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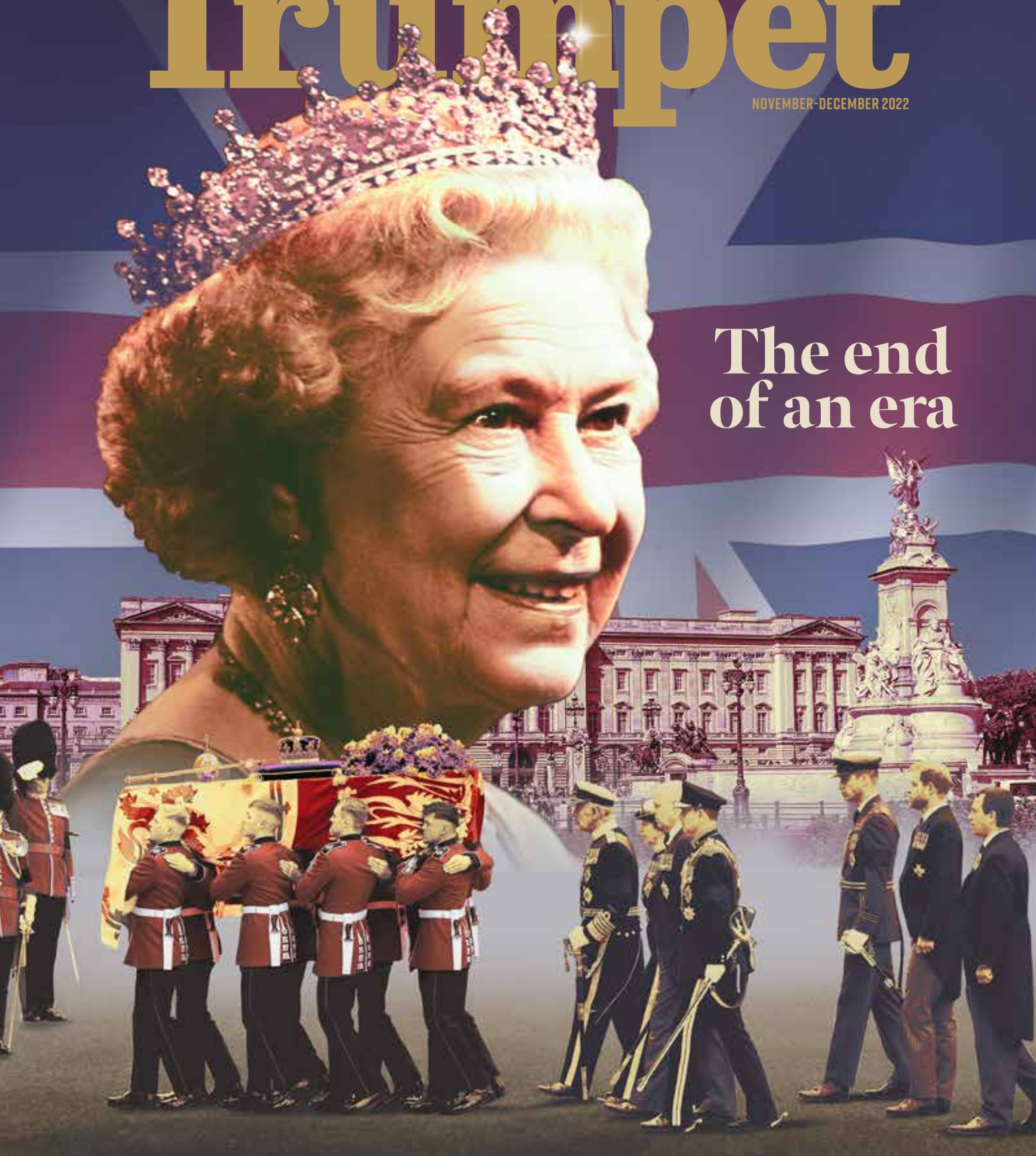
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FROM THE EDITOR
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Fascism Reawakens in Italy

SIXTY MILLION PEOPLE DIED IN WORLD WAR II. THAT IS A staggering number that must never be forgotten.

Yet we are allowing that history to repeat itself, and too few are paying attention.

Germany started World Wars I and II. Yet Italy also played an important role in the Second World War, during which Adolf Hitler was allied with Benito Mussolini, the leader of Italy.

Mussolini called his Italian empire the Holy Roman Empire. He saw that his alliance with Hitler had a long history; it tied back to an empire that has risen repeatedly in Europe.

We have been forecasting for over 75 years that this same empire will rise once more. When it does, it will launch a war even more destructive than World War II.

THIS EMPIRE TOOK A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN ITALY'S RECENT ELECTION. YET NOBODY IS TALKING ABOUT IT!

The undisputed winner of Italy's September 25 election was Giorgia Meloni. Her party, the Brothers of Italy, won 26 percent of the vote and will be the largest party in Italy's Parliament. Two other right-wing parties worked together with Meloni in the election. Altogether they won 44 percent of the vote. Italy has a complicated system of deciding how many seats each party gets in Parliament, but once everything has been decided, this right-wing alliance is certain to hold a majority in both houses.

MELONI WILL BE ITALY'S NEXT PRIME MINISTER. AND SHE HAS A DIRECT CONNECTION WITH BENITO MUSSOLINI.

The people of Italy killed Mussolini at the end of World War II because of the destruction he brought to their country. The return of his party is a threat to Italy and to the whole world.

Mussolini's History

There is clearly a growing appetite for Mussolini in Italy today. The dictator's great-grandson ran for office for the Brothers of Italy. The party printed posters using his name. The Associated Press wrote at the time, "The strength of Mussolini's rhetoric, drawing heavily on the old glory of the Roman Empire, still has not lost political currency."

Few see something to fear here. But Mussolini fashioned his empire after the Roman Empire. He modeled his famous salute on that used by the Romans. He copied their eagles. Even the term "fascism" is a direct reference to the symbol of power in the Roman Empire. He then gained the support of the Catholic Church and led his country to war. Mussolini prepared the way for Adolf Hitler, who copied him and used the same formula.

Many on the political right welcome Meloni's success. She is an eloquent opponent of the homosexual movement that is

doing so much damage to American families and society. She often extols the importance of family. She rightly points out the hardship caused by mass immigration in Italy. These are issues that truly resonate with conservatives in the United States.

Unlike so many American politicians, Meloni is happy to bring God into her politics. Her slogan is "God, homeland and family." This sounds good, but her attitude toward religion matches exactly the spirit that the Bible warns us to watch for.

Even in this, Meloni is following in Mussolini's footsteps. In 1929, Mussolini signed a treaty with the Vatican, making Catholicism the only state-recognized religion. He granted the Catholic Church many privileges in exchange for its support.

Notice what we write in *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*: "Just days after Mussolini signed the Lateran Treaty in February 1929, Adolf Hitler praised the agreement in an article in *Volkischer Beobachter*, the newspaper of the Nationalist Socialist German Workers' Party. Hitler held no political office at this time, but subsequent events reveal that he was already anticipating the day when he would become a sort of German Mussolini" SO MUSSOLINI, IN THAT SENSE, PAVED THE WAY FOR HITLER, AND THEY UNITED AND STARTED WORLD WAR II.

The Brothers of Italy have similar policies. They talk a lot about Europe's Christian heritage and the importance of family. These points sound good—but we must put them in this historical context. Mussolini's alliance with the Catholic Church bore terrible fruits!

The Bible specifically warns us to expect a return of the same empire that Hitler and Mussolini led, with the same relationship with the Catholic Church.

Seven Resurrections

The theme of Revelation 17 is a terrifying, fierce beast power that is going to cause destruction on a scale never yet seen on Earth!

It describes a beast with seven heads, and it tells us that these heads represent an empire that rises and falls seven times. Each time, it is led by a king—some kind of authoritarian leader.

Verse 10 reads, "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

This prophecy has been fulfilled exactly. Here are those seven resurrections:

1. Emperor Justinian and the Imperial Restoration (A.D. 554)
2. Charlemagne and the Frankish Kingdom (A.D. 774)
3. Otto the Great and the Holy Roman Empire (A.D. 962)
4. The Habsburg Dynasty (1520)

5. The Napoleonic Empire (1805)
6. The German-Italian Axis (1870–1945)
7. The rising united European superpower

Hitler became the sixth head of the Holy Roman Empire, and *Italy* enabled it to happen. Will history repeat itself?

The Bible tells us the next empire will be made up of 10 kings that work together and combine their power. This is going to rise out of the present-day European Union. That union is composed of 27 nations right now, but soon it will be pared down to 10 kings. AND THE HEART OF THAT SUPERPOWER WILL BE GERMANY AND ITALY, JUST AS IT WAS IN WORLD WAR II. You can prove this from your Bible.

Verse 8 of Revelation 17 gives profound insight: “The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder ... when they beheld the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

What is this beast that “was, and is not, and yet is”?

The Nazi Underground

World War II was dominated by the Hitler-Mussolini axis, but then it disappeared from the scene. It “was not”! Yet, God says, “it is”! Though the Axis powers lost the war, they went into hiding *underground*—into what this prophecy describes as “the bottomless pit.” They remained, but out of common sight. But they will not remain there. God says they are going to ascend again!

History confirms what this prophecy foretold. The most senior Nazis were brought to justice—yet few others were. The U.S. even had intelligence showing that, before the end of the war, the Nazis *planned* to disappear into hiding. Yet we covered



Revelation 17 prophesies in detail about a beastly empire ridden by a false church.

it up and kept it secret for 50 years. You can read all about this in our free booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*.

Many of Mussolini's supporters went underground in the Italian Social Movement—the very party which, after a series of rebrandings and splits, became the Brothers of Italy. Today they are emerging from the underground.

The rise of Meloni's movement matches exactly what the Bible foretold. These prophecies warn that we need to be watching for the rise of this power. God wants as many people as possible to understand this prophecy. Yes, because it is dangerous and He wants to warn us—but also because it leads to the best news you could ever hear!

From Mussolini to Meloni

THE BROTHERS OF ITALY TRACES ITS ROOTS TO THE Italian Social Movement, a party founded in 1946 by members of Mussolini's Republican Fascist Party. The Nazi puppet state Mussolini led in the last years of the war was called the Italian Social Republic—so even the Italian Social Movement's name demonstrated its continuity with Mussolini's regime.

This movement's first leader, Giorgio Almirante, had served as chief of cabinet of the minister of culture in the Nazi puppet state. Generally, the senior leaders under Mussolini faded into the background, while the more mid-level politicians ran the new movement.

In the mid-1990s, the movement rebranded itself, changing its name to the National Alliance. Former Alliance leader Gianfranco Fini was rewarded with the post of deputy prime minister from 2001 to 2006—a high office for a man who once called Mussolini “the greatest statesman of the century.” In 2009, the Alliance merged into the new People of Freedom coalition.

But for many National Alliance members, the People of Freedom was not radical enough. In 2013, many of them

split off to form the Brothers of Italy.

At times, Giorgia Meloni rigorously plays down her party's connection with fascism and the Italian Social Movement. But in 2020, she praised Almirante as a “patriot” and extolled his “unconditional love for Italy, his honesty, his coherence, his courage.” Years ago, Meloni went even further, saying in a television interview, “I think Mussolini was a good politician. Everything he did, he did for Italy.” She has since walked back those comments.

Meloni's predecessor as leader of the Brothers of Italy, Ignazio La Russa, said, “We are all heirs of Il Duce.” The party's logo uses the same tricolor flame that the Italian Social Movement used. “To have the flame means, in some ways, that you are the true descendants of the [Italian Social Movement] and, thus, of the Duce himself,” wrote historian Tobias Jones.

Italy's Constitution was set up in 1948 to prevent a future Mussolini rising to power. That Constitution has since been tweaked, but Meloni wants a major change—something the Constitution pointedly avoided—to have a directly elected president.

Look at Revelation 17:10 again. It says that of these seven successive kings, “five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come” This prophecy describes a snapshot of time, *while the sixth king rules.*

There is a hidden prophecy here: that there would be a man on the scene during the reign of that sixth king, warning the world about what was happening. That man was Herbert W. Armstrong. He warned during World War II and after. When Germany was smoldering in defeat, Mr. Armstrong said that nation would rise again, more powerful than ever.

Other prophecies show that this man would be taken out of the way (e.g. 2 Thessalonians 2:7), *after which* that final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire would arise.

Today, that seventh resurrection *is come!* We are no longer waiting for it. You can see it rising. The election in Italy demonstrates this. And you can also see it rising in Germany.

The Coming of God's Kingdom

At a military conference in September, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said, “As the most populous country with the greatest economic power and as a country in the middle of the Continent, our army must become the cornerstone of conventional defense in Europe: the best-equipped force in Europe.”

His speech came days after Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht said that “Germany’s size, its geographical situation, its economic power—in short, its clout—makes us a leading power whether or not we want to be one. Militarily as well.”

Germany’s economic power already enables it to dominate Europe. How much more will it dominate when it also leads militarily?



In 2019, several mayors from the Brothers of Italy held a celebratory dinner on the anniversary of Mussolini’s 1922 March on Rome. And another party that is a likely member of the next Italian coalition, the Northern League, likewise honors Mussolini’s legacy. Its leader, Matteo Salvini, has modeled himself after Il Duce, posing in similar ways, using some of the same slogans, and speaking from the same locations.

RICHARD PALMER

“Germany can do this,” Lambrecht said. “Germany does not need to be afraid of this new role.”

Remarkably, it seems most of the world is eager for Germany to assume such a role.

Once again we are forgetting World War II and the 60 million dead. Near the end of that war, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin all signed a document that pledged, “It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism, and to ensure Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world.” They were determined never to allow Germany to become a strong military power again, because of that nation’s *long and infamous history of warfare!*

Today, not only have we forgotten that long history, we have even forgotten what happened recently, just over 80 years ago!

In Claude Lanzmann’s *Shoah, an Oral History of the Holocaust*, a Holocaust survivor said, “Have we forgotten? The Germans even forbade us to use the words ‘corpse’ or ‘victim.’ The dead were blocks of wood, [dung] with absolutely no importance.” The Germans killed 6 million Jews while denying that they were even human beings! Are we so sure nothing like this will ever happen again, when many biblical prophecies assure us it *will?*

A handful of people have seen what is rising in Europe. Margaret Thatcher warned in an October 1995 speech: “You have not anchored Germany to Europe. You have anchored Europe to a newly dominant, unified Germany. In the end, my friends, you’ll find it will not work!” The Bible agrees with Mrs. Thatcher. Her understanding of Germany was partly why she lost her office—people didn’t want to hear it.

Daniel 2 is another key chapter describing this rising power. It shows us that this final resurrection of the Roman Empire will be led by 10 kings. And it also gives us a vivid picture of how it will end: “Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth” (verses 34-35).

The stone symbolizes Jesus Christ. This empire that keeps being resurrected will be smashed and carried away by the wind when Christ returns. His righteous government will then fill the entire Earth.

Notice this beautiful scripture in Daniel 7:27: “And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.” What a reward God gives to the people who do His work and proclaim His warning message to this world.

This is such a glorious message, it ought to inspire all of us. This really makes Bible prophecy come alive, like perhaps nothing else you could study.

Do you believe God? Everything He said about the Holy Roman Empire has come to pass. He prophesied its every resurrection in your Bible, and the final resurrection is on the scene right now. What an amazing truth this is! And you can prove all of it from your Bible!

SEE GOD IN THE ST

Earthquakes, tornadoes, droughts, fires, floods:
Can you recognize the cause of environmental disasters?

BY JOSUÉ MICHELS

CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE IAN devastated large parts of Florida and shook the faith of millions the last week of September. The hurricane that was downgraded to a tropical storm after hitting land brought devastating winds of 150 mph. It piled ocean water onshore up to 12 feet in some places—causing a 1 in 1,000-year flood event, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data. We need to ask ourselves some sobering questions.

The headline of this article seems ironic: “See God in the Storm.” How could a just God allow or even cause such disasters? Indeed some have ridiculed God-believing Floridians, claiming Florida got what it deserved for refusing to go along with the liberal trends of fighting “climate change” and refusing to accept transgender education in schools. Indeed, the Floridians who support their state’s stand against such evil are puzzled. Instead of God blessing them, they received a devastating storm. Why?

Those who ridicule Florida ignore the devastating drought and wildfires that liberal California suffered over the summer. Some say global warming affects us

all, but they have a hard time explaining last year’s devastating blizzards that caused the deaths of hundreds. Indeed, the last few years have brought inexplicable weather disasters.

Future historians may look back on the last century as years of escalating environmental disasters around the globe. As the global population has increased four-fold, the number of catastrophic natural events impacting human settlements has increased 10-fold. What is going on? Why is God allowing this to happen?

In mid-June, different parts of the United States simultaneously suffered



storms, extreme heat, floods, wildfires and historic drought. Record droughts also afflicted Europe, while wildfires destroyed the homes of thousands worldwide. Droughts combined with an intensified heat wave combined with

wildfires combined with a storm struck Algeria with a “tornado fire” in August that killed 43 people. Others suffered deadly “once in a century” floods. This came after the 2021 winter blizzards that killed hundreds in Texas. In 2022, earthquakes, floods and fires displaced millions of people and caught the attention of millions more.

Over the summer, the Western United States experienced its most severe drought in a millennium. The last 22 years have been the driest in this region since A.D. 800. Even today’s advanced technology can’t buffer all the effects, which range from drastic agricultural failures to power outages. In June, thousands of cattle died in Kansas within a few days, apparently from high temperatures and humidity. At the end of 2021, a string of tornadoes tore through six American states, leaving 80 dead in Kentucky alone.

These disasters add misery on top of man-made crises. In June 2021, it was reported that 95 percent of productive grapevines on dozens of family-owned vineyards covering 3,000 acres of Texas had been destroyed by pesticides. In 2022, a lack of pesticides is causing problems. The cost of food is going up as farmers struggle to afford fertilizer and diesel.

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Mankind has experienced many plagues and climatic disasters in the past, some of them far worse than what we are living through now. But in the past, such disasters caused people to seek God. Not anymore. Now our leaders tell us that hurricanes and wildfires are a sign that we are producing too much carbon dioxide and that we must turn over control of



A tornado fire left **38** dead in Algeria.

the global economy to a central planning committee if we want to survive.

What is happening to our world? The answer escapes us—and divides us.

Particularly in the last century, man has contaminated the water supply, polluted the air, trashed landscapes, and ruined topsoil. No one likes pollution. Stopping it sounds wonderful. And in this, leaders see an opportunity to advance an agenda that goes far beyond reducing environmental pollution.

With so many people concerned about weather disasters and the environment in general, leaders worldwide have channeled that concern into an agenda to reduce carbon emissions.

But will their agenda reduce pollution—and will reducing pollution end droughts, earthquakes, fires, floods and storms?

Politicians have pushed for and achieved reductions in industrial production, motor vehicle usage and other areas of the economy. The Green New Deal in America demands nothing less than replacing entire power grids and other massive infrastructure systems, “overhauling transportation systems,” reducing emissions from cows, renovating “all existing buildings in the United States,” and shutting down *all* energy emissions.

The self-destruction of our economies is worth it, they insist, because we will rescue the environment and save lives. It is imperative that voters elect them and embrace their agenda, they say.

Yet many people—who themselves would love to reduce pollution—say the agenda of reducing carbon emissions to stop global warming and climate change is unscientific.

