypt summoned him to interpret one of his dreams. Joseph gave Pharaoh God’s interpretation: Egypt

would experience seven years of prosperity followed by seven years of famine (Genesis 41:25-30). Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint a wise man to oversee Egypt’s economy in preparation for the seven lean years (verse 33).

Pharaoh, like Potiphar and the jail-keeper, saw that Joseph understood how to handle prosperity. “Thou shalt be over my house,” he told Joseph, “and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt” (verses 40-41).



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As a slave, Joseph cared for Potiphar’s affairs. As a prisoner, he cared for the jail-keeper’s affairs. As second-in-command to Pharaoh, he cared for the affairs of the entire nation! Yet even this was merely preparation for his future government position in the Kingdom of God.

“Joseph became food administrator of the greatest nation on earth of that time—Egypt” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. “Joseph was synonymous with ‘prosperity.’ ... [H]is specialty was dealing with the economy—with prosperity. And what he did, he did God’s way.

“It seems evident, therefore, that Joseph will be made director of the world’s economy—its agriculture, its industry, its technology, and its commerce—as well as its money and monetary system. These systems will be on the international level, the same in every nation.”

God trained Joseph to lead the economy of tomorrow not by educating him in the ancient equivalents of high finance and economics but by trying and strengthening his *character*. Godly character, obedience to God and blessings from God are the reason that Joseph was—and will be—synonymous with *prosperity*, along with those under his governance in the soon-coming Kingdom of God.

WORLDWATCH

MIDDLE EAST

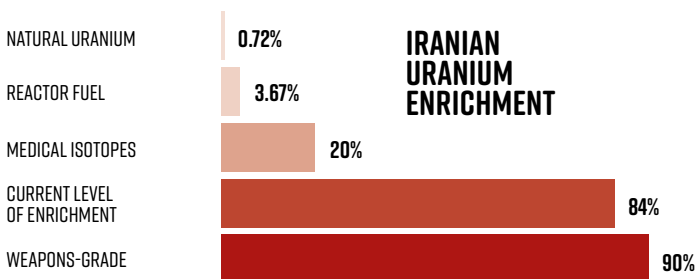
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Israel is experiencing what some say are the largest protests in the country's history. The spark was a plan advanced by Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** to reform the nation's Supreme Court.

Supreme Court justices are currently appointed by a nine-member committee with a minority of its members coming

from the government. Over time, the court has grown increasingly activist and has expanded its power; it can veto cabinet appointments and new laws passed by elected representatives.

Netanyahu has proposed giving the government a majority on the appointment committee and giving representatives in the Knesset the power to block Supreme Court rulings with a simple majority vote. The court could overrule the Knesset only if its 15 justices agree unanimously.



EUROPE

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Europeans have shown significant indications that their views on military are changing. A poll published by public broadcaster ZDF on March 3 revealed that 62 percent of people in **Germany** want to increase military spending, even if it means cutting spending elsewhere or taking on debt. The poll found that 32 percent are against the idea and 6 percent are undecided. One in 4 said they are willing to give up a bank holiday to provide the necessary funding. **Denmark** went further on February 28 and canceled a public holiday to increase tax revenue to be used for its military.

For decades, Germany has kept military spending low to enable high social spending.

Now, after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, German attitudes are changing. The *Trumpet* watches Germany's militarization closely. To learn more, read "[Ukraine Is Hastening a New Germany](#)."

Germans want a bigger military, but their current leader is proving to be a disappointment in making that a reality. Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** announced a massive new €100 billion military fund that made headlines around the world after Russia invaded Ukraine. But he may not be the one to fully implement it. He is currently under investigation for corruption. In 2016, Hamburg tax authorities noticed tax fraud committed by the Warburg Bank and demanded \$49.6 million in repayment. The bank disputed the case, contacted Hamburg's government, and the case was dropped. Scholz was the first mayor of Hamburg

Israeli leftists responded on March 11 by massing as many as 500,000 people on the streets of Tel Aviv, Haifa and other cities to protest against Netanyahu. Sympathetic army reservists are refusing to participate in training. Some fear that revolution or civil war is on the horizon.

"[T]here are radical movements inside the U.S., Britain and now Israel that are seeking to tear down the nation," the *Trumpet* wrote on July 23, 2020 ("[The Next Jewish Revolt?](#)"). "Those movements have been at work for years, undermining the Bible-based values systems and promoting lawlessness. And now, those radical movements are taking to the streets." Three years on, the division in Israeli society has only grown deeper.

