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Why We Told You to Watch Lebanon

ON AUGUST 4, THE WORLD WAS SHOCKED BY A MASSIVE explosion that destroyed much of downtown Beirut, the capital of Lebanon.

It quickly became clear that this blast will likely ignite a radical political change within the nation.

To longtime *Trumpet* readers, the significance of this moment is clear. We have been writing about this transformation in Lebanon for years, based on a powerful biblical prophecy. I believe what happens next in Lebanon will validate not only the *Trumpet*, but more importantly the Word of God, upon which we base our news forecasting. Events in Lebanon are proving the Bible accurate!



Six years ago, Saudi Arabia announced that it would give \$3 billion to Lebanon's army so it could buy French weapons. I wrote an article for this magazine titled "Why You Need to Watch Lebanon" (theTrumpet.com/11536). Lebanon was—and is—dominated by Hezbollah, an Iranian proxy terrorist group. But I explained the prophecy in Psalm 83 that foretells Lebanon's future. It shows that Hezbollah will forfeit much of its power and that Iran will lose its grip over Lebanon—that the nation will instead ally with Saudi Arabia and other moderate Arab states, along with German-led Europe.

I wrote: "Saudi Arabia's gift is a deliberate attempt to remove Iran's hold over Lebanon. It is also part of a larger strategy to bring the moderate Arab states together with Europe to counter the Iranian-aligned Shiite crescent developing in the Middle East. This was just a small sign of an alliance that is going to build into something enormous that will shock this world. ...

"This heavy Christian population makes Lebanon different from the rest of the Arab world. By calling on Europe to participate in this deal—designed to protect the Lebanese from Shiite extremism—Saudi Arabia opens the door for a Sunni-Catholic alliance! ... Because of its high population of Christian Arabs, Lebanon has become a linchpin for the Psalm 83 alliance. ...

"Time will tell how the details come about, but the possibility of European fighters coming up against Iran is something we have been watching for years. Here is a scenario, based on a budding Arab-European alliance, that could see Europe expand its footprint in the Middle East and hasten the massive confrontation of Daniel 11:40."

However, soon after, Saudi Arabia decided it was too risky to fully implement the deal. The Saudis and the French realized they had underestimated the power of Iran's hold on Lebanon and feared that such a supply of weapons would further empower the Iranians.

Still, the potential deal was a signal of intent—and a harbinger of an alliance that will shock the world.

Six years later, it seems this blast in Beirut could drive the change in Lebanon that the arms deal could not.

Following the explosion, the streets of the capital are burning with anger against Hezbollah and the Lebanese government. France and Europe are watching and appear to be ready to support the people in throwing off Iranian influence.

In a *Key of David* program in 2014, I said: "That means there's going to be now a civil war, a bloody civil war in Lebanon for control of Lebanon, and you're going to see Lebanon and the European power prevail in that battle."

The scene is once again set for dramatic fulfillment of biblical prophecy. Please take time to read "The Beirut Blast: Catalyst for Biblical Prophecy" on page 2 of this issue to see how this event has pushed Lebanon toward fulfillment of this prophecy.

The streets are burning with anger against Hezbollah and the Lebanese government. France and Europe appear ready to support the people in throwing off Iranian influence.

Continue to watch Lebanon. The nation is going to descend into another civil war. As you watch this terrible scenario unfold, recognize that bloody event as one in a chain reaction that the Bible says is destined to end in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! God has laid it all out for us to see in His majestic prophecies. We must view the horrors of this explosion in Beirut in the full context of God's plan for humanity. Then you can see God's hand and the ultimate hope that lies beyond. ■

How did we know?

Gerald Flurry has forecast for years that a historic shift will occur in Lebanon. He wrote in 2014 that the future of this small nation will change the Middle East. To learn how, request your free copy of his reprint article "[A Mysterious Prophecy](#)."



After a massive explosion rocked the city, Lebanese protesters took to the streets to show their anger at the government.

THE BEIRUT BLAST: Catalyst for Biblical Prophecy

Get ready for a massive restructuring of the Middle East—starting in Lebanon. **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

NOTHING GRABS ATTENTION like a massive explosion.

In past decades, it would take a war correspondent with a film crew to bring video from a conflict zone into our living rooms. For a cameraman to happen to be filming when a blast occurred, and far enough away for the film to survive, would be pure luck. Even then, it would be days before the public would see the video.

Today, everyone with a smartphone is a videographer. Social media and streaming services mean that video appears instantaneously around the world. Still, to capture an unexpected explosion, you need to be filming in the right direction and at the right time.

In Beirut on August 4, all the cameras were doing just that. A fire in a port hangar, followed by an initial smaller explosion, got everyone's attention—and out came the smartphones. From port workers and fire crews up close on the dock, to sailors at sea returning to port, to mothers high up in neighboring

apartment buildings, to people dining in nearby restaurants, to concerned citizens miles away in the eastern hills or north coast—all had their cameras filming the billowing white smoke.

Then it happened.

A colossal blast unexpectedly sent debris and rust-colored smoke soaring. A pressure wave instantly flattened nearby buildings, flipping cars and blowing out every window in Beirut. The resulting shock waves, equivalent to a 3.5-magnitude earthquake, were felt more than 150 miles away on the island of Cyprus.

Twenty-seven hundred metric tons of ammonium nitrate had combusted in a flash. By comparison, *two* tons of ammonium nitrate were used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, making the Beirut blast almost 1,000 times more powerful. It was equivalent to 500 tons of TNT, one of the largest non-nuclear explosions in history.

Within moments, if you were on your own smart device or computer, you saw that shocking video—from one angle, then two, then 10, as more people

uploaded their video to social media. The blast in the Port of Beirut was likely the most filmed explosion ever.

And understandably, it grabbed attention the world over.

The silver lining to this horrific event is that your attention is now drawn to the tiny Middle Eastern nation to witness a far more spellbinding event: the fulfillment of biblical prophecy.

This seemingly unimportant nation is the linchpin for an important prophetic alliance between Europe and certain nations in the Middle East. And that alliance, prophecy says, will counter the Islamic regime in Iran. However, this tiny nation is currently dominated by Hezbollah, an Iran-backed militia turned political power. This means a dramatic change is certain to take place there.

Before you divert your eyes from Lebanon, you need to understand how the Beirut blast is acting as a catalyst to bring about this staggering change in world affairs. The shock wave from this event will be felt in not only the Middle East but worldwide.

Utter Destruction

Aerial footage of ground zero of the blast shows a gaping hole in the port. The explosion created a chasm 45 meters deep and utter destruction in every other direction. Initial estimates put the damage around \$15 billion. Over 160 people were killed, thousands more were injured, and nearly a third of a million people—15 percent of the city's population—became homeless.

The question quickly surfaced, why were 2,700 metric tons of a highly explosive substance stored in the city, putting so many people at risk? The most logical reason was that Hezbollah, the force that has dominated Lebanon for the past decade, wanted it there.

The shipment of ammonium nitrate arrived at the port in late 2013 when the Moldovan-flagged cargo vessel *Rhosus* was forced to dock in Beirut after facing technical problems at sea. Lawyers representing the crew described the incident in the *Arrest News*: “Owing to the risks associated with retaining the ammonium nitrate on board the vessel, the port authorities discharged the cargo onto the port’s warehouses” (October 2015).

But reports in some Lebanese media claim Iran purchased the chemical compound and had the *Rhosus* make a beeline for Beirut to offload it and store it for future use.

Storing the volatile material at the port worried local port authorities. Customs officials made 10 separate appeals to the Lebanese government from June 2014 through July 2020 to remove it. One letter stated, “In view of the serious danger of keeping these goods in the hangar in unsuitable climatic conditions, we reaffirm our request to please request the marine agency to re-export these goods immediately to preserve the safety of the port and those working in it, or to look into agreeing to sell this amount [to the Lebanese Explosives Company].”

But the explosive material remained, just a stone’s throw from the central business district. Why?

All Roads Lead to Hezbollah

No direct links to Hezbollah have been made public by investigators as yet, and likely won’t be absent an independent international investigation. Nevertheless, it’s hard to see how Hezbollah was

not fully aware of the explosive contents at the port. Both Israel and the United States Treasury Department have said previously that Hezbollah controls much of Beirut’s port facilities. “Any way you look at it, Hezbollah is involved,” stated Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, a former Israeli Defense Forces intelligence officer who specializes on Israel’s northern border. “Even if it’s just a regular accident, which this [the port blast] probably is, Hezbollah controls both the



airport and seaport in Lebanon, so it’s responsible” (BICOM podcast, August 11).

Along with control of the port, plenty of evidence suggests that Hezbollah was holding ammonium nitrate there to enable it to ship large quantities of bomb-making material where it wanted.

Soon after the shipment arrived, Israel’s Mossad agency began reporting to foreign governments that more Hezbollah activities involved ammonium nitrate.

According to the *Times of Israel*, the Mossad learned in 2014 that Unit 910, Hezbollah’s foreign operations group, was developing the means to launch terror attacks around the world. This led to sting operations in several nations involving ammonium nitrate in 2015.

In May 2015, authorities in Cyprus found 9 tons of ammonium nitrate in a Larnaca home. Hezbollah had paid a Lebanese-Cypriot man more than \$10,000 to hide the material, which it planned to use to target Israeli interests in Cyprus. In August of that year, Kuwaiti authorities arrested three Hezbollah operatives who had stored 21 tons

of ammonium nitrate in a residential house. That autumn, British authorities discovered 3 tons of ammonium nitrate stashed in thousands of disposable ice packs at a Hezbollah bomb-making facility in London. Last year, Mossad reportedly notified the German government that Hezbollah had stashed hundreds of kilograms of ammonium nitrate in warehouses in southern Germany. This helped motivate Germany to ban the organization. In 2017, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah threatened to attack Israel’s northern port city of Haifa by blowing up its ammonia tank.

Considering Hezbollah’s links to the port and its several foiled ammonium nitrate attacks, it becomes clear that Hezbollah was aware of the stockpile and was using it for its nefarious ends. Though a paper trail from the warehouse directly to Hezbollah has not yet been revealed, the Lebanese people are already blaming the group.

The *Spectator*’s Paul Wood wrote on August 5 that in the direct aftermath of the blast he received messages from Lebanese friends saying that Hezbollah was to blame. “Even if that’s not true,” he wrote, “it shows what some Lebanese are thinking—and therefore how this crisis might develop.”

Turning Against Hezbollah

Before the blast, Hezbollah already faced increasing resistance from the Lebanese. Hezbollah’s control over many of the government ministries gives it financial and political power, not to mention opportunities for corruption and mismanagement. However, as Hezbollah’s power has increased, international investment in Lebanon by the Gulf states and its allies has severely dropped, resulting in economic collapse. Lebanon’s currency has lost 85 percent of its value in the past year. More than half the population is now in poverty. People are enduring rolling blackouts, up to 22 hours per day, and food is becoming scarcer.

Foreign nations and the International Monetary Fund are ready to provide Lebanon with a massive aid package. Economists for the Foundation for Defense of Democracy said that, before the blast, Lebanon needed a staggering \$93 billion. For context, the FDD noted that the IMF’s largest-ever bailout in

history was \$57 billion to Argentina in 2018. Lebanon has just over 10 percent the population of Argentina, and needs twice the money to stay afloat. Again, this was *before* the \$15 billion blast.

However, while the IMF is willing to send a large sum to Lebanon, that money is conditional upon Lebanon accepting fundamental changes to its system that will curtail Hezbollah's power. Hezbollah has refused, thus preventing aid money from coming.

Put simply, if Lebanon is to survive as a nation it has two choices: Accept being a client state of Iran and the poverty that comes with it, or rise up against Hezbollah and get help from the outside world.

It is not easy to revolt against Hezbollah, whose independent military is more powerful than Lebanon's national armed forces. Yet even before the blast, voices in Lebanon were growing increasingly bold in holding Hezbollah to account.

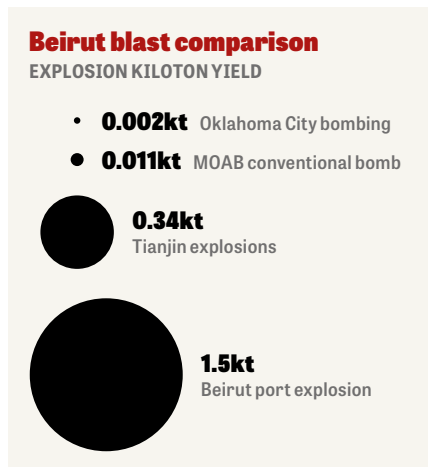
The patriarch of the Maronite Church, which represents 40 percent of Lebanon's population, began criticizing Hezbollah last month. "Today, Lebanon has become isolated from the world," Beshara al-Rai stated on July 14. "This is not our identity. Our identity is positive and constructive neutrality, not a warrior Lebanon." Such comments were interpreted to oppose Hezbollah's violent interference in nations like Syria and Yemen.

Rai's comments are significant because many Maronite politicians have abetted Hezbollah's rise to power in the government. President Michael Aoun is a Maronite Christian, but is allied with Hezbollah. Now he and other Christian leaders have heard a loud warning from the Maronite leader and much of the population to sever that relationship. "It is to Patriarch Rai's credit that he has shown that [Hezbollah's] sway over Lebanon is more fragile than it appears," wrote noted Lebanese commentator Michael Young in the *National* (July 29).

The blast widened the split between Hezbollah and Maronites because it was the predominately Christian neighborhoods surrounding the port that suffered most of the destruction. Christians, and many Sunnis and Shiites, are protesting in the streets to demand a total change in government. In a sign of a possible break with Hezbollah, President Aoun publicly endorsed

possible peace talks with Israel in the future while talking with French BFM TV news channel on August 15.

A few days after the blast, Lebanese protesters stormed government buildings and assembled in Martyrs Square in Beirut to hang effigies of leading politicians, including Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah. Such open defiance of Hezbollah is unheard of in Lebanon. "Until that moment, daring to mention Nasrallah had been a life-threatening debasement of sanctity," wrote Lebanese journalist



Hazem Saghieh (*Asharq al-Awsat*, August 12). Now that taboo has been broken.

During the massive protests the week after the blast, more than 700 people were injured. Seeing the violence on the streets, Lebanese Prime Minister Hassan Diab dissolved his cabinet, ending his brief term in office. He finished his statement by saying, "May Allah protect Lebanon. May Allah protect Lebanon. May Allah protect Lebanon."

Turning to Europe

Within 48 hours of the blast, French President Emmanuel Macron walked through Beirut's destroyed downtown, surrounded by throngs of people expressing anguish and fury at their own political leadership. Some chanted, "Help us, Mr. President." Others cried, "Revolution! Revolution!" Disillusioned by their own government's corruption and incompetence, the Lebanese found Macron's prompt arrival almost messianic.

The fear, however, is that any relief money will be controlled by the same corrupt politicians who wrecked the nation's finances. Macron told one woman, "I can

guarantee that this assistance will not be placed in the hands of the corrupt, and a free Lebanon will rise again."

Macron conspicuously avoided visiting with Lebanese leaders; he went directly to the people. If he has his way, the international aid effort will take the same route.

"We will organize international aid so that it directly reaches the Lebanese people under United Nations supervision," Macron said during a press conference. "I am here to launch a new political initiative. I will propose a new political decade during my meetings, and I will return on September 1 to follow up on it."

Macron feels a responsibility to Lebanon, largely because this Middle Eastern nation of 7 million people was a French protectorate following World War I; its ties go back to Napoleonic times. While its most common language is Arabic, its second-most common is French. This September 1 is also the 100-year anniversary of Lebanon coming under French rule.

"We're asking for the president of France to take over Lebanon," a young Beirut resident told the *New York Times*. "Just throw away the government. There's no future here for us if the current politicians stay. We'd rather get colonized than die here." The somewhat bizarre call for recolonization speaks to the severity of Lebanon's frustration with its leaders.

The hero's welcome for Macron contrasted starkly with the reaction to Lebanon's own leaders. Days after the blast, leaders of the main political parties had still dared not walk the area for fear of attack. Three days after the blast, President Aoun addressed the nation. As expected, he blamed "foreign interference." The Lebanese people viewed his reaction as verification of the government's utter failure.

Western reporters saw the prompt visit of Lebanon's former colonizing power as bizarre. An Associated Press headline read, "Is France Helping Lebanon or Trying to Reconquer It?" Some critics characterized him as a 21st-century would-be emperor: "Macron Bonaparte." But to Lebanese in Beirut and beyond, it's not bizarre. It is, as some put it, "our only hope."

"In a situation like this, it's perfectly understandable that people hope to get rid of their political leadership," said

Maximilian Felsh, a professor at Beirut's Haigazian University. "Anything is better than this. So I can understand that the majority of the Lebanese people hope that, if this was possible, some foreign power will take control of the country."

Macron's visit was a watershed event. It showed that the Lebanese trust a foreign president more than their own politicians, whether Shiite, Sunni, Druze or Christian.

Upon returning to France, Macron organized an online international donors

former Israeli ambassador to the UN and the United Kingdom called on Europe to act immediately to ensure that "any foreign and humanitarian aid arriving in Lebanon would get to those who need it, not Hezbollah." "All the mechanisms and methods are already there," he wrote. "What is missing is the will and decision to implement them. We should not ask for whom the bell tolls—IT TOLLS LOUD AND CLEAR FOR THE LEADERS OF EUROPE. If they don't act now to save Lebanon from Hezbollah and Iran, they may

one consent: they are confederate against thee" (verses 4-5).

Which nations are to be part of this alliance? Verses 6-8 answer: "The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah." As Mr. Flurry documents in his free booklet *The King of the South*, the modern Middle Eastern nations included in this alliance are Turkey, the Gulf states, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon (mentioned in this passage as Gebal and the inhabitants of Tyre). The alliance also lists Assur, which is modern Germany (for proof, read "The Remarkable Identity of the German People" at theTrumpet.com/7490).

