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Barack Obama Exposed

America's corrupt government is going to be brought to justice.

IN THE FALL OF 2020, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE John Ratcliffe declassified critical documents exposing the fact that the Steele dossier and the plot against Donald Trump traced all the way up to top officials in the Obama administration—INCLUDING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA HIMSELF.

This reveals an ABSOLUTELY UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF CORRUPTION! It is a NATION-DESTROYING problem!

It has been thoroughly proved that the “Steele dossier”—a completely false report filled with scandalous lies aimed specifically at discrediting then presidential candidate Donald Trump—was paid for by the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton. It has been proved that, despite knowing all this, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials illegally used the dossier to obtain a warrant to spy on the Trump campaign.

Sept. 29, 2020, Ratcliffe released documents to the Senate Judiciary Committee. One of them was a redacted copy of then Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan's handwritten notes after briefing President Obama on recent intelligence the CIA had received. “We're getting additional insight into Russian activities from [redacted],” his notes read. “Cite alleged approval by Hillary Clinton on 26 July of a proposal from *one of her foreign-policy advisers* to vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by the Russian security service” (emphasis mine throughout).



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These notes prove that Brennan and Obama knew all about the Steele dossier and more than likely signed off on the FBI's use of the dossier to secure a warrant to spy on Mr. Trump and his campaign. THIS IS BLATANT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT!

In his letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Ratcliffe wrote, "In late July 2016, U.S. intelligence agencies obtained insight into Russian intelligence analysis alleging that U.S. presidential candidate *Hillary Clinton had approved a campaign plan to stir up a scandal against U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump by tying him to [Vladimir] Putin and the Russians' hacking of the Democratic National Committee.*" Remember that summer, when the DNC was hacked and immediately the Clinton campaign said Russia was behind it and Putin was doing it to help Trump. This was all an attempt to divert the focus away from the content of the DNC e-mails and to create an "insurance policy" against Trump. *President Obama was aware of this too.*

Ratcliffe's letter continued: "On 7 Sept. 2016, U.S. intelligence officials forwarded an investigative referral to FBI Director James Comey and Deputy Assistant Director of Counterintelligence Peter Strzok regarding 'U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's approval of a plan concerning U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump and Russian hackers hampering U.S. elections as a means of distracting the public from her use of a private mail server.'"

Note that! The FBI received "an investigative referral" from U.S. intelligence officials. This means somebody in the Obama administration was *telling* the FBI to investigate these phony allegations against Trump. Obama and everyone in his circle, the intelligence agencies and the FBI, all knew that the idea of the Trump campaign colluding with the Russian government was created by the Hillary Clinton's campaign and was a hoax. But they wanted to help Democrats take over the country!

What Ratcliffe revealed in that letter is damning enough. Yet on Oct. 7, 2020, he announced that he had provided Special Counsel John Durham's investigation with *over*

a thousand classified documents relating to the Steele dossier and how it was used "at the highest levels of our government." He has said the contents of those documents is criminal!

Shamefully, the media have been almost completely silent about this story. Why aren't they interested? Could anything be more important? This is about losing our country! This is about going from great freedom to the worst kind of tyranny!

'In Criminal Jeopardy'

On Sept. 17, 2021, Durham's special counsel indicted Michael Sussmann, a lawyer who worked directly for the Clintons, Fusion GPS and the Democratic National Committee—but lied about his clients' identities to the FBI. Then on November 4, Durham indicted Igor Danchenko, the principal sub-source for the Steele dossier. These were telling, high-profile charges that suggest the range of Durham's probe.

Practically the only media personality who is willing to touch this story is Fox News host Maria Bartiromo. In November, after the Danchenko indictment, she interviewed Ratcliffe about it.

In that interview, Ratcliffe said that "everything related to the Steele dossier was known to be untrue but yet it was the predicate for moving forward with an unjust, unfair and ultimately ... a criminally negligent investigation against the Trump campaign." He said FBI Director Christopher Wray admitted under oath that there was no cause for the FBI to go to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court to seek a warrant to spy on the Trump campaign, yet the FBI did it anyway. It spied on Mr. Trump and continued to do so even after he became president! And crucially, we now know that **BRENNAN BRIEFED BOTH OBAMA AND JOE BIDEN ABOUT THIS IN AUGUST 2016, THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE ELECTION.** So they *knew* the dossier was fraudulent and that the entire spying operation was based on it.

Ratcliffe said he briefed Rep. Adam Schiff on these exact facts and told him that it went all the way up to Obama. Schiff, a radical leftist, immediately went out and publicly said that

Trump colluded with Russia and that he had evidence of it! That is the way the left routinely lies. They are brazen like demons! And virtually nobody holds them accountable! As the Prophet Isaiah wrote, “[J]udgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter” (Isaiah 59:14).

Ratcliffe said twice that the documents he provided to Durham reach *the highest levels of government*. He said **HE KNOWS DURHAM IS LOOKING INTO THIS**, and that those documents reveal “criminal activity that would be the basis for further indictments.” “I continue to think there will be **MANY INDICTMENTS** based on the intelligence that I gave John Durham and that I have seen,” he said.

Durham is not finished yet! Ratcliffe told Bartiromo that “**EVERYONE** associated with the Steele dossier, with its creation, its peddling to the FBI, and its use by law enforcement authorities against the Trump campaign ... **IS IN CRIMINAL JEOPARDY RIGHT NOW.**”

The radicals who used this document in their ongoing treason to overthrow the government of this land must be unsettled. They must be worried that Brennan’s notes prove Barack Obama and Joe Biden were briefed on this in August 2016, right when everything was unfolding. Those men knew all about the corrupt origins of that dossier.

As I watched that interview with Ratcliffe, I was stunned. I thought these amazing revelations would make a lot of news. This information could not be more significant! It is about **TREASON AGAINST OUR COUNTRY** and the very **FUTURE OF FREEDOM IN AMERICA!** Yet news executives and anchors are focusing your attention as far away as possible from these treasonous acts. Have you heard about this on your news? I haven’t seen even Fox News talk about it besides Bartiromo—they have practically blacked it out. **ALMOST NO ONE HAS THE COURAGE TO SPEAK OUT ON BARACK OBAMA!** Ratcliffe and Bartiromo are two of the only people with the courage to say that the treasonous actions to seize control of the government trace straight back to Obama!

In that same interview, Ratcliffe said, “The

truth will defend itself.” That is true, but we have seen and are seeing right now that if no one *loves* the truth and *fights* for it, the truth can be cast down and trampled on! (e.g. Daniel 8:12).

Yet despite the media silence and censorship, I believe we are at a turning point. I am convinced that, right as the radical elites’ power is surging and they are leading America to its demise, their treason is about to be exposed and they will lose their power.

As I wrote in “What Will Happen After Trump Regains Power” ([theTrumpet.com/23957](https://www.theTrumpet.com/23957)), Bible prophecy shows that Mr. Trump is going to return to the presidency. I believe the dramatic turn of events that will result in his reinstatement has already begun.

All Roads Lead to ...

Bartiromo also interviewed former Department of Defense official Kash Patel. Patel noted Durham’s indictments of Sussmann and Danchenko, along with another in August 2020 that links back to the FBI: attorney Kevin Clinesmith, who pled guilty in January 2021 to falsifying records for the FISA court.

Yet even the interview with Patel betrayed some of that bias and fearfulness to name Obama. Patel said, “All roads lead to Andy McCabe.” Yes, FBI Deputy Director McCabe was in the thick of the treasonous lying, even to the FBI inspector general. And as Patel said, Clinesmith, the mid-level FBI attorney who was actually indicted, could not “pull off the greatest political scandal in history alone”—he had help from his supervisors. But do you think all roads lead to *Andy McCabe*?

No—they lead to someone higher than McCabe. In fact, the Horowitz Report reveals that McCabe told the Office of Inspector General that the Steele report needed to go to President Obama because **OBAMA HAD REQUESTED “EVERYTHING YOU HAVE RELEVANT TO THIS TOPIC OF RUSSIAN INFLUENCE.”** Of course, there *was* no Russian influence, and McCabe knew it—but he was willfully going along, heeding the will of Barack Obama.

Where do all roads lead to? Only one person had the all-consuming motive and malice.

Only one person had the forceful, dominating will. Only one person had the necessary ring of powerful accomplices in the government and in the media. ONLY ONE PERSON HAD AND HAS THE UNASSAILABLE PRIDE AND TYRANNICAL POWER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ONGOING TREASON AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! HE MUST BE NAMED! THAT MAN IS BARACK OBAMA.

In recent history, when someone committed treason like this, society would have oftentimes put him to death! Trying to overthrow a free government into abject tyranny is an act worthy of death. But almost nobody has the *courage* to challenge this man committing high crimes against our republic!

And as I have said before, these people are motivated not just by socialism and communism and hatred for America, but by something even more evil—and even more powerful.

Barack Obama and the other powerful radical elites who force others to submit to their *will* and who deny reality itself are absolutely dominated by the being who worships the will, is the father of lies, and who is a murderer from the beginning: Satan the devil. (For more information, request my book *The Former Prophets*.)

2 Kings is part of the former prophets. It is history, but it also has end-time prophecy. Here are two crucial verses with this duality: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said NOT that he would blot out the name of Israel ...” (2 Kings 14:26-27).

Throughout history, Satan has continually tried to “blot out the name of Israel,” that of God’s chosen nation. Several biblical examples show this, as do historical examples up to the present day. Psalm 83 even prophesies that the devil will inspire an alliance of nations in the end time to try to destroy Israel and wipe out all memory of its name!

Satan works *through men*. Other prophecies show that he works especially through *one leader* to do his greatest damage to his chosen target. In America, he has worked FROM WITHIN through a man with the stated aim to “fundamentally transform” the greatest

single nation in history. And that man is still very active today. Joe Biden is in office, but Barack Obama was and is behind Joe Biden. He is the man Satan is using to destroy the United States, the most powerful descendant of ancient Israel. The *Trumpet* has warned about that fact almost from the beginning of Obama’s presidency.

God Will Intervene

America is suffering grievously under a corrupt and illegitimate government. I am convinced that, thankfully, this is about to change dramatically. But it will only be a short-lived change.

The level of corruption in the United States government is being uncovered bit by bit, and it is far deeper than even we realized. But to this point, there has been very little reckoning. Mountains of criminal conduct have gone unpunished. A great many members of our ruling class believe they are above the law, and they operate with impunity and arrogance. Many Americans are angry and weary about this.

BUT I BELIEVE THE TIDE IS TURNING. We are about to see a sizable amount of this corruption brought to justice.

God is at work. As 2 Kings 14:27 says, though Satan is working to destroy America and to “blot out the name of Israel,” God is going to stop it—“by the hand of Jeroboam,” speaking of a modern-day type of King Jeroboam II of ancient Israel. That man is Donald Trump.

I have said since Biden’s inauguration that President Trump will come back. The radicals have a lot of power, and many do not believe he could get back into office. But God will intervene to restore him to power. God directly prophesied that He would use a modern-day Jeroboam to prevent “the name of Israel from being blotted out.” He also prophesied that Jeroboam’s rule would be interrupted and that he would have to “war” to recover it (verse 28). Anciently, Jeroboam II recovered two cities. In our day, events will play out differently: It is a *stolen election* that will be recovered. Though the history and this end-time fulfillment are very different, the final result is the same—and the end-time Jeroboam will have to war

to achieve his ambition. That seems to suggest that Mr. Trump will come back without being voted in, but we will have to wait and see.

Exactly how God will bring this about remains to be seen, but I believe He is already moving to do so. There are several events to watch. One recent poll shows that more than half of Americans believe the 2020 election was stolen. People are still pushing for investigations into electronic voting machines and false or illegal ballots. The Supreme Court has a crucial conservative majority at a crucial time. I do believe prophecy indicates that it will have to rule on the election fraud. Meanwhile, we have these new revelations about Obama's high crimes.

I do not know exactly how it will happen, but when you understand God's prophecies and revelation, you know He is about to perform miracles!

What you need to realize is that those miracles have one main purpose: They are a warning to us and an opportunity to repent! God has prophesied that He will save America one last time, that He will empower the warning message you are reading right now to the point that the land cannot bear our words, and that America will finally be destroyed because of its sins. But in this tiny sliver of time, you still have a chance—your last chance before the Great Tribulation—to repent toward God. ■

SPECIAL ISSUE

The Fall of the English-Speaking Peoples

The Key to Understanding the Collapse

Why this special issue of the *Trumpet* will help you understand your world.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

THE MOST DOMINANT, POWERFUL AND PROSPEROUS single nation in world history is deep into a catastrophic decline. It is rapidly withdrawing from international leadership. Its disastrous social, political and economic experiments are dividing the population against itself and its government. A great many Americans recognize this and are saddened, angry and bewildered. People the world over see it as well. This represents a massive, epoch-defining transformation of the modern world.

The *Trumpet* has written much about this decline within America in recent years. Our editor in chief's lead-off article in this issue is the latest in a series he has produced on the subject, providing essential understanding of this trend's spiritual dimension.

We have not written nearly as much, though, on how this *same trend* is unfolding in several other nations worldwide—specifically a band of nations that share significant history with America. This group of English-speaking nations has dominated the world for over

200 years, led by America and Britain. Now there is a strong push to weaken and destroy these nations. It is being abetted by great and rising powers like Russia and China, by rogue regimes like Iran, and even by supposed allies like Germany.

But shamefully, the worst damage is being wreaked by the *leaders* within these once richly blessed nations!

The anger and perplexity of so many of America's 330 million people is shared by a great many of the 67 million citizens of Britain—and the 38 million people of Canada, and 25 million Australians, and 5 million New Zealanders. Their lives are being turned upside-down; long-cherished beliefs, traditions and ideals are being trashed and vilified; rights and freedoms are being stripped overnight.

But as incomprehensible and disorienting as these events are, they have a singular, crystal-clear explanation.

Particularly in the past two years of COVID-19, events have dramatically transformed the entire world. But these English-speaking nations, and their status in the world, have been most grievously hurt. The key to understanding *why* lies in knowing their shared history. This points to some of the most inspiring truth you will ever learn. And it shows you *in advance* the ultimate outcome of the recent developments afflicting these interrelated nations.

'A Company of Nations'

America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand were all British colonies. The peoples of these nations are the same peoples as the British. They have a common ancestry. The moral and political strides made by the British people over centuries—Magna Carta, parliamentary rule, Common Law, the abolition of slavery—have extended to all these nations. They share a common commitment to the rule of law, human rights, limited government, the sanctity of private property, education, and personal responsibility and freedom.

As a result, the age of Anglo-American dominance was characterized by civilizational progress, technological development and

individual liberty. These English-speaking nations have increased the quality of life, literacy and prosperity for millions of people in nations worldwide. On several occasions, these nations have saved the world from the jaws of tyranny.

