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FROM THE EDITOR
GERALD FLURRY

Barack Obama in Bible Prophecy

The mastermind behind the vast, elaborate network of lies and lawlessness aimed at destroying America has been exposed.

ON JAN. 20, 2017, ON HIS LAST DAY IN THE OVAL OFFICE, Barack Obama left a handwritten message for the incoming president. In it Mr. Obama told Donald Trump that America's presidents are "guardians of those democratic institutions and traditions—like rule of law, separation of powers, equal protection and civil liberties—that our forebears fought and bled for. Regardless of the push and pull of daily politics, it's up to us to leave those instruments of our democracy at least as strong as we found them."

Mr. Obama's note seems so noble and heartfelt. But it is one of the most **DIABOLICAL** and **HYPOCRITICAL** messages ever written by a United States president. Barack Obama spent his tenure as president doing **EXACTLY** what he warned Mr. Trump not to do. For eight years, he assaulted America's "democratic institutions and traditions" in pursuit of his supreme goal to "**FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORM AMERICA.**"

Why talk about this *now*, four years after Mr. Obama left office? Because this man continues to pursue his ambition to fundamentally transform America.

BARACK OBAMA WAS AT THE EPICENTER OF THE ELECTION CRISIS AND THE RADICAL LEFT'S EFFORT TO PREVENT DONALD TRUMP FROM BEING REELECTED!

The United States entered its greatest political crisis ever on Nov. 3, 2020, Election Day. To make Joe Biden president, the radical left flagrantly manipulated the nation's voting system. Then for weeks, the mainstream media, at least half the public, most of the nation's politicians (Democrats *and* Republicans), and much of the rest of the world believed Mr. Biden had been legitimately elected president.

BUT IT WAS A GIANT LIE. Mountains of evidence proved that this election was manipulated. At court hearings in multiple states, hundreds of witnesses gave firsthand accounts of all sorts of nefarious behavior. Thousands of witnesses signed affidavits alleging fraud. Prominent scientists and data analysts investigated the numbers and testified of the statistical impossibility of some vote counts. Electronic voting machines and software were audited and revealed dishonest activity. There was even video footage exposing obvious illicit behavior.

America's entire electoral system is now in shambles. The nation will *never* have another secure, uncontested election. And it's all because **THE RADICAL LEFT ENGAGED IN AN**

UNRESTRAINED ASSAULT ON AMERICA'S "DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND TRADITIONS," INCLUDING THE CONSTITUTION AND THE RULE OF LAW. Hundreds, even thousands, of people and institutions were involved in this coup, directly or indirectly. Virtually all of America's top media organizations and personalities were complicit, as well as the powerful tech companies and most of the nation's top politicians.

BUT BEHIND THIS VAST NETWORK OF LIES, CORRUPTION AND LAWLESSNESS, THERE STOOD ONE MAN: BARACK OBAMA.

There is compelling evidence that Mr. Obama was not only aware of the plot to pervert this election, but was intimately connected with those pulling the strings. One thing is certain: This epic scandal was the result of Barack Obama's leadership of the Democratic Party and the radical left.

Many have referred to this as a *rolling coup*, and they are right. This coup was initiated by Barack Obama *before* he left office in January 2017. Even as he was writing that "beautiful" message instructing Donald Trump to guard democracy and the rule of the law, **THIS MAN WAS DEVISING PLANS TO OVERTHROW MR. TRUMP AND RETURN THE RADICAL LEFT TO THE WHITE HOUSE!**

I want to show how the 2020 election crisis exposes Mr. Obama and his closest allies. Even more importantly, this crisis reveals the unseen but extremely potent force *behind* Mr. Obama and the radical Left. This crisis puts the spotlight on a crucial biblical prophecy, one I have been explaining since 2012 and that you must understand!

The Architect of Lawlessness

Since Election Day, the corruption and lawlessness in America's politics and election system have been dramatically uncovered. This has exposed a massive lurch toward lawlessness in this nation. This has a **CAUSE** we must understand.

The most lawless being in the universe is a spirit being, Satan the devil. 2 Corinthians 4:4 calls him "the god of this world." This means people in this world worship him, even if unwittingly. This evil spirit being has frightening power—power we can hardly imagine! This might sound like an extreme statement, but in these extreme and confusing times, doesn't it at least warrant consideration? There is a lot at stake for America, and for you personally!

