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A photograph of Barack Obama from the chest up, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and a headset with a microphone. He has his hands behind his head and is looking slightly to the right with a neutral expression. In the bottom left corner, a laptop is open, showing the seal of the White House on its lid. The seal features an eagle with a shield, holding an olive branch and arrows, surrounded by the text "DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES" and "SEALED BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT".

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FROM THE EDITOR
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World Leaders Who No Longer Have a Human Mind

A new era in world history, called ‘the times of the Gentiles,’ has begun. It will be short and violent. But it should not catch you off guard.

JESUS CHRIST PROPHESED IN DETAIL THE EVENTS THAT would occur before He returns. The Gospel of Luke records His summary of these events that will unfold just before “the end.” We are living in this short span of time now!

Notice that Jesus prophesied the world would enter a terrifying period: “the times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24).

The Prophet Daniel prophesied about these same “times of the Gentiles.” God inspired Daniel to write a book of prophecy that is intended to be understood *only* in this end time (Daniel 12:4, 8-9). This is critical to understand. He revealed to Daniel which Gentile powers would rise to dominate the known world from his time to the time of Christ’s return. And He revealed something amazing about *the leaders of these empires*.

Daniel made intriguing and astonishing statements about these mighty leaders who would rise to rule the world. We need to think about these statements deeply. God tells us that these mighty military-political leaders have the minds of *wild beasts!* In other words, **THEY NO LONGER HAVE A HUMAN MIND.**

‘A Beast’s Heart’

King Nebuchadnezzar rose to become the greatest leader ever of the powerful Babylonian Empire. God communicated to him through Daniel (Daniel 1). Daniel 2 records how God gave this king a dream and revealed through Daniel that it represented the coming Gentile world empires. Daniel 3 records three other Jewish captives giving Nebuchadnezzar a great witness when they refused to worship his idol; he cast them into a furnace, but God saved them, unharmed.

In Daniel 4, Nebuchadnezzar states that he had another dream, this time of an enormous and fruitful tree. Then “a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven” who proclaimed that the tree would be cut down, a band of iron and brass affixed to the stump, and the stump left out in the open in the dew and among the grass and the beasts (verses 13-15).

“Let his heart be changed from man’s, and let a beast’s heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him” (verse 16).

This is a striking prophecy. As the rest of this chapter shows, Nebuchadnezzar’s spiritual advisers, who served other gods, were again unable to explain the dream. But God used Daniel to show that the tree represented Nebuchadnezzar himself and that his greatness would be cut down in such a way that he would not even live like a normal man but instead like a wild animal!

God allowed Satan the devil to change Nebuchadnezzar’s heart from that of a man to that of a beast! What a terrifying curse. To have the mind of a beast means to be *insane!*

Why did God allow this? “[T]o the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men” (verse 17). God made Nebuchadnezzar learn that lesson by punishing him in a way that nobody else had been before.

Nebuchadnezzar was ignorant and unyielding to God’s rule, His law and the way to peace. This has been true of most people throughout history—even most who think they are Christians. But what happened to Nebuchadnezzar went far beyond that: This great king was reduced to thinking like a wild, ravenous beast.

In the *Plain Truth* of September 1955, under the leadership of founder Herbert W. Armstrong, Dr. Herman Hoeh wrote, “Jesus understood that this prophetic vision of the great tree HAD REFERENCE TO THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES, as well as to Nebuchadnezzar’s literal punishment.” He then quoted Daniel 4:17 and concluded: “So the Bible itself interprets this prophecy to have reference not only to the king of Babylon in that day, but also to teach the living—*yes, all of the nations today*—that **GOD IS SUPREME RULER**” (emphasis mine throughout).

What does it mean that Nebuchadnezzar’s heart—his mind—was *changed* from that of a man to that of a beast?

Our Creator made human beings with a mind like His. With His help, we can learn to think like God! But that mind can be damaged and changed to the point that it is the *opposite* of God. We see this playing out frequently in the world around us. It is a danger we all need to beware.

Beastly Leaders

Dr. Hoeh made the important point that this king represented the entire kingdom of Babylon. Daniel 7:17 and 23, for example, use these two words interchangeably.

In Daniel 2, God characterized the Babylonian Empire that Nebuchadnezzar led as *gold*. He then prophesied that after his empire, another, “silver” empire would rise, then one like bronze, then one like iron mixed with clay (verses 31-33, 37-38). History shows that these subsequent empires were Persian, Greco-Macedonian and Roman.

In Daniel 7, these *same* four empires, in the same sequence, are depicted. But here they appear as “four great BEASTS” (verse 3).

Again, we can view the *leaders* of those kingdoms as *representatives* of and prophetically interchangeable with the kingdoms themselves. And THESE WORLD-RULING LEADERS HAD THE HEART OF A BEAST! Their minds and their passions were fixed on world conquest. It bothered them not at all to oppress and even kill *millions of people* in pursuit of that goal!

This is what Nebuchadnezzar’s experience warns us about. He was cursed to live life like an actual beast. Only God could correct that problem, and in this case, He did so. After that punishment, God allowed the king’s understanding and reason to return (Daniel 4:33-37). God gave him a man’s heart once again.

But what a lesson that history teaches us! “King Nebuchadnezzar because of his stubborn refusal to submit to the rule of God—the only way that would have brought him peace of mind and satisfaction—was punished seven years by having his mind changed to that of a wild animal—until he learned that God ruled. He was dethroned and lived among the wild beasts,” Dr. Hoeh wrote. “In like manner, the Chaldean Empire, of which he was a type, was defeated and its dominion was taken from it. But just as Nebuchadnezzar continued to live like a wild beast, so the Babylonian system has continued with leaders having the minds of wild beasts: The Persians, Greeks, Romans—Europeans even to the days of Hitler and Mussolini—have ALL been cursed with leaders who think and act like wild animals, *leaders who glory in war and conquest.*”

How sobering! The leaders of these great powers *no longer had the minds of human beings*. They had the hearts of wild, raving beasts! That is why these empires are called *beasts*: They were ruled by men who took on the mind of a *beast*!

There is a crucial spiritual dimension to such a transformation. These men who became so brutal simply gave themselves over to an *evil spirit*. Such beastly thinking is inspired by Satan the devil!

There are several biblical examples of Satan influencing or even *possessing* human leaders. One powerful instance, found in Ezekiel 28, begins by talking about the “prince of Tyrus,” a human leader. This man had satanic arrogance! God tells him, “[T]hine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God” (verse 2). Clearly

you see Satan-inspired thinking. Then in verse 12, God transitions to addressing “the KING of Tyrus”—and this is obviously speaking of *Satan himself*, formerly the archangel Lucifer! This shows that this evil being had actually come to POSSESS that king!

Most or all of the leaders of these world-ruling beastly powers were, at times, possessed by the devil! They *did not* have a human mind, or heart.

The God of This World

As terrifying as this truth is, you must realize that Satan does not restrict his efforts to a few powerful leaders. In fact, even among the masses of humanity, Satan is widely *worshiped*! 2 Corinthians 4:4 reveals Satan as “the god of this world.” HE RULES THIS WORLD! Revelation 12:9 says he has *deceived* the WHOLE WORLD! Most people do not *realize* they are worshiping the devil. In fact, 2 Corinthians 11:14 shows that “Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

It is deeply alarming how susceptible the human mind is to such influence. Your *mind* is the most precious thing you have! You need to understand that, because it can be so *easily* damaged. Young people’s minds are often wrecked while they are still young. What a terrible tragedy. YOU MUST GUARD YOUR MIND.

What happens when Satan gets control of a political ruler who has power over many people? It is a satanic CURSE, and people have no idea where such leadership will take them.

Other world leaders will try to work with them and use diplomacy and talk peace and so forth, like Neville Chamberlain did

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with Adolf Hitler. Chamberlain kept giving in to Hitler, gaining nothing and giving away everything—up to and including a major chunk of Czechoslovakia. He did it so that the world could have peace, he thought. And after conceding so much to that man, he returned to England, waved the signed agreement in the air, and called it “Peace for our time.” Six months later, Hitler invaded all of Czechoslovakia. Less than six months after that, he invaded Poland and started World War II. He plunged the world into the worst conflict in human history, killing 60 million people and demoniacally mass-murdering 6 million Jews. THAT IS THE MIND OF A BEAST!

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“Not one of the beasts, which followed the Chaldean Empire as described in Daniel 7, [had] a MAN’S heart,” Dr. Hoeh wrote. “They ALL were like ferocious, wild ANIMALS—conquering, pillaging, destroying one another by intrigue, alliances and war.”

King Nebuchadnezzar exalted his empire and himself, and God made him eat grass like a beast. God was showing *everybody* then and He is showing the *world* now that He will



essentially do this to every world leader who has behaved like a beast. He is going to *humble them* like He did Nebuchadnezzar! He showed the world that **THE MOST HIGH RULES IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN!** Yes, God has allowed men, deceived by Satan, to build their own nations and their own world and exert their own will, but that does not change the fact that He is the ultimate Ruler of all the universe. And the time is coming soon when He will *replace* the kingdoms of this world with the Kingdom of God on Earth!

As Jesus Christ proclaimed in His true gospel message, He is about to return for the purpose of *ending* man's rule over man. Human beings do not know how to rule! Men never had the authority or even the capacity to rule over and control other men. The very first human beings rejected God, and He has allowed it. Ever since, we have taken for granted that men will form governments and rule over other men. Only God has that authority and that ability, and He is allowing us to prove our ineptitude the hard way. The beastly rule of Gentile empires is about to prove this reality in a terribly bloody and horrific way.

The entire reason Jesus Christ will return—must return—is to *end* the governments of man and *reestablish* the government of God over the whole Earth! That is what the stone smashing the Gentile empires in the vision of Daniel 2 represents.

Look at the nations today. You see great powers that have no misgivings about subverting, pillaging or destroying another nation when it suits them, simply because they want land or wealth. How many dangerous nations do you see like that in the world around you today?

And which nations are they? They are *Gentile* nations. That means they did not descend from ancient Israel. The modern nations that originated from the 12 tribes of biblical Israel include the United States, Britain, the Jewish state of Israel and most of the English-speaking nations. These nations have been blessed mightily by God—not because they are better or because they are His favorites, but because He wants to use them to bring all mankind away from Satan's influence and into a relationship with Him. (Prove this truth by reading *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong. We will gladly send you a free copy upon request.) Because of these nations' history with God, in general they have lived in closer accord with God's law and truth and have historically been far less bloody and brutal than other nations.

Look again at the prophecy of Daniel 2. The fourth empire, made of iron, is the Roman Empire. Once those Gentile nations are taken over by an evil spirit, they become **STRONG LIKE IRON**. You definitely saw that in the mighty Roman Empire! But note: In this end time, the final resurrection of that iron empire will combine with nations that are like "miry clay," which will weaken it considerably. The miry clay symbolizes Israelite nations, which have grown quite weak. Prophecy shows that some Israelite peoples will throw in their lot with an end-time European empire, but, just as iron does not bond with clay, that combination will not last long at all.

Study the rest of Daniel's prophecy and you see that God will punish all of these men as He did Nebuchadnezzar. He is going to cause them to **KNOW HIM**. The inspiring prophecy of Micah 4:1-3 shows how God will give them a chance to repent, overcome their evil, and contribute to a peaceful world.

'The Days of Vengeance'

Jesus Christ's prophecies and other prophetic scriptures show that the Israelite nations are going to fall, and then the world will suffer "the times of the Gentiles." One great Gentile power is rising in the Middle East, led by Iran, but it is going to be destroyed by the greater Gentile power in Europe. Then Europe will war against the other great Gentile power, Asia, led by Russia. (Request *The King of the South, Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* and *Russia and China in Prophecy* for proof.)

These two enormous powers—Europe and Asia—are going to clash spectacularly! With corpses already littering a war-scorched Earth, they will be bracing for a battle that will lead to the destruction of *all human flesh* and even all animal flesh! This can only be stopped by Jesus Christ Himself!

"For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled" (Luke 21:22). Here is a monumental, staggering statement: **ALL** this prophecy, 90 percent of which is for our day, **WILL BE FULFILLED. IT IS ALREADY COMING TO PASS BEFORE YOUR EYES!** You can see *exactly* what Jesus Christ prophesied.

What does all this mean to you and to me?

"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). *Jerusalem* was the capital of ancient Israel. It is used here as a prophetic term for Israel's modern descendants—principally the U.S., UK and the Jewish state. This means that these nations are going to be brought to **RUIN!**

God is warning us! Even in 1955, Dr. Hoeh was talking about this, and you could see even then how this prophecy could happen; some of it was already coming to pass. Today, however, it is far more advanced and far plainer to recognize.

Doesn't the fact that Jesus Christ Himself prophesied this give us reason to prove it to ourselves? You certainly can prove it, and you should!

The Kingdom Is Near

Christ wants us to learn something important. He says this about these times of the Gentiles: "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, *when ye see these things come to pass*, **KNOW YE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NIGH AT HAND**" (Luke 21:29-31).

That is a powerful scripture!

Notice: You will be able to **SEE** these events occurring. And when you do, you can *know* that **GOD'S KINGDOM IS ALMOST HERE!** Jesus Christ is about to return!

These beastly leaders and beastly empires clashing and crushing millions and billions of people is a horrific end to mankind's rebellion against God. But it is also a great sign that Jesus Christ will return soon! *He must*, or all human flesh would be destroyed by our weapons of mass destruction and our evil human nature.

Christ said that when you see these events unfold, you can know the Second Coming is near, "even at the doors"! (Matthew 24:33). It is extremely close, and we can **SEE THAT!** We can also see how to listen to God and be saved from these terrible destructions. God is sending His message as a *witness* against those who reject it, and also so some people will *see* and *repent*.



BARACK OBAMA'S THIRD TERM —AND FOURTH

The nation-destroying problems afflicting America are not the mistakes of a senile president. They are the successes of a malevolent shadow president.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

THE MAN WHO RULES THE UNITED STATES OF America right now is Barack Obama. Some people are waking up to that fact and saying it out loud—finally. The *Trumpet* has been warning about this man and his motivations for more than a decade. But even now, he is underestimated and more dangerous than people realize.

“I personally think Obama runs the administration, not Joe Biden.” Obama is “running things from behind the scenes.” Joe Biden is Obama’s “presidential avatar.” Obama “doesn’t even have to pick up the phone because all of his people are already inside the White House.” “Joe Biden is not running that part of his administration. Obama is.” Obama is “running the White House and Biden is the puppet.” Department of Justice officials aren’t “protecting Biden, they’re protecting Obama.” Americans are “living through Barack Obama’s third term.”

These are recent statements by Newt Gingrich, Maria Bartiromo, Lee Smith, David Garrow, David Samuels, Carole Lieberman, Ben Domenech and from *The Dan Bongino Show*.

Biden is the congressionally certified president of the United States. His portrait is in the history books. He is the guest of honor at the events he attends, despite joking that he plays second-fiddle to his wife, to Kamala Harris or to someone else. He is technically running for reelection, despite the fact that his campaign is essentially nonexistent.

It is impossible to miss this man's mental decline. He has spent 40 percent of his presidency on vacation. He often appears tired or confused. Yet things are getting done at the White House. Unpopular, self-destructive, immoral policies are getting ramrodded past constitutional separations of powers and checks and balances, not to mention tens of millions of concerned citizens who are finding themselves increasingly indebted and oppressed by someone with real power.

The man wielding this power is not the man in the White House whose mental, physical, political and criminal vulnerabilities are now on full display. It's the man who is taking advantage of these vulnerabilities from behind the scenes.

"I used to say, if I could make an arrangement where I had a stand-in, a front man or a front woman, and they had an earpiece in, and I was just in my basement in my sweats looking through the stuff, and I could sort of deliver the lines but somebody else was doing all the talking and ceremony, I would be fine with that because I found the work fascinating." That is what Obama told comedian Stephen Colbert in November 2020. People laughed it off at the time, but the *Trumpet* warned that this is exactly what he would do! Now some conservatives are pointing to this same quote and saying it has gone from fiction to fact.

Barack Obama, even after becoming presidentially unemployed, immediately went on to use government agencies to spy on and frame his successor, the sitting president of the United States! He remained in Washington, D.C., sabotaged the Trump presidency, appears to have helped initiate a global health crisis, almost certainly helped push through the resulting election changes,

falsified the 2020 election, and sabotaged attempts to investigate and bring to light what happened during that election—including the Jan. 6, 2021, protest and the Americans who are still in jail as political prisoners because of it.

Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, former national security advisor to Donald Trump, recently told me on the *Trumpet Daily*: "5 January of 2017, [is] the official start date of the coup led by Barack Obama against the United States of America to undermine a duly-elected sitting president of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump. And here we are, August 2023, and we are still in the throes of that coup."

America is still controlled by the instigator of that coup. And now, despite the fact that journalists have been unwilling to cover Barack Obama's doings since he left the presidency, people are waking up to what the *Trumpet* has said all along.

Battle Preparations

As Samuels noted in his August 2 *Tablet* article, "The Obama Factor," journalists have had a "remarkable lack of curiosity" about Barack Obama. This has helped him in his intention to stay out of the headlines, particularly over the last two years since the coronavirus panic, irregular presidential election and the installation of Joe Biden as president. But in more recent months, there have been signs that he is preparing to reassert himself.

After returning to the White House and conspicuously upstaging Biden in April 2022, Obama stepped directly into the spotlight ahead of the November midterm elections to keep Republicans from gaining seats in Congress, campaigning for Democrats in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, the same six states marred by egregious vote theft during the 2020 U.S. presidential election. (In the 2022 midterm election, Arizona again experienced voting irregularities in majority Republican districts.)

Some commentators said Obama saved the Democrats by appealing to moderate, undecided voters and avoiding the extremism of many other Democrats. *But this is not who Obama really is.* He is far more extreme and far more destructive!

After achieving success in the midterms, Obama reportedly began hosting

"a handful of informal but lengthy private meetings with groups of next-generation House Democrats this spring," Politico reported (June 22). Journalists continue to provide few substantive details, but it is certain that the man living in the \$8 million Kalorama mansion has more power over the party and the government than the man who lives a couple miles away in the White House.

Obama's goal is to retain the presidency next year—through Biden or some other means—and to gain as many congressional seats as possible. The *Washington Post* reported that Obama met with Biden at the White House on June 27 for a private discussion about the 2024 election in which he emphasized "his worry that Trump could be a more formidable candidate than many Democrats realize" (August 2).

Obama has fought President Trump before and is fighting him again with lawfare and other attacks. If he has to, he will steal the 2024 election, like he stole 2020's. As Lee Smith wrote on August 7, this June 27 meeting was "Obama's way of signaling that he means to finish what he started a day before Congress counted the electoral college vote confirming Trump's 2016 victory."

Whether through Biden, Kamala Harris, Michelle Obama or some other means, Barack Obama is working on his *fourth term* as the real power behind his party.

Treasonous Coup

To fathom what Obama is currently orchestrating, you must understand what he has done in the recent past.

On Jan. 5, 2017, just two weeks before Donald Trump's inauguration, President Obama met in the Oval Office with his top intelligence officials: Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, Vice President Joe Biden, National Security Agency Director Michael Rogers, National Security Advisor Susan Rice and Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates. What did they discuss? As my father writes in *America Under Attack*, "These highest officials, led by Obama, were strategizing about how to continue an illegal investigation on the next sitting president, who would be their own boss! This is treason!"