These peoples all descended from the British—but where did the *British* people come from? A look further back in their history shows the inspiring origin of many of the characteristics and beliefs that made them unique.

That history is revealed in a landmark book, written by Herbert W. Armstrong, titled *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. This book supplies crucial understanding of our modern world. It is so important that the publisher of the *Trumpet* prints and offers free copies to anyone who asks for it. (See the back cover of this magazine on how to contact us, or request it online at theTrumpet.com/go/USBP.) And it definitively shows that the British peoples descended from the biblical nation of *Israel*.

Biblical history shows that Israel was a nation God founded with one righteous, obedient and faithful man, Abraham. To this great patriarch, God made spectacular promises of national greatness in his descendants, as well as spiritual promises of salvation. "These are not casual, incidental, unimportant promises," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "These are basic—the foundation for the establishment of the greatest world powers ..." (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). God promised **Abraham** that He would "make of thee a great nation," "multiply thee exceedingly," and that Abraham would "be a father of *many nations*." "I ... will make *nations* [plural] of thee, and kings shall come out of thee," God said (Genesis 12:2; 17:2, 4, 6). Further, He promised, "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Genesis 22:17).

God reiterated and expanded these promises to Abraham's son, his son and his sons. He promised Abraham's grandson Jacob that his descendants would receive untold wealth symbolized by "the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine," and

that they would be “as the dust of the earth, and ... shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south ...” (Genesis 27:28; 28:14). After renaming Jacob *Israel*, God promised that “a *nation* and a *company of nations* shall be of thee ...” (Genesis 35:10-11). Israel had 12 sons, who fathered the 12 tribes that composed the nation of Israel. His son Joseph had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, on whom Israel placed his name and established that Manasseh would father a single “great” people, while the “multitude of nations” would descend from Ephraim (Genesis 48:16, 19). Among all the progeny of Israel, these two Josephite peoples would receive the choicest birthright blessings, amounting to prosperity unparalleled in human history (1 Chronicles 5:2).

The world has come to view *the Jews* as the modern descendants of Israel—and so they are. But they are the progeny of the tribe of *Judah*, which is just one of the 12 tribes of Israel, the only one that has preserved its biblical identity. The 10-tribed northern kingdom of Israel *broke away* from Judah in 928 B.C., endured two centuries of wicked rule by a sequence of terrible kings, fought its brother kingdom of Judah on more than one occasion, and was finally conquered and enslaved in 721 to 718 B.C. At that point, the identity of these Israelites was virtually lost to the world, and even largely to themselves. They were subsumed into their captor peoples, the Assyrians.

Even by the first century A.D., Jesus Christ Himself referred to these peoples as “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 10:6; 15:24). Intriguingly, though, He commissioned His disciples to *go to them*. So though they were “lost” from general view, God knew exactly where they were and was still enacting His plans for them.

The United States and Britain in Prophecy tracks just what happened to them. The fact is, the greatest of *material* promises God made to the descendants of Israel, He also *conditioned* on their obedience to Him (see Leviticus 26). As that book explains, God promised that if they rebelled against Him, He would *withhold*

those blessings for a certain duration. That period of punishment ended right at the beginning of the 19th century. And it was right at that time that the British and American peoples exploded into unprecedented prominence, prosperity and global influence.

Almost overnight, Britain became the largest empire in world history. Even after the empire’s dissolution, it remains a commonwealth of nations. *This is the “company of nations” prophesied 3,700 years ago in Genesis 35:11!* The people of America descend from Manasseh, whom God prophesied would become a single great nation. The people of Britain—and of its dominions Canada, Australia and New Zealand—trace back to the ancient Israelite tribe of *Ephraim*, which descended from Joseph, son of Israel, son of Isaac, son of Abraham!

This prophecy links these English-speaking nations together. It shows God’s hand in their rise and explains the role they have played in the world for the past 200 years.

The truth of their biblical identity also unlocks an enormous amount of your Bible to your understanding.

Prophecy and Spiritual War

Do you believe God inspired the Bible? A great many people do, but very few acknowledge the fact that at least *one third* of this inspired book is devoted to *prophecy*. Jesus Christ Himself was a prophet. In passage after passage, biblical book after book, God foretold the rise and fall of specific individuals, cities, peoples, nations and empires. God alone is able to foretell events and bring it to pass. And He offers prophecy as proof of His active existence and intervention in human affairs—and of proof of the divine inspiration of the Holy Bible. Fulfilled prophecy is undeniable, watertight confirmation of the reliability of God’s Word.

The trouble is, most people see prophecy as incomprehensible. It has no relevance to them because they do not see how it relates to the modern world.

Once you recognize, though, that the prophecies related to Israel apply directly

to America, Britain and the other modern Ephraimite nations, you gain penetrating insight into the world as it is and as it will be in the time just ahead.

Those prophecies show that, though God promised to make Ephraim and Manasseh great in this modern time, He also conditioned the *retention* of those blessings on these nations' obedience to Him. In prophecy after prophecy, He detailed exactly what would happen if they turned away from Him.

In this *Trumpet* issue, we look at how these prophecies are coming to pass in each of these nations of Ephraim: Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Read these articles and understand the spectacular connections between these nations and the miraculous reasons they have attained their heights of achievement. Read these articles and recognize the factors that have led to their decline. This *Trumpet* issue will broaden your perspective and enable you to see God's hand in world events in a way that will truly strengthen your faith!

The story of the rise of these nations is inspiring. You can read all about it in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. The fall of these nations was always going to be gut-wrenching. We are witnesses to it. Prophecy supplies the broad outline and also forecasts some remarkable detail. But now history and current events are filling in the full picture.

It is critical to see the spiritual reasons behind these events. *The most dominant factor in what is happening is the spiritual dimension*. On one hand you have the God of Israel, intervening directly in human history over a period of millenniums to fulfill His promises and provide material blessings to millions

upon millions of people. You also have Him warning of the consequences of rebelling, and then chastening them in incrementally more devastating ways in an effort to turn them back to Himself.

On the other you have an evil spirit, Satan the devil, who hates and works to undermine everything God is doing. He is attacking these nations in a focused way. In fact, as Gerald Flurry brings out, his ultimate goal is to *blot out the very name of Israel*, which rests on these English-speaking nations in particular (e.g. 2 Kings 14:27; Psalm 83:3-4).

This is the spiritual backdrop of the plagues besieging these nations. Once you see this, you can understand all these bewildering crises. And you can take to heart the Bible's warnings that conditions are going to get far worse—before they get far better.

Mr. Armstrong called the understanding of the identity of these nations as “the all-important master key” to biblical prophecy. He wrote, “This very eye-opening, astounding identity is the strongest proof of the inspiration and authority of the Holy Bible!” (ibid).

The rise of these nations proves those prophecies, and hence the Bible, true. The current *fall* of these nations supplies additional authoritative proof. It shows that prophecy is real, active, alive, reliable. All that God *said* would happen *has* happened—and what remains yet unfulfilled *is happening*. Those prophecies reveal the end result of the trends playing out right now. They signal a lightning-bolt warning that our nations must heed or pay a terrifying price.

Those prophecies also show, thankfully, that on the other side of the English-speaking world's collapse, there is a glorious hope. ♦

BRITAIN: The Rise and Fall of an Empire

What caused such breathtakingly precipitous turns of history?

BY RICHARD PALMER

WEST MIDLANDS, ENGLAND—

IMAGINE SURVEYING THE WORLD IN THE YEAR 1500, 1600, 1700 or even 1800. Which nation would you guess was about to form the largest empire in the history of the world? Probably not Great Britain.

Even as late as 1800 many countries had larger populations, bigger militaries, more prolific manufacturing and richer governments than this small collection of islands off Western Europe.

Countless books have been written trying to untangle exactly why the British, rather than the French, Chinese, or any other people, dominated the world for the next 100 years. Some of these books make excellent points. But only one gets to the heart of the reason: *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. In that book, Herbert W. Armstrong offered proof after proof that the Bible prophesied the rise of Great Britain—and even pinpointed exactly when it would occur.

The core reason for Britain's rise wasn't any special geographic features of the British Isles, unique British traits of character or even British institutions. The reason is that the people of Britain descended from ancient Israel. God promised Abraham that some of his descendants would form the mightiest empire in world history. Ancient Israel did not receive these promised blessings. Neither have the Jews. They were poured out rapidly upon Britain and America.

Yet the Bible not only prophesied the rise of Britain and America in extraordinary detail; it also prophesied their fall. "Do you think so

great a fall could not come to so great powers as Britain and America?" Herbert W. Armstrong asked. "Do you say, 'It can't happen here?' Do you think the great God who was able to give them such unprecedented world leadership and power and wealth is not able to take it away from them and throw them, like their ancient forefathers, back into slavery? YOU NEED TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE FACT THAT BRITAIN'S SUN ALREADY HAS SET!" (emphasis added throughout).

The fall of Britain is a warning to America and to the world. But it also reveals God's inspiring master plan for mankind and is directly tied to the gospel message.

Sunset

Winston Churchill dubbed World War II the British Empire's "finest hour."

Across the globe, 15 million men of the Empire battled against tyranny not just for themselves and their own freedoms, but for the whole world. Civilization can be thankful they succeeded. Yet the war exhausted the British Empire and Commonwealth. Even so, few at the time could have guessed that the Empire's finest hour would be its last.

"In the late summer of 1945 the British Empire and Commonwealth ... stretched over nearly a third of the globe," wrote historian Paul Johnson in his book *Modern Times*. "No nation had ever carried such wide-ranged responsibilities. Twenty-five years later, everything had gone. History had never before witnessed a transformation of such extent and rapidity."

Johnson pinpoints the cause of this collapse: “There was a failure of vision, a collapse of will.”

The Bible gives exactly the same diagnosis.

In Leviticus 26, which Mr. Armstrong called the pivotal prophecy of the Old Testament, God lists the blessings He would give His people for obeying Him—and the curses for disobeying. One of the first curses is stated in verse 19: “I will break the pride of your power.”

The chronology of Leviticus 26 is important: The longer Israel disobeyed, the worse the curses would become. The broken national will precedes many other curses.

God’s law is a law of cause and effect. It is the way that causes happiness, individually or nationally. Turning against that way results in curses. Britain’s *way of life* resulted in a weak-willed nation. A lack of will and vision lead to other curses.

In verse 21, God says that if the people failed to repent and turn to Him, their punishment would grow seven times more intense. “To teach us the lesson we have failed to learn by experience, God is going to plague our peoples sevenfold more than our sins already have plagued us—sevenfold more punishment than we have brought on ourselves!” wrote Mr. Armstrong. God is supernaturally *intensifying* these self-inflicted curses. This punishment is intended to wake us up to the real and only solution: turning to Him.

Moral Collapse

God did not bless Britain because of any national righteousness. But decades ago, when the nation was at its peak, the British did try much harder to obey what they understood of Bible morality.

In 1851, a random survey estimated that about 40 percent of the population attended church services on any given weekend. By the 1980s, church attendance was 12 percent. By 2015, it had fallen to 5 percent.

That’s not to say that these churches were teaching God’s truth. But the nation at least was much more aware that there was a Creator and knew some of His laws. A 2016 survey found that only 28 percent said they believed in God or a higher power.

Family life has followed a similar decline. At no point has Britain been a model of biblical family values. But in the first decade of the 20th century, only 1 in 450 marriages ended in divorce, and only 1 child in 20 was born outside of wedlock. As recently as 1978, that figure was still 1 child in 10. Today, 40 percent of marriages end in divorce. Babies born outside of wedlock are close to being in the majority.

The United Kingdom is post-religious and quickly becoming post-family. Far-left, anti-family legislation is taking over schools, and families are not strong enough to resist these teachings at home. A 2018 survey found more than a third of Britons under age 22 identified as something other than heterosexual.

Mr. Armstrong warned that our declining family life was “rapidly becoming a greater threat to humanity than the hydrogen bomb!” It has proved far more destructive than any other weapons faced by the British Empire.

A glimpse into the lives of Britain’s teens shows how destructive this decline has been. To take just two vivid examples, a 2018–2019 study of 10,000 17-year-olds found that 28 percent of girls and 20 percent of boys reported intentionally harming themselves at some point in the past year. Another study found that 7 percent of British children attempt suicide before they turn 17. These cold numbers represent *hundreds of thousands* of deeply troubled youths.

This moral decline has led to other alarming cultural changes. In his book *The Welfare State We’re In*, James Bartholomew writes, “It is not going too far to say that there seems to have been a revolution in the culture and character of the British people in the last 60 years. The evidence is overwhelming that they are less polite and more violent. ... A picture emerges of a country that has become brutish and even degenerate compared to how it was A country which had a remarkable history and character appears to have just thrown it away.”

The degeneration of British society is not some figment of the imagination of older generations. In 1889, there were 4,221 recorded violent crimes in England and Wales. This total remained basically unchanged for

the next 50 years. It began to rise before World War II; then after the war it started shooting up. By 1999, this number exceeded 330,000. By 2021, it was nearly 1.8 million. Back in 1935, one international observer wrote that English soccer crowds were “as orderly as church meetings.” No observer would mistake a football mob for a religious service today.

To whatever degree British society as a whole sought to obey God in the past, it did not value that virtue enough, and it let slip the truth it had. This loosening morality is not merely a private matter or a “lifestyle.” Its ramifications are *global*.

Isaiah 3 prophesies of the curse of disappearing male leadership in the families of modern Israel. The same chapter describes a complete lack of statesmen and real leadership. The two go together. Strong families raise strong leaders. A nation of strong families has strong will and morale. The decline of British morality means a broken British will. And the results have shaken the world.

A Self-Inflicted Wound

The British Empire at its peak gave British subjects a sense of purpose beyond themselves and a noble vision of helping the world and future generations. When the British lost that sense of purpose, the nation turned inward.

Contrary to claims that it robbed its colonies, the Empire was actually a drain on Britain’s resources. Historian Patrick K. O’Brien estimates that if Britain had retreated from its Empire in 1845, the British taxpayer would have been able to pay 25 percent less tax. But such sacrifices were borne as part of the responsibility of being an imperial power.

One hundred years later, many decided they would rather not spend all that money. Instead of defending and building up people hundreds and thousands of miles away, they wanted social programs. Churchill, a stalwart defender of the Empire, was voted out of office as soon as World War II was over. Voters instead chose the Labour Party and its promises of lavish social spending.

The Labour government set up the welfare state. It established the National Health

Service and a new social security system, with National Insurance contributions to pay pensions and unemployment benefits. It also nationalized hundreds of British businesses.

In the decades that followed, the weakening of British families meant more people looked to the government for intervention in everyday life. In 1900, Britain’s welfare programs consumed 12 percent of its annual economic output. By 1985, it hit 45 percent. Last year, it surpassed 50. The National Health Service alone accounts for about half of all government spending.