A search through history shows that no such alliance against ancient Israel or its descendants has ever existed. This shows that this is an end-time prophecy.

Based on this prophecy, we can know for certain that Lebanon is going to side with a German-led Europe.

But we also know, based on another prophecy, in Daniel 11:40-43, that Lebanon will no longer be allied with Iran. This passage describes an epic clash between two great end-time powers: "And at the time of the end shall the *king of the south* push at him: and the *king of the north* shall come against him like a whirlwind ..." As Gerald Flurry proves in his booklet, the king of the south in this prophecy is radical Islam led specifically by Iran. The other power, the king of the north, is a German-led Europe—which Psalm 83 reveals will be allied with several Arab states, including Lebanon.

The Beirut blast, followed by the European-led recovery effort, propelled this prophecy toward being fulfilled.

It will not be easy for Europe to replace Iran and Hezbollah as the dominant outside force in Lebanon. Nevertheless, the public outrage at Hezbollah and the jubilant support for Macron show that revolution is coming to Lebanon. Bible prophecy says that, ultimately, it is certain.

The *Trumpet* has been watching for conditions inside Lebanon to reach the point where such a revolution is possible. And the Beirut explosion has provided a formidable catalyst.



conference that resulted in almost \$300 million in pledges for relief efforts. The money is to be kept away from the Lebanese government and administered by a future United Nations mission. The Gulf states are willing to help financially, but not while Hezbollah is the dominant force in Lebanon. "Saudi Arabia will not continue to pay Hezbollah's bills," wrote prominent Saudi columnist Khaled al-Sulaiman in the *Okaz* daily. "It is untenable for Saudi Arabia to pay billions of dollars to Lebanon in the morning and in the evening be subjected to curses and taunts on its television networks."

United States President Donald Trump confirmed that any U.S. aid would stay out of the hands of the Lebanese government. Germany's Foreign Ministry also supported the French position, stating, "That's precisely what the Lebanese people have rightly demanded. Individual interests and old lines of conflict must be overcome and the welfare of the entire population must be put first."

Influential commentators are also calling for European forces to make their way to Lebanon. Ron Prossor,

never get another chance" (*Jerusalem Post*, August 9; emphasis added).

While Europe has failed to act forcefully in the past, it appears that soon there will be European forces on the ground in Beirut directing money and aid, directly bypassing Lebanon's Hezbollah-led government.

Bible Prophecy Is About to Be Fulfilled

The exact scenario of European nations supporting Lebanon's quest to rid the nation of Iranian domination sets the scene for the dramatic fulfillment of biblical prophecy.

For the past decade, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has forecast that Lebanon will leave Iranian control and side with European and moderate Arab nations (article, page 1).

Mr. Flurry based this forecast on a mysterious prophecy found in Psalm 83. The psalm describes a confederacy formed to fight against Israel. "They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with

It may even do more. This European intrusion into the Mideast is certain to infuriate Iran. Daniel 11:40 says Iran will start *pushing* at Europe. Could this in part be motivated by Europe entering the Middle East again—and what's more, driving Iranian influence out of Lebanon? And then out of Syria, which is also prophesied to ally with Europe?

Read the rest of the prophecy in Daniel 11 through chapter 12. It details further prophetic events to take place in quick succession, leading directly to the coming of the Messiah. As these events begin to take place, we will actually be able to *count the days* to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! (Daniel 12:12).

Did God allow this massive explosion in Beirut in order to draw your attention to the biblical prophecies about to unfold in that little corner of the Earth? Events that start there will reverberate across the Middle East and the world.

Within a few weeks of the blast, most people had already moved on from events in Lebanon. Don't be one of them. Figuratively, now is not the time to put away the video camera. A more significant event than the Beirut blast is about to take place in Lebanon, and God does not want you to miss it.

In fact, God wants to use these fulfilled prophecies to help you prove His powerful hand in world affairs. As it says earlier in Daniel, "And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding" (Daniel 2:21). God sets up kings and removes kings. Events in Lebanon will eventually lead to the removal of both the king of the south and the king of the north. Finally, when those very kings are destroyed, "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed ... and it shall stand forever" (verse 44). ■

There will be another explosion

This one will engulf the entire Middle East and more. Request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's booklet *The King of the South* to learn which nations will join which two superpowers—and how they will clash.



The reason for the historic agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Israel holds a clue as to how it will end. **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

THE DECADES-OLD PARADIGM FOR Middle East peace was formally uprooted on August 13 when the United Arab Emirates became the third Arab state to normalize relations with the Jewish state of Israel. The first two—Egypt in 1978 and Jordan in 1994—signed peace agreements with Israel to formally settle terms after numerous bloody wars between the nations.

But the case with the U.A.E. is different. This is not about a cold peace and a militarized border as exists between Egypt and Jordan, but rather a full normalization of ties. Nicknamed the "Abraham Accords" after the biblical patriarch of both the Arabs and Jews, this agreement means the U.A.E. plans to treat Israel like every other nation, one open to cooperation, travel, trade and security partnerships.

Before this deal, the Arab consensus was that Israel would only be treated like a normal nation once it made peace with the Palestinians. Palestine first, Arab world second.

On August 14, the Emirates flipped the script and

embraced Israel without any progress on the Palestinian issue.

This is a huge shift in Arab policy toward the Jewish state and a turning point in Arab-Israeli relations.

But to fully understand the significance, you must understand why U.A.E. did this and what it reveals about a larger power struggle taking place in the Middle East. As we will see, U.A.E.'s decision fits perfectly into what the Bible reveals about what the Middle East will look like in the end time.

A Historic Change

"This historic diplomatic breakthrough will advance peace in the Middle East region and is a testament to the bold diplomacy and vision of the three leaders," read the joint statement by United States President Donald Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.A.E. Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan. "All three countries face many common challenges and will mutually benefit from today's historic achievement."

While it will take some time for full cooperation between the states to take place, deals are already being



signed. Within two days of the White House announcement, a U.A.E. investment company signed a “strategic commercial agreement” with an Israeli company over research and development related to the coronavirus. Phone lines are now active between Israel and the U.A.E. Israeli websites are no longer blocked by U.A.E. servers. Israeli airline carrier Israir is in discussions to begin direct flights between Tel Aviv and Abu Dhabi and Dubai. And in a sign of tacit support, Saudi Arabia will allow Israeli passenger jets to fly over Saudi territory.

As Israeli commentators have noted, the agreement is a boon for Prime Minister Netanyahu’s leadership. “Stunningly, Abu Dhabi’s groundbreaking decision to fully normalize relations with Jerusalem did not require any tangible concessions of Israel,” wrote Raphael Ahren for the *Times of Israel*. “Netanyahu did not agree to withdraw from one centimeter of West Bank territory. He did not evacuate a single settler. He didn’t even have to pay lip service to the idea of Palestinian statehood or pledge allegiance to the two-state solution” (August 14).

The one thing Netanyahu granted was to suspend plans to apply Israeli sovereignty to parts of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley. The rumor that Israel would have President Trump’s blessing to annex West Bank territory had provoked a roar of backlash from the Arab world. The text of the U.A.E. agreement deliberately used the word “suspend”: Annexation may still happen in the future, but it is off the table for now. And for that act, Israel achieved peace with an Arab state.

More Peace Deals Coming

The strategic decision to halt the annexation of the West Bank also allowed Mohammed bin Zayed to save face in making the agreement. He tweeted on

August 13, “During a call with President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu, an agreement was reached to stop further Israeli annexation of Palestinian territories. The U.A.E. and Israel also agreed to cooperation and setting a road map towards establishing a bilateral relationship.”

And with the U.A.E. pioneering the acceptance of Israel without demanding hard-hitting concessions on the Palestinian issue, other Gulf states could soon follow. Even Thomas Friedman of the *New York Times* was impressed and indicated that the door is now open for more nations to recognize Israel. In his August 13 piece, “A Geopolitical Earthquake Just Hit the Middle East,” Friedman noted, “This deal will certainly encourage the other Gulf sheikhdoms—Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia—all of which have had covert and overt business and intelligence dealings with Israel, to follow the Emirates’ lead. They will not want to let the U.A.E. have a leg up in being able to marry its financial capital with Israel’s cybertechnology, agriculture technology and health-care technology, with the potential to make both countries stronger and more prosperous.”

Bahrain is thought to be the next Gulf state to follow the U.A.E.’s lead, even this

Iran’s growing power, augmented by the U.S. under President Obama, compelled the U.A.E. and Saudi Arabia to seek alternative means of resisting Iran.

year. President Trump said, “Now that the ice has been broken, I expect more Arab and Muslim countries will follow the United Arab Emirates’ lead.”

Formalizing an Anti-Iranian Alliance

In hindsight, one can see that the U.A.E. deal was in the works for the past five years. As Ben Caspit noted in *Al Monitor* on August 18, the first sign came in 2015 when the U.A.E. allowed Israel to open an office in the International Renewable Energy Agency in Abu Dhabi. Israel and the U.A.E. have quietly formed additional connections, including some military intelligence sharing and joint weapons contracts. The head of Israel’s Mossad intelligence agency has frequently visited the U.A.E. over the past

couple of years in particular.

The thaw between the two countries five years ago coincided with an even more significant event in the Middle East: U.S. President Barack Obama’s Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. Signed in 2015, the Iran nuclear deal effectively sought to “share” the Middle East among what are now rival powers: Iran, Gulf states like the U.A.E., and Israel. This huge shift in American policy rewarded the terrorist state of Iran and degraded America’s relationship with the Gulf states and Israel.

This brazenly pro-Iran policy terrified the U.A.E., since it was (and is) at war alongside Saudi Arabia against Iran’s Houthi proxy in Yemen. Iran’s growing power, immensely augmented by the United States under President Obama, compelled the U.A.E. and Saudi Arabia to look for alternative means of resisting Iran. In the end, this meant allying with Israel.

“The greater Iran’s involvement in ‘spreading the revolution’ by encouraging terrorism and undermining the region’s regimes, the [more] the [U.A.E.’s] relationship with the Jewish state advanced,” Caspit wrote. “The more the United States withdrew from the Middle East and removed its influence over its

crazies, ... Israel remained the only anti-Iran bastion of stability” (August 18).

The Abraham Accords are an admission of the need to counter the radical Islamic state of Iran—they are *not* evidence of newfound love between Gulf Arabs and the Jewish state. Ghaith al-Omari, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said, “Iran is at the center of the convergence of interest between Israel and the U.A.E., both of whom see it as an existential threat, and this step will bolster the anti-Iranian axis” (*Hill*, August 13).

This is a relationship of convenience. Israel should not take for granted the longevity of a peace deal with any Gulf state.

In fact, biblical prophecy shows that it should be extremely concerned.

Danger for Israel

In his booklet *The King of the South*, Mr. Flurry explains how biblical prophecy foretells two alliances in the end time involving Middle Eastern states. The first is what Daniel 11 names “the king of the south,” a radical Islamic alliance led by Iran. Daniel 11:40 describes this alliance pursuing an aggressive foreign policy that pushes the region to the brink of war. Prophecy shows that other nations in this alliance will include Iraq, Ethiopia, Egypt and Libya.

The second alliance is prophesied in Psalm 83, a biblical book not many peo-

ple consider prophetic. However, *Lange’s Commentary* and the *Anchor Bible* note that the alliance of nations forecast in Psalm 83 has never existed before.

Turkey. *Moab* and *Ammon* are located within Jordan today. The ancient *Hagarenes* dwelt in the land of modern Syria. *Gebal* and the inhabitants of *Tyre* are modern Lebanon, and the Gaza Palestinians are located in the territory belonging to the *Philistines*. *Assur* refers to modern-day Germany, as we prove in our free reprint “The Remarkable Identity of the German People” (theTrumpet.com/go/GermanIdentity). All these nations will be allied together.

Importantly, none of the “king of the south” nations in Daniel 11:40-42 are listed here.

The nations that the Jewish state is ready to sign peace deals with are the very nations that will eventually attack Israel!

These verses indicate that the mainly Sunni “moderate” Arabs will ally together and with Germany, and will take “crafty counsel” to destroy Israel. The scene is not one of enemy nations confronting each other in open war. It is one of *deception*.

This alliance will conspire to DOUBLE-CROSS AND DESTROY ISRAEL. The peace deal between the Gulf states and Israel is leading to the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Based on Psalm 83 and other prophecies, you can expect Israel’s relationship with the moderate Arab states in the Gulf to indeed become stronger as they work to counter Iran’s rise. But you should also expect that once the great Iranian threat is defeated, many of Israel’s allies will turn on it in what will become one of the greatest betrayals in history.

This is what your Bible foretells.

It is natural to celebrate when we hear announcements of peace between Israel and Arab states. Yet the Bible tells us to beware claims of peace. The Prophet Jeremiah warned that *false* prophets would say, “Peace, peace; when there is no peace” (Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11). This is especially true regarding illusions of peace in the Middle East.

These prophecies show that long-term peace will not come to the Middle East through this or similar peace deals between the Jewish state and the Arab Gulf states. But there is comfort in knowing that events in the region are lining up with the prophecies of your Bible. Remember, these prophecies, made thousands of years ago, were fully revealed only in our lifetime—the time in which they would come to pass. Some would like to dismiss the Bible as a series of man-made writings compiled over hundreds of years to further a pro-Israel or pro-Jewish agenda. While the Bible is a book about Israel, its authenticity is corroborated through fulfilled prophecies that concern the whole world. As the Psalm 83 alliance comes together, and alongside Israel temporarily, we can be assured that the Bible is God’s Word, and that He is actively involved in our nations today. ■



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“For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them ...” (verses 5-8).

The Middle Eastern nations listed in this psalm correspond to modern nations where mainly Sunni Islam is prevalent today. *Ishmaelites* is the prophetic term for the Arabs of modern Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states. *Edom* and *Amalek* describe modern-day

Put together, these two passages of Scripture describe the two alliances forming now in the Middle East. One is the pro-Iran alliance. The other is anti-Iran.

The United Arab Emirates and other Gulf nations are part of the anti-Iran alliance. In this regard, they find their goals aligning with those of Israel.

However, although the Psalm 83 alliance may unite to counter Iran’s rise, the Bible reveals that its main purpose will be *very different*.

“They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that THE NAME OF ISRAEL MAY BE NO MORE IN REMEMBRANCE” (verses 3-4).



THE HIDDEN MESSAGE OF THE HOROWITZ REPORT

You cannot understand American politics until you recognize the spiritual dimension. This article should strike fear in every American, the Jewish state and the British peoples. If it doesn't, they are going to suffer as no people ever have! All that suffering can be avoided if we heed this warning from Bible prophecy. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE 2020 UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL election is only weeks away, and former Vice President Joe Biden has powerful allies supporting him in his bid to defeat President Donald Trump.

In March, Mr. Biden lost the Nevada caucus to a self-avowed socialist, and it looked like he was washed up. But then his former boss, Barack Obama, stepped in. On March 1, he phoned presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg and convinced him to withdraw from the race and endorse Joe Biden for president. Key Obama administration officials immediately began supporting Biden, including former National Security Adviser Susan Rice, former Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan and former

Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey. What happened next was one of the most dramatic turnarounds in U.S. political history. Once Biden had been anointed as Obama's favored successor, Democrats started voting for him in droves. During the "Super Tuesday" primary on March 3, he gained an 84-delegate lead over Sen. Bernie Sanders, practically assuring that he would become the Democratic nominee.

Biden has since received unanimous support from Obama's national-security state: Former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and more than 150 former spies, CIA station chiefs, diplomats and other officials. A letter signed by many of these officials

condemning President Trump and endorsing Joe Biden is posted at the website *thesteadystate.org*. The phrase "steady state" is a politically correct term for what most Americans mean when they say "deep state."

Obama-era officials want to regain control. The Obama administration spent eight years fundamentally transforming America's government and culture. And ever since a Republican took the White House, the Democrats have demonstrated that there is *no limit* to what they are willing to do to undermine the last election—and the next one. And that includes criminal, even treasonous, behavior.

Evidence of this truth has grown throughout the Trump presidency. We must understand how dangerous this is.

In December, Inspector General Michael Horowitz published a 476-page report detailing 17 serious “inaccuracies and omissions” in the FBI’s Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court applications to spy on Carter Page, a foreign-policy adviser for the Trump campaign. In reality, these were 17 TREASONOUS CRIMES the Obama administration committed to try to frame Donald Trump and seize control of the government!

This scandal is far deadlier than most people realize. There is a *spiritual dimension* to what is happening, and you cannot understand these events unless you recognize that. Had Hillary Clinton been elected, the destructive trends that unfolded during the Obama presidency would have continued unchecked. Many people believe it would have meant an end to our constitutional republic!

Now Obama’s deep state is trying to seize control of the government once more. This exposes the seriousness of the times.

The Bible reveals the hidden message of the Horowitz report, but you must prayerfully study this topic to understand!

Political Propaganda

Most Democrats claim the investigation into Donald Trump’s alleged ties to Russia began with the Crossfire Hurricane investigation at the end of July 2016. Actually it began in April of that year, when Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign hired the Washington-based research business Fusion GPS to get dirt on Donald Trump.

Fusion GPS cofounder Glenn Simpson hired British former MI6 intelligence agent Christopher Steele to create a series of memos later known as the “Steele dossier.” This dossier accused Mr. Trump of escapades with Russian prostitutes and other serious crimes. *Not one bit* of it was verified. Steele shared his dossier with former MI6 head Richard Dearlove, and Dearlove allegedly advised Steele to contact the FBI. Steele turned over his first report to the FBI on July 5, 2016. This report officially kicked off the Crossfire Hurricane investigation on July 31, 2016, but the real scandal was already months old by this time.

