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The Worst Foreign-Policy Blunder in American History

This nuclear deal with Iran is disastrous for the world—yet it contains both bad and good news.

THE WORLD BECAME A SAFER PLACE ON JANUARY 16, ACCORDING to United States Secretary of State John Kerry and many other Western leaders and experts. That day marked the implementation of the nuclear deal with Iran. The U.S. and the European Union lifted sanctions on Iran, released over \$100 billion in frozen assets, and welcomed Iran into a whole rush of economic deals. And they received nothing in return.



GERALD FLURRY

Iran changed *nothing* in its policies of aggression, subversion and sponsoring terrorism. It didn't even *say* it would reform in any of these areas! Without giving in on *anything*, Iran was given all it needed in order to greatly accelerate its race toward getting the nuclear bomb.

This deal does not make the world safer—it is a **DISASTER** for the world! And the fact that many people say it's a cause for celebration is a sure sign of tragically broken leadership.

Embarrassing the Navy

There is abundant evidence that diplomacy with a maniacal nation like Iran will never succeed.

Just four days before the implementation of the nuclear deal, Iran humiliated the U.S. Navy—holding some of its sailors hostage at gunpoint. Iran did this supposedly because the naval vessels had drifted into Iranian waters. One of two small boats had broken down as the sailors moved between Kuwait and Bahrain in the Persian Gulf.

Iran took these U.S. sailors hostage, paraded their humiliation before the world, and demanded an apology from them. It was a strong power play. The mullahs sent an ominous message to the world: *You can't rely on America for protection and support anymore—especially in the Middle East. We are now in charge here.*

Hours after the hostage situation, President Barack Obama gave his State of the Union address. The administration had initially hoped to cover up the incident, so Mr. Obama never mentioned it during his speech. However, he did say that America is the most powerful nation in the world by far.

But is that really still true? All the power in the world doesn't matter if you have no will to use it. And the Bible says America's will to use its power is broken (Leviticus 26:19).

Swapping Hostages for Criminals

It is no coincidence that a lopsided prisoner swap with Iran took place at the same time as the implementation of the nuclear deal. The U.S. forfeited 21 Iranians—seven of them suspects in sanctions violations, 14 of them criminals with international warrants out for their arrest. In return, Iran released five American hostages who hadn't committed any crimes! Even still, the swap excluded former FBI agent Robert Levinson, who went missing in Iran nearly nine years ago.

American officials claimed the Iranians had initially demanded that the U.S. release even more of their people—so they said the swap represented a victory for diplomacy. Think

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about that: America is saying, *This deal could have been even more unfair, if not for diplomatic talks!* How can anyone believe such logic? Iran kidnapped Americans and got its criminals released as a result! When America responds to aggression in this way, Iran is sure to keep exploiting such weakness.

One U.S. official called the prisoner swap a humanitarian gesture on Iran's part. Iran is the number one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world. Its leaders will never negotiate unless they get everything they want from the negotiations. How can anyone possibly consider Iran's actions *humanitarian*?

Of course, having American hostages freed from unjust incarceration is positive. But consider the cost. The way this

deal was conducted, the enemies of America now have more incentive than ever to take Americans hostage. Look what they can get for them!

And, just like Iran's embarrassment of the U.S. Navy, the prisoner swap is a distraction away from the real issue: the nuclear deal.

Analyst Charles Krauthammer wrote this about what happened on January 16: "Give President Obama credit. His Iran nuclear deal may be disastrous, but the packaging was brilliant." Why brilliant? Because the world was distracted from the deal by the prisoner exchange that happened at the same time. Krauthammer said the administration "cleverly used" the swap "to create a heartwarming human interest story to overshadow a



BILL CLINTON

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rotten diplomatic deal" (*Washington Post*, January 21).

Here was the implementation of this terrible deal that is hastening World War III, and instead the media focused on five people being released from prison! This deal makes *global holocaust imminent!* Billions of people will be destroyed! Yet the experts and onlookers focused instead on these few individuals coming home. That is incredible.

No 'Snapbacks'

On the very day the sanctions were lifted, Iran announced the purchase of 114 Airbuses from European nations.

Why was Iran so eager to jump into major business deals with Europe? Because it wants to get so involved in the global economy that nobody would dare try to push it back out. It rushed into the Airbus deal because it is rushing to build the bomb at the same time! And it doesn't want anyone hindering its progress, as happened before with the sanctions regimes.

The Obama administration has said it will implement "snap-back sanctions" if it finds that the Iranians are cheating on the deal. But with Iran having instantly become so intertwined with the economies of Europe and other nations, it would be virtually impossible for America to "snap back" any sanctions.

Will Iran cheat? History says yes. When has it not cheated after making a significant agreement with the West?

Anybody with common sense knows you don't negotiate with nations that yearn for your destruction. America negotiated with the worst terrorist-sponsoring nation on Earth, and just invited it into the community of nations. Is this leading to peace? Read Matthew 24:21-22 to see where it's leading. Nuclear bombs and weapons of mass destruction are about to be put to use on a scale this world has never seen!

The Korean Connection

In 1994, then U.S. President Bill Clinton made some statements about North Korea that sound very much like those President Obama has recently made regarding Iran: "This agreement is good for the United States, good for our allies, and good for the safety of the entire world. Under the agreement, North Korea has agreed to freeze its existing nuclear program and to accept international inspection of all existing facilities. This agreement represents the first step on the road to a nuclear-free North Korea. It does not rely on trust. Compliance will be certified by the International Atomic Energy Agency."

Despite President Clinton's assurances, North Korea got the bomb 12 years later!

This history is more than just an ominous sign for the current nuclear deal. After North Korea went nuclear, it started helping Iran with nuclear development!

In a January 21 article for the *Jerusalem Post*, Melanie Phillips explained: "There are some who believe [Iran] already has [a nuclear bomb], or at least already has access to nuclear weapons having outsourced the testing of the bomb to North Korea. Iran is now pondering how to use the weapon to maximum destructive effect and without leaving its fingerprints on it."

In other words, Iran may be working with North Korea so it can deploy a nuclear bomb in a way that prevents anyone from knowing where it came from! That is as deceptive and dangerous as it gets.

Iran's connection to North Korea is something the *Trumpet* has watched for several years. In our November-December 2007 issue, I quoted some statements from a *Spectator* article titled "We Came So Close to World War III That Day": "Israeli intelligence tracked a North Korean vessel carrying a cargo of nuclear material labeled 'cement' as it traveled halfway across the world. On September 3, the ship docked at the Syrian port of Tartus. ... Soil samples and other material [Israeli commandos] collected [at the cargo's destination] were returned to Israel. Sure enough, they indicated that the cargo was nuclear. ... Israeli F-15I jets were scrambled and, minutes later, the installation and its newly arrived contents were destroyed" (Oct. 3, 2007).

Who was behind that alarming event? "Syria is a surrogate of Iran," I wrote. "The king of the Muslim world is Iran" ("Close to Armageddon").

At the time that I named Iran as the brains behind the North Korea-Syria operation, maybe it seemed like a stretch. But in March 2009, Gen. Ali Reza Asghari, a former Iranian deputy defense minister who had defected to the United States, provided a detailed account to the Associated Press proving that Iran was indeed behind North Korea's moves to develop a nuclear weapons program on Syrian soil. Iran had financed and masterminded nearly the whole operation! Other reports have corroborated Asghari's testimony.



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a blind from start to finish,” Phillips continued. “The real action was going on in North Korea while the dummies of the free world were looking the other way. The actual point of the deal was to lift sanctions by appearing to give ground on the nuclear program in Iran itself—thus releasing those billions to ratchet up Tehran’s deniable, proxy war upon the rest of the world. Which, thanks to Obama, the UK government and the rest of the Western dummy class, Iran is now about to do.”

As Phillips said, we can’t be sure about all the details yet. But because of Iran’s extremist mind-set, we can be sure that the new deal with Iran is *far worse* than the one America made back in 1994 with North Korea!

For some proof of that, consider this statement from an Iranian 11th-grade schoolbook, quoting the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini: “I am decisively announcing to the whole world that if the world devourers wish to stand against our religion, we will stand against their whole world and will not cease until the annihilation of all of them! Either we all become free or we will go to the greater freedom, which is martyrdom. Either we shake one another’s hands in joy at the victory of Islam in the world, or all of us will turn to eternal life and martyrdom. In both cases, victory and success are ours.”

Khomeini referred to the West as “world devourers”! Eighty-five percent of 81 million Shiites in Iran believe in Twelver Shiism, which Khomeini espoused. This is an ideology that *embraces death*.

Israeli jets made short work of those efforts back in 2007, but that did not end Iran-North Korea nuclear cooperation!

Phillips continued in her *Jerusalem Post* article: “I have no idea whether that is true. But given Iran’s close association with the North Korean nuclear program, with Iranian scientists and other personnel having been present at three of North Korea’s four nuclear tests at least, does anyone believe that it could not get the bomb from Pyongyang even if it has not already done so?”

Why were Iranian officials present for North Korea’s illegal nuclear weapons tests? Are the Iranians outsourcing their nuclear program, or at least parts of their nuclear bombs? It certainly appears that way. The Iranians are not watching these tests for no reason.

“[M]aybe the Iranian nuclear negotiation was

Former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Dore Gold said that a nuclear Iran can’t be deterred like the Soviet Union was during the Cold War. The Iranians have a much more radical belief system. They think their savior—the 12th imam, or mahdi—will return sooner if they cause more apocalyptic chaos and violence. As Gold pointed out: “[A]nyone who says with confidence that the West can get used to nuclear Iran and rely on classic deterrence models has absolutely no idea what he is up against.”

Missiles

Another alarming event occurred on January 16 that should have opened the eyes of naive Western leaders to the danger of the Iranian mind-set. Iran’s supreme leader said the country’s aggressively anti-American and anti-Israel policy will continue unchanged. Two days later, Iran ordered its military to accelerate its illegal missile program.

This intercontinental ballistic missile program is illegal because the new deal says Iran has to wait eight years before speeding it up. Instead Iran is accelerating it immediately! These missiles are capable of carrying nuclear warheads. And Iran’s supreme leader says they have no intention of reforming any aspect of their hateful policies. The missile announcement is proof that Iran is already breaking a big part of the agreement. But the West mostly turned a blind eye to that.

Have we no honor? Have we no pride? Have we no fighting vigor? Something terrible has happened to our people.

Krauthammer sees that even though the West remains asleep, the *Middle East* is waking up to the significance of this Iran deal. He wrote, “In 1938, the morning after Munich, Europe woke up to Germany as the Continent’s dominant power. Last Sunday [January 17], the Middle East woke up to Iran as the regional hegemon, with a hand—often predominant—in the future of Syria, Yemen, Iraq, the Gulf Arab states and, in time, in the very survival of Israel” (op. cit.).

What the U.S. has done is truly stunning. President Clinton worked to make Germany the lead nation in Europe, or the “king of the north” in biblical terminology (Daniel 11:40). (You can prove this by requesting and reading our free booklet *Germany’s Conquest of the Balkans*.) Now the Obama administration is doing the same thing to strengthen Iran, and to crown it “king of the south” (request *The King of the South*). How can we possibly make any sense out of America’s foreign policy?

Put all this together, and it is clear that January 16 this year was a momentous day.

Why January 16 Matters

The fact that this landmark implementation day, and these other major events, fell on January 16 is significant. A *Trumpet* article from February 2010 explains why we always watch for major events to happen on this date: “The reason we carefully watch for significant events in January is because of what happened 24 years ago. On Jan. 16, 1986, after preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God as a witness to the world for nearly six decades, Herbert W. Armstrong died at the age of 93.”

Herbert Armstrong preached the gospel message to the whole world. Matthew 24:14 and other prophecies prove that his ministry had to happen before Christ’s return.



Mr. Armstrong was the man through whom God restored *all things* to prepare the way for Christ's Second Coming (Matthew 17:10-11). His ministry—and the date that ministry ended—are no small things. His death was such a high-profile event that

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—CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

even U.S. President Ronald Reagan acknowledged it, telling Mr. Armstrong's supporters that they could “take pride in his legacy.” That was a truly momentous day, and God often calls our attention back to that pivotal date.

That 2010 article lists several events of prophetic significance that have happened on January 16, including the U.S. launching the Persian Gulf War and the first copies of my book *Malachi's Message* hitting mailboxes. (If you don't have one, please contact us for a free copy of this vitally important book.) Now, with the implementation of the disastrous Iran nuclear deal, we have another major event to add to the list of January 16 occurrences.

One Final Push

Over 2,500 years ago, God inspired the Prophet Daniel to write: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over” (Daniel 11:40).

You can prove with your Bible that “the king of the south” is modern-day radical Islam, led by Iran. It has a *pushy* foreign

policy. You can also prove that “the king of the north” is a German-led power bloc.

America may let Iran get away with acts of war because of the U.S.'s broken will, but your Bible says that Germany will not be so passive. Instead, it will *attack* and *destroy* the king of the south! Germany already has Iran surrounded. (Download our free e-book *Germany's Secret Strategy to Destroy Iran* at theTrumpet.com/go/gss to understand the details of these vital prophecies.)

What could enable Iran to push at Germany more than an arsenal of nuclear weapons? Iran *relishes* the thought of starting World War III!

One striking detail about this prophecy in Daniel 11 is that as these two powers build toward confrontation, America, Britain and Judah (the Jewish state in the Middle East) are nowhere to be found. The nations of Israel aren't even in the picture. They will be helpless victims, not aggressors, in the coming war.

Both Bad and Good News

When Mr. Armstrong died on Jan. 16, 1986, it began the greatest spiritual disaster ever in God's Church, at least in terms of numbers (this is explained in *Malachi's Message*). I don't think there has ever been a greater spiritual crisis. Now, 30 years later—on Jan. 16, 2016—a major step was taken toward the greatest *physical* disaster EVER ON EARTH.

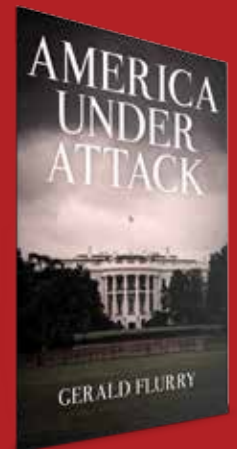
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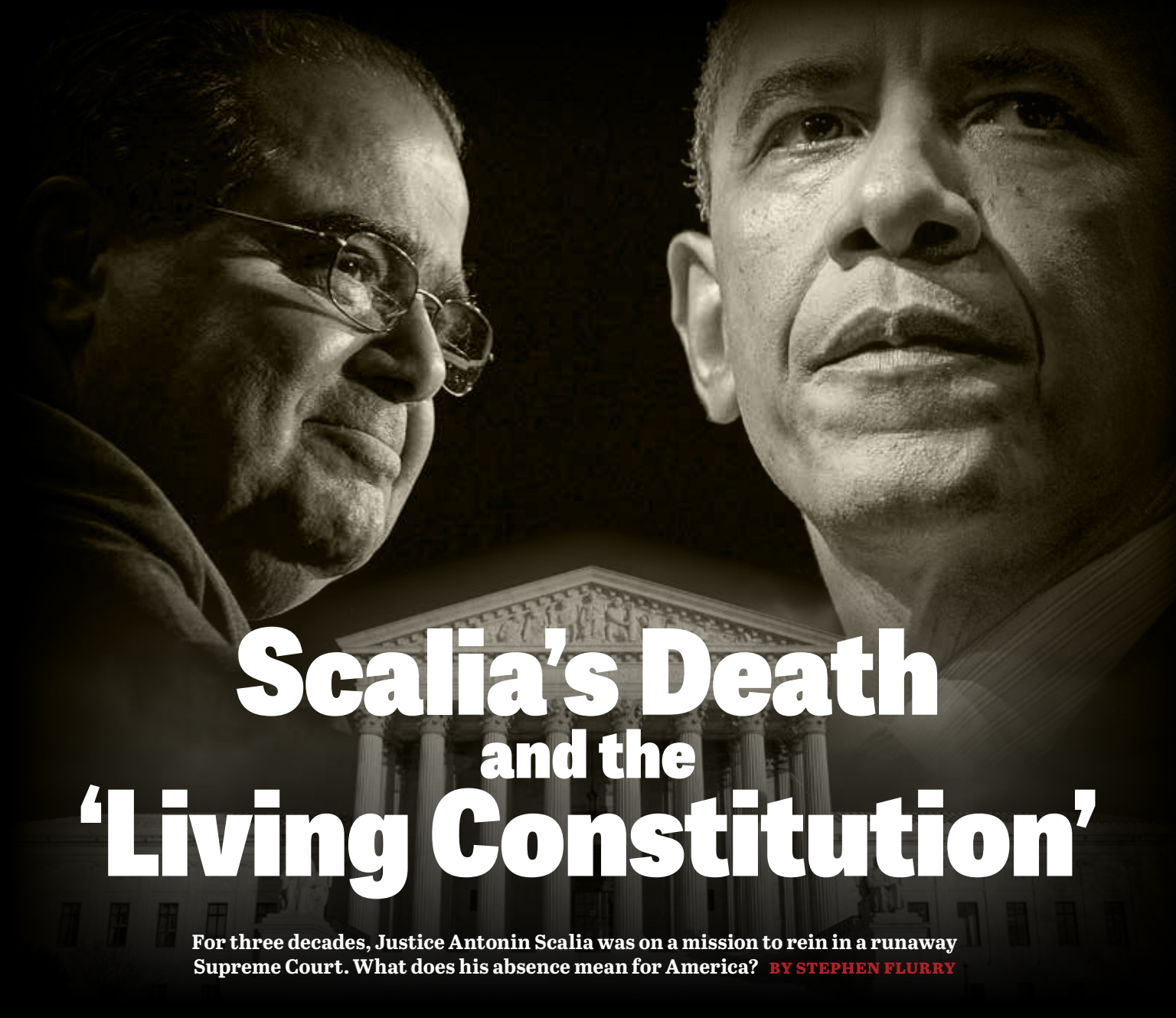
The bad news is that this cataclysmic foreign-policy blunder marks a lurch toward the worst suffering ever on this planet! Iran is now nearly capable of triggering World War III, and the Bible says IT WILL DO EXACTLY THAT! (Matthew 24:21-22; Daniel 11:40). The beating war drums we now hear signal *the worst time ever on Earth*.