After CNN’s Brian Stelter told John Coleman, founder of the Weather Channel, that 97 percent of climate scientists believe climate change is caused by human activity, Coleman corrected him. “Well, that’s a manipulated figure,” he said. “Let me explain it to you. The government puts out about \$2.5 billion directly for climate research every year; it only gives that money to scientists who will produce scientific results that support the global warming hypothesis of the Democratic Party, the position, so, they don’t have any choice. If you’re gonna get the money, you’ve gotta support their position; therefore, 97 percent of the scientific reports published support global warming.”

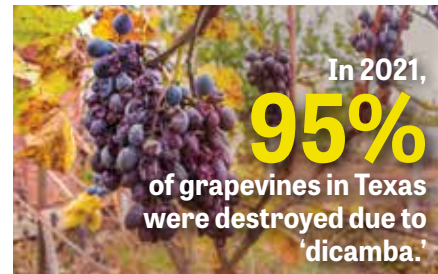
There are many other indications that “the science” on environmental disasters has been heavily manipulated by “the money” and “the politics.”

But if cars, cows and smokestacks aren’t causing climate change, and climate change is not causing environmental disasters, then why do natural disasters occur? Are they just freak happenstances? Or does God have a reason for letting hurricanes and droughts impact human beings?

Some religious people say God is using these disasters to punish the wicked. But they claim this only until they themselves are hit by a plague.

Is there a God? If so, why is He allowing people of all kinds—and all religions—to suffer?

It seems to be an impossible paradox. Mainstream religion offers more questions than answers!



The Holy Bible is by far the most-printed book in the world, religious or otherwise. It directly claims that God controls the weather. It also claims that this same God wants to save all human beings. Yet thousands of people who claim to follow God and thousands more who have never heard of Him *die every year in weather disasters!*

How can that be? Religion has no answer. Does the Bible?

Is God Cursing America?

Is God using the weather to punish America? Isn’t America suffering enough? Why doesn’t He send rain to end the drought? Why doesn’t He stop the raging storms? Few dare to ask these questions! **BUT THE BIBLE ANSWERS THEM.**

In his landmark book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong explained that the people of America and Britain descended from the ancient Israelite tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim. This means that end-time Bible prophecies about Manasseh and Ephraim apply directly to them.

In Leviticus 26, God specifically named the curses these peoples would suffer if they disbelieved and disobeyed their Creator. Among these curses are crop failures and debilitating drought. “And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits” (verses 19-20).

God calls on His people to repent, to turn to Him and to keep His law. All have broken God's law, no matter what political party one may belong to. Even most so-called Christian churches reject the Ten Commandments, especially the Fourth. *Repentance would stop the curses* (see 2 Chronicles 7:13-14). Yes, weather disasters do punish sinners, and *all* are sinners, influenced by Satan (Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; Revelation 12:9). This most certainly includes the ancient Israelites and their descendants in America, Britain and other nations who have turned from God despite having received enormous blessings and having had a personal relationship with God.

Job was far more righteous, and successful, than people are today. Yet through a series of disasters, he came to realize that his righteousness was worthless, as was his entire life, and his only hope was true repentance (Job 38-42). God then blessed him greatly—and not just by ending his suffering, increasing his wealth and giving him another family. Those things are all long gone, and Job has perished, like all men will, as wind that comes and goes (Job 7:7). The *repentant attitude* to which God led Job changed everything.

God wants the same for Americans, British and all peoples—living, dead and not yet born.

If people refuse to heed God's warnings, a curse might turn them around and lead to wonderful blessings. That is why God punishes for sin. The Bible

records many examples of God blessing Israel by removing plagues and other threats when the nation *repented*.



Specific Prophecies for Germany

What about the many, many other nations that don't have a history with God? What about all those who actually *died* in the plagues? Scientists, of course, have no answer, and *neither do* religious people. They presume that those who have died not believing in Jesus Christ have perished permanently.

Last year, Germany experienced record floods that killed more than 150 people. This year the same area is experiencing a record drought that may prove to be its worst in 500 years, according to the August report of the European Commission's Joint Research Center. Experts believe that extremely low water levels in the Rhine occur on average every 50 years. But the river is now at such lows for the third time in less than 20 years. This has harmed fishing, the production of electricity, farming and river freight, all of which are harming the entire economy, which is already fragile and causing turmoil throughout society.

"God wants this world to learn that He controls nature," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains in *Nahum—An End-Time Prophecy for Germany*. "Many natural disasters are anything but *natural*. Soon, arrogant men will learn this lesson very deeply."

The Creator of human beings and all things wants all men to learn that He controls the weather! Accepting this one self-evident fact would revolutionize our societies. We have plagued ourselves with sin, greed, immorality, perversion, contamination, war and more. The weather, which God controls, is getting our attention—but God Himself is not! We continue to ignore, disbelieve, disobey, remain unrepentant and perish.

God hopes the German people will repent, but He gives specific prophecies to show what will happen if they don't. As Mr. Armstrong explained, Germans today are descendants of the ancient Assyrian Empire. The book of Nahum contains a message to this group of people. Part of this message is that God "dries up rivers."

The Bible reveals that if the German people reject God's calls for repentance, they will trust a man who will lead them into a catastrophic war and great atrocities. In Nahum 2:13, God prophesies that He will punish Germany, saying: "Behold, I am against thee, saith the Lord of hosts"

"God is going to speak the only language the German military understands—SUPERIOR FORCE," Mr. Flurry writes (*ibid*).

If Germany refuses to heed this warning today, it will suffer great devastation.

The Bible on 'Senseless' Weather Disasters

"He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter his lightning. They turn round and round by his guidance, to accomplish all that he commands them on the face of the habitable world" (Job 37:11-12; Revised Standard Version).

"[T]he Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth

is burned at his presence ..." (Nahum 1:3-5).

The Bible states that God commands the storms and they obey. The book of Job shows that God even allows those who serve Him to be struck by weather disasters caused by Satan!

Yet from the days of Job to the time of Jesus Christ to today, religious people have largely believed that those who suffer from disasters that only God can stop must be sinners.

Jesus Christ addressed *this exact supposition* in a

Today's weather curses are a warning to Germany and the whole world of the evil that is about to come. God's Word cannot be broken, but He gives everyone a chance to repent—if they heed Him!

All human beings have indulged in sin, and sin is terminal. If we do not repent of it in this life or, as we will see, in the resurrection, sin ultimately causes *permanent death*. The more we indulge in it, the more severely God must punish us to save us from it!



Understanding God's Will

But so many have *already died* in earthquakes and weather curses that God has allowed. What hope is there for them? Christian preachers do not have the answer! Many think that the purpose of those who have perished is merely to warn those who are Christians. Many resign themselves to the notion that God is too great and mysterious for us to understand why He let these people die. Others think that those who perish will go to heaven regardless of their beliefs.

Jesus Christ Himself said there would be many false Christians (Matthew 24:5). *True Christians* are a tiny minority. They have been humbled, called by God,

led to repentance, and then received His Spirit. Only with that attitude and Spirit can a person understand what God is doing, "for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10).

Why does God allow suffering and death?

God has given man the ability to choose between Satan's way of selfishness and sin, which leads to suffering and death, or God's way of selflessness and obedience to God, which leads to joy and life. From the very beginning, human beings have chosen for themselves what is right and wrong rather than submitting to what God defines as right and wrong. This, as Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, is the cause of "every particle of human suffering."

As Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*, when the first human beings rejected God, He cut them off from His Spirit. He is *not* battling to convert and save the world. (If He were, His track record is a terrible failure.) He is allowing human beings to experience the results of their choice. We are saturating ourselves in sin and experiencing the consequences.

Our suffering serves an eternal purpose. We are facing reality, learning cause and effect. Ultimately, we will see

Is it climate change, or is it God?

Some blame environmental disasters on cars and cows. Some say God is punishing the wicked. Others ask how God could allow such suffering. These questions and more are answered in our free booklet *Why 'Natural' Disasters?*



our need to rely on and obey God. We will finally admit that human beings are under Satan's deception, that we do not have the answers, and that we have no purpose or hope—in this life or beyond—without our Creator!

Understanding the truth about weather disasters opens the door to understanding the fragility and futility of human life—and to understanding the indescribable hope in repentance.

It also leads to understanding what even most Christians do not know: what happens after we die.

The Bible teaches that Satan is the god of this world and that God is not judging the world today—including the victims of the 2022 weather disasters and billions of others who have died—until after He removes Satan, restores His government through the return of Jesus Christ, and brings the dead back to physical life in a *resurrection* (see Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 20).

But what mankind in general will learn in the future, *you can learn today*. However devastating events grow, you can face such disasters and "be not troubled" (Matthew 24:6). By seeking God in repentance today, you can prepare to help others make the same choice in the future. ■

conversation about a tragedy in which a building collapsed and killed 18 people.

"Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?" He asked (Luke 13:4). This is the same question millions have asked after Indonesians were killed in tsunamis, Haitians were killed in earthquakes, Americans were killed in tornadoes, and so many others of so many different backgrounds have

died in disasters. This is the answer to the question: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (verse 5).

Jesus Christ prophesied that the vast *majority* of mankind in our time is about to suffer violence! In Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation, He prophesied that global catastrophes, man-made and otherwise, would affect everyone on Earth. This is especially relevant to those of us living in this time of intensifying disasters.

But He was also revealing the purpose of all human lives, past, present and future. Not all have perished in a seemingly senseless disaster. Criminals and terrorists have escaped death while entire families have perished. But as Romans 3:23, 6:23, Hebrews 9:27 and other scriptures show, all have sinned, so *all* are doomed to live a senseless life and die a senseless death—*except ye repent*.

No matter how rich, how smart, how powerful, or even how religious or how seemingly

good a person is, all human lives have perished or will perish. Fatal disasters remind us of this. And they point us to the one and only purpose and hope of human life: repentance toward our Creator.

Only those who understand the hope of human life, which is revealed only in the Bible, can *understand* the cause of environmental disasters and, as Jesus said in Matthew 24:6, "see that you be not troubled." ■

To learn more, read our booklet *Repentance Toward God* at theTrumpet.com/go/rtg.

The coffin of Queen Elizabeth II is borne on the State Gun Carriage past Buckingham Palace on September 19 in London, England.



The Queen's Funeral Shows the POWER OF T

Billions were transfixed by Britain's Queen. This is the inspiring reason! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

MOST OF THE WORLD—some 4 billion people—tuned in to the biggest live TV event in history on September 19: the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Up to 2 million more lined the streets of London to view the funeral procession. From Washington to Westphalia, flags flew at half-mast in her honor. Westminster Abbey hosted one of the largest gatherings of world leaders in history, with over 500 foreign heads of state, monarchs and dignitaries from 175 countries in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth moved people in a powerful way. The line to file past her coffin as she lay in state reached its maximum allotted length of 10 miles. Some people waited more than 24 hours in line just to have a minute to pay their last respects. People of all ages, races and backgrounds stood in line so they could have a moment to bow, curtsy or salute the Queen's coffin before walking away, many with tears in their eyes.

How could the Queen move people around the world so powerfully?

British journalist Melanie Phillips wrote that to understand this phenomenal world event, you need to know the connection between Britain's throne and the Bible.

Back to King David

"Citizens of republics often find it hard to appreciate the benefits of a constitutional monarchy," Phillips wrote. "Few also appreciate that the British monarchy is patterned on ancient Israel. It's why the monarch is anointed; it's why words uttered by 'Zadok the Priest,' taken from the first book of Kings, have been sung at every English coronation since 973 C.E. Some British monarchs in the past have even purportedly traced their line back to King David" (JNS, September 16).

The royal family traces all the way back to King David? Few indeed recognize this, but you can prove it true! Herbert W. Armstrong explained it in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* (request a free copy). You cannot understand the throne of Britain without discussing some of the many scriptures about it in the Bible.

Queen Elizabeth II did indeed sit on David's throne. God gave her the honor, and with it came a heavy responsibility.

Here is God's promise to King David: "And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I WILL ESTABLISH THE THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM FOR EVER" (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

THIS IS A UNIVERSE-SHAKING TRUTH! God said He would establish David's throne *forever!* That is one of the most important promises that God makes in the Bible.

The world and many British people wonder why Britain clings to its throne. The amazing answer is that Jesus Christ has kept the British throne alive.

The solutions to Britain's problems can be found in the understanding of the British throne's true ancestry. The rich traditions surrounding that throne point back to something far greater than most people realize.

There is evidence that Queen Elizabeth's great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria knew the throne of Britain



THE THRONE

began with David. But most journalists and scholars show no interest in proving if that ancient throne even exists, or in the supreme magnitude of its importance. And it is not difficult to prove.

Whether or not you realize it, **THAT THRONE REPRESENTS THE ONLY HOPE IN THIS TERRIFYINGLY DANGEROUS WORLD.** That same throne has a direct connection to the promise of Jesus Christ returning and bringing peace to the whole world.

“He [Jesus] shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **THE LORD GOD SHALL GIVE UNTO HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID:** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:32-33). This is a marvelous promise from God not only that Jesus Christ will return but that He will rule the nations from David’s throne. This was the same throne occupied by Queen Elizabeth II!

That throne lasted so long in England because of God’s covenant with David. King David spoke of this covenant just before he died. “Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the

God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel Yea, does not my house stand so with God? For **HE HAS MADE WITH ME AN EVERLASTING COVENANT,** ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?” (2 Samuel 23:1, 5; Revised Standard Version). God made an everlasting covenant with David. The throne of David will never cease: It will flourish throughout

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eternity! (Isaiah 9:6-7). Anyone in that royal line was part of that special throne covenant made with King David, whether they know it or not.

It is this glorious honor that gave the Queen’s throne its exceptional power.

A Unifying Throne

Melanie Phillips noted the power this throne had to unify. “The word that springs to mind from these affecting scenes is devotion: the late Queen’s

devotion to the people, and their devotion to her. ... In largely secular, godless Britain, there is a strong element of the sacred in this relationship between the people and the crown.

“The monarch in Britain is consecrated to a higher king. At the coronation, which will take place next year, Charles will be anointed. The oath that he takes is not to the people but to God” (ibid). That is true! Will King Charles keep that oath to God?

“That’s why his duty to serve the people is unbreakable. And that’s why the monarch is a unifying force and melds the people into a united nation. The royal family helps forge the country into a kind of national family” (ibid).

Phillips pointed out that David’s throne in Israel held that same power. “The genius of the monarchy invented by King David was that it brought together, as one governable nation, otherwise disparate and potentially warring tribes” (ibid).

The reason for its power is that it was not “invented by David.” This throne is *how* God unifies people. David brought the divided tribes of Israel together under that throne. Even after the kingdom split and, eventually, both the

kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah were destroyed, THAT THRONE CONTINUED. God preserved it, fulfilling the prophecy of Ezekiel 21:27 by overturning it three times: first by moving it to Ireland through the Prophet Jeremiah, then to Scotland about a thousand years later, then later to England. You can follow that royal line through history, along with the movements of the “stone of destiny,” a stone over which British monarchs have been crowned since Edward I captured it and moved it to Westminster Abbey in 1296.

That throne joined the kingdoms of Scotland and England together under one monarchy. As Mr. Armstrong wrote in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, “Soon Britain’s empire spread around the world, until the sun never set upon her possessions. Canada, Australia, South Africa were given dominion status—made free and independent nations, ruling themselves independent of England—a company, or commonwealth, of nations joined together, not by legal government, *but solely by the throne of David!*” (emphasis his).

The Bible tells us that the Messiah will unite the whole world behind that throne: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land” (Jeremiah 33:14-15). Many prophecies show that the “land” Christ will rule is the whole Earth! The Messiah is about to RULE THE NATIONS from David’s throne!

Judah and Israel are about to be reunited under that throne (verse 16). In fact, THIS WORLD is about to become spiritual Israel, unified by the throne of David. All mankind will look to that one throne, the “key of David” throne. THE KEY OF DAVID UNITES EVERYONE WHO HAS EVER LIVED—if they choose life.

The Queen’s funeral provided us a glimpse at the power of a God-ordained throne. Look at the admiration and respect for the British throne shown by millions upon millions of people. What kind of message could be taught from that throne? What power does that throne have to really change people’s

lives—if wielded by someone righteous?

When you see 4 billion people all watching one throne, YOU COULD SAY THAT IS A PROPHECY OF THE WAY JESUS CHRIST WILL UNITE THE WORLD!

God has given us a tangible throne on Earth so we can better understand the depth of God’s hope, our potential and the specific institution He will use to bring peace and unity to the world.

Yes, Britain’s crown truly does trace back to King David of ancient Israel. Yet here is an even more stunning truth. Elizabeth sat on David’s throne for 65

the same. Despite the fact that the monarchy will continue, *something of infinite value will have been lost*” (Oct. 29, 2021; emphasis mine).

To many, the Queen represented a tie to a fading era of better morals—where the nation was stronger, its people better mannered and infused with higher values. She served with a certain selflessness that is rare today. She represented a connection to a largely lost past.

In 2016, the BBC produced a beautiful brochure celebrating Queen Elizabeth’s 90th birthday—“Queen Elizabeth: 90



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years—but in her last five years, she did not sit on David’s throne! I will explain.

End of an Era

Queen Elizabeth was a remarkable example of class, duty and service to her people. Sadly, she represented an era in British history that is virtually gone.

“[T]he Queen is an irreplaceable constant in the life of the British nation,” Phillips wrote last year. “Her public appearances aren’t just the exercise of her role as the symbol of the nation. As so many feel so viscerally, she *is* the nation. ... With her unrivaled sense of duty, her stoicism and her emotional restraint, *many see in the Queen the embodiment of a Britain whose cultural identity is inexorably fraying*. Many feel in their bones that when the Queen eventually passes, *Britain will just not be*

Glorious Years.” In commenting on the death of her father, King George VI, the BBC editors wrote, “Britain 64 years ago was a country almost unimaginably different in outlook, attitudes, morals and ethos than today, to say nothing of technology. Opinion polls into the early 1960s showed that as many as a third of respondents believed that the Queen had been chosen by God rather than by right of succession from her father.”

Britain and the Queen’s heirs have been moving away from what few connections they still have with that history.

‘Worst Decision of Her Life’

In 1996, Britain’s prime minister chose to send the coronation stone back to Scotland, and Queen Elizabeth approved.

The remarkable origin of that stone is recorded in Genesis 28:10-22. This

same stone appeared in coronations in ancient Israel (e.g. 2 Chronicles 23:11-13). If you study it, you will see that this stone was a symbol of the throne of David and of Jesus Christ, our Rock! Ponder that deeply, because God takes this unusually seriously. (I explain all of this in my free book *The Key of David*.)

For the Queen to surrender that stone showed terrible faithlessness and disrespect for her people's history with God!

In the *Trumpet* at the time, I wrote, "I BELIEVE THIS STONE IS THE MOST PRECIOUS PHYSICAL THING ON THIS EARTH. I also believe that Queen Elizabeth JUST MADE THE WORST DECISION OF HER LIFE! AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE IN ITS HISTORY! ... [England's] actions have scorned the omnipotent, living God. And there is going to be a terrifying penalty unless they repent" (August 1996; emphasis in the original).

Apparently that stone will be returned for King Charles's coronation. But look at what has happened to that family since they sent the stone back to Scotland. They have been plagued by disastrous scandals for the whole world to see! That was a great trial for the Queen.

Relinquishing that stone and disdaining God as she did proved to be a terrible mistake, spiritually, for Queen Elizabeth II. Five years ago, God ended the connection between the British royal family and the throne of David. You can read about this in my September 2017 cover story, "The Fall of the British Royal Family" (theTrumpet.com/16067).