The *next day*, the CIA released an intelligence assessment claiming that Russian President Vladimir Putin helped Trump win the election. This launched the Robert Mueller investigation and all subsequent legal action against Donald Trump and was the means of blocking him from fulfilling his mandate from more than 60 million Americans.

That was only the start of Obama's treasonous activity. That meeting set off a tangle of political and legal conflicts that dogged Trump throughout his presidency. And then, Obama committed further treasonous acts to ensure that Trump wouldn't get a second term, forcing Trump out of office.

Using a network of political operatives and the excuse of the coronavirus scare, Obama and his people dramatically increased absentee ballots and dramatically decreased ballot verification, enabling him to steal the election from Donald Trump in six battleground states. People saw what was happening: a truckload of ballots crossing state lines in the night, voting machines open to manipulation both locally and through the Internet, people turning away poll watchers and secretly continuing to count, blaming water pipe leaks and other excuses to stall the counting process.

Dr. Peter Navarro, an adviser to President Trump, authored a three-part report detailing evidence of this theft and planned with former Trump adviser Steve Bannon to stop Joe Biden from fraudulently seizing office. Congress still had to certify the election as legitimate and legally binding, and about 100 members out of 535 were ready to present evidence of fraud and request investigations. With the evidence in full view of the American people and their representatives, Congress and particularly Vice President Mike Pence could decline to certify the problematic election. It was a lawful, constitutional and nonviolent strategy.

Former Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund recently confirmed that the FBI kept Capitol Police officers in the dark about known agitators who infiltrated the protest of the certification of the election on Jan. 6, 2021, at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. They also blocked National Guard support for hours. He is convinced that intelligence

officials were aware of a plan to cause violence and intentionally hid information that police officers needed.

Senators and representatives began to debate the irregularities and evidence inside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Then violence erupted outside. Protesters easily entered the building. All members of Congress were evacuated, and they began to lose their nerve. The session reconvened at 8 p.m., and 127 members objected to certifying Arizona's presidential vote along with 145 regarding Pennsylvania's. But they were outvoted, the objections collapsed, and at 3:44 a.m., Pence, who had cowardly declined to intervene to stop the certi-

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fication, announced that Biden had won the presidency.

Then radical leftists rapidly impeached and indicted Trump for the violence. It was a naked attempt to convict him and block him from ever returning to the presidency. Yet he was exonerated. The violence was not Trump's fault: It was *Obama's plan*. Trump needed peaceful debate of the evidence and the facts. Obama needed a riot.

Controlling Media

President Trump tried to use his platform on Twitter to warn the American people what was really happening at the "Stop the Steal" rally that day. Yet Barack Obama was in control not only of the intelligence agencies and the key parts of the protest but also America's top technology companies.

It was Michelle Obama who on Jan. 7, 2021, demanded that Twitter ban the president *permanently*. Twitter obeyed within 24 hours. It blocked the account, including all prior posts, of President

Donald Trump, cutting him off from his 88 million followers. (Biden, who supposedly received 81 million votes, had only 20 million followers.)

Tech entrepreneur Elon Musk, who has never been a Trump supporter, called Twitter's decision to ban a sitting president "insane." He was so angry about this and other attacks on free speech that he spent \$44 billion last October to purchase Twitter and open up its underlying computer code so users could prove for themselves how Twitter executives were determining what they see and how they were limiting the reach of conservative content.

By publicizing internal Twitter documents, Musk and a team of independent journalists proved that Twitter and other Silicon Valley companies were basically subsidiaries of the FBI and other federal agencies. But Musk stopped shy of revealing who *started* that arrangement. The facts, though, are that Twitter started in 2006 and became popular in 2007. Barack Obama took office in 2008, and by the end of his presidency in 2016, the social media platform had become a weapon. Here is how Lee Smith summarized it: "A whole-of-society industry designed to shape elections and censor, propagandize and spy on Americans was never simply a weapon to harm Donald Trump. It was designed to replace the republic" (*Tablet*, January 5).

Sometime between Obama taking office in 2009 and the start of the Arab Spring in 2011, Obama had gained control of U.S. intelligence agencies and was doing so with the tech corporations. He was able to use the CIA and the FBI to falsely frame Trump for stealing the 2016 election, while he himself prepared to steal the 2020 election. Once he accomplished this, he used his control over Silicon Valley to kick Trump off Twitter, Facebook and other platforms.

Obama Alumni

It was Biden who moved into the White House, but the "Biden administration" quickly proved to be more Obamaish than the Obama administration.

After Biden's inauguration on Jan. 20, 2021, former Obama officials began to fill key posts under him. *Spectator USA* editor Freddy Gray wrote that while Obama's campaign chiefs used to gripe

about the Clinton acolytes in the Obama administration, now “it’s the Biden campaign people grumbling as Team Obama swoops back in” (Nov. 28, 2020).

Many, including Acting Director of National Intelligence Richard Grenell, warned that Susan Rice (integral to Obama’s January 5 conspiracy) would be a sort of shadow president Obama used to manage Biden. This evaluation turned out to be even more correct than he feared. As director of the Domestic Policy Council from 2021 until 2023, Rice led a team of a dozen staffers from the West Wing of the White House. *Politico* reported that the “scope of her fiefdom” was remarkable. She controlled a

“sprawling portfolio” stretching from policing and racial justice to student loan debt, immigration and health care. Rice exercised far more influence over U.S. domestic policy than Biden; thus, the fact she resigned from this post on May 26 may indicate Obama is already making preparations for a new puppet.

Yet Rice was not Biden’s only handler. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco and others all served key roles in Obama’s team.

The same people who brought you the Arab Spring and the Iran nuclear deal returned to bring you the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal, and they are working on an unofficial new nuclear deal with Iran and renewed opposition to the State of Israel (article, page 9). Obama’s team has simply gotten bolder in its attack against America now that they can use Joe Biden as their fall guy when they need to dodge responsibility.

Radical Lawfare

Obama is also behind the lawfare designed to bar Trump from office. He may be involved in Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s attempt to charge Trump with 34 felonies based on a book-keeping irregularity normally treated as a misdemeanor. Yet Obama is *certainly* behind special prosecutor Jack Smith’s attempts to charge Trump with 40 felonies related to mishandling classified documents and four felonies related to the January 6 protests. And he is *likely* behind Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis’s attempts to charge Trump and 18 others with 13 felonies related to efforts to expose election theft in Georgia.

Smith in particular is a staunch Obama supporter whose wife, Katy Chevigny, has made large donations to both the Obama and Biden campaigns.



My interview with Gen. Michael Flynn, former national security advisor to former and future President Donald Trump **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

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LT. GEN. MICHAEL FLYNN (RET.) APPEARED ON THE *TRUMPET DAILY* ON AUGUST 21, giving a two-part interview during his two-day visit to the campus of the *Philadelphia Trumpet* and its publisher, the Philadelphia Church of God. The general made the most of his visit to what he called “this beautiful, beautiful location,” starting with attending our Irish dance production *Celtic Throne* and telling the young dancers afterward, “You are inspiring this nation and that’s something that we need right now.” He visited Imperial Academy elementary classrooms; gave a special lecture and question-and-answer to our middle-school, high-school and Herbert W. Armstrong College students; dined with staff members and their families; and delivered a *Trumpet* “America in Crisis” lecture at Armstrong Auditorium.

General Flynn is a 33-year United States Army intelligence officer who served as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and sounded the alarm on then President Barack Obama’s Middle East policy before being forced into retirement. President Donald Trump appointed him national security advisor, and Obama operatives quickly forced him out of that position (though he was later exonerated by the Department of Justice). This is the subject of Chapter 6 of my father’s book *America Under Attack*.

The interview started with a positive focus on young people, the examples being set by Imperial and Armstrong students, and learning how to live right.

FLYNN I met with kindergartners, first graders, second graders, third graders. ... When I look at the faces of these children—that’s why I do what I do. I always tell people I have four grandchildren, so I have four reasons to fight for our country. ... So it’s just a real honor for me to be here. Seeing those children last night, it’s one big family, this *Celtic Throne*. ... You’re watching these amazing, talented young people. It’s like they’re floating across the stage. ... The strength, the ability—there’s an artistic performance, the way that they were synchronized on that stage. But it’s not only the strength of being an athlete, it’s the strength of being one of good character.

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She was a producer for *Becoming*, an intimate documentary about the life, hopes and personal aspirations of Michelle Obama. Smith is clearly a biased prosecutor more interested in helping Obama's radical political ally, Merrick Garland, keep Trump off the ballot in the 2024 election than in carrying out justice.

The first Trump indictment was designed to highlight the fact that Trump had paid hush money to an adult film actress—and obscure what the nation was finding out about Hunter Biden's involvement in East European human-trafficking rings. The second Trump indictment focused on Trump having taken some mementos home with him—just as the nation was learning about Joe Biden's classified document trove at the Penn Biden Center. The third and fourth Trump indictments are designed to cover up the stolen election.

This makes Smith's third and fourth indictments the most important. The third indictment charges Trump with knowingly spreading false information about the election in a malicious attempt to stir up a violent insurrection against the U.S. government. The fourth indictment charges Trump and 18 accomplices with urging Georgia state officials to send fake electors to Washington, D.C. The charges are false, but particularly significant due to the fact that the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution bars anyone guilty of insurrection against the U.S. government from holding public office. Obama's goal is to stop the American people from voting for Trump by making it *illegal* for him to even run for office.

George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley called this attempt to keep Trump off the ballot using the 14th Amendment the "single-most dangerous constitutional theory" he had heard in decades. If opposition candidates can be barred from office for questioning the legitimacy of an election, then America is no longer a constitutional republic. It is a despotic technocracy run by Obama allies in technology, media, finance and politics.

Victor Davis Hansen made this case shortly after Biden's FBI raided Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on Aug. 8, 2022. "I don't think we're a republic anymore," he said. "I would say we're in a transition

to a radical democracy, and by that, I mean that what anybody wants to do on any given day, if they have power or the votes, they do it. ... If you want to have a warrant for a particular FBI operation, you can find a judge and you do it."

This is a shocking description of Obama's America, yet it is accurate. The FBI has targeted Trump on many occasions. On Aug. 9, 2018, the FBI raided the office of Michael Cohen, Trump's attorney. On May 4, 2021, the FBI raided the apartment of Rudy Giuliani, another Trump attorney. On Sept. 9, 2022, the FBI raided the homes of 35 senior Trump supporters, including former Trump strategist Steve Bannon. And on Sept. 14, 2022, the FBI seized the phone of Mike Lindell, a Trump supporter trying to expose election fraud.

A regime using armed agents to raid political opponents is a Third World-style dictatorship. Yet this is how the Obama administration works. You obey the shadow president or you suffer the consequences.

Bitter Affliction

We must see the spiritual dimension here. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The Bible is full of such passages.

The fruits strongly suggest that young Barack Obama came under evil influences early in life and that a malevolent spirit is now empowering him to destabilize America. Satan is real, and my father shows in *America Under Attack* how Satan is empowering Obama to fundamentally transform America by casting down moral and legal truths to the ground (Daniel 8:12). This disaster is highlighted in Amos 7:1-2, which describe end-time Israel (America and Britain primarily) as "small" or "weak" due to this satanic attack. Yet God also promises to deliver America from this calamity.

"Our people were given birthright blessings because of the great Abraham,

the father of the faithful, who obeyed and was willing to sacrifice even his own son for God!" my father writes. "Sadly, THEY HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON GOD AND ARE FOLLOWING THE DEVIL. The disaster spoken of in Amos 7:1-2 is the first presidential term of Barack Obama. Verse 4 describes his second presidential term. And *now* you can add to that his third term in which he is the puppet master of the Biden regime. This terribly upsets God! Obama has too much power, and God is going to have to do something. He has already started to act."

The Obama-Biden administration stole the 2020 election using fraudulent mail-in ballots, but the Bible prophesies Trump's return to power. My father explains that Trump is a modern type of King Jeroboam II, who saved Israel from Syria.

"For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?" (2 Kings 14:26-28).

Six years ago, God used Trump to save America from the radical Obama administration seeking to transform it into a socialist dictatorship. But Obama came roaring back. So Trump will have to fight and war to recover the office stolen from him in the 2020 election. The "Green Bay Sweep" that Trump's team tried to implement on Jan. 6, 2021, was the opening salvo in this fight, but it was put down by Obama's forces. Trump's team will have to redouble its efforts to expose egregious election theft.

Keep watching the statements Trump releases, the rallies he holds, and the attacks that leftists continue to mount against him. We still believe Trump is coming back! ■

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Is an Israel-Saudi Arabia Deal on the Horizon?

America is pushing for it. But would it actually help the Jews?

BY MIHAILO S. ZEKIC

SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1948, THE nation of Israel has been in a near constant state of war with its Arab neighbors. But soon, Israel and the unofficial leader of the moderate Arab world may soon accomplish what not that long ago was unthinkable: Israel and Saudi Arabia may soon establish diplomatic relations. Even more surprising is the United States' role in this new development.

On March 9, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Israel and Saudi Arabia were in negotiations under American mediation. Israel and the U.S. have since confirmed that talks are ongoing. An August 9 *Wall Street Journal* article stated the U.S. and the Saudis agreed to a framework for normalization. The U.S. hopes the details can be agreed upon within a year. But what exactly is being negotiated?

Additional 'Abraham Accords'?

In 2020, Israel negotiated treaties with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco. Flights from Tel Aviv to most of these countries are now

allowed. Israel has exchanged ambassadors with the U.A.E. and Bahrain, and an exchange with Morocco is in the works. Israel wants the Saudis to join these Abraham Accords.

In exchange for normalizing relations with Israel, the Saudis want American defense assistance, including U.S. help in constructing a civilian nuclear program, U.S. defense commitments if Saudi Arabia is attacked by Iran, and access to weapons like missile defense systems. The negotiations are as much for a U.S.-Saudi deal as they are for an Israel-Saudi deal.

In many ways, Israel-Saudi relations are already thriving. Israel and Saudi Arabia have participated in joint military exercises since 2022. Israel is working on a trade project to connect Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the U.A.E. with a highway. A representative from Israel's Foreign Ministry told *Al-Monitor* that this thoroughfare would operate even if the countries don't officialize relations. And the normalization deals with the U.A.E. and Bahrain would never have happened without Saudi consent. Saudi Crown Prince (and de facto leader) Mohammed Bin Salman is even allowing Israeli flights through Saudi air space to the two smaller countries.

The Palestinian Question

Crown Prince Mohammed has said Saudi Arabia would not recognize Israel without a deal with the Palestinians. But according to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the Palestinian issue is not a major concern to the Saudis. "It's sort of a checkbox," he told Bloomberg. "You have to check it to say you're doing it. Is that what's being said in the corridors? Is that what's being said in discreet negotiations? The answer is a lot less than you think" (August 6).

Saudi Arabia recently appointed its first-ever ambassador to Palestine and non-resident consul general to Jerusalem. But the Saudis can't expect Israel to let a Palestinian state control Jerusalem in exchange for a Saudi Embassy building in Tel Aviv. Many see Saudi Arabia as the unofficial leader of the "moderate Arab bloc." Any deal with Israel without some sort of concession to the Palestinians would destroy this reputation. When Egyptian President Anwar Sadat did that in 1978, he became a pariah in the Muslim world and was eventually assassinated. The Jerusalem consulate could be a face-saving measure, signaling that a deal between Israel and the Saudis is close.

At this juncture, in contrast to Iran and other Islamic states, the Saudis seem less concerned than one may think regarding using the Palestinians as a weapon against Israel. Israel has far more to offer the Saudis than the Palestinians do.

But according to the August 9 *Wall*



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Street Journal article, citing “U.S. officials,” the Saudis demand concessions to the Palestinians as a prerequisite. This is as Netanyahu claims the Palestinian question is more of a “checkbox” for both sides to tick.

Who is the checkbox for? The answer may be Washington.

The defense relationship Crown Prince Mohammed is asking for necessitates the involvement of the U.S. Congress. No deal can happen without at least two thirds of senators green-lighting it. And the Democratic Party currently controls the Senate.

According to “one top congressional aid” quoted by *Haaretz*, Prince Mohammed “may not care about the Palestinians and a two-state solution, but Congress certainly does.” Democratic Sen. Chris Van Hollen told *Haaretz*, “We continue to hear from the government of Israel that Mohammed bin Salman doesn’t [care] about Palestinian interests, but many of us believe that the long-term sustainable peace can only be secured by addressing the critical Palestinian questions” (August 8).

Iran’s Role

Meanwhile, those currently in power in Washington are doing everything they can to empower Iran, to the point of creating an unofficial nuclear deal that almost guarantees Iran will get the bomb. Iran is a radical pariah state fighting to become “king” of the Middle East and Islamic terrorism. The region isn’t big enough for both Iranian and Saudi power. And Iran will never compromise its goal of destroying what it calls the “little Satan,” the State of Israel.

This is why Israel and Saudi Arabia are suddenly aligning their interests, and why the Saudis are getting desperate for a nuclear program of their own.

The only reason that Crown Prince Mohammed is interested in a nuclear energy program is to be prepared to create a nuclear *weapons* program in case Iran reaches nuclear breakout. He also requested the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile defense system, which had been deployed in Saudi Arabia until Joe Biden pulled it out. Israel has always been terrified of Iranian intentions. The Saudis’ demands show that they too fear Iran.

Some developments suggest Saudi Arabia is warming up to Iran. They have agreed to reopen diplomatic relations and have even discussed improving defense ties. But the talks with Israel and requests for an alliance with the U.S. show that Saudi Arabia doesn’t consider Iran a friend. Saudi outreaches to Iran should be interpreted in the context of one scared state trying to placate an ascendant enemy.

This brings us back to the Palestinians. Iran and the Palestinians are not two separate issues: *They are linked*. The rule of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is crumbling. Last month, Netanyahu’s government voted to stop the PA from falling apart. As Abbas loses his grip on power, Iran is filling the vacuum. Iranian proxy Hamas controls the Gaza Strip. Iran is also gaining control of the West Bank. In April, Iranian Gen. Hossein Salami claimed Iran’s “invisible hands” are the lifeline giving West Bank terrorists access to modern weaponry.

The Abraham Accords were meant to help Israel’s security. The Israel-Saudi deal in the works does the opposite. The Biden administration is hoping a Saudi embassy in Tel Aviv is enough to convince Netanyahu to loosen his grip on the West Bank. If this goes through, THE WEST BANK WILL BECOME AN IRANIAN DAGGER POINTED AT ISRAEL’S HEART. This would bring about Israel’s destruction *faster* than nuclear weapons would.

Why Is America Pushing This?

The U.S. government is going out of its way to push for this kind of diplomacy. People struggle to understand. But this is not incompetence. This is an agenda.

As Herbert W. Armstrong proved in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the American people are in part descendants of the ancient Israelites. This means that the United States a brother nation to the Jewish state of Israel. But spiritual forces are dividing these two brothers.

A prophecy in 2 Kings 14:26-27 reads: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.”

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet *The King of the South*, “The Bible shows that anciently, God raised up the kingdom of Israel to represent Him. Satan attacked that nation in every way he could. History shows that at one point, an enemy almost completely *destroyed* it—but God raised up a flawed human king to temporarily save the nation. ... It is important to understand the prophetic principle of duality. *History is repeating itself today*. Just what is the *prophetic* name of *Israel*? In our day, the emphasis is on three nations of Israel: America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East.”