But the good news is that Jesus Christ will return to stop mankind from annihilating himself (Daniel 2:44). If Jesus Christ didn't return, the war would escalate to a point that there would not be *any flesh saved alive*. But He WILL return! So those war drums also signify the soon coming of THE BEST TIMES EVER ON EARTH. It is the best news you could hear, a vision of peace, joy and happiness forever. The good news eclipses the bad news ten thousand times over! ■

What happened to American diplomacy?

To learn what is truly behind America's broken policies, request Gerald Flurry's free booklet ***America Under Attack***.





Scalia's Death and the 'Living Constitution'

For three decades, Justice Antonin Scalia was on a mission to rein in a runaway Supreme Court. What does his absence mean for America? **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE sudden death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, furious debate began about which president should appoint his replacement—the incumbent, Barack Obama, or the next president of the United States.

On February 13, the day Scalia died, Republican presidential candidates argued in unison that the late judge's replacement ought to be nominated next year by the next president. Considering the importance of this lifetime appointment, they argued, it would only be right for it to reflect the will of voters in the coming presidential election.

Besides that, there is widespread concern among conservatives that President Obama would turn the nine-member Supreme Court into a transformative institution by appointing a polar-opposite liberal, giving liberals a five-seat majority.

The truth, however, is that for three decades, Justice Scalia had been fighting a losing battle to rein in a Supreme Court that was *already* descending into judicial activism. Nevertheless, it is certain that whoever replaces him will lack his principled judicial approach. Scalia's absence will accelerate America's dangerous trend toward lawlessness.

The 'Living Constitution' Oxymoron

Justice Scalia was a staunch proponent of *originalism*. He made his rulings based on the original intent of the Constitution, rather than trying to interpret it to mean what he wanted it to mean. *National Review* called him “the reliable anchor of the Supreme Court's originalist wing in an era of deep division and conflict with the ‘living Constitution’ approach to jurisprudence that holds down the other wing of the Court” (February 14).

The “living Constitution” approach is actually an effort to *destroy* the Constitution! It says that America's founding legal charter no longer means what it meant when written—it is “living,” and thus

changing to fit “the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society”—a common phrase in Eighth Amendment jurisprudence. Unfortunately, as Scalia lamented in an interview in 2009, “It’s up to the court to decide *when* it [the ‘living’ Constitution] morphs and *how* it morphs!” That philosophy, he explained, “has made enormous headway not only with lawyers and judges but even with John Q. Public.”

Thus judges, rather than rendering judgments according to what the law

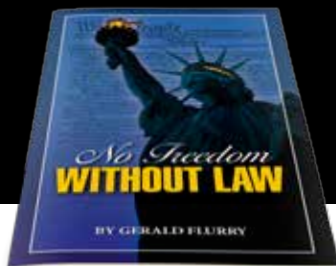
Rule of Law, or Rule of Men?

The torturing of America’s Constitution did not start with the death of Antonin Scalia.

In 2001, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry published a booklet called *No Freedom Without Law*. The second chapter, “Justice and Our ‘Evolving Constitution,’” says this: “Of course the Constitution is not perfect and needs a little fine tuning at times. But if we do more than that, WE ARE TEARING DOWN THE VERY FOUNDATION OF OUR REPUBLIC! ... [T]oo many of our people want an evolving Constitution and law. ... [Our leaders] like an ‘evolving Constitution,’ which places more trust in human reasoning than law. It is a dangerous recipe for disaster. ... Our people are being led into more and more lawlessness. Human nature hates law. Events tend toward catastrophe unless law keeps us in check. Our forefathers understood human nature and law far better than we do today. ...

“The only perfect law is God’s. The framers of America’s Constitution founded much of that document on God’s law as they understood it. ... Proper judgment must always include LAW. That is why it is so crucial that judges not change the righteous law or reject it.”

In 2009, Mr. Flurry said in a television program, “If we as a people don’t obey the rule of law, then we fall victim to the rule of man. This leads to the horrifying rule of brute force.”



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says, end up *transforming* and *making* law according to their own whims. As Robert Bork wrote in his book *The Tempting of America*, “The truth is that the judge who looks outside the Constitution always looks inside himself and nowhere else.”

Such application of the law promotes tyranny. It leads to exactly the kind of abuses of authority that America’s founders sought to prevent. The more the Constitution is cast aside, the less it protects Americans’ freedoms.

When the law is ignored and the rule of law is destroyed, the nation descends into a state like the nightmarish period of the judges in ancient Israel—when “every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 17:6; 21:25). The end results of that way of thinking are tragic (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25).

‘The Great Dissenter of Our Age’

Justice Scalia worked to prevent the Supreme Court’s descent into such thinking. However, often he found little success. He was reduced to writing eloquent explanations of the erroneous thinking of the court’s rulings in his minority, dissenting opinions. The *National Review* editorial board called Scalia “the Great Dissenter of our age.”

Perhaps the worst of the liberal rulings the court churned out was its endorsement of same-sex marriages in every state of the Union in June 2015. Five of the nine Supreme Court justices supported that ruling.

This is how Justice Anthony Kennedy explained the majority opinion: “The generations that wrote and ratified the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment did not presume to know the extent of freedom in all of its dimensions, and so they entrusted to future generations a charter protecting the right of all persons to enjoy liberty as we learn its meaning. When *new insight* reveals discord between the Constitution’s central protections and a received legal stricture, a claim to liberty must be addressed” (emphasis added throughout). Kennedy believes the Constitution should be an ever changing, evolving document.

“Since the dawn of history,” Justice Kennedy continued, “marriage has transformed strangers into relatives, binding families and societies together. Confucius taught that marriage lies at

the foundation of government.” The majority opinion paraphrased Confucius, but it did not reference God!

In his dissent, which quoted Kennedy’s majority opinion, Justice Scalia wrote: “If, even as the price to be paid for a fifth vote, I ever joined an opinion for the Court that began: ‘The Constitution promises liberty to all within its reach, a liberty that includes certain specific rights that allow persons, within a lawful realm, to define and express their identity,’ I would hide my head in a bag. The Supreme Court of the United States has descended from the disciplined legal reasoning of John Marshall and Joseph Story to the mystical aphorisms of the fortune cookie.”

Scalia called the majority ruling “this Court’s threat to American democracy.” “This is a naked judicial claim to legislative—indeed, super-legislative—power,” he wrote; “a claim *FUNDAMENTALLY AT ODDS WITH OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT*. ... A system of government that makes the people subordinate to a committee of nine unelected lawyers *does not deserve to be called a democracy*. ... Today’s decree says that my ruler, and the ruler of 320 million Americans coast-to-coast, is a majority of the nine lawyers on the Supreme Court. The opinion in these cases is the furthest extension in fact—and the furthest extension one can even imagine—of the court’s claimed power to create ‘liberties’ that the Constitution and its amendments neglect to mention.”

That is an apt description of the feeble state of the rule of law in America! And now that Scalia is gone, judicial imperialism is sure to reach new heights.

Fundamental Transformation

In a press statement after Scalia’s death, President Obama said, “Justice Scalia dedicated his life to the cornerstone of our democracy: the rule of law.” His own words and actions, however, show that he himself takes a very different view of the law. Barack Obama has been an outspoken critic of the Constitution and has long desired to cast off its restraints.

In a 2001 public radio interview, then Sen. Barack Obama said the Constitution reflected the “fundamental flaw” of the United States. He characterized the supreme law of the land as “a charter of negative liberties. Says what the states

can't do to you. Says what the federal government can't do to you, but doesn't say what the federal government or state government must do on your behalf."

There is a reason the Constitution focuses on what the government *can't* do to you: because it aims to restrain despotism and to preserve freedom! That is its great strength, not its fundamental flaw!

When he became president, Mr. Obama promised his supporters a radical transformation of the U.S. By the end of

his first term, some supporters felt the change he promised wasn't coming fast enough. To them the president explained: "What's frustrated people is that I have not been able to force Congress to implement every aspect of what I said in 2008. ... Well, you know, it turns out that our founders designed a system that *makes it more difficult to bring about change than I would like sometimes.*"

You can be sure that another Obama Supreme Court appointee would make

it easier for the president to bring about that desired change.

Just look at the president's last appointee, Sonia Sotomayor. When he nominated her after the retirement of Justice David Souter in 2009, President Obama said he wanted to install a judge who exercises "empathy" for certain groups. He specifically said he'd like to see someone with a "heart" for the poor, someone who would judge according to

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When Justice Confirmation Turned Political

WHEN ROBERT BORK WAS NOMINATED TO THE SUPREME Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1987, a firestorm erupted in Congress. In his book *The Tempting of America*, Bork described that clash over his nomination as "simply one battle in this long-running war for control of our legal culture." He explained: "There may be legitimate differences about the nomination, but, in the larger war for control of the law, there are only two sides. Either the Constitution and statutes are law, which means that their principles are known and control judges, or they are malleable texts that judges may rewrite to see that particular groups or political causes win. Until recently, the American people were largely unaware of the struggle for dominance in law, because it was waged, in explicit form, only in law schools. Now it is coming into the open."

Like Antonin Scalia, Bork was a strict constitutionalist. In 1982, the Senate confirmed Bork as an appellate judge. The American Bar Association gave him its highest rating: "exceptionally well qualified."

Yet, within 45 minutes of his nomination to the Supreme Court, Sen. Ted Kennedy denounced him on national tv. Joe Biden, who chaired the Senate confirmation hearings for Bork, was highly critical of Bork's nomination.

After three months, Bork's nomination was rejected by the Senate's Judiciary Committee. In a statement at the White House, Bork said: "In the 100 days since [my nomination], the country has witnessed an unprecedented event. The process of confirming justices for our nation's highest court has been transformed in a way that should not and indeed must not be permitted to occur again. The tactics and techniques of national political campaigns have been unleashed on the process of confirming judges. That is not simply disturbing, it is dangerous. Federal judges are not appointed to decide cases according to the latest opinion polls. They are appointed to decide cases impartially according to law. But when judicial nominees are assessed and treated like political candidates, the effect will be to chill the climate in which judicial deliberations take place, to erode public confidence in the impartiality of courts and to endanger the independence of the judiciary. ...

"In 200 years no nominee for justice has ever campaigned for that high office. None ever should, and I will not."



The Alito Filibuster

Samuel Alito is another constitutionalist who almost received the Bork treatment. When President George Bush nominated him to the Supreme Court in 2005, the American Bar Association rated him "well qualified."

But then Sen. Barack Obama denounced the nomination, saying he was "deeply troubled" when he examined "the philosophy, ideology and record of Samuel Alito." He voted to filibuster Alito's nomination because he believed Alito was "somebody who is contrary to core American values, not just liberal values."

Senator Obama also said that Alito "believes in the overarching power of the president to engage in whatever the president deems to be appropriate policy."

Yet, today it is President Obama who, as a 2012 panel of experts told the House Judiciary Committee, "has made a habit of bypassing or ignoring constitutional limitations on his power."

When asked during a February 16 press conference about the 2006 filibuster of Judge Alito, President Obama responded, "Look, I think what's fair to say is that how judicial nominations have evolved over time is not historically the fault of any single party. This has become just one more extension of politics. And there are times where folks are in the Senate and they're thinking, as I just described, primarily about, is this going to cause me problems in a primary? Is this going to cause me problems with supporters of mine? And so people take strategic decisions. I understand that." In other words, it's just politics—regardless of constitutionality.

There is an active, deliberate effort to undermine the rule of law by removing America's constitutionalists. Just as Isaiah 3:1-2 prophesy, "the judge" is disappearing from America along with other strong leaders.

GENETICALLY MODIFIED HUMANS

COMING SOON



Recent developments in genetic modification raise remarkable possibilities—and serious ethical problems. **BY DENNIS LEAP**

A SOCIETY FILLED WITH genetically engineered humans was the fear and stuff of wild prediction in the 20th century. Aldous Huxley's science-fiction novel *Brave New World*, published in 1932, foresaw developments in genetic engineering that would radically change society. The novel was set in the year 2540.

Boom! Genetic science is one small step closer to bringing about this reality—by 2017.

Genetic engineers have discovered how to easily edit human DNA in sperm and egg cells at little cost. The new technology is so phenomenal that the scientific world has been rocked. Yet the giant question on geneticists' minds is, *should* we do it? Here is what you need to know.

The Invention of CRISPR

Science magazine named CRISPR, a sophisticated genome-editing technology, the "Breakthrough of the Year" for 2015. Although it may sound like a new breakfast cereal, CRISPR, which stands for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats," is

a good example of both the incredible advances and great dangers modern science often hands us. What CRISPR does for genetic engineering is truly astonishing—yet it carries heavy ethical and moral questions.

To fully grasp the power of CRISPR, you need to understand the term *genome*. According to Genetics Home Reference, "A genome is an organism's complete set of DNA, including all its genes. Each genome contains all the information needed to build and maintain that organism. In humans, a copy of the entire genome—more than 3 billion DNA base pairs—is contained in all cells that have a nucleus." CRISPR allows geneticists to enter the tiniest human cells (germline cells, or reproductive cells) and either clip out undesired or add in desired traits. The process permanently changes the germline cell set of DNA. This means that the DNA set of all future cells growing from the germline cells' DNA is also changed. So any DNA change passes on to all future generations.

CRISPR has been eight years in the making. The technology was conceived in 2007 when a yogurt

company discovered an unexpected defense mechanism that its bacteria used to fight off viruses. Researchers found that the bacteria could remember viruses. Scientists found remnants of genes from past infections sandwiched between odd, repeated bacterial DNA sequences. Researchers learned that the viral scraps serve as an infection memory bank. Yet it is how the bacteria use their memory bank that makes CRISPR a marvel.

“From them, bacteria create guide RNAs [ribonucleic acid, a biological macromolecule essential for all forms of life] that can seek out the DNA of returning viruses before chopping up the viral genes with a nuclease [an enzyme cutting tool],” writes *Science* deputy news editor John Travis (Dec. 18, 2015). Once the inventors of CRISPR, Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier, understood this process, they raced to adapt it to editing DNA in higher organisms.

The process has proved itself effective and carries great commercial benefit. The CRISPR technology employs synthetic “guide RNA molecules” like scissors to cut out and replace any targeted DNA sequence. Researchers worldwide have employed CRISPR to efficiently edit the DNA sequences of plants, animals and laboratory cell lines. Charpentier and Doudna won the prestigious Gruber Foundation International Prize in Genetics for their work in 2015.

Enter Chinese Geneticists

Most all of science has rejoiced over CRISPR’s success at genetically altering the DNA of plants and animals: pigs, dogs, monkeys and fish. However, some scientists—including Doudna—were concerned CRISPR would be used to experiment with human embryos. In March 2015, Doudna and other leading researchers called for a worldwide moratorium on using CRISPR to alter human DNA in a way that can be inherited. Doudna and her associates know that more study needs to be done to determine the safety of using CRISPR to edit human DNA. Conservative geneticists recognize that such uses should be scrutinized and regulated.

However, experimentation on human cells came much quicker than anyone expected. In April 2015, genetic researchers at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China, announced they had begun to experiment on human embryos. They published the findings of their experiments. The news and scientific paper drew a strong reaction from leading Western researchers.

“Some say that gene editing in embryos could have a bright future because it could eradicate devastating genetic diseases before a baby is born,” wrote David Cyranoski and Sara Reardon for *Nature* magazine. “Others say that such work crosses an ethical line: [B]ecause the genetic changes to embryos, known as germline modification, are heritable, they could have an unpredictable effect on future generations. Researchers have also expressed

concerns that any gene-editing research on human embryos could be a slippery slope towards unsafe or unethical uses of the technique” (April 22, 2015). What do they mean by slippery slope? Conceivably, with further enhancement to the CRISPR technology and given enough time, a master race, superkids or superarmy could be genetically designed.

“The Chinese researchers did not plan to produce a baby—they used defective human embryos—but did hope to end up with an embryo with a precisely altered gene in every cell but no other inadvertent DNA damage,” wrote Gina Kolata for the *New York Times* (April 23, 2015). However, the Chinese experiments failed. “None of the 85 human embryos they injected fulfilled those criteria. In almost every case, either the embryo died

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GENETIC WMD

Even military experts are beginning to weigh in on the issues surrounding CRISPR. In February, James Clapper, United States director of national intelligence, added gene editing to a list of threats posed by “weapons of mass destruction and proliferation.” “It is gene editing’s relative ease of use that worries the U.S. intelligence community,” wrote Antonio Regalado in the *MIT Technology Review*. “Although the report doesn’t mention CRISPR by name, Clapper clearly had the newest and the most versatile of the gene-editing systems in mind. The CRISPR technique’s low cost and relative ease of use—the basic ingredients can be bought online for \$60—seems to have spooked intelligence agencies” (February 9).

The U.S. spy chief’s choice to call out gene editing as a potential weapon of mass destruction surprised genetic experts. Yet it is not difficult to understand why he did. “Research in genome editing conducted by countries with different regulatory or ethical standards than those of Western countries probably increases the risk of the creation of potentially harmful biological agents or products,” the annual worldwide threat assessment report states. U.S. intelligence has a valid concern. The agency considers biotechnology a “dual use” technology, which means that normal scientific developments can be harnessed as weapons.