King Charles III is a descendant of David. But he is not sitting on David's throne as his mother was just five years ago.

Jeremiah's Prophecy

The book of Jeremiah was written and preserved because many of its prophecies are for this end time (Jeremiah 30:1-9). Verse 24 states that "in the latter days ye shall consider it"—and "consider it" would be better translated "understand it thoroughly." Many other prophecies and scriptures show that the *latter days* are this end time we are living in today. God said we would understand this *thoroughly!* Do you?

Jeremiah 22 has this prophecy for our day: "Thus saith the Lord; Go down to

the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, And say, Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David ..." (verses 1-2). God is instructing this king how he must live if he is to sit on that throne.

"Thus saith the Lord; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong ..." (verse 3). Is that the way the Queen's family has been living? Is that King Charles's history?

"For IF," verse 4 begins—see, this is *conditional*, if you are to sit on David's throne. "For *if* ye do this thing indeed, THEN shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings *sitting upon the throne of David* ..." If you meet these conditions, then you will have a king sitting on the David's throne. But that did not happen. That is why the throne of David is no longer in Britain.

Of the word "sitting," the *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* says, "Literally, the text is 'the place of sitting.'" This man can *sit* there IF he meets the conditions. And God is talking to a KING, not a queen.

Jeremiah's prophecy continues: "And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them" (verses 7, 9). Which "covenant" did these people forsake? The covenant God made with David regarding that throne! They were part of this covenant of David, and they forsook it!

Look how the royal family has turned its back on the covenant of David. God has taken that throne away from them.

Look how thoroughly the royal family has turned its back on the covenant of David. God has punished them and taken that throne AWAY from them.

Dissolving the Commonwealth?

King Charles said in 1999 that if he were to take the throne, he would want to assume the official title not as "Defender of the Faith" as generations of monarchs have done before him, but "Defender of

Faith"—protecting all faiths in Britain. This sounds righteous to a lot of people today. Modern society believes the lie that "diversity is our strength." But look at the disastrous results of such thinking. It has left Britain faithless, materialistic, divided and vulnerable to foreign extremists. Britain has lost its faith in God and king, and abandoned its moral foundation! The Church of England has surrendered its moral authority, loosening its standards on every issue: women in the clergy, premarital sex, homosexuality. The monarchy, rather than working to prevent the moral slide and uphold godly standards, has watched it happen and even encouraged it! The royal family, including the new king, has been caught up in terrible moral scandals. British society has suffered immeasurably as a result.

Ties to the monarchy around the world are also loosening. Within Britain, YouGov polling in 2021 showed the Queen had the highest favorability rating of any member of the royal family, at 75 percent. King Charles's favorability was only 42 percent, and his wife's was 40 percent; among millennials, those numbers are 34 and 37 percent. The family has been plagued by disgraceful conduct by Prince Andrew and Prince Harry's abdication of his royal role and duties. Outrageously, many people consider the monarchy a racist institution, and Harry has publicly and shamefully agreed.

With the Queen gone, what will happen to the royal reputation? What role will the royal family play in Britain's future?

Charles has hinted at plans to take the royal family in a new direction, with a scaled-back public role, a smaller core of working royals, and a loosening of ties with Commonwealth nations.

Britain's monarch is recognized as head of state in 15 countries outside the United Kingdom out of 54 countries that are part of the British Commonwealth. There are strong movements in Canada and Australia to break from the British crown. Scotland is also trying to leave the UK. Barbados renounced the monarchy last year. Jamaica could be next. How much will King Charles's rule accelerate this trend?

People today think nothing of tossing aside an institution that has been a



The Transcendent Meaning in Marriage

Prince Charles and Diana leave St. Paul's Cathedral following their wedding on July 29, 1981, in London, England.

LOOK BACK AT CHARLES'S FIRST MARRIAGE. THE *NEW YORK Times* wrote this on July 2, 1981: "Lady Diana Spencer has decided that she will not promise at her wedding, four weeks from today, to obey Prince Charles. Queen Elizabeth II, Princess Margaret, Princess Anne and a long line of royal brides before them have included the word 'obey' in their wedding vows, as prescribed in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer dating from 1662. But Lady Diana has chosen to follow the new ritual of the Church of England, and she will promise in the ceremony at St. Paul's cathedral only to 'love him, comfort him, honor him, and keep him in sickness and health.'"

One clergyman responded, "Marriage is the kind of relationship where there should be two equal partners, and if there's going to be a dominant partner, it won't be settled by this oath. I think this is much more Christian."

Does this man know his Bible? Does he have any idea what the God-ordained institution of marriage is all about?

Ephesians 5 has perhaps the Bible's most important passage about marriage. It begins in verse 21: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." People seem to think that if a woman is to obey her husband, he will be a tyrant and subject her to terrible abuse. That does happen in non-biblical marriages, but it is not what the Bible commands at all. It says husbands and wives must submit themselves *one to another*.

Now read verses 22-24: "Wives, *submit yourselves* unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE**, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, *so let the wives be to their own husbands in EVERY THING.*" Yes, the man is the head—so says your Bible. *Is that Christian?* That's the only thing that is Christian! But few people today accept this.

Jesus Christ said we ought to live by *every word* that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4)—but it is RARE for people to live by THAT scripture.

Paul continues, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it *So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies*. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (Ephesians 5:25, 28). That is no tyrant! This is the way God says a man must treat his wife: as his own BODY! "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh" (verse 31).

Now, note what Paul says next: "This is a great mystery: but *I speak concerning Christ and the church*. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband" (verses 32-33).

This passage is *primarily* talking about Jesus Christ's marriage to His Church! Marriage is much more than a legal arrangement or a tradition. True Christians who are called out before Christ's Second Coming will marry Him in the greatest of all royal weddings and share His throne and help Him rule the world!

We must understand that marriage is a GOD-PLANE RELATIONSHIP. That is what God is telling us in His inspired scriptures about marriage. It pictures a spectacular spiritual reality, and it MUST operate according to God's law and God's vision. **IT WILL NEVER WORK ANY OTHER WAY.**

Did Prince Charles and Diana's marriage work? I'm afraid it didn't. And the whole world witnessed it. Why didn't it work? These verses supply the answer. Other scriptures say the same thing (e.g. Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1-6; Colossians 3:18).

Charles and Diana discarded God's command for the wife to be subject to her husband. When Prince William married Kate Middleton, they followed that example. So too did Harry and Meghan Markle. Quite often there are a lot of serious problems in marriages like that.

Herbert W. Armstrong visited Prince Charles two times. When Charles married Diana, Mr. Armstrong said this about it: "[I]n that wedding ceremony there was nothing that the

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wife had to obey the husband. That was all left out! Oh, it was going to be 50-50. Well, let's watch and see whether it lasts or not. When you have 50-50, the wife is wearing the pants and is the boss. ... Isaiah 3:12 says the wife will end up being over the husband, and then the children would abuse the wife, because they don't obey her. And you have a family that just falls apart in so many cases."

Why won't we listen to God? God is telling us how to bring our families together and fulfill their God-plane purpose! What a wonderful, beautiful blessing! What could be more important? That marriage typifies **THE CHURCH'S MARRIAGE TO CHRIST**. And *family* is also a God-plane relationship. God wants you to do all you can to help your children and turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers (Malachi 4:6). When we follow God's formula, it produces godly children. That family pictures **THE GOD FAMILY** and all those who will be born into that Family as they choose to obey God and live His way! What a wonderful, wonderful truth!

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constant in British life for over a thousand years!

You can be sure the next coronation will be very different from the one 69 years ago. The remaining members of the royal family have rejected the Bible! Britain no longer respects such traditions or the Bible OR GOD!

Anciently, Israel wanted a king so it could be more like the nations around it (1 Samuel 8:4-5). Today, many in the British Commonwealth want to eliminate the monarchy for the same reason!

But God has a plan for correcting this problem, and He has already put it in place.

Britain to Be 'Without a King'

Hosea 3:4 has an important end-time prophecy about the Great Tribulation, a time of terrible suffering that precedes Jesus Christ's Second Coming: "For the children of Israel [referring to Britain, America and the Jewish state of Israel] shall abide many days WITHOUT A KING, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and *without an image* ..."—which is referring to that stone of destiny.

During the Great Tribulation, Britain will no longer have a king or even a prince! How do you square that with God's promise that David's throne would never lack a man sitting on it? (Jeremiah 33:17). God has fulfilled that promise for some 3,000 years—but right at the end will come a point when that king, and that stone, will not be there! This awaits Britain in the time just ahead! Many other prophecies show that nation will be defeated and its people taken into captivity!

Here is what I wrote about these verses in my book *The New Throne of David* (free upon request): "By the time this prophecy is fulfilled, Britain will have been conquered by the Holy Roman Empire. The British lose their king, and they lose their stone (a symbol of David's throne) What does this mean? God promised to continue that throne forever, yet here we see that

suddenly there is NO KING and NO STONE, and the prophecy doesn't even say where they are. During the Tribulation, the king will probably be dead! Jacob's pillar stone will be lost; we don't know what will happen to it but it could be destroyed.

"If no one sits on David's throne, God will have broken His promise!"

Anyone who sees this happen, if he knows anything about God's promises regarding David's throne, would have to think that God did break His promise.

BUT GOD NEVER BREAKS HIS PROMISES! "The truth is," I wrote, "by the time this prophecy is fulfilled, THE THRONE IN BRITAIN IS NO LONGER DAVID'S THRONE!"

"Even before Britain loses its king and stone, the British throne is no longer the throne of David, or God's promise is broken.

"Hosea's prophecy shows that BEFORE the Tribulation, God *must* have A NEW STONE and A NEW KING—A NEW THRONE. Otherwise He could not allow Hosea 3:4 to happen. How else can you explain what is going to happen in Britain?" (ibid).

This book goes through several prophecies and biblical passages that explain this electrifying truth. God has moved the throne of David out of Britain. So the throne from which Queen Elizabeth reigned, and on which her successor will reign, is actually no longer the throne of David.

With the Queen's death, Britain's connection with the throne of David is even weaker.

Three years ago, I wrote in that book, "Think about this: If Britain no longer has the throne of David, this strongly indicates that BRITAIN IS GOING TO GO DOWN RAPIDLY! How could it be otherwise? This is a GREAT CONDEMNATION by God against that people!"

I believe that now that the Queen has died, Britain's demise will accelerate. We are about to see a very sad ending for that throne, which is no longer David's throne.

A New Throne of David

God has established a NEW THRONE—that still fulfills God's promise to King

David. When Jesus Christ returns very soon, that is the throne of David God the Father will give Him (Luke 1:32) and that He will rule from FOREVER.

God establishing this new throne is an important *transition* to take place just before Christ returns.

God's people are about to be BORN into the God Family. In a *physical* birth, the last part of active labor is referred to as "transition." So God has a transition *spiritually* today. He has a NEW THRONE. We are in the pushing stage—the last stage in the birth of a miraculous child. What a beautiful picture!

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The stone of destiny symbolizes Jesus Christ, sitting on David's throne with His Bride at His side. Together they will rule under God the Father over all nations!

God says that government will expand forever: "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be NO END, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice FROM HENCEFORTH EVEN FOR EVER" (Isaiah 9:7).

I want to encourage you to study the truth about this new throne of David. Amid all the bad news in this world, this is very inspiring truth! It shows how God is watching over these events closely. It also shows just how close we are to the return of Jesus Christ, when He comes to claim His rightful place on that throne of David. That throne will eventually UNITE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE! What a vision!

The physical reality of that throne is enough to capture the attention and imagination of 4 billion people. *If only* they would contemplate this spiritual reality!

What a future mankind has because of that throne of David! ■



This goes beyond a monarch—or even a monarchy

There is a throne on Earth that connects human beings to their Creator. It is a throne that the Old Testament and New Testament of the Bible focus on, yet most Christians rarely hear about it. To learn about this transcendent institution and how it will affect your life, request a free copy of Gerald Flurry's *The New Throne of David*.



WHY TWO OPPOSITE REACTIONS TO THE ROYAL FUNERAL



Media elites revealed more about themselves than about the Queen or her realm. **BY JOEL HILLIKER AND RICHARD PALMER**

THE DEATH AND FUNERAL OF QUEEN Elizabeth II inspired a phenomenal outpouring of grief, sympathy, nostalgia and gratitude from people worldwide. Scots, Englishmen and others came out in masses, filling streets in mannerly throngs to pay respect as her casket, draped in the royal standard, passed from Balmoral Castle to St. Giles' Cathedral to Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey to Windsor Castle, accompanied by dress-uniformed elite soldiers, sailors, pilots, grenadiers, yeomen, gentlemen at arms and Commonwealth forces in full regalia. This landmark event occasioned closures, massive crowds, innumerable blooms, guns firing on the minute, services of thanksgiving, hymns to God and other expressions of affection, contemplation, gratitude and respect.

As the Queen lay in state, hundreds of thousands formed a queue 10 miles long (and some stood in a line to wait their turn to stand in the queue), slowly weaving along the Thames in central London, to await their turn to pass by her for a few seconds and bow, curtsy and otherwise show honor.

This outpouring of love at this historic and somber ending of an era made the outpouring of crass hate all the more shocking. Particularly in the United States, it seemed the radical-left media elites were unable to mention the Queen without trying to smear her. This small minority shouted into its media megaphone every ugliness, factual and fictitious, they could think of. Their toxin of choice: gratuitous emphasis on slavery.

USA Today amplified the views of a third-place South African political party that declared, "We do not mourn the death of Elizabeth During her 70-year reign as Queen, she never once acknowledged the atrocities that her family inflicted on native people that Britain invaded across the world." The *New York Times* and NBC publicized the views of a professor who had posted online: "I heard the chief monarch of a thieving raping genocidal empire is finally dying. May her pain be excruciating." She told the *Times* that "her throne represents ... the legacy of enslavement and colonialism." Meanwhile, other *Times* writers became extreme fiscal conservatives for just long enough to criticize the expense of the funeral. MSNBC told its viewers that the Queen "represented white supremacy" and led "an institution that had a long and ugly history of brutal colonialism, violence, theft and slavery." *Time* blamed the British Empire (200 years before Elizabeth was crowned) for "quietly unleashing a process of climate change." CNN angrily told viewers that "the wealth of these people was derived from the Empire." Hosts from the *View* said that "the monarchy was built on the backs of black and brown people."

This is the same news media that portrayed mass-murderous Islamist terrorist Qassem Suleimani as an "austere religious scholar" when he died. It's the same media that exerted itself to elevate Meghan Markle and her attacks, some of which were demonstrably false, on the royal family. The *New York Times* presented her accusations as showing

that "the British monarchy is a toxic den of backbiting and racism." The *Washington Post* characterized the royal family as "a predominantly white institution with a racist past," adding that "racism continues to seep through every facet of British royal life."

What is going on here?

Deceit

No other nation produced America's level of hateful coverage. Read the news from Russia or from European countries—some of which Britain has been at war with a good many times—and you will not find accusations of the Queen as a racist white supremacist.

The American media elites who concocted this narrative were intentionally mum about the fact that slavery has existed across civilizations throughout human *history*. They hid the fact that Britain was the first world power in history to abolish slavery at a time when it stood to profit greatly from it; that arguably the greatest anti-slavery force in the history of the world was the *Royal Navy*; that the British people's moral convictions about human freedom compelled British forces into Africa to stop leaders there from selling slaves; that British taxpayers paid out billions in today's money to free hundreds of thousands of slaves; that the dominions of the British Empire were actually a *net cost* to Britain rather than a source of wealth; and that, though flawed like all human institutions, the empire belonging to this specific monarchy elevated the health, wealth, education and lives of

billions of subjects and colonists around the world—more than any empire ever. No other power in the world has such an impressive anti-slavery history.

Those elites contorted themselves to mention the word “slavery” as often as possible without mentioning the above facts, the fact that the last nation to abolish slavery did so in 2007, or the fact of how many people are enslaved *right now*.

At the very same time that editors were crafting just the right headlines to connect Queen Elizabeth II with slaves that her great-great-great-grandfather assented to free 189 years ago, the United Nations published its “Global Estimates of Modern Slavery” report. The UN’s International Labor Organization and International Organization for Migration studied how many people live “in situations of modern slavery on any given day, either forced to work against their will or in a marriage that they were forced into.”

And how many *slaves* exist in our modern society? Judging by how much the hyper-sensitive media has reported on the prevalence of slavery, you might guess that there are but a few thousand of them scattered across a handful of little-known dictatorships.

The correct answer is nearly *50 million*.

The report states that 1 out of every 150 people in the *world* is trapped in slavery that can last for years or a lifetime, and that 1 in 4 slaves suffer from “commercial sexual exploitation.” One in five slaves are children. More than half of these children are being *raped*. The number of slaves worldwide has grown by 10 million (an appalling 25 percent) in just the last five years. That equates to roughly the same number of slaves in the trans-Atlantic slave trade over a span of *300 years*.

We commonly call it “human trafficking” or “commercial sexual exploitation,” but it is really slavery, and it affects more people *today* than ever in human history—and it is spreading fast.

The head of the International Labor Organization, Guy Ryder, said, “It is shocking that the situation of modern slavery is not improving.”

It is equally shocking that you rarely even *hear* about it.

Why does such abusive, biased, often blatantly false coverage of the history of the Queen and her realm pour forth from some quarters? Why, especially, from

the nation with which Britain has held the oft-mentioned “special relationship”?

Why do the same radical-left American media elites fixate on long-gone slavery in Britain (and America) while ignoring the indirect support for slavery given by megacorporations who work with regimes like the Chinese Communist Party, which effects inescapable surveillance, barbaric forced labor and twisted sexual enslavement of millions of people? How can these same people *ignore* the garish reality that *50 million* of our fellow human beings are enslaved?

If they were actually concerned about slavery, or even about keeping up appearances, the American radical left would behave far differently. The real motivation for their attack is not to end slavery, to fell oppressive regimes, or to grant people freedom like those Royal Navy sailors risked their lives to do.

The real motivation is to divide America and Britain—and to bring them both down.

Motive

Though they were diplomatic enough to hide it at the time of the Queen’s death and global outpouring of interest, honor and love toward her, Barack Obama and his operative Joe Biden have repeatedly pitted America against its closest ally.

When Obama first moved into the Oval Office, he famously expelled the bust of Winston Churchill. He worked hard to keep Britain from declaring independence from the European Union, threatening to put Britain at “the back of the queue” for any trade agreements. Under Biden, the same policy is back. An anonymous official told the *Telegraph* that Britain had given up trade with the U.S., faced with “the reality that Biden is not doing any deals.”

A hostile, anti-British spirit suffuses the upper echelons of the radical left in America. It is especially antipathetic toward the royal family.

“The division developing between our nations is a deadly weakness,” wrote

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry last year. “It’s a weakness the radical left and especially Barack Obama have spent years creating and exploiting” (*Trumpet*, July 2021).

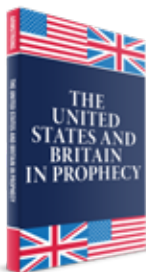
One of the key prophecies for understanding this trend in Britain and America is 2 Kings 14:26, which states, “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.” As Herbert W. Armstrong proved in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Britain and the U.S. are the most prominent of the modern descendants of ancient Israel. The lineage of those in Britain’s royal family traces back to King David himself.