One remarkable chapter that helps us understand the extent of the devil's influence over man is Revelation 12. This passage prophesies of a war in heaven where great angelic beings fought against the devil and his demons, of which there are millions. Here is the outcome of that spiritual war: "[T]he dragon fought and his angels [fallen angels—demons], And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (verses 7-9).

Notice: Verse 9 says Satan deceives the *whole world*—everybody! His deception affects this world's education, its religion, its politics, its science—EVERYTHING! So says your Bible. Ephesians 2:2 calls Satan "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." He is stirring up people's emotions, moods and attitudes. That is amazing, but it is biblical and you can prove it to yourself, and you certainly should.

Revelation 12:9 is an end-time prophecy. It tells us that

Satan was cast down to Earth. In my free booklet *America Under Attack*, I explain why we can know that this critical event occurred on Jan. 16, 1986. It all revolves around events in God's Church. Verse 13 shows that when the devil was cast down, he attacked the Church of God!

Perhaps you, like most of our readers, have no history with that Church. But this history is still extremely relevant to you. The Bible describes the Church as spiritual "Israel" (e.g. Galatians 6:16; Ephesians 2:12). When Satan was cast down, he immediately attacked spiritual Israel. That was his first target. But he didn't stop there. After that, he directed his hatred against *physical* Israel. Who is that? Specifically, it is three of the modern nations that descended from the biblical nation of Israel—chiefly the United States, Britain and the Jewish state. (Proof of these nations' identity can be found in Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

This is a driving goal of the devil and his demons: They seek to bring Israel down, whether spiritual or physical Israel. WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT CHURCH SHOWS A PATTERN FOR WHAT SATAN IS DOING TO AMERICA AND BRITAIN. That is why that Church history is so relevant and important for you to grasp. (You can



WHAT ROLE IS BARACK OBAMA playing in America's election crisis? This is arguably the most underreported aspect of the extraordinary effort to take down Donald Trump and demolish America. The more you research this question, the more you realize: All roads lead to Barack Obama. Here we'll look at just one of these roads.

In his new book, *A Promised Land*, Obama heaps praise on David Plouffe, his former campaign manager. Obama has publicly lauded Plouffe as the unsung hero and supreme architect of his presidential campaigns. Plouffe was the strategic mastermind behind Team Obama's extraordinary 2008 grassroots campaign and its pioneering digital program.

When Obama took office in January 2009, Plouffe took a sabbatical. But

and senior adviser. Reading Obama's book, it's obvious that he and Plouffe are kindred spirits and are very close.

In January 2017, at the same time President Obama left the White House, Plouffe was hired by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg to be the head of policy and advocacy at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (Zuckerberg's philanthropic organization). In this role, Plouffe was responsible for leading CZI's effort to support political and policy reform across America. Plouffe retired from his full-time position at CZI in October 2019 but remained with the organization in the part-time role of resident "strategist."

So, Barack Obama and David Plouffe are close, and David Plouffe and Mark Zuckerberg are close. Plenty of evidence also shows that Obama and Zuckerberg have a strong relationship,

he never left Obama's orbit; he remained an outside senior adviser to the Obama administration. In 2011, Plouffe returned to the White House and did a two-year stint as an assistant to the president

so it's reasonable to conclude that all three know each other well. These men have worked together for years. Most significantly, they are political and ideological brothers.

Now, skip ahead to this past September and October. This is when the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative gave \$350 million to the Center for Tech and Civil Life (CTCL). Established in 2012 and headquartered in Chicago, the CTCL is a nonprofit organization that works with citizens, community groups and local governments to promote greater participation in federal, state and local elections. Among its activities, the CTCL helps local governments and community groups implement election legislation, educate voters, equip voting locations with new technology, train poll workers, collect and analyze election data, and tackle cybersecurity concerns. In some states, election workers are paid directly by CTCL grants. CTCL claims to be non-partisan, but a little digging shows it leans heavily to the left.

Before Zuckerberg's gigantic donation, CTCL received an average of around \$1 million per year. How did Zuckerberg learn about this relatively small nonprofit in Chicago? Surely David Plouffe, former head of policy and advocacy and the resident "strategist" at Zuckerberg's organization, was involved

read about this attack on the Church in *Malachi's Message* and in my son's book, *Raising the Ruins*. All of our literature is free.)

The whole story in biblical prophecy shows that Satan has a THREE-PRONGED ATTACK after he is cast down. First, he attacks God's Church, spiritual Israel. Second, he attacks the nations of Israel, especially the United States, the lead nation. Third, he works through the Holy Roman Empire and destroys these nations in the Great Tribulation.