The U.S. intelligence agency is concerned about at-home genetic hobbyists. New discoveries and the personnel who know how to use and design them “move easily in the globalized economy,” the report noted. Regalado wrote that “scientists have previously speculated about whether CRISPR could be used to make ‘killer mosquitoes,’ plagues that wipe out staple crops, or even a virus that snips at people’s DNA.” Some have even speculated that an assassination of a world leader could be accomplished by using a genetically modified disease made just for that one person.

“The intelligence assessment drew specific attention to the possibility of using CRISPR to edit the DNA of human embryos to produce genetic changes in the next generation of people—for example, to remove disease risks,” wrote Regalado. Although his article didn’t describe what else could be done by making DNA changes to the next generation, U.S. officials are sure to be concerned about the potential for the creation of a genetically modified supersoldier, or superarmy.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT PAPER money. Virtually all transactions are electronic—and recorded in searchable databases. Governments say everyone must have a bank account and use the system. It is supposedly an effort to make people safer by allowing officials to detect suspicious behavior. Agents are able to comb through decades of financial activity to identify questionable spending patterns. Authorities say they will stop terrorists and criminals. It is a world without anonymity.

Is your first response, “What a wonderful world that would be”?

That world is coming—and sooner than you think. Europe is leading the way.

In February, German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s coalition partners in the Social Democratic Party proposed abolishing the €500 note and introducing a €5,000 (US\$5,600) limit on cash transactions. It is part of a plan to cut off terrorist financing in Europe. Banning the bills will supposedly help tighten security.

German Deputy Finance Minister Michael Meister told Deutsche Welle that Germany would push these reforms *at the European level*. “Since money laundering and terrorism financing are cross-border threats,” it makes sense to adopt a European Union-wide “solution,” he said. But “if a European solution isn’t possible, *Germany will move ahead on its own*” (February 3; emphasis added throughout).

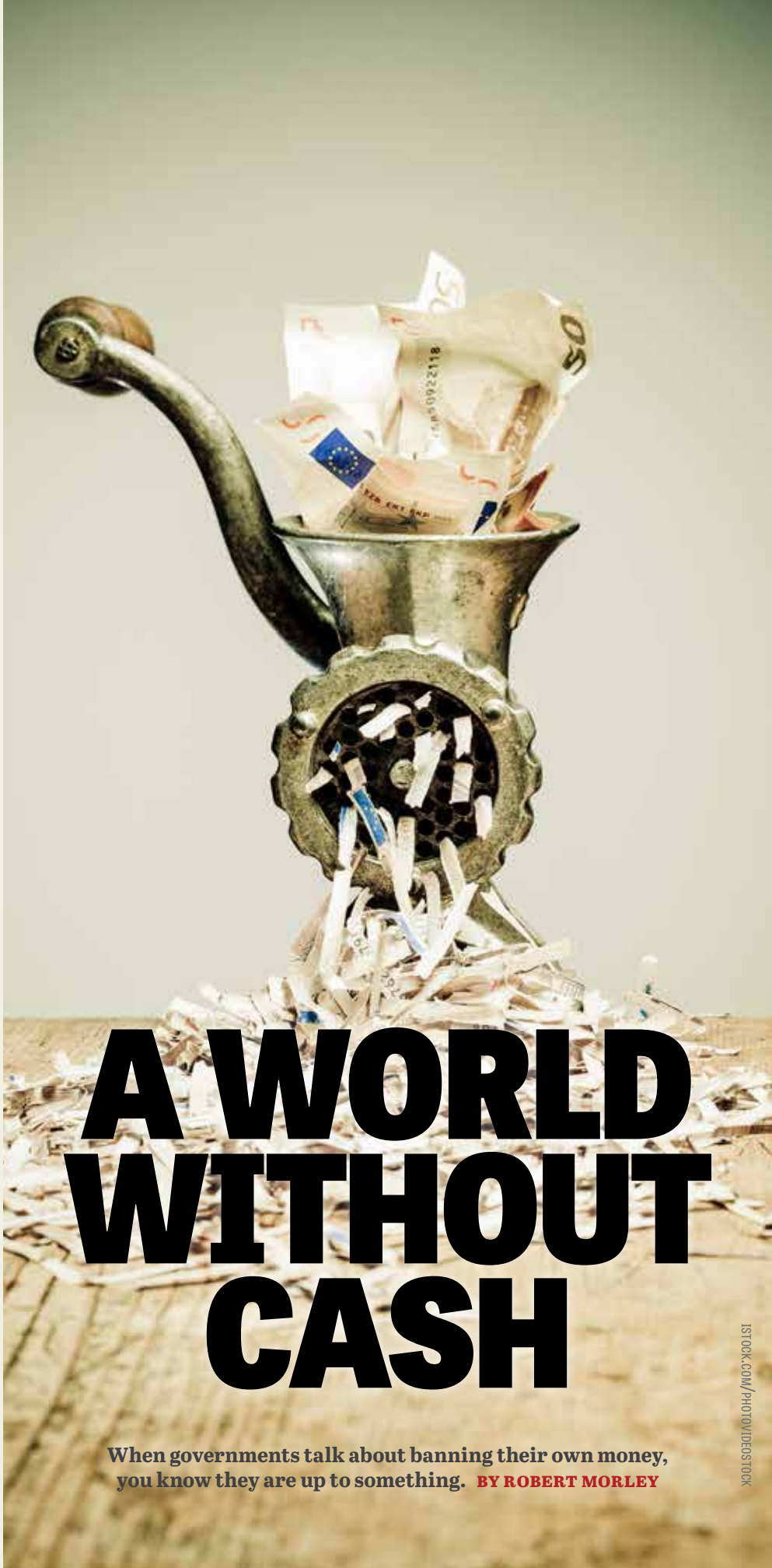
The €500 note may be a favorite among criminals, but it is also popular among another large group of individuals: *law-abiding citizens who don’t trust the banks or the government*. For these people, physical money represents freedom: freedom to hold cash outside the banking system; freedom to conduct business privately; and freedom from government surveillance and overreach.

The curtailment of these freedoms has interesting potential implications in the fulfillment of biblical prophecy.

Under the Guise

Even though many people are strongly against it, Germany and Europe appear to be moving toward a cashless future. They are doing this for two reasons.

First, it is an effort to cut the “comfort for criminals,” as European Central Bank (ECB) President Mario Draghi told the European Parliament on February 3.



A WORLD WITHOUT CASH

When governments talk about banning their own money, you know they are up to something. BY ROBERT MORLEY

Authorities want to force people to conduct transactions electronically—where suspicious activity can be detected and monitored. By forcing all transactions to go electronic, it will create a permanent trail. Theoretically, a record of every transaction you ever make could be kept and stored forever. It is a treasure trove for authorities looking for evidence of crime. And when evidence is found, potentially decades of financial transactions could be searched to ferret out financial connections, relationships and any other potential misdeeds.

Some big businesses support the move because it offers multiple opportunities for consumer-spending analysis and marketing possibilities. Banning paper money, however, is still an unpopular position.

In Germany in particular, there is a deep distrust of banks. The old deutsche mark had a 1,000-mark note. When Germany joined the euro, the €500 note was specifically created to assuage the public's concern. Today, the vast majority of consumer transactions in Germany are still made in cash. Less than 20 percent are conducted with plastic. So getting rid of the €500 is a touchy subject.

Many Germans still remember the economic upheaval of the Weimar days and the destruction of wealth that took place in the banking crisis of the early 1930s. They remember the hyperinflation that made their money worthless in the 1920s, and they also remember the banking crisis that led to the rise of the dictatorial fascism of the Nazis.

Paper money is also popular in Germany because it is tangible. It can be held and stored outside the banking system. It isn't just electronic digits on a computer ledger that can disappear with the click of a button. It isn't something that a computer hacker halfway around the world can steal. In a world of economic upheaval, it is at least something people can hold in their hands or put under their mattresses and feel some security.

Yet if politicians have their way, eliminating the €500 note would *remove one third of all euros in circulation.*

The Excuse

Not long ago, few German politicians would have suggested eliminating paper money, because the German public is largely against it.

Then Europe changed. The *Charlie Hebdo* and Nov. 13, 2015, Paris terrorist attacks startled Europe. Islamic terrorism is the new fear. And politicians are exploiting it.

German opposition Green Party lawmaker Konstantin von Notz railed against the Social Democrats' proposal. He said the plan to ban the €500 note is "a new fundamental attack on data protection and privacy." The Euroskeptic Alternative for Germany's monetary policy spokeswoman Alice

Weidel called the cash ban an attack on freedom. "This measure ... is a direct attack on the property rights of citizens," she said. "If we give this up ...

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citizens will lose an elementary right to their freedom and *the way is paved to TOTAL SURVEILLANCE of all areas of life*" (*Bundesdeutsche Zeitung*, February 4; *Trumpet* translation).

Germans are currently free to take any desired amount of their own money out of the bank and spend it as they want without notifying anyone. But for how much longer?

"The €500 note and this objective of limiting cash have nothing to do" with each other, Mario Draghi sought to reassure European Union lawmakers in Brussels on February 15. Even if the ECB withdraws the €500 note, people will still be able to hoard the next-highest denomination of €200 if they want, he told the lawmakers.

His comments only raised concerns that authorities are working toward a total ban. After all, a handbag can still carry over €2 million in €200 notes. To have a real effect, the €200 and €100 notes would eventually need to be outlawed as well.

"The eurozone already plans to eliminate the €500 note—allegedly to hurt organized crime," writes the *Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard. "[F]rom there it is a slide down the scales to notes in daily use and then to curbs on quasi-money" (February 17).

What is the *real* reason for these new proposed rules?

The Real Goal

On Dec. 3, 2015, the European Central Bank cut its key interest rate deeper into negative territory. Negative interest rates occur when the bank charges you to deposit money. In this case, the central bank is charging the big commercial banks for putting money on deposit. It is an effort to coerce the big banks to make more loans—and thus theoretically jump-start the economy.

But with an economy stuck in recession, many banks are already stuffed full with junk loans. Italy's banks are teetering on the edge of collapse (article,

page 26). It is feared that even Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena—the oldest bank in the world—may be headed toward failure.

No one knows how Europe's banks will handle negative interest rates.

If the banks start charging depositors interest—as opposed to paying it—it could cause many investors to yank out their money. This is the big fear: Negative interest rates could set off a chain reaction of old-school bank runs. It may already be happening.

So the trillion-euro question for monetary authorities is: How do you force people to keep their money in the banks when the banks are *charging depositors interest*? The answer seems to be, you make it difficult or illegal to withdraw money. This is the second reason authorities want to ban cash.

"... a new fundamental attack on data protection and privacy ..."

Stealth Bank Bailout

This is exactly what Citigroup's top economist Willem Buiter recommended in April 2015. He said the world needed to outlaw cash.

According to Buiter, negative interest rates are the only way to jam more debt into the system. And to make this work without causing a bank run, authorities must abolish cash. They must do this, he says, because no one in his right mind would keep it in the system if he was being charged 6 percent per year.

Other leading economic authorities are echoing the call. The Bank of England's chief economist said in September that cash should be eliminated and people should be charged for the electronic equivalent. The president of Norway's biggest bank made similar remarks. On February 9, popular financial blog ZeroHedge posted a letter from Deutsche Bank's respected credit analyst Dominic Konstam saying that negative interest rates should be passed on to depositors and any cash withdrawals should be taxed in order to encourage people to keep their money in the banks.

In case you don't think governments would ever try outlawing cash, consider that in 2012 Spain banned all cash transactions above €2,500 (\$2,800). Italy and France have outlawed all cash transactions over €1,000. Germany's €5,000 proposal is comparatively high.

But governments may not have to work all that hard to get rid of paper money.

Sweden looks set to become the world's first modern cashless society. According to Credit Suisse, 80 percent of all purchases in Sweden are now electronic. Consequently, Sweden's supply of physical currency has dropped an astounding 50 percent in the last six years. Norway and Denmark are close behind. Norway says it will be cashless by 2020.

According to Casey Research's Nick Giambruno, two major Swedish banks no longer carry any cash. Norway's second-largest bank doesn't take cash at its branch offices. Even homeless street vendors in Sweden use mobile card readers.

In 10 years, cash "probably won't exist," says Deutsche Bank CEO John Cryan.

Total Surveillance State

Europe is on the edge of a monetary

revolution. It is going cashless—whether people like it or not.

Increasing numbers of people are using plastic. Some like the rewards they get for using credit cards. Others are unaware of the data that companies glean from their transactions. Consumers can now pay for purchases using their phones. And some companies are playing with inserting microchips under the skin of your hand or arm that would let you connect to computer systems and make payments by simply placing your hand on a scanner.

People are embracing electronic money for its convenience, and are being conditioned to give up their privacy. We live in a Facebook world where people willingly divulge personal information. Many people have forgotten what it is like to live under repressive totalitarian regimes that would use that data against them.

The onset of a cashless society has big implications. It is potentially a huge source of new power for bureaucrats and government regulators. Governments will be able to electronically observe and regulate all economic transactions. From buying broccoli to selling a sandwich, people's actions will be cataloged and stored in databases for Europe's watchdogs to sift through and monitor.

This will place potent power into the hands of government officials. In a cashless society, everyone will be forced to use electronic money and a banking system controlled by the government. In such a scenario, tyrannical leaders would have the ability to control what people are allowed to spend their money on, or when they are allowed to spend it—and they could even lock some people out of the system.

Beast Power Rising

Prophetically, these are pivotal developments. The Bible prophesies of a European superpower that will hold powerful sway over the global economy in the near future. This economic behemoth will have so much power that "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:17).

"The 'mark' is something that will be very popular—something the majority of people will be in favor of,

will seek—which custom will approve as right," wrote Herbert W. Armstrong in *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* (free upon request). "Everyone wants to be able to 'buy or sell.' In this scriptural usage, the expression 'buy or sell' more literally indicates *being able* to buy—not that stores or those from whom one might make purchases of the necessities of life would refuse to accept the money, but that the one refusing the 'mark' would not be able to buy, would not be able to earn a living, to earn a wage or salary, or to engage himself in business."

In his booklet, Mr. Armstrong proved just what the mark of the beast will be: a particular *religious doctrine*—Sunday observance. "And the world will be so geared that it will be almost impossible for one to 'buy or sell' except he receive this mark of the beast!" he wrote. As has happened in the past, he wrote, only those who submit to the religious ideology of the beast will be allowed to conduct commerce.

"Yes, the mark of the beast once again will be *enforced!* No one will be able to hold a job or engage in business without it. Those refusing will once again be tortured and martyred—probably *by* the secret police of the political *state* ..." (ibid).

The rising European beast may not yet have the ability to enforce this mark on everyone. But there will soon be a United States of Europe—a union of 10 nations or groups of nations that will be a union of church and state—with the *capacity* and *will* to enforce it.

A cashless society in which all commerce can be observed, monitored and controlled by the government is a huge step in that direction. The beast is rising. ■

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EUROPEAN LEADERS WANT TO improve the Continent's nuclear capability in response to Russia's invasion of Georgia and Ukraine. Russia has paired its increased aggression and buildup of conventional forces with an expanded nuclear program, and Europe—especially Eastern Europe—is getting scared.

"Some Central European states are demanding a greater role for nuclear weapons in order to more credibly deter further Russian aggression in Europe," wrote the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), a think tank responsible for advising the German Parliament, in January. NATO's current policy says that it will only use nuclear weapons under "extremely remote" circumstances. These Central European states want that policy updated to a stronger threat.

Russia has given them good reason to fear. The Federal College for Security Studies (BAKS), a German government think tank that advises on defense and security, wrote last year in its "Working Paper on Security Policy No. 3/15" that Russia has been playing "military mind games" with its nuclear weapons: for example, simulating a nuclear attack on Poland.

Since 2008, "the nuclear arsenal of Russia has been steadily strengthened and improved," BAKS wrote. "New ballistic missile systems have been introduced and stocked with more warheads. Modern submarines replaced the models originating from the times of the Cold War. Far-reaching cruise missiles were tested, resulting in a serious violation of the disarmament treaty on intermediate-range missiles" (*Trumpet* translation).

"There is a fear that Moscow reduced its nuclear inhibitions threshold and that it will increasingly include nuclear threats in its policy toward its neighbors and NATO," BAKS wrote.

Russian President Vladimir Putin continually emphasizes in his speeches that Russia is a nuclear power. Russian nuclear bombers constantly probe NATO's air defenses.

In response to all this, a "debate about revising the alliance's nuclear doctrine is likely to be unavoidable during and after the mid-2016 Warsaw NATO summit," wrote SWP in its report "Germany

American B61 NUCLEAR BOMBS in Europe



'A Greater Role for Nuclear Weapons'

Europe seeks to confront a dangerous world by shortening the nuclear fuse.

BY RICHARD PALMER

and the Role of Nuclear Weapons" (op. cit.). BAKS wrote, "The question of nuclear deterrence, in the last two decades more of a side issue, is forcing itself into the foreground."

Reverse Course

Just six years ago, Germany's vice chancellor wanted NATO's nuclear weapons out of Germany. Now they're there to stay, and some Polish leaders are calling for NATO nukes to be deployed in Poland.

Instead of discussing a reduction in nuclear arms, these German think tanks are talking about Europe becoming better at using them. "Nuclear-capable NATO fighter jets, which can be fitted with U.S. nuclear bombs, have a response time of about 30 days," wrote BAKS in a separate article last year. "This imbalance has led to calls to reduce response times ... and to step up military exercises in the use of nuclear weapons" ("The Agenda of the NATO Summit in Warsaw").