“People are creating and aggravating divisions within America and Britain—regarding race, class, politics and anything else they can think of. Now they are sowing divisions between these two nations,” wrote Mr. Flurry. “Splitting Britain and America apart from one another means that they cannot help each other.

“Threats in the world are increasing. Other nations are betraying and attacking America and Britain and Israel. Many Bible prophecies show these trends will intensify. In a world this hostile, Britain, America and the Jewish nation of Israel need to stick together and to turn toward God. But they are splitting from God and from each other. There will be no helper for Israel—not even from other modern Israelite nations” (ibid).

The spirit motivating this hatred for the Queen, the monarchy and Britain, is the same spirit that stirred hatred for King David and for Israel anciently. It is a perennial spirit that abhors and resists the law and way of life taught in the Bible. That spirit hates God and His intervention in human affairs. In fact, it hates human freedom and loves human slavery of all kinds.

Although even the Queen herself might have forgotten, the history of the throne she ruled from leads straight back to Israel and to God’s plan, not just for Israel but for all mankind. ■



Where the royal family came from

For proof of the origins of the British throne, as well as of the peoples of Britain and America, request Herbert W. Armstrong’s free book ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***.



The Glory of Empire

Britain is ashamed of its imperial past. It shouldn't be. The right kind of empire has a noble and powerful impact on this world! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

IN SO MUCH OF ACADEMIA AND politics today, history is under attack, and the British Empire is at the heart of the storm. Anything related to empire is denounced as evil. The great figures of the Empire are being torn down.

Prof. Philip Murphy at the University of London said Britain is seeing a new sort of politics “in which empire is almost the original sin of Great Britain, because it’s inherently racist and it embodies all the authoritarian masculine values that the left is now in revolt against.”

This trend is devastating to Britain and to the world. It is also a perverse misrepresentation of Britain’s imperial past.

During the reign of Queen Victoria, the British Empire’s holdings around the globe expanded until it had become the largest empire in history. Though Great Britain was a small island nation, by the end of the 19th century it was said that the sun never set on its territory. With its colonies, protectorates and territories, the Empire included over 14 million square miles of land and 450 million people—more than a quarter of the global

population. With supremacy at sea, Britain took on the role of global policeman and came to dominate world politics.

Owning such a large amount of the planet gave Britain unparalleled power in world trade and granted it significant influence over the economies of many countries. In Britain’s ports, ships arrived from all over the globe carrying goods and raw materials that fueled the local economy.

But the empire had a much larger purpose than simply to manage wealth. Those resources supported an age of scientific, industrial, cultural and military advancement in the United Kingdom and beyond. “The glory of the British Empire was its service to a cause that transcended Britain, that transcended history, that transcended time itself,” author and historian Kirk Emmert wrote in his excellent book *Winston S. Churchill on Empire*.

Of course, the British Empire wasn’t perfect; there were many mistakes and injustices. But it emphatically was not the cruel, evil, inhumane force that many today think it was.

Emmert wrote that in Churchill’s view, the British Empire acted to “lift human life away from barbarism and savagery towards civilization and human excellence.” In many instances, that is exactly what it did. It was a powerful civilizing force that benefited all humanity!

Empire the World Needs

Historian and Harvard professor Niall Ferguson explains in detail the good work of the British Empire in his book *Empire*. Despite the wide criticism leveled at the British Empire today, he writes, “the fact remains that no organization in history has done more to promote the free movement of goods, capital and labor than the British Empire in the 19th and early 20th centuries. And no organization has done more to impose Western norms of law, order and governance around the world.”

Ferguson does a very good job making the case that “the world we know today is in large measure the product of Britain’s age of empire.” He documents Britain’s towering contributions to the lands it colonized, *and to humanity in*

general—contributions that included the English language and literature; English forms of land ownership; Scottish and English banking; Common Law; team sports; representative assemblies; and modern notions of freedom and liberty.

All these things were rooted in Judeo-Christian values, which the British shared with mankind during their global rule.

Isn't an empire that leads the world away from savagery toward human excellence a good thing? This world *needs* that kind of empire!

Even America's forefathers, despite their hostility to many facets of British rule, recognized Britain's enormous contributions to the moral view of man. In June 1783, George Washington wrote, "The foundation of our empire was not laid in the gloomy age of ignorance and superstition, but at an [epoch] when the rights of mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period"

On July 10, 1833, Lord Macaulay stated in a speech before British Parliament, "There is an empire exempt from all natural causes of decay. That empire is the imperishable empire of our arts and our morals and our literature and our laws." Such men believed Britain had a unique and special system of law, values and morals, and they wanted to share those with the rest of mankind.

Contrast that ideal with what you see today, when Britain's greatest export is lawless, amoral, drunken thuggery!

Just laws and upright morals *should* be exported around the world. But Britain instead spreads *deep corruption* and a *plague* of evil, as does America. That is a terrible shame.

Emmert explained that Churchill believed that the "fostering of civilization [is] the highest purpose of empire." It was Churchill's hope and belief that the British Empire, grounded on a strong system of law and morality, would improve the character of both Britain's leaders and its subjects. It never did this perfectly, but it did so more than any other people or empire!

"True imperialism ... develops manhood," Churchill said. That is politically incorrect today—but it is still very accurate! True imperialism—the expansion of an empire rooted in law and morality—does create quality men and women.

God's View of Empire

Human history has certainly produced some very evil empires. Rather than civilizing the world, some empires have made it more barbaric and violent. According to biblical prophecy, the most savage empire of all is going to rise just before Jesus Christ's Second Coming—and we can see it emerging before our eyes in Europe today! At present, it is disguised with sophistication, but soon it will revert to its historical brutality.

That ugly history has contributed to the evil view that many people today have of empire in general, especially among intellectuals and scholars in the West. However, the existence of these barba-



riking empires doesn't change the *good* that a civilizing empire can do. And the scholars' cynical portrayal of the British Empire is very deceptive and dishonest.

At its core, is empire immoral? No. There is nothing wrong with empire if it brings good. Truly, the *right kind* of imperialism can accomplish great things!

In fact, if you understand the gospel that Jesus Christ brought to Earth—advance news from God the Father of the soon-coming Kingdom of God—it was at its heart an *imperialistic* message! The Kingdom of God could very accurately be called the God Family *Empire*!

God has a plan to lift human life away from barbarism and savagery toward civilization and excellence. He has a strategy to spread just laws and right morals. He intends to fulfill the noble purpose of fostering the right kind of civilization for the benefit of the whole world!

God is laying the foundation of that future Empire today. He is preparing a people—His Church—who will be ready when the time comes that Jesus Christ is crowned *King of kings* and *Lord of lords*.

Are you one whom God could use for that noble purpose? Would you devote your life to this greatest of all causes?

Think on this statement from James Anthony Froude, which he wrote in his book *Oceana*: "A man ... who is more than himself, who is part of an institution, who has devoted himself to a cause—or is a citizen of an imperial power—expands to the scope and fullness of the larger organism; and the grander the organization, the larger

and more important the unit that knows that he belongs to it. His thoughts are wider, his interests less selfish, his ambitions ampler and nobler. ... A GREAT NATION MAKES GREAT MEN, A SMALL NATION MAKES LITTLE MEN" (emphasis mine).

Froude was talking about the British Empire. Churchill and many others were living proof of that statement. That great Empire ennobled them and set their imaginations on fire.

But Froude's observation is infinitely truer of the Empire that God Himself is establishing! This Empire improves both rulers and ruled. The more we understand it and commit our passions to it, the less selfish our interests, the wider our thoughts, the ampler and nobler our ambitions become!

After all, this is God's Empire! It is the greatest, most wonderful and inspiring endeavor that will ever be. No nation or kingdom on Earth will ever produce *greater men and women* than God's Kingdom—and you can join forces with it even today!

1600

Queen Elizabeth I grants a charter to the East India Company, which begins establishing British trading posts in South Asia.

1788

The British Empire gains new settlements in Australia.

1833

The British Empire abolishes slavery within its dominions.

1599

William Shakespeare debuts his play "King Henry V" in the newly established Globe Theater.

1663

King Charles II grants a colonial charter guaranteeing settlers in Rhode Island the right to religious freedom.

1769

English navigator Lt. James Cook begins mapping the coastline of New Zealand, opening the way for British settlers to end human cannibalism on the islands.

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1588

Queen Elizabeth's fleet defeats the Spanish Armada and establishes the superiority of English ships and seamanship.

1664

The Dutch give England New Amsterdam (New York City) in exchange for a British island in southwest Asia.

1807

The British Empire abolishes trade within its colonial possessions.

1655

Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell wrestles control of Jamaica from Spain.

1559

Queen Elizabeth I is crowned over a stone used almost 4,000 years prior by the biblical patriarch Jacob.

1606

King James I grants the Virginia Company a royal charter to establish England's first successful colony, Jamestown.



1689

King William III signs an English Bill of Rights, firmly establishing the principles of frequent parliaments, free elections and freedom of speech within Parliament.

1805

Adm. Horatio Nelson defeats French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte's navy at the Battle of Trafalgar, opening the way for British dominance over the world.

1707

The Acts of Union unite the Kingdom of England and the Kingdom of Scotland into one United Kingdom of Great Britain.

1801

The Acts of Union unite the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Kingdom of Ireland into one United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

1759

Britain captures Quebec during the French and Indian War, virtually ending France's power in North America.

1815

Gen. Arthur Wellesley defeats Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo.

Britain's Elizabethan Age

Queen Elizabeth II died on September 8, 2022, marking the end of the longest reign in Britain's history.

The Queen was the last link to a bygone era for Britain.

She was the last monarch to rule over the British Empire, a powerful civilizing force established by Queen Elizabeth I and one that benefited all of humanity.

1870

British businessmen invest roughly 6 percent of Britain's gross national product in the colonies.

1919

The British Empire sacrifices 886,000 soldiers to defeat the forces of Imperial Germany and the Ottoman Empire.

1910

British taxpayers pay 5 to 47 times more defending Pax Britannica than those in the dominions or colonies.

1997 (DECLINE)

Great Britain returns Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty, ending an empire that established Anglo-Saxon Common Law in 39 countries.

1879

British soldiers defeat Prince Dabulamanzi of the Zulu Empire at the Battle of Rorke's Drift.

1902

The British Empire builds 858,000 miles of aerial, buried and ocean telegraph lines, the world's first global communications network.

1953

Queen Elizabeth II is crowned above a stone used almost 4,000 years prior by the biblical patriarch Jacob.

1876

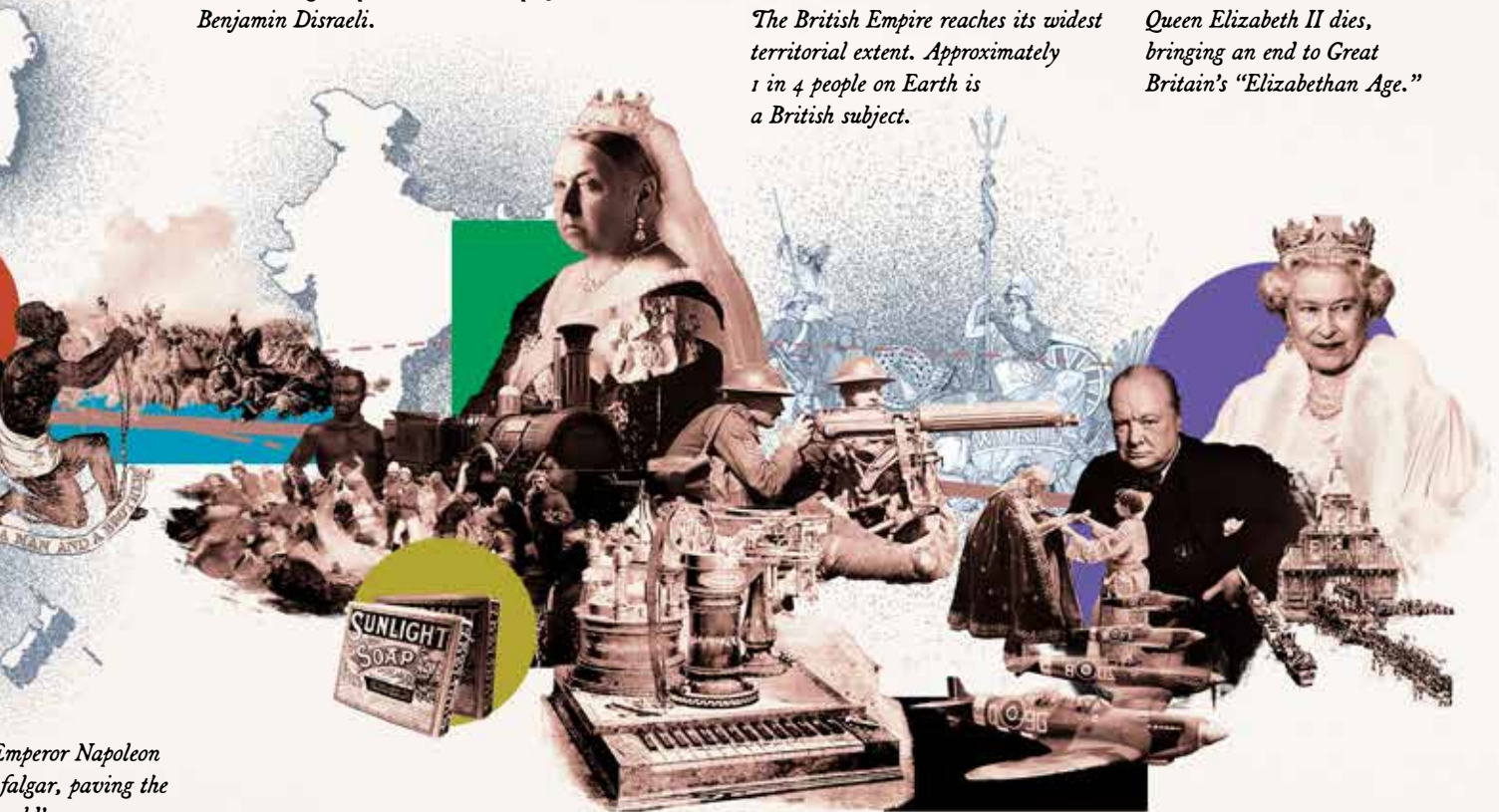
Queen Victoria is proclaimed empress of India during the prime ministership of Benjamin Disraeli.

1922

The British Empire reaches its widest territorial extent. Approximately 1 in 4 people on Earth is a British subject.

2022

Queen Elizabeth II dies, bringing an end to Great Britain's "Elizabethan Age."



Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, paving the way for the world's oceans.

1860

Young Britons learn etiquette from books like *The Handbook of Etiquette: Being a Complete Guide to the Usages of Polite Society*.

1886

William Hesketh Lever begins manufacturing Sunlight Soap, transforming cleanliness and hygiene throughout the British Empire.

1945

The British Empire sacrifices 480,700 soldiers to defeat the forces of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

CONQUEST
CULTURE
EXPANSION
FREEDOM
MONARCHY
SACRIFICE

1880

British engineers finish unifying India with nearly 16,000 miles of railway.

1931 (DECLINE)

Great Britain starts referring to the self-governing dependencies that acknowledge British authority as the British Commonwealth.

BIDEN DECLARES WAR ON AMERICANS

Threatening
average citizens
with deadly force
BY STEPHEN FLURRY



JOE BIDEN AND THOSE BEHIND HIM are on the attack. Their target of the attack isn't drug smugglers, human traffickers, gang members or anarchists—or foreign spies, combatants or regimes. And the thrust of the attack isn't about jobs, spending or public health. It's about the use of deadly force. And the target is everyday Americans.

On September 11, Americans remember the horrific 2001 attacks. At that time 21 years ago, I was teaching a class during Herbert W. Armstrong College's first academic year here in Edmond, Oklahoma. A staff member interrupted to tell us that a plane had just hit the World Trade Center in New York. Minutes later, he interrupted again: Another plane had just hit.

With the rest of the world, we watched the terror unfold. The Twin Towers, burning. Our fellow Americans, choking on the smoke and facing an inferno, plummeting from those windows. Another plane striking the Pentagon. Another plane crashing in Pennsylvania. The South Tower falling. The North Tower falling. We felt one shock after another. The world was changing before our eyes. It was a mass murder of 2,977 people planned and perpetrated by people saturated in hatred and evil.

Biden is now comparing those who oppose his illegitimate regime to these terrorists. On the 21st anniversary of 9/11, he said enemies of "our democracy" tried to bury our rights and freedoms "in the burning fire and smoke and ash." Then he equated Americans who have protested

wild irregularities in the 2020 presidential election to those Islamist terrorists. In a subsequent interview, Vice President Kamala Harris grouped the 9/11 jihadists together with the everyday Americans speaking out against the 2020 election theft as "enemies foreign and domestic."

Such inflammatory rhetoric, backed up by White House spokespeople and amplified by the media, is intentionally provocative. Ultimately, the radical Biden administration is trying to trigger a civil war that will take state power to put down.

You need to know why.

Vicious Speech

Just 10 days before Biden compared MAGA Republicans to Islamist terrorists, he gave one of the most vicious presidential speeches in American history. This divisive televised prime-time address was not one a politician gives to gain more votes in midterm elections. It was a declaration of war by an unelected usurper against Donald Trump and the more than 75 million citizens who support him.

Biden's team set up the event to take place at night and arranged floodlights to illuminate Philadelphia's Independence Hall in blood red. They positioned two marines in uniform behind Biden to intensify his rhetoric that "Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic."

"MAGA Republicans do not respect the Constitution," Biden claimed. "They do not believe in the rule of law. They do not recognize the will of the people.

They refuse to accept the results of a free election. And they're working right now, as I speak, in state after state to give power to decide elections in America to partisans and cronies, empowering election deniers to undermine democracy itself. MAGA forces are determined to take this country backwards—backwards to an America where there is no right to choose, no right to privacy, no right to contraception, no right to marry who you love. They promote authoritarian leaders, and they fan the flames of political violence that are a threat to our personal rights, to the pursuit of justice, to the rule of law, to the very soul of this country."

This is the same man who framed his campaign as a "battle for the soul of the nation," then went along with Barack Obama and the Democratic Party to *steal the presidential election*. This man has pushed to ban firearms from law-abiding Americans. In 2020, he paraphrased Thomas Jefferson saying, "The tree of liberty is watered with the blood of patriots." He then said, "The fact is, if you're going to take on the government, you need an F-15 with Hellfire missiles. There is no way an AK-47 is going to take care of you if you're worried about the government knocking down your door." In 2021, he said: "If you think you need to have weapons to take on the government, you need F-15s and maybe some nuclear weapons." On August 30, he said: "And for those brave right-wing Americans who say [the Second Amendment] is all about keeping Americans independent and safe, if you want to fight against the country, you need an F-15. You need something a little more than a gun."

This is the same man Obama has used to oppose and defund local police, led by sheriffs who are elected, appointed or otherwise accountable to their communities; to empower and arm federal agents, who are not; and to limit, ban and confiscate the firearms of law-abiding citizens. And this regime is not done yet. Those behind Biden are sending a message to those who oppose them: *You need something a little more than a gun, and we will take even your guns if we can.*

Targeting Conservatives

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters before Biden's

Philadelphia speech, “[I]t’s not a political speech” and “He’s going to talk about uniting the people of this country who believe in equality and democracy.” Yet Biden condemned Donald Trump three times and condemned the MAGA movement 13 times. There was nothing reconciliatory about his speech. Its purpose was to cast Republicans as fascists and to signal the liberal media to treat them as such.