Since its Islamic Revolution in 1979, Iran has been an enemy of America and Israel. It is no surprise that Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei would want to “blot out the name of Israel from under heaven.” But what about America?

Mr. Flurry continues: “Why in the world would an American president align with these murderers? And why implement a deal that virtually guarantees Iran becomes a nuclear power?”

“This prophetic passage in 2 Kings 14 explains. President [Barack] Obama [even today, through the surrogate Biden presidency] *shares* the goal to ‘blot out the name of Israel!’”

Time will tell if an Israel-Saudi deal takes place. But as negotiations continue, you need this spiritual perspective. Watch for the involvement of the United States and Iran. And as you do, know that even if a deal is made, it will not ensure Israel’s national security. Instead, Israel is getting one step closer to having its name blotted out. ■

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THE MAN WHO WRECKED THE SOVIET EMPIRE

How this man exposed the evils of Soviet communism teaches a lesson in the power of faith. BY GERALD FLURRY



THE SOVIET UNION WAS A BRUTAL dictatorship. You see echoes of that in Russia today. One man was behind the Soviet collapse perhaps more than anyone else on Earth. His name was Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. His life reinforces a powerful biblical lesson.

Solzhenitsyn suffered as a prisoner in the Soviet gulags for eight years. His book *The Gulag Archipelago* exposed how these horrendous prison camps formed a network sprawled across the Soviet Union like an island chain from the 1920s to the 1950s. The ruling class used these camps to terrorize their own people.

In 1975, Solzhenitsyn wrote his autobiography, *The Oak and the Calf*. Translated into English in 1979, it describes his struggle to publish his writings under the stifling oppression of communism. But Solzhenitsyn was a MAN OF FAITH. He believed God had a hand in his suffering and in his speaking out. I am certain God used him to expose that evil empire and teach us about human nature. *One man wrecked the Soviet Empire!*

Solzhenitsyn realized that, with faith, one man can shake the world. This was a point that Jesus Christ Himself taught. How much do *you* know about faith—faith that produces results?

The Faith to Warn

Jesus Christ taught a lot about faith. In one case, when He was approached by two blind men seeking to be healed, He asked, “*Believe ye that I am able to do this?*” When they said yes, He touched their eyes and said, “*According to your faith be it unto you*” (Matthew 9:27-29).

This powerful example shows how even worldly, unconverted people can receive help from God *through faith!* Almost nobody in this world understands this, but trusting God produces spectacular results. Christ’s statement, “*According to your faith be it unto you,*” CONDEMNS the lack of faith in this world!

Christ was a man who performed mighty miracles, including casting out demons. Did you know that those demons are still on Earth today? Christ showed that we can drive them away—and even Satan the devil himself—if we trust Him in faith.

Solzhenitsyn used *faith* to shake the Soviet empire and even the whole world! We ought to remember that: It is an inspiring story that should motivate us all.

In another instance, a man asked Christ to heal his demon-possessed son, saying that His disciples were unable to help him. Christ said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall

I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.” He was *disturbed* by the lack of faith! Then He cast out the demon and healed the child (Matthew 17:14-18).

When the disciples privately asked Him why their efforts had gotten no results, Jesus answered, “Because of your unbelief ...” (verses 19-20). These disciples needed to learn real faith before they could follow Christ’s example.

“[F]or verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTO YOU.” With faith, ONE MAN can move a *mountain* from one place to another if necessary! How can men ignore such a momentous promise from God? We need to fathom the incredible power of faith and allow it into our lives.

Communism—Exposed

While Solzhenitsyn languished in the gulags, Herbert W. Armstrong warned the world about communism. He proclaimed how communism was a deadly enemy of the West, particularly the modern Israelite nations of America, Britain and the Jewish state in the Middle East. (You can prove the

biblical identity of these nations by requesting from us your free copy of Mr. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

"Communism is a worldwide POLITICAL MOVEMENT, organized inside many countries," Mr. Armstrong wrote in the April-May 1944 *Plain Truth*. "From official Communist literature, anyone can learn, if he wishes to know the TRUTH, that communism is a plan, *in action*, for the violent overthrow of capitalism and the capitalistic governments. And capitalism *means* democracy, since it is the democracies who *control* more than two thirds of the world's capital."

While in the gulag, Solzhenitsyn pondered the Russian Revolution and how it had destroyed his country. He knew that somebody had to report the truth. Who would it be? He decided it would have to be himself. It was his *own life* that must be risked by writing about a prison system that reflected a revolution gone mad.

His life was seriously threatened several times. But he continued to write books and speak out against Communist rulers. "To use a Shakespearian image," George Steiner wrote in the *New York Times Book Review*: "During the late 1960s and throughout the '70s, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn bestrode the world like a colossus. The winning of the Nobel Prize in Literature in October 1970, his expulsion from Russia in February 1974, the publication in the West of *The Gulag Archipelago* the same year, made him not only the world's most famous writer, but a spiritual guide, a prophet, an exemplar unrivaled since Voltaire or Tolstoy. His every movement, his most occasional pronouncements, were the object of frenetic attention in the news media. Crowds blocked the airports at which Solzhenitsyn arrived. In the 'free world,' *Cancer Ward* and *The First Circle* sold by the million; in Russia and in Eastern Europe, clandestine copies passed from hand to hand, keeping fiercely alive 'hope against hope'" (March 1, 1998).

Solzhenitsyn's experiences made him desperate enough to speak out against what some have called the greatest tyranny ever. Amid that suffering, he developed character and values he would not compromise, even at risk of death.

One man of penetrating character changed history. Underpinning his

character was a strong religious morality. *Through faith*, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn shook and wrecked the Soviet empire.

Monumental Ambition

In *The Oak and the Calf*, Solzhenitsyn wrote about the dangers of composing a book to expose the gulags.

"The hardest blow was to find that after going through the full course in the camps, I was still so stupid and vulnerable," he wrote. "I had been an underground writer for 18 years, weaving my secret web and making sure that every thread would hold. A mistake about one single person could have plunged me into a wolf's pit with all I had written, but I had made no mistake and had not fallen. So much effort had gone into keeping it all safe, so many sacrifices into writing it. My plan was an immensely ambitious one. In another 10 years' time, I should be ready to face the world with all I had written."

Solzhenitsyn wanted to *move a mountain* with his writing! His mind was filled with the dreadful experiences of the gulag, and he felt compelled to expose it all. This fueled a monumental ambition. When asked him why he was always in such a hurry, he explained that he had so much to write about! He felt he had no time to lose and urgently needed to expose the Soviet empire before the world.

"The strength in my position was that my reputation was *unstained by compromise*, and I must keep it so, if I had to keep silent for another 10 years," he said. When facing so many trials, Solzhenitsyn was determined *not to compromise*. That takes strong faith! He examined himself and realized that he had been following the multitude in its delusions. So he humbled himself and corrected the problem.

With uncommon clarity, Solzhenitsyn came to understand that human nature is *evil* (Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 8:7). Many people believe that "nice people" don't do evil things. Solzhenitsyn said that isn't true. *One must struggle to get the evil out of himself*, he insisted. And he struggled mightily to get the evil out of HIS OWN HEART. That is amazing! It is very biblical. How many people in this world truly understand human nature?

Solzhenitsyn believed that God was

with him, teaching and guiding his actions. "I had learned in my years of imprisonment to sense that guiding hand, to glimpse that bright meaning beyond and above myself and my wishes," he wrote. He sought for higher meaning in what was happening within the brutal Soviet Union. He had faith in God and was convicted that God wanted him to *expose* that vile dictatorship. And he decided to prioritize his convictions over his own life.

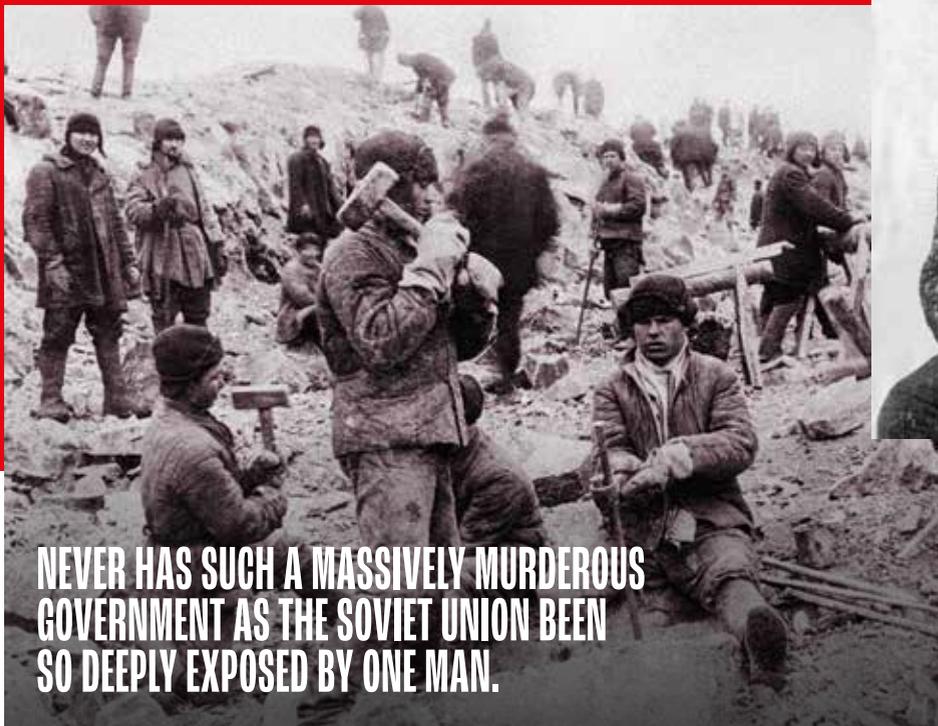
Solzhenitsyn tried to correctly interpret each important event in his life. "The secret of a great life is often a man's success in deciphering the mysterious symbols vouchsafed [granted or permitted] to him, understanding them, and so learning to walk in the true path." He sought God's help to decipher events properly so he would know what to do. He was searching for God and seeking to let God guide him.

"To enjoy my proud and open defiance, my acknowledged right to think for myself, it would—I dare say—have been painful, perhaps impossible, to return to my previous quiet life," he wrote. "At last I was beginning to see revealed the higher and hidden meaning of that suffering for which I had been unable to find a justification, that sharp reminder from the supreme reason [that is, *God*] which no mere mortal can at first understand."

Often we cannot immediately understand God's purpose as to why we must suffer. Solzhenitsyn, however, figured it out: "This was why my murderous misfortunes had been sent to me from God to deny me all possibility and snatch from me any chance of lying low and keeping quiet to make me desperate enough to speak and act. For the time was at hand!" (ibid). His trials persuaded him to *SPEAK OUT*. As the Soviet empire inflicted mind-destroying pain on millions, he *could not* remain quiet.

"Happy the man who decipheres more quickly the writing in heaven, but I am slow. I need time," he wrote. "Yet I, too, awoke one morning a free man in a free country." Solzhenitsyn endured and at last was free—thanks in large part to his writings.

God wants to reason together with human beings (Isaiah 1:18). We can think and study and discover more about our Creator every day and grow in faith as Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn did.



LEFT Construction of the White Sea-Baltic Canal. The canal was built between 1931 and 1933 by forced labor of gulag inmates. According to official records and accounts in the works of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, between 12,000 and 240,000 laborers died during the construction of the canal.

RIGHT Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the day of his liberation in 1953 after eight years in the gulag

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'Cry Aloud'

Never has such a massively murderous government as the Soviet Union been so deeply exposed by one man. Communist leaders intensified their persecution. In February 1974, Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union. In 1976, he made his home in Vermont.

When Solzhenitsyn came to America, he was very grateful. But he was also deeply disappointed with what Americans were doing with their freedoms.

"I put no hopes in the West—indeed no Russian ever should," he wrote in *Invisible Allies*. "If the 20th century has any lesson for mankind, it is we who will teach the West, not the West us. Excessive ease and prosperity have weakened their will and their reason."

In June 1978, Harvard, America's most prestigious educational institution, invited Solzhenitsyn to give its commencement address. He used that opportunity to condemn our nation's way of life! **HE SAID THE PEOPLE WERE TOO CAUGHT UP IN SPORTS, MOVIES AND PLEASURES TO HAVE ANY WILL OR REASON.** He decried the educated and the intelligentsia who were politically indoctrinated and pleasure-saturated. These people dragged down all of society—sapping people of strength, will, reasoning, courage and enthusiasm for doing right and exposing wrong.

Solzhenitsyn's Harvard speech sent shock waves throughout the West. The people disliked and rejected his message. How human nature hates receiving correction! Most politicians, educational institutions and the media turned bitterly against this man! *But he was right.* And the sins for which he condemned this nation in 1978 are even worse today!

Solzhenitsyn felt a responsibility to CRY ALOUD. That is very much like Isaiah 58:1, where God gave this bold commission to His prophet: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." In a sense, Solzhenitsyn did this. God's Church today is commanded to do this. We declare to the nations of Israel and the whole world their transgressions, and warn of how God will punish if they don't *wake up* and REPENT.

"Camp experience tells me that the tougher you are with stoolies [or stool pigeons—other prisoners who had been recruited as decoys or informers], the safer you are," Solzhenitsyn wrote. "You must never appear to acquiesce. If I hold my peace, they'll wait a few months and quietly make a meal of me, or having no resident permit for parasitism or some other excuse. But if I make loud enough noise, their position will be weaker." So he was determined to CRY OUT and tell

the world what was happening in his country. Then he summoned yet more courage and CRIED ALOUD about many of the problems in the West! In many ways, he moved a mountain like Christ said! That's the kind of power this man had.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn said he received a priceless education in that Russian gulag. He asked God to help him understand and to *expose* all that corruption, and then to CRY OUT when the time was right. He risked his life and could *easily* have been killed—but God protected him and God rewarded him, just as He said He would. In the gulag, Solzhenitsyn saw God. And through him, God toppled the Soviet mountain!

"[F]or verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matthew 17:20). Follow this astounding example from history, and *nothing* will be impossible to you! ■



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FOUR REASONS WHY GOD INTERVENES IN HISTORY

Human events are not arbitrary and directionless. They unfold according to divine design, for specific purposes. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

“I WILL SAY THAT HE MUST INDEED have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honor to be the faithful servants,” said Winston Churchill.

This great British prime minister played a crucial role in preventing Western civilization from being crushed under the Nazi jackboot. And as he made history and recorded it prolifically, he recognized a crucial truth: God is deeply involved in human affairs.

The study of history, properly understood, is an exhilarating realization of how God steers events to serve His purposes. You can read more about this fascinating subject in last month’s article “How Much Does God Shape History?” (theTrumpet.com/28044).

Here are four specific *reasons* why God intervenes in history.

1 GOD ENSURES HIS PROPHECIES ARE FULFILLED.

God uses prophecy to reveal Himself to man. It is a powerful proof of His existence. Only the one, true, omnipotent God has the power to bring His prophecies to pass.

“Bring forward your plea,” God challenges in Isaiah 41:21-23 (Ferrar Fenton). “‘Bring your reasons,’ demands Jacob’s King. ‘Approach! Foretell things that will happen, beforehand, Inform what they are,—we will lay to our heart.—And will hear you teach future events. Tell events of the future and show you are gods; Be kind, fierce, or gracious, and then we shall fear.’”

It is a bold challenge. But clearly nobody but *God* can foretell an event and ensure that it happens.

In Isaiah 55:10-11, God says that, just as the rain comes from heaven and

nourishes everything on Earth, so shall His Word go forth out of His mouth: “it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

In Isaiah 44, 45 and 46, God specifically prophesied of Cyrus the Great, king of Persia. He further specified that the temple of God would be destroyed and that He would use Cyrus to rebuild it. And He *further* specified *how* Cyrus and Persia would defeat Babylon. He describes certain gates, the materials they were made of, the fact that they would be left open. Cyrus was born, he rose to lead Persia, and he conquered Babylon in exactly this manner. This is confirmed by Herodotus and Xenophon and other Greek and Roman writers, and by archaeological evidence.

God inspired Isaiah to write all of this 150 years before Cyrus was born! Critics say the biblical description matches what actually happened so precisely that passages such as Isaiah 44 through 46 must have been written *after* the events they describe. These theories, however, are conjectural, based solely on the supposition that fulfilled prophecy cannot be true. But such theories also introduce several new textual and historical problems that require explaining.

The first century historian Josephus rejects this skeptical view. He recorded that Cyrus actually read this prophecy about himself in Isaiah. It is possible Daniel showed it to him personally.

And thanks to his contact with God’s prophets, Cyrus knew that it was *God* who had blessed him. Ezra 1:2 shows that this great king *knew* that God rules in the kingdom of men. And God used him to enable some of His people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.

This points to a second reason God intervenes in history.

2 GOD ENSURES HIS PEOPLE HAVE FREEDOM TO OPERATE.

Many examples in history show God shaping events to ensure His people can do His work—even prosper and thrive. Sometimes He intervened directly through His people in significant ways.

Genesis 14 records the history of Abraham destroying the four top leaders of a great empire at that time. This

would ultimately enable Abraham and his descendants to live in Canaan without fear of this empire for generations to come. It would also open the way for Egypt to grow into a leading nation. At other times—such as the instance in Ezra 1:2—God used Gentiles to open doors for His people.

In the time of Jonah, Israel was under severe oppression from the kingdom of Syria. But after King Jehoahaz, an evil king, prayed for relief, God answered by causing Assyria to invade Syria. The Assyrian army swept in and weakened Syria's power over Israel and Judah.

Soon after, King Jeroboam II came to power and recovered a lot of territory for the kingdom of Israel.

The True History of God's True Church, by Gerald Flurry, records many examples of world events that caused the Church to spread out and enabled it to work. You can clearly see this demonstrated in the religious freedom that America's founders fought for and established, which enabled the modern eras of the Church to exist and flourish.

In 1800 to 1803, God bestowed birthright blessings that He had promised to Abraham's descendants on Britain and America. The newly established United States was blessed with the Louisiana Purchase, which immediately and dramatically expanded its power and potential. (For a full explanation, request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.)

Napoleon had become emperor of the fifth resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire and was conquering much of Europe. Then he warred against Britain. He went to extraordinary lengths to accomplish his ambition. The British went to extraordinary lengths to defeat him. Their exertions at the beginning of the 1800s were even more dramatic than the immense efforts they went through during World Wars I or II! "By 1805 about 800,000 men were doing some form of armed service—20 percent of the active male population, and up to 50 percent in threatened coastal counties," Robert Tombs writes in *The English and Their History*. "This is comparable with the total wars of the 20th century and was a far higher proportion than in any other country—the government calculated that France had only 7 percent under arms."

THIS STRUGGLE ACTUALLY STRENGTHENED THEM—RIGHT AT THE TIME THEY WERE RECEIVING THE BIRTHRIGHT BLESSINGS.



The Battle of Trafalgar

The British suffered terrible losses in the war with Napoleon's French Empire. But Viscount Palmerston wrote this about their leaders at the time: "If [such men] had not worked as hard and competently as they did, Britain would not have survived the onslaught."