"A tighter integration of nuclear weapons into defense planning is also conceivable by more closely linking conventional and nuclear defense and deterrence capabilities," SWP wrote (op. cit.). The think tank noted that "the growing role of nuclear weapons" could mean "including nuclear-capable systems in exercises and holding more frequent and more realistic maneuvers."

Behind this somewhat opaque terminology is a dangerous trend. A nation expects to use conventional forces (tanks, planes, ships, soldiers, etc.) at some point. But a nation hopes never to employ nuclear deterrence. By mixing the two together, it is much likelier that a nation will use nuclear weapons.

Practical Nukes

Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium all have American B-61 nuclear bombs ready to fly on their own planes. These bombs are variable yield bombs. One variant currently stationed in Europe can be set to give off an explosion 50 times smaller or 10 times larger than the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

Many fear that because a smaller bomb will lead to a much smaller number of casualties, it is much more likely to be used. America is in the process of upgrading these bombs as part of a \$1 trillion upgrade program to the B-61 Model 12. One important new feature will be the conversion of these weapons into smart bombs. These upgrades are highly controversial. A pinpoint-accurate, guided "small" nuclear bomb is a different weapon from a massive nuke designed to wipe out entire cities.

Whether Europe gets these bombs remains to be seen. The United States does not plan to deploy the new bomb until the 2020s. But the fact that America is pouring so much money into upgrading the bombs shows that no one is planning on removing them from Europe any time soon.

A Matter of Concern

The *Trumpet* has long pointed to the role Russia's aggression is playing in forcing Europe to unite—especially militarily. This renewed focus on nuclear power is the most dangerous manifestation of this trend yet.

TODAY, IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN GEHLAUR VILLAGE IN northeast India aiming to travel to the nearby city of Gaya, you will have no problem. You'll simply take the smooth road that cuts through the steep, rocky hills and leads directly into the city.

For the first several thousand years of the village's existence, that road wasn't there. Anyone who needed to travel from Gehlaur to Gaya could either walk 32 miles around that spine of mountainous terrain, or they could take their chances climbing over it.

Back in the early 1960s, a young woman named Falguni Devi opted for the second choice. She needed to bring some food to her husband, who was working on the other side of the hills. She didn't have time to walk 32 miles, so she took the direct, hilly route. During the ascent, she stepped on some loose rocks and fell. She slid a considerable distance and was hurt.

This was not uncommon on the Gehlaur hills. Throughout the generations, many had slipped and become injured. The villagers of Gehlaur had learned to live with this mountain-size fact of life.

Falguni needed medical attention. Her wounds needed to be dressed. So her husband, Dashrath Manjhi, stayed with his wife and sent for a doctor.

No doctors lived in Gehlaur village, so one had to be summoned from Gaya. The doctor didn't want to risk climbing over the mountains, especially since night had fallen by the time he was reached. So he took the long way around.

The doctor arrived early in the morning and treated Falguni's injuries. But it was too late. She died because of a lack of timely medical treatment.

Tragic though it was, this too was something the people of Gehlaur had learned to live with. All the doctors lived in Gaya. There was a mountain in the way. So some villagers were going to die from lack of timely treatment. It was tragically common.

An Uncommon Occurrence

But after his wife's accident, something *uncommon* happened in the mind of Dashrath. He suddenly and forcibly rejected the common view—the apparent *fact of life*—that you just couldn't avoid occasional injuries and deaths caused by the Gehlaur hills.

He wanted to subdue the mountain that had destroyed his wife. He also wanted to prevent others from suffering the same fate his family had. So Dashrath decided to *take action*.

The day after his wife's death, Dashrath sold his three goats. He bought a large hammer and chisel. That very day he started chipping away at the rocky hills.

When he wasn't working at his job as a farm laborer, Dashrath was working on *moving this mountain*.

Every day at 4 a.m., Dashrath was on that hill, hammering away at the rocks until 8 a.m., when he had to leave for his job. As soon as he finished his work in the fields for local farmers at 1 p.m., he had a quick meal and hurried back to the hill.

There he chiseled and hammered and dug until dark.

Dashrath did this day after day. Week after week, and month after month, he dug.

Reactions

When Dashrath took on the mountain, he did not win any popularity or respect from his fellow villagers.

News spread quickly throughout the village that he had lost his sanity.

Many thought he was devoting his time to an impossible goal, so they ridiculed him.

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THE MAN WHO MOVED A MOUNTAIN

A glimpse into how the power of daily effort can accomplish something momentous BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

In 2007, he was interviewed by the Indian newspaper *Tehelka*. “Most villagers taunted me,” he said.

In a 2015 interview with *Milaap*, Dashrath’s nephew Dahu Manjhi said: “People told Dashrath Manjhi that he wouldn’t be able to do it. That he is a poor man who just needs to earn [a living] and eat. Manjhi’s brother, too, used to call him mad. But in his madness, Manjhi kept cutting the mountain.”

Even those closest to him ridiculed his effort. But Dashrath was unfazed.

“When I started hammering the hill,” he said, “people called me a lunatic, but that steeled my resolve.”

So he kept hammering at the hill.

Months Become Years

About four years passed. Dashrath continued to get up every morning and battle the hillside. But by that time, some of the villagers had stopped ridiculing him. Because he was winning.

Part of the hill was gone.

Dashrath had made progress that no one could deny. A few villagers even helped him buy tools. Some gave his family food.

Dashrath welcomed the help and kept digging. Five years passed—then 10, then 20.

After 22 years of missing hardly a day on the project, he had finished moving the mountain. He had broken through.

Dashrath Manjhi had singlehandedly carved a broad canyon through the rocky spine of the Gehlaur hills. The passage he carved out was 360 feet long, 30 feet wide, and as much as 25 feet high.

That’s about 135,000 cubic feet of rock that he had broken away and moved, little by little.

In place of all that stone, Manjhi left a smooth, flat road. Now anyone can safely walk—even drive—through the Gehlaur hills.



The road reduces the distance from Gehlaur village to Gaya to about a quarter of what it had been.

After finishing the epic project in 1982, Manjhi was recognized by the Indian government. Local authorities named his handmade road after him. The media nicknamed him “Mountain Man,” and one documentarian told his story in film.

Dashrath Manjhi died in 2007 at the age of 73. But his road remains as a gift, not just for the

people from his village, but for the whole region. People from over 60 villages now use Manjhi’s road.

Doing Daily

Giving to others is just what Manjhi had desired. “This hill had given us trouble and grief for centuries,” he said. “The people had asked the government many times to make a proper road through the hill, but nobody paid any attention. So I just decided I would do it all by myself. My love for my wife was the initial spark that ignited in me the desire to carve out a road. But what kept me working without fear or worry all those years was the desire to see thousands of villagers crossing the hill with ease whenever they wanted.”

That was the vision that kept Manjhi digging nearly every single day for 22 years.

There is much to be learned from the example that Manjhi set regarding vision, focus and being service-oriented. It also provides a glimpse into the extraordinary potential of even the most “ordinary” of human beings. Above all, his story shows the power of daily effort.

The work that Manjhi accomplished in any one day was barely noticeable. It was so slight that it earned him only ridicule for the first several years. But he kept at it—for more than 8,000 days. The minuscule achievements of each of those individual days added up to become a *staggeringly momentous accomplishment*.

Is there a mountain in your life that has always seemed too big to move? If you meditate on this account about Dashrath Manjhi, you may come to see that daily effort could enable you to hammer through it. You may come to see that if you take it one day at a time—and work at it *every day*—your mountain can be moved.



MINING FOR GOLD
Left: Herbert W. Armstrong College volunteers participate in excavations in Jerusalem. Below: The Hezekiah bulla

What King Hezekiah Can Teach You

A recently unearthed official seal of a Judean king holds a moving message for the whole world. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE ORGANIZATION THAT PUBLISHES the *Trumpet* magazine also sponsors a small liberal arts institution: Herbert W. Armstrong College. Our college recently received recognition for an exciting archaeological discovery in Jerusalem. It was a small clay seal belonging to one of the greatest kings in Judah's history, King Hezekiah.

2 Kings 18:5 says this about Hezekiah: "He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him." What a commendation! And what a message this small clay seal has, if people will listen. It is a message the world desperately needs to hear.

The head archaeologist who unveiled the find, Dr. Eilat Mazar, said the bulla is "the closest as ever that we can get to something that was most likely held by King Hezekiah, himself." Hebrew University wrote in a statement that the discovery "vividly brings to life the biblical narratives about King Hezekiah and the activity conducted during his lifetime in Jerusalem's royal quarter."

The bulla was actually found in material excavated back in 2009. But Dr. Mazar and her team didn't realize until 2015, after it had been wet-sifted and processed, that this bulla has an inscription reading: "Belonging to Hezekiah [son of] Ahaz king of Judah."

At the time it was found, the

excavating was being done by three people, two of whom were our Herbert W. Armstrong College students: Brent Nagtegaal and Harley Breth. So we were directly involved in what turned out to be a massive discovery!

The find was widely reported in international media. The Hebrew University statement described how "students and alumni of Herbert W. Armstrong College from Edmond, Oklahoma, participated in the excavation." Several media reports, including *Haaretz* and *Arutz Sheva*, included this detail. Dr. Mazar drew attention to us. Many reports also pointed to our website keytodavidscity.com, where we posted a video that we produced about the find. That video has circulated around the Internet and has been viewed over 350,000 times on YouTube. It has a copyright of "Eilat Mazar and Herbert W. Armstrong College." We find it remarkable, even providential, that our college would have the privilege to be involved in something like this.

Other seals of King Hezekiah have been available on the antiquities market since the 1990s. But their origins are suspect. The bulla Dr. Mazar unearthed in 2009 is the first seal impression of an Israelite or Judean king that has ever been found in a scientific archaeological excavation.

Even secular sources corroborate the existence of King Hezekiah and, by

extension, the veracity of the Bible (page 18). Uncovering this bulla right in the royal quarter of Jerusalem adds exciting proof and detail to what we know about this king, and we were directly involved in such a significant find.

A History With Bullae

The Hezekiah bulla is not the first seal impression of a Judean noble that we have been interested in. In 2005 and in 2008, Dr. Mazar's team unearthed bullae belonging to Jehucal and Gedaliah, respectively. These were two Judean princes who persecuted the Prophet Jeremiah. Both are named in Jeremiah 38:1. These two seals powerfully corroborate the record Jeremiah wrote.

Miraculously, the first place these two bullae were publicly displayed was at our facilities in Edmond, Oklahoma. Dr. Mazar agreed that Armstrong Auditorium would be an appropriate place to display these amazing archaeological finds, and the Israel Antiquities Authority approved. The "Seals of Jeremiah's Captors Discovered" exhibit was on display to more than 4,000 visitors, and thousands more concertgoers who visited Armstrong Auditorium for over three years.

In many ways the Hezekiah bulla is an even greater find, with more historical significance. It is certainly a much more *inspiring* find because of what Hezekiah represented.

Purifying the Nation

Look at what Hezekiah accomplished as king. 2 Chronicles 29 shows that when he took office at age 25, "he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done" (verse 2). King Hezekiah refused to follow the idolatrous path of his father, King Ahaz (2 Chronicles 28:24-25). He saw the spiritual filthiness of his nation and immediately began to purge all pagan practices. He cleansed the temple, which had fallen into disuse and disrepair. He prodded the priesthood to purify themselves and serve God once again (2 Chronicles 29:11-17). He eradicated idolatry. He singlehandedly put the nation back on course to properly worship the true God. It's amazing what *one man* can do when he

zealously commits himself to God.

Hezekiah resumed the temple sacrifices (verses 20-21). He also pointed the nation back to King David and reestablished the beautiful, uplifting, inspiring music service of the temple (verses 25-26). Under his leadership, the Jews praised God with all their might! (verses 27-29). The nation returned to the basics: following great examples like King David and obeying God. This is a blueprint we all need to follow!

Those past events are a type of what is happening in this end time. As the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:11, what happened anciently is an example for us. The story of Hezekiah applies to the end-time nations of Israel: America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East. God hates how they have become the modern Sodom and Gomorrah. He is going to remove all the filth in these lands.

King Hezekiah inspired the people to establish a habit of cheerful giving (2 Chronicles 29:31). The Jews gave offerings in such abundance that “the priests were too few” to process them all (verses 34-35). This is a good problem to have! God’s work always has too few supporters; it can always use more people who will give their lives in service to it. Hezekiah also commanded the people to resume tithing of their income (2 Chronicles 31:5). God truly blesses us as we obey such commands, doing God’s will in every aspect of our lives.

Hezekiah also led the people to resume keeping the holy days. He wrote letters to all of Judah and Israel to encourage them to attend the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread services at the temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 30:1-9). Sadly, many of the people refused to follow Hezekiah in this righteous cause (verse 10). But many people humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem to keep the holy days (verses 11-12). Look what happened to those who obeyed: True joy began to flow in their lives. Verse 21 says they “kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with *great gladness*”—or “great delight” (Moffatt).

THIS IS HOW TO HAVE JOY IN YOUR LIFE!
“So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem” (verse 26). If you don’t have

this joy in your life, check your dedication to serving God. Follow Hezekiah’s example, and serve God with all your might!

Those who didn’t humble themselves and obey didn’t enjoy this happiness. Is there any way those scoffers could have been truly happy? Look at this world. Do you see *great joy* in America, Britain and Judah? No—you see terrible problems, fears, anxieties and stress-induced sickness. There is a cause for every effect. The cause for the problems that plague our peoples is SIN.

OBEY GOD! What joy it gives us when we do things the way God wants them done!

A Monumental Trial

Setting the kingdom of Judah back on track spiritually was courageous, arduous, difficult work for Hezekiah. But after that came a monumental trial.

“After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself” (2 Chronicles 32:1). Assyria was a fearsome superpower at the time. The armies of King Sennacherib were massive. They could not be beaten by any physical army, and they struck terror in nations! The Jews were greatly outnumbered and had no hope of withstanding this daunting enemy.

To understand how terrifying the Assyrian army must have been to the Jews, think about the modern descendants of the Assyrians under Adolf Hitler. Hitler’s goal was to exterminate every Jew in Europe and eventually the world. His fanatical anti-Semitism stemmed from his hatred for God! God entrusted the Jews with preserving His oracles and the Hebrew calendar, so Satan used Hitler to try to wipe them out. Hitler nearly succeeded, killing 6 million Jews in concentration camps and causing the deaths of 60 million people total in World War II. The Bible prophesies the Assyrian war machine will be far more destructive the next time around. We can see that prophecy borne out in the proliferation and scale of the advanced weaponry that exists today.

Notice how Hezekiah responded in crisis. “And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with

sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz” (2 Kings 19:1-2). Hezekiah took his problem to God!

This king had many problems, as we all do. But one thing he did right was that he became close friends with the Prophet Isaiah. Not many national leaders look to men of God as this king did. Hezekiah took advantage of his opportunity to learn from God’s man and to reap the benefits.

“And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me” (verse 6). Sennacherib had sent messengers to taunt Hezekiah and threaten the Jews in their own language. He had the gall to compare the living God with the idols of pagan nations (verses 10-13, 17-18). God took this insult PERSONALLY.

Let God Fight Your Battles

Hezekiah put this hopeless situation completely into God’s hands. He cried out to God for deliverance. God heard Hezekiah’s prayer and gave a courage-building reply through Isaiah: “Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David’s sake” (2 Kings 19:32-34).

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about this history in a March 1985 *Good News* article titled “Let God Fight Your Battles.” The Jews facing the Assyrians “were HELPLESS. They faced certain defeat—just as you may feel helpless in the face of your troubles today,” he wrote. “If some of *you* try to solve *your* problem or overcome your bad habits or resist sin in nothing more than your OWN power and strength, you, too, will find yourself outnumbered, overpowered and doomed to defeat!

Hezekiah Was Here

Two generations after King David, the kingdom of Israel split. To the north, 10 Israelite tribes seceded and formed their own kingdom. In the south, three tribes remained loyal to David's descendants. Fourteen generations after King David at the end of the eighth century B.C., Hezekiah ascended to the Davidic throne in Jerusalem. The northern kingdom had just been conquered by the mighty Assyrian empire. In the southern kingdom, young Hezekiah started his reign by purging Judah of pagan religious customs and reinstating the true worship of God. But before long, the mighty Assyrian King Sennacherib had Judah in his sights. The following archaeological discoveries testify to the startling accuracy of the biblical showdown between Sennacherib and Hezekiah.

LACHISH WALL RELIEF

DISCOVERED: 1845–47

LOCATION: Sennacherib's palace in Nineveh

DESCRIPTION: 80-foot-long and 8-foot-tall wall carving

The Bible says that in the 14th year of his reign, Hezekiah “rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not” (2 Kings 18:7). The Assyrian King Sennacherib came against Judah and conquered many of its cities, one of the greatest being Lachish (verse 17). Sennacherib believed the siege and subsequent taking of Lachish to be so important he emblazoned the scene on the four walls of a room in his palace in Nineveh. The relief is currently housed in the British Museum in London.