Other serious threats to Middle Eastern stability simmer. On February 24, **Iran** confirmed that it has purified uranium to roughly 84 percent purity. Only trace amounts of this uranium have been confirmed, but when

enriched to 90 percent, the material is suitable for a nuclear warhead. Iran has insisted that its nuclear program is for civilian purposes, but it has been enriching uranium at 60 percent level for two years, and even this level of enrichment has no civilian application.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry states in his booklet *Nuclear Armageddon Is 'At the Door'* that Iranian Supreme Leader **Ali Khamenei** has "changed the nuclear equation in this world. [He relishes] the idea of a nuclear war!" The more that is revealed about Iran's covert developments, the more we see Iran "changing the nuclear equation of the world."

In Africa, **Somalia** is facing what the United Nations has called "the longest and most severe drought in its history." The Horn of Africa usually has two wet seasons a year, but the past five wet seasons have all failed and the current season is failing as well. **Ethiopia** and **Kenya** have

at the time. Shortly after that, a large amount of money showed up in a safe deposit box of one of his colleagues. The bribery allegations were already causing Scholz problems, and now there are accusations of a cover-up. The chief investigator into these allegations is from Scholz's own party, so it remains to be seen how long Scholz will last.

The *Trumpet* watches Germany's ongoing leadership crisis closely, looking for a truly commanding German leader to emerge. Daniel 8:23 states: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." Scholz will not be that man. The *Trumpet's* view of who he may be appears in our free booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent*.

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also been affected, suffering dramatic damage to agriculture and food production. In February, the UN estimated that over 8 million people “require immediate lifesaving aid and protection,” equivalent to almost half of Somalia’s population. Roughly 1.5 million people have already been displaced and at least 3.5 million livestock have died. Save the Children stated on March 1 that “about half of children under 5 in Somalia [are] facing malnutrition.”

The Bible warns that famines will increase worldwide in the end time (Matthew 24:7). Sub-Saharan Africa is no stranger to weather disasters. But the intensity of these disasters is increasing. The statistics of people impacted are sobering. But Matthew 24 also states that prophesied crises like famines ultimately lead to the best-possible news: the return of Jesus Christ (verses 30-31). This is the perspective needed as tragedies like the one in Somalia multiply in the time ahead. ■

ASIA

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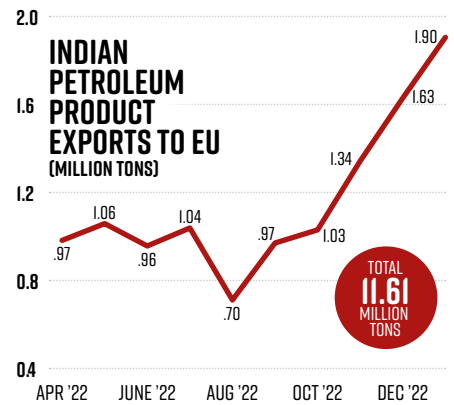
Asian nations continue to grow more dictatorial and more supportive of **Russia**.

Xi Jinping secured an unprecedented third consecutive five-year term as president of **China** on March 10, after the nation’s legislature approved the measure with a vote of 2,952 to zero. Xi was also given a third term as chairman of the Central Military Commission. These two offices are added to that of general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, for which Xi awarded himself a third term in October 2022.

Occupying this trinity of top posts for a third term represents a momentous break from tradition, in which previous Chinese leaders stepped aside after 10 years. Yet it is unsurprising for a leader who has methodically sidelined rivals and stacked the Communist Party with loyalists

since rising to power in 2012. Xi’s authority is now unquestioned, the firepower of the 2 million-strong People’s Liberation Army is now entirely in his hands, and he is positioned to rule China for as long as he lives.

The *Trumpet* watches Xi’s expanding power and increasing aggression because Bible prophecy reveals that as America’s global power declines two massive blocs will emerge. One will be a European alliance operating in the tradition of the Holy Roman Empire. The other will be “the kings of the east,” headed by Russia, with China in a secondary leadership position, supported by **India**, **Japan** and other Asian nations. The Bible makes plain that these two blocs will join forces against America before clashing



against each other in the most violent conflict in human history. The fact that Xi can now rule for life and is steering China in an increasingly belligerent direction indicates how near these future events may be.

Meanwhile, data published by the Indian government on March 13 shows that **India’s oil exports to the European Union** grew by 20 percent from April 2022 to January 2023. A considerable portion of these sales is Russian oil. India mixes it with oil from other nations and then resells it to the EU, even while Europe and the West claim to be boycotting Russia due to its war on **Ukraine**.

“U.S. Treasury officials have two main goals,” said Ben Cahill, senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies: “[K]eep the market well supplied, and deprive Russia of oil revenue. They are aware that Indian and Chinese refiners can earn bigger margins by buying discounted Russian crude and exporting products at market prices. They’re fine with that.”

India currently strives for a somewhat neutral stance between the West and Russia. As long as it benefits from trade with the West, it will continue walking that tightrope. However, prophecy reveals that India will soon side with the East against the West. You can read more about this in our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*. ■

TOPSHOT A protester holds an umbrella to protect himself from tear gas during a demonstration on March 15, the eighth day of protests across France against the government’s proposed pensions overhaul.