This struggle actually *strengthened* them—right at the time they were receiving the birthright blessings! Britain triumphed, and—unlike the aftermath of World War II—that triumph led to a tremendous boost in its power. The sore trial against Napoleon led to Britain becoming the largest, greatest and best empire in world history.

Satan the devil is active in world history as well, and he is always working to "blot out the name of Israel" and to frustrate God's purposes. But God has often used the devil's own efforts against him and caused the opposite to occur.

World War II had a similar effect on the United States. "In 1939, the U.S. Army had only 100,000 men, making their army about the same size as Bulgaria's," writes *The Storm of War* author Andrew Roberts. Hitler looked at the puny U.S. military and told Molotov that "the United States will not be a threat to us in decades—not in 1945 but at the earliest in 1970 or 1980."

By 1943, the U.S. was building *every two days* the same number of planes that it lost in Pearl Harbor. By 1945, the U.S. had 14.9 million men serving in uniform.

"Roosevelt sent the American economy into battle, with results that the German and Japanese production figures could not hope to match. By the end of the

war, the USA had provided for her allies 37,000 tanks, 800,000 trucks, 2 million rifles [T]he sheer quantity of weaponry being produced by America outstripped anything the Axis could match. ... The U.S. spent \$350 billion on the war, even more than Germany and as much as the USSR and Britain combined. She also mobilized 14.9 million Americans, more than Germany's 12.9 million and twice Japan's 7.4 million" (ibid).

The United States began World War II as a foreign policy and military pigmy, and ended it a superpower. A few decades later, the Soviet Union collapsed and the U.S. was now the world's *sole* superpower.

We can only speculate on the exact role God played in those events to ensure they would happen that way, but it is clear that He was—and is—involved.

3 GOD STRENGTHENS ENEMIES TO PUNISH HIS PEOPLE.

On the flip side, God also intervenes in history to *punish* the people of Israel, as well as other nations. While at one time He used Abraham and his household to defeat the Assyrians, millennia later, He used the Assyrian Empire to defeat Abraham's descendants in the kingdom of Israel. Then He used the Babylonian Empire to conquer the kingdom of Judah.

Consider that. How difficult is it to *raise an empire*? How many strings must God pull? How many factors must He influence to cause the necessary combination of sufficient population, resources, technology, wealth, culture,

ambition, will, obedience, motivation, military prowess, capable leadership and comparative strength against neighboring powers? “God raised the Assyrians” is a simple statement, but how many thousands or millions of people in all their multifaceted complexities must be influenced in order to coalesce as an empire at the right time to make that reality?

“For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation,” God foretells in Habakkuk 1:6. “O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation,” He says in Isaiah 10:5. These are direct biblical statements that God intervenes to *raise up nations*, and forges them into tools in His hand, for the purpose of punishing.

The same Bible says that this same God is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” and that He “will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). So how could bitter, hasty, deadly nations and empires be used by a loving God?

You can understand the answer only if you understand the biblical teaching of the resurrection and the fact that God created human beings—all human beings, Israelite and non-Israelite, whether they are living or dead—to repent of their sins, build godly character, and be born into His Family.

There is clearly a spiritual dimension to history. There is a back-and-forth between God and Satan. History unfolds like an ultra-complex game of chess with very high stakes.

Satan has implemented all these schemes, plans and grand strategies to frustrate God or defeat His plans. But time and again, God makes moves that turn Satan’s efforts into serving His ultimate purpose. How many times has Satan thought, *I’ve got you now*, only to realize that God still has him in checkmate?

Look at any development in history and think about what God was accomplishing with it. The better you understand those events and know God’s master plan for mankind, the better you realize that He has plotted His next move 10, 20, 30, 100, or 1,000 moves in advance!

This understanding leads to the fourth aspect of God’s involvement in history.

4 GOD IS PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE RESURRECTION.

God created the first human beings, they rebelled against Him, and the 6,000 years since that decision have contained an estimated 150 generations making the same wrong choice and experiencing the same dire consequences.

The most historic event during that time was one of the two God Beings becoming a man. Jesus Christ came 4,000 years after creation, but in terms of generations, it was near the halfway point. And in each of those generations, with all of its communities, societies, kingdoms and empires, there have been a range of human beings who have been influenced by God and by Satan to varying degrees. On one end of that spectrum are those who have seen the laws of God implemented in the nation of Israel or the kingdom of Judah during the times it was ruled by righteous kings. On the other end are those who have been cut off from God and have been heavily influenced by Satan to devise abominable practices.

“One First Dynasty royal Egyptian tomb included 318 sacrificed humans,” historian Rodney Stark noted in *How the West Won*. “Their average age was estimated to have been 25. ... And late in the second millennium B.C., each Chinese royal funeral saw *thousands* put to death.”

The Sumerians engaged in disgusting paganism, using snakes and spiders in their bloody, sexualized religious ceremonies, as well as human sacrifice. The Canaanites engaged in unspeakable sins, including child sacrifice. Much later, the Aztecs committed what are surely some of the worst atrocities ever, performing utterly satanic religious rites—in which human beings were scalped, killed and *eaten*—on a vast scale.

If you want to know what Satan loves to do to human beings when he has full rein, these cultures show how appallingly evil and disgusting his influence is!

Knowing that this is how much Satan can influence large cultures, you have to marvel that there are not *many more cultures* at that end of the spectrum. Human history has been a bloody, miserable, unjust litany of suffering. But the stability, the civility and the extraordinary accomplishments of mankind has been far

different from how it would be if Satan could fully exert his influence. This then shows the extent of *God’s* influence to exert considerable *restraint* against Satan.

Here is one example. Shortly before Jesus was born, the Roman Republic was about to collapse in civil wars. Strongmen such as Marius, Sulla, Pompey, Crassus, Julius Caesar and Mark Antony vied for control of Rome while the Parthian Empire rose to power in the East. The main reason the Roman Republic did not completely disintegrate at that time was the administrative genius of Caesar Augustus. It was Augustus who created the fourth world-ruling empire foreseen by Daniel the prophet. Yet even the beastly Augustus knew that his new empire would not survive without strong families. Extravagance and adultery were widespread, so Augustus passed a series of morality laws that encouraged marriage and criminalized adultery. These laws helped stabilize Rome to the point where the Apostle Paul could sail throughout a stern, yet peaceful empire preaching the gospel (a feat that would have been much harder if Rome disintegrated during the crisis of the Roman Republic).

The Bible clearly teaches that God proactively cut off Adam and Eve from their relationship with Him when He banished them from the Garden of Eden. He stopped directly governing mankind as a whole. Yet He was still involved in important ways.

Romans 13:1 states that even as man developed governments over the ensuing millenniums, “there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.” Daniel 4 states four times that God wanted people to know that “the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.” God has power, and “giveth it to whomsoever he will” even, at times, “the basest of men” (verse 17).

Yes, God cut mankind off from Himself for 6,000 years. God does not *directly* govern. Satan is indeed the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). But God does rule overall, and He intervenes to choose who will rule over men. Paul taught true Christians that even when living under governments ruled by “the basest of men,” we must learn how to live under government because ultimately God is still at the top.

Paul calls the ordinances of these *human governments* “the ordinance of God” (Romans 13:2) and calls human officials “the minister of God to thee for good” (verses 3-4, 7). Without *some* form of government, this world would look worse than the Aztec Empire. It would quickly devolve into something more like *Lord of the Flies*.

God’s plan is to bring all men into His Family, ultimately coming to repentance either now or in a resurrection. To that end, He has ensured that—though we still experience the results of our choice to disobey God—there is *some* kind of government in every nation and for every people so that they are being governed.

As men have lived and died for 6,000 years, God has been sowing seeds in their lives, knowing that He is going to bring them back to physical life again in a resurrection. And when He does, He wants the *lesson* of the life they lived to help them choose repentance, choose LIFE. He wants to save every last one of them, build His character in them, and give them eternal life in His Family!

In addition to ensuring that everyone has some kind of government and that those governments very rarely descend into outright satanism, God has often put His own righteous representatives into positions where they can influence world leaders. God took Joseph from nothing to becoming second in command of the greatest nation on Earth at the time: Egypt. The Prophet Daniel instructed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in prophecy, as well as King Darius of Persia. A later king of Persia, Ahasuerus, married a godly woman named Esther. Another Persian king had Nehemiah as bodyguard. Philosophers in Athens, the heart of the Greek Empire, heard a message in person from the Apostle Paul. Paul also spoke in person to leaders in the Roman Empire, as did Jesus Christ.

God has not always sent His servants to world leaders in this way, yet in modern times, He

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revived His true Church using Herbert W. Armstrong, whom He also sent to literally hundreds of legislators, judges, presidents, prime ministers, emperors and other elites in government. God was not calling those men into His one true Church or giving them His Holy Spirit, but He will be working directly with them in their next waking moment, and He has been preparing them for that already.

In fact, He has been doing this *throughout human history*. He has revealed Himself through His creation. He has created physical family. He has required work. He has given experiences, supplied blessings, and performed miracles and other demonstrations of His power. Although mankind as a whole has rebelled, He has still given us these things, and even hints of the truth. Men look up at the stars, and they recognize an orderly universe, created by one mind—a mind that has a name for each of the 1 septillion (or more) stars. And it is a mind that knows everything there is to know about each one of the more than 100 billion people who have ever lived.

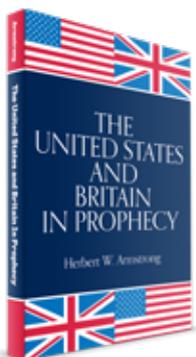
The Bible shows that God is a *Father*. Jesus Christ is a *Son*. Both of them yearn to save every last one of the human beings they have created. The Father is *deep* into His master plan to bring every human being to the knowledge of the truth and to give them the best possible opportunity to *choose* the truth—a choice that each one

will have to make for himself or herself.

God is not distant. He is not ignoring mankind. He is no impartial, passive observer. He is actively watching what is happening to each of the inhabitants on this jewel of a planet with which He has gifted us. He is measuring, discerning, considering. Each man, woman and child in the human family is a potential member of the *God Family*.

God called out Abraham, then Israel, then the one true Church to use as a tool for the purpose of helping *all* humanity. He is working with all human beings, mainly by cutting them off and giving them what they have chosen when they chose rebellion against Him. But He is also scattering the seeds of His truth and watching how people respond. He is observing how people respect the conscience that He has implanted within all men. He is looking for qualities of character that He will later be able to use. He is blessing individuals and punishing individuals based on their choices, protecting them or allowing Satan to attack them. He is keeping track of sins that He will later show them in the judgment. He is setting apart some in preparation for when He will call them in the future.

On top of all that, God is steering events to fulfill His prophecies and purposes. God has been deeply involved in history. And He is deeply involved in world events today. ■



Undeniable proof of God’s existence and intervention

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RISING STAR

A TIMELINE OF BARACK OBAMA'S FORMATIVE YEARS

Barack Hussein Obama is the most mysterious figure to ever be elected president of the United States. Even mainstream news anchor Tom Brokaw admitted the press never vetted him. Yet new research uncovered by Pulitzer-prize winning author David Garrow is exposing Obama's formative years—and the fact that Obama's ideological roots are more radical than the public has been led to believe.

1959

Barack Obama Sr. enrolls at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

1960

Barack Obama Sr. meets Stanley Ann Dunham in a Russian language course.

1961

Barack Hussein Obama is born in Hawaii to Barack Obama Sr. and Stanley Ann Dunham.

1962

Barack Obama Sr. graduates from the University of Hawaii and leaves for Harvard.

1964

Stanley Ann Dunham divorces Barack Obama Sr., who soon returns to Kenya.

1967

Stanley Ann Dunham marries Lolo Soetoro and moves family to Indonesia.

1968

Frank Marshall Davis (Communist Party #47544) writes a pornographic novel, *Sex Rebel*.

'60s



1970

Stanley Ann Dunham hires a homosexual crossdresser to be Barack's cook and nanny.

1971

Barack Obama moves in with grandparents in Hawaii; Obama Sr. visits his 10-year-old, Stanley Dunham introduces Obama to Frank Davis, with whom he will spend much time.

1972

Stanley Ann Dunham returns to Hawaii (a year after young Obama).

1975

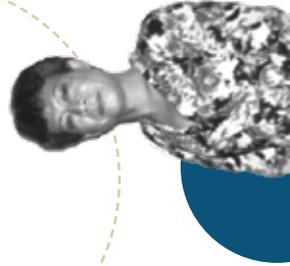
Stanley Ann Dunham returns to Indonesia, abandoning Barack for the next two decades.

1978

Barack joins "Choom Gang" and befriends the group's homosexual drug dealer.

1979

Barack Obama graduates high school and attends Occidental College.



'70s

"People would invite me to parties, and I'd say, 'What are you talking about? We've got a revolution that has to take place.'"
—**Barack Obama**

1980

Caroline Boss introduces 19-year-old Barack to John Drew as a fellow Marxist; Obama briefly returns to Hawaii and seeks Frank Marshall Davis's advice on race.

"To avoid being mistaken for a

sellout, I chose my friends carefully.

The more politically active black

students. The foreign professors

Chicanos. The Marxist professors

and structural feminists and

punk-rock performance poets."

— **Barack Obama**

1981

Barack Obama transfers to Colombia University.

1982

Barack admits to his girlfriend Alex McNear that he makes love to other men every day in his imagination.

1983

Barack Obama graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

1985

Obama works as a community organizer for the Developing Communities Project in Chicago, which provides job training and leadership development programs

1987

Frank Marshall Davis dies of a heart attack.

1988

Barack Obama enrolls at Harvard Law School; Obama meets Charles J. Ogletree, who mentors him in lawfare activism; Barack joins Jeremiah Wright's church after hearing a sermon titled "Audacity to Hope."

1989

Barack Obama meets Michelle Robinson when employed at Chicago law firm.

'80s



1991

Barack Obama breaks up with Sheila Jager in dispute over black anti-Semitism, decides to embrace a black identity to win in politics (even though he is half-white and had primarily dated white girls to that point).

1992

Barack Obama marries Michelle Robinson; he becomes a constitutional law professor at the University of Chicago.

1995

Obama befriends Weatherman Underground terrorist Bill Ayers; Obama publishes his first memoir, *Dreams From My Father*.

1996

Barack Obama joins the New Party in an attempt to force the Democratic Party further left; he is elected to the Illinois State Senate.



2004

Barack Obama is elected to the U.S. Senate.

2006

Obama publishes his second memoir, *Audacity of Hope*.

2008

Barack Obama is elected president of the United States.



'00s

"It is appalling to surrender a young man to such destructive influences. The Bible describes a time in ancient Israel of such corruption that the people sacrificed their own children (e.g. 2 Kings 17:17; Psalm 106:37-38; Jeremiah 7:31; 19:5). How savage and barbaric! Yet we see parents doing effectively the same thing today: People are sacrificing their children morally, mentally and spiritually by turning them over to all sorts of evil influences. Whether they realize it or not, they are opening their children up to deadly attacks from the devil. When someone has that kind of childhood, Satan can exploit that. The fruits strongly suggest that in the case of a young Barack Obama, he exploited it in a profound way."

— **Gerald Flurry, America Under Attack**



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A coup in this strategic African country has global implications.

BY RICHARD PALMER

A STORM IS BREWING IN NORTH Africa. Pressure is building to push this 3,700-mile storm front toward the north. When it hits, it will shake Europe to its core.

The storm is currently confined to the Sahel region. *Sahel* means “shore.” If you consider the inhospitable, impassable sands of the Sahara Desert that stretch across 3.6 million square miles of northern Africa to be like an ocean, then the Sahel is its southern coast. And almost every country that touches it is in crisis.

The Sahel meets the Red Sea in Eritrea, which is controlled by a dictatorship so brutal that some people have called it “Africa’s North Korea.” Next door, civil war between rival army factions in Sudan has been raging since April, forcing an estimated 4 million people to flee their homes and 6 million to the brink of famine.

Chad, located in the center of the continent, has a transitional leader, the son of President Idriss Déby Itno, who died fighting a rebel group in 2021. Elections have

been postponed until October 2024. South of Chad, the Central African Republic has suffered some form of civil war for two decades now.

Further west, Mali has endured two coup attempts in three years, with the last one in May 2021. The government now clinging to power is fighting terrorist groups who have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State or al Qaeda. In this impoverished region, one of the quickest ways terrorists raise cash is by stealing cattle.

To the south, Burkina Faso is also suffering coups and terrorism. Two coups occurred just last year, and armed Islamist groups control about 40 percent of the country. Further south, countries from Cameroon to the Ivory Coast are struggling to deal with terrorist spillover. The Sahel has overtaken Afghanistan as the world’s most dangerous breeding ground for terrorist groups.

Due in large part to this cross-continent chaos, this region is also a front for Europe’s battle against migration.

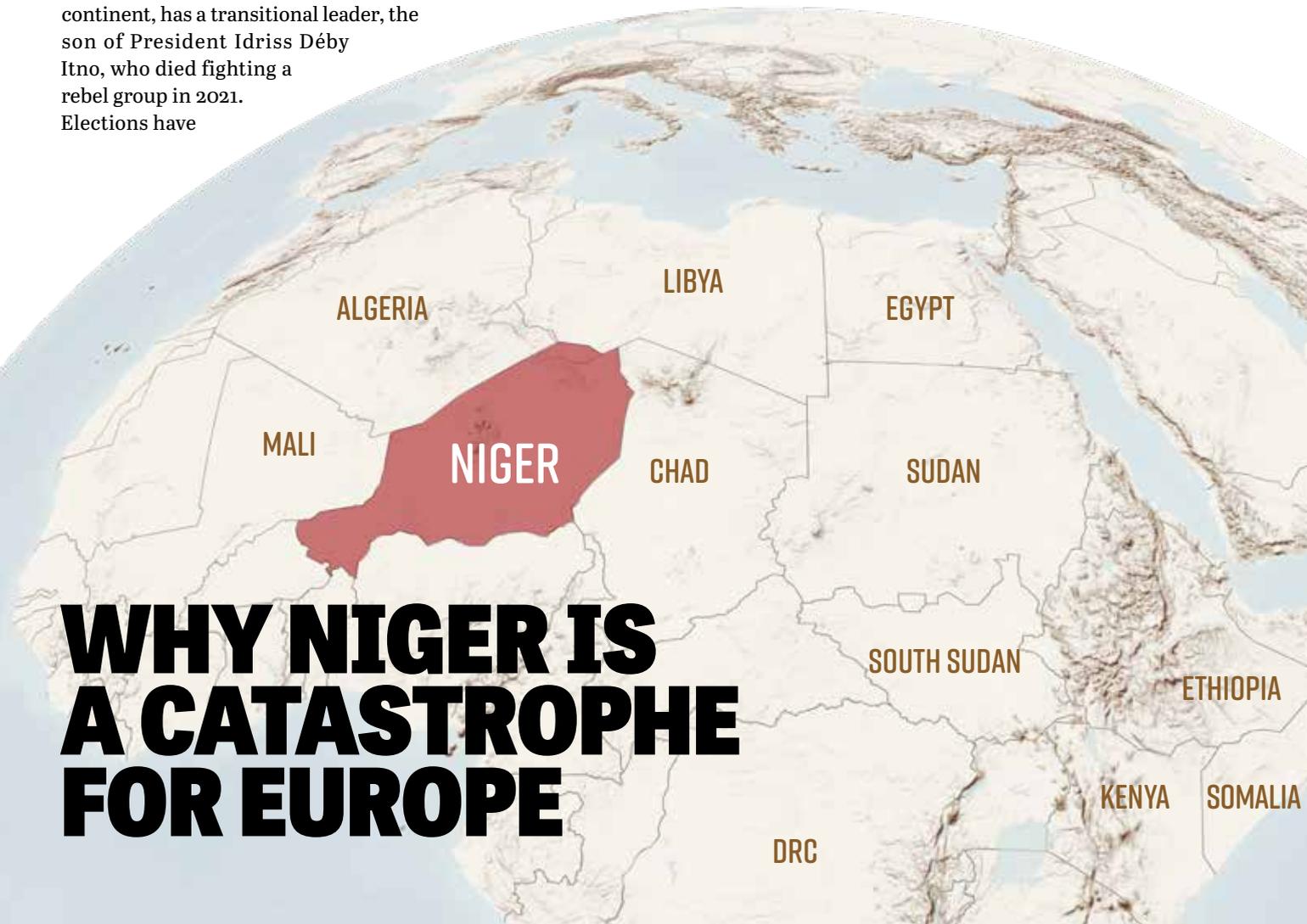
People want out, and millions are finding ways to cross both the Sahara and the Mediterranean Sea to get into Europe. In an effort to stem this unwanted flow of humanity, the European Union is paying several of these regimes, no matter how tyrannical, to keep people south of the Sahara.