BRITISH MUSEUM



PLAN VIEW

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BRITISH MUSEUM

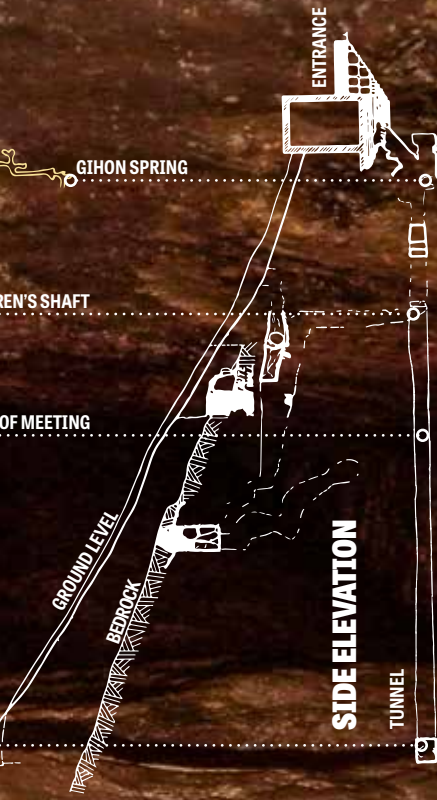
TAYLOR PRISM

DISCOVERED: 1830

LOCATION: Nineveh

DESCRIPTION: Hexagonal clay prism inscription

Returning to Assyria, Sennacherib recorded his “successful” venture on a clay prism, known today as the Taylor Prism, named after the British Col. Robert Taylor who discovered it in 1830. Regarding Sennacherib’s invasion of Judah, the prism says, “As for Hezekiah the Judahite, who did not submit to my yoke: forty-six of his strong, walled cities ... I besieged and took them. ... [Hezekiah] himself, like a caged bird I shut up in Jerusalem, his royal city.” However, there is no mention of him actually taking Jerusalem—because, as the Bible says, he didn’t. There is no destruction layer laid down by Assyrian siege weapons in Jerusalem. There are no reliefs of a Jerusalem conquest along the palace walls in Nineveh, as there was for Lachish. This prism is housed in the British Museum, although two others that are almost identical can be seen in the Israel Museum and the Oriental Institute of Chicago.



38.1 cm

HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL

DISCOVERED: 1838

LOCATION: Jerusalem

DESCRIPTION: 1,700-foot water tunnel carved through bedrock

Moving on from Lachish, Sennacherib was ready to lay siege to Jerusalem. Realizing this was imminent, King Hezekiah carved a massive tunnel underneath the city to bring the water from the Gihon Spring to a reservoir inside the city walls (2 Kings 20:20; 2 Chronicles 32:3-4). Inside this tunnel, a written inscription was discovered in perfect eighth-seventh-century B.C. Paleo-Hebrew script, which describes how the tunnel was made. This carving, known today as the Siloam inscription, was removed from the tunnel and is currently housed in the Istanbul Museum. The inscription reads: “The tunneling was completed ... While the hewers wielded the ax, each man toward his fellow ... there was heard a man’s voice calling to his fellow ... the hewers hacked each toward the other, ax against ax, and the water flowed from the spring to the pool, a distance of 1,200 cubits.”

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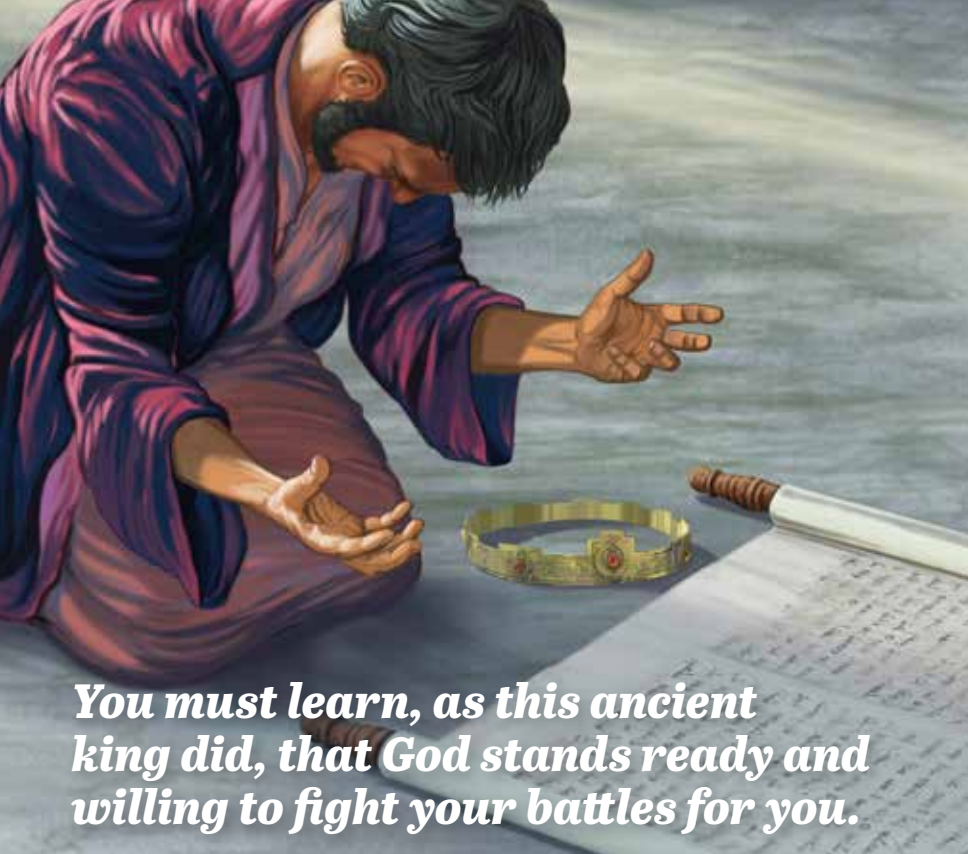
HEZEKIAH BULLA

DISCOVERED: 2009

LOCATION: Ophel Excavations, Jerusalem, Israel

DESCRIPTION: Clay seal impression

King Hezekiah’s own personal seal was excavated in 2009 by Dr. Eilat Mazar’s team and announced in 2015. Found in the royal quarter of ancient Jerusalem, it carries the inscription, “Belonging to Hezekiah, [son of] Ahaz, king of Judah.” It is to be exhibited at the Davidson Center in Jerusalem, then the Israel Museum.



You must learn, as this ancient king did, that God stands ready and willing to fight your battles for you.

► **HEZEKIAH** FROM PAGE 17

“You must learn, as this ancient king did, that GOD stands ready and willing to fight your battles for you.”

We all face battles. And this is simply a towering lesson from the life of King Hezekiah that we must learn! GOD MUST FIGHT OUR BATTLES—OR WE WILL NOT WIN! If we don’t rely on God, then we won’t win our battles. And if we are not winning battles, THIS IS THE REASON!

How do you achieve success in life? Here is how: Let God fight your battles for you! We all have battles. We have to fight and WIN. And we WILL win if we fight with God’s power and not our own.

Hezekiah believed God and acted swiftly. He cut off the Assyrian army’s water supply by diverting the spring through “Hezekiah’s Tunnel” (2 Chronicles 32:2-3). You can still walk through that tunnel beneath Jerusalem today. He also rebuilt and fortified the city’s defenses and produced a plethora of weapons (verse 5). This too is a crucial lesson: If we expect God to fight battles for us, WE MUST DO OUR PART. God wants to see how much we will sweat and strain and toil and even DIG THROUGH ROCK to reach the pure water of the Holy Spirit. It takes an abundance of hard work to access this divine power,

but if we do, God will remove every last Sennacherib who opposes us.

Hezekiah passed God’s encouraging words on to the people, inspiring them to trust God (verses 6-8). And what did God do? “So the Eternal rescued Hezekiah and the citizens of Jerusalem from Sennacherib the king of Assyria as well as from all other foes, protecting them on every side” (verse 22; Moffatt). God sent a death angel into the Assyrian camp by night to slaughter 185,000 troops (2 Kings 19:35). He supernaturally *wiped out* the entire Assyrian force that had gathered against Jerusalem! Sennacherib returned home in disgrace and was eventually killed by his own sons (verses 36-37).

GOD IS THE ULTIMATE SOLDIER. He won an absolute, crushing victory.

Realize that this is written for YOU! It doesn’t matter what foe you have, or what worry or distraction or FEAR, or if you have a SIEGE of troubles—God says you can SOLVE it and CONQUER it! You still haven’t had any kind of troubles like Hezekiah had, and look how he solved this problem! If you obey and trust God, you can solve the problems in *your* life. You could have 10 million soldiers coming after you. That is something you can face and overcome if you just obey and

trust in God. That is a wonderful truth.

There is a deep lesson for the physical nations of Israel today in what Hezekiah accomplished. These are times of grave national sins. HEZEKIAH SHOWS HOW TO SAVE A NATION! How could Jerusalem be saved today? Or America, or Britain? HEZEKIAH TEACHES US THAT.

God’s Protective Wings

Look at the picture of that bulla (page 19). At the center is a small circle representing the sun. And Hezekiah had it depicted *with wings*, outspread and oriented down a bit. Today, more than 2,700 years later, one of his seals has made headlines around the world. People are studying its symbols closely.

What might a circle with downturned wings mean? It symbolizes the fiery, all-powerful God who is also a God of love! It shows that GOD SHELTERS AND PROTECTS US! That when we face tribulation, God will simply wrap us up in His wings. God even told Hezekiah through Isaiah that He was like a bird flying over and protecting Jerusalem (Isaiah 31:5). He will rescue us from trials, whether they are related to health, finances, persecution or even invading armies! That is quite a symbol.

That symbol points to a statement Jesus Christ made in Matthew 23:37: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!” God wanted to protect His people, just like He did Hezekiah. He would *shelter* them if they would just obey Him! But what do they do? They kill the prophets and stone those who come to help them!

What would it do for Jerusalem today if the Jews would turn to God the way Hezekiah did? What do you think would become of all the rocket attacks and stabbings that have been occurring there? What would it do for America and Britain? Their problems would be SOLVED! In this age of terror, the *Hezekiah bulla* should resonate with the Jews more than any election or policy or self-defense strategy. The story of this great king shows the Jews and the other descendants of ancient Israel HOW TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS!

We don't expect the nations of Israel to heed this wonderful message. These nations are already past the point of no return. But if they followed this example, God would do for them exactly what He did for Judah under King Hezekiah.

THIS WORLD NEEDS HOPE. We are in dark times that are getting darker. Terrorist attacks like those that killed people in Paris and San Bernardino are becoming a way of life. The Jews in the Middle East are facing nation-threatening problems—some are concerned they could *lose Jerusalem!* And the truth is that the modern descendants of the Assyrian Empire that threatened Hezekiah's Judah are rising again—and Bible prophecy tells us that they are going to deal a **DEATHBLOW** to America, Britain (the birthright nations) and the Jewish state (the scepter nation)! God is going to use that *same empire* to punish those three nations most of all, because of their rebellion against Him.

God will use Germany to purge America, Britain and Judah of sin (Isaiah 10:5). The Germans are subtly rearming and controlling more and more territory. They are moving into the Middle East with soldiers.

Our peoples have an inexplicable disdain for history. Just 70 years ago, United States President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged never to allow Germany to rise again. Just a few years ago, few people would have imagined Germany providing armaments to much of the world. Yet today, this is a profitable sector of its economy! Today, Germany is more powerful than ever.

The Germans are coming! The Assyrians are on the march once again. God is going to correct our people. The Messiah is coming soon, whether people heed the warning or not.

I am sure this is why God is putting Hezekiah's bulla in the spotlight right now. **THAT BULLA HAS A MESSAGE OF TREMENDOUS HOPE**, especially for these three nations! As our nations face threats of annihilation, here is a symbol of hope in the face of grave danger: the Hezekiah bulla. **THE STORY OF HEZEKIAH REALLY SHOWS THE JEWS AND THE OTHER NATIONS OF ISRAEL HOW TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.** It shows us physically and spiritually how to win our battles! ■

► **CONSTITUTION** FROM PAGE 7

the special needs of the downtrodden.

That may sound compassionate and wonderful. But when judges begin favoring one group over another in how they apply the law, that is not justice! It erodes the rule of law. There is a reason America's founders established a justice system that honored the biblical instruction to "Judge not according to the appearance," to "not respect persons in judgment" (John 7:24; Deuteronomy 1:17; 16:19; Proverbs 24:23; James 2:9). That kind of impartial justice—in which everyone is treated equally, regardless of rank, station, connections, race, wealth or poverty or anything else—is a great blessing, but mighty difficult to achieve and extremely rare in history! The story of man is full of judges and authorities who ruled according to their own whims rather than the laws on the books.

America has not followed the rule of law perfectly. But it has been the envy of other nations to the degree that it has. The president, however, views this as a liability and a flaw.

This lawless thinking was aptly expressed in Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg's comment to Egyptian reporters in 2012: "I would not look to the U.S. Constitution, if I were drafting a constitution in the year 2012." Egypt, she said, needed a more recent document to work from, like South Africa's constitution, which guarantees citizens the rights to housing, education and health care.

At the time of Sotomayor's nomination, economist Thomas Sowell wrote: "For more than a century, believers in bigger government have also been believers in having judges interpret the restraints of the Constitution out of existence. They called this 'a living Constitution.' It has in fact been a dying Constitution, as its restraining provisions have been 'interpreted' to mean less and less so that the federal government can do more and more" (*National Review*, May 8, 2009).

That fundamental transformation of the United States that the president promised is taking place before our eyes.

America Under Attack

Where is all this leading in this election year?

It remains to be seen whether President Obama will succeed in appointing a new justice. Even if he does not, the chances of the next president and Congress both being conservative and appointing and confirming a judge who respects the Constitution as Antonin Scalia did are practically nil.

Regardless of who Scalia's replacement is, America is set on a path of lawlessness. Prophecies like 2 Timothy 3 inform us that the moral climate in America is going to get worse and worse.

Many people can recognize the radical changes taking place in America. President Obama is redefining, undermining and overthrowing the rule of law, and thereby transforming America in ways that few thought possible. However, few understand just *how bad* this trend is because they do not see the *spiritual dimension behind it*.

To understand this dimension, you need to read *America Under Attack* by my father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry. In it, he notes the distress of many about the direction of America today. They can see the nation rapidly losing its moral character and its strength. But he explains that the situation today is *even worse* than most people realize!

There is an *evil spirit* at work whose activity is intensifying as the world approaches its final days. He is revealed in the Bible as Satan the devil.

"Can you detect this evil spiritual influence in our world today?" my father asks. "It is a real spiritual power, and it almost mesmerizes people with its lies! This points right back to Revelation 12:9 and the fact that Satan has unmatched powers of *deception*. It is all prophesied in your Bible!"

For reasons that booklet explains, the devil has his sights set on bringing down the number one superpower on Earth.

That destruction starts from *within*. It is what we are witnessing right now. According to the prophecies of the Bible, it will culminate in the worst period of destruction this world has ever seen: the Great Tribulation.

That is what we can expect to see happen in the United States of America, a nation now ruled not by law, but by men. ■



Should the Feds Be the Police?

Comparing the Oregon standoff with the Black Lives Matter movement shows how divided America has become on the issue of federal law enforcement.

BY ANDREW MILLER

FOR 41 DAYS, A TENSE STANDOFF between armed militia members and federal law enforcement officers took place at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon.

After two ranchers set fires on their own property that spread to a nearby wildlife refuge, federal prosecutors charged them with terrorism and sentenced them to five years in prison. What started as a peaceful rally in support of the ranchers escalated as a group of about 20 armed militia members split off from the rally to occupy the wildlife refuge headquarters building.

Led by Ammon Bundy, this group of militiamen called itself the Citizens for Constitutional Freedom. It originally pledged to occupy the building until federal authorities released the two ranchers from prison and turned over control of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to Harney County. "We will be here as long as it takes," Bundy told CNN via the phone inside the refuge building. "We have no intentions of using force upon anyone, but if force is used against us, we would defend ourselves."

These protesters represent one extreme on an important issue facing America today: How much should the federal government be involved in local law enforcement? Their view is,

NOT AT ALL.

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But there are others who vehemently disagree. And this disagreement is bound to have far-reaching, even dangerous effects on the nation.

Oregon Showdown

With the protesters occupying the wildlife refuge building, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Oregon State Police surrounded it for several days with no one being hurt. But on January 26, Bundy and eight others left the refuge to participate in a local community meeting. When FBI agents tried to pull over the two vehicles being driven out of the wildlife refuge, one of the protesters, LaVoy Finicum, tried to evade arrest. In the commotion that ensued, Finicum was shot dead, and Bundy's brother Ryan was wounded in the arm.

After the arrests, the protest movement dwindled from about 20 members to just four. While still under arrest in Portland, Ammon Bundy issued a request to these four protesters to stand down and go home. They resisted Ammon's request, however, and vowed to stand their ground.

Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, the father of Ammon and Ryan, sent a letter of defiance to the local sheriff, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and the White House. In it he urged the militiamen to remain at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge until all federal and state policing agents left Harney County.

The FBI responded by arresting the 74-year-old on February 10 while he was reportedly on his way to the wildlife refuge to support the remaining protesters. Bundy was accused of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States; assault on a federal officer by use of a deadly weapon; use of a firearm in relation to a crime of violence; interference with commerce by extortion; and obstruction of the administration of justice. Most of these charges relate to incidents that took place two years ago.

The next day, on February 11, the last remaining militia members finally surrendered to federal agents.

Though this particular standoff ended, it spotlighted just how divided America has become over the issue of federal law enforcement.

Two Opposing Views

Some journalists are comparing the Oregon standoff to the Black Lives Matter movement and the Ferguson riots. A *Washington Post* editorial decried a double standard and claimed that the police would have killed the Oregon protesters if they had been black or Muslim. Other journalists take the angle that the Oregon militiamen and the Ferguson rioters have much in common and should be working together against police abuse.

Both opinions fail to note that the Oregon militiamen and the Black Lives Matter protesters are taking extreme opposite positions on whether American law enforcement should be localized or federalized.

The Bundy family and the Oregon militiamen contend that all federal land ownership and policing operations are unconstitutional. They are calling for the return of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to the control of the local populace, and for the expulsion of all federal police from Harney County. In place of these federal officials, Cliven Bundy is asking the Harney County sheriff to place a guard post of local police at the wildlife refuge.