Glenn Simpson later told the U.S. Senate that he wanted Steele to look into Mr. Trump’s business dealings and was alarmed when Steele inadvertently

uncovered a “political conspiracy” between the Trump campaign and Russia. Simpson said he reported Steele’s findings to the FBI out of a sense of duty. Yet the Horowitz report found that Simpson repeatedly lied.

Horowitz notes that Steele was hired to find evidence of Trump-Russia collusion from the start. Christopher Steele himself confessed to Inspector General Horowitz that Simpson asked him back in May 2016 “whether there were any ties between the Russian government and Trump and his campaign.” The timing of this request is interesting. It means Simpson was talking about collusion between Trump and Russia before the FBI was involved and before Steele had produced any reports on Russia collusion.

In other words: Clinton and Simpson weren’t there to dig up dirt—they were there to CREATE DIRT!

They created an entire dossier of false evidence out of nothing! The Horowitz report makes this perfectly clear.

Think about the wonderful freedom that we have had in America—then consider the consequences of a group of people working to overthrow an elected president of the United States of America and his 63 million voters with a dossier of propaganda! That was their plan!

And the details only get worse. Steele’s primary contact in the Justice Department was Bruce Ohr, an associate deputy attorney general whose wife worked for Fusion GPS as an independent contractor. Officials at Fusion GPS instructed Steele to start leaking the dirt he collected about Mr. Trump and his campaign to the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *New Yorker*, CNN and Yahoo News. Meanwhile, the head of the UK’s Government Communications Headquarters flew to the U.S. to discuss Steele’s dossier with CIA Director Brennan.

The UK agent should have gone to another department. But he went directly to Brennan. Why? Because Brennan was President Obama’s spy czar, who led the treasonous scandal to overthrow the American government!

The FBI wanted to apply for a FISA warrant to spy on Trump campaign adviser Carter Page, and they needed collaborating sources that Page was guilty of something. When FBI officials applied for their warrant in October 2016, they presented

a Yahoo News article by Michael Isikoff as independent corroboration of the information in the Steele dossier—even though they were aware that Isikoff was getting his information from Christopher Steele in the first place. Think about that: A law enforcement source fed information to the media, and then the law enforcement agencies used the media’s stories as proof of its claims! The media wrote stories about these claims, which law enforcement agencies used as even more proof to renew the warrant. In other words, law enforcement and the media formed an *echo chamber*.

Treasonous Crimes

After FBI officials had their fraudulently obtained warrant to spy on Carter Page, they were to apply a “two-hop” rule to spy on anyone connected to Carter Page. That included Mr. Trump himself. The whole process was about targeting Donald Trump.

Recovered text messages exchanged by FBI agent Peter Strzok and FBI lawyer Lisa Page reveal that Strzok wanted an “insurance policy” in case Donald Trump was elected, and that President Obama was directing the whole operation. “POTUS wants to *know everything we’re doing*,” Lisa Page texted Strzok on one occasion (emphasis mine throughout).

But the media echo chamber that Obama’s FBI created was just the beginning of the scandal. The Horowitz report reveals seven gross inaccuracies and omissions in the FBI’s *initial* application to spy on Carter Page, and 10 additional inaccuracies and omissions in their renewal applications. Some of these “inaccuracies and omissions” are abysmally shocking! Significantly, the FBI failed to inform surveillance court judges that Carter Page had been an “operational contact” for the CIA for years, and had already debriefed the CIA about his contact with Russian intelligence officers. That means the FBI ended up spying on Page for work he was doing for the U.S. government. And since CIA Director Brennan discussed the Steele dossier with the head of the UK’s Government Communications Headquarters before the FBI applied for its warrant, there is no way the FBI officials applying for a warrant on Page



What Happened to 'NEVER AGAIN'?

Xinjiang and 'Organs of Dictatorship'

The location where China's cruelty is on most glaring display is Xinjiang in the northwest of the nation. This region was long disputed by the Mongols, Chinese and various Turkic peoples. But in the 18th century, the disputes abruptly ended when the area was conquered by China's Qing Dynasty. Ever since, it has been a flash point for conflicts between the indigenous Uyghur people, who seek to make Xinjiang autonomous, and China's leaders, who refuse to release the area from what they term "the great family of Chinese national territory."

Tensions worsened throughout the 1990s and 2000s. In 2014 China's new leader, Xi Jinping, cracked down. "Show absolutely no mercy," he said in a speech to officials of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), telling them they must subjugate the Uyghurs "without any hesitation or wavering" using "the organs of dictatorship."

Xi's government quickly turned his terrifying orders from that secret speech into public reality. By 2017, the Communist Party had filled Xinjiang with innumerable cameras, thousands of checkpoints and hundreds of "re-education centers." It had even removed Uyghur men from their homes, replacing them with Han Chinese men. Xinjiang had been converted into a police state.

By last year, somewhere between 1.1 and 3 million of the region's 10 million Uyghurs were detained in these centers. The CCP insists that the goal is to purge religious extremism from their thinking and teach them vocational skills. But evidence from survivors and from leaked CCP documents reveal the true purpose: The party is determined to "Sinicize" Xinjiang to assimilate Uyghurs into a monolithic Han culture, and to eliminate any who will not submit.

Detainees are forced to break their religion by eating pork and drinking alcohol. They are banned from praying or speaking their native languages. Resisters routinely face starvation, torture, sexual abuse, forced abortions and sterilization. Unknown numbers are killed in the camps.

Last year, Uyghur activist organizations testified to the China Tribunal that the CCP's crimes against humanity in Xinjiang included cutting out detainees'

Europe lately can't criticize America loudly enough. But when it comes to another nation's lies, theft and shocking human rights abuses, Europe is relatively silent. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

HERE ARE THREE STATEMENTS made by European leaders this year. Can you fill in the blanks?

"It is not possible to shape the world of tomorrow without a strong EU-_____ relationship." —*European Union Commission President Ursula von der Leyen*

It is in Europe's "utmost interest" to work closely "with _____ on all fronts." —*German Chancellor Angela Merkel*

The "right path" for Europe is to "take stock of _____'s innovation policies and formidable economy" and pursue "engagement rather than confrontation." —*EU diplomat Nicolas Chapuis*

These statements reflect an increasingly prevalent view among the leaders and people of Europe. One might think the innovative, economically powerful nation they want to build a strong relationship with on all fronts is the same

democracy that has spent hundreds of billions of dollars over the past 75 years to rebuild and safeguard Europe and to stabilize the world: the United States.

It isn't. It is the Communist regime of the People's Republic of China.

In recent years, Europe and China have dramatically boosted their trade. China is now the EU's second-biggest trade partner, and the EU is China's biggest. The two have also expanded political, technological, educational, environmental, energy, cultural, scientific and even military cooperation.

And a growing number of European policymakers are determined to do whatever it takes to continue shaping the world of tomorrow by engaging with China—even if it means compromising democratic values, and remaining mostly silent about the Communist regime's abuse of human rights, and even as that violation of individual rights becomes increasingly obvious and obviously cruel.

organs against their will. After reviewing testimony from more than 50 witnesses, and mountains of video and written evidence, the tribunal determined “with certainty” and “beyond reasonable doubt” that “in China, forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience has been practiced for a substantial period of time involving a very substantial number of victims.” This is evil on a level that makes you physically sick to imagine.

Some 75 years ago, after Nazi Germany’s slaughter of 6 million Jews, the phrase “never again” became the solemn vow for many in Europe and beyond. Never again would the nations of the world sit by as a government systematically carried out such satanic horrors on any group.

But the Uyghur people are living a nightmare under the boot of the Chinese Communist Party. A 21st-century holocaust is happening to them RIGHT NOW. But as with the Holocaust against

the Jews in the 1930s and 1940s, most Europeans ignore it. And few of the Continent’s leaders take a meaningful stand against it.

Last year, Germany signed a United Nations statement condemning the Xinjiang camps, but the words have been accompanied by no diplomatic punishments or economic sanctions—let alone military movements. Instead, as evidence of this modern holocaust was multiplying, the EU decided to press ahead with a major summit with China.

“The extent of human rights violations” means it is “inappropriate to court the Chinese party-state in this situation,” said Katrin Kinzelbach, a human rights professor at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. But that is exactly what Germany is doing with this “special EU-China summit.”

The summit was eventually postponed. But not because the EU developed a conscience about Xinjiang. It

was postponed because of a different evil that China has unleashed on the world: COVID-19.

It Could Have Been Stopped

It is now clear that in November 2019, the Chinese Communist Party received warnings from authorities in Wuhan about a new virus that was resistant to medications. But instead of taking steps to contain it in those early days and to warn the world, the Communist Party took exactly the opposite approach.

The government apprehended journalists reporting on the outbreak, arrested citizens posting about it online, and detained doctors and strong-armed them into retracting warnings they had issued. The Communist Party destroyed lab samples, refused to admit medical experts from other countries, and lied repeatedly and brazenly to governments and media. And some Chinese critics of their handling of the

China’s Secret War Against America

THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY (CCP) IS WAGING A WAR against America. United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo recently warned that China threatens America’s economy, its liberty and the future of free democracies worldwide.

“Next year marks half a century since Dr. Kissinger’s secret mission to China, and the 50th anniversary of President Nixon’s trip isn’t too far away in 2022,” he said on July 23 in a speech at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum. “The world was much different then. We imagined engagement with China would produce a future with a bright promise of comity and cooperation. But today we’re all still wearing masks and watching the pandemic’s body count rise because the CCP failed in its promises to the world. We’re reading every morning new headlines of repression in Hong Kong and in Xinjiang.”

Pompeo said, “China ripped off our prized intellectual property and trade secrets, [costing] millions of jobs all across America. It sucked supply chains away from America, and then added a widget made of slave labor. It made the world’s key waterways less safe for international commerce.” He warned that “[s]ecuring our freedoms from the Chinese Communist Party is the mission of our time, and America is perfectly positioned to lead it because our founding principles give us that opportunity.”

In the 50 years since Communist China was officially recognized by the U.S., it has grown from a backwater to one of the most powerful countries in the world. It is a trade and export juggernaut, and many nations are unwilling to upset their relationships with the regime.

For 30 years after the 1949 Communist Revolution, the U.S. recognized the Kuomintang government that had been forced off the mainland onto the island of Taiwan as the legitimate government of all of China. It condemned the Chinese Communist Party on the mainland as an occupying force. But in 1979, after the regime promised to implement market-economy reforms, the U.S. switched its recognition to the Communists.

In his 1984 book, *New Lies for Old*, KGB defector Anatoliy Golitsyn warned the West not to trust Communist China. He said China’s reforms were a ruse to undermine the U.S. and ultimately establish a world federation of Communist states. Golitsyn noted that after “the Second World War, the threat of monolithic, Stalinist communism drove the West into military and political alliances, such as NATO, [the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization] and the Baghdad Pact.”

Therefore, the Communist bloc decided to coordinate its policies in secret while undermining the unity of the free world by pretending to be weak and disunited. This strategy included faking a split between Communist China and Communist Russia and adopting enough free-market reforms to bait the U.S. and Europe into trading with both. The goal was to lure Europe into an anti-American alliance and cut NATO in half.

In his 1995 book, *The Perestroika Deception*, Golitsyn elaborated on how China’s close relationship with the U.S. was part of a strategy to become “a modern superpower with the help of American technology.”

Whether or not Golitsyn was correct that this was a deliberate Chinese strategy, many of his predictions have come to pass.

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—HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG, 1956

outbreak—including a property tycoon, a prominent blogger and the head of Emergency at Wuhan Central Hospital—were simply “disappeared” by the regime.

It was only in late January—after at least seven weeks had passed and after some 7 million potentially infected people had left Wuhan for other parts of the world—that the Communist Party began taking quarantine measures and alerting the world of the outbreak. Even then, after China finally began working with the World Health Organization, a Central Intelligence Agency report shows that the Chinese regime threatened to “stop cooperating” with the WHO’s investigation “if the organization declared a global health emergency.”

Meanwhile, as the regime was pressuring the WHO to downplay the threat, it ordered Chinese embassies and other Chinese organizations in countries worldwide to buy up as much medical equipment as possible abroad



People attend a February 7 vigil in Hong Kong for coronavirus whistleblower Dr. Li Wenliang.

and ship it to China. In Australia, for example, journalist Liz Storer reported that “Chinese government-backed organizations” ceased normal business operations during January and February to “literally pillage Australia” for epidemic-related supplies, “which they proudly put into massive containers and shipped back to China.”

Data from China’s General Administration of Customs shows that from January 24 to February 29, China imported a total of 2.5 billion pieces of personal protective equipment. This represents an eye-popping quantity of gear—18 times larger than the usual amount—that China bought up from nations that were unaware of how disruptive COVID-19 would soon become for their own populations. White House Director of Trade and Manufacturing Peter Navarro said on April 21 that China “vacuumed up all of the personal protective equipment around the world while it was hiding the virus.”

Perhaps the purchasing frenzy was primarily intended to equip China’s population with supplies needed to combat the disease. But the Chinese Communist Party would also have well understood that by muzzling the cowardly WHO, the disease was sure to go global, and that the countries



Order your free copy of ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***, by Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong’s warning focused on Communist Russia’s demoralization efforts to pervert our morals, wreck our social structure, and destroy our spiritual values by promoting the “God is dead” movement in American universities. But in terms of industrial and economic power, the main force has been Communist China. In 2020, Secretary Pompeo warns that China has “sucked supply chains away from America,” but Mr. Armstrong warned about communism “sapping our strength” even before the U.S. established diplomatic relations with Communist China 40 years ago.

The Americans and the British are descendants of ancient Israel. This means that end-time Bible prophecies about Israel primarily apply to the U.S. and Britain today.

Over its history, God has warned Israel through prophets. Isaiah warned the nation against forsaking God’s law and adopting Eastern philosophies. “O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers” (Isaiah 2:5-6).

The modern descendants of Israel have committed the same mistake. Instead of trusting God to bless and defend them, our people have recognized and traded with Communist dictatorships and even invited Communist professors from Russia, China and other nations to teach generations of young Americans and Britons. The result has been the moral corruption of our youth, the theft of our economic strength, and the fatal weakening of our nations.

BY ANDREW MILLER

When Mao Zedong and the Communists took over China in 1949, the major English-speaking nations (Australia, Britain, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and the U.S.) generated 37 percent of the world’s gross domestic product. The nations of Western Europe generated 19 percent of world GDP. The China-Russia Communist axis generated only 15 percent. But after decades of *perestroika* deception, the English-speaking nations now generate less than 25 percent of world GDP and Western Europe less than 14 percent. China’s share has more than tripled. China has in fact “become a modern superpower with the help of American technology.” If it can pull the “pseudo-social democratic regimes” of Europe into an alliance, it will gain enough economic power to isolate the U.S. and its remaining allies.

Golitsyn was not the only one warning that this would happen. Years before Golitsyn defected from the KGB, the late Herbert W. Armstrong warned that communism would be used to take from America its historically unprecedented national blessings.

“We are not fighting a single nation in a military war, but a gigantic, worldwide, plain-clothes army, masquerading as a political party, seeking to conquer the world with an entirely *new kind* of warfare!” Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1956. “It’s a kind of warfare we don’t understand, or know how to cope with. It uses every diabolical means to weaken us *from within*, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally, after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence! All this cleverly disguised as a harmless political party! COMMUNISM is worldwide psychological WARFARE!”

whose shelves its agents had just pillaged would then be desperate for protective equipment. And then when China did not end up using all of the equipment it had hoarded, it was well positioned to sell the excess back to desperate and fearful nations at a major markup. “Not only is China hoarding,” Navarro said, “they are also selling it back to the world at prices that are obscene.”

China’s state-run media outlet Xinhua recently lauded the “precious time that China has bought the world” with its management of the coronavirus. But the facts show just the opposite. The Chinese Communist Party tried to save face instead of save lives. It prioritized its own survival above that of the Chinese people

In June, the European Commission did offer some criticism of China’s spread of false information regarding COVID-19. But as with Xinjiang, it was a token statement that has not reversed Europe’s outreach to China one iota.

One Country, One System

In the early 19th century, Hong Kong was populated by only around 7,500 people in scattered fishing villages. But after Britain hoisted its flag there in 1841, the island rapidly blossomed into a hub for European entrepreneurs eager to trade with Asia under British laws and British protection. Chinese nationals flocked there for jobs, and, as the mainland underwent political turmoil,

2000s, China began inserting itself into some of Hong Kong’s affairs, and the people of the territory demonstrated against it. As the years went by, Beijing’s pushes against Hong Kong’s semi-autonomy continued, and each inspired bouts of heated protests.

Last summer, an analyst in the territory told the *Trumpet* on the condition of anonymity that China was bending its “two systems” promise near to a breaking point. The Communist Party was maneuvering to make Hong Kong a typical Chinese city where its members wield authority above the law. He said he feared for his safety: “From the bottom of my heart,” he said, “I would warn anyone, in any country, beware of the Chinese government.”

But most nations, including most in Europe, said little and did even less regarding China’s encroachment against Hong Kong. And in June, China shattered its promise.

The new security laws that China illegally imposed on the island criminalize subversion, secession, terrorism and collusion with foreign entities. Under “one country, two systems,” Hong Kong was to pass its own legislation until at least 2047. Now the Communist Party has ramrodded its own laws through, and can classify most any criticism of the party, including peaceful protests about Beijing breaking its promise, as one of these crimes—and execute punishment accordingly.

The draconian laws also establish a force of Chinese security and intelligence agents in Hong Kong for the first time. As with such forces on the mainland, they are immune to many laws and are tasked with imposing Communist Party power over Hong Kongers at all costs.

Perhaps most worrying is the “extra-territoriality” provision of the new laws. The law claims that it applies not only to anyone in Hong Kong, regardless of their nationality or residency, but also to actions committed “from outside the region by a person who is not a permanent resident of the region.” That means that you who are reading this article right now, in whatever nation you may be, are likely in violation of China’s new laws and, if possible, therefore subject to arrest. This brazenly violates international law.