ANGLO-AMERICA

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The bodies and minds of Americans are being physically and spiritually polluted. This fact is highlighted by perhaps the worst environmental catastrophe in United States history. On February 3, a 150-car train derailed in East Palestine, Ohio. About 50 cars caught fire and burned for days. Eleven were carrying as much as 300,000 gallons of toxic chemicals, much of which has been released into the air and is spreading through the soil and water.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources estimates that more than 43,000 aquatic animals have died, and medical practitioners report that dozens of East Palestine residents have contracted “chemical bronchitis.” Yet the federal government was conspicuously slow to extend help. Many have attributed this to East Palestine’s political leanings toward **Donald Trump** and away from **Joe Biden**. The bitter affliction of America (2 Kings 14:26-27) continues.

Meanwhile, federal officials are devoting resources and effort to give children sexually explicit material. Florida Governor **Ron DeSantis** played a video at a March 8 press conference exposing Florida school

library book illustrations of minors engaged in sexual activity, as well as instructions on how to masturbate, commit perverse sex acts and download apps that facilitate “casual intercourse.”

Many of the books highlighted in the video, such as *Gender Queer*, *Let’s Talk About It* and *This Book Is Gay*, have appeared at other schools. Another, *Nick and Charlie*, contains shockingly explicit perverse sex; it gained attention when an 11-year-old boy read aloud from it at a school board meeting in Maine.

The spread of perverse sex in schools is no accident. Much of it traces back to **Planned Parenthood**. A Claremont Institute report shows that Planned Parenthood, which has received billions from the federal government, is the main force distributing explicit sexual material to schools.

Jude 7 is the strongest warning in the Bible against what is being pushed on American schoolchildren. It warns that nations that

live like Sodom and Gomorrah will suffer “the vengeance of eternal fire.” To learn what God thinks of homosexuality, transgenderism, and other sex sins, request your free copy of *Redefining Family*.

On March 2, investigative journalist **Matt Taibbi** published *Twitter Files 17.0*, exposing how the government funds a group dedicated to censoring conservative Americans. He revealed that the U.S. State Department worked with the Atlantic Council’s digital forensic research lab to censor 40,000 Twitter accounts associated with India’s Bharatiya Janata Party. Yet internal e-mails between the Atlantic Council and former Twitter head of Trust and Safety **Yoel Roth** show that this blacklist was full of conservative Americans with zero connection to India. The same government allowing toxic pollution in the environment and pouring toxic sex ideas into your children’s minds is treating American traditions and morals as if they are more toxic than either. ■

FEATURED FEEDBACK



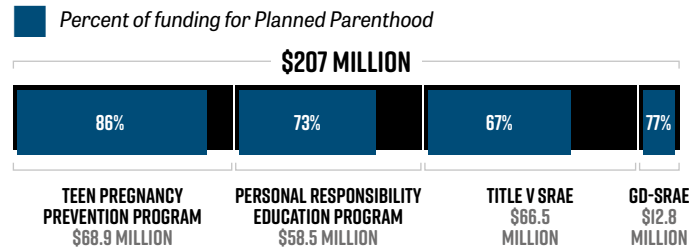
I appreciate the magazine so much. I read through it as soon as it comes in. I loved the article “**Jeremiah Builds a Kingdom**” (March 2023). It’s wonderful. I especially like your articles on archaeology. Thank you!

Donna Young MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

In regards to your article “**Ray Epps Confesses He ‘Orchestrated’ January 6**,” it is shocking that people have not been told the truth. It’s a shame.

Craig Dunlap JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

FOLLOW THE MONEY In fiscal years 2020 to 2023, four federal programs provided \$207 million in taxpayer funds for sex education. Roughly 80 percent of this money went to radical gender ideology programs endorsed by Planned Parenthood.



CORRECTION: In the April issue, we mistakenly said the “Satan shoes” advertised during the Super Bowl were a collaboration with Nike. Instead, the shoes are a Nike knock-off—Nike had no part in these shoes’ creation. The *Trumpet* regrets the error.

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Humans Are Limited—for Now

Our wildest aspirations are woefully artificial compared to our incredible genuine potential.

THE HUMAN BODY AND MIND ARE UNIQUE WITHIN THE PHYSICAL universe. Scientists still cannot explain how we are so different, so superior in our capabilities to any other creatures. Yet still our bodies age, get sick and wear out. Our minds clash, fail and succumb to futility. Will we overcome these limitations through our inventions? Or does the Inventor of human beings have another plan?

Technology has repeatedly revolutionized our world. The steam engine and electricity have surpassed what human muscle and animal force can do. Artificial intelligence is now seeking to outperform the human brain.