Such calls for the localization of American law enforcement operations are completely at odds with the demands of many in the Black Lives Matter movement. Although Black Lives Matter is a grassroots movement with a plethora of different ideas, a primary

demand of its activists seems to be greater federal oversight of allegedly racist local police forces.

Just after the Baltimore riots over the death of Freddie Gray last year, civil rights activist Al Sharpton called on the United States Department of Justice to step in and “take over policing in this country” so racist officers can be held accountable. “We’re going to have to fight states’ rights in terms of closing down police cases,” he said.

Toward Federalization

While the tactics of this Oregon militia occupation are extreme, some of the issues they are protesting are very real.

Dwight and Steven Hammond, the two ranchers charged with terrorism, were tried twice for the same crime. The first time, Federal District Court Judge Michael Hogan ruled that imposing a five-year mandatory minimum prison sentence as sought by federal prosecutors would be a “grossly disproportionate” punishment for the “crime” of accidentally burning 127 acres of federal land. The U.S. Department of Justice wasn’t satisfied with this ruling. After the Hammonds had already served their first, shorter prison sentence, the Department of Justice appealed the case and found a judge who would impose a full five-year “terrorist” sentence on the Hammonds.

While the Bundys’ demand that the federal government cease and desist all federal policing operations is extreme, their dissatisfaction with a Department of Justice that can charge a rancher with *terrorism* if a “controlled burn” gets out of control is understandable.

Constitutional lawyer Jonathan Turley warned in a *Washington Post* editorial that the federal government’s growing dominance over the states is obscuring an even more fundamental change in the federal government itself: namely that the Constitution’s carefully constructed system of checks and balances is being eroded away by the rise of a “fourth branch” of government—an administrative state of sprawling federal departments and agencies.

This fourth branch, Turley maintains, now has a larger impact on American citizens than the other three branches combined. One study found that Congress only enacted 138 public laws in

2007, compared with 2,926 regulations enacted by unelected federal bureaucrats. A similar study found that federal judges conduct roughly 95,000 adjudicatory proceedings, including trials, each year, compared with 939,000 cases tried by administrative courts tied to individual federal agencies.

“These agency proceedings are often mockeries of due process, with one-sided presumptions and procedural rules favoring the agency,” Turley wrote.

While it is true that federal agencies in this so-called fourth branch of government do have a great deal of autonomy, the people who run them are still appointed by the U.S. president. So it is

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really Congress and, to a lesser extent, the courts that are getting sidelined by an out-of-control executive branch, which is ruling via executive orders and a vast army of federal bureaucrats.

The Framers’ View

The framers of America’s Constitution did allow for federal policing of certain crimes, such as counterfeiting, treason and piracy. Outside of such crimes, constitutional law mandates that law enforcement be a function of state and local governments.

There is a reason for the approximately 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies in the United States. When law enforcement responsibilities are divided among 18,000 agencies accountable to directly elected local officials, it becomes extremely difficult for anyone to set himself or herself up as a tyrant. If a county sheriff abuses his or her office, it is much easier for the local community to elect a better sheriff than it is for that community to change the policies of bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

As law and order break down in American society, citizens are finding themselves caught between armed anti-federal militiamen advocating the localization of all police forces and aggressive ethnic minorities demanding the federalization of all police forces.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote about this dangerous trend toward federalized policing in the wake of the Baltimore riots last August. “America’s law enforcement is under attack,” he wrote. “On one side people in communities are developing a mistrustful, hostile, antagonistic attitude, yelling at police, assaulting and even killing officers in some cases. Police are pulling back from doing their jobs for fear of attack, or losing their jobs or going to prison for doing anything that could be perceived as racist. On the other, the federal government is undermining local law enforcement and stripping it of power in an effort to centralize

policing power on the federal level.”

In the near future, tensions between armed militia members and federal law enforcement officers are likely to grow much worse. As the *Trumpet* has reported repeatedly, executive overreach is a serious problem in America’s government today. The Obama administration is trying to use accusations of racism against local police and the threat of militia standoffs against federal police as excuses to centralize all policing authority, thus taking more power to itself.

Riots and armed standoffs are no solution to this problem. The clash over illegal federal usurpation of power is an indication of a greater spiritual sickness in the entire nation.

Former American president and Founding Father John Adams once wrote, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

God does not put the primary blame on a political leader the way that so many political commentators do. In the end, these nation-destroying problems are actually *correction from God* to help the American people see their sins and repent of them. All Americans must come to realize that only Jesus Christ can solve the serious problems in their government! ■

ROLE MODEL?
CHARLEMAGNE'S LEGACY
IS PROVIDING INSPIRATION
FOR SOME IN EUROPE.

Looking to Charlemagne

Major media outlets are starting to notice parallels between modern Europe and the Holy Roman Empire. Are these similarities to be celebrated? Check history. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

“THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE CAN Help Inspire a Different European Union.” This was the headline of a January 20 article in the *Financial Times* of Britain.

Continuing the work begun by late educator Herbert W. Armstrong, we have highlighted the prophecies of a final resurrection of this empire for 70 years. Finally, the news media is catching up.

Many authorities today believe returning to the ways of the Holy Roman Empire would vastly improve Europe. This reflects a dangerous ignorance of history.

A Lasting Legacy

Viewed broadly as a union of church and state, the legacy of the Holy Roman Empire traces back to the Imperial Restoration of Rome by Justinian. The empire had been Roman for hundreds of years; but before Justinian, it was never truly controlled by a great church. Through Justinian's Imperial Restoration in A.D. 554, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REVIVED THE EMPIRE. THAT CHURCH THEN GUIDED ALL THE RESURRECTIONS OF THAT EMPIRE THAT FOLLOWED.

Read the history of the first six

resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire under Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto the Great, the Habsburg Dynasty, Napoleon and Hitler. These were all bloody empires. Anybody should be able to see that.

The Holy Roman Empire carries with it a lasting legacy, but it isn't a legacy of peace. A return to the ways of this empire will surely spark World War III.

Your Bible prophesies that another resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire is coming. It also reveals that this seventh and final resurrection will be bloodier than the first six combined. Blood will flow up to the horses' bridles in and around Jerusalem (Revelation 14:20).

The Forefather of Modern Europe

Encyclopedia Britannica says this of Charlemagne: “The first three decades of Charlemagne's reign were dominated by military campaigns, which were prompted by a variety of factors: The need to defend his realm against external foes and internal separatists, a desire for conquest and booty, a keen sense of opportunities offered by changing power relationships, and an urge to spread Christianity.” Charlemagne felt

it was his duty to spread his religion by any means necessary.

“The violent methods by which this missionary task was carried out had been unknown to the earlier Middle Ages,” *Encyclopedia Britannica* continues, “and the sanguinary [bloody] punishment meted out to those who broke canon law or continued to engage in pagan practices called forth criticism in Charles's own circle.”

Charlemagne's own supporters were shocked by his bloodlust. It is said that he waded through rivers of blood to convert people to Catholicism. He once massacred 4,500 Saxons in a single day. No one before him had ever done such a thing! Is this man really a good example for Europe to follow?

Many people overlook Charlemagne's brutality and view him primarily as a man of culture. Under Charlemagne, the Holy Roman Empire experienced a revival of the arts and learning. “To many, the image of an enlightened ruler promoting culture and education for all seems incompatible with a violent warrior converting thousands by the sword,” Brad Macdonald writes in *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*. “But Charlemagne's example teaches us an important lesson: Culture and peace do not always go together. Modern Europe may appear to be a cultured and sophisticated group of nations. But as history reveals, that does not mean it is immune to Charlemagne's style of violence.”

Indeed, one of the most prestigious European awards today is the Charlemagne Prize. Since 1950, Europe has openly celebrated Charlemagne's achievements.

Are modern Europeans really too sophisticated to follow this man's war-making example one last time?

Hitler's Motivation

The succeeding emperors of the Holy Roman Empire followed Charlemagne's example. People said Otto the Great had the crown of Charlemagne. They hailed Napoleon as Charlemagne reborn. Adolf Hitler modeled his Third Reich after Charlemagne's First Reich.

Hitler hated the Jews and other peoples. Blind hatred led him to cause the death of 60 million people in World War II!

There is an unseen reason for Hitler's demoniacal hatred: *He was possessed!* There is a great deal of evidence of this fact. In his book *Adolf Hitler: The Definitive Biography*, John Toland quoted Englishman Maj. Francis Yeats-Brown reacting to a speech of Hitler's: "During the rhetorical passages, his voice mounted to the pitch of delirium. He was a man transformed and possessed. We were in the presence of a miracle." This is not human! An evil spirit force motivated Hitler to follow Charlemagne's example and to *exceed* his destructive impact!

As the Allies were liberating Europe from Germany's clutches near the close of World War II, the most destructive war the world had ever seen, they were strongly resolved to ensure that such a tragedy did not happen again. United States President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill wrote: "It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism, to ensure Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world."

That is recent history. How quickly we forget. Even before that, Germany started the War of 1870 and World War I. Time and again, the Germans have proven themselves ready for war whenever a strongman is at the head.

A Voice Crying Out

There was a man who foretold, even as Germany lay prostrate after World War II, of Germany's rise to power once again in our day. The Bible says to judge a supposed prophet by his fruits. "The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him" (Jeremiah 28:9).

You could fill many pages with proof that Herbert W. Armstrong's prophecies, which were based on the Bible, *have been fulfilled*. In fact, we already have. Request our free booklet *He Was Right* and read it for yourself.

Here is one of the Bible's main prophecies that Mr. Armstrong used to foretell Germany's rise: "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" (Revelation 17:10). God revealed

this prophecy to Mr. Armstrong as Hitler was rising on the scene. Hitler was the sixth "king" of the Holy Roman Empire. This means there is just *one resurrection left* before God wipes out this war machine forever!

Many scoffed at Mr. Armstrong when he warned of Germany's rise from the

own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (Daniel 8:23-24).

It is easy to see Germany's dominance in Europe today, but this wasn't the case when Mr. Armstrong forecast it. The European Union is clearly a cloak



ashes of World War II. *But no one is scoffing now.* Many observers can see that Germany has gotten control of Europe. But for him to have seen it so far in advance is a miracle from God! No man can interpret prophecy without God's inspiration.

Based on the Bible's prophecies, Mr. Armstrong proclaimed *back in 1934* the imminent appearance of a world dictator in charge of the Holy Roman Empire. Though Hitler was destructive, he never achieved world domination. This coming leader will electrify the world—paring the European Union down to 10 nations and causing the worst suffering this world has ever seen (verses 7-8).

Mr. Armstrong knew about the coming German strongman as revealed in the Bible. "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his

for German ambitions, as Bernard Connolly wrote in *The Rotten Heart of Europe*. The Holy Roman Empire, led by Germany and inspired by the traditions of Charlemagne, is poised to wreak havoc on this Earth one last time.

Thankfully, the same prophecies that foretold Germany's rise describe how the time of suffering just ahead will be exceedingly short—and then will have a stunning, spectacular conclusion! "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand" (verse 25).

Jesus Christ will soon return to put a stop to the Holy Roman Empire's reign of terror forever! Mankind will finally receive the blessings it has desperately lacked for the past 6,000 years. We must keep our minds on that glorious vision. ■



When Europe unites, war breaks out!

To learn why, request our free book
The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy.

How Not to Run a Bailout

Europe is changing its financial regulations in a way that invites catastrophe.

BY RICHARD PALMER



THE VALUE OF ITALY'S THIRD-LARGEST bank plummeted by half in January—the same month new European bailout rules came into effect. This was no coincidence. These new rules aren't the only factor, but they are helping to cripple banks in Italy and across Europe.

For a continent yet to recover from the disastrous euro crisis, a fresh banking crisis could be devastating. And no country is more at risk than Italy. A problem here would not be a Greece-scale crisis. Italy's economy is more than seven times larger than Greece's. It is the third largest in the eurozone and the eighth largest in the world.

A colapse in an economy this size would wreak far-reaching damage.

Why One Man Killed Himself

The more immediate roots of the problem go back to the 2008 banking crisis. Italy's economy was hit hard, especially the poorer south. Eight years on, southern Italy is still struggling with an unemployment rate of 22 percent, almost as bad as Greece's. On the island of Sicily, the youth unemployment rate exceeds 75 percent, far worse than in Greece.

Because of the economic devastation, many cannot pay their debts. This is a problem across the eurozone, but it is worse in Italy than in any other large European economy. Around 20 percent of loans are not being paid back, meaning lenders are suffering from more than €200 billion (US\$218 billion) in non-performing loans.

Europe's muddling in the face of this economic crisis is making the situation worse. Elsewhere, governments bailed out struggling banks only to find themselves overwhelmed with debt and in need of a bailout. But rather than address the underlying cause of the crisis—the principle that sharing a currency without sharing a government can never work—European leaders focused on the effect. They simply made it illegal for governments to bail out struggling banks without taking money from depositors and investors first.

These laws went into force on January 1. They solved nothing and instead pushed the crisis in a different direction.

We saw a glimpse of this in December. The Italian government organized a rescue of four small banks along the lines of the new bailout rules. It ended in one

elderly man committing suicide after losing his life savings. He had tried on several earlier occasions to withdraw his money but was refused.

Many others have lost out and are angry. The banks are accused of making investments sound like normal savings accounts without explaining the risks involved.

This situation will become more common with the new banking rules. Shareholders, bondholders and anyone with over €100,000 (\$109,000) in deposits must take losses before the government can bail out the bank.

That may sound like a lot of money, but someone's entire life savings or pension fund could easily come to €100,000. Even a small business could have that much in a bank—let alone a large business.

Those were the conditions forced on Cyprus back in 2013.

It devastated Cyprus's economy and led not only to people losing their savings, but also to drastic pay cuts as businesses struggled to find the cash to pay their staff. European Union leaders promised it was an exceptional case. Now it is the rule.

How Not to Bail Out a Bank

There are no good ways to bail out a bank. The old way involved handing taxpayers' money to wealthy investors, which feels rather unseemly. But the alternative—taking money from the bank accounts of pensioners—isn't great either. Throw in the fact that in the eurozone, the robbed pensioners live in one country and the abused taxpayers in another, and discussions on how to bail out banks quickly turn into heated arguments.

But the new way of doing things also makes the entire banking system less stable. As Geopolitical Futures wrote, "Banking is about to get risky and complicated in Europe" (Dec. 11, 2015). If investors and depositors risk losing large sums of money if their bank goes under, they'll be much quicker to ditch a questionable bank, making a bad situation much worse very quickly.

“The smartest investors should be heading for the exits as soon as they sense trouble,” wrote the *Financial Times*. Under this new bailout system, “action by a handful of anxious investors could conceivably precipitate a crisis that did not need to happen,” it stated (Sept. 10, 2014).

That process helped push the Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena—Italy’s third-largest bank—into trouble in January. Eventually the situation calmed down once the Italian government convinced European authorities to allow Rome to organize a complicated way to prop up the bank. But its future is still far from certain, and the new arrangement will not help the bank stay afloat once a serious crisis hits.

Italy’s debt relative to the size of its economy is second only to Greece’s—and it is still borrowing money every year. Meanwhile its economy has been shrinking over the last few years. It cannot afford to bail out its banks.

Its deposits-guarantee fund—which exists to ensure that those with under €100,000 don’t lose anything in a bankruptcy—is almost certainly inadequate.

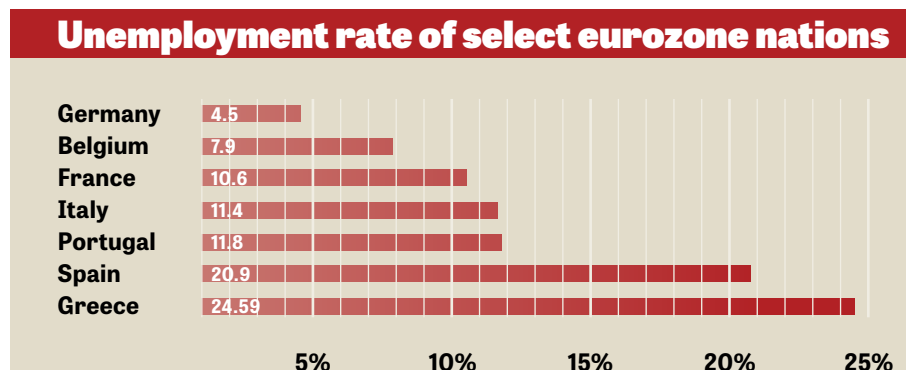
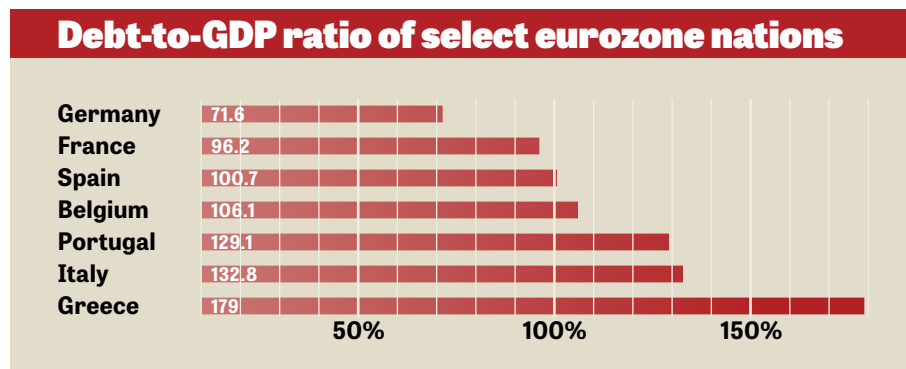
An Italian banking crisis could easily push the whole country into serious trouble. A truly massive European bailout would be required to fix it.