Riot police pin down a pro-democracy protester in Hong Kong

or the other peoples of the world, and as such it is culpable for the virus’s global spread. The facts show that it was the regime’s dishonesty and ineptitude that unleashed this pathogen that has killed hundreds of thousands of people and began pushing economies into recession.

What has been Europe’s response to all this? As Liz Storer, Peter Navarro and others in the English-speaking nations were sounding the alarm on China’s dishonesty, Europe took a different route. The *New York Times* explained: “Worried about the repercussions, European officials first delayed and then rewrote [a report on disinformation about the pandemic] in ways that diluted the focus on China, a vital trading partner—taking a very different approach than the confrontational stance adopted by the Trump administration” (April 24).

new waves of Chinese refugees regularly fled to the island.

By 1997, when Britain ceded Hong Kong to China, the population had reached a staggering 6.5 million. And many feared that the freedoms and liberty-protecting principles Britain had established there would be erased by the Chinese Communist Party. To mitigate the fear, China promised to let Hong Kong keep its distinct identity under a rubric called “one country, two systems.” This guaranteed that, for at least 50 years, Hong Kong would be part of the “one country” of China, but the Communists would let the government and people operate their own “system.” That meant a high degree of economic, political and judicial autonomy—including passing their own laws.

For the first few years, the promise was carefully respected. But in the

The Glory of EMPIRE



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

HISTORY IS UNDER ATTACK, AND the British Empire is at the heart of the storm.

Anything related to empire is denounced as evil. The great figures of the Empire are being torn down.

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

Sir Winston Churchill was the greatest figure of the 20th century and perhaps the most towering personality to come out of Britain in the last few centuries. Though Churchill had and still has some critics and detractors, few ever questioned his love for his country.

But he too is under attack. His statue was labeled “racist.” London’s mayor covered the statue rather than risk further damage.

What the protesters hate more than anything is Churchill’s support for the British Empire. A *Guardian* editorial called him “the enthusiastic supporter of a racist imperial system.”

Even to Churchill’s defenders, his support for the British Empire is often a

negative—albeit one outweighed by his heroic stand against Adolf Hitler.

The truth is that Churchill’s love for empire was actually one of his greatest characteristics! It was this love that enabled him to resist Hitler. The love for empire contains a noble lesson that, if we learn, would enable us to solve the massive problems facing our nations today.

Churchill is still widely considered a great man. He was a fearless warrior and masterful military tactician and leader. He was a brilliant statesman and a quick-witted politician. He was also an exceptional historian, an eloquent orator, a gifted painter and one of history’s most underrated philosophers. Excelling in any one of these fields is enough to qualify a man as great, yet Churchill excelled in each of these areas.

But what *motivated* Winston Churchill? What motivated him to devote virtually every minute of his life to fighting for his nation? What motivated him to master military tactics and strategy? What motivated HIM TO WORK SO HARD TO BECOME A GREAT public speaker? What motivated him to endure the hard slog of politics? What motivated him, even in the twilight years of his life, to churn out articles, columns and books?

What was it that *motivated* Winston Churchill to become a great man?

Child of the Empire

Winston Churchill was born in November 1874. Queen Victoria was on England’s royal throne at the time, and the British Empire was near the apex of its global might and majesty.

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

The vast tracts of lands it possessed to harvest natural resources brought great wealth into the empire. Owning such a large amount of the planet gave Britain unparalleled power in world trade and granted it significant influence over the economies of many countries. In Britain’s ports, ships arrived from all

over the globe carrying goods and raw materials that fueled the local economy. The wealth supported an age of scientific, industrial, cultural and military advancement in the United Kingdom.

It was within this environment of imperial greatness that Winston Churchill grew up. In his book *Churchill and His Generals*, Raymond Callahan explains the impact the British Empire had on Churchill's mental, intellectual and moral maturation: "Churchill's hostility toward Bolshevism abroad and socialism at home had its parallel in his reaction to nationalism in the Empire. He had grown up with the late Victorian surge of empire building. He was 8 when Britain occupied Egypt, 11 when Gordon fell at Khartoum, and present when Gordon was avenged at Omdurman in 1898. THE EMPIRE HE HAD KNOWN AS A YOUNG MAN ALWAYS WOULD SEEM TO HIM PART OF THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS ..." (emphasis mine throughout).

Churchill passionately loved the British Empire, more than anything else in his life. He wanted the Empire to be part of the natural order of things. Callahan continues: It was "beneficent and an indispensable prop of British power and greatness. Yet his entire political career would be played out in an era of challenge and dissolution for imperial rule." Every minute of Churchill's life, every decision and tactic, every new bill, every column and book, *stemmed from his devotion to the British Empire!*

It is easy to oversimplify Winston Churchill's love of the Empire. He didn't love it simply because it was English, or powerful and wealthy, or because it ruled over tens of millions of people. Churchill's writings show that his love for empire went much, much deeper. There was a selfless, altruistic, *noble* dimension to his devotion.

Winston Churchill wanted to share the British Empire with the rest of mankind.

Empire With a Purpose

Churchill believed the British Empire had a larger purpose. During World War II, he once stated, "Whatever may happen on the Continent, we cannot doubt our duty, and we shall certainly use all our power to defend the island, the Empire and our cause." Perhaps most of his countrymen were fighting only for England or

for the British Commonwealth. But Winston Churchill was fighting *for humanity!*

Historians have noted how Churchill would speak of England's special destiny. *Merriam-Webster* defines *destiny* as "something to which a person or thing is destined; a *predetermined course of events* often held to be an irresistible power or agency." Churchill was never an overly religious man. But he did, especially as he got older, believe in the presence of a Higher Power, and that there was a grand strategy being worked out on Earth.

On one occasion Churchill announced, "I have not become the king's first minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire." Here's

“True imperialism ... develops manhood.”

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

what Lord Moran, Churchill's doctor and close confidante from 1940 till 1965, said about that statement: "It was not just bravado. He was affirming a faith for which he was prepared to give his life, and he proved it throughout his life."

Dr. Moran then stated, "If Winston has believed in anything at all in the course of his long life, IT HAS BEEN IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND ALL THAT IT STANDS FOR."

Churchill's ambitions were larger and nobler because he filled his mind with empire thinking. This expanded his ability to give selflessly and tirelessly, to sacrifice and do whatever was necessary to grow and preserve that Empire.

Author and historian Kirk Emmert explored Churchill's devotion in his excellent book *Winston S. Churchill on Empire*. He wrote, "The word 'empire' in the title is to be taken on many levels. The glory of the British Empire was its service to a cause that transcended Britain, that transcended history, that transcended time itself."

Of course, the British Empire wasn't even close to perfect; there were many mistakes and injustices. But it

emphatically was not the cruel, evil, inhumane force that many today think it was.

Emmert wrote that in Churchill's view, the British Empire acted to "lift human life away from barbarism and savagery towards civilization and human excellence." In many instances, that is exactly what it did. IT WAS, AS CHURCHILL BELIEVED, A POWERFUL CIVILIZING FORCE THAT BENEFITED ALL OF HUMANITY!

Empire the World Needs

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

Ferguson does a very good job making the case that "the world we know today is in large measure the product of Britain's age of empire." He documents Britain's towering contributions to the lands it colonized, *and to humanity in general*—contributions that included the English language and literature; English forms of land ownership; Scottish and English banking; Common Law; team sports; representative assemblies; and modern notions of freedom and liberty.

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

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

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

On July 10, 1833, Lord Macaulay stated in a speech before British Parliament,

“There is an empire exempt from all natural causes of decay. That empire is the imperishable empire of our arts and our morals and our literature and our laws.” When Churchill entered the scene a few decades later, his view was essentially the same. These men believed Britain had a unique and special system of law, values and morals, and they wanted to share those with the rest of mankind.

Contrast that ideal with what you see today, when Britain’s greatest export is lawless, amoral, drunken thuggery! Just laws and upright morals *should* be exported around the world. But Britain instead spreads *deep corruption* and a *plague* of evil, as does America. That is a terrible shame.

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

“*True imperialism ... develops manhood,*” Churchill said (emphasis mine). That is politically incorrect today—but it is still very accurate! True imperialism—the expansion of an empire rooted in law and morality—does create quality men—and women. Churchill was a masculine man, a courageous, selfless individual. It was largely the British Empire that made him a real leader, one of the greatest in our time.

‘Little Englanders’

Churchill always had his detractors. He often called them “little Englanders.” These people wanted to do away with the Empire—to renounce it and live an inward life. Churchill believed that such a retreat from the world would have terrible consequences.

“In his opposition to both little Englanders and to unbridled imperialists, he defended what he viewed as a modern, essentially political understanding of empire,” wrote Emmert. “Contrary to current critics of imperialism, Churchill argued that a properly constituted, imperial rule was civilizing in that it improved both rulers and ruled, preparing the ruled for self-government.”

Churchill warned “little Englanders” that their desire to retreat and live in seclusion was a dream—and that such thinking would inevitably bring conflict!

Read these words from Churchill during the battle of Dunkirk: “We shall fight in France, and we shall fight on the seas and the oceans. ... Then our Empire beyond the seas, armed and guarded by the British fleet, will carry on the struggle until, in God’s good time, the new world with all its power and might sets forth to the rescue and liberation of the old.”

Churchill didn’t view the British Empire as a conquering force. He viewed it as a force for freedom, justice and civilization—and it was!

That strong belief in empire did great things for mankind!

Where do you find that spirit today in Britain? If Churchill visited today, I think he would be horrified, and deeply saddened and ashamed, at the state of the nation he dedicated his life to serving.

In fact, he would barely recognize it!

God’s View of Empire

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

That ugly history has contributed to the evil view that many people today have of empire in general, especially among intellectuals and scholars in the West. However, the existence of these barbarizing empires doesn’t change the *good* that a civilizing empire can do. And the scholars’ cynical portrayal of the British Empire is very deceptive and dishonest.

At its core, is empire immoral? No. There isn’t anything wrong with empire if it brings good. Truly, the *right kind* of imperialism can accomplish great things!

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

The Kingdom of God could very accurately be called the God Family *Empire*!

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

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

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

Think on this statement from James Anthony Froude, which he wrote in his book *Oceana*: “A man ... who is more than himself, who is part of an institution, who has devoted himself to a cause—or is a citizen of an imperial power—expands to the scope and fullness of the larger organism; and the grander the organization, the larger and more important the unit that knows that he belongs to it. His thoughts are wider, his interests less selfish, his ambitions ampler and nobler. ... A GREAT NATION MAKES GREAT MEN, A SMALL NATION MAKES LITTLE MEN.”

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

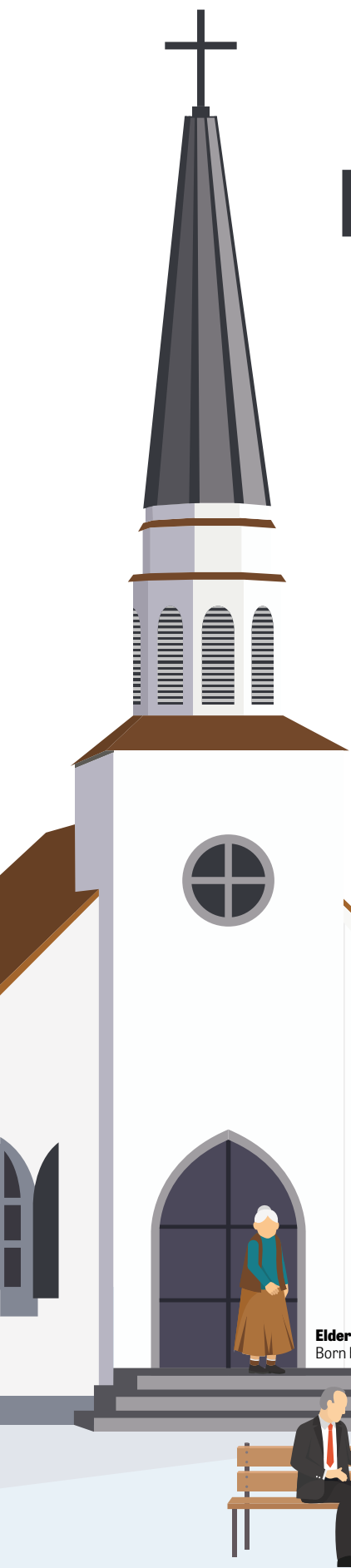
But Froude’s observation is infinitely truer of the empire that God Himself is establishing! This empire improves both rulers and ruled. The more we understand it and commit our passions to it, the less selfish our interests, the wider our thoughts, the ampler and nobler our ambitions become!

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

Empire of the future!

One final empire is coming. It will not be a government of the people or by the people. Yet it will be the only government that has ever truly been for the people. To learn more, request “*What Is the True Gospel?*”

LOSING OUR RELIGION



The United States of America has been fundamentally transformed. Some politicians, educators and media personalities still talk about God, the Bible and Christianity, but a landmark Pew Research Religious Landscape survey of more than 35,000 Americans has found that America's younger generation is abandoning religion. In fact, if current trends continue, those born after 1997 may become our first post-Christian generation.

In his First Inaugural Address, President George Washington said, "The foundations of our national policy will be laid in the *pure and immutable principles* of private morality." And in his famous Farewell Address he said, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, *religion and morality* are indispensable supports." President Washington knew that without religion and morality, America was doomed to fail.

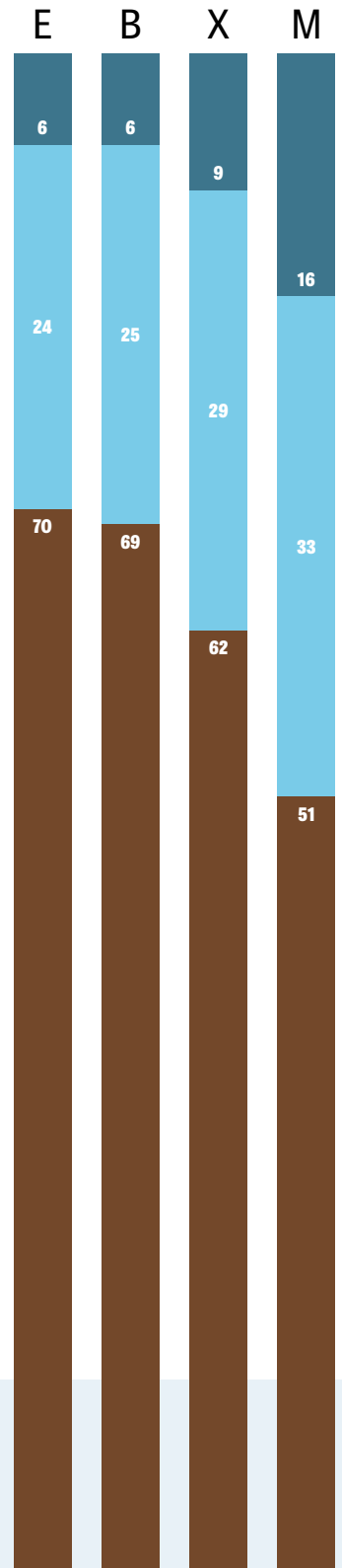
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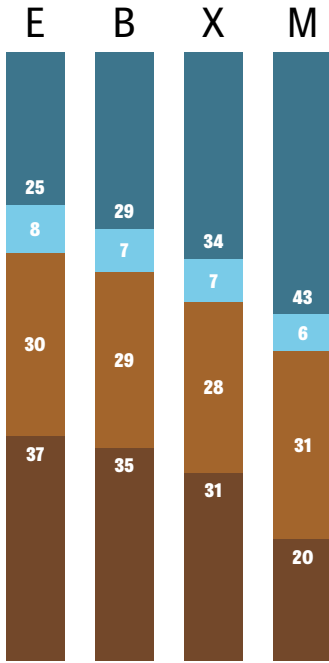
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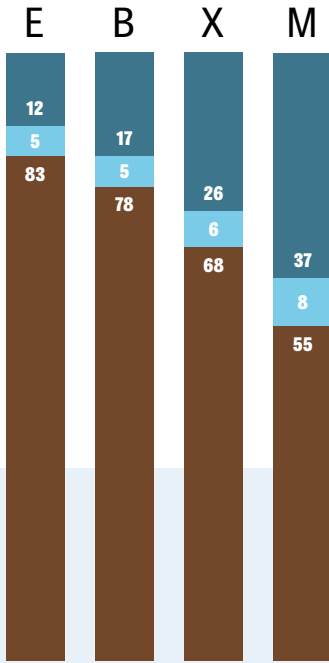
The share of U.S. adults who **Absolutely Believe in God** has declined each successive generation, while the share of adults who are **Not Certain** there is a God or **Do Not Believe in God** has increased.

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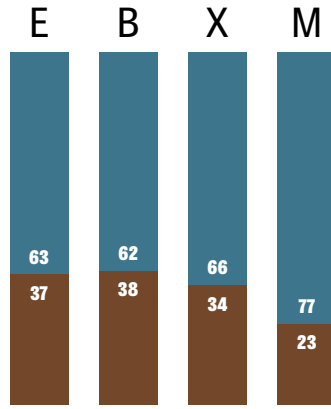
The share of U.S. adults who **Believe the Bible Is the Literal Word of God** or who **Believe the Bible Is the Non-Literal Word of God** has declined each successive generation, while the share of adults who **Do Not Know Whether the Bible Was Inspired** or who **Believe the Bible Was Not Inspired by God** has increased.