Such rhetoric represents a dangerous turn for America. MAGA Republicans stand for limited government, free enterprise, free expression and local control. Yet Biden says these people “represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic”

The Biden regime is trying to antagonize American traditionalists into a bigger conflict.

simply because they want to audit the 2020 election. Benito Mussolini’s mantra was, “All within the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state.” So if there are real fascists in America these days, they are among the radical leftists prosecuting anyone who stands up against their Big Government agenda.

Referring to MAGA Republicans, Jean-Pierre said, “[W]hen you are not with where a majority of Americans are, then, you know, that is extreme.” The Biden regime is building a one-party state that condemns and prosecutes those who differ from the party line. This has happened repeatedly in history, especially in countries where a socialist party like the Democratic Party seizes power.

Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson described Biden’s speech as an “urgent wartime address.” It is glaringly apparent that the Obama team and its corporate media allies believe they are at war with those who believe in principles like the rule of law, separation of powers, equal protection, civil liberties and free and fair elections. This regime is battling to transfer rights from the people to the government until they amass enough power to start forcibly redistributing wealth, restricting movement, mandating health measures, increasing surveillance, and further transforming what was once the freest nation on Earth. A

key battle strategy is to demonize those who say such powerful governments are dangerous. Yet history shows us that such demonization often leads to war.

The fact that Biden’s team placed uniformed marines behind him (violating a Defense Department directive) suggests that civil war is a possibility. Meanwhile, his regime has continued Obama’s authorization of federal agencies to stockpile guns and ammunition in preparation for such a war. But it would be good publicity for the radical left if small-government conservatives fired the first shot. Those who supported Biden’s inauguration incited violence at the Capitol protest on Jan. 6, 2021. In the same way, the Biden regime is now trying to antagonize American traditionalists into a bigger conflict.

Civil War

The Federal Bureau of Investigation raided President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate three weeks before Biden’s inflammatory speech. Once Biden gave them a green light to target conservatives, they shifted their prosecution efforts up a gear.

First the FBI seized a cell phone belonging to MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell on September 14 as part of a federal investigation into an alleged breach of Dominion voting machines in Colorado. Then the Department of Justice issued about 40 subpoenas related to the actions taken by Donald Trump and his allies during the Jan. 6, 2021, election protests. So the government is now threatening Americans with deadly force.

And the targeting of conservatives may not stop with police raids. During Obama’s presidency, the Internal Revenue Service targeted groups with “tea party” or “patriot” in their names with audits. Last year, Attorney General Merrick Garland issued an order directing the FBI to investigate “threats of violence” against school administrators and teachers by parents protesting racial and gender issues in school curricula. So you can be sure that all the Lois Lerner’s in Biden’s enforcement agencies took note when he made MAGA Republicans fair game.

Trump will come roaring back

A prophecy buried in your Bible reveals it. Understand it with your free copy of Gerald Flurry’s newest book, **America Under Attack**.

In “What Will Happen After Trump Regains Power” (theTrumpet.com/23957), my father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, explained that President Trump was the legitimate winner of the 2020 election. The Obama-Biden administration stole the election using fraudulent mail-in ballots, but the Bible prophesies Trump’s return to power. Yet this return will not be easy. The current regime has tremendous power, so Trump “will have to fight for it,” my father wrote. “It doesn’t have to be military action, but it certainly *could*. President Trump could also lead some states to secede from the union.”

Such a movement would give leftists the war they have been agitating for, but Bible prophecy indicates that any such conflict will be won by Trump. But the victory will be temporary.

My father further explained from 2 Kings 14:26-28 that President Trump is a type of King Jeroboam II: “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. Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, 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?”

God used Donald Trump to save America from the radical Obama-Biden administration seeking to transform it into a socialist dictatorship six years ago. But the Obama-Biden administration came roaring back. So Trump will have to fight and war to recover the office stolen from him in the 2020 election. 2 Kings 14 indicates that Trump will have some initial success in this fight. The only way for the American people to make such success permanent, however, is to repent of the sins that have allowed such corruption to take root in America’s government. ■





Reclaim your ability to think!
BY BRAD MACDONALD AND JOEL HILLIKER

IN OUR WORLD OF TOUCH SCREENS and endless scroll, the inability to focus is pandemic. We touch our phones an average of 2,617 times every 24 hours. We are part of one of the most significant cultural phenomena in human history: screen addiction.

Our minds are being rewired to use, rely upon, and crave screens and the superficial world they display to us. Moments of peace, solitude and focus are few and far between. The quality of our thinking, the way we absorb and digest information, and the very nature of our lives is changing.

Addicts

Adults, teenagers and even children spend hours a day looking at screens. In the year 2000, there were roughly

500 million cell phones in the world. In 2010, there were almost 5 billion. Now there are an estimated 15 billion. Of the 8 billion people alive today, an estimated 6.6 billion use smartphones.

A 2010 study found that the average teen consumed more than 70 hours of electronic media per week and spent less than 16 hours with parents (and not necessarily in meaningful interactions), less than 10.5 hours in physical activity and just over five hours doing homework, per week. Those teens are now in their 20s. Their kids are even more connected.

At work, many of us stare at computer screens all day every day, interrupting ourselves to check our smartphones. (Office workers are interrupted an average of once every three minutes.) We check our phones again on our

commutes and come home to laptops, tablets and an average of three televisions per household, all emitting enticing glows. On these screens we message, e-mail, video call, post, watch videos, check the weather, read news, shop, pay bills, play games, join clubs, read, skim, vent, connect, and continuously scroll.

We are consuming nearly triple the amount of information our grandparents did. But are we leading richer lives? Are we even truly better informed?

"We told ourselves we could have a massive expansion in the amount of information we are exposed to, and the speed at which it hits us, with no costs," writes Johann Hari in *Stolen Focus*. "This is a delusion: 'It becomes exhausting.' More importantly, [Prof. Sune Lehmann] said, 'what we are sacrificing is depth in all sorts of dimensions.' ... Depth takes time. And depth takes reflection. If you have to keep up with everything and send e-mails all the time, there's no time to reach depth. Depth connected to your work in relationships also takes time. It takes energy. It takes long time spans. And it takes commitment. It takes attention, right? All of these things that require depth are suffering. *It's pulling us more and more up onto the surface*" (emphasis added throughout).

Hamlet's Blackberry author William Powers makes the same point: Our captivity with gadgets is making life more "frantic and rushed," and causing us to lose "something of great value, a way of thinking and moving through time that can be summed up in a single word: depth." Not only are we losing depth of thought and feeling, we're losing "depth in our relationships, our work and everything we do," he writes. And "since depth is what makes life fulfilling and meaningful, *it's astounding that we're allowing this to happen.*"

Hari's book identifies 12 causes for society's attention crisis: technology, the volume of information coming at us, constant switching and continuous distractions, sleep deprivation, bad food, pollutants, drugs and more. Our society is largely *designed* to steal our attention, decimating our focus.

Rewiring Our Brains

Dozens of studies point to the same conclusion. *The Shallows* author Nicholas

Carr writes: “When we go online, we enter an environment that promotes cursory reading, hurried and distracted thinking, and superficial learning.”

We’ve grown quite adept at scanning and skimming, Carr writes, but “what we are losing is our capacity for concentration, contemplation and reflection.”

For almost 20 years, children have been growing up with a different way of reading, their eyes not necessarily moving left to right and top to bottom but scanning, darting around the page, and moving on to the next thing. These habits are infantilizing the brains, not just of children today, but of yesterday’s children who are now today’s young adults.

By becoming addicted to screens, Carr observes, we have “rejected the intellectual tradition of solidarity, single-minded concentration”—a state of mind often induced by reading a book, for example—and “cast our lot with the juggler.”

Increasingly, our minds are like the cursors on our computer screens. They dart around, up and down, rarely settling, constantly moving, clicking and dragging. Like the modern library, the modern mind is devoid of nooks, places to go for prolonged, single-focused, undistracted thought.

The *nature* of our lives has been fundamentally altered.



Consider Your Ways

Google measures success by “engagement”—minutes and hours of eyeballs on the product. Engineers are always looking for new ways to suck eyeballs onto their programs and keep them there. They are constantly proposing more interruptions to people’s lives. Google shapes more than *11 billion interruptions* to people’s lives *every day*.

“Your distraction is their fuel,” Hari writes (op cit). This is how tech

companies make their money; it is the basis of their whole business model. Many of these brilliant engineers thought they would help make the world a better place, but are now “caught in this arms race to manipulate human nature.”

Hari quotes iPhone co-inventor Tony Fadell as saying, “I wake up in cold sweats every so often thinking, *What did we bring to the world?*” He worried that he had helped create “a nuclear bomb” that can “blow up people’s brains and reprogram them.”

His fear is justified. People *are* being reprogrammed. The average American between ages 13 and 17 now sends one text message for every six minutes he is awake. The average Internet user who clicks on a photo is pulled away from whatever he or she was doing for 20 minutes before he or she gets back to it. And so on.

The consequences for society are grave. They are also devastating personally. Distraction overload is death by a thousand cuts to your productivity, your contentment, your focus, your thinking, your relationships.

Take a moment to count the number of screens in your life and calculate how much time you spend on them. How many of those minutes, those *hours*, per day do you spend in necessary, important, engaging activities? How many do you spend on media consumption that wastes your time or even destroys your ability to think?

How many texts do you send and receive per day? How many of those texts contribute real value to your life? How much television do you watch? How many times do you check your e-mail? How many times do you *need* to check your e-mail?

Now, how much time do you spend in activities that deepen the mind, that lend themselves to focused, undistracted thought? How much time do you spend reading each week? How much time in meditation? How much in conversation with your family?

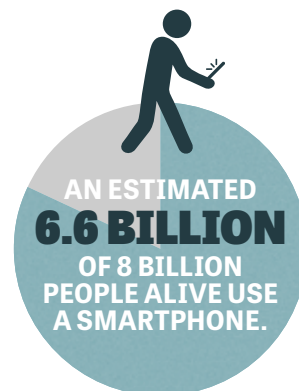
Next, think about your ability to think. Would you call yourself a deep thinker?

In his bestselling book *The Art of Thinking*, Ernest Dimnet said the thinking mind is like the eye: “It must be single.” Great thinkers—or as Dimnet called them, “people possessed of a *mastering purpose* leaving no room for inferior

preoccupations”—stand apart for the “*directness of their intellectual vision.*”

Dimnet wrote that the mind of a weak thinker has a “*fatal capacity for letting in extraneous thoughts or mental parasites.*” Could there be a better description for the smartphone in your hand or pocket?

Perhaps you are more addicted to the screen than you thought. What can you



do? Everyone’s circumstances and mind are different, but these principles may help you overcome screen addiction.

Subtract Distraction, Add Meaning

A 2010 study at the University of Maryland asked 200 students to refrain from using electronic media for a day. After the exercise, one student commented that communicating with friends online gave “a constant feeling of comfort” and that forgoing it for a day brought an “almost unbearable” sense of feeling “quite alone and secluded from my life.”

Screen addiction grooms us to *fear solitude*, to fear being alone with our own thoughts!

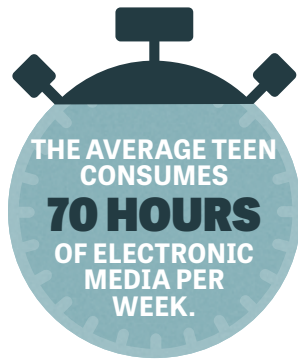
“The art of thinking,” wrote Dimnet, “is the art of being one’s self, and this art can only be learned if one is by one’s self.” Just as the reader loves quiet nooks in the library, the thinker cherishes quiet nooks in life.

If you carry access to the whole world through a constantly dinging device in your hand, then you are never alone. Creating the solitude needed for thinking requires flicking the off switch on every screen in our lives!

Try it.

As with other addictions, you will find a seemingly simple change of habit to be more difficult than you might have thought. But it is crucial that you limit and control your consumption of electronic media. Put a limit on your

recreational Internet use. When you're on the computer, set the timer so you don't lose track of time. Limit the number of texts you (and your teenager) send each day. Force yourself to only check your e-mail once an hour, or once a night. Turn the television off after the specified maximum time each day or week. Carve out blocks during the evening when all smartphones or gadgets are off.



Powers describes his “Internet sabbath.” It began when he and his wife started a habit of turning off Internet access completely from Friday night until Monday morning. It wasn't easy at first. But as time passed, the value of this new intentional habit became clear.

The house became a “kind of island away from the madness.” Instead of each family member retiring to a room with a gadget, they gathered for conversation, for games, to spend time outdoors, to get to know their neighbors. Naturally, the family grew closer.

Try switching off all gadgets in your household for a day, or at least during dinner times and for an hour afterward. Try creating nooks of solitude, areas in your home where family members can be free of noise, distractions and screens. Keep attention-gobbling devices in their place.

This will gradually free you to fill your mind and your life with the necessary, the important, the enriching and fulfilling.

“To lead happy, productive lives in a connected world,” writes Powers, “we need to master the art of disconnecting.”

Think on These Things

OK, the screens have been switched off. You've managed to create conditions conducive to focusing and thinking deeply. You are free to fill your mind

and your life with the necessary, the important, the enriching and fulfilling. So, what should you think about?

The Apostle Paul answers: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

Be determined and be active in feeding your mind a healthy diet of information and knowledge that is *true, honest, just* and *pure*. Read quality books that will uplift and inspire and educate your mind. As you read, stop and meditate on what you are consuming.

Keep a journal. Make time to write in it regularly. Record your goals and aspirations, for you personally, but also for your family. Take notes on a conversation you had with a friend. Flesh out a creative or original thought sparked earlier while you were reading or driving.

Take time to write a handwritten letter to a friend or distant relative.

All these activities will contribute to you developing the habit of thinking.

How much thinking should we strive to engage in? For most of us, the more the better. Aim to devote at least the same amount of time (or more) to serious, thought-provoking activities as you do to shallow, superficial activities like watching television, surfing the Internet, or playing video games.

Remember: Thinking doesn't mean only reading or writing, or sitting cross-legged in still silence on the living room floor. Abraham Lincoln took long walks during which he would meditate deeply. And nothing inspires original, creative thinking like an in-depth conversation with friends.

Embrace a hobby that lends itself to solitude and meditation, like gardening or painting. When you do these activities, strive for interior solitude. Turn the smartphone off. Have your own mental conversations. Sometimes background music is nice, but don't be afraid to switch off the music app or radio. Create your own mental music.

For those interested in pursuing some of the deepest, most profound thoughts available to man, study the Bible. No other knowledge on Earth will stretch

and strengthen your mind like that found in this book. Why? *Because the Bible is the mind of God in print.*

It is filled with what the Apostle Paul termed in 1 Corinthians 2:10 “the deep things of God.”

A Battle for Your Heart

Unless you can focus, you cannot maintain quality relationships with your spouse or your children. And you cannot develop a real relationship with your Creator.

God wants to teach you knowledge (Isaiah 28:9). God wants to reason together with you (Isaiah 1:18). He wants you to mature from the way of thinking of a baby or a child to thinking like an adult and, ultimately, to thinking like God (1 Corinthians 13:11; 2:9-12).

To be able to do that, however, you *need* to be able to focus in prayer. You need focus for quality Bible study. You need focus to keep the first and great commandment: *Love God with all your heart, soul and mind* (Matthew 22:37).

The devil is always trying to steal pieces of our mind—to distract us, divert us and chop up our attention. In 2 Corinthians 2:11, Paul warns that we must not be “ignorant of [Satan's] devices”—or else he will “get an advantage [over] us.” In any war, ignorance of the enemy is



dangerous. If you are walking through a minefield, you want to be able to see those mines. If the devil is laying a trap for you, it is important to recognize it. We are far more vulnerable to the devil if we are ignorant of his devices. (That word “devices” means designs or schemes in the Greek—but incidentally, it is also the word we use for the smartphones, tablets and laptops we are so dependent on. And they can easily become “Satan's devices.”)

Hundreds of millions are *addicted* to these meaningless things. That is the

express intent of so many of these devices! Engineers are literally hacking our brains and using our own weaknesses against us to waste our time for their own profit.

Addiction is a form of slavery. And the one who is ultimately behind it is the devil. He is using every flaw in human nature against us to waste our time and waste our life.

An article titled “How to Organize Your Life God’s Way” states, “In this lawless, perverse, pleasure-mad society in which we are living, all of us as God’s people must constantly grapple with the challenge of *staying close to God in spite of the world around us*. Satan is the god of this world, and he has arrayed the entire society against us to distract us and snare us as we seek to draw near to God and serve Him. Satan is the world’s greatest *time-waster*, and he has designed this society and this world to waste your time and your life!”

Truly, the devil’s world is engineering more ways than ever to *destroy* your focus, *squander* your time and your life. “Satan has increased the *pace* of the society and has ‘jammed the frequency’ with *materialistic distractions*,” this article continues. “He has littered the world with every conceivable gadget, activity, pleasure and late-night entertainment to keep mankind ‘active’ and ‘busy’ from the time he wakes up in the morning to the time he falls into bed exhausted late at night. There is simply no *time* to stop and ponder the purpose of human existence and where all this is leading.”

Dangerously, disastrously true. And think of the consequences: So many of our problems are caused or exacerbated by the degree and intensity with which the average person is frenzied, distracted and caught up in trivialities. If you are not actively resisting this onslaught, you are being heavily impacted by it.

Renew Your Mind

Your mind was created to develop, to improve, to mature. This requires a lot of things, but perhaps first of all it requires *focus*. Your mind can only grow if you can



concentrate on things that matter for much more than three minutes at a time. Only then can you delve into the type of thinking, reading, studying and meditation that will help you grow into who and what you were created to become.

In Romans 12, Paul wrote: “[B]e not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by *the renewing of your mind ...*” (verse 2). Do you ever feel like your mind needs renewing? The more we study the Bible, the more we give God the opportunity to renew our minds, to wash our thoughts in His truth and His deep thinking.

For many, the Bible’s archaic language and seemingly illogical flow make it almost impossible to understand. (Scripture itself reveals that there is a profound reason for that.)

Let us help. We have a smorgasbord of literature explaining all the deepest truths of the Bible. For those interested in understanding Bible prophecy, there is our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. If you want to learn more about the Christian Sabbath, why it was created and how to keep it, request and study *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?*

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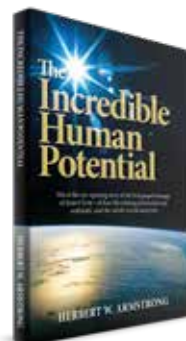
marriage and family is under assault. Now would be an ideal time to investigate what the Bible says about marriage and family. Just request *The Missing Dimension in Sex* or *Why Marriage—Soon Obsolete?* If you want a more detailed understanding of the Bible, including all the major doctrines and prophecies, consider enrolling in the *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course*. This course is designed to guide you through a systematic study of your Bible—the Bible is the only textbook. And best of all, it is free. The only cost is the investment of your time into this invaluable study.

Lastly, if our cultural infatuation and addiction to screens, and the fundamental impact this is having on our brains, really concerns you, you need to study our free book *The Incredible Human Potential*. The more you study this book, the better you will see how screen addiction and its effect on our brains are actually damaging a masterpiece of God’s creation: the human mind!

This book explains the magnificent difference between the human brain and the animal brain. It reveals the human mind for exactly what it is: an instrument that has the potential to receive God’s greatest gift to mankind—to be joined with the very mind of God! *The Incredible Human Potential* will teach you how to take care of your mind, how to build and strengthen it, and *most importantly*, how to add a *spiritual dimension* to your life that will truly expand your mind so you can embrace your full, incredible human potential! ■

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colonists originally declared independence. For all its excellences, even the longest-lasting and most-enlightened written constitution in the world endured less than 250 years and could not withstand its own usurpation by its own people.