Embracing socialism meant retreating from empire. The new government granted India independence in 1947. This move that would have been unthinkable a generation before wasn’t even controversial within Parliament. So few people opposed it that Parliament didn’t even hold a formal vote.

Britain’s spirit of retreat was most notably on display in the Suez crisis of 1956, when it capitulated to opposition from the United States and allowed Egypt to seize the canal. This loudly signaled that the nation no longer had the power or courage to take risks.

The government sucked more and more money out of defense and poured more and more into welfare, shrinking Britain as a major power. In January 1968, Prime Minister Harold Wilson announced that the nation was withdrawing all forces east of the Suez Canal. British troops abandoned bases across the Middle East and Asia.

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk was incredulous. He said that he “could not believe that free aspirin and false teeth were more important than Britain’s role in the world.”

Prime Minister Wilson disagreed, as would probably a large majority in Britain today.

By 1968 (if not 1956), the British Empire was gone.

What is stunning is that, among all those nations and peoples that had been part of the Empire, there is little evidence that most British subjects didn’t want it. In fact, across the Empire, the people as a whole had just demonstrated their support in the deepest of ways: rejecting the Axis powers (which had actually tried to rally them against Britain),

and instead fighting against them and giving their lives for the Empire. After the war, it was not the masses but the elites, responding to noisy minorities, who dismantled the Empire in peacetime.

The British simply lost the will to fight for the Empire. It wasn't even necessary for them to fight physically—it was simply a matter of fighting morally for the higher ideals of the Empire. It was a matter of understanding and making the moral and intellectual case. It was a matter of standing up for it, enduring for it, sacrificing for it, as young Churchill did, because you *knew* it was making the world and the future better.

But it was easier to succumb to socialism and live the good life.

Responsibility Abandoned

The peoples of the Empire paid the price. When Britain left India, for example, ethnic tensions exploded. About *1 million people* were killed. About 5 million were forced to flee their homes. India and Pakistan went on to fight four wars and are currently in a nuclear stand-off.

In 1960, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan toured Africa and grandly declared, “We have seen the awakening of national consciousness in peoples who have for centuries lived in dependence upon some other power.” This was wishful thinking. A new cadre of elites saw an opportunity to kick out Britain and seize power for themselves. It led to the rise of despots and civil war. Ugandan dictator Idi Amin killed up to half a million of his own people. Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser repeatedly tried to attack Israel. South Rhodesia saw the coming disaster after Macmillan's speech and tried to save itself by breaking away. For a time it succeeded—until Britain forced into power the terrorist leader Robert Mugabe in the new state of Zimbabwe. Just as the Rhodesians had foreseen, Mugabe almost immediately began to commit genocide.

It's difficult not to detect echoes of Britain's imperial retreat in what America did this past summer in Afghanistan. (Joe Biden executed a particularly dishonorable exit—but even Donald Trump was planning to retreat.) The

U.S. left because it was too hard and because they would rather divert resources to revolutionary social programs, like the Build Back Better plan. The suffering of those left behind is stark. The experience of the British Empire tells us this suffering is just beginning.

“Few realize that every desired, prized possession imposes with it the obligation of responsibility for its use,” wrote Mr. Armstrong. “When God lavished on our peoples such wealth and power and economic possession as no peoples have ever before enjoyed, did we appreciate what we had or feel the commensurate sense of responsibility for its wise and proper use? We did not! We didn't even recognize how great was our blessing, let alone feel a sense of obligation for our custodianship before our Maker!”

Britain shrugged off that burden and rejected the responsibility. The world suffered.

European Union

In prior centuries, Britain rose to power as it recognized its own uniqueness from Europe and distanced itself from the Continent. More recently, with its pride in its power broken, it did the opposite. The nation lost the will to chart its own path. There was no sense of unique national mission. Instead it sought the security blanket of its European neighbors.

On Jan. 1, 1973, Britain joined the European Economic Community. In a *Plain Truth* article published that year, Mr. Armstrong warned that the nation would look back on this “as a most tragically historic date—a date fraught with ominous potentialities!”

Joining Europe economically abruptly severed many strong trade links Britain had with its commonwealth countries. The distinctness of its legal system, its greater love of freedom and free enterprise eroded away to conform more with Europe's more restrictive systems.

Britain had already embraced socialism. But EU membership helped write a highly regulated business system into Britain's own legal code and way of life. By the time the UK voted in 2016 to leave Europe, 60 percent of its laws had come from the EU. European regulation put a stranglehold on British

business and helped breed out a culture of British self-reliance.

Meanwhile, a new human rights code established by the EU became a predominant piece of UK law. This European system doesn't promote a few inalienable rights; it establishes a multitude of rights that compete against each other. The result is a mess, where, for example, a terrorist's right to family life (which, practically speaking, can mean his right to own a cat) prevents him from being deported—while no human rights stand in the way of putting an entire nation under house arrest, as has taken place under COVID-19 restrictions. These laws, supposedly aimed at guaranteeing human rights, have actually weakened the nation's protections against tyranny.

EU membership changed Britain in more fundamental and visible ways. The human rights legislation prevented the deportation of many immigrants from poorer countries, so refugees both real and so-called began pouring in from the Middle East and North Africa. During the 1990s and 2000s, Labour governments deliberately turned the flow into a flood. In 2004, 10 new member states, mostly poorer countries, joined the EU. Most member nations closed their borders to these new member states to protect their own workers. Britain was one of only three nations that threw their borders wide open. Andrew Neather, a speechwriter for Tony Blair and other senior Labour leaders, said his party had a "deliberate policy ... to open up the UK to mass migration" and wanted to "rub the right's nose in diversity."

Britain now absorbs about 1 million people every three years. That's the equivalent of one large city arriving annually. Well over a quarter of all births in England and Wales are to mothers born outside the UK. One in five elementary school children don't speak English as a first language. In 2,000 schools, the majority don't speak English as a first language; and in 200 schools, 90 percent do not.

It's easy to read British history from just a few decades ago and feel like you're reading about a different country. In a very real and literal way, you are.

As the migration tsunami was rising, *Trumpet* managing editor Joel Hilliker wrote, "Instead of producing a stronger, more unified, more harmonious, peaceful and prosperous nation, the diversity cult has done untold damage. ... Compulsory multiculturalism has created ghettos, fragmented British society, and empowered the most dangerous and radical of ideologues" (Feb. 18, 2008).

This fulfilled one of the curses God prophesied would fall on a disobedient nation: "The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low" (Deuteronomy 28:43; see also Hosea 7:8).

Why Curses?

Britain did summon the courage to leave the EU, but it has not recovered the proper pride in its power. The grandchildren of those who lived Britain's finest hour now find themselves submitting to their false god of medical tyranny and shutting themselves in their homes.

God promised material prosperity in Deuteronomy 28:3-6, and Britain's financial system helped build its Empire. Contrarily, He promised debt as a curse for disobedience (verse 44)—and today the national debt is at a peacetime record. God also warned that He would withdraw strong leaders, military blessings and freedom from fear (Leviticus 26:14-17; Isaiah 3:1-4). He forewarned that British society would become more violent. "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood" (Hosea 4:2). He said its foreign policy would be like a "silly dove," foolishly trusting in a bird of prey for protection (Hosea 7:11). He said Britain would be like a "cake not turned" (verse 8), appealing on the outside but burned out and hollow on the inside.

Does this not describe Britain today?

These same prophecies state that conditions are about to get much worse for Britain, America and the whole world. So many prophecies have already been proved true for Britain that there is strong reason to take those yet unfulfilled very seriously.

But there is another critical reason. In *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Armstrong explained why God chose to give the descendants of Israel such spectacular promises of national greatness, power and wealth. “[T]he intellectuals and scholarly of this world feel that, given sufficient knowledge, human carnal man could solve all problems,” he wrote. “God let many generations of ancient Israel and Judah prove by hundreds of years of human experience that the best of humanity, without God’s Holy Spirit, cannot solve human problems and evils!”

Britain experienced blessings as no other nation on Earth. Yet even with these blessings in hand, Britain could not sustain them. Instead, it abandoned its sense of purpose, afflicted itself with wounds, embraced patterns of failure and curses, and is now collapsing under its own weight. An empire can be strong enough to rule a quarter of the globe and almost a quarter of its people—and still self-destruct. God is now adding curses to help Britain realize how destructive its ways

are and how much human beings, even with every advantage, desperately need God!

This is the fundamental lesson God has been teaching man since the Garden of Eden. We human beings are inherently incapable of creating permanent stability, prosperity or happiness. We need God.

Mr. Armstrong described Britain and America as “fulfilling their role despite themselves.” They could have used their power for good, working to point their fellow man to their Creator. They failed. Yet even in their disobedience, these nations’ decline and fall inadvertently points the world to God!

“God is Creator of all other nations, too!” wrote Mr. Armstrong. “God is concerned about the people and races we have called ‘heathen.’ They, too, are human. They, too, are made in God’s own likeness, with the potential of being molded into God’s spiritual and character image!” (ibid). Rather than being chosen for favored treatment, the modern nations of Israel are teaching all nations of the world this invaluable lesson. ◇

MONARCHY:

Threatening the Crown that Binds Britain

Understanding the throne of David shows you why Britain is dying—and why there is still hope! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

BEGINNING IN 1800, TWO INSIGNIFICANT nations suddenly began to rise. They found themselves holding power, wealth and influence on the world like no other nations in history. How did that happen?

A big part of the answer revolves around the British crown. This helps to explain why the British Empire became great, why it did so much good overall, why it has fallen, and why it is so hated.

You need to understand this throne and why recent events surrounding it are so significant. There is a hidden reason why Australia and other nations are considering rejecting their last connections to the British monarchy. When you know this, you realize what it is they are really rejecting.

Origin of the Throne

The British Empire, a “company of nations,”

was the largest empire in history. It encompassed about a quarter of all land, the choicest parts of the Earth in more than 90 colonies, dominions and other territories. It ruled almost a quarter of all people. Though imperfect, it lifted many millions of people to far better lives. And leading it all was the monarch of England.

Where did nations like Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and dozens of African and island states around the world look for something in common that could elevate the lives of their people? The British throne!

Why is that throne so unique? Today most historians trace the English monarchy back about 1,200 years to King Egbert. But in the 1800s, during the time of Queen Victoria, historians and possibly the queen herself traced the British throne back nearly 3,000 years to King David of Israel! The British throne traces back to the throne of Israel, King David and God!

Even after Britain gave its colonies independence, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* emphasizes, they remained “a company, or commonwealth, of nations joined together, not by legal government, but solely by the throne of David!”

The coronation of **Queen Elizabeth II** in 1953 was filled with evidence of this inspiring biblical history. The choir sang “Zadok the Priest,” which describes the coronation of David’s son Solomon in 1 Kings 1:38-40. The ceremony was performed by priests who gave the Queen a Bible, which they called “the most valuable gift this world affords” and “the lively oracles of God.” They read to her God’s instructions to monarchs in Deuteronomy 17 and anointed her with holy oil, just as Moses anointed the first Levitical priest. She was crowned while seated over the stone of destiny, the very stone used by the patriarch Jacob during his vision of “the Lord God of Abraham” (Genesis 28:10-15).

This is why that throne was so important. It is also why it has been under attack morally and culturally, especially during Elizabeth’s reign for the last seven decades.

God gave Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob

monumental, history-changing promises of national greatness. These were not fulfilled in the Jews, but in Britain and America. (In fact, *Britain* means “covenant people,” a clue to its history.) Later, after Israel became a nation and a monarchy, God promised that the dynasty of King David would *never* end: “And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever” (2 Samuel 7:16). This throne would last until it was transferred to Jesus Christ Himself! (Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:32).

The United States and Britain in Prophecy shows how God preserved that throne for centuries in the kingdom of Judah. Then He “overturned” it three times, as Ezekiel 21:27 prophesied, moving it to Ireland through the Prophet Jeremiah in 569 B.C., then to Scotland around A.D. 513, then to England at least seven centuries later.

Tragic Recent and Future History

At one time, Queen Elizabeth II was head of state in 32 countries outside of the United Kingdom. Seventeen of these have since claimed independence from her rule: Barbados, Ceylon, Fiji, The Gambia, Guyana, Kenya, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanganyika, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uganda. Even among the 15 remaining countries that retain her rule, many are pushing to reject the crown.

Barbados just renounced the monarchy on Nov. 1, 2021. It remains part of the Commonwealth but has made itself a republic and removed the Queen as its head of state. She is still head of state of the small Caribbean countries of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the small Pacific countries of Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. Jamaica might be the next nation to reject the monarchy.

But it is possible this could happen in one or more of the larger nations that have been connected to the throne for more than 200 years.

In Australia, the republican movement is pushing to oust the Queen even before she

dies or passes on the throne. About 45 percent of Australians voted “yes” to severing ties with the monarchy during the last referendum on becoming a republic in 1999. A 2020 YouGov poll indicates that public support for rejecting the monarchy might be as high as 62 percent.

In New Zealand, the current prime minister has said she favors cutting ties with the monarchy, but it has not appeared to be a top priority so far. A recent poll indicates that 1 out of every 3 New Zealanders wants to reject the monarchy.

In Canada, removing the monarchy would require constitutional reform and approval from Parliament and all 10 provinces, some of which heavily favor the monarchy. But still, a recent poll found that 45 percent of all Canadians want to cut off ties with the monarchy. And Canada has a radically liberal government that is pushing hard to make many extremely drastic changes.

Even Scotland, the nation that formed Great Britain by uniting with England in 1707, is pushing to leave! Scots pushed for and received devolved government and their own parliament in 1998. In 2014, 45 percent voted for complete secession. The United Kingdom left the European Union in 2020, an exit which was and is very unpopular in Scotland. The Scottish National Party, which controls 80 percent of the seats in the Scottish Parliament, is pushing for another referendum to break with England so it can rejoin the European Union.

Many people want to remain in the Commonwealth and stay connected to the throne, but there is a strong force that may overrule that desire. That force actively destroyed the source of the British throne’s strength and positive influence on the world: its connection to King David and the Bible, and obedience to God!

With their decisions and behavior, members of Britain’s royal family—descendants of David—have led Britain in rejecting “the most valuable gift this world affords” and in disobeying and disbelieving the God of King David! The monarchy has always had flaws, but never until the last few decades has it intentionally devalued David’s throne. A few

generations ago, Britons would have fought and died to keep the stone of destiny and everything it symbolizes. But in 1996, the Queen and Parliament returned that precious stone to Scotland, exposing degeneration in their faith.

Britain’s government has allowed 17 nations to reject the monarchy, and the Queen recently congratulated Barbados for doing so. The British royals, busy trying to reinvent and “modernize” the monarchy, are wracked with problems and scandals in their own lives. **Prince Charles** may soon become king. He had a terrible, unfaithful marriage. He has not shown leadership. He has advocated for the false narrative of climate change. He has indicated that he will liberalize the monarchy even further, including changing one of his titles as king to include non-Anglican and non-Christian faiths. After the Church of England has already liberalized almost every moral teaching, this will leave Britain even more faithless, divided and vulnerable.