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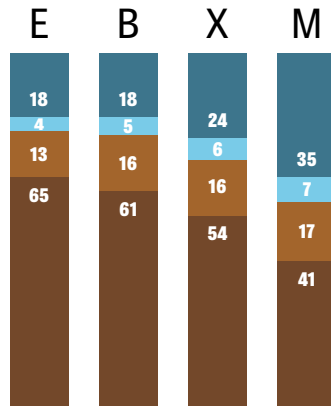
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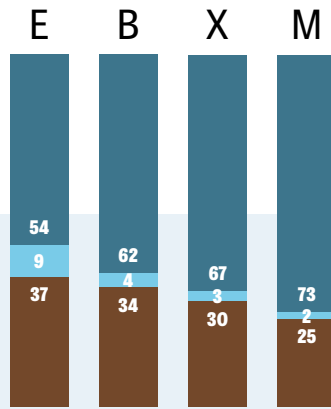
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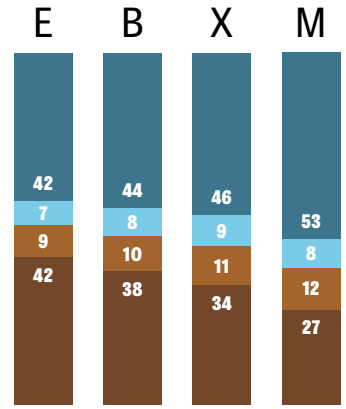
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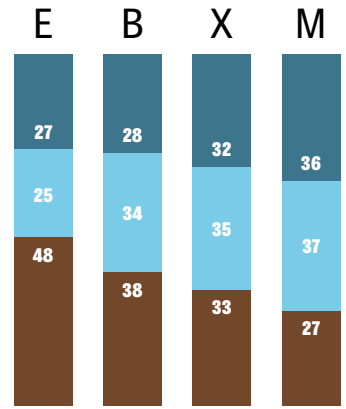
The share of U.S. adults who **Believe God Created Humans in Their Current Form** has declined each successive generation, while the share of adults who **Don't Know** or **Believe Humans Evolved Over Time** has increased.

BIBLE STUDY



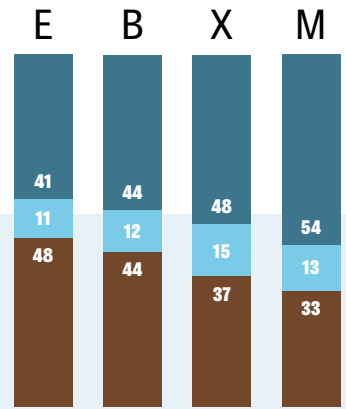
The share of U.S. adults who **Read the Bible Weekly** or **Monthly** has declined each successive generation, while the share of adults who **Read the Bible Annually** or **Seldom/Never Read the Bible** has increased.

CHURCH



The share of U.S. adults who **Attend Church Services Every Week** has declined each successive generation, while the share of adults who **Occasionally Go to Church** or **Seldom/Never Go to Church** has increased.

IDEOLOGY



The share of U.S. adults who **Lean Conservative** has declined each successive generation, while the share of adults who are **Independent/Don't Know** or **Lean Liberal** has increased.

'ECONOMIC POPGUN, POLITICAL HOWITZER'



Europe's COVID bailout did more than just add credit to Europe's balance sheet—it added a whole lot of firepower.

BY RICHARD PALMER AND DANIEL DI SANTO

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE TERM “prime minister” began as an insult, not a job title? British politicians were concerned that the First Lord of the Treasury was amassing too much power, so they accused him of being the “prime minister.”

He who controls the purse strings controls the power.

In the United States, the Funding Act of 1790 changed history. It provided that the debts of individual states would be shared and paid through the federal government. Had each state maintained full control of its own debts and income, the “United States” would have become a loose association more like the United Nations.

Decisions on finance determine the course of nations and of the world.

Another historic financial decision was made this summer by the European Union. The way it now handles debt puts this group of nations on the path to becoming a superstate—and fulfilling one of the Bible's greatest prophecies!

A Joint Credit Card

After a grueling 90 hours of negotiations spanning five days and including heated insults among national leaders, EU officials agreed to a coronavirus bailout package on July 21. The result was a €750 billion (US\$862 billion) bailout package. It is a large amount, but it is spread out over

seven years and 19 countries and includes programs that were already in place. So the money itself will actually do little to help the EU recover from coronavirus.

But that does not mean it's unimportant.

This fund contains one crucial change. For the first time ever, European leaders have allowed the EU as a whole to borrow money. An opaque, unelected body, the European Commission, will have its hands on the purse strings.

The EU will borrow money on the financial markets, then distribute €390 billion in grants and €360 billion in loans that must be repaid.

The idea is to help prop up European economies that are on the brink of catastrophe. Italy is one of the hardest hit. Coronavirus has shut down the tourism sector—which makes up 14 percent of the country's economy. Add in the other economic effects of lockdown, and Italy faces disaster.

Even before the virus hit, Italy was struggling to stay afloat. It was one of the most indebted countries in the developed world—with debt 135 percent the size of its annual economic output.

Borrowing money to help its businesses through the lockdown was not much of an option for Italy. So it turned to the EU.

And the EU had little choice but to act. A complete economic collapse in

Italy would hit the whole eurozone hard. This is simply the reality of sharing a currency.

Before coronavirus, Germany was strictly opposed to “debt mutualization,” or sharing debt among eurozone nations to create more borrowing opportunities during crises. Doing this means that Greece or Italy could spend money, and Germany would be responsible to help pay it off. If Germany is to share its national credit card, it wants to make sure other countries don't use it to buy sports cars and luxury holidays.

But in May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel made a 180-degree turn on the subject. She began pushing for it, even against strenuous objections.

Europe's leaders acknowledge this is a radical change by qualifying it with all sorts of language proclaiming it was a “one-off.” Of course, income tax was also supposed to be a one-off—in both America and in Britain—but it remains with us today. Once you break a taboo, you prove it can be done—and it is much easier to repeat.

The \$247.5 billion Italy will receive in grants and loans won't be enough to keep it afloat. The money will go to some eye-catching projects, like an earthquake-proof tunnel to Sicily, but it's not really going help the government pay the bills. Instead, money printing by the

European Central Bank is doing most of the heavy lifting on that front.

Once the threshold of shared debt is crossed, the other trappings of government soon follow. As the borrowing limit on this shared credit card grows, Europe will need some way to oversee the borrowing and spending. It will need a powerful central government.

Granted, this decision by the EU is not Europe's "Hamiltonian moment." It is not as wide-ranging as America's debt sharing in 1790. The EU still has an uphill struggle before it reaches that point. But it is a momentous first step down that road.

The *Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard called the bailout "an economic popgun—but a political howitzer," identifying it as "a profound change in the structure and character of the European project" (July 21).

'Bordering on Totalitarian'

Power over the current, relatively meager level of EU funding rests with the European Commission, a group of unelected leaders appointed by national governments. Already possessing the power to make laws, they will now have the power to raise funds from the shared debt and the power of direct spending.

"Where else in the world does a single unelected body have the 'right of initiative' on legislation, and the executive powers of a proto-government, and the spending prerogatives of a parliament, all wrapped in one?" Evans-Pritchard asked. He warned that this power is "bordering on totalitarian in constitutional terms, mostly unchecked by meaningful parliamentary oversight."

His most prescient characterization of the EU's growing political power came in the form of one word: "caesaropapist." This word connotes imperial Rome and papal decrees. A caesaropapacy is a political system with one leader ruling the empire and the church. Evans-Pritchard may have been likening the European Commission's power to create and enforce fiscal policy to the power held by the emperors of Europe's past. The *Trumpet* believes, however, that Europe will live up to this description *literally*.

There is going to be another Holy Roman Empire.

As Europe's credit limit and overall governance grows, it will become even less democratic.

Bible prophecy says 10 European nations will unite under one strong leader, with religion as its unifying force. Based on these prophecies, Herbert W. Armstrong, the founder of our predecessor magazine the *Plain Truth*, wrote that European nations will "give all their military and monetary power to the central ruler over the 10—the coming European leader" (co-worker letter, Aug. 14, 1978).

Europe's recovery fund won't save it from a coming economic crisis. As Mr. Armstrong warned, an economic crash in America "could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S. That, in turn, could bring on the Great Tribulation suddenly" (co-worker letter, July 22, 1984). Another economic crash would push Europe further down the road to becoming a superstate.

AS THE BORROWING LIMIT ON THIS SHARED CREDIT CARD GROWS, EUROPE WILL NEED SOME WAY TO OVERSEE BORROWING AND SPENDING. IT WILL NEED A POWERFUL CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

It's not about how much cash is involved. It's about how much *power*.

Too Big Not to Fail?

European nations did not take this momentous step easily. The meeting was one of the most divisive in recent history.

Originally, the plan was for €500 billion in grants and €250 billion in loans. This met strong opposition from the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, making for what French President Emmanuel Macron described as "extremely tense moments" throughout the drawn-out negotiations. The summit was only 30 minutes shy of the record for the longest in EU history.

At one point during the meetings, German Chancellor Merkel and French President Macron got up and walked out together, showing solidarity with each other and resistance to their opponents who wanted a smaller bailout package.

This actually points to an important fact revealed in Bible prophecy. With 27 nations, the European Union is currently *too big* to function as a superstate. Even having 19 nations in the eurozone is an unwieldy arrangement. The Bible says the number of nations in the Union will decrease, which will actually enable its power to drastically increase.

As the EU's credit limit rises and its central government (dominated by Germany) becomes more powerful, expect some EU countries to leave or be pushed out. This will produce a leaner, meaner, more consolidated European bloc that can be directed powerfully by "caesaropapist" rule.

"The coronavirus is hastening the arrival of the prophesied Holy Roman Empire," wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in the July *Trumpet*. "The Bible says 10 kings will rise in Europe in this end time, led by one overarching strongman. These kings will form the Holy Roman Empire. The coronavirus

pandemic is helping usher in these 10 kings! We need to be thinking about these prophesied kings, who are rising now. ... Many people have voiced fear that the recent crisis will destroy the European Union. But although it may look that way, Europe is in fact about to unite in a powerful way."

Mr. Flurry called the consequences of coronavirus on Europe "[o]ne of the most important effects of the global panic over COVID-19." European nations crossing this economic and political threshold in response to the virus confirms that statement. The direction Europe is taking right now ties right in with Bible prophecy.

Understand these events, and it will help you see the next earthshaking empire rising in Europe! ■

To learn more, request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's reprint article "**Coronavirus and the Holy Roman Empire.**"

Why Does Germany Have So Many Neo-Nazi Conspiracies?

BY RICHARD PALMER

WHAT IS GOING ON UNDER the surface in Germany?

Germany's elite special forces—the Kommando Spezialkräfte (KSK)—are so full of neo-Nazis that the government is considering shutting down the whole unit. Senior members of the military have looked the other way while Nazis embed themselves in their ranks. Far-right members in the police have used their positions to target left-wing politicians. Intelligence agencies funneled money to a neo-Nazi group. Civilians have been joining secretive far-right groups.

Why are there so many neo-Nazis hiding in Germany's institutions? How have they been able to stay hidden? And what does that say about modern Germany?

Day X

One of the most widespread movements are “Day X preppers.” They believe German society will soon collapse, and they want to be ready to not only survive the chaos, but to use it to kill their political opponents and rid Germany of migrants.

To that end they stockpile body bags, ammunitions and explosives. They've drawn up hit lists and chosen locations for mass killings.

“Today, Day X preppers are drawing serious people with serious skills and ambition,” a recent *New York Times* investigation by Berlin bureau chief Katrin Bennhold warned. “Germany has belatedly begun dealing with far-right networks that officials now say are far more extensive than they ever understood” (August 1).

“This movement has its fingertips in lots of places,” said local politician Heiko Böhringer. “All this talk of Day X can seem like pure fantasy. But if you look closer, you can see how quickly it turns into serious planning—and plotting.”

“I fear we've only seen the tip of the iceberg,” said Dirk Friedriszik, another local politician. “It isn't just the KSK. The real worry is: These cells are everywhere. In the army, in the police, in reservist units.”

It's no wonder both Interior Minister Horst Seehofer and Thomas Haldenwang—president of the Federal Office

for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV), the nation's domestic intelligence agency—identify the far right as the biggest threat to German democracy.

The German Military

The German military intelligence service said it believes the special forces are a “hotbed of the far right.” Forty-eight thousand rounds of ammunition and 137 pounds of explosives have gone missing from the KSK—presumably to far-right groups. In June, one of the KSK's four companies was disbanded because it was so full of far-right sympathizers that it was deemed beyond rehabilitation. Some say the entire KSK and its semi-independent command structure could be shut down.

In May, a sergeant major was arrested after police found thousands of rounds of ammunition, 2 kilograms of explosives, an AK-47 and Nazi memorabilia in his home. A few months before, a lieutenant colonel was suspended for making far-right posts online.

In 2018 the German government revealed a plot involving 200 people, including veterans of the KSK, to kill Green Party leader Claudia Roth, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, former President Joachim Gauck and many other leaders. The conspirators had stockpiled weapons and ammunition.

There are worrying signs in the wider military, too. In April 2017 a lieutenant in the German Army was arrested after planning a terrorist attack that could be erroneously blamed on migrants.

In an earlier article, Bennhold wrote: “In interviews I conducted over the course of the year with military and intelligence officials, and avowed far-right members themselves, they described nationwide

networks of current and former soldiers and police officers with ties to the far right. ... Some German news media have referred to a ‘shadow army,’ drawing parallels to the 1920s, when nationalist cells within the military hoarded arms, plotted coups, and conspired to overthrow democracy” (July 3).

Some dismiss the idea of a shadow army. But Gen. Markus Kreitmayr, the head of the KSK, isn't so sure. “I don't know if there is a shadow army in Germany,” he told Bennhold. “But I am worried, and not just as the commander of the KSK, but as a citizen—that in the end something like that does exist and that maybe our people are part of it.”

Police and Intelligence Services

For the last two years, someone in the police force has been using police databases to send threatening letters to left-wing political figures. The fact that neither the police nor Interpol has been able to track them down suggests it's more than one person.

The head of Germany's largest police union complains that police officers are increasingly leaning far right in response to the influx of migrants since 2015. A *Der Spiegel* investigation found at least 340 cases of right-wing extremism, racism or anti-Semitic activities in police officers or candidates in training since 2014.

The BfV has also been implicated. The National Socialist Underground (NSU) is a neo-Nazi group that killed nine migrants and a police officer between 2000 and 2007. The BfV was supposed to shut it down; instead it gave the group significant funding. The BfV claims it was paying off informants. Others said the informants were handing the money straight to the NSU with the BfV's blessing.

The BfV was also suspiciously incompetent in investigating the NSU. For years, the intelligence agency insisted there was no wider conspiracy to targeting migrants. A BfV agent was even present at the murder of one of the migrants—and claims not to have noticed.

“The worrying question that arises is whether the German security agencies merely failed at doing their job, or

did they actually turn a blind eye and intentionally enable the NSU's activities," wrote Ynetnews. "And if so, could neo-Nazis have infiltrated Germany's spy agencies and actively encouraged the crimes? The authorities' insistence on covering up information and stonewalling investigation on the matter only raise further suspicions" (April 24, 2017).

Who Investigates the Investigators?

Meanwhile, far-right violence is rising in German society. In June, newly released data shows anti-Semitic crimes reached the highest levels on record, with 2,000 committed in 2019. In February a far-right shooter killed nine in a terrorist attack. In October, another far-right gunman attacked a synagogue in the town of Halle. Last summer, Walter Lübcke, a politician in the state of Hesse, was assassinated by a far-right extremist.

So many people are involved that it's hard to see how widespread the networks are. One high-ranking investigator was suspended in June after he gave confidential information to a contact in the KSK, who then tipped off other potential neo-Nazis who could have been investigated. In another investigation, a lieutenant colonel in military intelligence was found trying to cover up an effort to infiltrate the military with neo-Nazis.

"If the very people who are meant to protect our democracy are plotting against it, we have a big problem," said Stephan Kramer, BfV president in the German state of Thuringia. "How do you find them?"

The *New York Times* investigation focused on one group of Day X preppers, Nord Cross. Investigation and prosecution of Nord Cross has been so minimal or ineffectual that only *one member* has faced any charges: One of the group's leaders, Marko Gross, received a suspended sentence for "illegal weapons possession" (the list of those weapons was so long it took 45 minutes to read out in court). But there have been no prosecutions for a wider conspiracy.

It is reminiscent of another far-right leader who received only a slap on the wrist for his attempt to overthrow the government in 1923: Adolf Hitler.



(From top) Suspects of the Bosphorus serial murders committed between 2000 and 2007; Stephan Ernst, who murdered politician Walter Lübcke; KSK soldiers train in Germany.



"The outcome is typical of the authorities' handling of far-right cases, extremism experts say," wrote Bennhold. "The charges brought are often woefully narrow for the elaborate plots they are meant to deter and punish."

Why is far-right extremism such a systemic problem? Why do those involved get off so lightly? And if so many are willing to act on such beliefs, how many more sympathize from the sidelines?

This is the crucial question too few are asking: What does this mean for modern Germany?

A Warning for Germany

This rise in the far right is a clear sign that all is not well. Under the surface, a Nazi spirit is brewing.

It's also proof of a startlingly accurate forecast from Herbert W. Armstrong. On May 9, 1945, just hours after World War II ended, he warned, "We don't understand German *thoroughness* Now a Nazi underground is methodically planned. They plan to come back and to win on the third try."

We now know there *was* a Nazi underground.

Across Germany's government, civil servants insisted they had had nothing to do with Nazi atrocities. In fact, they claimed they had secretly worked

against the Nazis! Over the last 10 years, a series of German government reports prove that claim false. The postwar government, police, judiciary and civil service were full of ex-Nazis.

Other reports show that ex-Nazi army officers set up secret armies. Once Germany was allowed to have an army again in 1955, many of these ex-Nazis were absorbed right back in. Men who knew and worked with the leaders of these secret armies went on to rise to the very top of the new West German military.

And now we find neo-Nazi conspiracies everywhere. Clearly the spirit of Nazism didn't die after World War II. It just went into hiding.