North Africa is a front in the war over energy sources. As Europe cuts back on Russian gas, it needs an alternative. North Africa is the easiest place to get it, but Russia is motivated to complicate matters.

And in the middle of all this is Niger: the last ally of the West in the Sahel. Niger is Germany’s, France’s and America’s last best hope of getting the mess under control. Or at least, it *was*.

‘A Model of Democracy’

Since 2012, the United States has spent half a billion dollars training and arming Niger’s armed forces. About 1,000 American troops are stationed there, but are preparing in case they need to evacuate. About \$100 million was spent on a base



WHY NIGER IS A CATASTROPHE FOR EUROPE

for drone patrols across the Sahel and the Sahara. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Niger earlier this year, calling it “a model of resilience, a model of democracy, a model of cooperation” and promising another \$150 million in aid.

France, Niger’s former colonial ruler, has also seen this nation as its best shot at protecting its interests in the Sahel. But now it is withdrawing its 1,500 troops. Niger is also a key source of uranium.

Initially Germany put its eggs in the basket of Mali. In 2015, Lt. Col. André Wüstner, chairman of the German Federal Armed Forces Association, said that an Islamic “ring of fire” extends “from Afghanistan via Yemen, Syria and Iraq to Africa.” Germany set up a military presence in spots around this ring to confront it. Mali quickly became Germany’s most important African base. Germany led EU military and police training missions there and contributed heavily to a United Nations peacekeeping mission. With about 1,100 soldiers in the area, Mali remains Germany’s largest overseas military mission.

Then, in 2021, a coup hit. The Germans had invested too much to leave immediately, but they have been moving on gradually and wanting to shift those resources to Niger. “The focus of our future military engagement in the Sahel will be in Niger,” announced German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius ahead of his trip there in April.

That plan is now toast. In July, Niger President Mohammed Bazoum was detained by his own guards. Their leader, Gen. Abdourahamane Tchiani, has proclaimed himself the head of Niger’s military committee and therefore its government. Germany immediately suspended aid to and cooperation with the country. With its forces due out of Mali by May 2024, Germany now needs a plan C.

The West has friends to Mali’s south. The Economic Community of West African States has threatened war if Bazoum is not reinstated. Thus far, only sanctions are being seriously discussed. But the risk of war is still real.

Those southern allies can help, but they can’t stop the Sahel’s chaos from drifting north. And one more wannabe superpower is quickly grabbing up the region.

A New Russian Empire—in Africa?

The coup in Niger was only the second-most important attempted government overthrow of the summer. A month earlier, the Russian mercenary Wagner Group and its leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, launched a brief coup in Russia against President Vladimir Putin.

The two coups appear to be connected. The Wagner Group was widely rumored to have helped depose Bazoum and install Tchiani in Niger. “Telegram accounts linked to Wagner ... were openly saying ‘Niger is our next target,’” said Joseph Siegele of the Africa Center for Security

Russia still holds out the carrot of cheap energy. If Europe builds up North Africa as an alternative source of cheap gas, that carrot looks far less tasty.

Studies in Washington. The supporters of the overthrow believed they had Russia’s backing: They proudly waved the Russian flag in celebration and chanted, “Down with France” and “Long live Putin!”

While the overthrow was underway in Niger, Putin was hosting African leaders in St. Petersburg. Intriguingly, that was when Prigozhin reappeared. His first photographs since his failed coup were taken alongside African leaders. He praised the Niger junta’s “struggle” against their “colonizers” and said his troops stood ready to defend them. One of the first tasks of Niger’s new deputy leader was to travel to Mali, where Wagner has set up shop, to request the “rapid deployment of Wagner forces to [Niger].”

Weeks later, Moscow announced an even broader victory. Putin wants to bring North Africa into his new version

of the Soviet Union. His Eurasian Economic Union includes Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Al-Monitor claims that at a cabinet meeting in August, Putin announced that Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia are working to join a trade agreement that will become part of his union.

Perhaps the prospect of a new Russian Empire in North Africa is why Putin let Prigozhin live for two months after his Russian coup. He wanted to ensure Wagner’s activities in Africa would outlast his former chief. Then, on August 23, Prigozhin was killed in a plane crash near Moscow, along with nine other people, in a clear act of deadly sabotage.

But why is this territory in Africa so important to Russia? The answer centers on Russia’s needs as an energy producer.

Sen. John McCain once quipped that Russia is “a gas station masquerading as a country.” Much of Russia’s power comes from its control over Europe’s energy supplies.

Throughout Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the *Trumpet* has pointed to the Germans’ tepid support for Ukraine as evidence that they have done a deal with Russia (see “Germany’s Secret Deal With Russia—Exposed,” at theTrumpet.com/25675). Russia knows that this deal and its relationship with Germany depends, in part, on German dependence on Russian energy. Already Germany and much of Europe have switched to more expensive alternatives. But Russia still holds out the carrot of cheap energy. If Europe builds up North Africa as an alternative source of cheap gas, that carrot looks far less tasty.

One of the most ambitious long-term Europe-North Africa energy projects is the \$13 billion, 2,500-mile Trans-Saharan gas pipeline, which would take gas from Nigeria to a hub in Algeria, from which it would be distributed to Italy and Spain. The route goes straight through Niger.

If it can dominate Niger, Russia can better keep Europe over a barrel—or over a gas cylinder.

Africa in Bible prophecy

Does what happens in northern Africa matter to you? One important prophecy shows it does and that events there will lead to World War III. To understand that prophecy, request Gerald Flurry’s *The King of the South*.



Forced to Fight

“Northern Africa is turning into a battleground with enormously important prophetic implications,” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in the April 2013 *Trumpet*.

Events since then keep jerking Europeans’ attention back to this region. But the intensification of these events is proving that even greater resources are required.

France, as the former colonial ruler, has taken the lead. The currency of 14 Central African and West African nations is the CFA franc. But many of the coups have been driven by anti-France feeling.

France’s Africa policy is now blowing up in its face. Europe needs a new strategy and a new commitment. If it fails, the storm system of migration, terrorist attacks, and Russian energy dependence will only gather strength.

Watch for Europe to step up its efforts in this often-overlooked battleground. Watch for Italy and Germany to possibly replace France in taking the initiative.

Daniel 11 describes a clash between a European “king of the north” and a radical Islamist “king of the south.” Included in this clash are Libya, Ethiopia and Egypt (verse 43).

The king of the north is prophesied to employ a whirlwind strategy to “overflow and pass over” and “overthrow.” Revelation 18 describes the resulting empire, decadently enriched with goods from around the world—including ivory, which is found only in Africa and India. (For more information, read “The Whirlwind Prophecy,” by Gerald Flurry at theTrumpet.com/10678.)

This European power will gorge itself on the wealth it can grab from Africa. But it must fight for it first. And this fight is building today.

“Monitor these events closely and see if what we’re telling you doesn’t come to pass,” Mr. Flurry wrote. “So many prophecies already have. *Never in mankind’s history* has so much prophecy been fulfilled so rapidly! Events are racing along” (ibid). The clash prophesied in Daniel 11 is building. Europe is already being forced into the fight in this region.

This coming clash is a key milestone in the events prophesied in your Bible—and it is nearly here. ■

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“Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (verses 34-35). What a promise! You can KNOW that *every word* of God will come to pass! He explains all of this to warn us so we will *act* on it. God wants us to realize the *danger* we are in in these times, and He gives us a chance to repent.

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Gentiles are fulfilled. But thankfully, the Bible also teaches that all those who have not known God, who have not been called into His true Church, will be resurrected in the future and given the chance to know God and be begotten and then born into His Family. Most will accept that chance after seeing what terrible results we have had in 6,000 years of rejecting God and insisting on man’s misrule over man.

‘Escape All These Things’

Jesus Christ prophesied that, when the world descends into nuclear war, most people will be caught off guard (Matthew 24:36-39). But He gave us all these signs so we will recognize what is happening. “WATCH therefore [B]e ye also READY,” He commands us (verses 42, 44).

Christ also said, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:36).

He said you can ESCAPE the suffering and death that so many will experience under these beastly Gentile leaders and their armies. What an opportunity! What a blessing! You can *understand* Jesus Christ and His message.

You can understand



Bible prophecy. You can *understand* the world events unfolding before your eyes.

Notice Christ’s warning to us in Matthew 24:41: “Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.” A woman is a prophetic symbol for a church. This is talking about two churches who are doing a work, “grinding at the mill”—one is taken and protected by God from this horrific tribulation, but the other is left to ENDURE all that suffering because they weren’t really serving God and didn’t heed God’s message!

Very soon, your very life will be dependent upon whether you are watching and praying, and whether you are supporting God’s Work!

WE ARE DEEP INTO THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES ALREADY. You can *see it* happening. Look at Iran. Look at Europe especially, and at Asia. THE TIMES OF THE ISRAELITE POWERS ARE OVER!

And the power of the armaments and weapons that are proliferating on Earth today truly should make the reality of Christ’s warnings very real to us.

God is reaching out! He created man with a godly type mind. He wants us to use that mind and *choose* to submit to Him and His laws. Tragically, we have refused to do that for 6,000 years, and we have killed each other like beasts. God is going to show us the results of our rebellion. And when we are on the brink of leaving *no flesh saved alive on this planet*, He is going to save us from ourselves.

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (verse 30). The powers of this world will *mourn* because Christ’s return *ends* their rule. But when this glorious event happens, those who LOVE CHRIST and SERVE GOD will REJOICE!

There is hope! And that hope is in the governments of man being smashed like the image of Daniel 2 and replaced with the literal, global government of Jesus Christ on Earth from Jerusalem! ■

One more beastly empire left!

The Bible boldly prophesies there is one more empire to rise right before the end of this age. To study the prophecies with proof of their accuracy, request your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?*



The Trumpet—Blocked!

A new bill in Canada, a new act in Europe and other initiatives are censoring content and cementing government control over truth.

BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU

ON AUGUST 11, A *TRUMPET* subscriber sent me a screenshot of the *Trumpet's* Facebook page. It read: “People in Canada can’t see this content. In response to Canadian government legislation, news content can’t be viewed in Canada.” Overnight, the *Trumpet* can no longer reach people in Canada on one of the world’s largest social media sites. With a flick of a digital switch, the truth online can easily be blotted out.

It’s not just the *Trumpet*. The *New York Times*, CNN, CBC, the *Washington Post* and all other news producers are also blocked. Whether you are liberal, conservative, Canadian or foreign, you are blocked. Now one of the most effective means for independent media to compete with mainstream networks is gone.

This is all a reaction to the passing of Bill C-18: the Online News Act. The Trudeau government introduced the legislation under the guise of “enhancing fairness” to Canadian news content, but in reality it *enhances the government’s control* over Canadian media. This is not an unintended consequence; it was always the intended outcome.

Canada is not the only place where government censorship is targeting the *Trumpet*. In the United States, Facebook and Twitter have blocked the *Trumpet* from advertising. There is also ample evidence that both platforms are shadow banning our content. The *Trumpet Daily* has been censored several times on YouTube, and threatened with worse—maybe even a full ban.

In the European Union, the Digital Services Act is starting to be enforced. This draconian legislation empowers a new EU agency to police social media for disinformation on any platform of more than 45 million European users.

No matter which continent you live on, you cannot escape government censorship. This is a worldwide trend.

For decades, the *Trumpet* has pointed to a prophecy in Amos 8:11 about the truth becoming inaccessible—scarce like water during a famine. In our information age, it may have seemed impossible for this prophecy to come to pass. Yet across the planet it is inching closer to reality.

Nefarious Agenda

Since coming to power in 2015, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has undertaken a deliberate strategy to influence and control the mainstream media. The government already has a stake in it through state-owned Canadian Broadcasting Corp. (CBC). The Trudeau government has also handed out \$600 million in subsidies and bailouts to hundreds of news outlets, keeping many of them from going bankrupt—but is also a hefty incentive to cover news favorable to the prime minister.

Independent, subsidy-free news outlets, however, have been able to compete thanks to the reach of social media. Bill C-18 is designed to eliminate independent media from the landscape.

The Online News Act was tabled on April 5, 2022. The premise of the law is that “digital news intermediaries,” such as social media sites or news aggregators, would have to split revenue with Canadian news outlets for sharing their content. For example, if someone shares a link to a CTV News story on Facebook, Facebook would be charged a fee and that money would be given to a Canadian news outlet. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) is vested with the authority to determine who is subject to these regulations. However, the bill allows the “governor in council”—the prime minister—to direct the CRTC on how the bill is implemented. This is in addition to Bill C-11, which gives the CRTC power to censor all content on the Canadian web. Now social media sites are forced to make a decision: Start

forking over money to Canadian news sites for providing them a service, or remove news content from Canada.

Similarly, the Digital Services Act in the EU came into effect on August 25. Now European bureaucrats will be instructing social media sites and search engines to remove anything they deem as disinformation, fake news or illegal activity. This empowers a small group of technocrats to arbitrate what is truth and what is not. The legislation allows the EU to penalize companies up to 6 percent of their global revenue, which means millions or even billions of dollars. This means content censored by the EU will be reflected globally.

Trudeau and the EU are provoking a war with social media, and social media is willing to fight back.

The Meta War

Meta published on its website on August 1: “Nearly one year ago, we shared our concerns that the Online News Act would force us to consider whether to continue allowing the sharing of news content on our platforms. We have been transparent and have made it clear to the Canadian government that the legislation misrepresents the value news outlets receive when choosing to use our platforms. ... The only way we can reasonably comply with this legislation is to end news availability for people in Canada.”

There is no compromise. It is Trudeau’s way or nothing. The government position has become more entrenched with Trudeau’s recent cabinet shuffle. The new heritage minister views C-18 as a hill to die on. “The new heritage minister, Pascale St-Onge, says she will stand her ground against the tech giants, as Facebook prepares to push the button on its plan to block Canadians’ access to news in response to the Online News Act,” wrote the *Globe and Mail*. “The new minister signaled Thursday that she is not prepared to further soften the government’s line with the tech giants, saying she is ‘deeply committed to ensuring that Canada has a free and independent press, because it’s fundamental to our democracy’” (July 27).

Unless something changes, news content on Meta will be blocked. Google, is also threatening to remove news content from Canada.

While the regulations will generate some revenue for Canadian news content, the real benefit to the Trudeau government is the reaction by social media sites.

Lee Harding at the *Western Standard* wrote, “This policy, purportedly done to ensure a robust democracy-encouraging domestic media environment, blah blah blah, is really done to ensure that the establishment media can be kept alive as a propaganda wing for the ideology of the government” (July 19). The Facebook ban benefits Trudeau by removing independent media’s ability to reach an audience and generate revenue; it also lowers advertising revenue for Canadian news sites, pushing them toward government bailouts. This translates to increased government influence.

The goal is absolute control over information. They want to control the narrative on what is truth.

While content moderation is presented under the auspices of fairness and protection, the Online News Act, Digital Services Act and the current consent moderation regime in social media all have an ulterior motive.

The goal is absolute control over information. Whether it is the radical-left regime in Canada, the woke executives in social media, or the bureaucrats in Europe, they all want to control the narrative on what is truth and blot out anything that exposes the truth.

Famine of the Word

The censorship of the *Trumpet* brings a future prophecy into focus. In Chapter 10 of *America Under Attack*, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes that Amos 7 shows the key sequence of events in American governance just before Jesus Christ returns. A period of intense government corruption is followed by the return of Donald Trump, typed by King Jeroboam II in Amos. This dramatic event will happen very soon. During this time, a warning message will continue to go out to the end-time nations of Israel, including the United States, Britain, Canada and other Commonwealth nations.

However, Ezekiel 3:7 says: “But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.” Our sins have made us impudent (or disrespectful) and hardhearted toward God’s message of loving correction and warning. It is during this time that “the land is not able to bear all his words” (Amos 7:10). Soon these nations will not be able to bear a warning message from the Bible. This is the message going out on the *Trumpet*.com.

This culminates in the prophecy of Amos 8:11: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.” All of these world events lead to God’s message and truth being completely blotted out and censored. You won’t be able to access it on the Internet, television, radio or in print.

“Soon, people will not be able to find any of these booklets,” writes Mr. Flurry in his booklet *The Lion Has Roared* (request a free copy). “They won’t be able to find any spiritual food! People will be *crying out* for someone to ‘drop’ God’s word—His revealed prophecies. But then it will be TOO LATE physically.”

Bill C-18 and the blocking of the *Trumpet* on Facebook in Canada is not the famine of the word, but it gives Canadians a small taste of what a famine of God’s word will be like: You wake up in the morning and can’t find the *Trumpet*’s message anywhere. This shows how fast the famine can happen.

Are you taking advantage of the *Trumpet* while it is still available? Are you preparing for the spiritual famine?

If you used social media to read our content and discover it is now blocked or censored, there are a couple things you can do to still find us. First, you can visit our website directly and see the new content posted daily. You can also subscribe to our *Trumpet Brief* e-mail service. You can choose from a variety of options and have this message sent directly to your inbox so you never miss the most important stories and developments.

This is the age in which we live. Read *America Under Attack* to learn more about the important events to happen shortly, and act on this truth before it is too late. ■

WHAT MAKES MALES AND females so different? Much of the physical differentiation in size strength, energy, stamina and even thought and behavior is determined largely by a powerful hormone called testosterone.

The bodies of males produce 10 to 20 times the amount of this “messenger molecule” than females. A slow drop in testosterone is a normal part of aging—but something broader is happening with testosterone levels in males.

A Danish study showed that men born in the 1920s had 14 percent more testosterone than men born in the 1960s. *Healthy Cells* reported that men born in the 1910s still had more testosterone at age 70 than men born in the 1940s had at age 55.

So this decline appears to have been happening for decades—but it is getting worse. American Greatness reported that the average 22-year-old today has the virility that 67-year-old men had in 2000. Studies have found young men in the 2020s to have 27 percent less testosterone than men just one generation before.

Why the Drop?