This passage in Revelation is far from the only biblical passage describing the devil's destructive passion. Really, Satan's hatred of Israel is a prominent theme of the entire Bible. I have explained the prophecy in 2 Kings 14:23-29, for example, which describes a Satan-led movement in the end time to "blot out the name of Israel from under heaven." (You can study this prophecy further in my free booklet *Great Again*.)

This is Satan's master plan: He wants to destroy God's Church and the nations of America and the British Commonwealth. To understand events in America and Britain, we must consider them in this prophetic context.

All of these prophecies will be fulfilled if our people fail to heed God's warning message!

End-Time Antiochus

This prophecy in Revelation 12 connects to a stunning end-time prophecy delivered by the Prophet Daniel. The book of Daniel is ONLY for this end time (Daniel 12:4, 9). He shows that Satan pursues his ambition to destroy Israel through *human instruments*.

The last part of Daniel 8:17 reads, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision *is for the time of the end*" (Revised Standard Version). In verse 26, God told Daniel to seal up the vision, "for it relates to the FAR FUTURE" (Moffatt). Many of the events described in this chapter were fulfilled *in type* in the centuries after Daniel recorded them in 550 B.C. However, even those events point to this prophecy's *primary* fulfillment in the END TIME, just before Christ returns.

Beginning in verse 9 is a prophecy of a "little horn" that arose from one of the four divisions of the Grecian Empire. Virtually all commentaries agree this refers to Antiochus Epiphanes, a dictator who obtained rule in Palestine in 176 B.C. through deceit and flattery. What they overlook, though, is that this *also* has an *end-time* fulfillment.

When we set this prophecy alongside others, as well as actual end-time events, it is clear there are actually *three* end-time

in the decision to donate \$350 million to CTCL. After all, this was *exactly* the type of work he was brought on to do.

It's even plausible that Barack Obama himself put CTCL on Zuckerberg's radar. CTCL and some of its principal staff have multiple connections to the former president, even going as far back as his 2008 presidential campaign. Tiana Epps-Johnson, CTCL's founder and executive director, is an Obama Fellow at the Obama Foundation in Chicago.

Here's what we do know: When CTCL received Zuckerberg's first donation, it immediately gave at least \$75 million to local authorities in heavily Democratic areas in battleground states!

In *A Citizen's Guide to Beating Donald Trump*, released last year, Plouffe wrote that "the contest for the presidency may come down to block-by-block street fights in Detroit, Milwaukee and Philadelphia." Is it a coincidence, as Ken Blackwell wrote for Breitbart, that "some of the biggest recipients [of CTCL's money], in fact, were the very locales Plouffe had identified as the linchpins of the Democrat strategy in 2020"?

A recent study by the Amistad Project listed the 20 largest publicly identified recipients of CTCL funds. *Remarkably, the counties and cities that received Zuckerberg's money are virtually the same as the counties and cities where the*

fraud and corruption occurred: Philadelphia, Detroit, Minneapolis and Milwaukee; Delaware and Allegheny counties in Pennsylvania; and Fulton, Cobb and DeKalb counties in Georgia—ALL OVERWHELMINGLY DEMOCRATIC COUNTIES OR CITIES IN FOUR KEY SWING STATES.

In September, not long after the CTCL began distributing the money, concerned citizens filed lawsuits against the organization in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pennsylvania, arguing that federal law prohibited local governments from accepting private federal election grants. THE PLAINTIFFS IN THESE SUITS WERE WORRIED THAT THE MONEY DONATED BY MARK ZUCKERBERG—WHO WAS COUNSELED BY DAVID PLOUFFE, AND MAYBE EVEN BARACK OBAMA—WOULD BE USED TO COMMIT FRAUD!

And rightly so. Amistad Project director Phillip Kline obtained a court order from the Middle District of Pennsylvania that allowed him to view Philadelphia's communications with CTCL. "Those communications show that CTCL dictated the way the election would be run in Philadelphia, how many polling places they would have, they paid the election officials, they paid the satellite election officials, they paid the judges, they brought in these drop boxes," said Kline.

The Michigan lawsuit claimed Zuckerberg's money was used to print

and distribute absentee and mail-in ballots, and to add extra drop boxes in Democratic areas. It said the money was intended to increase ballots cast "in only certain urban and predominantly Democratic precincts" and to "selectively influence the outcome of the 2020 general election."