Read "**The Nazi Underground— Revealed!**" (theTrumpet.com/20885).

How could Mr. Armstrong make this forecast on *May 9, 1945*? Germany had formerly surrendered to the Allies only hours before. It had lost nearly 10 percent of its population. Its factories were in rubble. Even its agriculture production was only at 35 percent of its pre-war level. No one was forecasting that Germany would rise again—except Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong based his analysis on Bible prophecy. Revelation 17:8

History Is a Path to Understand Bible Prophecy

And understanding Bible prophecy can change your life!

BY GERALD FLURRY

FOR DECADES, HISTORY HAS BEEN under attack. Our schools stopped emphasizing it; many colleges stopped teaching it. Now people are actively tearing it down and radically revising it. This is deeply disturbing. We are ruining one of mankind's most effective teachers!

Hal Brands and Francis J. Gavin wrote an article for *WarontheRocks.com* titled "The Historical Profession Is Committing Slow-Motion Suicide" (Dec. 10, 2018). It described how today's historians write in a scholarly way for each other rather than for the benefit of their nation and the world. This is a dangerous mistake.

"[A]fter the Vietnam War drove a wedge between government and the academy, historians tended to shun constructive engagement with policymakers in favor of a more confrontational approach premised on 'speaking truth to power,'" they explained. "They came to regard 'presentism'—using the past as a way of addressing the challenges of the present—as a distortion of the historian's task. 'History,' wrote one prominent historian ..., 'cannot in the first instance be concerned with navigating the ship of state.'"

Historians no longer believe that remembering the past will help us make decisions in the present. That is absurd! They ignore examples like Winston Churchill, whose deep understanding of history helped him navigate the entire Western world through World War II and saved it from tyranny! God worked miracles for that to happen, but He used a man who was absolutely *steeped* in history.

YOU HAVE FREEDOMS TODAY LARGELY BECAUSE CHURCHILL STUDIED HISTORY.

"As a recent chair of a prominent history department recently explained to us, the discipline of history does not consider exploring and understanding the decisions of state leaders or military officials to be interesting, important or innovative" (ibid).

If the *teachers* don't care about history, no wonder the students are abandoning it! They deny the basic fact that individuals like Churchill have changed history—when that is part of the *definition* of history! By accepting such error, the entire discipline is "committing slow-motion suicide"!

God tells us to study history. Ignoring it jeopardizes our nation and our relationship with Him! *Understanding* secular and biblical history, on the other hand, helps us understand Bible prophecy, which is the history of the *future*.

History-Based Warnings

Because Churchill possessed historical understanding, he possessed penetrating vision. When he studied history, he drew from it many invaluable lessons. He talked about how history provided a "long, dismal catalog of the fruitlessness of experience and the confirmed unteachability of mankind. Want of foresight, unwillingness to act when action would be simple and effective, lack of clear thinking, confusion of counsel until the emergency comes, until self-preservation strikes its jarring gong—these are the features which constitute the endless

repetition of history."

Churchill warned relentlessly that Germany would plunge the world into another war. He knew the record of human nature, which gave him foresight into the *FUTURE* of human nature. He knew that Britain could stop Adolf Hitler if it took decisive action early on. But other British leaders insisted on disarmament and appeasement to avoid agitating Hitler.

Even when Churchill had almost no support from other people, he remained steadfast and courageous in his convictions. When his warnings came to pass, the people finally turned to him for leadership through the worst war in history. They regarded him as a secular *prophet*!

That devastating world war in which 60 million people died was only necessary because neither politicians nor the media nor educators would listen to Churchill's history-based warning!

We must learn lessons from this history. Circumstances today are actually *worse*. It is far too easy to fall into a comfortable routine and not realize, as Churchill put it, "how near and how grave are the dangers of a world explosion."

But secular history has its limitations. The greatest historians have still never known the way to everlasting peace (Isaiah 59:8). To find real answers, we must search elsewhere. We must understand Bible history. Combine secular history with *Bible history*, and that will lead you into understanding Bible prophecy!

Here is a specific way you can begin understanding the history of the past *and* the prophecy of the future: Study the prophetic history of the Bible.

History as Prophecy

The biblical books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings form a portion of the Old Testament known as the "former prophets." These books contain the history of ancient Israel. The historians who wrote them meticulously researched and sourced that history.

Yet, though these books do record history, they are called "former prophets" for a reason. The historians who wrote them were prophets! And much of what they wrote is actually *prophecy* for our time!

The book of Joshua records Israel's journey into the Promised Land. It includes crucial principles of leading a

A Watchman and a Prophet

nation that apply even today. The book of Judges is the bloodiest book in the entire Bible because the people of the nation failed to trust and obey God; instead, “every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 17:6; 21:25). That is exactly true in the modern nations that descended from ancient Israel—America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East. As a result, our nations have never been more divided, and they are on the precipice of collapse—a prophetic repetition of history.

Samuel, Kings and Chronicles record the longest biographical account in the Bible: that of King David. David was a man after God’s own heart whose history is an example of how we can have a wonderful, inspiring, successful relationship with God!

So much of the history these prophets meticulously recorded and God miraculously preserved for thousands of years is prophetic. Churchill described the “endless repetition of history.” Much of the history of the former prophets becomes prophecy!

For example, THESE BOOKS RECORD HOW THE STATE OF RELIGION IN ANCIENT ISRAEL REVEALED THE STATE OF THE NATION. Look around today: What is the state of religion in our nations? It is weak, and being overwhelmed by society’s secularism and immorality. Even among Christians there is very little teaching about prophecy—despite prophecy constituting about *one third* of the Bible!

What made David a spiritual legend? What made Saul an utter failure? We need to know! All the history recorded in Scripture happened as examples for us to learn from (1 Corinthians 10:11). God *commands* us to pay attention to history and to apply its lessons!

“Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; BELIEVE HIS PROPHETS, SO SHALL YE PROSPER” (2 Chronicles 20:20). These are God’s words. Prophets wrote the former prophets books. Study and believe those writings, and you will prosper!

This is more than Hebrew history; it is God’s history. It is the path to understanding Bible prophecy, and it can change your whole life and fill you with purpose and inspiration! We had better learn from it before time runs out! ■

IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO LEARN THAT THE ROLE Churchill played in World War II, I believe, was specifically prophesied in your Bible.

Here is something God told the Prophet Ezekiel: “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me” (Ezekiel 3:17). Ezekiel wrote this, but he was not a watchman. He wrote more than 100 years *after* ancient Israel had been conquered and enslaved. He himself was a captive. God recorded and preserved his message for the end time: *our generation*.



Given that context, look at Ezekiel 33. It begins, “Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if *the people* of the land take a man of their coasts, and SET HIM FOR THEIR WATCHMAN ...” (Ezekiel 33:1-2). This is a prophecy about an END-TIME WATCHMAN whom *the people chose*. It goes on to say that if this watchman warns of a sword coming and people fail to heed, then *they* are responsible for the calamity that follows.

Winston Churchill fulfilled this prophecy beautifully. The British people chose him after he had become a great secular historian with unique insight and the courage throughout the 1930s to deliver a strong, extremely unpopular warning. Ezekiel 33:1-6 is a prophecy about Winston Churchill!

Churchill was not a religious man, but he did say that “some great purpose and design is being worked out here below.” He knew that God has a purpose for human affairs. God can really use a person with that kind of understanding.

But Ezekiel’s prophecy does not end there. In verse 7, the subject of this chapter shifts dramatically. After prophesying that the future descendants of ancient Israel would elect a watchman, God said, “So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at *my mouth*, and WARN THEM FROM ME.”

This prophesies of an entirely different watchman. He comes *after* Churchill and just before the end of this historical age. God says this time it will not be the people’s choice—*He Himself* will choose the watchman! This watchman warns the people FROM GOD and tells them that the only way to avoid national destruction is by repenting toward God! (see verse 11).

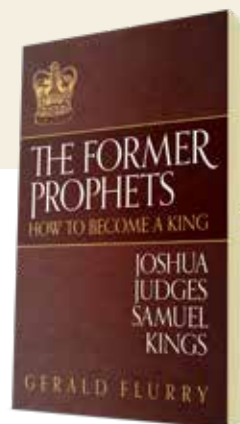
The death of nations is on the line! World War III is prophesied to be infinitely worse than World War II!

“And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them” (verse 33). Here the prophecy shows that this watchman is also a prophet. That means he knows history and Bible prophecy.

This man is warning the world RIGHT NOW. We are in this prophetic period right now. Be assured that all God’s prophecies WILL come to pass: “Lo, it will come.” We can know the future in *detail for certain* not just by studying history, but by listening to God’s watchman! Sadly, most people won’t believe him until his prophecies come true.

Repeat ... Repeat ... Repeat ...

You’ve heard, repeatedly, that history repeats itself. But which history? How? When? Request Gerald Flurry’s free book **The Former Prophets** to learn how you can understand the most important parts of human history—past and future.



The German frigate Hamburg departs for a Mediterranean mission.

GERMAN WARSHIP IN LIBYAN WATERS

The German frigate Hamburg departed from its port in Wilhelmshaven on August 4 for its new mission as part of the European Union Naval Force Mediterranean Operation Irini. The frigate will enforce a UN weapons embargo, monitor the illegal export of petroleum, and support Libya's Coast Guard and Navy.

On January 16 this year, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas visited Benghazi. On January 19, government officials in Berlin discussed the situation in Libya. On May 7, the German government mandated the

participation of forces including 300 soldiers to enforce the arms trafficking embargo.

Libya is on the verge of becoming a second Syria. Germany wants to prevent its devolution into another war-torn nation at Europe's doorstep. A prophecy in Daniel 11 shows that Libya will fall under Iranian control. Europe's interest in the nation foreshadows serious friction with Iran that will ultimately erupt in war.

Read "*Mediterranean Battle Escalating Into World War III!*" by Gerald Flurry (theTrumpet.com/13891).



Germany's rating is 44 percent. China's is 32 percent and Russia's is 30 percent.

While anti-Americanism has surged, Germany has grown more popular due

to its absence from major military conflicts, its progressive environmentalist reforms, and its handling of the coronavirus, refugee crisis and financial crises. More people and nations want Germany to mediate peace negotiations and assume a greater role in international relations. But this desire to empower Germany overlooks major dangers—and recent history.

To learn more, read "*We're All Falling in Love With Germany*" (theTrumpet.com/11046).

WORLD'S FAVORITE NATION

According to a global leadership poll conducted by Gallup, the nation viewed as the best world leader is Germany.

"The median global approval rating for U.S. leadership across 135 countries and areas edged up to 33 percent in 2019. This rating is slightly higher than the previous low under Trump," Gallup noted in "U.S. Leadership Remains Unpopular Worldwide."

U.S. WITHDRAWS TROOPS FROM GERMANY

The United States announced on July 29 the details of its withdrawal of 12,000 troops from Germany. The redeployment of a third of its personnel from the country marks a dramatic deterioration in the U.S.-Germany relationship. A cavalry regiment will return to the U.S., and 5,600 troops will move elsewhere in Europe: a fighter jet squadron will move to Italy, European command will move to Belgium, and Africa command is searching for a new home base.

"For more than 50 years, the U.S. armed forces have protected and guarded Germany and the entire NATO area," *Bild.de* wrote, noting that American troops helped with natural disasters and operated in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the war on terror.

U.S. President Donald Trump has been unsuccessful in his urging of Germany to meet the

NATO minimum level of spending on its defense budget. He has also been unsuccessful in pressuring Germany to pull out of its deal to connect to Russia with Nord Stream 2, a gas pipeline of strategic importance that threatens



the security of all other European nations. The president withdrew the troops to emphasize the seriousness of the situation. Doing so will likely motivate it to become a stronger military power.

Bible prophecy shows that tragically, German military power will end up posing a terrible threat to the United States. To learn more request our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.

HUNGARY JOINS GERMANY'S REVIVING MILITARY EMPIRE

Hungary took delivery of German-made Leopard tanks in July. The major order of military technology between the two EU nations, signed in 2018, is part of Hungary's strategy to "extensively convert its armed forces to the technology of the Bundeswehr" (*n-tv.de*, July 17; *Trumpet* translation throughout).

Hungarian Defense Minister Tibor Benkő referred to the tank delivery as "an extremely important event" and told his visiting counterpart from Germany, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, that Hungary wants

to buy the majority of its new military equipment from German manufacturers.

To understand why German and European military devel-



opment is extremely important, read "*Why the Trumpet Watches Europe's Push Toward a Unified Military*" (theTrumpet.com/15727).



THE NEXT JEWISH REVOLT?

Every week since mid-July, demonstrators have marched in the streets

of Jerusalem to protest Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Some are protesting his plan to annex parts of the West Bank, and others are demanding

IRAN PRESSURES IRAQ TO PUSH OUT REMAINING U.S. TROOPS

During his first international tour, Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Kadhim met with Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on July 21. Khamenei pressured him to push the United States out of Iraq.

Khamenei accused the “corrupt” U.S. of spreading destruction, sowing division and blocking Iran-Iraq cooperation.

Kadhim also met with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, and the two leaders pledged to increase annual trade between Iraq and Iran from \$12 billion to \$20 billion.

Kadhim, a former intelligence chief and activist, came to power in May this year after protests forced out his predecessor. His centrist government is attempting to balance Iraq’s relationship with Iran against that with the U.S. as Tehran and Washington grow increasingly antagonistic toward one another.

In August, Kadhim traveled to the U.S. to meet with President Donald Trump. The two leaders continued the strategic dialogue that began in June and resulted in a withdrawal of some U.S. troops from Iraq.



The U.S. is much more powerful than Iran, but its leadership and its people lack the resolve to wield much of that power. The Bible specifically prophesied this deterioration in “the pride of your power” in our generation, as well as Iran’s aggressive foreign policy and successful formation of a radical Islamic power bloc.

Request a free copy of *The King of the South*, by Gerald Flurry.

his removal from office due to indictments against him for fraud, bribery and break of trust. They call him “Crime Minister.”

Meanwhile, Israel is experiencing a second wave of coronavirus, which Netanyahu’s government has reacted to by restricting operation of businesses and freedom of movement.

The July and August protests have been some of the most violent since the State of Israel was founded in 1948. In some ways, they have been reminiscent of the rioting and desecration of history and monuments that have taken place in the U.S. and—for some reason—the United Kingdom.

Such similarities of movements

in “the U.S., Britain and Israel requires a search for the common denominators or shared histories that distinguish them from other established Western democracies,” wrote Israeli commentator Chemi Shalev in Haaretz on August 11. And yet, that true shared history is largely unknown. As Herbert W. Armstrong describes in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, these three nations are actually family, descendants from a single ancient patriarch. Now they are linked by the common threat of domestic radical leftists. They are also facing a common future, prophesied in the Bible.

Read “Race Riots Were Prophesied!” by Gerald Flurry (theTrumpet.com/22513).

IRAN LAUNCHES BALLISTIC MISSILES FROM UNDERGROUND

Iran launched a series of ballistic missiles from a camouflaged underground silo on July 29. The tests were part of massive Iranian war games in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.

U.S. troops stationed at the Al-Dhafra Air Base in Abu Dhabi and the Al-Udeid Air Base, headquarters of U.S. Central Command, went into high alert and took cover during the launch.

Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps aerospace division, said this was the first time Iran achieved such a launch.

This year’s games were monitored by Iran’s new military satellite, Noor, which the Revolutionary Guards—a U.S.-designated terrorist entity—put into orbit on April 22. The technology that put the satellite into orbit is the same technology needed to produce intercontinental ballistic missiles.



Although U.S. 5th Fleet could easily destroy the Iranian Navy, Iran could strike at America and the world in the Strait of Hormuz, blocking commercial shipping, including a quarter of the world’s oil shipping, and causing prices of transport, insurance and oil to soar around the world.

For almost three decades, the *Trumpet* has identified Iran, the world’s number one state sponsor of terrorism, as the head of radical Islam and the power that will lead “the king of the south” radical Islamic bloc prophesied in Daniel 11. Even as other major issues consume the world’s attention, continue to watch Iran.

WILL RUSSIA AND CHINA RULE SPACE?

The chief of Russia's space corporation told *Komsomolskaya Pravda* on July 13 that Russia is interested in partnering not with the United States but with China to build a scientific base on the moon.

Dmitry Rogozin said Russia and China have already taken "the first steps towards each other precisely by defining the contours and significance of the lunar scientific base." He added that though he was not opposed to American involvement with



the project, Russia and China were clearly the lead players. So whether he admits it or not, this "lunar scientific base" is part of a new space race: Russia and China against America.

Meanwhile, U.S. Space Command said on July 23 that Russia tested an anti-satellite

weapon in orbit the week before. It stated that Russia's Kosmos 2543 satellite released an object "in proximity to another Russian satellite, which is similar to on-orbit activity conducted by Russia in 2017, and inconsistent with the system's stated mission as an inspector satellite." Space Command called the test "consistent with the Kremlin's published military doctrine to employ weapons that hold U.S. and allied space assets at risk."

During the Cold War, the late theologian Herbert W. Armstrong wrote a booklet titled *Who Will Rule Space?* in which he explained that America was making a huge mistake in its approach to the space race. "We are looking

exclusively to material science to rescue us from the threat of communism," he wrote. "We are in a frenzy over methods of training future scientists who can develop even greater weapons of destruction and death! ... And this very thing—looking to the physical, material, science—is our colossal error!"

America is making the same error today. Developing new and better space-based weapons may temporarily deter conflict with nations such as Russia and China, but when that conflict inevitably comes, it will be all the more devastating. America—and mankind—does not need a scientific solution but a spiritual one. ■

JAPAN PROTESTS AMERICA, COURTS RUSSIA

The people of Japan are again protesting the presence of American troops on the island of Okinawa.