Even if the crisis calms down again, non-performing loans remain a major problem. A financial crisis triggered elsewhere could easily push Italy over the edge. It’s a box of gelignite in a room full of explosives—ready to add its “boom” after the first bomb goes off.

How Not to Bail Out a Country

German authorities want the same disastrous principles behind the new bailout rules to be applied to governments as well. The proposal has been put forward by the German Council of Economic Experts—a council set up by law to advise the government. It is also supported by both the Bundesbank and German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble.

The idea is that if a eurozone country gets into difficulty, then anyone who has loaned money to that country will



have to take losses before there can be any bailout. Its effect would be exactly the same as new bank bailout rules. If you’ve purchased Spanish bonds, for example, and it starts to look like Spain will need a bailout, you had better sell those bonds and get your money back as soon as possible. If you leave it too late, and you still hold those bonds when Spain is bailed out, you’ll lose a lot of money. Large numbers of other investors would all be thinking the same thing. All those investors frantically selling their bonds could trigger a crisis where none would have happened otherwise.

“It is the fastest way to break up the eurozone,” said Prof. Peter Bofinger, the one dissenting member of the German Council. The *Telegraph’s* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote that “sensitive talks” on this subject are “causing shudders in Rome, Madrid and Lisbon” (February 15).

Europe’s bailouts in the wake of the 2008 crisis were disastrous. Southern European nations may be out of the nightly news, but their unemployment rates have escalated from the dire levels the crisis brought them to. Governments are still mired in eye-watering levels of debt.

So now Europe has a new way of running bailouts. And it fixes nothing. In fact, it will only hasten an economic crisis.

As has now been well documented, European elites knew when creating a common currency that such a venture without shared governance would be disastrous. They hoped that the resulting crisis would force European citizens to accept some kind of federal European government.

Europe has tried just about everything but that, though it has taken some steps in that direction. For the most part, Europeans have been putting their hopes in one failed bailout after another.

The solution is not a bailout. There are two ways out of this for the eurozone: Split up and revive national currencies, or form a federal government. In reality, Europe will probably choose a combination of the two, with some nations returning to their own currencies while others push on to unity.

That is where the euro crisis is leading. ■

For more on this crisis, read *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry’s article “Did the Holy Roman Empire Plan the Greek Crisis?” at theTrumpet.com/go/5809.

Pope apologizes for deaths of Protestants

PENITENT? Francis attends a prayer service after his apology on January 25.

Pope Francis officially apologized for persecuting Protestants on January 25 as he unveiled plans for a radical push for unity during the 500th-anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation.

“As the bishop of Rome and pastor of the Catholic Church, I would like to invoke mercy and forgiveness for the non-evangelical behavior of Catholics toward Christians of other churches,” he said. “At the same time, I invite all Catholic brothers and sisters to forgive if today, or in the past, they have suffered offense by other Christians.”

“Non-evangelical behavior” is a euphemism for the massive violence the Vatican unleashed in the wake of the Reformation. Modern scholars estimate that 50 million people died in the religious violence that followed—in persecutions, counter persecutions and religious wars.

But the pope and Protestant leaders are preparing to put all that aside. Commemorations of the Reformation will kick off on October 31, 499 years after

Martin Luther is traditionally believed to have nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This outlined Luther's disagreement with the Vatican and led to the massive splitting away of churches protesting against Rome.

In January, the pope announced that to mark the beginning of the 500th-anniversary year, he would travel to Sweden, where the Lutheran World Federation was founded,

Iranian photos show U.S. sailor crying

Iranian state-controlled news outlets released new photographs of the U.S. sailors who were detained in January for accidentally entering Iran's waters. The photos, as well as an accompanying video released February 10, show one of the sailors crying.

The release of the pictures came after U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry apologized

and hold a joint service with Lutherans. In the past, Lutheran leaders have said they hope to fully heal their divide with Rome during this 500th-anniversary year.

Catholic-Lutheran unity has already taken great strides over the past couple of decades. In 1999, the Lutheran World Federation signed a Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification with the Vatican. This doctrine was at the heart of Luther's disagreement with the Catholic Church that led to his excommunication; now it has been overcome.

In 2007, the Catholic Church and the Lutheran, Orthodox, Methodist, Anglican and Armenian-Apostolic churches in Germany all agreed to recognize each other's baptisms as valid.

“Five hundred years ago wars were fought over the very issues about which Lutherans and Roman Catholics have now achieved consensus,” said the presiding bishop over the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Elizabeth A. Eaton. There are still some points of disagreement, but much of the heavy lifting is done.

It is interesting that the Catholic Church is focusing on healing this divide as Europe as a whole is increasingly desperate for unity. The *Trumpet* has long said that the church will play a major role in unifying Europe. In 1961, news forecaster Herbert

W. Armstrong wrote that “once again, the only unifying authority which the coming 10 nations of Roman Catholic Europe can accept is the pope of Rome!”

Decades ago, Mr. Armstrong saw the potential for religious unity and political unity to be linked. “Protestant churches everywhere are gravitating toward UNION with the Roman Catholic Church,” he wrote in 1963. “These religious movements are speeding the fulfillment of the prophecies of the resurrected Roman Empire” (co-worker letter, Oct. 27, 1963). He actually began watching for this long before the famous Second Vatican Council in the 1960s that revolutionized the Catholic Church's approach to outside groups.

Bringing the church bearing the name of Martin Luther back into the fold would boost the numbers, the prestige and the reach of the Catholic Church. In Germany, for example, 30 percent of the population is Catholic, and about 30 percent is Lutheran. When the Vatican reestablishes its power over the churches that came out from it, the pope will speak for the overwhelming majority of Europe's Christians.

For more on what such unity will mean for the rest of the world, read “Returning to the Fold” from our free booklet *He Was Right* (theTrumpet.com/go/7094). ■

at gunpoint while being forced to kneel in submission and put their hands behind their head. An earlier video also shows a sailor apologizing for drifting into Iranian waters.

The new photos of the weeping sailor are another win for Iran—as it clearly demonstrates to regional nations who the king of the Middle East really is. For more on this trend, read “Iran Humiliates America—and Receives Thanks in Return” (theTrumpet.com/go/13484). ■



NATION ON FIRE
An oil storage tank burns after Islamic State attacks in Libya on January 23.

Islamic State infiltrating Libya

Chaos continues to reign in Libya, five years after the United States led the military campaign that deposed dictator Muammar Qadhafi and supposedly liberated the North African nation. Now the Islamic State is angling to take advantage.

American national security officials pressed U.S. President

Barack Obama early this year to open another front in Libya, where many Islamic State top commanders and operatives have sought refuge from the ongoing air strikes in Iraq and Syria. Islamic State leaders have also redirected most of the flow of incoming recruits to Libya instead of Iraq and Syria.

Iran's newest target

Iran's strained relations with Hamas are forcing the Islamic Republic to look for more partners in its goal of conquering Jerusalem. Iran appears to have found them in al-Sabireen, "the Patient Ones."

The *Jerusalem Post* reported February 9 that sanctions relief from the nuclear deal with Tehran not only enriched Iran, but also emboldened it to recruit more loyal and even more radical proxies in its campaign against Israel.

Founded in Hamas-controlled Gaza, al-Sabireen consists of former members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad who think Hamas is "too soft" on Israel. The *Post* reported that al-Sabireen wants the entire Palestinian population to become an Iranian proxy in the region.

In al-Sabireen, Iran has found a group willing to wipe out the "Zionist entity" and replace it with an Islamist empire. Its leader told Palestinian news agency Ma'an that the group is "an armed branch whose goal it is to wage war on the Israeli occupation everywhere."

The *Post* also warned about another Iranian terrorist proxy targeting the West Bank: Hezbollah. In January, Israeli security forces foiled a Hezbollah suicide bombing and shooting plot there.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecasts what is about to happen in Israel in his booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy* (request your free copy): "Today the Arabs live in roughly one half of Jerusalem. They just don't control it—yet. ... Looking at the ongoing violence in Jerusalem today ... we can easily see how one half of Jerusalem shall be taken captive in the very near future. The present violence is an embryo that is about to grow into much greater violence. That is the critical event prophesied in Zechariah 14:2."



According to U.S. intelligence estimates in February, as many as 6,000 Islamic State fighters may be in Libya—more than double what experts had previously estimated.

"The last thing in the world you want," warned Secretary of State John Kerry, "is a false caliphate with access to billions of dollars of oil revenue." Kerry sounded that warning in Rome on February 2 at a conference of 23 nations that met to discuss the growing threat of the Islamic State in Libya.

But already the Islamic State has seized vast oil fields in Libya, tapping into an oil supply 20 times larger than the one in its Syrian home base.

Security officials also fear the Islamic State will easily take advantage of the divided government in Libya. The nation is currently in anarchy, caught in a war between an internationally recognized government in Tobruk and an illegitimate government that controls the capital, Tripoli.

The Obama administration is reluctant to engage militarily in yet another Middle Eastern country. But apparently Europe, which is only 400 miles from Libya, isn't. At this conference, European leaders proposed an Italian-led European force of

about 6,000 troops to stabilize Libya. Some leaders would rather delay intervention until a unity government is formed in Libya, but others argue that waiting will only allow the Islamic State to consolidate its gains there.

German diplomat Martin Kobler, the United Nations special representative to Libya, told Spiegel Online, "[I]t was a mistake to have left Libya alone after 2011. We got ahead of ourselves. And that is precisely why it is so important now that we not abandon the country again" (February 4).

Don't expect Europe to give up on Libya. It is increasingly wary of radical Islam and is facing a growing threat of terrorism on European soil.

However Europe responds today, the Bible indicates that the ultimate military intervention in Libya will be part of a "whirlwind" attack by Europe on Islamist nations in the Mideast and North Africa (Daniel 11:40-43). That attack will target Iran and nations aligned to it. The chaos in Libya makes it vulnerable to outside powers, particularly those with Islamist aspirations. Iran happens to be just such a power. ■

Russia is enabling Islamic State, Assad

Russia's military campaign in Syria is helping the Islamic State terrorist group, according to a February 10 statement by a United States official. Brett McGurk, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter the Islamic State at the U.S. Department of State, said the Russian-backed offensive in northern Syria is drawing local fighters away from the battle against the Islamic State and toward the front lines in the war against the Syrian government.



ALLIES Russian President Putin (right) welcomes Syrian counterpart Assad.

He said that Russia's maneuvering is "directly enabling" the Islamic State, which is "causing a humanitarian catastrophe" in the region. "It's strengthening the regime of Assad," McGurk said. "And all that does is fuel extremism on both sides of the sectarian divide." ■



HEARTBREAKING
A doctor examines a 2-month-old suffering from microcephaly in Brazil.

Zika's explosive, apocalyptic spread

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Zika virus outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern" on February 1. By definition, that declaration means the Zika outbreak became "an extraordinary event which is determined to constitute a public health risk to other states through the international spread of disease and to potentially require a coordinated international response."

Over 20 countries have confirmed Zika cases, Brazil being the worst affected, with an estimated 1.5 million cases. WHO estimates that there could be as many as 4 million cases of Zika worldwide by year's end.

Health authorities believe the virus may be linked to the fetal deformity microcephaly, which can cause seizures or neurological defects.

According to the WHO, Zika has spread "explosively" through the Aedes mosquito, as well as through sexual intercourse. The governments of Brazil, El Salvador and Colombia have recommended against pregnancies for a period

ranging up to 24 months—which Stratfor predicted could hasten socioeconomic decline in the region.

For those familiar with Bible prophecy, fear of a global pandemic brings to mind the image of the pale, or sickly, horse of the apocalypse, as described in the book of Revelation. Disease epidemics are prophesied for the end time. For more information, request our free booklet *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*. ■



Japan's stealth jet capability

Japan's Defense Ministry unveiled a demonstration of the first Japanese-made stealth plane, the X-2, on January 28. The new plane, developed by Mitsubishi Industries, puts Japan on the list of only a handful of nations

China's new economic weapon

On January 16, China inaugurated its new international investment bank. Chinese President Xi Jinping told the assembled dignitaries that they were part of "a historical moment."

Former United States Treasury Secretary Larry Summers called China's efforts to establish this institution—and the failure of the U.S. to persuade its allies to stay out of it—a "wake-up call" for America and the most important economic event since America led the world off the gold standard in 1971. "[T]his may be remembered as the moment the United States lost its role as the underwriter of the global economic system," he wrote (April 5, 2015).

Luxemburg's finance minister said the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is "further proof of the rebalancing of the world economy."

For China, the AIIB is about asserting its leadership in Asia and offering an alternative vision to the post-World War II institutions championed by America. But ultimately it is about

driving the U.S.-dominated World Bank and International Monetary Fund from mainland Asia—and eventually all the way back to Hawaii.

Speaking at the opening ceremonies, the AIIB's first president, Jin Liqun, said the bank would focus on building connectivity in Asia. Jin also said that while the bank would initially make

loans in dollars, it will eventually transition to using euros and yuan.

China is openly challenging America. And many of America's closest allies—Britain, Germany, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, France, Taiwan—have joined China's bank. Even nations like the Philippines, who depend on America for geopolitical support, fear China more, and have joined.

The infrastructure of the AIIB is being built for a world without the United States.

The balance of power is shifting in Asia. European money is backing Chinese willpower. It is a potentially potent combination. China gets to decide who gets how much, and European companies get a shot at building the projects and investing alongside China. And the United States gets left on the sidelines. ■



to have developed aircraft with stealth capabilities. Preparations and final tests are under way for the radar-dodging aircraft's maiden flight. Japan spent some \$332 million developing the jet. The director for the Defense Ministry's division

for aircraft development told reporters that although the X-2 is currently a demonstration aircraft, Japan at least now has the option to develop such aircraft for possible deployment in the country's self-defense forces. ■

When feelings trump biology

When transgenderism first began to be celebrated in the mainstream, critics joked, *What's next? People choosing their race? Their age?* Such notions seemed ludicrous, but in the time since, both have happened. Rachel Dolezal of Washington maintains that she is a black woman despite her blond

hair, green eyes and two white parents. A Canadian 52-year-old father of seven decided that he was actually a 6-year-old girl—and was adopted by a Toronto family that lets him pretend to live as a child of that age.

Now, in the next step of ludicrous, some claim they're not human at all but an entirely different *species*. These

“trans-species” individuals identify either as animals like cats, wolves and lions—or as mythical creatures like unicorns, mermaids, werewolves or dragons. They call themselves *otherkin*.

Otherkin communities are growing. They convene on Tumblr, LiveJournal, Reddit and other online forums. More and more cities are home to regular otherkin meetings and conventions.

Following the lead of transgenders, otherkin have created new sets of pronouns for themselves. Also like the transgenders, they say anyone who declines to play along with the idea that they are a cat, dog or dragon is guilty of a hate crime.

Like many transgender people, some otherkin have their bodies disfigured in order to look more like the entity they identify as. Some have incisor teeth filed to points so they look more feline or

canine. Others have their tongue slit in two to look reptilian. Some have whiskers or horns implanted in their skin or skull. One man had the exterior parts of his ears removed so he would resemble a parrot.

You might dismiss this movement as too ridiculous to warrant acknowledgment. However, it represents a bizarre extreme of a far more common failure to recognize the vast difference between humankind, which is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26), and the animal world.

Besides that, it is worth viewing in light of the mainstreaming of transgenderism.

Both groups say feelings trump biological reality. Both call for sometimes going under the knife in order to force reality into conformity with those feelings. And transgenderism, until recently, affected so few that the majority thought the phenomenon undeserving of acknowledgment. Transgender people were also long regarded as mentally ill or publicity seekers until society attained a new level of “enlightenment.” Now transgenderism is policy in many schools and businesses. The movement's heroes are celebrated by the media. American tax dollars pay for “gender reassignment” surgeries.

If the new enlightenment keeps expanding, will the mainstream come to celebrate otherkin? Will tax money pay for whisker implant surgeries? The questions sound ridiculous—but are they more ridiculous than it would have been 10 years ago to ask if society would come to embrace transgender people?

The rise of the otherkin shows what can happen when feelings are exalted above biological reality. The moral landscape of the Western world is changing drastically and rapidly, paving the way for ever more demented trends. ■

Women to register for draft?

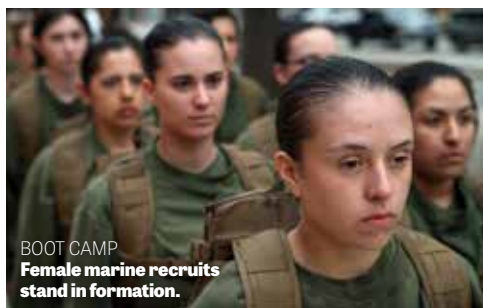
Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller said at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on February 2 that “every American who's physically qualified should register for the draft.” Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley agreed.

The Supreme Court in 1981 upheld Congress's decision to exempt women from registering for the draft on the basis that women were restricted from combat roles. Now that this restriction has changed, the reason for exempting women is gone.

Some Republicans predict that soon the military will adopt a quota system, which would lead to a lowering of standards. “It would endanger not only the safety of Marines, but also the safety of

our nation,” Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said.

The military chiefs in favor of women registering for the draft belittled this criticism. Sen. Tim Kaine said, “Daughters raised today are going to be raised different than daughters 30 years ago. When there's a social cap or ceiling or limitation, that



BOOT CAMP
Female marine recruits stand in formation.

sort of gets absorbed by people and they don't even focus on what they might be able to do. ... When the cap is lifted, all of a sudden there's all kinds of possibilities

and people start to focus on opportunities they might have and train themselves up for them.”