Sadly, all four lawsuits were dismissed. The reasons varied, but the judges across all states generally rejected the notion that the money would be used to manipulate the election. YET IN THE END, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED!

This is only one of the paths of evidence that suggests Barack Obama lies at the epicenter of this election crisis. There are others. The fact that the media is not seriously investigating evidence like this, nor exposing what figures like Obama, Plouffe, Zuckerberg and the entire radical left are doing, is itself a massive scandal!

In last month's cover story, "Why Donald Trump Will Remain America's President" (theTrumpet.com/23193), editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "I AM ALSO CERTAIN THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO SEE SOME OF THE BIGGEST FRAUDS EXPOSED PERHAPS EVER!" In coming weeks and months, expect to see more evidence of Barack Obama's fingerprints on this election coup. **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

types of Antiochus. First, there is the spiritual Antiochus, the man who led God's Church astray. Second, there is an Antiochus in physical Israel. Third, an Antiochus also leads the prophesied final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, which God uses to punish Israel.

Barack Obama is the end-time type of Antiochus who seeks to destroy physical Israel!

This is not a new prophecy. I have been warning about Mr. Obama and his anti-American ambitions since *before* he became president in 2008. Throughout his eight-year presidency, I explained that Mr. Obama was an Antiochus-type who sought America's destruction. This is the main theme of my booklet *America Under Attack*, first published in 2012.

His books show he has had the goal to fundamentally change America since he was a boy. And that life goal didn't go away when he left office.

When Mr. Obama left the White House in January 2017, some said this was a failed prophecy. Mr. Obama was no longer president and it appeared he no longer had any influence on American politics. But the truth is, THIS ANTIOCHUS NEVER LEFT THE POLITICAL SCENE, AND HE NEVER STOPPED TRYING TO UNDERMINE AMERICA!

The details of this prophecy have very personal, emotional meaning to me—because we dealt personally with the Antiochus IN THE CHURCH OF GOD. Satan used that man to destroy the Church! Daniel 8:11 says this man "magnified himself even to [against] the prince of the host [Jesus Christ], and by him the daily sacrifice [the work of God] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down." The devil used this Antiochus-like man *inside the Church of God* to destroy God's work.

Verse 12 further describes this man's character: "And an host [a demon army] was given him against the daily sacrifice *by reason of transgression*, and it CAST DOWN THE TRUTH TO THE GROUND; and it practiced, and prospered." Antiochus cast truth to the ground. HE WAS A LAWLESS MAN! Moreover, his campaign of lawlessness "practiced and prospered"—it was very successful.

Read Daniel's entire prophecy to see what sort of man this Antiochus is. History also provides insight. Daniel 11:21 says this leader obtained rule through deceitful lies and flatteries. He was a smooth talker and had a compelling personality. Anciently, Antiochus Epiphanes gained control by pretending to be someone he wasn't. The same is true of the three end-time types of Antiochus: THEY ARE MASTER DECEIVERS.

We must always beware of the devil for this reason: *He comes as an angel of light* (e.g. 2 Corinthians 11:14).

Daniel describes Antiochus further in Daniel 8:23-24: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and *understanding dark sentences*, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but NOT BY HIS OWN POWER: and he shall destroy wonderfully [or mightily], and shall prosper, and practise, and SHALL DESTROY THE MIGHTY AND THE HOLY PEOPLE."

Consider the recent U.S. election. It's fair to say we live at a time "when the transgressors are come to the full"! Lawlessness, corruption and sin are rife, even celebrated! *And here is a leader who understands "dark sentences" and is able to destroy mightily, "not by his own power," BUT BY THE DEVIL.*

"And through his policy also he shall CAUSE CRAFT TO PROSPER IN HIS HAND; and he shall MAGNIFY HIMSELF IN HIS HEART, and BY PEACE SHALL DESTROY MANY: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes [Jesus Christ Himself]; but he shall be broken without hand" (verse 25). Notice: Antiochus has a policy of CRAFT. He *misleads people*, appearing to come in peace before he destroys them!

Satan is deceitful and duplicitous, skilled at presenting himself as something he is not. He is the father of liars and was a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). When he is involved, things lead to *murder* if we don't wake up!

A Promised Land

Last November, around the time of the U.S. election, Barack Obama published his new book, *A Promised Land*. The book and its author received much critical acclaim both in America and around the world. The timing was no coincidence.

Mr. Obama is an exceptional public speaker and can sound and look very appealing. He appears sophisticated and enlightened, and seems full of love and concern for America and its people. And just as the nation was convulsing in political crisis, this book and the associated publicity thrust Barack Obama into the spotlight. He was on screens all over America sounding rational, wise and presidential.