About 70 percent of Britons favor the Queen, but only 45 percent favor Charles (and only 25 percent of people in their 20s and 30s). How much would his succession to the throne accelerate the move toward secession in Australia, Canada and elsewhere?

Meanwhile Prince William and Prince Harry seem more interested in relationships with celebrities than in the history and source of strength of the throne. Prince Harry married Meghan Markle, a divorced, feminist American actress who spurred him to quit the royal family and move to California. Since then, the two have started a civil war against the royal family, including accusations of racism.

Such divisive conduct is accelerating the disintegration of this throne, its importance and its history of elevating lives around the world. Why such a sustained attack, and why is it focusing on morality? Because biblical morals and a history with God are the source of strength for the throne of David. For this reason, the devil has a special hatred for Britain’s royal family. He knows the history and prophecy of the throne of David contains the very master plan of God!

Yet he will not prevail. God will keep His promises to Abraham and David! He has already implemented a major, miraculous,

inspiring change to that throne in order to keep those promises. I encourage you to read about it in my free book *The New Throne of David*. ♦

CANADA: Downfall of Britain's First Dominion

Compromise leads to communism. **BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU**

ONTARIO, CANADA—

LOOMING OUT OF THE DARKNESS WERE THE imposing cliffs of Quebec. The light infantry's boats had been swept farther up the St. Lawrence River than planned. Britain's entire strategy to conquer Quebec depended on the decision of 30-year-old Col. William Howe. He made the bold choice.

Slinging their muskets and ammunition on their shoulders, the light infantry scaled the cliffs. At the top, Howe's men took control from the French of the main road to the river. By 8 a.m., 4,500 British regulars and Scottish Highlanders had taken that road and were drawn up in a thin red line before the Citadelle of Quebec. The Marquis de Montcalm rallied 4,500 French regulars, local militia and various native tribes to attack the British positions. Firing erupted. Soon, the French fell into retreat and the British advanced with bayonets, the Highlanders with broadswords. Leading the charge, Gen. James Wolfe was shot three times.

Seeing the French in full retreat, he issued his final orders. Francis Parkman wrote, "Then, turning on his side, he murmured, 'Now, God be praised, I will die in peace!' and in a few moments his gallant soul had fled."

On Sept. 13, 1759, Britain captured Quebec, a pivotal moment in the struggle for North America. In 1763, France surrendered all of Canada to the British.

Historian C. P. Stacy called this battle "a towering landmark in the establishment of British imperial power" It decided the foundation of Canada as a nation: part of the British Empire. In a stroke of historic poetry, it had unfolded on the Plains of Abraham. The place was named after farmer Abraham Martin, yet it was on these plains that God began to fulfill in Canada His 3,700-year-old prophetic promises to the biblical patriarch Abraham.

Canada in Prophecy

The history of Canada is an exciting story of miracles, intrigue and overcoming—and tragic failings. The Canadian story also paints the picture of how Bible prophecies, both inspiring and calamitous, have been and are being fulfilled. This is the true story of Canada you need to know.

In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong explained that the master key to unlock the meaning of Bible prophecy is the biblical identity of our modern nations.

Is Canada in the Bible?

The United States and Britain in Prophecy tracks the ancestors of the Canadians and the British peoples back through millenniums to the ancient Israelite tribe of Ephraim. That tribe descended from Joseph, son of Israel, son of Isaac, son of Abraham. The promises that God gave Abraham and his descendants

in the very first book of the Bible have formed the foundation of human civilization itself, all the way through to the modern age. Among them was God's promise to Jacob, whom He renamed Israel, that "a nation and a *company of nations* shall be of thee" (Genesis 35:11). Later, God inspired Israel to give particular blessings to his grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh, and to reveal that "a multitude of nations" would descend from Ephraim (Genesis 48:19).

Britain ruled the largest empire in world history, and to this day it remains a commonwealth of nations. It is that "company of nations" God promised to the descendants of Ephraim!

Jacob prophesied in Genesis 49:22: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." Mr. Armstrong explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* that this meant Ephraim would become a colonizing people, "their colonies branching out from the British Isles around the Earth." Canada, Britain's first dominion, is one of those branches, secured for Britain in 1759. Mr. Armstrong continued: "But beginning in 1800 these two little nations [the United States and Britain] began to sprout and to grow into vast national riches and power such as no people ever possessed. Soon Britain's Empire spread around the world, until the sun never set upon her possessions. Canada, Australia, South Africa were given dominion status—made free and independent nations, ruling themselves independent of England—a *company*, or commonwealth, of nations joined together, not by legal government, *but solely by the throne of David!*"

Canada's biblical identity is the tribe of Ephraim. Its membership in this "company of nations" was prophesied in your Bible, as was its connection to the descendants of King David. Sir Winston Churchill called the monarchy the "golden thread" that tied the Empire and the commonwealth together.

Some of the birthright blessings of national greatness promised to Abraham were fulfilled in the history of the Canadian nation. Mr. Armstrong indicated that the main way was through Canada's vast natural resources such

as wheat fields, oil reserves, nickel and cobalt mines, and material to produce electricity and energy. Canada holds some of the greatest natural resource deposits in the entire world. Add to these advantages coasts on the two largest oceans on Earth, which have provided both protection and international trade, friendship and trade with its brother nation to the south (which descended from Manasseh), and especially the imperfect but superior system of British-derived principles and laws.

Micah 5:8 describes the British Empire as a "lion." "Again, this symbolism describes the *last generation* of Israel as a GREAT POWER—as a lion among the other nations of the Earth," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "It is *our peoples* who have been like a 'lion' among the other nations of the Earth—*preserving* in two great world wars the peace of the world and stability for all human life on this planet!"

This is a recent historic fact. Canada contributed proudly to preserve the stability of the world: Its troops fought in the Boer War, World War I and World War II, winning significant victories such as Vimy Ridge, the 100 Day Offensive and Juno Beach.

Canada's success was made possible by its loyalty to the British crown. That loyalty has anchored our identity, our rule of law, our institutions, our freedoms, our prosperity and numerous other blessings.

However, just as the Bible prophesied the rise of the British Empire, including Canada, it also prophesied its demise. History and Bible prophecy reveal two major causes of Canada's decline: compromise and infiltration.

The Catholic Citadel

If one word summarizes Canadian history and character, it is *compromise*. This spirit defines English relations with the French.

The French arrived in what would become Canada in the mid-1500s. The colony began to fail due to neglect by the French monarchy but was bolstered by direct intervention from Jesuits and the Catholic Church. The textbook *Canada: A Story of Challenge* states, "The power and influence of the order in New France rose rapidly in the following years,

until, in fact, they almost came to dominate the colony.”

The Catholic Church gained unquestioned authority in matters religious and temporal. The first bishop of Quebec, François de Montmorency-Laval, aggressively linked the church in Quebec even more directly to Rome than to France.

“An ultramontane Catholic Church was one that stressed absolute obedience to the pope at Rome, denying the power of any national state to control or limit the church. ... The church [in Quebec] turned its eyes only to Rome, and maintained considerable influence over policies of government. French Canada became and remained an ultramontane citadel” (ibid).

Quebecois have developed not only a distinct culture separate from the rest of the nation, but separate from France as well.

After the **Battle of the Plains of Abraham** in 1759, the terms of surrender stipulated that the French would be able to exercise the Roman Catholic religion without interference. The British hastily accepted the terms before French reinforcements could arrive. Within days of the British conquest of Quebec, the seeds of national division had been planted.

Four years later, the Treaty of Paris included a vague condition that granted freedom of religion in Quebec with conditions, including an oath of allegiance to the British monarch. Historian George Buxton wrote, “[I]t would seem that the British government aimed at abolishing papal control of the church in Quebec.” The British did not want to stir up a revolt in Quebec, but centuries of history had taught them how motivated and dangerous the Vatican could be in undermining non-Catholic Britain, its Abrahamic blessings and loyalty to the crown.

Just 11 years later, the British government compromised. Facing a possible revolution in the 13 colonies to the south, the government appeased the French population with the Quebec Act of 1774, granting greater freedom of religion, allowing the precedence of French civil law over English civil law, and abolishing the oath of allegiance. This has

been the cornerstone of English-French relations ever since.

“The Quebec Act meant that the province of Quebec had been put on a special basis by an imperial act of Parliament,” states *Canada: A Story of Challenge*. “The chance to fit Quebec from the beginning into the ordinary pattern of British institutions had been lost.”

The Quebec Act created a 50-50 union between a Protestant English colony descended from Ephraim that received the birthright blessings and was loyal to the throne of David, and a Catholic French population that had descended from another Israelite tribe, Reuben, which had lost the birthright and was loyal to the papal throne. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *The New Throne of David*, “The Catholic Church’s main goal throughout the ages has really been to destroy David’s throne. It cannot stand the thought of someone else having the preeminent throne on Earth!”

Catholic Quebec has successfully used legal tools and media pressure to drive British identity out of Canadian consciousness. Jesus Christ said that a house divided against itself cannot stand (Matthew 12:25). Quebec has refused to unite with the rest of the nation and has maintained a persistent movement to secede. In addition, nearly all the major Communist infiltrators into the country have deep connections to Quebec. Canada has consistently tried to solve these divisions through compromise.

Infiltration

It is miraculous that Canada became a nation in 1867. Several of Britain’s and Canada’s top leaders had a miraculous change of heart that led them to work together to forge a new nation. **Sir John A. Macdonald**, the chief architect of confederation and first prime minister of Canada, was, as biographer Richard Gwyn wrote, the embodiment of loyalty to Britain. Macdonald told Queen Victoria that the purpose of confederation was “to declare in the most solemn and emphatic manner our resolve to be under the sovereignty of your majesty and your family forever.”

Loyalty to the British throne defined and united Canada. “Here resided the magical, however paradoxical, effect of the creed of loyalty among Canadians: being loyal to another nation and to an absent monarch kept Canadians loyal to each other” (ibid).

Railroads were built, the nation expanded, and Canadians received more and more blessings. But the young dominion faced many challenges staying unified. To keep a lid on these divisions and many of their other problems, Canadians have repeatedly surrendered individual power to an ever stronger central government. “In Canada you are reminded of the government every day,” American philosopher and naturalist Henry David Thoreau published in 1886. “It parades itself before you. It is not content to be the servant, but will be the master”

The purpose and heart of our Constitution is “peace, order and good government.” *Why We Act Like Canadians* author Pierre Berton writes that “good government” to most Canadians usually equates to “strong government.” He writes, “To realize what we consider to be the best of all possible worlds, we Canadians have been prepared to pay a price. The other side of the coin of order and security is authority. We’ve always accepted more governmental control over our lives than [Americans] have—and fewer civil liberties.”

When Canada entered the 20th century, a new ideology rooted itself that took advantage of both internal division and strong government.

In 1898, the Socialist Labor Party formed. In 1919, socialism in the country exploded in the Winnipeg General Strike, in which Marxist workers created their own autonomous government. In 1920, the Communist Party of Canada formed. Ranks of the socialists swelled during the 1930s and the Great Depression. In 1944, Canadians elected their first provincial socialist government. Socialists infiltrated educational and legal institutions and taught that British institutions were colonial and racist.

“It’s a kind of warfare we don’t understand, or know how to cope with,” Mr. Armstrong wrote of communism in 1956. “It uses every

diabolical means to weaken us *from within*, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally, after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence! All this, cleverly disguised as a harmless political party! Communism is worldwide psychological WARFARE!”

The first battleground was for control of the classrooms. *Who Killed Canadian History?* author J. L. Granatstein writes that the Marxists battled and defeated traditional educators over labor history, then went on to change the teaching of all other fields of history, with each special interest group staking its claim. Socialists replaced the study of prime ministers, parliaments, kings and queens, and the ideals they advanced, with the study of labor leaders, abortion advocates, homosexuals and others, as well as guilt indoctrination for Canada’s wrongs, real and fictional.

The 1960s marked an important turning point for Canada. Political leaders used the strong federal system to repudiate British traditions and embrace communism.

Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson introduced national health care. In 1964, to appease Quebec separatists and to emphasize Canada’s new direction away from “colonialism,” which was being redefined as an “original sin,” Pearson’s government even changed the Canadian flag from the Red Ensign to the maple leaf.

Pearson also accelerated the decline of the British Empire by helping Egypt finalize its control over the Suez Canal in 1957.

“Only when the British Empire began to fade and fall apart did loyalty lose its magnetic appeal to Canadians,” Gwyn wrote, “thereafter, as was incomparably more challenging, Canadians had to find reasons to be loyal to themselves” (op cit).

The communist universities in Quebec produced a young Pierre Trudeau. He would be Prime Minister for over 15 years and do more than anyone else to fundamentally transform

Canada. Trudeau had a long history of admiring and befriending Communist dictators.

In Quebec, the socialist influence inspired a secessionist movement and the 1966 separatist manifesto by Quebecois Marxist Pierre Vallieres. John Weisenberger wrote in *C2C Journal*: “It cast the lot of the Quebecois into by-now familiar terms—an oppressed group colonized by Anglo-American capitalists and requiring liberation via Marxist revolution.” This also sparked the kidnappings, killings and other terrorist violence by the Front de libération du Québec. French President Charles de Gaulle fanned the flames of separatism by visiting Quebec in 1967 and declaring, “*Vive le Québec libre!*”

In 1971, Trudeau announced multiculturalism as an official government policy, acknowledging “the contention of other cultural communities that they, too, are essential elements in Canada.”

In Hosea 7:8, God prophesied that Ephraim would be a “cake not turned,” who “mixed himself among the people.” By 1984, the government was spending \$23 million to fund 2,000 different ethnic organizations, all representing different identities and interests.

This effort reflected a transformation in Canada’s demographics. An 1871 survey found 61 percent of Canadians had origins in the British Isles, while 31 percent reported French origins. A 2016 survey found only 33 percent claimed British origins and 14 percent French. More than 40 percent claimed multiple origins, some up to six origins, complicating the statistics.

After more than a decade of pushing, Trudeau was able to reform the Constitution itself in 1982. The talks nearly collapsed, but a compromise was reached by all provinces (except Quebec). The new Constitution included a new Charter of Rights and Freedoms that reduced the British monarchy from an authority to a figurehead. This opened the door for the Canadian government to exert even more socialistic and dictatorial control over its citizens.

Section 1 of the charter states that Canadians’ freedoms are “subject only to *reasonable*

limits ... as can be justified in a free and democratic society.” This appears reasonable and just, but it grants power to the government to revoke any freedoms it deems exceed those “reasonable limits.”