What hope is there for human government?

You will be surprised at the answer!

Who Really Chooses Leaders?

Let's return to our all-important first question. What does God think of human government? Does He care? You might be surprised to learn that there is almost nothing that He cares about more!

Having discussed some of the benefits of a nation ruled by the power of the people, we must recognize an important truth—a fact the average, independently minded voter would be loath to accept.

Who really chooses world leaders? Is the ballot truly the

ultimate authority in American democracy? The answer is an astounding *NO*.

The ultimate authority over all governments, worldwide, is *God*. Every election, every appointment, every coronation, every revolution, coup and political mutiny—in every country and throughout history—God has allowed or influenced or *orchestrated to the detail*. That is a fact, whether or not mankind wants to believe it.

The Prophet Daniel explained as much, codified as part of inspired Scripture, in this statement he made to the most powerful of world leaders in his day, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon: "... the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and GIVETH IT TO WHOMSOEVER HE WILL, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Daniel 4:17).

The Apostle Paul supported the same doctrine in the New Testament, in a letter to Church members in Rome—the epicenter of the mighty Roman Empire, even the world, at the time: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For *there*

How Would Jesus Vote?

What God thinks of human governance **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

WHAT DOES GOD THINK OF human government? What does He think of democracy? Does He influence the outcomes of elections? Does He even care who assumes high governmental offices?

On election day, the people render their choice for whom they want to lead them. In some nations, that choice is honored. In some, it is subverted. In some, it is directly opposed by those in power. In many nations, vote tampering and fraud are rampant, privacy is violated, lives are threatened over how ballots are cast. In some, opposition is illegal, and disloyalty is punished.

Human nature is inherently weak and corruptible, so all human governments are flawed (we will see later how far this flaw extends). Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "If there be a country in the world where the doctrine of the sovereignty of the people can be fairly appreciated ... and where its dangers and its advantages may be judged, that country is assuredly America." The United States Constitution

acknowledged the inherent flaws of human nature, including in their leaders, and organized the government to allow the flawed individual the most freedom and accountability over his own life, with the least amount of interference, complication and oppression from flawed leaders. Laws guaranteeing individual rights, the sovereignty of the people, limited government, separation of powers, balance of powers, checks and balances and other precautions against human nature gave some generations considerable freedoms that most people throughout history have been deprived of.

But these innovations also have costs of their own, as every election illustrates. As Tocqueville said, democracy has its dangers too. It expends a fantastic amount of money, it exposes and exacerbates divisions, and it enables some who are unfit to lead—to actually lead.

Now, even America has entered a post-Constitution era, dominated by an illegitimate, oppressive government far worse than the one from which the

is no power but of God: THE POWERS THAT BE ARE ORDAINED OF GOD" (Romans 13:1).

There is no world leader who doesn't owe deference to God as the source of his power.

How many heads of nations, not to mention the masses who elect them or otherwise pay them homage, understand this point of truth?

God Is Supreme

Read what the Prophet Isaiah quotes this great God Himself as saying: "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. ... I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me" (Isaiah 40:25; 46:9).

Presidents, prime ministers and kings may contrive great plans, frame elaborate policies, convinced of their own preeminence. Here is how the supreme Creator God describes their schemes: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord ..." (Psalm 2:1-2). And how does God then respond? "He that sitteth in the heavens shall LAUGH: the Lord shall have them in derision. ... [God] shalt break them with a rod of iron; [He] shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

"BE WISE NOW THEREFORE, O YE KINGS: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling" (verses 4, 9-11).

What does God think of democracy? The best answer is that He looks down on *any* government or leader who refuses to acknowledge His supremacy! God would shower favor and blessings upon a democracy or other government that truly recognized its indebtedness to Him and set its heart to obey Him. But when they don't, His judgment is rightfully severe.

"Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. ... All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity" (Isaiah 40:15, 17).

God "bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. [He] shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble"

(verses 23-24). The authorities of this world would be well advised to heed the warnings of this mighty Being who claims indisputable superiority OVER the greatest of superpowers!

Do you believe these scriptures?

What does this mean for the kingdoms of this world? Will God one day fulfill these threats against them? Or is this so much bluster?

The True Gospel

You probably don't realize it, but the gospel message of Jesus Christ was, at its heart, about this very subject. Christ announced the soon-coming destruction of all human, imperfect, ill-devised governments, to be superseded by one world-ruling Kingdom under God the Father!

"... Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and THE



God alone will decide who fulfills the offices in His Kingdom. He will choose those individuals for their obedience to His perfect law, which will be the absolute standard of conduct taught throughout the Kingdom and expected of everyone.

KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14-15).

The leaders of Christ's day didn't pass His declaration off as bluster: They took it very seriously. In fact, they perceived it as a threat against them—a direct challenge to their cherished positions of authority—and they killed Christ for it!

Yes, very soon God will strip all power away from the kingdoms of this world. "And in the days of these kings shall THE GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and IT SHALL STAND FOR EVER" (Daniel 2:44). "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever*" (Revelation 11:15).

The Kingdom of God will rule the Earth—the very territory now controlled by a teeming multitude of assorted

governments. This divinely ruled Kingdom will have all the characteristics of kingdoms today: leaders, administrative bodies, judges, citizens, laws.

So, what system of government will God establish?

Will God govern through "power of the people"? Positively not.

God alone will decide who fulfills the offices in His Kingdom. He will choose those individuals for their obedience to His perfect law, which will be the absolute standard of conduct taught throughout the Kingdom and expected of everyone (Isaiah 2:2-3). He will ensure that they are deeply humble, so He can trust that even with great authority they will always serve the citizens before themselves (Matthew 20:25-27). He will choose those skilled in administering judgment with mercy. They will have rock-solid character and a proven readiness to handle power graciously.

These fundamental, premier qualities of leadership cannot be categorically determined by any of the methods of choosing leaders currently employed. Only God can evaluate with perfect discernment based on perfect criteria.

Thus the myriad of problems we see rampant today will be eliminated. The dangers of democracy will be gone. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

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Why Most People Don't Understand Bible Prophecy

Are you also missing out because you have yet to discover this eye-opening fact? **BY GERALD FLURRY**



BIBLICAL PROPHECY IS A MYSTERY—even to most people who read the Bible! This subject is tremendously important, yet it is also tremendously confusing. Why? Because Bible prophecy is *locked*. And the vast majority of people *do not have the one vital key* that unlocks the prophecy.

Newscasters, journalists and politicians talk around the clock about the horrendous events that are flashing all around us. But which of them *understands* what is going on? Which of them can tell you where these events are leading?

The Bible actually makes the ultimate outcome of current events inescapably clear, but its explanations are completely confusing unless you have the key that unlocks them.

To understand this key, we have to look back at the Old Testament.

Israel Fighting Jews?

2 Kings 16 shows where the confusion began. It has to do with the identity of Israel. Today, when we think of Israel, we think of the Jews. But there's something missing here.

Did you know that the first time the Jews are mentioned in the Bible, *they are at war with Israel*? The Jewish nation was not Israel—it was actually *fighting* Israel!

Anciently and biblically, Israel and Judah were two very distinct entities. *And they still are*. This is what so many don't understand: the *modern identities* of Israel and Judah. *This is the key to understanding Bible prophecy!*

Ancient Israel was composed of 12 tribes. Judah was only one of those tribes. Today, we know who Judah's descendants are: the Jews. But where are the other tribes? Have they disappeared? Not at all! These "lost 10 tribes" are actually some of the world's most important nations existing today!

This passage in 2 Kings 16 explains what happened. Israel was a united nation of 12 tribes under the rule of King David and his son King Solomon. After Solomon died, 10 tribes of Israel rebelled from the tribe of Judah and the capital of Jerusalem. The tribes of Benjamin and Levi remained with the Jews. The other 10 tribes established themselves in Samaria, north of Jerusalem.

Israel and Judah became two separate

nations. This fact is **CRUCIAL** to understanding Bible prophecy.

"At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath" This is the first time the word *Jews* appears in the Bible. "[A]nd the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day. So Ahaz [the king of Judah] sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me" (2 Kings 16:6-7).

The king of *Judah* contacted a foreign king to ask for help in fighting *Israel!* How could they be warring against each other if Israel were just another name for Judah? This was well after the kingdom split. Israel was—and still is—separate from Judah!

Today, there is a nation in the Middle East called Israel. But that nation represents only two tribes of Israel: Judah and Benjamin—along with many or most of the Levites. Those are the tribes that remained in Jerusalem when Israel seceded. The modern nation called *Israel* does not include the descendants of the 10 tribes that broke away in the 10th century B.C. and migrated to Samaria (northern Israel).

This war in 2 Kings 16 ended with Israel (the northern 10 tribes) being defeated and enslaved by Assyria. "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only" (2 Kings 17:18). Israel was so faithless and sinful that it enraged the God of love! Because of the Israelites' terrible sins, He became so angry that He forsook them and allowed them to be conquered.

Assyria conquered the nation of Israel from 721 to 718 B.C. (verse 23). *Israel* was taken captive, and only *Judah* was left (verse 18).

Think soberly about these verses because they *also apply to us*. This is the end time. The nations of Israel still exist. And they continue to anger God with their terrible sins! The book of 2 Kings is one of the former prophets. That means this verse is not just about an ancient nation; it also carries a prophetic message for us today—**IF** we understand Bible prophecy! God says the Assyrians will conquer Israel again (see Isaiah 10).

Fruitless Investigation

Bible scholars have looked into what happened to ancient Israel. Historian and scientist Werner Keller is a chief scholar on the topic. He includes much solid information in his book *The Bible as History*. Here is his view, which many other scholars share: “The people of the northern kingdom and their kings with them disappeared, were absorbed into the population of these foreign lands, and never emerged again in history. All investigation into what became of the 10 tribes and who had their home there *has so far come to nothing*” (emphasis mine throughout).

Is that true? The northern 10 tribes of Israel *did* get taken captive. Israel *did* lose its identity. Israel *never did* reemerge AS ISRAEL. But Israel *did not* disappear! How could millions of people simply vanish? They must be somewhere.

Bible scholars know where the tribe of Judah is. “Jew” is just a shortened version of Judah. Modern Judah is where the modern Jews are! They were never totally lost. But most, like Keller, believe that the 10 tribes fell into history’s abyss. How do we know these intelligent scholars are actually *wrong*?

Because Jesus Christ *tells us so*.

Christ’s Commission to the Apostles

About 750 years after Assyria enslaved Israel, Christ gave His apostles a command to visit a specific group of people. *If you understand this, you will understand Bible prophecy.*

Read Matthew 10:5-6: “These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles [Christ would send the Apostle Paul there later], and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: *But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” Christ Himself said this!

Werner Keller and other scholars don’t understand this. But if we believe Christ, we must believe that “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” were somewhere on the scene during Christ’s day—more than 700 years after they had been enslaved.

Christ was certainly not referring to the Jews. They were where He was, in the same place the Jews are today. Their identity wasn’t lost then, and it is not lost today. Israel, however, had been

absorbed into the Assyrian Empire, and these tribes *did* lose their identity. But Christ—and many others—knew they were out there.

Jesus Christ wants us to know the truth about ancient Israel. Several Old Testament prophets, and even Christ Himself, prophesied that the modern peoples of Israel would endure the worst suffering *ever* just before His Second

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Coming. That is why Christ wants you to *understand* Bible prophecy! And to understand those warnings, you must know who the peoples of Israel are today!

Where Did the Apostles Go?

In his article “Where Did the Twelve Apostles Go?” Herman Hoeh looked into the intriguing history of Parthia to find out where Israel went (*Plain Truth*, May 1964).

Dr. Hoeh wrote that around 700 B.C., a group of people suddenly appeared around the Caspian shore who had been enslaved to Assyria. They were called the *Parthians*, a name that means *exiles*. These exiles eventually ascended to power and prominence in the land of Parthia around 250 B.C.

These peoples were none other than the “lost” tribes of Israel!

They remained in the land where they had been Assyria’s slaves until the early third century A.D. Then the Persians drove them northwest into what is Europe today. And that is exactly where you will find *most* of those lost tribes of Israel right now, in 2022.

Josephus, the prominent first-century Jewish historian, was well aware that Israel had settled in the land of Parthia. “But then the entire body of the people of Israel [the 10 ‘lost’ tribes] remain in that country [they never came back to Samaria]; wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the 10 tribes are *beyond*

Euphrates till now, and are an IMMENSE MULTITUDE, and not to be estimated by numbers” (*Antiquities of the Jews*).

They were an enormous multitude! The scattered Israelites were so vast that Jesus commanded Peter, James, John *and the rest* of His disciples to go to these “lost sheep.” And the 12 apostles knew where they were. Christ knew where they were. Even Josephus knew where they were.

Notice another clue in Matthew 15: “Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David” This Gentile woman knew who He was. She continued: “[M]y daughter is grievously vexed with a devil [demon].” Christ didn’t answer her request at first. He explained why to His disciples: “*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” (verses 21-22, 24).

This woman demonstrated such great faith that Jesus then healed her daughter that very minute. But He clearly told her that He was preparing His apostles to go to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” According to Jesus, that was His purpose.

If we listen to Christ, we can understand why He came and what the Bible’s prophecies mean. We can actually *understand* this tumultuous world around us. But we must have the kind of faith this Canaanite woman had.

Conquered Yet Not Lost

From 604 to 585 B.C., a little over a century after Israel went into captivity, the Jews were also conquered by Babylon. They too had turned from God, and in His wrath He allowed them to be taken captive. However, 70 years later, the Jews, Benjamites and Levites returned (Ezra 1:5; 2:1).

Israel, however, never did. Look into the history of God’s Church in the book of Acts. After chapter 11, you read almost nothing about the original 12 apostles, and nothing about the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

This is a fascinating part of the history. The book of Acts is one of only three books in the New Testament that does not end with *Amen*. The absence of that conclusive final word means that Acts still has more information to be added. A

big part of that new material is going to be about the locations of the “lost sheep” of the house of Israel from the time Acts was written until Christ’s Second Coming.

The first century was not the time for God to reveal the location of the lost 10 tribes to the world. History—and Bible scholars—lost sight of those 10 tribes. The tribes themselves even lost their identity. But now, when the prophecies are most relevant, just before Christ returns—that *time has come*.

The revelation of Israel’s identity happened in a powerful way in the 20th century, with God’s Church sending out more than 6 million copies of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. That book is about this vital truth.

This is crucial to understand because end-time Israel is again sick with sin and stirring God to anger. These modern nations must be warned! And we need to understand prophecy in order to know *whom* to warn.

Peter Was in the British Isles!

Dr. Hoeh’s article traced how the original apostles traveled to the lost 10 tribes. He even examined which areas were visited by which apostles.

Where did Peter spend most of his time after those first 12 years in Palestine? Metaphrastes, the Greek historian, reported “that Peter was not only in these western parts”—the western Mediterranean—“but particularly that he was a long time IN BRITAIN, where he converted many nations to the faith.” This is speaking of Peter’s main lifework to the lost 10 tribes!

William Cave’s *Antiquitates Apostolicae* explains more about Peter’s ministry. Peter didn’t preach the gospel in Rome; that was left to the Apostle Paul. Peter did visit Rome, but he did not preach the gospel there. Instead, he was “a long time” in *Britain*; he did most of his life’s work there, preaching the gospel. So unless Peter disobeyed Christ’s command in Matthew 10:5-6, *Britain* is one of the lost tribes of Israel! It is, in fact, the modern nation descended from *Ephraim*!

In Genesis 48, Jacob (Israel) placed his name on Ephraim and Manasseh. Manasseh’s modern identity is none other than the United States of America. These two modern Israelite nations, Britain and the United States, became

very wealthy and very powerful, just as God prophesied they would.

These two Israelite tribes were blessed because of the obedience and faithfulness of their ancestor Abraham. God promised Abraham that He would bless his descendants (Genesis 22:18; 48:8-22). Look all over this Earth and all through history, and it’s hard to find two nations that were more blessed than the United States and Britain. God gave those two nations the promises of wealth and prominence that He originally promised to Abraham for his obedience. But now those blessings are being taken away because his descendants are wallowing in perverse sins.

These nations must be told *who they are* and must be warned about what they are doing. You can only do that if you understand these prophecies.

Besides the modern nations of Israel and Judah, the Bible also has many prophecies about Germany, Russia, China, Japan and many Middle Eastern nations. The Bible tells you what is ahead for all these nations!

These modern nations must be warned. And we need to understand prophecy in order to know *whom* to warn.

Who Else Went to the Lost 10 Tribes?

There’s something else interesting about these lost 10 tribes.

When the Apostle Paul arrived in Rome, the Jews there had not received the gospel, and they did not know what was happening with the Church that Christ had established. They only knew that it was persecuted and disliked, and they wanted to know what Paul thought about it (Acts 28:17, 21-22). This is proof that the Jews at Rome had never heard from the Apostle Peter. Paul came *after* the original 12, and *he* was the one preaching in the Gentile city of Rome.

In A.D. 656, Pope Vitalian decided that the Catholic Church was not interested in the remains of Peter and Paul. So he sent their remains to Oswy, king of Britain. Here is what he wrote to the British king: “However, we have ordered the blessed gifts of the holy martyrs, that is, the relics [the bones] of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and of the holy martyrs, Laurentius, John and Paul and

Gregory and Pancratius to be delivered to the bearers of these our letters, to be by them delivered to you” (*Bede’s Ecclesiastical History*, Book III, Chapter 29). Even the bones of Paul and Peter ended up in St. Albans in Britain!

Dr. Hoeh’s article also revealed this: “Turn now to added proof of the apostles’ mission to the lost sheep of the house of Israel to the British Isles. From an old volume, published in 1674, by William Camden, we read: ‘The true Christian religion was planted here most anciently by Joseph of Arimathea, Simon Zelotes (or Simon the Zealot), Aristobulus, by St. Peter, and St. Paul, as may be proved by Dorotheus, Theodoretus and Sophronius.’ Well, did you catch that? Paul is now included! Had Paul planned to go from Italy into Spain and then Britain? Here is the answer. ‘I will come by you into Spain’ (Romans 15:28). He was on his way around to Spain and then on to Britain. Clement of Rome, in his letter to the Corinthians, confirms Paul’s journey to the West. But did that include Britain? Listen to the words of the Greek church historian Theodoret. He reports ‘that St. Paul brought salvation TO THE ISLES THAT LIE IN THE OCEAN’ (Book I on Psalm 116, page 870). The British Isles!

“But was that merely to preach to the Gentiles? Not at all. Remember that the THIRD AND LAST PART of Paul’s commission, after he revealed Christ to the kings and rulers at Rome, was to bear the name of Jesus to the ‘children of Israel’ (Acts 9:15)—the lost 10 tribes. ... This is a prophecy of Paul’s mission to the British Isles!”

The Apostle Paul *also* went to Europe to teach the lost 10 tribes!

The lost 10 tribes were important to Jesus Christ. They were important to the original 12 apostles. They were important to the Apostle Paul. They are important to God! And one of the main reasons is that their true modern identities UNLOCK BIBLE PROPHECY!