In his book, Mr. Obama writes multiple times that America's "need for fundamental change" was a big theme of his campaign and presidency. He has said repeatedly that America needs to change. During an election rally on Oct. 30, 2008, he famously declared, "We are five days away from FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORMING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

THIS IS A TOWERING THEME OF BARACK OBAMA'S LIFE! His books show he has had the goal to fundamentally change America since he was a boy. And that life goal didn't go away when he left office.

As president, Mr. Obama pursued this ambition with passion. He had a lot of success reshaping America's identity, both domestically and internationally.

Recall the Obama administration's support of the popular Islamist uprising against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Recall the way they IGNORED the popular uprising in Iran—then negotiated a grotesque nuclear deal with Iranian leaders that flushed them with cash and provided cover for ongoing nuclear activity. Think of the way they handled Benghazi, when a jihadist mob attacked America's embassy on the anniversary of 9/11. Obama officials shamefully told our soldiers to *stand down* while terrorists killed an ambassador and three other Americans. Recall Obama's restoration of diplomatic ties with Communist Cuba. Recall Mr. Obama's treatment of Britain (for example, the threat to send the United Kingdom to the bottom of the list if it voted to leave the European Union). Recall his open hostility toward the Jewish state. Recall his keen support of international organizations like the corrupt World Health

Wake Up to the Threat From CHINA

This nation seeks world domination—and it is making impressive progress in realizing that ambition.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND JOEL HILLIKER

“CHINA IS GOING TO EAT our lunch? C’mon man,” Joe Biden said while he was campaigning for America’s presidency, ridiculing statements from Donald Trump. “They’re not bad folks, folks. But guess what? They’re not competition for us.”

Particularly since the national election on Nov. 3, 2020, reports exposing the dangerous naivety of this statement have been descending in a deluge. And many of them suggest not only that Joe Biden knew better, but that his blindness to the threat from China is willful, rooted not in compassion but in compromise and corruption.

“All warfare is based on deception,” wrote famed Chinese general Sun Tzu. “Supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy’s resistance without fighting.” It seems Sun’s modern Chinese disciples are carrying out his war stratagems with stunning success. Emerging facts are exposing realities that sound like conspiracy theories—realities about the deceptive activities of Communist China aimed at breaking its enemies’ resistance without fighting.

China’s ambition to dominate the globe is becoming clearer all the time. In many ways this has hardly been a secret. Its Belt and Road Initiative and its Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank are designed to challenge and replace America’s central role in the world economy. Its “debt-trap diplomacy” has given it leverage over a string of nations across continents. Beijing is militarizing the South China Sea and seizing strategic choke points worldwide. Nations across Asia are nervously working to accommodate China as they recognize that it has supplanted the U.S. as the region’s dominant power.

Recent reports, however, expose China’s achievements in matching these overt actions with covert operations. They expose how members of the Chinese Communist Party have surreptitiously infiltrated foreign entities, working in academia, major corporations and governments around



the world. They reveal Chinese spies seducing high-placed government officials with money and sex. They show American federal representatives using their entrusted power for political, personal and financial benefit. They show election interference and literal election hacking. And all this against the backdrop of a world-changing virus unleashed on the world from *China*.

That this nation would aggressively target the world's dominant superpower should not surprise us. But the extent of its success, and the fact that America has not only allowed it but seems unconcerned, is appalling. In fact, viewed in the context of biblical prophecy, *it is a potent symbol of nothing less than a historic global shift occurring before our eyes: THE END OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ERA, AND THE BEGINNING OF A SHORT, DARK PERIOD THAT WILL MARK THE FINAL YEARS OF THE AGE OF MAN.*

Remarkably, most people remain asleep to this issue. This is largely because many elites in politics, media, business and technology—including Joe Biden—have prioritized personal interests over the interests of their country. *They have been bought off by China.*

In addition to the prophetic trends this highlights, it also contains a larger lesson—a profound truth about our human nature and our need for God.

Infiltration

A group of Chinese who oppose the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) regime hacked a server in Shanghai and in December 2020 exposed the identities and details of nearly 2 million members of the party, and of some 79,000 Communist Party branches. The leak unmasked Communists working in sensitive and powerful positions in business, technology, prestige media, defense and politics around the globe. They work inside major companies like Boeing, Volkswagen, HSBC, ANZ and others, as well as at least 10 consulates. AstraZeneca and Pfizer, both of which were working on COVID vaccines, employ 123 CCP members.