Activist Supreme Court justices appointed by Trudeau infamously exploited this provision in their 1986 *R. v. Oakes* decision that established that the government could deny freedoms based on such things as “a commitment to social justice and equality” and “respect for cultural and group identity.” In a single decision, a radical-left court began the Canadian government’s chronic abuse of Section 1.

When Pierre Trudeau’s leadership ended in 1984, Canada was a profoundly different nation. Its identity as a member of the British Commonwealth had been transformed from an asset to an embarrassment, and socialistic, overbearing government had become a way of life.

No Longer Obligated

Now Trudeau’s son **Justin Trudeau** is prime minister. He has gone so far as to say that his vision is to make Canada the first “post-national” country, which is a fundamental ideal of communism. Barry Cooper wrote in *C2C Journal*, “Canadians have become citizens of a new kind of regime, just as supporters of a duty-less, transnational and postmodern society hoped” (March 1, 2010).

After Barbados rejected the British throne and became a republic in November 2021, a poll found a majority of Canadians favor cutting all ties with the British monarchy after Queen Elizabeth II dies.

In Hosea 7:11, Ephraim is called a “silly dove,” a characterization of the decisions of the people and their leaders. Ephraimites in Canada and elsewhere are destroying their own blessings (by attacking their own energy industries, for example), and God is removing those blessings as punishment for their sins.

Mr. Armstrong wrote in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*: “No longer is God obligated by His promise to *continue* our undeserving peoples in world prestige, wealth

and greatness. Once we had been *given* such unrivaled position, it was up to us whether we should keep it.”

If we are to keep these stupendous blessings, God expects obedience to His ways revealed in the Bible. Canada as a nation has rejected its biblical identity in favor of an atheistic, socialist, nanny state. The more Canadians embrace communism, the more difficult it is to rely on God’s promises and blessings. The original compromise with Catholic-French Quebec created a pattern of thinking that has been exploited by radical, Communist leaders. Canada was given incredible blessings of natural resources, rights and freedoms, peace and security. These have been replaced with government overreach, intrusive bureaucracy, and removal of freedoms, natural disasters, soaring inflation and crippling political correctness. Its birthright blessings have been replaced with curses. The Communist goal of creating a post-national country is nearly

complete. To paraphrase Judges 21:25, Canada has become a society where “every man does what is right in his own eyes.”

How does the story of Canada end? Mr. Armstrong warned in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*: “God is going to keep multiplying chastening—correction—upon our peoples *until they do* turn from their evil ways—until they turn *to* the ways that *cause* peace, happiness, prosperity, all the *good things!*”

Canada will lose its blessings and its people will suffer national destruction and loss of all their freedoms at the hands of a Catholic European superpower. But God will ultimately use this catastrophe as a blessing of correction. It will make clear that the only source of good in Canada, in other nations of Israel, and in humanity is belief in, obedience to, and love for God. Even now, He is preparing a new government, the Empire of the God Family, that will give all humanity unity, hope, duty, purpose and a truly glorious future. ♦

DECLINE:

Lost Birthright Wealth

TWO CENTURIES AFTER ISRAEL PROPHESED that his grandsons Manasseh and Ephraim would become a “great” nation and a “multitude of nations,” the Prophet Moses foretold what would befall each of the tribes of Israel in these latter days. Regarding Manasseh and Ephraim, Moses said they would possess the Earth’s choicest agricultural, mineral and other wealth—gold and iron mines, oil and coal, timber, cropland

and other precious resources (Deuteronomy 33:13-17). The fact that the United States and Britain came to possess nearly three fourths of the world’s developed and usable resources and wealth is a great proof that they are descended from Manasseh and Ephraim. And the fact that they are now losing these resources to Gentile nations is proof that they have rebelled against God and His law (Leviticus 26:18). ♦

AUSTRALIA: Aussie Spirit: Empire Spirit

Australia stands for nothing, so it gives away everything, even its character.

BY CALLUM WOOD

QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA—

AUSTRALIA IS BECOMING A PRISON COLONY once more, languishing under lockdowns, mandates and oppressive leaders. But these are just the latest nation-threatening crises Australians are facing. With many more challenges looming, everyday Aussies are approaching the breaking point. They desperately need *something*. But what?

Although the Dutch and French reached the island continent first, it was the British under Capt. James Cook who first claimed it. This nation was founded in 1788 as a penal colony for British criminals. But far from their homeland, under the burning Australian sun, those early prisoners became pioneers. After serving out their sentences, some went on to become successful and wealthy land owners and cattle drivers. As the classic 1987 Seekers song summarizes it:

*I came upon the prison ship, bowed down by
iron chains.*

*I bought the land, endured the lash, and
waited for the rains.*

*I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife, on a dry and
barren run.*

*A convict, then a free man, I became
Australian.*

Adventurous and entrepreneurial Europeans also made the treacherous voyage Down Under to a harsh yet beautiful untapped land. It yielded up its increase only upon payment of blood, sweat and tears by those who swung the ax and heaved the plow. For all its challenges, Australia provided isolation from war-torn

Europe. It was a haven and an opportunity for those seeking a fresh start.

It became known as “the lucky country” due to its location, abundant natural resources, and the profound effort and endurance of early Australians to sacrifice and struggle to claim, settle and make the most of the land. It brought out the best of the Aussie spirit. But there was a much more important factor that determined Australia’s rise.

That factor is also determining Australia’s fall. It’s why the cycle of incarceration has come full circle. Prisoners earned their freedom and built their homes; now their free descendants are willing prisoners, locked up in their own homes.

But we have lost more than just the Aussie spirit.

Victory Under a Union Jack

When World War I began, half a world away, Australia answered the call to defend Britain. In 1914, Australians had convictions and spirit so strong that they sacrificed their lives for their nation and their empire. This nation was one of the few that maintained a purely volunteer military for the entire conflict.

From a population of fewer than 5 million, 416,809 men enlisted. More than 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded or captured. Many an Australian soldier returned a changed man. Yet along with the scars of war, each man and woman who fought the fight bore a badge of honor. Australia had answered the call. It had given its sons to unmarked graves on the sandstone cliffs of Gallipoli, the muddy fields of Fromelles and the desolation of Passchendaele. It had helped save both the Empire and the free world from German-European tyranny.

Australians fought and died under the Union Jack. They died for something they believed in: the British Empire and its ideals. Australia still comes to the aid of its allies, but that Empire and those ideals are gone.

Politicians who even speak of war or a fighting spirit today are ridiculed, as Defense Minister Peter Dutton was when suggesting the possibility of war with China over Taiwan. A July 2021 poll by the Australian Institute found just 38 percent of Australians thought the nation should fight China if it invaded Taiwan. It seems only the intrusion of Chinese war vessels near or in Australian waters would peak alarm. Australians are focused on themselves.

Leaving the Empire was smooth. British legislators voted to allow self-governance in the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901. Australia is technically a constitutional parliamentary monarchy, and there is a movement to change it completely into a republic. Australians do not realize just what they are leaving behind.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “Britons like [British Prime Minister Winston] Churchill worked and sacrificed for something far greater than themselves. They believed not only in the glory of the Empire but also what it had done for the world and what it could do for the future” (*Royal Vision*, November-December 2021).

This is what motivated the best of the Aussie spirit. A belief in finding and pursuing what is right, not just for your family but for your empire and for the benefit of the human race. That quest and that fight was based in large part on the Holy Bible.

Today, most people in the Commonwealth hate the British Empire. They consider colonialism shameful. Yet just a few generations ago, their forebears lived and died for it. “In a world with many peoples who had barbaric and beastly practices, the Empire could provide freedom and direction that would civilize and enoble people, as well as protect them from exploitation and tyranny” (ibid).

Why can’t Australia muster the courage to stand for freedom anymore? Why has the

Aussie spirit become so diminished? The nation has lost its empire vision! That means it is losing its vision of the future.

‘With All Her Faults We Love Her Still’

Most Australians know the national anthem, “Advance Australia Fair.” It is the first verse of a colonial-era song written by Scottish-born colonialist Peter Dodds McCormick in 1878. Yet nobody knows or sings the *original* version.

Here is the second verse as it was first written:

*When gallant Cook from Albion sail’d to trace
wide oceans o’er,*

*True British courage bore him on til he landed
on our shore.*

*Then here he raised Old England’s flag, the
standard of the brave;*

*‘With all her faults we love her still. ‘Britannia
rules the wave.’*

*In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance,
Australia fair.*

Such a love of England and of empire is anathema to modern Australia. We have allowed our collective education and conscience to be turned against it. The history of the positive impact of the Empire or even of Australia has been replaced by Aboriginal history. The Empire is frowned on, its shortcomings magnified. There were of course problems, as with all systems of government ruled by flawed human beings. Yet why such venomous hatred for a power that lifted *entire continents* out of barbarism and gave health, education, prosperity, freedom and pursuit of higher ideals to tens of millions of citizens across hundreds of years?

Churchill called people who opposed the expansion of the British Empire “little Englishers.” Australia has become a nation of people who are not only content to pursue selfish interests but who think that sacrificing and even fighting to spread virtues to other human beings is a terrible evil.

Australia has lost her history, lost her depth, lost her purpose. Without British history,

Australia is just an isolated island nation in the South Pacific with no real connection to the world.

McCormick's final edit to "Advance Australia Fair" was to include the following:

Britannia then shall surely know, beyond wide oceans roll,

Her sons in fair Australia's land still keep a British soul.

Australians have been taught to hate that soul. Many Australians are so far removed from their forebears that they openly advocate new anthems and new flags, rubbishing the last vestiges of a British past. Yes, the British Empire was an imperfect tool, yet with it God *made* Australia!

God Save the Queen

Popularity for the monarch holds a slim majority in Australia. A 2019 poll by the Australian National University found that just 51 percent of Australians favor keeping Queen Elizabeth II as head of state. Another poll in January 2021 found one third of Australians support a republic. At the highest levels of government, leaders are openly discussing becoming a republic once Her Majesty dies. There is no love for the heir to the throne, Prince Charles.

Over her long rule, the Queen has become synonymous with British rule. People like her personality. They are loyal to the leader, but not the throne itself.

Secession may not change much in the day-to-day lives of Australians, but it would signal a break from a monarch far more important than the Queen: Almighty God.

It was God who gave Britain that throne, a seat of authority that can be traced right back through history to King David (article, page 11). Australians' history with the throne is their history with God! It points Australia to its true origins—not to a penal colony, or even to Britain, but to God's chosen nation: *Israel!*

In 721–718 B.C., the kingdom of Israel was conquered and removed from its land by the Assyrian Empire. Israelite captives were forced to migrate north and west. A few generations

later, the kingdom of Judah was conquered and taken captive by the Babylonian Empire. Yet these peoples survived! And so too did the throne of David! God had promised that this throne would carry on forever! (see 2 Samuel 7:12-16). Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States are all among the modern descendants of ancient Israel. And for centuries, that throne was the British throne.

Separating from that throne means separating from our history with the glorious God!

Australia has been walking away from God for many years.

In 2007, Australia was suffering through a severe drought. "It's very serious, it's unprecedented in my lifetime, and I really feel very deeply for the people affected," **Prime Minister John Howard** said in an extraordinary televised statement. "So we should all, literally and without any irony, pray for rain over the next six to eight weeks." It rained.

Yet that same year, John Howard lost not only the federal election but also his seat in Parliament. We have had six prime ministers since that time. And we have had more droughts, more bushfires, more floods—but not one national call to prayer.

Australia has lost touch with the one who created the nation, nurtured it and blessed it—the one who can and does intervene in our lives both nationally and individually! God *promises* blessings for obedience and *promises* curses for disobedience. Australia is passing up the blessings God promised to Israel and its descendants. The nation is walking away from its empire, its throne and its God.

Feeding the Chinese Dragon

Instead of holding to its allies and brothers in England, Canberra is turning instead to foreigners who do not have Australia's interests at heart.

China's rapid rise initially appeared as a blessing to Australia. Here was a large power right on Australia's periphery that was hungry for resources, and Australia has a smorgasbord of them. When the financial collapse of

2008 hit the globe, Australia carried on. China buoyed the economy by voraciously buying up as much iron and natural gas as Australia could extract from the ground. Everyone was thankful to have such an eager trade partner in the region.

As the Chinese middle class expanded, so too did their stake in the Australian residential market. Left, right and center, the Chinese eagerly bought up property. The resulting property boom is still being felt today, with the median house price in Sydney now well over AU\$1 million.

As the Chinese dragon grew, alarm bells began to ring. Chinese interests expanded to other properties: cattle stations, dairy farms, vineyards, forests, mines. More alarming, China has worked to buy electrical grids in numerous states, and to make purchases that directly conflict with Australian national security interests. It has bought century-long leases on the Port of Darwin; the island of Keswick, Australia's largest coal port; and an airstrip near Australia's only submarine base.

Meanwhile, Australian politicians have lined their pockets with Chinese money. Until a scathing *Four Corners* report in 2017, Australian law permitted unrestricted international political donations. As such, wealthy Chinese businessmen, who are ultimately controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, were able to buy the nation out from under its own feet. More than one Australian politician has retired and accepted employment with the very Chinese companies now running these facilities.

God calls Ephraim, the ancient forefather of Britons and Australians, a "silly dove" for trusting in surrounding nations (Hosea 7:11). By leaning so heavily on China, Australia is playing a reckless, dangerous game. Many other nations have played the same game with China and lost.

Across the Pacific, small island nations have accepted Chinese offers to build ports, airports and other infrastructure. When these nations fail to repay Chinese loans, China seizes the infrastructure. This debt-trap diplomacy is building the Chinese Communist Party its own 21st-century silk road.

Australia is falling prey to such traps. China is its largest trade partner, and Australians have walked a fine line between keeping that partner happy and supporting traditional allies. China now has enormous economic leverage over Australia. This was highlighted by the heavy tariffs and embargoes China levied on key Australian products after Australian leaders dared question its role in the outbreak of COVID-19.

On a more global scale, China banned the export of urea phosphate, a key component for late-model diesel engines. It produces 80 percent of the supply in the Asia-Pacific region. Without this fuel additive, half of Australia's trucking fleet will be grounded, risking a potential supply chain collapse. As of mid-December, Australia had just eight weeks' supply remaining. The ban shows just how beholden to China Australia has become.

And Then Came Covid

When the coronavirus "plandemic" began, Australia was inflicted with a terrible sickness. But it wasn't coronavirus. It was a disease of government. A weak federal government was quick to subcontract the pandemic response to the individual states. Yet without national consensus, and no doubt fearing political reprisal, state premiers leaned heavily on advice from medical experts that lacked all perspective and balance. Thus began the reign of the health minister. Suddenly, unelected bureaucrats nobody had heard of were revoking the basic freedoms of Australians everywhere in the most stringent, least fact-based lockdown laws in the world. Premiers from both sides of the political aisle happily complied, as this fit neatly with their leftist ideals. The response to COVID-19 has highlighted the fact that conservatism no longer exists in Australia's largest political parties.