Are the lost 10 tribes important to you? Knowing their modern identities is THE KEY that unlocks biblical prophecy. You urgently need this precious key, because we are entering the most tumultuous period in world history—the time *just before* the Second Coming of Jesus Christ—when those prophecies are coming to pass before our eyes! ■

You Can Conquer Discouragement!

God gives us the means.

IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT LIFE IS FILLED WITH PEAKS AND VALLEYS. The Prophet Elijah found himself on the highest of spiritual peaks in 1 Kings 18, when he, with God's backing, took out the entire priesthood of Baal with one miraculous blow. After calling fire down from heaven, Elijah had the false prophets destroyed, crushing the pagan religious system of Ahab and Jezebel.

Immediately afterward, Elijah sprinted 15 to 20 miles across the valley of Jezreel (verses 45-46). Here again, with miraculous help from God, he actually outran Ahab's *chariot*.

As exhilarating as this must have been, Elijah must have been physically exhausted. And after battling the entire priesthood of Baal, he was surely drained *mentally* and *emotionally*.

When Ahab returned home, he told his wife Jezebel all that had transpired. Seething with rage, she sentenced Elijah to be executed within 24 hours (1 Kings 19:1-2).

Notice how this great prophet responded: "And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers" (verses 3-4).

Elijah became so despondent that he wanted to die! It's astonishing the mighty prophet of 1 Kings 17 and 18 is the same as the man in chapter 19, wallowing in weariness and self-pity.

What happened? He had been worn down, yes. But the big problem was that he got his mind off **THE WORK** and onto Jezebel's license to kill. As soon as Elijah lost his spiritual focus, everything went downhill—and fast!

What a lesson for us! We might win a number of battles, but until we win the war, we must keep fighting *every day*. We must keep our focus on the soon-coming Kingdom of God.

Jesus said, "[S]trait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14). The way of a Christian is not the "easy way"—the popular, broad road. *That* road, Jesus said, actually leads to destruction. The road we tread is oftentimes narrow, rutty, bumpy and difficult. Few have been willing to travel it—but it leads to success, usefulness, happiness and eternal life.

God mercifully, lovingly prodded Elijah to realign his spiritual focus. He sent an angel to supernaturally provide him physical sustenance (1 Kings 19:5-8). After two meals, Elijah started a 40-day fast, during which God directed him back to Mount Horeb, where Israel's history with God began.

He came to a cave, and God spoke to him there, saying, *What is the cause of your trouble? What is bothering you?* (verse 9).

God let Elijah express himself and explain what he was discouraged about. God listened to Elijah, just like He listens to us.

Elijah was still wrestling with his *woe is me* attitude (verse 10). Jezebel had undoubtedly killed off the remaining prophets of God, which must have added to his worries. God had just used Elijah to wipe out Jezebel's pagan religion as well—but Elijah had practically forgotten. He got his mind on himself and lapsed into faithlessness. How easy it is, even after obtaining our greatest victories, for us to focus on the negative.

And so God proceeded to help Elijah get his mind back on God's power and might (verse 11). God reveals Himself in a variety of ways. He'll use His awesome power when necessary, but He generally comes with a "still small voice" (verse 12).

Even when there are no obvious, visible miracles, God is still God! That's what God wanted Elijah to realize. *You must get your relationship with me back to the way it should be*, God told him. *Get your mind off the trial and back onto me!*

When you are discouraged, don't let your mind dwell on the Jezebel obstacle in front of you. **THINK ON GOD AND HIS WORK.**

When Elijah slipped into the worst discouragement of his life, God strengthened him with food, drink and rest. He let Elijah express why he was discouraged. Though Elijah's thinking was off, God listened and empathized. Elijah also did his part: He started a fast. Even as he vented, he had to have known that his attitude was negative and selfish. He turned to God for help.

And after all this interaction with God, what did God instruct him to do? *Get back to work.* From here, Elijah went on to ordain Elisha, whom God would use to finish the work Elijah had begun (verses 15-17).

The key to overcoming discouragement is to get our minds off ourselves and onto the power and might of God. Turn to God in humility, with prayer and fasting. Then get back to work. Concentrate on serving God and doing His work.

Proverbs 24:16 says, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again" It's easy to think that only the unjust or unrighteous trip up and become despondent and negative. Here God says the **JUST MAN** falls *seven times!*

But he also gets up—he doesn't give in to Satan. *He keeps battling! He never gives up!*

The ability to overcome negativity and discouragement is something God wants us to master. Life is full of trouble. That's because this life is a training ground! God is preparing us for eternal life in His ever expanding royal Family!

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time," Paul wrote, "are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). ■

TOPSHOT A man walks over a broken section of the Pine Island Road in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian in Matlacha, Florida, on October 1.



WORLDWATCH

EUROPE

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The conflict between Russia and Europe over **Ukraine** is increasingly becoming an energy war as the cold of winter approaches.

European sanctions on **Russia** have driven up the cost of fuel and enabled Russia to cut Europe's gas supply. Over the summer, **Germany** frantically tried to fill up its gas storage facilities, but the abrupt termination of gas flows through Nord Stream 1, followed by three underwater explosions on both Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 in late September, sparked fears that Germany's supplies won't last through the winter. Gas prices are soaring, and the European Union's attempt to cap prices for consumers is failing. With inflation already raging, **the energy crisis could lead to economic crisis, freezing homes in winter and the return of large-scale poverty in Europe.** French President **Emmanuel Macron** warned his citizens of the "end of abundance." Germans have been urged to endure major cuts in their personal lives.

The "most advanced continent on the planet, the birthplace of Western civilization, our civilization, is getting much poorer very quickly," Fox News host Tucker Carlson said on August 29. After an extreme summer, Europe is expecting an extreme winter.

Herbert W. Armstrong warned in 1984 that a massive

financial crisis "could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S."

Europe's looming crisis is in many ways self-inflicted and could end as soon as it has started if it gets new leadership. Watch for a new leader to take advantage of Europe's mounting instability.

Meanwhile, **Germany is strengthening its relations with Israel.** On September 12, Israeli Prime Minister **Yair Lapid** said Germany's security would receive Israel's "total commitment." During his visit with German Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** in Berlin, Lapid discussed Israel's gas reserves in the eastern Mediterranean that could replace about 10 percent of Russian gas supplies to Europe.

Lapid also said that his country "will play a part in building Germany's new defense force, mainly in the field of air defense. [I]t has to do with our total commitment to the safety of Germany, to the safety of Europe, to the ability of liberal democracies to defend themselves."

In February, Scholz had announced that Germany would make a massive investment in its military. He specifically mentioned the purchase of Israel's Arrow 3 antiballistic missile system.

Scholz visited Israel in March and met with then Prime Minister **Naftali Bennett.** The two agreed on a strategic dialogue and steps toward

a strategic partnership. On September 6, Israeli President **Izchak Herzog** visited the German Bundestag and called for deepening Germany's partnership with Israel.

"German-Israeli relations are the most intense strategic relationship that Israel has with Europe," Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations **Ron Prosor** told the *Times of Israel*. "After the United States of America, **this is the most strategic relationship bilaterally that Israel has with any country.**"

Hosea 5:13 prophesies that Judah, the Jewish nation called Israel today, will turn to Assyria, modern-day Germany. They share a common enemy: Iran. But the Bible warns that Israel will be fatally betrayed. You can read about this in our free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*.*

MIDDLE EAST

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Iran's relations with Russia, China and India leapt forward on September 14, when it signed a memorandum of obligations at the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** summit in Uzbekistan. The SCO is an economic, political and security organization comprising more than 40 percent of the world's population and 30 percent of global economic output. It is similar to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization but, so far, lacks a mutual defense clause. This new memorandum enables Iran to participate in SCO meetings and puts it on the path to full membership.

During the summit, Russian authoritarian **Vladimir Putin** said a new major Russia-Iran treaty, which will strengthen economic and strategic ties, is nearing completion.

But back in Iran, **one of the nation's most violent anti-government protests in recent years has been raging,** with several protesters and government security agents killed and the government shutting down the Internet in parts of the country.



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ASIA

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The Russia-China partnership continues to grow deeper and stronger in ways that are reshaping the global landscape and pushing toward war.

The ruling Chinese Communist Party sent forces to Russia to participate in large-scale war games under Russian leadership, along with forces from **India, Belarus, Mongolia and Tajikistan**. Russia's "Vostok" (East) military drills take place every four years, and this year's iteration from September 1-7 involved an estimated 50,000 troops. China's Defense Ministry stated, "The aim is to deepen practical and friendly cooperation with the armies of participating countries, enhance the level of strategic collaboration among the participating parties, and strengthen the ability to respond to various security threats."

In light of Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, some have expected China and other Russian partners to distance themselves. Although China has refrained from sending Russia requested weaponry, it has given Russia vibrant economic and political support in recent months, which has helped keep the war raging. At Vostok, Chinese troops worked shoulder to shoulder with the same Russian forces that have committed unspeakable atrocities this year in Ukraine.

In his May-June article "**Asia Still Stands With Putin**," Gerald Flurry warned, "When nuclear-armed powers show such solidarity in wartime, what does this mean for the world? I tell you, it is woe to the world! ... This crisis is far from over."

As the war games proceeded, Russia's government-controlled energy giant Gazprom and China's government-controlled National Petroleum Corp.

announced on September 6 that they had switched to Russian rubles and Chinese yuan for sales of Russian natural gas to China. This was a reaction to the United States and its partners freezing \$300 billion in Russian central bank reserves, which was a reaction to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

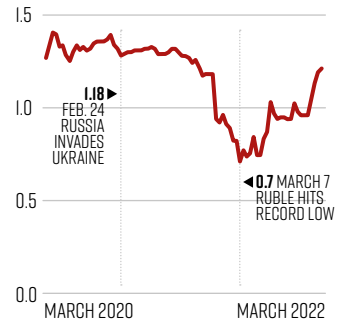
Russian leader Vladimir Putin has demanded that Gazprom's European customers switch to paying with rubles. Several refused, and Russia shut the tap on their supplies. Others complied, which has been a lifeline for Russia's currency and its war. **Turkey has also agreed to switch to ruble payments for Russian gas, and Indonesia** entered negotiations with Russia to switch to settling all bilateral trade in Russian and Indonesian currencies. Some believe that these switches away from the dollar could severely harm the U.S. economy.

In *Ezekiel—The End-Time Prophet*, Mr. Flurry writes that the world's increasing anti-Americanism will culminate in a group of Asian and European nations cutting the English-speaking countries out of global trade.

Just a week after announcing the currency switch, **Putin and Chinese General Secretary Xi Jinping met in Uzbekistan** on September 15, marking their first face-to-face meeting since Russia escalated its war on Ukraine in late February. The trip was Xi's first outside of China in almost 1,000 days and was seen as a signal to the world of the enduring strength of the Russia-China axis, even during war.

The Russian government's TASS news agency reported that during the meeting, Xi told Putin: "In the face of the colossal changes of our time on a global

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scale, unprecedented in recent history, we are ready to team up with our Russian colleagues to set an example of a responsible world power and to play a leading role in putting a rapidly changing world on the track of sustainable and positive development."

In military matters, economics and diplomacy, China and Russia are growing closer. Even an ugly war stridently opposed by the U.S. and the West has not divided the two, contrary to the expectations of some analysts but not at all contrary to Bible prophecy.

Revelation 16:12 describes "the kings of the east," a multinational Asian alliance that will arise in the end time. Bible passages provide many details about this colossus, including its involvement in World War III with its army of 200 million troops, more than has been possible at any other time or place in human history (see Revelation 9:16; Daniel 11:44-12:1).

Gerald Flurry has said that Putin will lead this Asian juggernaut, with China as Russia's primary partner, and that the two are already fulfilling the early stages of these prophecies. "His track record, his nationality and his ideology show that he is fulfilling a linchpin Bible prophecy," Mr. Flurry writes in *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia'*. "The time frame of his rule also shows that nobody else could be fulfilling the Ezekiel 38 and 39 prophecy." Read more in our booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*.



Putin and Xi

ANGLO-AMERICA

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The United States is losing faith in God and the Bible. A new report released by Pew Research and the General Social Survey on September 17 found that young Christians are leaving the faith by the millions. Over the past half century, the share of adults who identify as Christian has fallen from 90 percent to 64 percent. If current trends continue, Pew Research estimates that Christians could become a minority in America by 2045.

When people have no faith in God and the Bible, they trust instead in other ideologies or in material things and politicians who promise these things. It is no coincidence that consumer debt started rising about the time belief in God started to wane in America.

According to Federal Reserve data released on September 8, total consumer debt rose \$23.8 billion in July to a record

\$4.6 trillion. The average U.S. household is now \$35,000 in debt (not counting mortgage debt). That is \$12,000 more than the average household carried 50 years ago (even after adjusting for inflation). Yet despite these sobering statistics, Americans continue to cope with rising prices with their credit cards.

Forty-two years ago, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote an article titled "Prepare to Greatly Reduce Your Standard of Living," warning Americans that God was about to remove their blessings for rebelling against Him. Now we see this punishment coming to pass as debt levels, prices and interest rates trend higher.

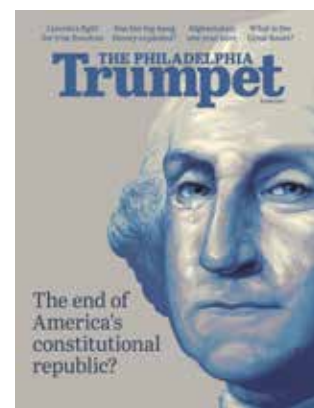
Declining church attendance and rising debt weaken family life. Divorce rates among millennials are at all-time lows only because marriage rates among millennials are also at all-time lows. Meanwhile, divorce rates among baby boomers have more than doubled since 1990. More and more couples who have been married for 20 or more years are getting what some call a "gray divorce."

Another symptom of the hopelessness besetting America's increasingly agnostic society is drug overdoses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there were 107,622 drug overdose

deaths last year. Yet rather than combat drug trafficking, particularly across the wide-open southern border, the Biden regime is passing out free syringes. A National Institutes of Health grant allots \$3.6 million for vending machines filled with "injection equipment, naloxone, fentanyl test strips, hygiene kits, condoms and other supplies." These machines will be set up in rural Kentucky in an effort to provide addicts with clean syringes when they inject themselves with heroin, fentanyl and other narcotics. Supplying such paraphernalia has been found to reduce overdose deaths, but they sidestep the bigger issue of preventing and ending drug usage. Widespread drug use and acceptance of drug use are signs of a terminal spiritual sickness the Bible calls *pharmakeia*, a "work of the flesh" often rendered "witchcraft" in Galatians 5:19-20 but more accurately rendered "drug use."

Millions use marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines and other drugs for the same reasons millions of others run up massive debts or leave their spouse of 20-plus years. They are searching for moments of temporary euphoria in a vain attempt to fill a spiritual void that can only be filled by faith in the God of the Bible. ■

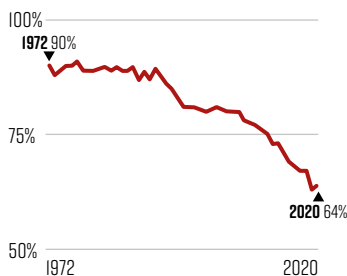
FEATURED FEEDBACK



CORRECTIONS: "Britain's and Judah's Governments Fall—America Next?" (September 2022) stated that the kingdom of Israel had gone into captivity hundreds of years prior to Hosea's warning (c. 750 B.C.). It actually went into captivity about 30 years afterward. Still, Hosea's book is prophecy for the "latter days" (Hosea 3:5). The message delivered anciently was only a type of what is occurring today, and like so much prophecy in the Old Testament, the primary focus is the end time.

"What Is the Great Reset?" (October 2022) erroneously stated that Michael Rectenwald of American Scholars refers to "stakeholder capitalism" as "corporate capitalism." Dr. Rectenwald is no longer with American Scholars, and he quite accurately refers to "stakeholder capitalism" as "corporate socialism."

PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS WHO ARE CHRISTIAN



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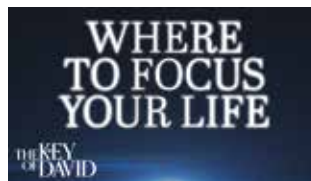
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'I Serve'

What it takes to build a grand empire

QUEEN ELIZABETH II REIGNED FOR 70 YEARS, LONGER THAN any other monarch in British history. It started when a 25-year-old princess ascended the throne and was crowned in a rich and moving ceremony experienced by thousands in Westminster Abbey and with about 38 million listening on radio and watching on television.

The coronation ceremony was full of meaning, and it centered on the Bible. The new queen was anointed with oil representing the Holy Spirit, and presented with the scepter with the dove and the scepter of the cross, as well as the orb with a cross, intended to signify the rule of Jesus Christ over all human beings, including monarchs. The top of the crown itself is a cross, again meant to symbolize God's authority over monarchs. The choir sang about Zadok the priest, the Prophet Nathan and King Solomon. Upon coronation, the shout went up, "God save the Queen!" The ceremony, like so many before it, was intended to emphasize submission to God's authority and the monarch's role, under God: not to be served, but to serve.

In a speech two years after the end of World War II, Princess Elizabeth said, "If we all go forward together with an unwavering faith, a high courage, and a quiet heart, we shall be able to make of this ancient commonwealth, which we all love so dearly, an even grander thing—more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world—than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers. To accomplish that, we must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves. There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors—a noble motto: 'I Serve.' Those words were an inspiration to many bygone heirs to the throne when they made their knightly dedication as they came to manhood. ... I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

"But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

One of the heraldic badges of the prince of Wales includes the inscription *Ich Dien*. It is neither Welsh nor English but German. Seven hundred years ago, Prince Edward came upon a Germanic king who had died in battle. He was moved by the

experience, and by the motto of the monarch, which translates "I Serve."

Queen Elizabeth II was known for her rock-solid, selfless stability as a servant of her people. Years ago the *Spectator* wrote, "The Queen's own patriotism—a faith in the courage and character of her subjects—has informed her approach to her reign. ... Her approach has been one of service. Her daily schedule would alarm and exhaust someone half her age" (Sept. 3, 2015).

Yet the Queen's admirable qualities did not enable her to make Britain a grander thing or a more powerful influence for good in the world. It was actually during her reign that the Empire met its demise, the Commonwealth became shaky, and Scotland began threatening in earnest to secede from the very union by which Britain exists.

"I Serve" is a noble motto, but it must be more than a motto. For an empire, a commonwealth, or even a family to thrive, its members must live by the Book that defines the positions of highest *authority* as those of greatest *service*, the Book at the center of an English coronation.

Matthew 20 records Jesus teaching His disciples about leadership. They believed He would later rule over the Earth, and two of them desired high leadership positions under Him. His response was that they had to suffer as He would, and that God the Father was the one who appointed men to leadership. The other 10 were indignant against the two because they were also ambitious for high authority.

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (verses 25-28).

The key to greatness, and the purpose of receiving authority from God, is to *minister to* (serve) others. *Strong's Concordance* states that "let him be your *servant*" signifies "slave ... therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency."

Jesus Christ was the greatest Servant of all time. Rather than being served, He served others to the point of emptying Himself of His divinity, becoming a human being, enduring persecution, and dying for mankind. After His resurrection, He continued to serve. Every motive Christ had was unselfish. He was unconcerned with reputation, position, status, people or doing His own thing. His example teaches us how to be servant leaders. He taught that *sacrifice* is our highest calling!