This proposition is being pushed in the name of progressiveness. But despite Kaine's wishful thinking, there are very real differences between men and women. Women face greater danger than men in most combat situations. Physical limitations make them likelier to be injured, captured or killed. And when women are captured, experience has shown that they are treated far worse than male prisoners of war. This reality endangers them as well as the men who must fight alongside them.

This policy reflects a victory of feminist ideology over truth, and it will come at the expense not just of traditional sex roles and right sense of male honor and duty, but also of national security. ■

or the gene was not altered. Even the four embryos in which the targeted gene was edited had problems. Some of the embryo cells overrode the editing, resulting in embryos that were genetic mosaics. And speckled over their DNA was a sort of collateral damage—DNA mutations caused by the editing attempt.” What leading Western researchers feared would happen, happened!

But failure now doesn’t mean failure in the future. The reality is that CRISPR, if perfected and used wrongly, could bring about what the eugenics movement in Nazi Germany wanted to accomplish decades ago. Many researchers worry that the Chinese will continue to push forward to be the *first* to produce a genetically altered baby.

The United Kingdom Jumps In

China’s aggressive use of CRISPR motivated Western geneticists to call an international meeting of genetic experts to debate the ethics involved. In December, members of the National Academy of Science, the National Academy of Medicine, the Royal Society (United Kingdom) and the Chinese Academy of Sciences met at the headquarters of the National Academy of Science in Washington, D.C. Several scientists want the technology banned from use on human embryos and germline cells. However, other leading geneticists believe that the use of the CRISPR technology should not be banned altogether. They believe DNA-editing technology could be developed to benefit the prevention of human disease and genetic defects. For example, it could repair genetic mutations that cause hereditary diseases, such as sickle cell.

Researchers attending the meeting agreed that CRISPR technology should be regulated and scrutinized, with a set of safety protocols put in place to allow research to continue. “At least one thing is clear at this stage—we do not yet know enough about the capabilities and limits of the new technologies, especially when it comes to creating inheritable mutations,” wrote Jennifer Doudna. “In my view, a complete ban might prevent research that could lead to future therapies, and it is also impractical given the widespread accessibility and ease of use of CRISPR” (*Nature*, Dec. 3, 2015).

Truly, regulating research that uses CRISPR technology worldwide is not just difficult—it is nearly impossible. In the United States, federal laws prohibit the National Institutes of Health from funding human-embryo-based research that uses CRISPR. Yet this type of regulation may only be passed in a few European countries. Essentially, the use of CRISPR has a wide-open door.

Not long after the December meeting, the UK’s Human Fertilization and Embryo Authority, in a precedent-setting move, approved its first studies using CRISPR as the means to edit human embryos. This was the first time the technology was sanctioned for use on human embryos. A team of scientists led by Kathy Niakan, a biologist at the Francis Crick Institute, will attempt to edit out bits of DNA that prevent an embryo from developing properly. Niakan and her team want to use the study to gain a better understanding about infertility. The embryos will not be allowed to live beyond 14 days. This means that the study is not intended to have the embryos develop into living babies. The study has created an uproar among pro-life groups across the UK. Many see it as the first step toward legalizing genetically modified babies. While CRISPR is cheap and easy to use, heated debate over whether it *should* be used is sure to continue.

Playing God

We can be sure the debate over CRISPR will continue along with its development and use. Yet, here is something we should think about that is not likely to enter into the discussion. There is a tragic paradox to man’s creative genius that no one seems willing to admit.

Man can do just about anything he sets his mind to do. The paradox is that while we set out to do good for ourselves, it often turns out to bring us harm. Our development of nuclear power is a prime example.

God knew about this paradox from our earliest days on Earth. Genesis 11 records Him making this observation: “Behold,

the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do” (verse 6). He knew that if mankind were not held in check, we would have wiped ourselves off the Earth millennia ago. So God stopped man by confusing our language and separating us (verses 7-8).

Why do men and women get themselves into such trouble? The first speaker at the international summit on CRISPR gives us the answer: “We have been playing God ever since we domesticated plants and animals.” The man who said this, Ismail Serageldin of the Library of Alexandria in Egypt, is a renowned historian. Although most people do not accept the Bible as history, it is the only history we can truly rely on. Why? Because God revealed it to us.

An earlier passage in Genesis shows that our first parents rejected a relationship with God because they wanted to be God (Genesis 3:6-7). Adam and Eve didn’t want God telling them what to do—how to run their life—how to build a society. So God expelled them from Eden and let them go their own way. The results of man’s efforts to rule himself have been disastrous. Yet man has not admitted it.

CRISPR allows us to play God—with what result? There may be some good, but evil is lurking in the shadows.

The Bible shows clearly that God is not going to step in to save us from our inventive genius until it is nearly too late. He is going to allow us to go to the brink of world genocide (Matthew 24:22). He wants mankind to learn the painful lesson that man is incapable of properly governing himself.

However, our future is very bright. Jesus Christ is going to return, set up the Kingdom of God, and show all mankind how to live healthfully, happily, peacefully and productively. If you would like to know more about God’s plan for mankind, request a free copy of *The Incredible Human Potential* by Herbert W. Armstrong. ■

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Are You a Person of Your Word?

“I’LL DO IT,” YOU SAY. THEN THE TIME COMES TO DO IT. WHAT happens? Do you keep your word?

When you tell your friend you will meet him at 6 o’clock, are you ready and waiting *at 6 o’clock*? When you say you’ll have that project ready by Wednesday morning, *is it finished* on Tuesday night? When you say you will do something, do people KNOW it’s as good as done? Are you a man or woman of your word?

Society today simply does not prioritize keeping one’s word.

And we tend to rationalize it: *Things happen—no big deal*. Most of us thus fail to recognize just what a serious *character issue* breaking our word is.



JOEL HILLIKER

“Only recently a prominent public man was criticized throughout the newspaper world as one not having enough character to keep his promises,” Orison Swett Marden wrote in his 1916 book *Making Life a Masterpiece*. “He

had not the stamina to make good *when to do so proved difficult*” (emphasis added throughout).

That is so often the issue: You say you will do something, but then circumstances change and you realize there is inconvenience involved that you didn’t anticipate. Suddenly, what you said you would do doesn’t seem worth it. But think about the long-term cost of losing your credibility. Think about the high cost of developing a reputation for being unreliable. Think about the high cost of compromising your character.

“He hadn’t the timber, the character fiber, to stand up and do the thing he knew to be right, and that he had promised to do,” Marden continued. “The world is full of these jellyfish people who have not lime enough in their backbone to stand erect, to do the right thing. They are always stepping into the spotlight in the *good-intention stage*, and then, when the reckoning time comes, *taking the line of least resistance*, doing the thing which will cost the least effort or money, regardless of later consequences. They think they can be as unscrupulous about *breaking promises* as they were about *making* them. But sooner or later fate makes us play fair, or get out of the game.”

What does God think? Well, He keeps His word (Numbers 23:19). When He says He will do something, He does it. When He gives a promise, He keeps it. We can count on Him to fulfill His every word—every time. Not one jot or tittle of God’s Word will pass away before *all of it* is fulfilled (Matthew 5:18).

In the Old Testament are laws saying that if you make a vow, you’d better keep it (Numbers 30:2; Deuteronomy 23:21-23). They tell us that it’s better not to say something than to say it and not do it. When you think about it, breaking your word

is actually breaking the Ninth Commandment, which forbids bearing false witness (Exodus 20:16). When you give your word, failing to follow through makes you a LIAR.

We can say all kinds of potential lies without really thinking twice: *I’ll do it; I’ll be there; I’ll pick you up; I’ll bring it over; I’ll help you out*. Don’t say those things if you aren’t willing to do them even when it’s inconvenient. Jesus Christ said that “*every idle word* that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment” (Matthew 12:36). When you say, *I will do it*, you are signing your name to the contract and committing your reputation and your character. Only a few decades ago, many if not most significant business transactions were sealed with a man’s word and his handshake. No forms. No lawyers. No contracts. The man *saying it was* the contract. But modern society has gotten further and further from lives of honesty, uprightness, integrity, truth and trustworthiness. Now, agreements must be bound by carefully worded, signed, notarized contracts because people can’t be trusted to *keep their word!* If everyone struggled and fought to keep his word, no matter the obstacles, we wouldn’t *need* contracts and lawyers!

When you say, *I will do it*, you are signing your name to the contract and committing your reputation and your character.

How can you become a person of your word? 1) *Be careful what you promise*. If you’re not sure you can deliver, don’t commit (James 4:13-14). 2) *When you can’t do it, admit it*. Learn to say no. 3) *Once you’ve said it, do it*. Do whatever you must to remember and then fulfill what you said, without excuse or hesitation. 4) *If you blow it, admit it*. Don’t lie or make up an excuse. When you make a mistake, apologize and do what you can to fix it.

“A man is already of consequence in the world when it is known that we can implicitly rely upon him,” Lord Edward Bulwer-Lytton said. “I have frequently seen in life a person preferred to a long list of applicants for some important charge, which lifts him at once into station and fortune, merely because he has this REPUTATION—that when he says he knows a thing, he knows it, and when he says he will DO a thing, he WILL DO IT.”

What is *your* reputation? Keeping your word should be as important as the Ten Commandments! Because it *is* keeping the Ten Commandments. It is, actually, the LOVE OF GOD. ■

You truly feel for the people of Germany—being told to leave if they don't like the current policies on immigration (“Germany, Migrants and the Big Lie,” theTrumpet.com/go/13515). But Merkel, I feel, understands global politics very well and is fueling this fire on purpose—not some true belief in helping refugees. She knows she did her part and is creating the situation to step out of the way for her replacement.

Linda

The more this is reported on, the easier it is to see why the Germans will call for a strongman. Who wants to be led by people who live with their head in the clouds, trying to pacify the public with lies about integration? They don't want to integrate and assimilate. They just want to enforce their ways and laws on the rest of the world.

Emma Morris AUSTRALIA

OK, so some migrants are causing trouble. But what about the majority that isn't? The media is has always been an institution of liars, twisting heavily the facts. If it is shown that the perpetrators are all males in the 18-to-28-year age group, then ban those in that group or place them in refugee camps, educate them, and train

them to be model citizens. Then they can be let in. And by the same token, those Germans who are accusing the refugees should receive double the punishment.

Harold

America and Israel

Thank you for such an enlightening article (“What Inspires President Obama's Relationship With Israel?,” theTrumpet.com/go/13514). Excellent research and statement of historical facts.

Debbie Johnson

What do words mean without deeds to reinforce them? You had better be afraid when people start believing the words of an Antiochus.

Lois H. Smith CALIFORNIA

Achilles heel

Great technological and prophetic article (“What Happens When the Plug Gets Pulled?,” theTrumpet.com/go/13516). I have a MS in Electrical Engineering, BS in Computer Science and BS in Applied Mathematics. I can fully attest that this article is based on sound technological grounds. I found it very truthful, accurate and alarming! Both the civilian and military leadership need to read this article. We rely too much on computers and Net-centric warfare.

Angelo

You can't run

This article is so common sense (“Can Mankind Survive World War III With a Colony on Mars?,”



theTrumpet.com/go/13530). It's hard to believe that people who have literally planned out how to colonize Mars would not even think to ask the question, “What if war were to break out on Mars, too?”

Society exposed

Many negative and subtle sayings in Western culture contribute to the problem (“Why the Alzheimer's Pandemic?,” theTrumpet.com/go/13517). For instance: “you can't teach an old dog new tricks,” and “you've done your studies, now sit back and relax.” Thanks for writing about Alzheimer's, the latest studies, and some of the causes. Very helpful, inspiring and action-provoking!

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The Story Behind *Ben-Hur*

How a Civil War general learned the key to healing America **BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU**

WHEN JESUS CHRIST WAS BEING CRUCIFIED, HE SAID, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). In the novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*, the crucifixion was the great turning point for the protagonist, Judah Ben-Hur. After spending years seeking revenge against the Romans for unjustly imprisoning him and his family, Ben-Hur sees Christ’s example and his rage subsides. For author Lew Wallace, this change of heart was not merely an interesting plot twist.

Wallace was a Civil War general, ambassador, senator, governor, inventor and lawyer. Yet he will always be remembered as the author of *Ben-Hur*, one of the bestselling American novels of all time.

In 1876, Wallace encountered Col. Robert Ingersoll, America’s most famous atheist. For two hours, Ingersoll eloquently disputed the existence of God. Wallace was not religious and had not really considered the matter. The conversation caused him to study into the history, politics and life of Christ. Wallace wrote *Ben-Hur* while he was governor of New Mexico. After working late each night studying and writing for four years, he published the book in 1880. Wallace later said: “It only remains to say that I did as resolved, with results—first, the book *Ben-Hur*, and second, a conviction amounting to absolute belief in God and the divinity of Christ.”

Ben-Hur tells the story of Christ’s life as He crosses paths with the protagonist. Judah Ben-Hur, a wealthy Jewish businessman in Jerusalem, is falsely accused by a former friend, military leader Messala, of attempting to kill a Judean governor. Ben-Hur, his mother and sister are imprisoned unjustly. He vows revenge on Messala, nurturing his quest for retribution for years in the galleys. While on a long prisoner march north through Nazareth, he meets Jesus, who saves his life by giving him water. Through miracle after miracle, Ben-Hur survives a sea battle, becomes the consul’s adopted son, becomes a champion charioteer, and wins his freedom. Finally, he returns to Judea to kill Messala. Messala dies in a chariot race that Judah wins, and Judah realizes that revenge is a bitter victory.

Finding that his mother and sister have leprosy, Ben-Hur seeks after Christ for their healing. He ends up witnessing the crucifixion. Christ’s example of not desiring revenge but forgiving His murderers changes Ben-Hur’s heart, and he repents of his hate. He returns home to find that his mother and sister have been healed.

To Wallace, Ben-Hur’s choice between revenge and forgiveness represented America’s path to healing after the Civil War. Following the North’s victory, the nation was still deeply divided. North and South were two distinct societies. The slaves were free, but no one knew how to integrate them into society. The controversial and disastrous policy of Reconstruction was running its course, deepening the wounds of the war.

Wallace realized that Christian virtues were the path to a brighter future. Though never a member of a religious denomination, he did recognize the authority of the Bible. *Ben-Hur* contains many themes, but America’s situation in the 1870s is imprinted on the narrative. Americans could relate Ben-Hur’s path away from hate to their own lives. The book helped many Americans move past the divisions of war. America did not need Reconstruction; it needed repentance.

America’s fundamental problems today are spiritual. These real-world problems will not be solved by emotional sloganeering, political posturing, a new spending bill, or another election. They will be solved by applying the principles of the Bible.



Matthew 5 records Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. It contains many vital lessons for America today: “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God” (verses 5-9). Humility, righteousness, mercy and peacemaking: These are not platitudes. They are attitudes and actions that bring peace and blessings.

Christ explained how to handle conflicts (verses 39-44): If you are offended, turn the other cheek. If a man sues you for your coat, give him your cloak. If a friend needs help walking a mile, go with him twice that distance. Instead of hating your enemies, love them, do good deeds toward them, and pray for those who persecute you.

Imagine a nation where division is solved by loving the enemy. By forgiving offenses. By real-world application of Christ’s teaching.

In 1876, America desperately needed healing. Lew Wallace saw the need for a nationwide change of heart, and he looked to the life of Christ. Will you?

This trend could also see America giving Europe more control over American bombs on the Continent. Reducing the response times for striking with these bombs and better integrating them with military forces would almost certainly mean giving the host nations more control over them—reducing the number of steps to get these bombs out of U.S. control and onto European planes.

America probably won't have a problem with that. It completely trusts Europe. But as the Europeans become more unified and more urgent about wielding nuclear weapons more effectively, the Americans should consider whether this is wise.

Even 20th-century history should give us pause when Europe starts talking about “a greater role for nuclear weapons.” Russia is unquestionably a dangerous threat. But Europe's history—both recent and distant—should sound a stark warning on the dangers of enhancing its nuclear power.

“Nuclear weapons are a horrific menace,” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in 2014. Regarding NATO's nuclear arsenal on European soil, he wrote, “The crucial question is, *does the United States really have control over those bombs?*”

“They remain under U.S. control unless permission is given to hand them over to the host nation in times of war. However, following a series of blunders over the years, the security of these nukes has been called into question.” In 2008, the U.S. Air Force concluded that most of the U.S. nuclear weapons storage sites do not meet proper security standards. In 2010, a peace activist was able to walk on to one of the bases and videotape for more than an hour.

“How naive is America to entrust this immense firepower to nations that so recently—and throughout history—have proved to be enemies of the free world!” wrote Mr. Flurry.

“Right now, Germany seems to be an ally of the United States. But what if this nation—our archenemy in World Wars I and II—turned against us in the next war?” he wrote. “We want to trust Germany, but history screams that we shouldn't! Yet, not only do we equip the Germans with our weapons, but we train their air force on American bases such as Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.”

History alone should provide enough warning against the trust that American leaders are placing in Germany. But biblical prophecy also sounds a shrill alarm. It reveals the horrifying outcome of current trends: that unparalleled nuclear war is coming—that America will be one of the primary targets and most-devastated victims—and that the greatest perpetrators of this assault will be an apparent ally that engaged in a shocking double-cross: Germany.

God ensured that these prophecies would be recorded and preserved so they could be understood in our day. He wants you to study and prove them so you can take warning. To learn more, read Gerald Flurry's article “Europe's Nuclear Secret” at theTrumpet.com/go/11136, and the chapter in our booklet *He Was Right* called “Atlantic Rift” (theTrumpet.com/go/rift).



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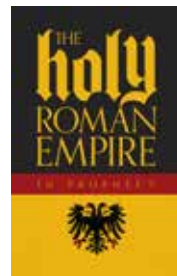


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