With a federal government missing in action, individual states have freely trample on the individual liberties of the people they took an oath to serve.

First came travel restrictions. Borders closed. Planes were grounded. Then the masks came on, and 2-meter social distancing was

mandated. Then 4-meter distancing. Then 2-meter distancing again. Then directives to eat sitting down, not standing up. The outright bizarre and illogical quickly turned sinister. In South Australia, residents quarantined at home were forced to display signs indicating their status. This was to aid locals in reporting to authorities anyone who breached their home quarantine.

One man chose to leave quarantine, sneeze in an elevator, and go about his life. He instantly became public enemy No. 1. In the Northern Territory, three teenagers who tested *negative* to coronavirus sparked police blockades and road closures when they broke out of a quarantine facility.

Communist-ruled Victoria implemented the most stringent lockdown measures, confining residents to a 5-kilometer radius for months on end. Wherever citizens mustered enough Aussie spirit to protest, the police moved in with surprising force. Riot police shot rubber bullets at unarmed protesters from point-blank range. Officers threw elderly ladies to the ground and pepper-sprayed them.

Then came mandates. Mandatory vaccination for anyone working in hospitals. Then it was schools. Then cafés and restaurants. Then any premises regularly accessed by the general public. Under dolled-up politicians speaking condescending words, authoritarianism has descended upon Australia. A campaign of fear and intimidation has pushed vaccinations while pointedly ignoring both the extremely low COVID numbers and the terrible side effects of the vaccine.

In Queensland, the federal and state governments are quickly building quarantine camps containing permanent structures surrounded by double electric fences. Such facilities indicate a long-term enforcement of draconian measures against the unvaccinated.

Interstate travel is banned for most unvaccinated Australians, with those who are allowed to cross a state border facing quarantine. The unvaccinated are being

aggressively separated into a different class, a class that is banned from cafés, pubs, clubs, sporting facilities and other public spaces.

The Aussie spirit has been smothered by power-drunk leaders who are intent on building a Communist Australia. And a docile public sits back and watches it happen.

We are witnessing the fulfillment of Isaiah 3. The Prophet Isaiah warned that in the latter days the descendants of Israel would be cursed with oppressive leadership. “As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths” (verse 12).

The Ferrar Fenton translates God’s response in verse 15: “How dare you My people crush down, and grind on the face of the weak?” God is upset with the leaders grinding people down and crushing them with oppressive rule. But God is also upset with the people. They have forgotten Him!

Remember History

Australia cannot afford to forget its history. Not just the history of the ANZACS who fought and died for freedom. Not just the history of the British Empire that brought education and light to a dark world. Not even the history of the pioneers who crossed oceans and forged a new nation. Australia must remember—or learn for the first time—its history with God.

If Australia would go back to that history, it would see that we need more than just an Aussie spirit—or even a spirit of empire—to survive and overcome this dark world. We need a different spirit: one of humility before our Creator! We need faith, obedience and righteousness before God.

Jesus Christ is about to return to this Earth. All mankind will soon learn their history! And they will learn about the marvelous future God has in store. You can learn it today! There is a God who blesses for obedience and curses for disobedience. That same God who can bless nations wants to bless you! ♦

NEW ZEALAND: Paradise Lost

Where did it all go wrong? **BY CHRISTOPHER EAMES**

“GOD OF NATIONS, AT THY FEET, IN THE BONDS of love we meet, hear our voices we entreat, God defend our free land ...” From its very first word, New Zealand’s national anthem, “God Defend New Zealand,” is an invocation to God to bless our nation. And blessed it has been—like few others on Earth.

In the early 1800s, the British Empire expanded exponentially. It seemed almost like an accident, but as Herbert W. Armstrong explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, in reality, it was the result of precisely dated, biblically prophesied blessings. In 1840, the empire added what was sometimes called “the last-inhabited landmass,” New Zealand. A 16,000-mile voyage, perhaps the longest migration in human history, brought British subjects to an island paradise of stunning mountains, volcanic fields, fertile farmland, no predatory animals, gold deposits and other resources, and the prospect of adventure.

New Zealanders were pioneering people, yet held a firm allegiance to duty, service, the Empire and the crown. When world wars broke out thousands of miles away, New Zealanders answered the call, sailed to Europe to stop Germany and its allies, and sacrificed themselves by the tens of thousands on the battlefields.

Upon declaring war on Nazi Germany on the same day as Britain, Prime Minister Michael Savage said, “It is with gratitude in the past, and with confidence in the future, that we range ourselves without fear beside Britain. Where she goes, we go! Where she stands, we stand!”

What a transformation has occurred since.

Left Alone

Immediately following World War II, the

British voted in Clement Attlee’s pro-decolonization Labour government and became more inward- and European-focused. In 1973, it joined the European Economic Community (EEC). Despite the cheers in Europe, Mr. Armstrong warned: “Britain is going to look back on Monday, Jan. 1, 1973, in all probability, as a *most tragically historic date*—a date fraught with ominous potentialities!” (*Plain Truth*, March 1973; emphasis added). He prophesied that Britain would eventually leave Europe.

At the time, New Zealand was known as “Britain’s farm,” but European policies enforced strict quotas on its agricultural exports to Britain. In fact, these policies superseded and terminated all of Britain’s bilateral trade agreements.

Before 1939, Britain received more than 80 percent of New Zealand’s exports. That dropped to 27 percent by the end of 1973 and is less than 3 percent today. Compounded by oil crises and other issues, inflation skyrocketed during the ’70s and ’80s and the value of the New Zealand dollar plummeted.

Four decades on, Britain has—as predicted—left the European Union, with much talk about reconvening pre-EEC relationships. But feelings of betrayal aside, it’s too late for that now.

With Mother England turning inward, New Zealand searched for new economic partners. A brief dalliance ensued with the United States, but disagreement over the Vietnam War and over nuclear power and weapons cut it short. New Zealand instead turned to a nation with a rapidly swelling population and economy, and a government that was already courting the Communist Party of New Zealand: China.

In 1988, New Zealand sent 4 percent of its exports to China and received 1 percent of its imports from China. New Zealand now sends

32 percent of its exports to China (double that of the next-highest country, the U.S.) and receives 23 percent of its imports from China (double that of the next-highest country, Australia).

Chinese trade was just what the struggling New Zealand economy needed. But it is coming at a much greater price.

For example, in 2016, Chinese demand suddenly surged for one of New Zealand's main products: milk powder. In response, dairy farmers borrowed money, bought new equipment and increased production.

Suddenly, demand ended. It turned out China was *stockpiling* the product—about 300,000 tons of it—and was now done. This left farmers in enormous debt for the equipment that was no longer necessary. They went bankrupt and were forced to sell their farms. And who was there, ready to buy? China.

Through Chinese businesses, the Chinese regime now controls numerous farms and businesses in New Zealand and is its second-largest source of foreign direct “investment.” New Zealand is the world's largest dairy exporter, yet its third-, fourth- and fifth-largest dairy producers are Chinese owned. Its largest meat company is half-owned by China.

Shanghai Pengxin has been using its New Zealand farms to launch “high-precision monitoring” near-space balloons, which have potential applications for long-range guided missiles.

Meanwhile, New Zealand has absorbed a massive influx of Chinese and Asian immigrants. Twenty years ago, 1 in 15 New Zealanders was Asian. The number has now doubled to about 1 in 7 and is projected to reach 1 in 4 within the next 20 years. China is New Zealand's largest source of foreign students (55,000 as of 2018), with universities reportedly “dependent” on their attendance. The Chinese Communist Party-controlled Confucius Institute directly funds New Zealand school courses teaching Mandarin Chinese, and New Zealand police are taking language courses to aid public interaction.

People are afraid to question the Chinese Communist Party's motives in New Zealand, for fear of being called racist. But there

is another reason New Zealand's leaders, whether from the socialist Labour Party or the more conservative National Party, avoid questioning China. China is paying them.

A 2017 report by Prof. Anne-Marie Brady noted that National M.P.s Ruth Richardson and Chris Tremain are directors of the Bank of China in New Zealand; former National leader Don Brash chairs the Industrial Bank of China in New Zealand; former Prime Minister Jenny Shipley chairs the China Construction Bank in New Zealand; National list M.P. Yang Jian actually worked with *Chinese military intelligence for 15 years* and trained Chinese spies before he became a New Zealand citizen; Labour list M.P. Raymond Huo has close associations with the Chinese Communist Party, and turned current Labour Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's Chinese-language election campaign slogan into a quote from Xi Jinping. Former National Party Prime Minister John Key now serves Comcast's business projects in China and is also known to have sold his New Zealand property for \$20 million, far above market value, to an undisclosed Chinese buyer. Former National Party Prime Minister Bill English's family members lead other initiatives tied to the Chinese Communist Party. That only names a few.

But the ruling class assures us that there is nothing to worry about. Sir Bob Harvey, a former Labour mayor, replied to criticisms by saying that “China holds the balance of wisdom, and I think China will save the planet. ... China has never attacked another country. It is a country that has been governed by scholars and not dictators I'm not working as a Chinese agent.”

Divided Loyalties

With China so deeply embedded, New Zealand faces a quandary regarding its traditional allies.

The country is part of Five Eyes, essentially an Anglo-Saxon intelligence alliance that traces back to World War II and includes Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. Yet in early 2021, New Zealand Foreign Minister Nanaia Mahuta characterized the alliance and its pressure against

China as being “uncomfortable” for New Zealand. Months earlier, a Chinese government spokesman had warned Five Eyes that “those who dared to harm China’s sovereignty would find their own ‘eyes’ poked out.”

New Zealand has also distanced itself from AUKUS, a recent alliance of Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States, designed to contain Chinese power in the Pacific. It refrained from joining a boycott by those four nations against China for its persecution of Uyghurs.

New Zealand has also left itself in a vulnerable position militarily. Its armed forces and service record, historically deployed in conjunction with Great Britain, have long been a matter of pride. At the end of World War II, New Zealand fielded approximately 1,000 aircraft, 60 ships and 43,000 troops. Today, the Air Force has only 49 trainers, transports, patrol planes and helicopters (a quarter of the size of the air force the U.S. left the Taliban in Afghanistan). It has *zero* combat aircraft. The Royal New Zealand Navy currently consists of only nine vessels, just two of which are for combat. The New Zealand Army has fewer than 5,000 regular personnel. The nation’s military is, effectively, nonexistent.

The New Zealand police celebrates its unarmed status. There was a trial period of armed policing in early 2020, but Black Lives Matter activists opposed the measure, one claiming that police “hunt Maori like a hunting sport.” (In nearly a century of record keeping, 36 people have been killed by police, and 33 police officers have been killed.) The police commissioner rushed to affirm that the force would remain “a generally unarmed police service” because “how the public feels is important.”

Days later, two New Zealand policemen were shot by a Maori gang member; one died of his wounds.

Colonial Shame

Such is a small price to pay, however, for the shared “colonial guilt” of the white man in New Zealand. At least, that’s what we New Zealanders are taught in school, in a rich

diet of colonial guilt and Maori mythology. “Social studies” classes are front-loaded with how the British Empire “stole” land from the richly cultured Maori population, based on a “mistranslated” treaty (highly debated), and with teaching of the general oppression of the Maori people. (Facts of the constant infighting among tribes are brushed aside, as is the Maori genocide of the native Moriori: In 1835, the Maori attacked the people of this peculiar, altruistic, weaponless culture and enslaved, killed and *ate them*. Within 50 years, the Maori had reduced the 2,000-strong Moriori population to only 100.)

Learning this history, however, is “racist.” And it detracts from attacking New Zealand’s colonial past.

New Zealand severed its constitutional links with Britain in 1986, but it remains a British Commonwealth nation, with the Queen as token head of state. In 1986, however, the visiting Queen was egged during a parade. While a 2012 poll found that 70 percent of New Zealanders wanted to keep the monarchy, that number is now 47 percent.

In 2015, Prime Minister John Key held a \$26 million nationwide referendum to change the national flag and expressed particular interest in removing the “colonial era” Union Jack. His effort failed, but 43 percent of New Zealanders did vote to change the flag.

There is also a movement to, in biblical language, “blot out the name.” The Maori Party is pushing to rename the country *Aotearoa* (“Land of the Long White Cloud”), and it is supported by a petition of more than 60,000 signatures, by 40 percent of poll respondents and by the current prime minister. New Zealand’s Geographic Board has also repeatedly proposed renaming the North Island and South Island to Maori equivalents: *Te Ika-a-Maui* (“The Fish of the God Maui”) and *Te Waipounamu* (“The Place of Greenstone”).

While the number of Asian New Zealanders is approaching the number of Maori, the overall message is increasingly clear: Whatever culture dominates this country, it must no longer be British, Anglo-Saxon or, especially, Judeo-Christian.

Transformations

New Zealand's Labour government of 1999–2008 oversaw a key period not only in dismantling the nation's military but also in jettisoning its traditions and morals.

In 2018, a New Zealander was knighted a “dame” by the Queen for her “Services to Prostitution.” In 2003, the government decriminalized prostitution. In 2004, the government legally recognized homosexual civil unions. In 2007, it outlawed physical discipline of children. In 2013, New Zealand became the first Pacific country to fully legalize homosexual “marriage.” (Three days before ceremonies began, a major earthquake struck just south of Wellington, the capital, with the tremor and its some 20 powerful aftershocks felt from one end of New Zealand to the other.)

In 2020, abortion, which New Zealand had opposed with some of the strictest criminal laws in the Western world, was legalized up to 20 weeks.

But the one moral “sin” New Zealand cannot abide is greenhouse gas emissions. In 2002, New Zealand ratified the United Nation's Kyoto Protocol, committing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. About half of these gases come from livestock. The government proposed an Agricultural Emissions Research Levy that would collect an annual penalty of \$8.4 million from livestock farmers, plus \$50 million to \$125 million in public costs to fund research into offsetting livestock methane emissions. What became known as the “fart tax” was met with derision and protests, and the bill was eventually withdrawn. Within eight years, New Zealand's liability to the Kyoto Protocol was over \$1 billion. Despite this, New Zealand was quick to join the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, then the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (COP26). It has pledged to cut emissions by 50 percent within the decade.

Meanwhile, since the 1980s, this traditionally sheep-farming nation has reduced its number of sheep by 63 percent.

The transformation of the country has been accelerated by its current prime minister. The international media characterized her 2017

campaign as “Jacindamania,” but the young, fresh-faced, left-wing, Labour politician was perhaps much more popular abroad than at home. **Jacinda Ardern** and her party actually received fewer votes than the National Party but won control through political, parliamentary dealing that resulted in a coalition government.