Human beings have invented and inserted computers into every aspect of their lives. Computer programs are now able to create illustrations, program code and pass law exams. Now we are researching how to insert computers directly into our brains. Just like engines made us stronger, computers promise to make us smarter. We want to use silicon, electricity and transistors to transcend our own human limitations.

Where will it end? If we can control robotic limbs with our brain, connect our minds to endless data, could we challenge mortality itself?

From healing the sick to expanding the brain capacity, from stopping the aging process to overcoming mortality—*modern technologies promise all*.

The aging process in mice has already been reversed. Now futurologists dream of living forever—in the flesh, and even in virtual reality.

But in all that, mankind has forgotten his Creator. “From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works” (Psalm 33:14-15). God has created the human mind—and He alone knows the human heart (Jeremiah 17:9-10).

There is a nonorganic component already connected to our brain. It does what scientists and theorists can only imagine. It equips us with intellect, it provides and preserves our personalities, and it serves as the bridge from mortality to immortality. It is the “spirit in man” (Job 32:8). With it, our Creator has given us a way to become something far greater than the most optimistic and imaginative futurist has ever dreamed.

As the late Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages* of today’s philosophers and humanists: “Human life is at once of infinitesimally less value than they suppose, and at the same time of supremely greater potential than they know.”

Though God created us human, limited and capable of dying, through the human spirit, He gave us intellect, the possibility to be resurrected to mortal flesh (Ezekiel 37) or to spirit when combined with God’s Holy Spirit (Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 15). God’s Holy Spirit, unlike the human spirit, is not given to us at conception; it is rather a gift that God gives to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32), repent and are baptized (Acts 2:38).

Combining our human spirit with God’s Spirit opens the door to understanding “the deep things of God” (1 Corinthians 2:10). It allows us to understand the cause of our human troubles and shows the way to an unlimited future free of troubles. The Holy Spirit opens our minds to understand the Holy Bible, and the Bible “reveals to us WHY we humans were put here on Earth—WHAT we are—WHERE we are going—the unrealized incredible human potential—HOW to operate this human mechanism of mind and body to live happily in peace and to achieve that awesome potential,” Mr. Armstrong wrote in *What Science Can’t Discover About the Human Mind*.

“MAN, to be born ultimately into the very GOD FAMILY, was designed to have a GODLY-type MIND—ability to think, to reason, to make choices and decisions, capable of forming ethical, moral and spiritual attitudes” (ibid).

When you ponder the existence of human beings, it is virtually self-evident that this is what the unique, powerful human mind was *created for*. But no computer, no “artificial intelligence”

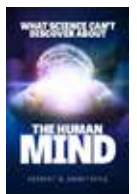
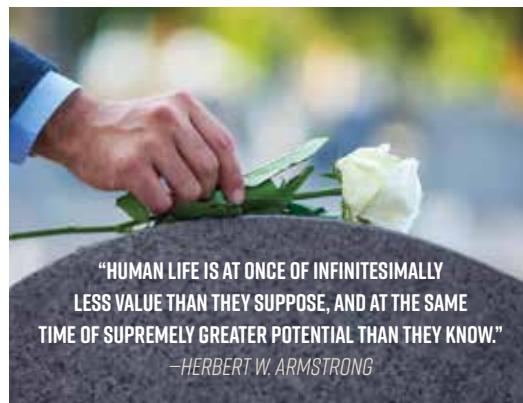
program, no ever-so-advanced electronic implant, can develop a mind that makes right decisions, practices right morals, and cultivates and lives by right attitudes.

The Creator of human beings *has given us* the potential we yearn for. But we have rejected His laws and sought to invent our own potential and means of achieving it. Humanity remains in rebellion, committing self-destructive acts, resisting the guidance of its Creator, and striving—in vain—to seize superhuman abilities and eternal life. If it were even possible to achieve this, we would only multiply our own vanity, futility and suffering.

God created us for the purpose of growing by *using* the physical and spiritual laws He created and by submitting to His guidance and receiving His power. Just as we grew anatomically, physiologically and neurologically in the womb to the point of birth, we were created to grow in thinking, in morals, in attitudes to the point of spiritual birth (John 3:1-8).

Yes, you were born to be *more than human*. The leading scientists in the field lack even a rudimentary understanding of this transcendent purpose and potential of man. But you can learn it, and with the help of your Creator, you can achieve it. ■

Request your free copy of *What Science Can’t Discover About the Human Mind*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.



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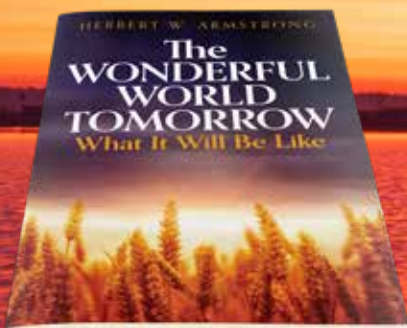
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