Over this time period, men (and women) have been eating differently than previous generations. They have consumed drastically different ratios of salt, sugar and other carbohydrates, as well as new fillers, substances and, of course, chemicals: synthetic estrogens like bisphenol A (BPA), dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethanesynthetic (DDT) and numerous other herbicides and pesticides. They have been consuming endocrine disruptors, which can dramatically affect the hormonal pathway, causing imbalances, destroying cells, and shutting off testosterone production. Some disruptors are so potent that certain doses can all but turn male animals into females.

What we are putting into our bodies is dramatically different from previous generations. Is this connected to our dramatic drops in testosterone?

Meanwhile, nutritionists and government officials have promoted the flawed idea that dietary fat elevates cholesterol, causing more men to try low-fat diets. This decreases testosterone levels by 10 to 15 percent, according to News Medical Life Sciences. Many people take statins

Why Is Men's Testosterone Dropping?

And what can you do about it?

BY JORG MARDIAN



to lower blood cholesterol levels, and cholesterol is the building block of testosterone. Many Americans are putting these and other pharmaceuticals into their bodies, and some are known to bind to the bodily protein serum albumin, competing with testosterone for transport and lowering its overall levels.

Lack of sleep also lowers testosterone. The testosterone of a man who gets 5½ hours or less of sleep each night for eight nights or more has been found to drop 10 to 15 percent.

There are likely more causes. As an October 2022 *Telegraph* article states, our modern lifestyle is increasing every form of acute, chronic physical and mental illness, which is associated with lower testosterone levels in men.

What to Do?

Instead of changing their lifestyles, many men have found it easier to obtain testosterone replacement

prescriptions through injections, skin gels or patches for boosting energy, libido and muscle size.

But legitimate safety concerns exist. The United States Food and Drug Administration has indicated that these products carry an increased risk of heart attack and stroke, as well as male breast cancer, blood cancer, enlarged prostate and obstructive sleep apnea.

Naturally occurring testosterone is a molecular messenger, traveling through the body to activate and regulate a variety of functions. Yet it is being portrayed as some kind of toxin causing elevated aggression and bigotry, and it is being actively, literally, physically reduced in boys and men.

Men have relinquished their masculine perspectives and duties, leaving many effeminate, weak and dysfunctional. Some go so far as to mimic women to the point of mutilating their bodies.

Men need to have the bodies, hormones and brains that God *created* us to have.

Don't turn to “quick fixes” with fearful side effects. Value your sleep. Eliminate as many unnatural, processed, chemical-infused foods from your diet as you can. Eat lots of healthy fats. Once you have started the habit of a less polluted, more nutritious diet, consider intermittent fasting, which allows your liver and other organs to rest and return your hormones to natural levels. One approach is to eat only at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Also, get your body moving. Exercise is a great way to maintain and boost testosterone and, of course, your overall health. Type and intensity are key. Since testosterone reacts to bodily stress, strive for intensity and consistent effort in exercises using multiple muscle groups. Try weight training, cardio and resistance training, starting at the level you can handle and building your body and physical masculinity from there. Coupled with intermittent fasting, exercise can increase testosterone by 400 percent.

To increase this important part of your health, clean up your diet, minimize stress, and get daily sunshine, plenty of sleep and regular exercise. In other words, follow a lifestyle conducive to good health—and your natural testosterone levels should stay topped up for a lifetime. ■

A drugged man lies on a San Francisco street.



How Not to Win the War on Drugs

drug policy analyst Karen Ward told Vice News that stores selling hard drugs are an “inevitable result of the government doing nothing.”

Such ugly results never seem to deter those who promote these policies, however. “We’ve already heard cities like Toronto and Edmonton interested in taking this on as well,” Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said last year. “We’re going to work with them and try to make sure every step of the way that as, and if, we move forward, it is not just a single solution, that it is a full wrap-around approach like we’re trying to create in [British Columbia].”

For years now, some local governments have allowed and encouraged so-called safe injection sites. These

Why legalizing drugs doesn’t work **BY MIHAILOS. ZEKIC**

ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, THE MEDIA couldn’t stop talking about then mayor of Toronto, Rob Ford. After a video of him smoking from a crack pipe surfaced, Ford admitted that he had used cocaine, yet he refused to resign as mayor. Pundits mocked him for disgracing the nation. Back then, the “Rob Ford saga” seemed like a big joke. The idea of somebody in public office promoting drug use was still seen as shameful, undermining one’s competency to lead and set a good example.

A decade later, we live in a different world. Leaders like Barack Obama, Justin Trudeau and Prince Harry openly talk about drug use in their memoirs without hoo-ha. Hunter Biden, the son of United States President Joe Biden, gets caught using drugs and is still hailed as a celebrity while his father says nothing.

Meanwhile, the governments of the Western world—municipal, state, provincial and federal—are openly embracing and encouraging the citizenry to dive into drug use. Somehow, none of this is controversial.

Why is this happening?

The Push for Legalization

A new policy in the Canadian province of British Columbia demonstrates this. In January, heroin, fentanyl, cocaine and ecstasy were all decriminalized. Police are now legally permitted to “look the other way” if somebody possesses up to 2.5 grams of these strong drugs.

The province declared a public health emergency in 2016 due to rising overdose deaths. Since then, over 11,000 of the 5.3 million British Columbians have died from overdoses. The vast majority of these involved fentanyl.

The theory behind this sort of drug policy is that addicts don’t go to the authorities looking for help due to fear of legal consequences. Decriminalizing drugs supposedly removes the stigma of being caught and gives people greater motivation to seek help. But allowing people to obtain drugs with impunity will not lead to a reduction of drug users. To the contrary, in case after case such policies have been followed by increased drug use. At least one entrepreneur has opened a store selling illegal substances like heroin and cocaine. Canadian

are designated “safe zones” where people can obtain clean needles and use drugs with medical assistance nearby. Canada has 38 safe zones in operation. These sites and other measures including non-enforcement of drug laws have effectively decriminalized drugs for years. But now the law is putting dangerous drug use on the books officially.

These more toxic substances are only the latest victory for the drugging of minds. In 2018, Canada became the second country to make recreational cannabis (marijuana) legal nationwide. In 2021, government statistics suggest an astounding 50 percent of Canadians between ages 20 and 24 used cannabis, along with 37 percent of those ages 16 to 19, and 25 percent of those 25 and older.



A woman collects her drug kit in one of Canada’s supervised injection centers.

Mexico legalized recreational use in 2021. In the United States, 23 states have legalized cannabis: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Washington, plus the District of Columbia and the territory of Guam. The only states where cannabis is fully illegal both for recreational and medical use are Idaho, Kansas, South Carolina and Wyoming. This means it is perfectly legal for over 300 million North Americans to smoke recreational marijuana.

Legalizing or decriminalizing “harder drugs” doesn’t have as strong an advocacy in the U.S. as it does in Canada. But it is growing—especially on the West Coast. In 2020, Oregon decriminalized possession of hard drugs, similar to British Columbia’s policy. And residents of San Francisco can visit a “smart shop,” a store where hallucinogenic plants are sold legally for consumption.

All of this is only taking into account legal and decriminalized drugs. The casualties of the *illegal* drug trade are far worse. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 932,000 Americans have died from a drug overdose since 1999. Tens of thousands more have died in Mexico from the various drug cartels’ turf wars. The Council on Foreign Relations estimates as many as 360,000 people have been murdered in Mexico since 2006.

The Cost of Losing the War

“For many years we have declared a war on drugs in America. What has been the result? Look at the facts and we must concede that WE HAVE LOST THAT WAR! America is *overcome* by its drug problem,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *No Freedom Without Law*. He then refers to 2 Peter 2:19: “They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption; for whatever *overcomes* a man [or a nation], to that he is ENSLAVED” (Revised Standard Version).

No Freedom Without Law was first published in 2001. Circumstances were bad enough then, but they are now far worse. Instead of winning or even fighting this war, our societies have waved the white

flag. We have accepted that the drug culture is here to stay and to grow. Our governments are worse than defeated: They are now collaborationist regimes.

People are dying. Those who don’t die have their lives ruined, spending all they have on brain-frying substances while living on street corners and descending into dissipation, abuse, illness and misery.

Not everybody who supports drug normalization is a junkie. Many reason that giving addicts a small supply gives them enough to avoid withdrawal but not enough to overdose. It stops them from killing themselves. Supporters of legal cannabis meanwhile think it isn’t worth giving thousands of people criminal records for using a drug they consider relatively harmless. (Never mind a plethora of evidence to the contrary.)

But letting people keep their cocaine won’t give them their lives back. Allowing high schoolers to smoke mind-stunting marijuana isn’t setting them up for a successful future.

We have surrendered to a body-destroying, mind-destroying vice. We have surrendered to sin.

The principle in Scripture is clear. The Bible condemns abuse of alcohol (e.g. Proverbs 20:1; Ephesians 5:18). Alcoholism ruins people’s minds. It leads them into bankruptcy. It enslaves them to a substance. Drug use accomplishes all of this to much greater effect, and far more easily.

The Key to Victory

Herbert W. Armstrong, editor in chief of our predecessor magazine the *Plain Truth*, wrote in 1961 (in the context of the Bay of Pigs fiasco) that unless the U.S. repented of its embrace of lawlessness against God, “America has won its last war!” Since then, the U.S. has been unable to win the Vietnam War, the war on terror and every other major conflict it has gotten involved in.

Most of these wars were far-off conflicts involving professional soldiers. The war on drugs has claimed more American lives than

any of these other wars. And most of those impacted are not soldiers. They are university students, lawyers, government workers and others of respectable employment. They could be your next-door neighbors. If there was any war America couldn’t afford to lose, it would be the war on drugs. Yet we *have* lost it.

That doesn’t mean there is no cause for hope, however. America’s enslavement to drugs has a solution.

“It is very difficult to keep God’s law,” Mr. Flurry writes. “But the problem isn’t with the law, it is with us. We need to change and conform ourselves to that law. We need to replace the wickedness of our hearts with the righteousness of God by writing God’s law in our hearts!” (op. cit.).

Jesus Christ said it is the *truth* that sets us free (John 8:32). And He also said that God’s Word—His law as codified in the Holy Bible—is truth (John 17:17).



People who lost relatives to a drug overdose sit at the Trail of Truth memorial set up near the U.S. Capitol.

True freedom does not come from accommodating sin. That only leads to greater slavery. True freedom means changing our nature so we do keep the law—living, as Christ said, by every word of God (Luke 4:4). Christ said those words as He was overcoming the devil. And God wants everybody to overcome their personal demons—whether drug addiction or something else. That is why He gave His law: so that we may be free.

Truly, there is no freedom without law. ■

Real freedom is free from addiction.



To understand the nature of true freedom and the need for righteous law to secure it, request Gerald Flurry’s free booklet **No Freedom Without Law**.

In talking about the young people and fighting for their future, General Flynn warned that America is now in such grave danger that it's not about Democrats versus Republicans any more.

I spoke at the 2016 convention, and during that speech I made the statement that the sobering reality is that evil exists. I want people to understand that evil exists in mankind; it exists in humanity; it exists on Earth. We have to understand that there are components of that that are going to constantly attack the opposite of that: They're going to attack the good. They're going to attack the light. They're going to attack the truth.

General Flynn said that this trend is visible in crime, the elimination of local police and their replacement by federal police, and the utilization of immigration not as a path to a better life but as a weapon to weaken America, including through huge numbers of Americans killed by drug addictions.

I'm not talking about nationalism. I'm talking about taking care of our home first. Then, once we've done that, then we can still be this shining city on the hill, this true north beacon for the rest of the world. ... The ones attacking the America First movement hate the country. They hate that phrase ... "Make America Great Again."

Flynn decried America's dying educational system. He praised American mothers who are taking action to teach their own children at home.

It's my first visit here to this campus. I'm blown away by what these guys do and who they are and what they represent and how they do their education. And I can tell you from this visit: This is what fires me up. This is where I get my energy. Because trust me folks, this is exhausting. I want more people to stand up. But this visit here is a reminder and it re-energizes me to have the perspective that I need.

The Democrat Party, from back in the late '60s all the way till now, intentionally went after the family unit. I'm using that word *intentionally* precisely. They went after the family unit to destroy it, to destroy the fabric of the family. ... My greatest battle that I have faced personally is right here in my own country, and that's a really scary thing. This battle is with elements inside of my own country who I believe are subversive. They're subversive. And I don't mind saying that. That's the truth.

Obama's targeting of General Flynn is what my father focused on in Chapter 6 of America Under Attack.

This is a beautiful book, written by Gerald Flurry. He's really behind this beautiful campus that we're on. ... The title says it all: *America Under Attack*. I read it and I was compelled to reach out: I said, *Send me as many as you can*. ... I handed them out to my family and handed them out to everybody. And I said, *You've got to read this*. Because it's not just what it says in here about little Gen. Mike Flynn. It's the theme of it and the idea behind it. This is for real. ... You're able to connect the Bible to the Constitution. What *America Under Attack* describes is the *who, what, when, where, why* and *how* about what we are facing. And he brings this biblical direction in ... to make sure that we really do return to the strength of our nation, really the

foundation of our nation, which is based on Judeo-Christian principles and values. This is why I reached out.

All you've got to do is read the Federalist Papers, read the Constitution, read the Declaration of Independence. For those that want to have a little bit more, go read some of the diaries, some of the letters written by the founders to their spouses or to their children. Read some of their own historical accounts of what happened. ... One thing that's very clear is that the Constitution was derived from the Bible. There's no doubt about it. ... Go read the Bill of Rights today—that takes you probably all of about 20 minutes. Then you take the next step and you dig into the Constitution and you dig into the Bible itself. ... There's the wisdom and the vision, and the meaning is so powerful. So to be alive today, we don't have an excuse.



General Flynn addresses students at the Trumpet sponsor's primary and secondary schools.



The "last true measure of devotion" is the soldier on the battlefield that gave their life up. ... When we try to wrap ourselves in our flag and our freedom, keep the sense of humility to those that actually gave the last true measure of devotion, gave the greatest sacrifice that one can give. One of the greatest character traits, I think, in American soldiers is humility. The idea of humility is so powerful because when you're on the battlefield, you're engaged with an enemy in a life-or-death situation. When you witness something like a young soldier—I'm talking like an 18-, 19-year-old kid—and he goes to protect a child ... and he takes the child to safety, all at the expense, potentially, of his own life—he's turning his back on fire that's coming at him and he saves the child—that's not just an act of courage and an act

of bravery; that's an act of humility. That's humbling yourself. We don't train that in the Army. It's such a deep-seated thing that I think only comes from experiencing and understanding who you are and having that humility as an American.

General Flynn expressed frustration at the lack of such action by many Americans—particularly state governors failing to use their powers to check federal corruption and instead focusing on their own political careers.

I wish people would be more humble and step toward the fire and take the incoming that's going to come, as governors. If they want to be president of the United States or they want to be governor of a state, you *hope* they'd have that kind of humility and courage.

We've just taken it for granted. I hate to tell you folks, but we've been apathetic and lazy in many cases. I want people to understand that we've got to start being Americans and make the sacrifices here at home. I would tell you to repurpose your life: Everything that you've done in the past has been relevant and good and right, but maybe it wasn't enough. One person says, *Enough is enough*. And I agree: Enough is enough. So now what are we going to do about it? ...

I've been crushed by big waves, driven underneath and had to stay underneath for long periods of time. And you get a sense of fear. What I learned, particularly in the lifetime of surfing that I've done: You don't lose fear, but you overcome it and you're able to control it and you're able to rise back above. That's where America is at. I think America right now is in that ebb and flow of the big tides in this big ocean that is our beautiful country. I think a lot of people are fearful to a degree. ... What I want to try to do is get people to understand how to control their fear and control that emotion.

General Flynn spoke plainly about the “coup” against President Trump. When the first reports came out about a meeting at the White House just two weeks before Trump's inauguration in 2017, my father pinpointed it as crucial. That meeting has now become infamous. It included the nation's very top spies, lawyers, bureaucrats and federal police: John Brennan, James Clapper, James Comey, Susan Rice and Sally Yates, as well as Vice President Joe Biden. It was led directly by Barack Obama.

Jan. 5, 2017: The Obama administration was trying to do everything that they could to basically usurp the incoming Trump administration. That meeting in January was a meeting about me. 5 January 2017, is a sort of official start date of the coup led by Barack Obama against the United States of America to undermine a sitting president, a duly elected sitting president of the United States of America: Donald J. Trump. And here we are, August 2023, and we're still in the throes of that coup.

Why did Obama target Mike Flynn? I asked him to tell us about the 2010 paper “Fixing Intel” that he helped write while he was in the field and Obama was in the White House.

I was the senior intelligence officer for the International Security Assistance Force operating in Afghanistan. That was my third assignment in Afghanistan. There are a couple other coauthors as well. And when we looked at the landscape of what was happening, the larger intelligence community was not answering what we needed on the battlefield. We have

people at war in Afghanistan, and people are dying; soldiers are dying. ... I always kept pushing and pushing and pushing on the higher intel community and got no response. So I said, *You know what, let's put this out there on the street and see what happens*. Bob Gates, secretary of defense at the time, read it, and he said, *This is brilliant. We got a war to fight. Let's get back to fighting the war*. It was a very powerful statement that basically shut up Washington, D.C., and the bigger intel community.

Because it's not just fixing intel in Afghanistan. There are tactics, techniques and procedures inside that document for all kinds of things, for law enforcement activities, for warfare and for how we run our government. So I'm essentially calling out the fake news. Media was driving policy. You can say it wasn't intel to a degree, and that's true, but the intel community, particularly the CIA, has such influence inside of the big mainstream media.

With Gates's support, “Fixing Intel” led to reforms of intelligence procedures and systems in Joint Special Operations Command and elsewhere in the military. It is still widely read. Thanks in part to this effort, the capabilities of American and allied forces multiplied. One high-level U.S. operative said that Flynn helped to, in some cases, quintuple the number of raids. In 2012, Flynn became director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and America's highest-ranking intelligence officer.

I was appointed to two really important positions by President Obama. Then both of those positions had to be confirmed by the United States Senate. Two years later, I think it was February of 2014 ... I'm getting ready to go into a public hearing in front of the United States Senate to kind of give the worldwide intelligence assessment, and there's a very famous picture of me, Clapper, Brennan and Comey. And during that hearing we were all asked about ISIS: *The administration says ISIS is on the run*, words to that effect. As they asked each one of them, essentially they said, *ISIS is on the run; we're beating them back*. Director of the FBI, director of the CIA, director of national intelligence. And then they get to little Mike Flynn as director of DIA, which is a big organization. And I said, *No, ISIS is not on the run. They're actually growing, and they're in more countries than they've ever been in*. All this is what the intelligence community had, yet the administration now wanted a set of talking points. They wanted a narrative to be adhered to. And that's just not me.

So you feel like it was your testimony that made you a target?

Oh yeah, there's no doubt, because it was only a very short period of time after that, days actually, where I was called in with two individuals: One was the undersecretary of defense for intel, and one was Director Clapper. And Clapper said to me essentially, *We are removing you from DIA*.

There was no doubt that we were facing an enemy that was actually migrating into something worse. And every bit of intelligence that was going in front of Barack Obama said that. But the message from the leadership was going to be, *They're on the run*. ... I mean here we are. This is August of 2023, two years almost to the date of our complete and total surrender in Afghanistan to al Qaeda and ISIS and to the Taliban. We surrendered under fire. We retreated under fire, and we left American citizens behind, and we had casualties at the very end that resulted in 13 killed in action.