In July, a significant coronavirus outbreak among the 26,000 U.S. soldiers and affiliated personnel stationed in Okinawa has the Japanese shaken. "It is extremely regrettable," Okinawa Governor Denny Tamaki said on July 11, "that the infections are rapidly spreading among U.S. personnel when we Okinawans are doing our utmost to contain the infections."

America's military presence in Japan dates to the end of World

War II, when the U.S. occupied the defeated nation and wrote a clause into its new Constitution banning war as a means for Japan to settle international disputes. The U.S. and Japan also signed the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, codifying Japan's dependence on America for its defense and stipulating that the U.S. would protect Japan by stationing American troops in the country.

Around half of the 50,000 American military personnel currently stationed in Japan are in Okinawa. But the troops have been a perennial source



of tensions between the two nations, with the Japanese decrying crime, noise, pollution and aircraft accidents caused by them. The COVID-19 outbreak is only the latest issue to outrage the local populations.

The increasing anti-American sentiments are playing a role in the weakening of the U.S.-Japan security alliance that has helped

to stabilize Asia for more than 70 years.

Meanwhile, on July 10 Russia presented Japan with the framework of a peace treaty to finally conclude their lingering World War II disputes, although it omits the contentious issue of the Kuril Islands, a territory both nations claim. But the announcement highlights Russia's attempts to improve its relationship with Japan, a trend that Bible prophecy shows will culminate in the end of the U.S.-Japan alliance and the formation of an Asian superpower. ■

Order your free copy of *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia,'* by Gerald Flurry (theTrumpet.com/go/putin).

MIGHT MAKES CHINA RIGHT

On July 27, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte blocked America from increased access to military bases in his nation.

"I have nothing against America," Duterte said during his annual State of the Union address, but China "has the arms" and is "in possession of

the property. ... So it is simple as that." He added: "If war breaks out" then "atomic arsenals" would cause "the extinction of the Filipino race."

Whether Duterte genuinely fears nuclear war or is only appeasing China, the remarks are consistent with an aim that has been evident throughout his presidency: move the Philippines away

from Washington and toward Beijing. The *Trumpet* takes a keen interest in this aim because it is furthering three prophetically significant trends: the deterioration of U.S. power, the coalescing of "the kings of the east" Asian alliance, and the rise of China. ■

Order your free copy of *Russia and China in Prophecy* (theTrumpet.com/rcp).



South African farmers protest farm attacks on August 18.



FARM ATTACKS SURGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

The bodies of Daniel and Hybrecht Brant were found six miles away from the body of their murdered daughter, Elizabeth. All three were kidnapped and murdered on July 26, when a gang broke into their farmstead in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa. The attackers stole little besides a laptop, two cell phones and some jewelry. The Brant home was left smeared with blood, an indication of the brutal motive for the attack: terrorism.

Farm attacks are increasingly common in South Africa. A July

2020 AfriForum report shows that farm attacks have increased almost fivefold in the past decade, from 115 attacks in 2010 to 552 attacks in 2019. In attacks where a specific crime was reported, the attackers tortured a victim 9 percent of the time by burning them with irons, pouring boiling water down their ears, piercing them with power tools, and other methods.

A direct correlation has been established between anti-white hate speech from South African politicians and farm attacks. This strongly indicates that

torturing white farmers is part of a terror campaign to drive them off their land. The Brant family is among the most recent victims of a violent movement that has been developing since 1990, when the South African government lifted the ban on the African National Congress (ANC) and the Communist Party of South Africa.

While many hailed Nelson Mandela's victory in the 1994 election as the beginning of a new golden age for South Africa, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry warned: "South Africa is the first of the Anglo-Saxon nations to give away its God-given birthright." Late *Trumpet* columnist Ron Fraser wrote, "Disaster looms huge on the horizon of South Africa, as godless communism has its day bringing an ANC-dominated government to power with the apparent full endorsement of Western society."

This analysis was based on Bible prophecy, and is recorded in our free e-book *South Africa in Prophecy* (theTrumpet.com/go/sap). South Africa gives a preview of the type of violence coming to the U.S. and Britain if people continue to reject biblical truth in favor of godless communism and false religion.



ONE IN FOUR AMERICANS HAVE MISSED A BILL PAYMENT SINCE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

The United States economy may be headed toward even worse times as COVID-19 lockdowns affect people's incomes and savings accounts. Millions of Americans have lost their jobs due to COVID-19, making it hard for many to pay their bills. A new OnePoll survey of 2,000 Americans finds that one in four have missed at least one bill payment since the pandemic began. This survey further found that one in three Americans have dipped into their savings accounts because of COVID-19.

In Deuteronomy 28, God specifically warned that debt problems are one of the many curses that come when a nation turns away from following His law.

To learn how to stormproof your financial house from calamity, request a free copy of *Solve Your Money Troubles!* (theTrumpet.com/go/money).

SUPREME COURT ALLOWS NEVADA TO LOCK DOWN CHURCHES TIGHTER THAN CASINOS

A ruling by the United States Supreme Court has denied Nevada its constitutionally mandated religious freedom. In a lawsuit, a Nevada church requested that religious gatherings be held to the same standards as casinos, gyms and restaurants, which can operate at 50 percent capacity. But on July 24, the court voted 5-to-4 to uphold the Nevada government's ruling to limit religious services.

The First Amendment of the

U.S. Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" The Supreme Court's principal responsibility is to ensure that laws that are passed do not violate the Constitution, yet it has allowed the Nevada government to restrict exercise of religion in a draconian way, while allowing



much freer exercise to places of entertainment.

In 2013, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: "If the judges are not subject to constitutional law, they are

subject to nothing and nobody! ... What most people don't see is that we are destroying the rule of law. ... Again, history reveals that empires are destroyed if they fail to establish the rule of law. But the liberal culture often has contempt

of history and our Founding Fathers. They foolishly rely on their own reasoning, which is not grounded in foundational law. ... This process is sure to lead to anarchy!"

did not know about his work for the CIA.

The Horowitz report also reveals that the FBI exaggerated the significance of Christopher Steele's past reporting and omitted that Steele had told the FBI that the Kremlin officer he got his information from was a "boaster" and "egotist" who "may engage in some embellishment." In other words, the FBI knew Steele was getting his information from a known liar in Russia, but still used the dossier as "evidence."

These "inaccuracies and omissions" are not some comedy of errors. THEY ARE PART OF A PLOT TO UNJUSTLY AND ILLEGALLY SPY ON A U.S. CITIZEN AND FRAME DONALD TRUMP FOR A CRIME HE DID NOT COMMIT.

Democrats were able to use rumors and lies to launch a 22-month Special Counsel investigation and a four-month impeachment investigation against Mr. Trump. You don't have to know a lot about government to know that attempting to remove a lawfully elected president from office using unverified propaganda is treason of the highest level! Corrupt law enforcement officials, led by Barack Obama and with the help of Hillary Clinton, conspired to overthrow the government of the United States! IF THAT IS NOT TREASON, THEN NOTHING IS TREASON!

Investigative journalist Andrew McCarthy covers this history in his book *Ball of Collusion: The Plot to Rig an Election and Destroy a Presidency*. The real collusion in the 2016 election wasn't between Donald Trump and Russia. It was between the Clinton campaign and Barack Obama's deep state.

Police State

The Horowitz report reveals how Barack Obama and his inner circle almost destroyed the United States by changing America from a constitutional republic into an authoritarian dictatorship run by powerful, unelected bureaucrats, civil servants, military leaders and intelligence agents. Key Obama administration officials lied, concealed evidence and manipulated documents in order to spy on a U.S. citizen and destroy Donald Trump's presidency. And the whole scandal was directed from the very top!

In *Ball of Collusion*, McCarthy recounts how the FBI was not truly in

control of the campaign to frame Donald Trump. On Aug. 5, 2016, FBI agent Strzok and his paramour Lisa Page "had a tense conversation about an imminent meeting involving 'agency people'—apparently the CIA," he wrote. AT THIS MEETING, ONE OFFICIAL—WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN REDACTED IN GOVERNMENT MEMOS—TOLD THE FBI OFFICIALS, "THE WHITE HOUSE IS RUNNING THIS."

According to McCarthy, that official was CIA Director John Brennan.



At President-elect Trump's inauguration, President Obama greets him.

That means President Obama was using the CIA to orchestrate the plot against Donald Trump!

Brennan was one of the most radical agents in the Obama administration. While still a student at Fordham University in 1976, Brennan voted for Communist Party USA presidential candidate Gus Hall. SHOCKINGLY, HE WAS RECRUITED INTO THE CIA JUST FOUR YEARS LATER! WHY DID PRESIDENT OBAMA WANT A COMMUNIST RUNNING THE CIA FOR HIM? Well, shortly after Brennan took the job, his department began spying on the Senate Intelligence Committee. When he was caught, he lied outright and absolutely denied it. But he was finally forced to admit it. McCarthy does not write much about Brennan's Communist past, but Barack Obama was mentored by card-carrying Communist Frank Marshall Davis. Perhaps their shared Marxist worldview is the reason Obama and Brennan worked so well together.

In testimony before the House Intelligence Committee, Brennan said that in late July 2016 a group of CIA, FBI and

National Security Agency officials began to investigate allegations of Russian interference. And in a later interview, he admitted that he personally gave the FBI leads involving "contacts and interactions between Russian officials and U.S. persons involved in the Trump campaign." The FBI used this information to open the Crossfire Hurricane investigation into the Trump campaign and started discussing how to get a FISA warrant so they could use all the power of the intelligence community to spy on anybody they wanted.

THESE ADMISSIONS SHOULD TROUBLE ANYONE WHO DOES NOT WANT TO LIVE IN A CIA SURVEILLANCE STATE.

In the 1970s, Sen. Frank Church led an investigation into CIA and FBI activities and warned that these agencies were developing some alarming abilities. On NBC's *Meet the Press* in 1975, he said: "If this government ever became a tyranny, if a dictator ever took charge in this country, the technological capacity that the intelligence community has

given the government could enable it to impose total tyranny, and there would be no way to fight back because the most careful effort to combine together in resistance to the government, no matter how privately it was done, is within the reach of the government to know"

Shortly after Obama was elected to a second term, the public learned that the NSA has a data warehouse in Utah, a "billion-dollar epicenter" where it can store massive amounts of information. Microsoft, Yahoo!, Google, Facebook, YouTube, AOL, Skype, PalTalk and Apple were caught handing over to the government *all kinds* of information about U.S. citizens—phone records, e-mails and other digital communications—and they claimed they were forced to do so. WILLIAM BINNEY, A 32-YEAR VETERAN OF THE NSA TURNED WHISTLE-BLOWER, WAS ASKED WHERE THE SURVEILLANCE DATA WAS HEADING. HE SAID: "IT'S REALLY A TURNKEY SITUATION, WHERE IT CAN BE TURNED QUICKLY AND BECOME A TOTALITARIAN STATE PRETTY QUICKLY. THE CAPACITIES TO DO THAT IS BEING SET UP."

THAT CHILLING STATEMENT GETS TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE!

BARACK OBAMA and his administration tried to use the power of the CIA, NSA and FBI to create a dossier of propaganda against a political rival, use the dossier to spy on an American citizen, and frame Donald Trump of a crime he did not commit. And HE ALMOST SUCCEEDED! THAT IS HOW CLOSE WE CAME TO A MARXIST TYRANNY IN AMERICA.

Spiritual Dimension

The American people are still learning the full extent to which Barack Obama was personally directing this treasonous plot against Donald Trump. And the only reason we know as much as we do is because Congressman Devin Nunes pressured the FBI into providing congressional committees with 384 pages of text messages between Strzok and Lisa Page. The FBI turned these messages over to Congress on Jan. 16, 2018 (please request my free booklet *January 16: God's Miracle Day* for a detailed explanation of why this calendar date is so significant). These text messages revealed that the 17 treasonous crimes outlined in the Horowitz report were not just the result of some overly zealous intern at the FBI. Instead, they revealed that "POTUS wants to know everything we're doing," and, "The White House is running this."

Something deadly dangerous has seized the country—far more than people realize. THERE IS A SPIRITUAL DIMENSION TO WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND THESE EVENTS UNLESS YOU RECOGNIZE THAT.

On Dec. 6, 2019, amid the Democratic Party's attempt to impeach President Trump, political commentator Rush Limbaugh noted, "Democrats are wandering aimlessly and being propelled by one thing ... we are watching pure, raw hatred. They hate the man and they hate the people who elected him." In follow-up radio programs, Limbaugh admitted he was at a loss to explain why Democrats hate President Trump with such vitriol. They are not just expressing *disagreement*. THEY HAVE THE DEEPEST KIND OF HATRED FOR HIM.

RUSH LIMBAUGH CAN RECOGNIZE THIS HATRED, BUT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT EXISTS. BUT THE BIBLE REVEALS WHY THIS HATRED IS TAKING ROOT IN THE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT AMERICA.

Our people don't understand their Bibles as they once did, but Revelation 12:12 reveals that *Satan* is our deadly adversary. He is behind the vitriolic hate tearing America apart today. He is full of wrath, and he has gotten control of the radical left. These people want to tear down the system. They are deceived (verse 9).

The Bible also shows that an enemy almost *destroyed the nation of Israel* in ancient times, but then God raised up a flawed human king to temporarily save the nation. "For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash" (2 Kings 14:26-27).

The book of Kings is one of the former prophets—prophecy for this end time primarily. (Request my free book *The Former Prophets*.)

A man tried to blot out the very name of *Israel*, but God stopped him, and He did it *through* an unrighteous leader, Jeroboam II. It is important to understand the prophetic principle of duality. *History is repeating itself today*. Just what is *the prophetic name of Israel*? First, it is spiritual Israel, or God's true Church in this end time. Second, it is physical Israel, or the physical nations of Israel: America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East. (The late Herbert W. Armstrong explained this in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Request a free copy.)

Barack Obama's deep state would have blotted out America's constitutional republic and replaced it with a violent dictatorship if he had not been stopped by an end-time King Jeroboam II. The *Trumpet* could not deliver God's warning message in a CIA surveillance state, so God had to raise up President Trump to TEMPORARILY halt what the devil was doing through the Obama administration.

Why so much hatred for Trump?

The answer goes beyond politics and into the spiritual dimension. If you want to know what is really happening in U.S. politics and what is at stake for you, request Gerald Flurry's free booklet *America Under Attack*.

This is what 2 Kings 14:26-27 is really about!

The reason the radical left hates Mr. Trump is that God is using him to expose how the Obama administration almost destroyed our constitutional republic. And the Trump administration really began exposing this corruption on Jan. 16, 2018, when the FBI declassified Peter Strzok's text messages.

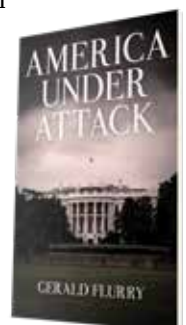
SATAN HAS GOT SUCH A HOLD ON THE RADICAL LEFT THAT WHAT THEY REALLY HATE MOST OF ALL IS GOD HIMSELF.

President Trump is a very flawed human leader who is not particularly religious. Yet God is using him like an end-time version of King Jeroboam II. As long as God keeps empowering President Trump to resist the satanic forces attacking America, we can continue delivering His warning message. But once God stops empowering Mr. Trump, the writing is on the wall.

When God stopped empowering the ancient King Jeroboam II, the nation of Israel was besieged and conquered by the Assyrian Empire. Modern-day America is prophesied to suffer the same fate (Isaiah 10:5-6)—unless it repents (Ezekiel 33:11).

Yet those individuals who respond and heed God's warning, He will protect.

One way or another, all people are going to have to acknowledge that obedience to God's law brings life and peace, while disobedience brings death and destruction. How much easier it would be to learn these lessons from the recent history of how close America came to destruction during Barack Obama's presidency, rather than wait for a foreign enemy to invade! God is giving us every chance to repent, but those who do not do so now will have to repent after great tribulation. The Prophet Isaiah says Assyria will be the rod of God's correction "against an hypocritical nation," but after this correction a "remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God" (Isaiah 10:5-6, 21). ■



Though the new laws have not yet been invoked to make apprehensions outside China, they have resulted in a number of arrests in Hong Kong, including that of tycoon Jimmy Lai on August 10. The 71-year-old ran the pro-democracy *Apple Daily* newspaper and was detained by a group of 200 police officers for “colluding with foreign powers”—though there is no evidence of any such collusion. Under the new law, individuals like Lai can be sentenced to life in prison, or worse.

The new law “buries one country, two systems” the *Economist* wrote, adding that it shows that the Chinese Communist Party “would rather be feared than admired” (July 2).

After the law was imposed, the *Trumpet* reached out to the Hong Kong analyst who had often supplied us with firsthand accounts and analysis. But he, like tens of thousands of other former

Europe does the bare minimum to appear to care about China's evil—all the while deepening the Europe-China relationship.

activists, had deleted all the online accounts that had been used for years to cry out for freedom. His fate is unknown.

We are not even halfway through the promised 50 years, but it is clear China has ended Hong Kong's freedoms. And now the stakes are so high, there is almost no one left willing to protest.

The U.S. and UK quickly responded to China's illegal measure, rushing through new legislation that ends extraditions to Hong Kong and opening paths for its people to resettle in America and Britain. The EU, though, only said it would “continue to follow developments.” *New Europe's* Robert Tyler called this a move “akin to that of stating that you'll observe the future growth of a plant a month after you stopped watering it.”

It is not just with Xinjiang, COVID-19 and Hong Kong. When it comes to China's similarly illegal and disturbing behavior in Tibet, Taiwan, the South China Sea, the World Trade Organization, and in the economic, cyber and technology realms, the reaction from Europe is generally the same: Make statements or gestures that may not be

wholly meaningless, but are basically the bare minimum to give an appearance of caring about China's evil—and all the while keep deepening the Europe-China relationship.