“Beijing’s malign influence now stretches into almost every corner of British life, including defense firms, banks and pharmaceutical giants,” reported the *Daily Mail*. “Among them is a senior official at the British Consulate

in Shanghai. Its headquarters is also home to intelligence officers from the UK security services” (Dec. 12, 2020).

The loyalties of these people are devoted not just to China but to the ideology, the party and the chairman of the Chinese Communist Party.

This revelation proves that the world is dealing with a determined, resourceful enemy, and that nations have been *too casual* about protecting themselves against espionage, intellectual property theft, and who knows what else these Communists are doing.

Tens of thousands of Communist Party branches. Millions of members. Positions in sensitive areas. This is what we are only now finding out. What else don’t we know?

And will even this be swept under the rug, dismissed or “debunked” by American media? Will American leaders and everyday Americans care enough to at least demand more information—let alone deal with it?

‘We Have People at the Top’

Di Dongsheng is an economics professor in Beijing and a liaison to China’s Communist Party. Speaking at a Nov. 28, 2020, event hosted by the Chinese nationalistic website Guan Video, this man dropped these bombshell statements: “The Trump administration is in a trade war with us, so why can’t we fix the Trump administration? Why between 1992 and 2016 did China and the U.S. used to be

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able to settle all kinds of issues? No matter what kind of crises we encountered ... things were solved in no time. ... We fixed everything in two months. What is the reason? I’m going to throw out something maybe a little bit explosive here. *It’s just because we have people at the top. At the top of America’s core inner circle of power and influence, we have our old friends*” (emphasis added throughout).

In other words, China’s ability to influence the U.S. government began with

the administration of Bill Clinton in 1992. This “old friend” delivered China some big victories: He was America’s first president to publicly oppose the independence of Taiwan—a nation Beijing claims as part of China. He also granted Most Favored Nation trading status, effectively sending more than 3.7 million jobs from the U.S. to China. According to Di, China’s influence continued through the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama (and Joe Biden). It abruptly stopped with Donald Trump.

“To put it bluntly,” Di said, “for the past 30 years, 40 years, we have been utilizing the core power of the United States”—so this even predates Bill Clinton. “But the problem is that after 2008, the status of Wall Street has declined—and more importantly, after 2016, *Wall Street can’t fix Trump.*” The regime of the CCP has been *utilizing the core power of the United States*. As we will see, President Trump’s opposition to China put him in opposition to the “core power of the United States”—America’s “China Class.”

“During the U.S.-China trade war, [Wall Street] tried to help. And I know that; my friends on the U.S. side told me that they tried to help, but they couldn’t do much,” Di continued. You read that right. Powerful Wall Street investors—the supposed embodiment of American capitalism—tried to aid the interests of the CCP against those of their own “America first” president. “But now, we’re seeing Biden was elected. The traditional elite, the political elite, the establishment, they’re very close to Wall Street You all heard that Trump said Biden’s son has securities companies all over the world. But who helped Biden’s son build his global companies? You understand? There are indeed buy-and-sell transactions involved in here.”

This clip was quickly deleted from Chinese social media, and you can see why. It would be difficult for China’s Communists to explain these statements. It would also be difficult for a Biden-Harris administration to explain how Joe Biden’s steady support of favorable treatment of China—which dates all the way back to when he helped the Clinton administration open trade with the Chinese regime—are not a function of his own family’s corruption.

The Bidens

Joe Biden has repeatedly claimed he has “never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings.” Evidence of the full extent of these dealings has been mounting—as has the impossibility of Joe Biden’s ignorance of them.

These include Hunter Biden’s 10 percent stake and a position as one of the nine directors of a Chinese private



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equity firm called BHR Partners. Though its name sounds American enough, its funding comes mostly from institutions owned by the Chinese government. Before the 2020 presidential elections, investor Tony Bobulinski told Fox News host Tucker Carlson that he was personally involved in an investment partnership with a Chinese government-linked company and not just Hunter Biden but also Jim Biden and Joe Biden. He said the arrangement included a \$5 million loan to the Biden family. He also said one of the business partners told him to keep Joe Biden’s involvement secret.