What was the difference between the intel you were getting on Iran and the Obama policy toward Iran?

Night and day. It's like evil versus good. Iran is designated the number one state sponsor of terrorism on the planet by our own State Department. ... Iran at the time is killing Americans, principally in Iraq—to the tune of about 500 of our American soldiers—and the Iranian government is constantly spewing hatred not only of the United States of America, but of Israel. This is not me making this up; go look it up. Yet Obama is willing to cut a deal to give them uranium, to enrich uranium to make a nuclear weapon. The intent of the Iranian regime is to have a nuclear weapon to further its intent to destroy Israel. ... So I was pushing



Gen. Michael Flynn receives a standing ovation as he delivers his "America in Crisis" lecture at Armstrong Auditorium.

back on that while I was in uniform, and I'm doing it through the right channels, and people knew it. Then when I got out, I went and testified to a hearing in summer of 2015. I'm an expert on a variety of subjects, and one of them is this. After I came out of the military, I took a stand against it because I'm still looking at this and saying, we're giving hundreds of millions of dollars, billions of dollars in some cases, and we're going to give uranium that can be enriched into a nuclear weapon, we're going to give it to Iran. Even at the time that the administration was giving Iran money and giving them this capability, they were still listed by our State Department as the leading state sponsor of terrorism.

Donald Trump shocked the world and won the 2016 presidential election. In a November 10 Oval Office meeting, Obama told President-elect Trump that the two most dangerous men in the world were North Korean nuclear-armed dictator Kim Jong-un—and Michael Flynn. The talking point "Obama warned against" Flynn was echoed across cable news.

Why? What were they so afraid of? They're afraid of the things that I said in this blueprint. They're afraid of the things that I warned against when I talked

about Iran. They're afraid of people that stand up and tell the truth. ... It wasn't just the Obama administration. There were people on both sides of the aisle, particularly the establishment, who benefit from having endless wars, which I am against. We have a purpose for our military, and it's to fight *and win* our nation's wars, not participate forever. So from that meeting, I went back and I saw Trump afterwards, and we were joking about it because he's like, *Can you believe this?* ... The transition of the United States of America from the outgoing president to the incoming president—so many massive things to talk about ... and Obama focuses on those two points. And Trump ended up saying to me, *You want to be the national security advisor?* And I said, *Yeah.* And he said, *You got the job.*

The very famous meeting of 5 January of 2017—there were really two meetings, and they were up in the same place, Oval Office with Obama. One had a larger group, and then Obama sent some out and he kept the smaller group in. And the larger group was vice president, people like Clapper, Comey, Brennan, Susan Rice, Sally Yates. There were some other minions in the room, his chief of staff, and there was a couple of other key people in the room. We have notes of all this—we have the minutes—this all came out as evidence in my case. So the Obama administration was trying to do everything they could to undermine everything, basically to usurp the incoming Trump administration. That meeting

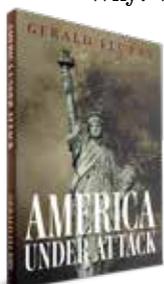
in January was a meeting about me. ... We have these notes that say, *What's our goal here? To get him to lie? To get him fired?*

That day, to me—5 January 2017—is a sort of official start date of the coup led by Barack Obama against the United States of America to undermine a duly elected sitting president of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump. And here we are, August 2023, ... and we're still in the throes of that coup.

Now we have to be constitutional, we have to be lawful, we have to be peaceful. We have to be thoughtful about how we get out of this mess. Obama's the one that said, *I would love to have a third term.* And he also used the phrase "fundamentally change America." *We're going to fundamentally change America.* Well, this is what it means.

After a second swim in the campus pool the next morning, General Flynn flew with us to his next destination in California. He remarked several times about "this beautiful community you guys have created here" and our young people and the education they are receiving. He expressed interest in reconnecting with us in the future, and I for one certainly hope he does. ■

NOTE: Some quotes and their orders have been edited for clarity.



America is under attack

Read the book that exposes the true nature of the crisis facing America today. When Gen. Michael Flynn read it, he called us, said it was an important book for the nation at this crucial time, and ordered copies for all his family. It convinced him to visit the author and the offices of the Philadelphia Trumpet. Request your own free copy of **America Under Attack**, by Gerald Flurry.

Do You Enjoy True Culture?

The decline of high art is a problem worth resisting.



CULTURE, CULTURE EVERYWHERE!

For millennia, “culture” had been a luxury for a small minority. To witness an exquisitely artistic performance, you would have needed to be born into a privileged palace, and one that patronized the arts. But for about the last century, thanks in part to the affluence of the Western world, remarkable cultural experiences have been available to the masses.

Technology can now capture and transmit the finest feats in the performing arts. This enables to partake of great performances repeatedly. When 19th-century composer Franz Schubert heard a particular Beethoven string quartet, his dying wish reportedly was to hear that piece *one more time*. Today the notion that we’d only hear a great piece of music once or twice is utterly foreign.

Even just a few decades ago, a listener had to go to some trouble to find and purchase the recording, or hope to catch it on the radio. Modern streaming and online-video platforms have obliterated these limitations.

Yes, culture, culture everywhere! So how would one generally describe Western “culture” today?

It seems ironic, but in spite of cultural experiences being available to us on demand, our society is treading the path toward cultural illiteracy, and worse.

Webster’s defines *culture* as “acquaintance with and taste in fine arts, humanities” It is also “enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training.”

Though affluence makes ours an age of great cultural availability, it has led to an age of ease. Even our “work” tends to be easy. We have come to believe *everything* should come easy, even our culture. We convince ourselves that if something takes effort and education to appreciate, we ought to move on to something easier—which often means something of lower quality. So true culture, by its definition, dies.

Modern technology makes passively watching, clicking and scrolling incredibly easy. Obviously it takes much less hassle and money than does dressing up, leaving the house and forking out \$50 per ticket to attend a play or a concert. But what we see on screen is often low culture. It is showy, flashy, catchy, entertaining. And if we don’t like what we see, an alternative is a barely a knuckle-bend away.

Yes, this age of affluence *should* allow more people to enjoy the life’s “finer” things more often—to attend plays, concerts and art exhibitions, to enjoy great works of literature and music. So why don’t we?

One reason is that our human nature is fundamentally lazy. It shies away from *challenge*—of engaging with something that

stimulates the mind, opting instead for something that entertains.

Another factor is society abandoning history and glorifying “the now.” This favors immediate gratification and creates cultural amnesiacs who have time for nothing but a catchy three-minute tune or an amusing 30-second video. Consume enough banal, hyperstimulating,

adrenalizing pop culture, and fine culture that requires effort to appreciate comes off as stodgy, pretentious and boring.

Add to all this the fact that we often don’t know any better. So many are as wealthy as aristocrats yet lack the training in culture that nobility traditionally might have received. What is excellence? What is taste? Modern education largely fails to teach cultural literacy and history; it fails to cultivate appreciation for the highest achievements in literature, art, music.

What might we learn from our non-elite, non-aristocratic forbears who still somehow had a high standard of culture, decorum and etiquette? Before mass communication, the average person could still be cultured. If people couldn’t afford to attend concerts, they made their own—perhaps gathering around the piano, each child with an instrument, to make music for their evening entertainment. If tickets to the opera were too extravagant, they could get its famous arias in a book of sheet music and sing them. These were the “pop songs” of the day. For the masses to be cultured, they had to *be* the culture.

Understanding art, theater, literature, opera takes time, experience, education. But, sadly, today we rarely slow down, appreciate, observe. Such a lifestyle overlooks high culture and excellence and mars our entire perspective on the world, significant history, important issues, and even our morals.

Another major modern force destroying true culture is the perversion and obscenity polluting popular culture. Many are embracing hedonistic, crude, sexualized, scandalized and violent entertainments, becoming voyeurs of human nature at its lowest. This has strangled true culture, which aims to show humanity at its finest, highest state of creativity and achievement.

Glutted on popular entertainment, affluence and ease, society is ignoring high culture. Thanks to our loss of perspective on time, history and education, culture is taking its dying breaths. Even if culture were the only victim, it would be a tragedy in the annals of Western civilization. But what’s worse is that all these ills that plague culture reveal deeper problems with our society and the disastrous direction it is headed.

We can challenge these trends in our individual lives. We can elevate our standards of decorum and engage in culturally stimulating pursuits. We can build a culture in our home that actively participates in the arts. We can use modern technology to enjoy some of the greatest achievements of the human spirit. And we can channel our blessings to *invest* in experiencing the finest culture firsthand. ■

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WORLDWATCH

ANGLO-AMERICA

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President **Donald Trump** has warned that the United States dollar is losing its reserve currency status. During a Fox Business interview on August 17, he stated, “We have power, but it’s waning. In fact, it’s waning in terms of our currency. And I’m not just talking about the value of our currency, I’m talking about our currency being used throughout the world.” He also noted that if many more nations abandoned the dollar as their currency for international trade, the overall damage to America would be “bigger than losing any war.”

The late Herbert W. Armstrong predicted that a financial crisis in America would likely be the catalyst prompting 10 nations in Europe to unite (Revelation 17:10-13). The fact that Fitch Ratings recently downgraded America’s foreign-currency

angels, and 58 percent believe in the devil. Since Gallup began collecting this data 22 years ago, belief in God has dropped 16 percentage points, while belief in angels and in the devil have both dropped 10 points.

Belief in the devil is declining while evidence of his existence is everywhere. One example is revelations of adults raping children. Millions of Americans have watched *Sound of Freedom* following its July 4 release. This film depicts the real-life exploits of **Tim Ballard**, who quit his job as a national security agent to dedicate himself to saving children in Colombia from enslavement and rape. An estimated 1 million children are suffering this torment every year, including about 100,000 in America. Half of the human trafficking in America is child sex

eventually selling it to a comparatively tiny distributor late last year that finally succeeded in releasing it this summer. These actions are consistent with allegations of pedophilia being common in moviemaking circles, including LGBTQ-friendly Disney. Then, in a number of cinemas across the country, people reported unusual problems, such as air conditioner failures, that affected only the viewing of this particular film, suggesting sabotage by theater owners.

But the response from American media was even more unsettling. Mainstream outlets broadcast and published a consistent message: The movie overdramatizes child exploitation and is only popular with people “addled” by the QAnon conspiracy theory that elite satanic liberals are kidnapping and raping children. This is a bizarre way to cover a film sharing a true story about saving children from torment. Revelations about billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein, who engaged in and helped other elites engage in raping children, show that corporate media executives may be acting to protect themselves.

The Bible reveals that Satan has been cast down (Revelation 12:9-12) and that he is actively attacking America, a nation descended from ancient Israel. While leaders like Trump warn about financial calamity, the same media that is covering for child-sex traffickers blast the fact that Trump has been indicted for the fourth time this year, this time for “criminal attempts to interfere in Georgia’s presidential election.”

The media do not want election fraud exposed, nor sex trafficking, the corruption of the Biden family and the fact that America is nearing bankruptcy. An unflinching look at America today proves that to deny the existence of an intelligent evil spirit being is to deny tragic reality.



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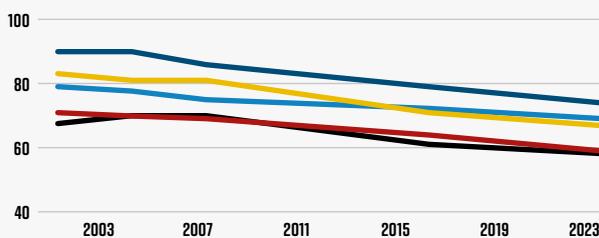
The **European Union Digital Services Act** went into force on August 25, introducing a new era of Internet censorship.

The act combats advertising designed to mislead children, makes it easier to combat child abuse online, and has other helpful provisions. But it also compels social media platforms to implement more censorship, both in Europe and worldwide. The law bans “disinformation” and “hate speech” and imposes enormous fines for large social media companies that fail to comply. Examples like the COVID-19 scare exposed the fact that governments and tech executives are willing and able

Americans' belief in five spiritual entities, 2001-2023

PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN ...

■ God ■ Heaven ■ Angels ■ Hell ■ Satan



issuer default rating shows this crisis is approaching rapidly.

Americans’ belief in the spirit world is declining. Fewer people than ever believe in God, Satan and other spirit beings. According to a July 20 Gallup poll, 74 percent of Americans believe in God, 69 percent believe in

trafficking. This nation is a top destination for these victims.

This monstrous evil inside America is finally being exposed to the general public. Yet there is evidence of an intelligent evil being even in the distribution of this film. Disney withheld the completed movie for years,

* Find links to freely access all the articles and booklets referred to on these pages at theTrumpet.com/go/ww2310.



TOPSHOT An aerial image taken on August 10, shows destroyed homes and buildings burned to the ground in Lahaina in the aftermath of wildfires in western Maui, Hawaii.

to ban factual news posts simply by arbitrarily labeling them “misinformation.” (Facebook, for example, when forced to defend itself in a U.S. court, admitted that its “fact checking” is actually just its subjective opinion.) This new law drastically empowers elites in technology and in European government to impose their opinions and agenda. Read **“Germany Is Taking Control of the Internet.”***

In **Germany**, a record 70 percent of people are unhappy with the work of their chancellor, **Olaf Scholz**, and 64 percent are unhappy with their government according to an August 17-18 poll by INSA for *Bild*, Europe’s most-read newspaper. At the same time, Germans are looking to the government to

solve their problems. A study published in July, titled “Unusual Times—Unusual Measures?,” revealed that 4 out of 5 Germans favor government price controls to tackle rising inflation. More than a third of Germans say companies that did not generate a profit because of inflation should be taken over by the government.

The Bible prophesies of a coming leader who will once again captivate the German people and use his charisma not only to take dictatorial control of Germany but also to rally core European nations behind his leadership. Read what the Bible says about how this will come about and what will follow in ***A Strong German Leader Is Imminent.*** ■

ASIA

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The Chinese Communist Party is continuing to push against the global order in the South China Sea and beyond.

Satellite imagery published by the Drive on August 15 shows that **China** has built an airstrip on Triton Island in part of the South China Sea that lies in **Vietnam’s** exclusive economic zone.

China built harbors and a helipad on Triton previously. The new construction began in June and has military implications. Though too short for most fighter jets, the 2,000-foot airstrip could accommodate drones and turboprop aircraft, helping China project more power into this mineral- and energy-rich region that is also crisscrossed by key maritime trade routes.

As the Chinese were illegally militarizing Triton, Chinese Coast Guard vessels further east maneuvered dangerously close to a **Philippines’**-owned boat near the Second Thomas Shoal and illegally fired a water cannon at it. The August 5

incident occurred as the boat attempted to deliver provisions to a unit of Filipino marines stationed there. The shoal lies well within the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone as defined by international law, based on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and reinforced by a 2016

International Court of Justice ruling. But China rejects international law and claims almost the entire South China Sea as its own, including sections belonging to the Philippines, **Brunei**, **Malaysia**, **Taiwan** and Vietnam.

In **“China Is Steering the World Toward War,”** *Trumpet*

editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “Now that U.S. military presence in the area has been drastically reduced, *China is claiming the entire South China Sea as its own!*” (*Trumpet*, July 2016).

Meanwhile, the *New York Times* reported on July 29 that **Chinese hackers have spent years secretly inserting malicious computer code deep within networks that control America’s power grids, water supplies and military communications.** The hackers use code called “web shell” that can grant remote access to targeted servers. The *Times* cited United States officials who said hackers with access to these servers could disrupt U.S. military deployments and resupply operations at will.

“China is steadfast and determined to penetrate our governments, our companies, our critical infrastructure,” said George Barnes, deputy director of the National Security Agency. “In the earlier days, China’s cyberoperations activities were very noisy and very rudimentary. They have continued to bring resources, sophistication and mass to their



game. So the sophistication continues to increase” (ibid).

As our booklet ***Russia and China in Prophecy*** says, “America’s status as the world’s lone superpower is rapidly fading. Other nations and groups of nations are angling to fill the void.” ■

MIDDLE EAST

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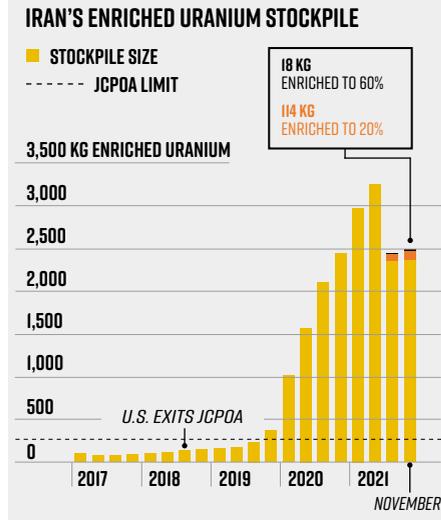
Defense Minister Viktor Khrenin of **Belarus** signed a memorandum of understanding with **Iranian** Defense Minister Mohammed Reza Ashtiani on July 31. Critical Threats Project claimed that the agreement may involve the construction of Shahed “suicide drone” factories in Belarus. On August 1, Khrenin met with Iran’s Armed Forces General Chief of Staff Mohammed Bagheri and discussed establishing joint military exercises, military attachés and a military cooperation commission.

Belarus is little more than a Russian satellite state. Iran has become a principal backer of Russia in the Ukraine war, particularly with Shahed drones and other military technology. Iran’s stake in the war is minimal: It appears to be using its allies, including its relationship with Belarus, to attack the West. The European Union is taking notice.

Daniel 11:40 describes a major clash that begins with “the king of the south” pushing against “the king of the north,” representing Iran-led Islam and German-led Europe, respectively. “Iran has a foreign policy with a lot of ‘PUSH,’” Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet ***The King of the South***. “Soon they will push at the king of the north, the

so-called ‘Holy’ Roman Empire.” Iran’s activities in places like Belarus may constitute a part of that push.

Domestically, Iran is also making intriguing moves. On



August 11, the *Wall Street Journal* wrote, “Iran has diluted a small amount of 50 percent enriched uranium in recent weeks and slowed the rate at which it is accumulating new material.” For years, Iran has been ramping up its nuclear program to acquire a nuclear weapon. Slowing down its program may seem counter-intuitive. But as our September *Trumpet* issue reported, **Iran and the United States are adhering to an under-the-table nuclear deal**. Part of the deal involves

Iran scaling back its nuclear enrichment, and it appears that Iran is doing just that.

Meanwhile, on August 17, the United States approved **Israel's** sale of the advanced

Arrow 3 missile defense system to Germany. The system is a joint U.S.-Israel project, and its sale to Germany represents Israel's largest defense deal. Less than a century ago, Germans tried to annihilate the Jewish race. Now Israel is trusting them with advanced military technology. This represents the latest example of German-Israeli military cooperation.

Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** characterized the deal as “a historic turning point,” but even he may not realize how true that is.

Ezekiel 23 is a prophecy of the Jews trusting the Assyrians, or modern Germany, militarily. God expects His people to trust in Him rather than foreign allies. Ezekiel prophesies that the Assyrians will commit a heinous double cross. Request your free copy of ***Germany and the Holy Roman Empire***.