This behavior from a continent that professes to champion democracy, international law and human rights would be utterly baffling, were it not for prophecies that foretold this development.

'Mart of Nations'

Around 2,700 years ago, the Prophet Isaiah was inspired to write of an immensely powerful, multinational trade alliance that would develop in the modern age. Isaiah 23:3 labels this a “mart of nations.”

Verse 1 identifies one of the lead players in this conglomerate as “Chittim.” In *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes, “Kittim is synonymous with the *Chittim* of Isaiah's

prophecy After their migration through Central Asia, the Kittim made their appearance in modern-day north-eastern China and Mongolia.” So this name indicates modern China.

Isaiah's prophecy says “Tyre” will also be a major player in this bloc. Mr. Flurry explains what this name signifies: “The *spiritual center* of the [modern European] Holy Roman Empire is called *Babylon* in your Bible (Revelation 17:5; 18:1-3). But here in Isaiah, the Bible refers to Tyre (and its allies Zidon, etc.) as the *commercial center* of this European power.”

A related passage in Ezekiel 27 says “Meshech” and “Tarshish,” ancient terms indicating modern Russia and Japan, will also join this globe-girdling trade alliance.

Together these nations will come to control global commerce for a brief time,

and the Scriptures show that they will use that control to strangle America and some of its allies.

“The Bible contains many prophecies of that European power attacking America,” Mr. Flurry writes. When it happens, “there will be no help or sympathy from Asia.” In fact, “Russia, China and Japan” will form a “brief alliance” with Europe. “All of them are going to besiege America, Britain and the Jewish nation.”

Mr. Flurry continues: “This is why Isaiah's prophecy of an end-time ‘mart of nations’ that includes both European and Asian powers is so intriguing. And why the trend of collusion between these two great economic blocs is worth watching.”

From these prophecies, we should expect the ties now growing between the EU and China—including those perpetuated by Europe's refusal to meaningfully confront China's viciousness—to only grow stronger in the years ahead. Even as Xi Jinping's China grows more aggressive and more malicious, Europe will increasingly side with it—and against America. And this trend will culminate in a time of extreme calamity and darkness.

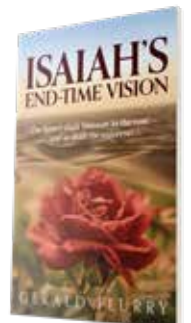
But Bible prophecy does not end there! The Scriptures show that the darkness will not last long, and will be overcome by light. An entirely new era, the most luminous epoch in mankind's history, will begin.

“[T]hat trading partnership won't last long,” Mr. Flurry writes. “Soon they will clash, just before Jesus Christ returns and destroys both of them.”

The Creator of mankind will come back to Earth and bring a decisive end to man's rebellion, self-destruction, human rights abuses, reproductive genocide, oppression, diseases and countless other evils. He will usher in an age of peace and stability for the Uyghurs, Chinese, Hong Kongers, Europeans and all the world. “Thank God,” Mr. Flurry writes, “there is great news beyond the bad news.” ■

What if Asia allied with Europe?

What will our world look like if dozens of nations controlling half of the world's wealth rapidly united into the largest alliance in human history? And who would they be uniting against? Read what the Bible prophesies for our day in Gerald Flurry's free booklet *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*.



Escape ‘the Biggest Civilizational Catastrophe’

It has to start in your own home.

AMERICA IS COLLAPSING. ON OUR CITY STREETS, YOUTHS are terrorizing people, vandalizing buildings, burning police cars, looting stores and inflicting violence on those who oppose them. Even more shocking, many leaders permit, justify and *encourage* the destruction! This is what a nation on the verge of collapse looks like.

You may think this crisis erupted after the death of George Floyd. The reality is, it has been building for decades. But it didn’t originate in the halls of government, the university or even the classroom. The chaos on our streets started in our homes. It came from the decades-long breakdown *in our families*.

In a Fox News interview in July, commentator Heather MacDonald said, “I am going to break a massive feminist taboo here, and say that males matter. Fathers matter. Fathers bring a set of values and norms to child rearing whether it’s self-reliance or self-discipline, honor and courage. On average, it complements what mothers can bring.”

In today’s culture, this sort of language is considered inflammatory, sexist and violent. In this upside-down world, MacDonald is one of the few people still brave enough to state the obvious.

“The anarchy that we have lived through with the looting and the rioting of the last month ...,” she continued, “has been preceded by a *more slow-motion anarchy and breakdown which is the breakdown of the family* because our prisons today are filled almost exclusively with fatherless men” (emphasis added).

MacDonald is exactly right: This has been a *slow-motion breakdown of the family!* Children unloved, untaught and undisciplined in the home have become unhappy, unenlightened, unrestrained adults. Uncontrolled tantrums in the home have become Molotov cocktails hurled at police. Children never taught to be grateful have become rioters who loot what they can and burn what they can’t, even though they live in the wealthiest, freest, most blessed nation in world history.

Stability, discipline, happiness, gratitude, productivity, kindness: these qualities need to be *learned*. And they need to be *taught* in the home by loving, God-fearing parents.

MacDonald called the breakdown of the family the “biggest civilizational catastrophe that we’re facing today.” She said that breakdown is the “root of the spiraling crime, insane drive-by shootings that we see in the inner city, and the destruction of human potential.”

With an urgent tone, MacDonald said, “It’s a hard thing to turn this around, but we have to.” She’s absolutely right.

What she doesn’t know is that family breakdown, and the resultant societal breakdown, were prophesied. Isaiah 3:12 describes a society in which children “oppress” and women “rule.” Men, fathers and husbands, aren’t even mentioned in that verse! The family has been turned upside down and as a result, society has been turned upside down!

Thankfully, it does not have to be this way in your home. It *should not* be this way in your home! God gives instruction that will help you escape “the biggest civilizational catastrophe” and build a strong, stable family.

That includes learning how to love your children God’s way, which takes unselfishness, patience, positivity, encouragement, vision and many other virtues. It includes teaching and training them in the way they should go. It includes guiding and correcting them as necessary. Above all it means getting your

family structure right. The Bible provides marvelous detail about the God-ordained roles within the family (e.g. Colossians 3; Ephesians 5; 1 Timothy 3). The emphasis is on the husband and father *ruling* the household well. If the house is not ruled well, the results are catastrophic! A breakdown in the home leads to the breakdown of cities and society as a whole.

God sent a man in this end time in the spirit of Elijah to “restore all things” to the Church (Matthew 17:10-11). God said this man “shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers” before Christ’s return (Malachi 4:6). This beautiful scripture is talking about protecting, maintaining and strengthening the *family*

structure! It is about getting our families right in the context of Jesus Christ’s imminent return! Why? Because God’s *Family* is going to be leading in the World Tomorrow. God is working with people right now who will be able to help Him in building excellent families during the Millennium and beyond. That starts with teaching them how to do this in their own physical families today.

This prophesied role was fulfilled by Herbert W. Armstrong. He taught and wrote extensively on how to build strong families. Since his death in 1986 we have carried on that work. As a starter to help you get your family life in order, we would like to offer you a free book: *Child Rearing With Vision*. This book will show you how to raise a family God’s way. Teaching God’s law and administering God’s government *in the home* is key to a happy, fulfilled life—and it trains you to teach and administer God’s way of life in the World Tomorrow!



I am a subscriber that wants to take a minute to say thank you because you have blessed my life with the magazines you are sending me, and *Mystery of the Ages*. Thank you for being such a blessing ministry that offers love, hope and wisdom from God to the entire world. I am a Christian believer who delights in the ways the Lord provides encouragement and faith to keep on going in life until Jesus Christ's return. I was having a rough personal time when suddenly the book came. It took me by surprise because I had forgotten about it. Around that time, I was thinking, *Lord, if you really love me, show me*. You were an answered prayer, and God showed me His care through you. I want to say thank you, and may God bless you even more.

Amily Serrano COLUMBIA

I want to thank you very much. I love when I get my Trumpet magazine. It brightens my night. It could light up my dorm in the dark. I love all you guys and how you work to keep us up on all the news. Thank you and God bless. Much love.

Joshua Hampton FLORIDA

I used to read the *Plain Truth* magazine beginning in 1982, but stopped in 1990 after nothing was written about the fall of the Berlin Wall and I also noticed that prophecy was no longer being taught. I never donated to the *Plain Truth*. I read the *Trumpet* magazine for the first time in 2000 after entering prison. For

the first time in 20 years, I sent a small donation as my prison income is low. Hope it adds up. I will attempt to send more donations on a regular basis.

Eddie Williams MICHIGAN

Although people of color have always borne the brunt of racist policies in this country historically, those accusing our country's founders of villainy because they owned people, are thinking in terms of the present when we should be welcoming all Americans as equals regardless of their race or ethnicity. Two centuries ago, some people were looked upon as farm machinery or appliances

because of the benefit to the purchaser at that time, and that's sad. What we as present-day Americans can do is try to compensate this past inequity by inclusion and not judging people because of their physical appearances or ethnic origin and see them as Americans equal to themselves.

Dave L

What a star-packed August issue! On page 20, "Why Socialists in America Are Excited," this man does not look too intelligent. No airplanes, no cars, no factories, no stock market reports. Where does this joker think food comes from?



He wants everything free. Who will wash windows? America is not the country I emigrated to in 1962. It is a complete mess, and as you say, all inspired by Pinkos or Communists. Where is McCarthyism today? America needs this strong form of anti-Communist ideals today. The Bible says that if you don't work you should not eat. Yet these commies advocate working or not depending on if you "feel like it." I suggest America gives all these Commy-lovers a one-way ticket to either China or Russia. The American commies will love it there. And it would be cheaper for America, considering all the damage and mayhem this segment of society is causing. One-way tickets to a Communist country and as an added bonus, strip all of their American citizenship. Done.

Stuart Sjalund

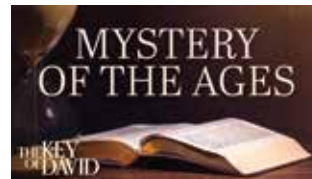
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Disunited States: A Lesson We Must Learn

IS IT UNJUST TO PREJUDGE PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR race? Is it wrong for people in the street to exact vigilante-style “justice” on strangers? Is it wrong to prejudicially condemn people for the sins of their forefathers? Is it criminal to steal and destroy property? Until recently, we all agreed: *Yes*.

Not anymore. Journalists, commentators, professors, and even mayors, governors, and members of Congress—influential, powerful people—are excusing, defending and even encouraging racial hatred, arson, theft, assault and violence as legitimate forms of protest.

How long can society function if we cannot agree on these points?

America faces civil war. Some suspect it. Bible prophecy confirms it. One reason war is coming is that we are breaking a specific biblical principle of living: We are compromising with evil.

The violent racism and indiscriminate destruction in America today are obviously, dangerously evil. A short time ago, *everyone* knew that. But thanks to decades, even generations, of moral relativism, people have lost their sense of right and wrong. They cannot recognize evil even when it is lighting their own city on fire.

Unlike the moral standards of the left, which change from year to year, sometimes from moment to moment, our Creator gave us laws of right and wrong that never change. Evil is always evil.

The Bible says God is no respecter of persons. He evaluates based on character. He judges the heart, not the outward appearance, and holds everyone to the same unchanging standards. But many people have come to hold different groups to entirely different standards. They believe we *must* judge by appearance. They are hating people, they are *beating people*, because of skin color, and have convinced themselves this is just.

The Bible says every person is judged by his own works. God says if you commit a crime, that is *your* fault. *You* must take responsibility, or you will never repent and change. More and more people reject this foundational principle. They believe SOCIETY is responsible for criminal behavior; people are committing crimes because *society is racist*. They say society is so corrupt, citizens are no longer accountable for defying the law and ruining communities. They don’t want to reform criminals, they want to incriminate society.

The Bible says you are not held guilty for something your father or grandfather or great-grandfather did (Ezekiel 18:20). But many people insist that some are guilty of sins committed

more than five generations ago. Slavery has been illegal in the United States for more than 150 years, but they say that if you are white, you are to blame—it’s in your DNA.

Examples of such irreconcilable differences are proliferating continually. The Bible (and common sense) show that family is a blessing, a crucial, stabilizing institution. But many people argue that family is a form of oppression that must be abolished. The Bible (and science) say your sex is determined by your biology and is a blessing to be used rightly. Many people flatly deny that.

On these basic facts of reality, there can be no compromise. There is no shared ground on which to build a harmonious, unified society. One side is right, and the other is deeply, dangerously wrong and always will be.

But even those who support individual responsibility, family, logic and reality still act like somehow they can reconcile this force of illogic, irresponsibility, instability, destruction and evil by accepting some of its demands. Yet *every concession* leads to *more demands*. Satisfying this movement is impossible. It is not

reasonable or rational. It is purely a force of destruction and evil.

The Bible is absolutely clear about the existence of evil—and it warns *not* to try to accommodate it. It says to *flee* from it, *resist* it, *fight* it. If you do not, you will end up like America: overcome by evil.

The Apostle Paul writes about this profound point of godly living in 2 Corinthians 6. He is talking to Church members, but it applies universally. America is ignoring it at its peril: “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness

with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (verses 14). God says thinking you can overcome evil by embracing it is a delusion. And the curses and division overwhelming America today vividly prove God right!

Verse 17 shows there are things God considers unclean and commands us not to even touch them. They are *evil*, God hates them, and He wants to protect you from them. He says in Psalm 97:10, “Ye that love the Lord, HATE EVIL” Ignoring this command brings terrifying curses. Just look around. Learn the lesson of our collapsing nation.

Thankfully, God is going to use the suffering we are bringing on ourselves to teach us a lesson and ultimately to purify this nation. Conditions will get far worse before they get better, but God will ultimately save us. He is about to establish a world that tolerates no evil, that *conquers* evil with good! (Romans 12:21). Even those who fought for evil will have their eyes opened.

Learn this invaluable lesson today. Study God’s unchanging law (our booklet *The Ten Commandments* can help you). Use that absolute standard to come to recognize evil in the world around you—and in yourself. Don’t compromise with it. Repent, change, grow. Read our editor in chief’s booklet *How to Be an Overcomer: Win Your War Against Sin*, chock full of practical instruction on this crucial process. And do your personal part to overcome evil with good.



describes a “beast,” symbolic of a major world power, that “was, and is not, and yet is.” This beast exists, then vanishes—only to then “ascend out of the bottomless pit.” You could say it comes out of nowhere—from “underground.”

Built into this same passage is another prophecy—a prophecy of an individual God would use to *expose* this beast. Verse 10 says, “And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.” These seven kings reign one after the other. But *during the time of the sixth king*, God would inspire a man to explain to the world what this scripture was prophesying.

This is how Mr. Armstrong could pinpoint the trend within Nazi Germany in 1945. The Bible prophesied the ongoing undercurrent of neo-Nazi conspiracies in Germany. They are the foreshocks of this subterranean beast as it rises to the surface one last time.

That’s not to say this new power will be a carbon copy of Hitler’s Germany. There is a spirit in Germany—a will to dominate—that has risen and fallen over 2,000 years of history. This is what is rising. This power may have some key differences from the Nazis. But it will have important similarities—particularly its desire to conquer.

Today, a determined minority are willing to make concrete plans for a far-right takeover. Many more support them from the sidelines. And this is in relatively good times. What happens if the economy collapses, or if Germans lose their savings? In the face of such adversity it is easy to see Germany turning in a radically new direction.

The empire that this revitalized Germany will dominate is about to change the world and have a major impact on your future. This is why the Bible says this beast “was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit” (verse 8). The tenses are important. While Mr. Armstrong was alive, this beast “was, and is not.” Mr. Armstrong was there during World War II and when the beast went underground. But the beast’s ascension out of this bottomless pit is *future tense*—it was to happen later, once the man explaining all this had passed from the scene. Mr. Armstrong died in 1986. Just three years later, Germany unified, and soon the early signs of its rise were visible.

This beast is still rising today, but it is a mystery to the world. You, however, can understand. God reveals His prophecies to the man He is using. Understand these, and you can understand world events. More importantly, your Bible comes alive, revealing the great, all-powerful God who reveals the secret plans of the world’s most powerful nations. ■

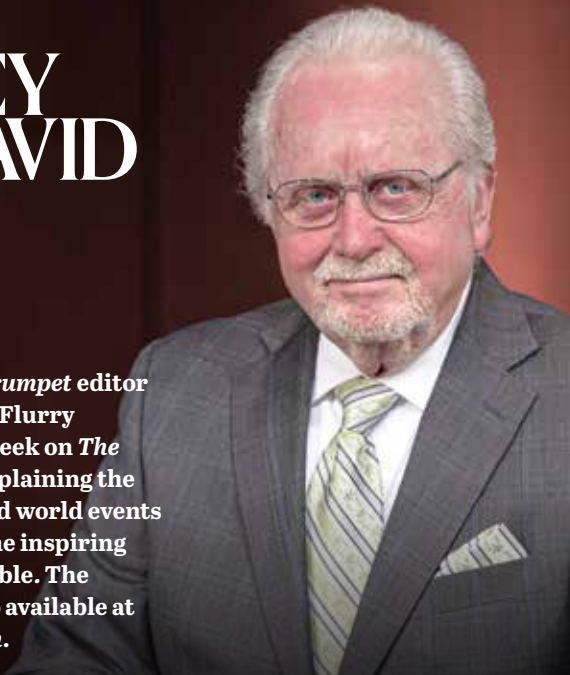
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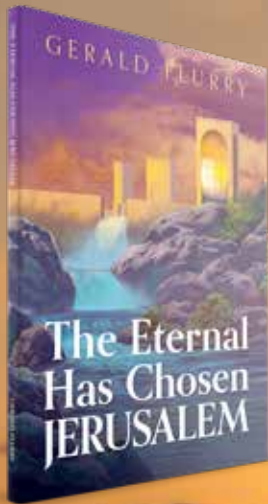
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