Also before the election, on Sept. 23, 2020, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs released a report titled “Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns.” Among its findings: Hunter Biden received \$1 million from a former Hong Kong official; he received \$5 million from a Chinese energy company tied to the CCP; and he received a 2.8-carat diamond from the company’s founder, Ye Jianming, whom he met on one of several trips to China under Secret Service protection while his father was vice president. Ye Jianming also did business with Jim Biden. E-mails from Hunter Biden’s laptop show he opened a line of credit with Ye’s associate the same day the Chinese energy company announced a \$9.1 billion deal with a Russian government energy company. Another e-mail lists “the big guy” as a shareholder in the Chinese energy company deal, which some have identified as Joe Biden.

Information released on Sept. 5, 2020, by the Government Accountability Institute (GAI) documents Hunter Biden’s involvement as a director for an investment firm in Shanghai, Bohai Harvest RST, which is involved in selling American technology to the Chinese military. When Hunter Biden was a director, Bohai bought American auto parts manufacturer Henniges. Since Henniges

manufactures technology with military applications, the sale had to be approved, and was approved—by the administration of Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

“[T]hese deals didn’t just make the Bidens money; they had potentially dangerous consequences for our national security,” noted Peter Schweizer, who made the GAI’s documentary *Riding the Dragon: The Bidens’ Chinese Secrets*. “Hunter quietly maintains an ownership stake in the firm, a stake worth millions of dollars, and stands to be worth even more as its China partnership prospers.”

It all brings chilling plausibility to Di Dongsheng’s claim that “at the top of America’s core inner circle of power and influence, we have our old friends.”

When these “people at the top” are so willing to sacrifice national interests and even national security for personal enrichment, this opens up disastrous vulnerabilities. And China is keen to exploit them.

Given its frustrations over not being able to “fix” Donald Trump, would you not expect China to try to ensure he wouldn’t achieve a second term? That it would work to secure victory for another of its “old friends”?

Election Hacking?

Last year, White House National Security Adviser Robert O’Brien warned that China was targeting U.S. election infrastructure with cyberattacks. Bloomberg News highlighted that Chinese hardware in U.S. voting machines was a threat to the nation. A Jan. 9, 2020, report, “Chinese Technology in Voting Machines

Seen as Emerging Threat,” stated, “The infiltration by foreign countries like China into election voting equipment is emerging as a growing concern among vendors, who are actually asking for more federal regulation as they grapple with a lack of domestic suppliers producing critical technologies.”

Dominion Voting Systems is a company that supplied election machines used in 28 U.S. states, serving more than 40 percent of the American population. And it turns out this company has strong connections to China.

In testimony before Congress, Dominion chief executive John Poulos said his company’s voting machines were built with Chinese hardware “from the screen on the interface down to the chip component level.” Litigation Attorney Dana Jill Simpson alleged that Flex China manufactured Dominion machines in cooperation with Huawei Technologies, a state-supported Chinese firm that has been accused of enabling surveillance by Beijing.

Though Dominion is headquartered in Canada, it is majority-owned by Staple Street Capital, a private equity firm in New York City. Just a month before the election, this firm received \$400 million from UBS Securities, a Swiss investment bank *partially owned by the Chinese government*. “An NTD TV report on December 5 showed that three board members of UBS Securities LLC appeared to be Chinese, including Luo Qiang, Ye Xiang and Mu Lina, according to the company’s profile page on Bloomberg,” the *Epoch Times* reported. “Later, these names were taken down from the profile page, raising questions about whether the company made changes following media reports” (Dec. 15, 2020). UBS has refused to answer questions about these board members, and Dominion has deleted the LinkedIn accounts of one third of its employees.

This company’s troubling connections are deadly serious. “China poses a greater national security threat to the U.S. than any other nation—economically, militarily, and technologically. That includes threats of election influence and interference,” Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe has said.

Considering China’s intentions and its track record, Americans should assume the worst and investigate accordingly.

Remarkably, however, only a small minority seem concerned. Despite considerable evidence of irregularities, lawbreaking, tampering and hacking, the pressure and intimidation to simply move on and accept the election results is overwhelming. Many influential Americans are more concerned about a second Trump term than about election hacking from China.

Blue-Gold-Yellow

Exiled Chinese dissident Guo Wengui, a former business tycoon, has said China has an overarching strategy for world domination known as “BGY,” initials for Blue (control the Internet), Gold (buy influence with money), and Yellow (seduce key people with sex). He says the plan is “to ruin the U.S. and to assure that China controls the world” (*myanniu.com*, Oct. 5, 2017).

The credibility of these explosive claims was certainly strengthened by the Hunter Biden revelations. It has been further reinforced by reports of literal spies from the Chinese Communist Party’s Ministry of State Security snuggling up with some of the nation’s top leaders.