Ardern is no ordinary party leader. The unmarried former DJ and former president of the International Union of Socialist Youth was appointed Labour Party leader at age 37, only 2½ months before the election. She has vocally supported breaking from the crown, massive social spending, the homosexual agenda, legalizing drugs and abortion.

She *was* reelected by a simple majority last year, mainly for her handling of what marked the end of the world as we knew it: the coronavirus.

As soon as the COVID-19 scare began, Ardern initiated one of the hardest, sharpest lockdowns in the world. She revoked New Zealanders' freedoms to maintain a “zero-COVID” policy throughout 2020. This has come at a steep cost. Nearly two years on, New Zealand's borders remain firmly closed, with entire *cities* being locked down on the basis of one or two positive cases. New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, has finally emerged from a 108-day lockdown—not because of the success of the lockdown strategy (or because 93 percent of New Zealand's eligible residents have been vaccinated), but because officials have finally realized that zero-COVID is untenable.

Yet with rolling lockdowns, with New Zealand's gross debt having increased by nearly \$100 billion to a current total of \$663 billion (\$130,000 for every man, woman and child), with reports of catastrophic vaccine reactions, and a prime minister calling for boosters every six months, there still appears to be no end in sight.

Meanwhile, New Zealand's total death toll in this “worst pandemic in a century”? Forty-four.

Paradise Lost

New Zealand is often held up as an “island paradise.” But while standards of living

remain high, other numbers show that the nation is sick.

New Zealand regularly ranks highest in the developed world for youth suicide. Our rate among 15-to-19-year-olds (over 15 per 100,000) is more than *double* that of the global ratio. Among 15-to-24-year-old males, that number is 22.2 per 100,000.

Among nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, New Zealand is one of the worst-ranked for child welfare, the fourth-highest for teen pregnancy, and one of the worst for school bullying. New Zealand's family violence rate is the worst in the developed world. A third of women experience some form of physical violence. Forty percent of police time is spent responding to family violence incidents (about 500,000 per year for a population of just 5 million). The monetary cost of family violence is up to \$7 billion per year, but the mental and emotional cost is incalculable.

What is to blame? The tired response of "colonialism" is, by now, clearly a ridiculous cop-out. It makes far more sense to point to the swift abandonment of Judeo-Christian morals on which New Zealand was built—morals designed to hold families together.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, ... *seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children*" (Hosea 4:6).

Hosea is an end-time prophetic book of the Bible aimed primarily at a people called *Ephraim*—a people which, as Herbert W. Armstrong explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, includes New Zealand. Hosea describes Ephraim as half-baked, a "silly dove," moth-eaten, "oppressed and broken in judgment," selling itself out to oppressive foreign "lovers," "*bring[ing] forth his children to the murderer*" (Hosea 7:8, 11; 5:12, 11; 9:13).

Paradise Regained?

What has New Zealand become? It was once a country of purpose and direction: "Britain's farm"; "Where Britain goes, we go"; "God Defend New Zealand"; "God Save the Queen."

In tandem with the mighty British Empire, New Zealand rose—and has now, in tandem, fallen. Today, the nation is a broken, violent, weak, helpless, rudderless and, apparently, futureless Chinese farm, killing its livestock to save the planet, killing its people and economy to save them from a virus that is not, by any comparative stretch, killing them.

New Zealand was one of the most richly blessed lands on Earth. Those blessings, however, came with a warning. In one of the very first books of the Bible, God warns: "[W]hen I shall have brought them unto the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; *then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.* And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them that this song shall testify against them as a witness ..." (Deuteronomy 31:20-21).

It so happens that New Zealand has its own "song" as a witness, a moving poem penned in the 1870s that became our national anthem. It's a song whose words, quoted in part below, we would do well to reflect on. Only if we return as a nation to Him will GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND.

God of nations, at Thy feet, in the bonds of love we meet, hear our voices, we entreat ...

Men of every creed and race, gather here before Thy face, asking Thee to bless this place ...

From dissension, envy, hate, and corruption guard our state, make our country good and great ...

Lord of battles in Thy might, put our enemies to flight, let our cause be just and right ...

Let our love for Thee increase, may Thy blessings never cease, give us plenty, give us peace ...

From dishonour and from shame, guard our country's spotless name, crown her with immortal fame ...

... Make us faithful unto Thee, God defend our free land. ... Working out Thy glorious plan, God defend New Zealand.



After the English-Speaking Nations Fall—What Next?

God forewarns us. The whole world should heed. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

WHAT YOU HAVE READ IN THIS *TRUMPET* issue should profoundly affect your thinking and your life! Prophecies in your Bible written more than 2,500 years ago forecast what would happen to modern nations. And time after time, prophecy after prophecy has been fulfilled!

God recorded these prophecies “to the intent that the living may know that THE MOST HIGH RULETH IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN, and giveth it to whomsoever he will ...” (Daniel 4:17). God is able to crown and dethrone kings, make and unmake nations, raise up and destroy empires!

God prophesied that the descendants of Abraham would become superpowers: the British Empire and the United States of America. No one but God could make such great and such detailed prophecies and bring them to fulfillment across continents and across centuries.

“Set forth your case, says the Lord; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. [A]nd tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come” (Isaiah 41:21-22; Revised Standard Version).

God challenges you to read your own Bible, face the facts honestly, and prove prophecy for yourself.

The Spirit of Prophecy

Did you know that Jesus Christ was a prophet? He spoke detailed prophecies throughout His human lifetime and inspired prophecies throughout the Bible. Revelation 19:10 states that “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” A true Christian is one who follows Christ, so a true Christian has *the spirit of prophecy*.

Today, this world is in darkness and uninterested in God’s Word. But God prophesied that scoffers would multiply in this end time (2 Peter 3:3-4).

The Olivet prophecy (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21) is the most miraculous prophecy in the Bible for proving God. It was made by Jesus Christ Himself. When His disciples asked for the signs of His Second Coming and the end of the world, He answered, “Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:4-5).

Christ Himself warned that there would be *many* deceivers! Many claim to be Christian, but they have replaced the gospel Jesus Christ actually taught with a gospel message *about* Christ. They preach that Jesus Christ came to Earth and was the Son of God, BUT THEY DO NOT TEACH WHAT HE TAUGHT! They do not teach His prophecies or His true gospel message: the prophesied coming of the Kingdom of God! More believe this gospel *about* Christ than ever before, but as Christ prophesied, this gospel is *false*.

In verse 7, Christ warned about *pestilences*. That would certainly include the coronavirus, so this prophecy is right up to date with what is happening today. But He warned in verse 8, “All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Conditions are going to get much worse! And God is telling you that if you want to *avoid* that, you must REPENT.

Verses 21-22 is a great prophecy that *must* be true—there is no way around it. “For then shall be *great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be*” (verse 21). Christ prophesied of a period of the WORST SUFFERING IN HUMAN

HISTORY just before His Second Coming! Do you believe His words?

“And except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH BE SAVED: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (verse 22). Understand what this shocking scripture is saying! The Moffat translation reads, “Had not those days been cut short, not a soul would be saved alive.” The Phillips translation says, “Yes, if those days had not been cut short, no human being would survive.”

When Christ uttered this prophecy 2,000 years ago, men were fighting with swords and spears! Yet He warned of a time when weapons would threaten *human extinction!* Such weapons never existed in human history, until our day! How can you get around that? You cannot!

‘Times of the Gentiles’

Christ described this coming period of incomparable misery with a term that puzzles many people. But if you understand what we have discussed in this *Trumpet* issue, it will make perfect sense to you.

Luke’s version of the Olivet prophecy reads, “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. ... For these be the days of vengeance, that *all things which are written may be fulfilled*” (Luke 21:20, 22). The Bible has *many* prophecies of this horrific period, and Christ said *all of them* would be fulfilled within a short span of time. If you follow the signs He gave us, you know that time is almost here.

“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES be fulfilled” (verse 24).

Christ called this period of tribulation, just before His return, “the TIMES OF THE GENTILES.” Most people think “Israel” refers to the Jews, which would make all non-Jews “Gentiles.” It is true that Israel *includes* the Jewish nation in the Middle East, but as this *Trumpet* issue has shown, the name *Israel* most aptly applies to America and Britain! The *Gentiles* (a word meaning “the nations”) are the non-Israelite peoples.

This is part of the core of biblical prophecy, right out of the mouth of Jesus Christ! The dramatic fall of the English-speaking nations the world is now witnessing is a *horrendous warning*. The Israelite nations are falling, and Gentile nations are taking charge of the world *right now*. This shows that we are now in the outer edges of the catastrophic storm that Christ forewarned!

This forecast of the worst suffering in human history parallels one by the Prophet Jeremiah: “Alas! for that day is great, so that *none is like it*: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble ...” (Jeremiah 30:7). He called it “Jacob’s trouble” because it will be directed primarily against the modern descendants of *Israel* due to our national sins.

Fierce Beasts

Christ prophesied that Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies. These armies will be led by wild and ferocious men. *This crisis is building around Jerusalem today*. Iran and *almost all* Gentile nations are hostile toward Israel. They hate not just the Jewish state but also America and Britain.

When this prophecy is completely fulfilled, all three of those Israelite nations will be destroyed and enslaved, and replaced by two new superpowers, each with many strong allies: one led by Germany, the other by Russia and China. These Gentile powers will clash in the worst war ever on Earth.

Over 2,500 years ago, God gave the Prophet Daniel a prophecy revealing the world-ruling powers that would rise between his time and our time. It was the interpretation of a dream of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar, in which he saw a statue with four parts. The golden head represented Babylon; the silver chest and arms represented Medo-Persia; the bronze belly and thighs represented Greece and Macedonia; the iron legs and feet represented Rome. Other prophecies show that the prophesied Roman Empire would be resurrected 10 separate times. Another vision in Daniel 7 describes these same four kingdoms, represented as “four great BEASTS” (verse 3). These prophecies refer to the *kingdom* and the *king*

interchangeably because every leader of these Gentile kingdoms was led by an evil spiritual influence that made his mind like that of a fierce *beast!* History is filled with their wild conquests, pillaging, burning and destruction.

Britain and America will soon be replaced by empires and their rulers who act like wild, raging beasts! God calls these leaders *beasts* for a reason! Yet people don't believe God. Somehow, the leaders of Israel think our modern world has evolved beyond such evil nature. Britain infamously tried to reason with one of those beast-like leaders, Adolf Hitler. Yet even after the war and Holocaust that he helped perpetrate in World War II, we haven't even seen the worst of these beasts. The worst "times of the Gentiles" is yet ahead of us!

Britain lost its global power following that war. America is now rapidly surrendering its power. To fill the void, Gentile powers are rising. These peoples have utter contempt for the weak.

The pitiless, Communist regime of China is on the march. It is asserting power in the South China Sea and across the globe with its new "silk road." It is unilaterally pushing dubious territorial claims against Japan, the Philippines and other nations. It has swallowed up Hong Kong. It has threatened to invade Taiwan. It supports North Korea. This fearsome regime brutally dominates its own people and wants to subdue many more!

Russia is also rising. Authoritarian President Vladimir Putin is rapidly upgrading his military and pressuring Europe, working out deals and manipulating energy exports so Germany can dominate some parts of Europe while Russia can dominate others. He is allying closely with Xi Jinping's China. Look at Russia's history and you can see how terrifying a 21st-century Russia-China axis will be to its own people and to the world!

Germany is increasing its dominance of Europe, especially with Britain out of the European Union. Several European leaders are trampling on people's rights and growing more authoritarian. Meanwhile, the extremist leaders of Iran are racing to build nuclear bombs, and the world seems helpless to prevent them.

The future is going to be dominated by leaders who act like wild, raging *beasts!* God is warning you and all who will listen about the *times of the Gentiles*.

A Lamp in a Dark World

Revelation 1:1 introduces the book as a book of prophecy about events that will definitely come to pass. Verse 20 describes seven candlesticks, or lamps, symbols of the seven eras of God's Church. Chapters 2 and 3 prophesy of seven successive eras that would exist from Christ's first coming to His Second Coming. Jesus Christ is *right in the midst* of those churches (Revelation 1:13). He said He would build His Church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). That one true Church would always be there, shining as a lamp in this dark world. Christ gives that Church the spirit of understanding, the testimony of Jesus Christ, the spirit of prophecy!

God does give this world a LIGHT—if only they would see it and begin to change their lives! All these plagues and crises and imminent destruction would be quickly solved if we would let God guide us!

Do you recognize where Christ's true Church is and where that light is shining today?

In Ezekiel 33:7, God commissions a man to deliver His message of prophecy: "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." God says He will show His prophet exactly what is coming from the prophecies He has inspired in the Bible!

"And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them" (verse 33). Yes—all these prophecies WILL come to pass! Our sins will result in exactly what God prophesied they would. What a tragedy that most people will not learn this until they experience these terrible plagues and we come to the brink of human extinction! In verse 11, God *pleads* with humanity to turn from their wicked ways and turn to Him! God is calling on all of us to REPENT! This world simply does not understand or desire to repent.

But God says that He won't do anything without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets (Amos 3:7). When we learn those prophetic secrets, who can BUT prophesy? (verse 8). When God gives someone His prophetic secrets, who could sit there and not do anything?

Prophecy Again

Shamefully, there are some who refuse to prophesy as God commands. Amos foretells that even some true Christians, whom God charged with publicizing His prophetic message, now say, "Prophecy not" (Amos 2:11-12).

Herbert W. Armstrong preached a strong message of prophecy. But even those in the church he founded resisted prophecy and repudiated him altogether after he died. This treachery is prophesied in the book of Revelation, as is the fate of those who say, "Prophecy not."

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar [a symbol of the ministry], and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for *it is given unto the Gentiles*: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months" (Revelation 11:1-2).

"It is given unto the Gentiles" is another reference to the *times of the Gentiles*. In this end time, 95 percent of *God's own people* have rebelled. God has cast them into the outer court of His spiritual temple, where they will have to experience the wrath of these beast-like Gentile war machines! God chastens them because He loves them and is trying to motivate them to repent (Revelation 3:19).

This scripture also talks about the small portion of God's people in the *inner court* who are faithful in proclaiming God's message. God promises to take these people to a place of protection from all that terrible suffering shortly before the Second Coming (e.g. Revelation 12:14).

The commission of the Philadelphia

Church of God revolves around prophecy: "And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:11). We must *prophesy again*—as Mr. Armstrong did. God commands it!

God's own people who have rebelled against Him will have to experience all this misery and suffering. Half will finally repent, but half will lose their eternal lives! (e.g. Matthew 25:1-13; Jeremiah 24).

Christ said this terrifying period will be a time of "[m]en's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

However, notice the very next verse! "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (verse 27). The fantastic, hopeful news is that these times of the Gentiles lead directly to the return of Jesus Christ! He will finally put down the beast-like rulers so they are no longer able to tear apart mankind!