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JoAnne Miller CALIFORNIA

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Growing up, my parents didn't want a TV, but once we got one, it was always Mr. Armstrong that we watched, and we always read his books. When I received my first *Trumpet* magazine, I got so excited. Mr. Flurry and all of you are doing an unbelievable job. I appreciate you and I feel I've really found a treasure.

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Your Ability to Buy and Sell Is in Danger

How will you react?

“WITHOUT A BANK ACCOUNT, YOU BECOME A NONPERSON.” British politician and Brexit leader Nigel Farage speaks from experience. His bank account was suddenly closed in June, and he didn’t know why. It later emerged that his bank had shut down the account because of Farage’s political views. He tried to get an account with seven other banks, but he was denied all seven times. On June 29, he warned on social media: “If they can do it to me, they can do it to you, too.”

He is not the only one. In the United Kingdom, more than a million bank accounts have been shut down since 2019. In the year 2016–17, just over 45,000 accounts were closed; and in 2021–22, over 343,000—more than 1,000 for every working day.

We see a similar trend in the United States. CBS News reported on July 17: “A growing number of bank customers are having their accounts shut down without much warning or explanation, leaving them without access to their money.” The article quotes one affected individual saying, “All of a sudden I find out I’m broke. I can’t feed my family, and I can’t pay any expenses.”

Some cases may be because of fraud, and others are accidents. But more and more are for political reasons. Some liberals are affected, but more often it hits conservatives.

In July, JPMorgan Chase decided to shut down accounts for companies owned by COVID-19 vaccine critic Dr. Joseph Mercola. *Mercola.com* is the world’s top natural health website. The accounts of his chief executive officer, his chief financial officer and even their spouses and children were also shut down.

Canadian protesters participating in the Freedom Convoy to Ottawa last year had a similar experience: The *Canadian government* froze their accounts. Similar events have happened in Belarus, China, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Russia, Turkey, Uganda and other countries. In extreme cases, governments have seized protesters’ money.

But it may not even take shutting down your account to limit your ability to engage in business. In France, companies fear losing necessary financing if they don’t comply with the government’s political goals, such as reducing carbon emissions.

What if a bank executive learns that *you* don’t support drastic climate-change measures or the LGBTQ+ movement and

with the press of a button classifies you as a “financial risk” and denies you access to a loan—or to your own money?

New artificial intelligence systems are being developed that could soon determine your ability to get a bank account, credit card or a loan. There is also a push for digital currencies that threaten the use of cash payments. In the future, governments could easily bar you from buying and selling. People unable to buy or sell are instantly severely restricted in their ability to try to change or even to criticize government policies.

Excluding people from trade is nothing new. In the past, countries and cities have been besieged—excluded from trade. Sanctions on nations and individuals today are common.

Historically, however, one group in particular faced the brunt of unjust persecution. In A.D. 814, Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne decreed, “Let no Jew presume to have a money-changer’s table in his house, nor shall he presume to sell wine, grain or other commodities there. But if it be discovered that he has done so all his goods shall be taken away from him, and he shall be imprisoned until he is brought into our presence.”

This empire executed similar persecutions throughout its history. Its most severe occurred more than a millennium later, in a modern resurrection of the empire. In 1938, the German government issued a decree that prevented Jews from operating retail stores and sales agencies and from pursuing a trade. Though on a lesser scale, political dissidents, Romani, Afro-Germans, homosexuals and others that were deemed enemies of the state faced similar persecution and death. Exclusion from the economy often precedes more intense persecutions.

The Bible reveals that a worse time is yet ahead when “no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Revelation 13:17). “Yes, the MARK OF THE BEAST once again will be *enforced!*” the late Herbert W. Armstrong explained in *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* “No one will be able to hold a job or engage in business without it. Those refusing will once again be tortured and martyred—probably by the secret police of the political *state*—but at the behest of the church!”

Historically, this mark had a connection not only to a political government but also to a church that sought to enforce “Sunday rest.” Those who did not obey were persecuted. The people who exclude individuals from trade today may have no such connection to a church, and what they are doing is also not the fulfillment of this prophecy. But these examples show how easily such a mark could be enforced in our day.

Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast? explains what the mark of the beast is, how powerfully it will be enforced, and how you can be protected from those extreme measures—and from death. Understanding this topic is vital. Like all of our literature, we offer it to you free.



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Montgomery KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun; WCOV-TV 5:30, Sun
Montgomery-Salem WBMM-DT/WNCF-DT 8:30, Sun

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

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

Arizona, Phoenix KDVD-LD 4:30 MT, Sun;
KSAZ 5:30 MT, Sun; KTVK-COMET TV 6:00 MT, Sun

Prescott KTVK 5:30 MT, Sun
Sierra Vista KTTU 5:30 MT, Sun
Tucson KTTU 5:30 MT, Sun
Yuma KEYC-DT 8:30 MT, Sun

Arkansas, Bentonville K28NT-D 5:30, Sun
El Dorado KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun
Fayetteville K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Fort Smith K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun
Harrison K26GS-D-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Jonesboro KAIT3-HD 9:30, Sun; KJOS 8:30, Sun
Little Rock KATV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

Mountain Home K07XL-D 5:30, Sun
Pine Bluff KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun
Rogers K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Springdale K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun
California, Bakersfield KBFX-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KGET-DT 9:30, Sun

Cathedral City KRET-CD 3:30, Sun
Chico KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun
El Centro KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

Eureka KECA-LD/KVIQ-DT 9:30, Sun
Fresno KAIL 3:30, Sun; KFSN 3:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Los Angeles KABC-TV 3:30, Sun; KCOP 10:30, Sun; KDCC-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Modesto KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

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

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

Redding KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun
Sacramento KMAX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSAO-LD 3:30, Sun

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

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

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

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

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

Denver KCDO-TV 4:30, Sun; KWGN-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

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

Connecticut, Hartford WCCT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

New Haven WCCT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WCTX-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

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

Fort Walton Beach/Pensacola WFGX-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Gainesville WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun; WCJB 6:30, Sun; WNBW-DT-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

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

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

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

Tallahassee WTWC 10:30, Sun; WTLF-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTXL 6:30/1:00 p.m./5:00 p.m., Sun; WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

Tampa WTTA 8:30, Sun; WXPX 6:00, Fri
West Palm Beach WPEC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Georgia, Albany WGCW-LD 8:30, Sun; WFXL-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPCB 7:00, Sun; WSWG Sun, 8:30; WSWG 9:30, Sun

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

Augusta-Aiken WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun; WFXG 8:30, Sun
Brunswick WPXC 6:00, Fri

Columbus WGBP-TV 6:30, Sun; WLTX-DT 9:30, Sun; WXTX 7:00, Sun
Macon WGXA-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMAZ-DT 9:30, Sun

Savannah WSAV-DT 9:30, Sun; WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Thomasville WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

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

Kauai Ho Ike Chan. 52 9:30, Tue

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

Oahu Focus Chan. 49 7:00, Sat

Idaho, Boise KRID-LD 4:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KYUU-LP/KBOI-DT 8:30, Sun

Idaho Falls KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPFI 6:30, Sun
Lewiston KLEW-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Pocatello KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPFI 6:30, Sun
Springfield WICS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Twin Falls KMTV-DT 8:30, Sun
Urban WICD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

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

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

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

Quincy WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Rock Island KGCW 7:30, Sun
Rockford WREX 10:00, Sun; WREX-DT 8:30, Sun

Indiana, Bloomington WTTV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Elkhart WCWW 8:30, Sun
Fort Wayne WISE-DT 9:30, Sun; WLMO-LD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Indianapolis WALV-CD 6:30, Sun; WTHR 5:00, Sun; WTTV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Lafayette WLFI-DT 9:30, Sun
South Bend ESBT/WSBT 7:30, Sun; WCWW-LD 6:30, Sun

Terre Haute WTHI-DT 9:30, Sun

Iowa, Burlington KGCW 5:30, Sun
Cedar Rapids KGAN 11:00 p.m., Sun

Davenport KGCW 7:30, Sun
Des Moines KDSM-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

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

Ottumwa KTVO-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT 8:30, Sun

Sioux City KMEG-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTVI-DT 8:30, Sun

Kansas, Hutchinson Plus KCTU 7:30, Sun
Kansas City KCKS-LD 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KMBC 2:00, Sun

Louisburg KMJC-LD 5:30, Sun
Pittsburg KFJX-DT 8:30, Sun; KSXF 9:30, Sun

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

Wichita KCTU-LD 5:30, Sun; KSAS-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

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

Lexington WDKY 7:00, Sun; WLJC 8:30, Sun
Louisville WBNA-THIS 6:30, Sun; WMYO-CD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Paduach KBSI-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Louisiana, Alexandria KALB-DT 8:30, Sun

Baton Rouge WBTR-CD 5:30, Sun
Lafayette KATC-DT 8:30, Sun

Lake Charles KPLC-DT 8:30, Sun
Monroe KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun

New Orleans WNOL-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WUPL 5:30, Sun

Shreveport KMSS 9:30, Sun
Maine, Bangor WABI-DT 9:30, Sun

Presque Isle WAGM-DT3/WBPQ 9:30, Sun
Waterville-Portland WPFQ-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Maryland, Baltimore WMAR 5:30 p.m., Sun; WNUV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Salisbury WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun

Massachusetts, Boston WHDH 6:30, Sun; WSBK-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Holyoke WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

Manchester WHDH 8:30, Sun

Springfield WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

Michigan, Alpena WBAE 9:30, Sun

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

Cadillac WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Detroit WDIV 5:00, Sun; WDIV-THIS 6:30, Sun; WKBD-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

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

Grand Rapids WOTV-CHARGE 6:30, Sun

Lake City WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun

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

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

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

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

Sault Ste. Marie WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Traverse City WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

West Branch WUWB-LD 6:30, Sun
Windsor WKBD-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Minnesota, Austin KAAL 9:30, Sun

Duluth KDHL-DT 8:30, Sun
Mankato KMNF-LD 8:30, Sun; KWYE 8:30, Sun

Minneapolis KSTC-TV 5:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

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

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

Mississippi, Biloxi WXXV 7:30, Sun; WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun

Clarksdale WPRQ-LD 5:30, Sun
Cleveland WHCQ-LD 5:30, Sun

Columbus ETV 11:00, Sun; WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Greenville WBWD 8:30, Sun
Greenwood WBWD 8:30, Sun

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

Jackson WLOO 7:30, Sun
Laurel WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun; WHPM-LD 5:30, Sun

Meridian WTOK-DT 8:30, Sun
Tupelo WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

West Point WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Missouri, Cape Girardeau KBSI-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBSI 10:30, Sun

Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCC-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KMIZ 1:00, Sun

Hannibal WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCC-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Joplin CWPL 8:30, Sun; KFJX 7:00, Sun; KFJX-DT 8:30, Sun; KSXF 7:00, Sun

Kansas City KCTV 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KCWE 8:30, Sun

Kirksville KTVO-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT 8:30, Sun

Springfield KRFT 7:30, Sun
St. Joseph KNPG-LD 8:30, Sun

St. Louis KSDK 5:30, Sun; KPLR-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun

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

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

Glendive KWZB 8:30, Sun
Great Falls KRTV-DT 8:30, Sun

Helena KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun
Missoula KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun

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

Kearney KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Lincoln KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun

Omaha KPTM-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

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

Scottsbluff KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun

Nevada, Las Vegas KPVM-LD 5:30, Sun; KVCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Pahrump K46KA-D 3:30, Sun

Reno KNSN-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KRNS-CA 6:30, Sun; KOL03/KREN-DT 9:30, Sun

New Mexico, Albuquerque KOB 4:30, Sun; KOB/KOBF/KOBR 6:30, Sun; KOB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Farmington KOBF-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Roswell KOBR-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

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

New York, Albany WRBG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-LD 6:30, Sun

Binghamton WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun

Buffalo WBXZ-LD 6:30, Sun; WNYO-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUTV 10:30, Sun

Elmira (Corning) WENY-DT 9:30, Sun

New York City WABC-TV 6:30, Sun; WPIX 11:30, Sun; WWOR, 8:00, Sun

Plattsburgh WPZT-DT 9:30, Sun

Rochester WBGT-CD 6:30, Sun; WUHF-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

Schenectady WRBG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun;

WYBN 8:30, Sun
Syracuse WONO-CD 6:30, Sun; WSTM-TV-COMET TV 8:00
Troy WYBN 8:30, Sun
Utica WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun
Watertown WWTI-DT 9:30, Sun
North Carolina, Asheville WGGG 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Bowling Green WBKO 12:30, Fri
Charlotte WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB 5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Durham WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTVD 6:30, Sun
Fayetteville WTVD 6:30, Sun
Greensboro WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Greenville WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Hickory WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
High Point WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
New Bern WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Raleigh WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTVD 6:30, Sun
Salem WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Washington WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Wilmington WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV 6:30, Sun; WWAY-DT 9:30, Sun
Winston WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
North Dakota
Bismarck KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun
Dickinson KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun
Fargo KRDK-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KXJB 8:30, Sun
Grand Forks KRDK-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Minot KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun
Valley City KXJB 8:30, Sun
Ohio, Akron WIVM/WVX 8:30, Sun
Chillicothe WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Cincinnati WBQC-LD 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Cleveland WIVM/WTVX 8:30, Sun; WJW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun
Columbus WSYX 6:30, Sun; WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Dayton WKEF 10:00, Sun; WRGT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Lima WBOH 9:30, Sun
Steubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WMMT-CD 6:30, Sun; WNWO-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Youngstown WYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZY 9:30, Sun
Oklahoma, Ada KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Lawton KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun
Oklahoma City KOCB-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KOPX 5:00, Fri
Tulsa KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KOTV 5:30, Sat; KOCW 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Oregon, Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Eugene KMTR-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KMTR-DT 9:30, Sun
Medford-Klamath Falls KTVL-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun
Portland KATU-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Pennsylvania, Altoona WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun; WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Erie WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun
Johnstown WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun; WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Philadelphia WPSG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPVI-TV 6:30, Sun
Pittsburgh WCPW 9:30, Sun; WPNT-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun
Scranton WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
State College WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Wilkes Barre WSWB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Puerto Rico, Aguadilla WSJP-LD-COMET TV 7:30, Sun
Rhode Island, Providence WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
South Carolina, Anderson WGGG 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBF-DT 9:30, Sun; WCBF 12:30, Sun
Columbia WACH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
WOLO Columbia, SC 11:30 p.m., Sun
Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun
Greenville WGGG 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Hardeeville WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Myrtle Beach WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun;

WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun
Spartanburg WGGG 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
South Dakota, Huron KTTM 5:30, Sun
Rapid City KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KNBN 5:30 p.m., Sun
Sioux Falls (Mitchell) KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun; KTTW 5:30, Sun
Tennessee, Alexandria WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun
Chattanooga WDSJ-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Jackson WNB 8:30, Sun
Knoxville WEZK/WJZC 8:30, Sun; WKNX 1:30 p.m., Sun
Memphis WATN 6:30 p.m., Sat; WBII 7:30, Sun; WMC-TV 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun; WMC 1:30, Thur/Fri
Nashville WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Texas, Abilene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Amarillo KVII-DT/KVII-DT 8:30, Sun
Austin KCWX 5:30, Sun
Beaumont KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KFDM, 2:50, Sat; KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun
Brownsville KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Corpus Christi KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun
Dallas KDAF 7:00, Sun; KTXA 7:30, Sun; KTXA 5:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WFAA 5:30, Sun
El Paso KFOX-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Ft. Worth KDFW 5:00, Sun; KTXA 5:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WFAA 5:30, Sun
Greenville WEMT 10:00, Sun
Harlingen KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Houston KTAH-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTRK-TV 5:30, Sun
IUFKIN KIVY 7:30, Sun
Laredo KYLX 8:30, Sun
Longview KIVY 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Lubbock KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun
Midland KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun
Odessa KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWWT 5:30, Sun
Port Arthur KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KFDM, 2:05, Sat/8:30, Sun
San Angelo KTXE 8:30, Sun
San Antonio KCWX 5:30, Sun; KMYS/GOAI 9:00, Sun
Sherman KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Sweetwater KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun
Tyler KFXK 8:30, Sun; KIVY 7:30, Sun; KTPN 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Victoria KVCT 5:30, Sun; KVCT-DT3/KWVB 8:30, Sun
Waco KZCZ-LD-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KWKT 6:30, Sun
Weslaco KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun
Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDF 6:00, Sun
U.S. Virgin Islands, Charlotte Amalie WVXF 7:30, Sun
Utah, Salt Lake City KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KSL-DT3 4:30, Sun
Vermont, Burlington WFFF 10:00, Sun; WVVN 10:30, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30
Virginia, Bristol WCYB 5:00, Sat; WCYB-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Charlottesville WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
Hampton/Norfolk WSKY 9:00, Sun
Harrisonburg WSVW-LD2 8:30, Sun; WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Lynchburg WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYAT 8:30, Sun
Newport News WTKR 6:30, Sun
Norfolk WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Richmond WRLH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUPV 6:00/10:30, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat/10:30, Sun
Roanoke WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYAT 8:30, Sun; WSL 11:30, Sun
Virginia Beach WTKR 6:30, Sun
Washington D.C. WJLA-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Washington, Kennebec KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KVVK-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Pasco KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun
Richland KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun
Seattle KCPQ 7:00, Sun; KOMO-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KONG 3:30, Sun
Spokane KAYU 7:30, Sun
Tacoma KONG 5:30, Sun
Yakima KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KUNW-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
West Virginia, Beckley WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Bluefield WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Charleston WVAH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Clarksburg WVFX-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX 8:30, Sun
Fairmont WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun
Moorefield W29DH-D-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Oak Hill WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Parkersburg WCWP/WOVA-LD2 9:30, Sun
Weston WVFX-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX 8:30, Sun
Wheeling WBWO 9:30, Sun
Wisconsin, Eau Claire WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Green Bay WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
La Crosse WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Madison WKOW 5:30, Sun; WMSN-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Milwaukee WJMN 7:30, Sun; WVTU-DT2-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Rhineland WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun
Superior KDLH-DT 8:30, Sun
Suring WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Wausau WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Wyoming, Casper KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun; KFNB 7:00, Sun; KLWY 7:00, Sun; WVUX 7:30, Sun
Cheyenne KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun
Jackson KPFI 6:30, Sun
Riverton KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun
Weston WVUX 8:30, Sun

CANADA

Nationwide cable
 Vision TV 4:30 p.m. ET, Sun
 CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun
Alberta, Red Deer KAYU 8:30, Sun
Calgary CKCS-DT 10:00, Sun; KAYU 8:30, Sun
Edmonton CKES-DT 10:00, Sun; KAYU 8:30, Sun
Medicine Hat CHAT 8:30, Sun; KAYU 8:30, Sun
Lethbridge KAYU 8:30, Sun
British Columbia, Kamloops CFJC 9:00, Sun
Prince George CKPG 9:00, Sun
Vancouver CHEK 8:30, Sun; CHNU 11:30, Sun/10:00, Tues; KCPQ 7:00, Sun
Victoria CHNU 11:30, Sun/10:00, Tues
Manitoba, Winnipeg CIIT Joy TV 11:00, Sun
Ontario, Toronto WADL 10:00, Sun; WUTV 10:30, Sun
Quebec, Montreal WVVN 10:30, Sun
CARIBBEAN
Bahamas FOX W Chan. 216, 10:30, Sun
AUSTRALASIA
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