As great as the Queen's example of service was, nothing less than the government of God, led by God the Father and Jesus Christ, can make a nation, a commonwealth, or a nation truly free, prosperous, happy and powerful. It is a government powered by completely unselfish servant leadership by Christ and those serving under Him. It is coming soon, and it is far grander than anything that has ever been in the greatest days of our forefathers. ■

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The Queen's coronation in 1953

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Nationwide Cable

Charge 6:30 ET/PT, 5:30 CT, 7:30 MT, Sun
Comet 6:00 ET/PT, 5:00 CT, 7:00 MT, Sun
CW Plus 5:30, 9:30 ET/PT, Sun, 4:30, 8:30 CT/
MT, Sun; 5:30, Mon-Fri;
This TV 6:30, Sun

Alabama, Anniston WVUA 5:30, Sun
Birmingham WABM 10:00, Sun; WVUA-THIS 5:30, Sun

Demopolis WJMY-CD 5:30, Sun
Dothan WTVY-DT 8:30, Sun

Homeewood (Birmingham) WTTQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Huntsville WHDF (Chan. 15) 8:00, Sun

Mobile WFGX-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Montgomery KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun; WCOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Montgomery-Salem WBMM-DT/WNCF-DT 8:30, Sun

Opelika WGBP 9:30, Sun; WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Tuscaloosa WVUA 5:30, Sun

Alaska, Anchorage KYUR-DT 8:30, Sun
Fairbanks KATN-DT 8:30, Sun
Juneau KJUD-DT 8:30, Sun

Arizona, Phoenix KDVD-LD 4:30, Sun; KSAZ 5:30, Sun; KTVK-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Prescott KTVK 5:30, Sun

Sierra Vista KTTU 5:30, Sun

Tucson KTTU 5:30, Sun

Yuma KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

Arkansas, Bentonville K28NT-D 5:30, Sun
El Dorado KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun

Fayetteville K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Fort Smith K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Harrison K26GS-D-COMET TV 5:30, Sun

Jonesboro KAIT3-HD 9:30, Sun; KJOS 8:30, Sun

Little Rock KATV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

Mountain Home K07XL-D 5:30, Sun

Pine Bluff KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

Rogers K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Springdale K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

California, Bakersfield KBFX-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KGFT-DT 9:30, Sun

Cathedral City KRET-CD 3:30, Sun

Chico KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun

El Centro KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

Eureka KECA-LD/KVIQ-DT 9:30, Sun

Fresno KAIL 3:30, Sun; KFSN 3:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Los Angeles KABC-TV 3:30, Sun; KCOP 10:30, Sun; KDOC-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Modesto KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

Monterey KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 3:30, Sun

Oak KGO 5:30, Sun

Palm Springs KCWQ/KESQ-DT 9:30, Sun; KRET 5:30, Sun

Redding KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun;

KRCR 9:00, Sun
Sacramento KMAX-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KSAO-LD 3:30, Sun

Salinas KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun
San Francisco KG0-TV 3:30, Sun; KKPX 6:00, Fri

San Jose KGO 5:30, Sun
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria KSBY-DT 9:30, Sun

Shreveport KMSS 10:00, Sun
Stockton KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

Visalia KFSN 5:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Colorado, Colorado Springs KXRM 9:30, Sun; KXTU 10:30, Sun

Denver KCDO-TV 4:30, Sun; KWGN-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Grand Junction KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun
Gunnison K13AV-D 4:30, Sun

Montrose KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun
Connecticut, Hartford WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

New Haven WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WCTX-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Waterbury WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Florida, Daytona Beach WSWF 8:30, Sun

Fort Walton Beach/Pensacola WFGX-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Gainesville WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun; WCJB 6:30, Sun; WNBW-DT-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Jacksonville WBXJ-CD 6:30, Sun; WJXB-CD 8:30, Sun; WJXX 11:00, Sun

Melbourne WSWF 8:30, Sun
Orlando WKCF 9:00, Sun; WOTF-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WSWF 8:30, Sun;

Panama City WPCP 7:00, Sun; WJHG-DT 8:30, Sun

Tallahassee WTWC 10:30, Sun; WTLF-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WTXL 7:30/1:00 p.m., Sun; WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

Tampa WTTA 8:30, Sun; WXPX 6:00, Fri

West Palm Beach WPEC-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Georgia, Albany WALB-DT4/WGCW-LD 8:30, Sun; WALB 6:30, Sun; WFXL-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WPCW 7:00, Sun; WSWG Sun, 8:30; WSWG-DT 9:30, Sun

Atlanta WANN-CD 6:30, Sun; WATL 8:30, Sun; WPCW 7:00, Sun; WJUPA-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Augusta-Aiken WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun
Brunswick WXPX 6:00, Fri

Columbus WGBP-TV 6:30, Sun; WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun

Macon WGXA-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WMAZ-DT 9:30, Sun

Savannah WSAV-DT 9:30, Sun; WTGS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Thomasville WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

Hawaii, Hawaii Na Leo Chan. 54 6:30, Sun; 8:30, Wed

Kauai Ho'Ike Chan. 52 9:30, Tue

Maui/Lanai/Molokai/Niihau/Akaka Chan. 52 6:30 p.m., Sun; 3:30, Mon

Oahu Focus Chan. 49 7:00, Sat

Idaho, Boise KRID-LD 4:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KYUU-LP/KBOI-DT 8:30, Sun

Idaho Falls KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPIF 6:30, Sun

Lewiston KLEW-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Pocatello KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPIF 6:30, Sun

Springfield WIGS-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Twin Falls KMVT-DT 8:30, Sun

Urbana WICD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Illinois, Bloomington WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun; WYZZ 7:30, Sun

Chicago WCUI 9:30, Sun; WGN 10:30, Sun; WLS-TV 5:30, Sun

Moline KGCW 7:30, Sun

Peoria WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun; WYZZ 7:30, Sun

Quincy WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Rock Island KGCW 7:30, Sun

Rockford WREX 10:00, Sun; WREX-DT 8:30, Sun

Indiana, Bloomington WTTV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Elkhart WCWW 8:30, Sun

Fort Wayne WISE-DT 9:30, Sun; WLMO-LD-COMET TV 6:30, Sun

Indianapolis WALV-CD 6:30, Sun; WTHR 5:00, Sun; WTTV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Lafayette WLFI-DT 9:30, Sun

South Bend ESBT/WSBT 7:30, Sun; WCWW-LD 6:30, Sun

Terre Haute WTHI-DT 9:30, Sun

Iowa, Burlington KGCW 5:30, Sun

Cedar Rapids KGAN 11:00 p.m., Sun

Davenport KGCW 7:30, Sun

Des Moines KDSM-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Keokuk WGEW-DT 8:30, Sun

Mason City KAAL 8:30, Sun; KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun

Ottumwa KTVQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT2 8:30, Sun

Sioux City KMEG-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVI-DT 8:30, Sun

Kansas, Hutchinson Plus KCTU 7:30, Sun

Kansas City KCKS-LD 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KMBC 2:00, Sun

Louisburg KMJC-LD 5:30, Sun

Pittsburg KFJX-DT2 8:30, Sun; KSNF 9:30, Sun

Topeka WROB-LD 5:30, Sun; WROB/KMJC/KCKS 7:30, Sun; KTKA-DT 8:30, Sun

Wichita KCTU-LD 5:30, Sun; KSAS-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Kentucky, Bowling Green WBKO-DT 8:30, Sun/12:30, Fri

Lexington WDKY 7:00, Sun; WLJC 8:30, Sun

Louisville WBNA 6:30, Sun; WMYO-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Paducah KBSI-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Louisiana, Alexandria KALB-DT 8:30, Sun

Baton Rouge WBTR-CD 5:30, Sun

Lafayette KATC-DT 8:30, Sun

Lake Charles KPCL-DT 8:30, Sun

Monroe KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun

New Orleans WNOH-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; WUPH 5:30, Sun

Maine, Bangor WABI-DT 9:30, Sun

Presque Isle WAGM-DT3/WBPO 9:30, Sun

Waterville-Portland WPFO-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Maryland, Baltimore WMAR 5:30 p.m., Sun; WNUV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Salisbury WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun

Massachusetts, Boston WHDH 6:30, Sun; WSBK-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Holyoke WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

Manchester WHDH 8:30, Sun

Springfield WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

Michigan, Alpena WBAE 9:30, Sun

Bay City WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

Cadillac WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun;

WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Detroit WDIV 5:00, Sun; WDIV-THIS 6:30, Sun; WKBD-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Flint WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

Grand Rapids WOTV-CHARGE 6:30, Sun

Lake City WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun

Lansing WLAJ-DT 9:30, Sun; WSYM, 6:30, Sun/6:00, Fri

Marquette WBKP-DT/WBUP-DT 9:30, Sun; WZMQ 6:30, Sun

Roscommon (Traverse City) WURO-LD 6:30, Sun;

Saginaw WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;

WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

Sault Ste. Marie WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Traverse City WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

West Branch WUWB-LD 6:30, Sun

Windsor WKBD-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Minnesota, Austin KAAL 9:30, Sun

Duluth KDHL-DT 8:30, Sun

Mankato KMNF-LD2 8:30, Sun; KWYE 8:30, Sun

Minneapolis KSTC-TV 5:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Rochester KAAL 7:30, Sun; KTTC-DC 8:30, Sun

St. Paul KSTC 7:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Mississippi, Biloxi WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun

Clarksdale WPRQ-LD 5:30, Sun

Cleveland WHCQ-LD 5:30, Sun

Columbus WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Greenville WBWD 8:30, Sun

Greenwood WBWD 8:30, Sun

Gulfport WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun

Hattiesburg WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun; WHPM-LD 5:30, Sun

Jackson WLOO 7:30, Sun

Laurel WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun; WHPM-LD 5:30, Sun

Meridian WTKO-DT 8:30, Sun

Tupelo WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

West Point WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Missouri, Cape Girardeau KBSI-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KBSI 10:30, Sun

Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCC-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Hannibal WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCC-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Joplin CWPL 8:30, Sun; KFJX-DT2 8:30, Sun; KSNF 7:00, Sun

Kansas City KCTV 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KCWE 8:30, Sun

Kirksville KTVQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT2 8:30, Sun

Springfield KRFT 7:30, Sun

St. Joseph KNPG-LD 8:30, Sun

St. Louis KSDK 5:30, Sun; KPLR-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun

Montana, Billings KSVI 10:00, Sun; KTVQ-DT 8:30, Sun

Bozeman KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun

Butte KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun

Glendive KWZB 8:30, Sun

Great Falls KRIV-DT 8:30, Sun

Helena KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun

Missoula KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun

Nebraska, Hastings KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun

Kearney KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun

Lincoln KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun

Omaha KPTM-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

North Platte KJIT-LD2/KWPL 8:30, Sun

Scottsbluff KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun

Nevada, Las Vegas KPVM-LD 5:30, Sun; KVCW 3:30, Sun/2:30, Sat; KVCW-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Pahrump K46KA-D 3:30, Sun

Reno KNSN-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KRNS-CA 6:30, Sun; KOL03/KREN-DT 9:30, Sun

New Mexico, Albuquerque KOB 4:30, Sun; KOB/KOBF/KOBR 6:30, Sun; KOB-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KQRE 12:37, Fri/1:35 Sun

Farmington KOBF-COMET TV 4:30, Sun

Roswell KOBR-COMET TV 4:30, Sun

Santa Fe KOB/KOBF/KOBR 6:30, Sun

New York, Albany WRGB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WYBN-LD 6:30, Sun

Binghamton WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun

Buffalo WBXL-LD 6:30, Sun; WNY

Utica WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun
Watertown WWTV-DT 9:30, Sun
North Carolina, Asheville WGGS 8:30, Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
Bowling Green, WBKO 12:30, Fri
Charlotte WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB
5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV
6:30, Sun
Durham WNCN 5:00, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV
6:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun
Fayetteville WTVB 6:30, Sun
Greensboro WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Greenville WCTI-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Hickory WHKY-TV-COMET TV 6:30, Sun
High Point WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
New Bern WCTI-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Raleigh WNCN 5:00, Sun; WRAZ 7:00, Sun;
WRDC-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30,
Sun
Salem WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Washington WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Wilmington WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV 6:30,
Sun; WWAY-DT 9:30, Sun
Winston WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
North Dakota
Bismarck KXMD/KXMC-DT 8:30, Sun
Dickinson KXMD/KXMC-DT 8:30, Sun
Fargo KRDX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KXJB
8:30, Sun
Grand Forks KRDX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Minot KXMD/KXMC-DT 8:30, Sun
Valley City KXJB 8:30, Sun
Ohio, Akron WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun
Chillicothe WWHO-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Cincinnati WBQC-LD 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Cleveland WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun; WJW-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun
Columbus WSYX 6:30, Sun; WWHO-COMET
TV 6:00, Sun
Dayton WKFE 10:00, Sun; WRGT-TV-COMET
TV 6:00, Sun
Lima WBOH 9:30, Sun
Steubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WMNT-CD 6:30, Sun; WNWO-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Youngstown WYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZ 9:30, Sun
Oklahoma, Ada KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Lawton KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun
Oklahoma City KOCC-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
KOPX 5:00, Fri
Tulsa KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KOTV 5:30, Sat;
KQCW 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 5:00,
Sun
Oregon, Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Eugene KMTR-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTR-
DT 9:30, Sun
Medford-Klamath Falls KTVL-COMET TV
6:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun
Portland KATU-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Pennsylvania, Altoona WANT/WVCP 8:30, Sun;
WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
Erie WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun
Johnstown WANT/WVCP 8:30, Sun;
WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
Philadelphia WPSG-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WPVI-TV 6:30, Sun
Pittsburgh WPNT-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun
Scranton WSWB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
State College WANT/WVCP 8:30, Sun;
WJAC-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Wilkes Barre WSWB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Puerto Rico, Aguadilla WSJP-LD-COMET TV
7:30, Sun
Rhode Island, Providence WJAR-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
South Carolina, Anderson WGGS 8:30, Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBD-DT 9:30,
Sun; WCBD 12:30, Sun
Columbia WACH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun
Greenville WGGS 8:30, Sun; WSPA 1:30, Fri/
Sat/Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW
9:00, Sun
Hardeeville WTGS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Myrtle Beach WPDE-TV-COMET TV 6:00,
Sun;
WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun

Spartanburg WGGS 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00
p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
South Dakota, Huron KTTM 5:30, Sun
Rapid City KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KNBN 5:30
p.m., Sun; KOTA 5:30, Sun
Sioux Falls (Mitchell) KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun;
KTTW 5:30, Sun
Tennessee, Alexandria WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun
Chattanooga WDSI-TV-COMET TV 5:30, Sun
Jackson WNB 8:30, Sun
Knoxville WEZK/WJZC 8:30, Sun
Memphis WATN 6:30 p.m., Sat; WBII 7:30,
Sun; WMC-TV 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun;
WMC 1:30, Thur/Fri
Nashville WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Texas, Abilene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun;
KVII-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Amarillo KVII-DT/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun
Austin KCWX 5:30, Sun
Beaumont KBTB-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
KFDM, 2:50, Sat; KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun
Brownsville KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun;
KGBT-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Corpus Christi KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun
Dallas KDFW 7:00, Sun; KTXA 7:30, Sun;
KTXD-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
El Paso KFOX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Ft. Worth KDFW 5:00, Sun; KTXA 5:30, Sun;
KTXD-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Harlingen KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun;
KGBT-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Houston KIAH-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTRK-TV
5:30, Sun
IUFKIN KIVY 7:30, Sun
Laredo KXLX 8:30, Sun
Longview KIVY 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Lubbock KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun
Midland KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun
Odessa KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWWT
5:30, Sun
Port Arthur KBTB-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
KFDM, 2:50, Sat/8:30, Sun
San Angelo KTXE 8:30, Sun
San Antonio KCWX 5:30, Sun; KMYS/GOAI
9:00, Sun
Sherman KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Sweetwater KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun
Tyler KIVY 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Victoria KVCT 5:30, Sun; KVCT-DT3/KWVB
8:30, Sun
Waco KZCZ-LD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Weslaco KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun
Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDX
6:00, Sun
U.S. Virgin Islands, Charlotte Amalie WVXF
7:30, Sun
Utah, Salt Lake City KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 7:00,
Sun;
KSL-DT3 4:30, Sun
Vermont, Burlington WFFF 10:00, Sun; WVNY
10:30, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30
Virginia, Bristol WCYB-TV-COMET TV 6:00,
Sun
Charlottesville WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
Hampton/Norfolk WSKY 9:00, Sun
Harrisonburg WSVW-LD2 8:30, Sun;
WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
Lynchburg WSET-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WYAT 8:30, Sun
Newport News WTKR 6:30, Sun
Norfolk WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET
TV 6:00, Sun
Richmond WRLH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WUPV 6:00, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat/Sun
Roanoke WSET-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WYAT 8:30, Sun; WLSL 11:30, Sun
Virginia Beach WTKR 6:30, Sun
Washington D.C. WJLA-TV-COMET TV 6:00,
Sun
Washington, Kennewick KGFZ-LD 5:30, Sun;
KVVK-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Pasco KGFZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-DT
9:30, Sun
Richland KGFZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-
DT 9:30, Sun
Seattle KCQP 7:00, Sun; KOMO-TV-COMET TV
6:00, Sun; KONG 3:30, Sun
Spokane KAYU 7:30, Sun
Tacoma KONG 5:30, Sun

Yakima KGFZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/
KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KUNW-CD-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
West Virginia, Beckley WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Bluefield WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Charleston WVAH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Clarksburg WVFV-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX
8:30, Sun
Fairmont WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun
Moorefield W29DH-D-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Oak Hill WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Parkersburg WCWP/WOVA-LD2 9:30, Sun
Weston WVFX-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX 8:30, Sun
Wheeling WBWO 9:30, Sun
Wisconsin, Eau Claire WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT
8:30, Sun
Green Bay WCWF-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
WFRV 1:30, Sun
La Crosse WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Madison WKOW 5:30, Sun; WMSN-TV-COMET
TV 5:00, Sun
Milwaukee WJMN 7:30, Sun; WVTI-TV-COMET
TV 5:00, Sun
Rhineland WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun
Superior KDLH-DT 8:30, Sun
Suring WCWF-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Wausau WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Wyoming, Casper KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun; KFNB
7:00, Sun; KLVY 7:00, Sun; WVUX 7:30, Sun
Cheyenne KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun
Jackson KPFI 6:30, Sun
Riverton KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun
Weston WVUX 8:30, Sun

CANADA

Nationwide cable
Vision TV 4:30 p.m. ET, Sun
CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun
Atlantic Provinces
CTV Atlantic 11:00 AT, Sun
Alberta, Red Deer KAYU 8:30, Sun
Calgary CKCS-DT 10:00, Sun; KAYU 8:30, Sun
Edmonton CKES-DT 10:00, Sun; KAYU 8:30,
Sun
Medicine Hat CHAT 8:30, Sun; KAYU 8:30,
Sun
Lethbridge KAYU 8:30, Sun
British Columbia,
Dawson Creek CJDC 9:30, Sun
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Prince George CKPG 9:00, Sun
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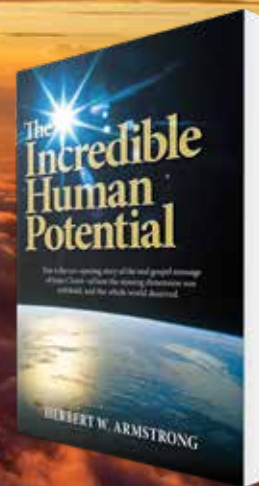
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