You have a choice to make. Will you escape the times of the Gentiles that Christ prophesied? Will you obey the voice of the Lord, which He speaks to you by His servants the prophets?

PROPHECY IS UNDENIABLE PROOF OF GOD! He wants us to understand it today! It shows that He is alive and that He rules in the kingdom of men. It warns us of the consequences of sin and rebellion against God. It motivates us to repent and turn to God. It gives us a timeline for knowing that the end of this age is near. It prods us to make urgent use of the few days we have left! And it provides true comfort and hope, because the same God who warns of correction and punishment also prophesies of where all these events are ultimately leading! The powerful God of prophecy promises to send His Son to establish His Kingdom on Earth and to install a perfect government that will bring peace, joy and prosperity to people all over the world. That is no fantasy! That is a SURE prophecy from the all-powerful, living God! ♦

WORLDWATCH

EUROPE

It's all change for European leadership. German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** officially left office Dec. 8, 2021, to be replaced by **Olaf Schultz**. The new governing coalition has unveiled a program radically more left-wing than voters were led to expect at the election. Austria's former chancellor, **Sebastian Kurz**, announced his retirement from politics on December 2. His successor and close ally, **Alexander Schallenberg**, announced his resignation the same day. In October, Czech Prime Minister **Andrej Babiš** lost an election against a conglomerate of smaller parties. In France, President **Emmanuel Macron** is on the ropes and could be out at the next election. Europe is facing a clear shortage of strong leaders. As *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "**Europe Is About to Be Hijacked***." This will intensify Europe's desire for a strongman.

Europe has grown even more authoritarian in recent weeks. **Austria** announced a nationwide vaccine mandate and a fine of \$4,000 every three months for those who do not have proof of vaccination. **Greece** is fining those over 60 years of age who reject the vaccine more than \$100 a month. **Germany** and **Italy** are excluding the unvaccinated from restaurants, cinemas and other public places, even if they provide a negative COVID test. Germany's new government has indicated that it could soon follow Austria's example and mandate that everybody take the vaccine. As the *Trumpet* noted in "**Coronavirus and the Holy Roman Empire**," Europeans are becoming accustomed to tyranny. Watch for Europe's leaders to become even more authoritarian in areas far beyond public health.

Europe's ongoing immigration crisis has worsened as thousands of Middle Eastern migrants have crossed and overwhelmed Polish and Lithuanian borders. **Belarus**, which is ultimately controlled by Russian authoritarian **Vladimir Putin**, is flying in migrants from Iraq and Syria and pushing them across the border in a deliberate attempt to further destabilize Europe.

Putin is also threatening Europe in the **Balkans**. Serbs in **Bosnia** are threatening secession. Russia's threats to support a growing "greater Serbia" is a major point of contention between Europe and its imposing eastern neighbor.

Putin is also creating an energy crisis. Gas prices in Europe have risen 650 percent in the last year. Russia has closed one gas pipeline and cut the flow of another in half. **Russian troops continue to support pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine**, and recently there has been a massive buildup of Russian troops on the border. "The growing necessity to protect themselves is going to drive European leaders to pare down the number of nations in their union and empower a strongman!" Mr. Flurry wrote in 2014 in "**The Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!**" ■

MIDDLE EAST

Exactly as described in Gerald Flurry's article "**This Isn't Incompetence. This Is Treason!**," the **Taliban** are consolidating power, and "**Afghanistan Is Returning to Barbarism**." In their first 90 days, Taliban leaders have seized girls even under age 15 as "wives" for their fighters, publicly executed women for failing to wear burkas, reinstated strict sharia law, ruined the economy and censored the media. Families are reportedly selling their young daughters. This is a distressing picture of what happens when a superpower dies.

In **Israel**, late November and early December brought a government-led panic over a new COVID-19 variant, with leaders closing borders to all foreigners less than 24 hours after it was announced.

Meanwhile, analysts said that once **Iran** chooses to unabashedly pursue nuclear enrichment, it could have enough for a bomb within a month. A large explosion occurred at its Natanz nuclear facility on Dec. 4, 2021, but Iran claimed that it was a rocket test and its facilities are undamaged. Meanwhile, the U.S. government under **Joe Biden** says a nuclear breakout is essentially irrelevant until Iran

makes more progress on its missiles and other delivery systems. **“Forget Omicron, Iran Is Three Weeks Away From Nuclear Breakout”** shows that this is part of **Barack Obama’s** ongoing, deliberate effort to empower Iran.

In response to threats, particularly from Iran, **Israel continues to increase its military cooperation with Germany.** In November 2021, the Defense Ministry announced the first successful live-fire test of its Trophy system fitted on the German Leopard 2 tank. But **“Former Nazi Companies Buy Israeli Military Technology”** is a reminder that the series of weapons deals now underway involves German companies that not only helped fuel Adolf Hitler’s Nazi war machine but also used concentration camp slave labor. Facing threats on all sides, Israel is prophesied to turn not to the God of Israel but rather to the perpetrator of the Holocaust. ■

ASIA

China is multiplying its nuclear missiles, and **Russia** is aiming even higher. A Nov. 3, 2021, analysis by the United States Department of Defense forecasts that **China’s Communist regime could quadruple its nuclear arsenal by 2030.** The report stated that China plans to “modernize, diversify and expand its nuclear forces” and to improve and increase its number of “land, sea and air-based nuclear delivery platforms.”

Struggling to describe the buildup, commander of U.S. nuclear forces Adm. Charles

Richard said that “breathtaking may not be enough.” U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley said, “We’re witnessing one of the largest shifts in geostrategic power that the world has ever experienced.”

Based on Ezekiel 38, Isaiah 23, Revelation 16:12 and 9:16, Gerald Flurry has written not only that **“China Is Steering the World Toward War”** but that it will combine its military, economic and diplomatic power with that of Russia.

Russian forces fired a direct-ascent missile into space on Nov. 15, 2021. It struck and disintegrated a 39-year-old Soviet Union spy satellite, blasting apart pieces in orbit that endanger other satellites and the International Space Station. The U.S. State Department called the weapons test “reckless,” but what was left unsaid is far more significant. **Russia (as China did in 2007 and India in 2019) has now demonstrated that it can destroy satellites in orbit.** America’s government, economy and military rely heavily on communications, navigation, surveillance and nuclear weapons satellites that are presumably just as vulnerable as the destroyed Kosmos-1408.

Bible prophecies about the modern nations of Israel, such as Isaiah 59:9-10 and Ezekiel 7:14, warn of a time when Americans and allied nations will “walk in darkness” and “grope for the wall like the blind,” and when the alarm of war is sounded, “none goeth to the battle.” America has been spiritually blind for some time, and will find itself largely physically

GERMAN-ISRAEL MILITARY COORDINATION

Dec. 2020 Israel receives first of four new Sa’ar 6 Corvettes made by Germany’s Thyssen-Krupp Marine Systems.

Feb. 2021 Germany signs an agreement to purchase the Israeli-made Trophy Active Protection System for its Leopard 2 tanks.

Aug. 2021 Israel Aerospace Industries signs a contract with German defense group Hensoldt to upgrade the German Navy’s radars.

Sept. 2021 It was revealed that the German Federal Intelligence Service has been using the Israel-made Pegasus software to spy on thousands of cell phones.

Nov. 2021 German arms company Rheinmetall signed an agreement to arm all of its armored personnel carriers with loitering munitions made by Israel-based UVision.

blinded when the prophesied “**Times of the Gentiles**” are upon us.

Russia is also wielding its diplomatic power. In October 2021, the leader of **Republika Srpska**, the predominantly Serbian region of Bosnia-Herzegovina, announced that the region is withdrawing from the Bosnian judiciary, tax administration and military. This announcement, backed by Russian President Vladimir Putin, violates the 1995 Dayton Accords that ended the Bosnian War and would equate to secession in all but name. Putin has already seized **Crimea** from Ukraine and is conducting an ongoing eight-year unofficial war in support of separatists in **eastern Ukraine**.

Russia already trains Republika Srpska’s security forces. As the *Trumpet* noted in “**Tensions in the Balkans, Again**” in 2011, **Bosnia-Herzegovina** and other parts of the former Yugoslavia are a major point of friction between Russia and Europe. The European Union lists **Serbia** and **Montenegro** as candidate countries for membership, and Bosnia-Herzegovina is listed as a potential candidate. Russia can empower Serbs to block European integration, and **Putin might be willing to start a war in the Balkans** to try stopping EU or NATO expansion there. But as we note in *Germany’s Conquest of the Balkans*, Bible prophecy says the Germans will resurrect the Holy Roman Empire, including an eastern leg that includes the Balkans. Read “**Why the Trumpet Watches Russia’s Return to Superpower Status.**” ■

ANGLO-AMERICA

Culture, crime, finance and the military in America are moving in the same direction, and fast. **The United States Navy has named a supply ship after Harvey Milk**, the first openly homosexual city commissioner in the U.S. He was murdered by a fellow Democratic city official in San Francisco in 1972. The killing was over a political appointment, yet Milk has been used as a symbol for the homosexual agenda ever since. Among other things, Milk was, as journalist Tom Elliot summarized, a predator of “drug-addicted underage boys, whom he would bring into his apartment to rape/sexually assault. Many attempted suicide, at least one

successfully.” Yet Barack Obama awarded him a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009. Isaiah 3:9 warns America and the modern descendants of ancient Israel: “[T]hey declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.”

New York City Hall removed a statue of Thomas Jefferson holding the Bill of Rights on Nov. 22, 2021, after 187 years, following a mayoral commission vote that it was “racist” and “offensive.” The culture war was also seen in **media censorship of the attack by career criminal, sex offender and Muslim black supremacist Darrell Brooks**. Brooks accelerated his vehicle into a parade on Nov. 21, 2021, murdering six people and injuring more than 60. He had been released on a \$1,000 bail by a district attorney who admitted years ago that its softer punishments on crime would inevitably lead to violence. Ezekiel 7:23 warns, “Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.”

News has emerged that **Hunter Biden, Joe Biden’s son, helped sell one of the richest cobalt mines in the world to China**. He helped found Bohai Harvest RST in 2013, which helped China Molybdenum secure a cobalt mine in Africa from an American company. The company also financed an Australian coal-mining company that is ultimately controlled by the Chinese Communist Party and helped a Chinese defense conglomerate buy a U.S. manufacturer of auto parts with military applications. As we wrote in “**Why Chinese Miners Are Smiling***,” China is racing to control a huge share of global manufacturing and valuable mineral production. The late Herbert W. Armstrong reminded Americans that their oil, coal and mineral reserves were blessings from God, but Americans no longer obey nor are grateful to God. So corrupt elites are selling these blessings for profit.

Canada is reporting statistics that reflect Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau’s** pledge to “feminize” the nation’s foreign policy, economy and culture. **Forty percent of marriages end in divorce** (2.7 million last year), and fathers receive exclusive custody only 7 percent of the time and joint-custody only 13 percent of the time, with mothers granted exclusive custody 79 percent of the time. ■

Britain and the U.S. Will Lead the World Again

It's going to get worse before it gets better, but these former superpowers have another day in the sun coming.

DARKNESS IS DESCENDING ON THE LONG, historically extraordinary Anglo-American age. Britain's Empire, commonwealth and throne are gone or deteriorating fast. The American superpower is suffering a cultural revolution and staring into the economic abyss.

History teaches that world orders don't last. They come and they go. This present one is giving way to something very different, and it truly will be the world's loss.

However, Britain and America's brightest days are *not* history. Glowing within their remarkable past is the promise of a far more luminous *future*.

The British and the Americans long believed they were duty-bound, even destined, to lead the world. "The glory of the British Empire was its service to a cause that transcended Britain, that transcended history, that transcended time itself," wrote Harry V. Jaffa in the Foreword to *Winston S. Churchill on Empire*. That cause was "to lift human life away from barbarism and savagery towards civilization and human excellence." Churchill passionately devoted himself to promoting that Empire and "the fostering of civilization." "Empire civilizes both the ruled and their rulers," he wrote.

The United States' founders sought to establish a lasting beacon of liberty and democracy to the nations. Lyman Beecher said the nation was "destined to lead the way in the moral and political emancipation of the world." Abraham Lincoln said America must ensure "that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the Earth."

Britain dominated the 1800s and early 1900s. America has dominated since then. Both were imperfect, but both produced far more

good than bad when compared to other great powers. Bible prophecy reveals that there is an awesome reason for this—one that points back to ancient history and yet illuminates an inspiring future. You can read about it in Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* (request a free copy). The reason is that these nations are the modern descendants of ancient Israel.

The Bible records that God gave Israel a great responsibility: to *represent Him* and to set an example for the world! Biblical history and prophecy show that, in spite of their failings and sins and the imminent disastrous consequences, God *still* intends for Israel's descendants to fulfill this glorious purpose.

"Here is the big overview. God created the tribes (later nations) of Israel for an incredible purpose," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes. "They were created to be 'a praise, and a glory' to God. THE NATIONS OF ISRAEL WERE TO CAUSE THE WHOLE WORLD TO PRAISE AND GLORIFY GOD!" (*Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*; request a free copy). The garments of Israel's priests were made "for glory and for beauty" (Exodus 28:2). The nation had a *priestly* calling (Exodus 19:5-6), which means a responsibility to serve other nations and point them to God. Jeremiah 13:11 describes Israel as a **PRIESTLY GARMENT** worn by **GOD HIMSELF!**

Yet God told Jeremiah not to wash this linen belt (verse 1), and to leave it in a cleft of rock on the riverbank until it was ruined and unusable. This vividly depicted Israel's *failure* to fulfill its beautiful calling. Verses 9-10 also apply to Israel's *modern* descendants, who are arrogant, evil, disobedient, self-willed, idolatrous and as *worthless* to God as a rotten girdle.

When John Winthrop spoke of America as

a “city on a hill” in 1630, he issued a warning based on prophecies such as this: “We must consider that we will be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us, so that if we deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword throughout the world.”

This is where Britain and America are now because of their sins. The sun is setting on Anglo-American dominance, and the world is plunging back into the blackness of barbarism and savagery.

However, the Bible that prophesied the great rise and terrible fall of the nations of Israel also prophesies that Britain and America’s brightest days are *yet to come*. Jeremiah 33 depicts the time *after* America and Britain

have endured terrible tribulation as punishment and correction for their sins. God promises to *restore* prosperity to them—and make them a positive example. They will become “a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth” (verse 9).

God will help these nations use that greatness to *become the positive example they have always struggled and failed to be*. Jesus Christ, King of kings, will be ruling the nations of Israel and the world and lifting *all* human life toward civilization and excellence. Britain and America *finally* will submit to Him, becoming the beautiful, godly ornaments they were always intended to be. It is and will be abundantly obvious that Israel’s greatness has nothing to do with the people of Israel and everything to do with the *God* of Israel! ■