China’s Ministry of State Security has a unit devoted solely to political infiltration, influence and intelligence operations in California. Not only does California boast America’s largest state population and biggest economy, it is dominated by the Bay Area and Silicon Valley, which are dominated by Democrat politicians. The Blue, Gold and Yellow strands of China’s strategy coalesce here in a commanding way.

Two years ago it was shown that a staff member of the chair of Senate Intelligence Committee, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, was a Chinese spy. For *two decades*, Russell Lowe was office director in Senator Feinstein’s San Francisco office and served as her California liaison to the Asian-American community. This man was a known Chinese activist, having participated in Maoist-leaning, far-left organizations very influential in San Francisco politics. One of these, Chinese for Affirmative Action, “worked with other Maoist-influenced groups such as the Chinese Progressive Association to push the Beijing line in Chinatown,” the *Epoch Times* reported. “Together, they helped to marginalize Chinatown’s

once-dominant anti-Communist leadership to the point that San Francisco’s Chinese community is now reliably pro-China, along with much of San Francisco’s non-Chinese political leadership, including Feinstein” (Aug. 20, 2018).

In December 2020, it emerged that California Congressman Eric Swalwell, another House Intelligence Committee member, had been targeted by a woman



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known as Christine Fang. This woman had placed at least one intern in Swalwell’s office and developed a personal relationship with him. She was also an operative of Chinese State Security, deployed for *years* as an undercover agent in the U.S.

So, these Chinese spies are befriending members of the House Intelligence Committee. Imagine the reaction of Democrats and the media if these congressmen were Republicans! But they are Democrats. What was Democratic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s reaction to people demanding that Swalwell be stripped of access to American intelligence?

“I don’t have any concern about Mr. Swalwell.”

No concern. That is the general response to *all* evidence of Chinese espionage and infiltration. Why? The Center for Strategic Studies has assembled a list of *147 publicly reported instances of Chinese espionage* against the U.S. in the past decade. Why is this not a matter of urgent national interest? Government data shows that about 30 percent of foreign students in the U.S. are Chinese nationals—about 340,000 of them. These students pay full tuition, so universities are addicted to the income stream. Yet intelligence officials say this pool has provided many spy recruits for China. Why such carelessness over something so potentially ruinous?

Why are Democrats, the news media, tech giants and so many others in lockstep with each other—and, largely, with China’s Communist Party? What else don’t we know—yet—about China’s

infiltration on the national stage?

John Ratcliff, who has access to more intelligence than any member of the government besides the president, says the problem is *even worse than it looks*.

America’s China Class

In a Dec. 3, 2020, *Wall Street Journal* opinion editorial, Ratcliffe wrote: “If I could communicate one thing to the

American people from this unique vantage point, it is that the People’s Republic of China poses the greatest threat to America today, and the greatest threat to democracy and freedom worldwide since World War II. The intelligence is clear: Beijing intends to dominate the U.S. and the rest of the planet economically, militarily and technologically.”

This is China’s goal! And it doesn’t take a pile of classified reports to see it.

Reacting to news of Chinese spying, Sen. Josh Hawley said, “[W]e’ve seen the Washington politicians and the D.C. establishment look the other way with China for years and years now. ... It’s not as if they haven’t known that the Chinese has enacted espionage efforts against the U.S. It is known they are using tech companies to spy on Americans, trying to leverage that information against us. It’s not as if they haven’t known that the trade policies and other economic policies that we pursue with China have been ruinous for American workers. They’ve known all of that. They just don’t care. D.C. doesn’t care and they still don’t care.”

This is a devastating observation, but tragically true: Top politicians, journalists, tech executives, businessmen, professors, actors and even professional athletes routinely take the same effectively pro-Communist view. It’s a measure of the success of China’s strategies—using Americans’ own greed, selfishness and short-sightedness against them.

These efforts have created what analyst Lee Smith terms “America’s China Class”—a swath of elites beholden in one way or another to Chinese money

and influence. And they, like Di Dongsheng, are eager to clear the obstacle to relations with China—a president who has effectively revolted against a “deep state” that is betraying America’s interests to foreign powers like China—by ensuring “old friends” are back in power.

“America’s China Class, which owns the platforms on which Americans communicate, has waged a relentless campaign of information warfare against [President Trump] through its social media and prestige media brands,” Smith wrote for *Tablet*. These elites are flooding news and social media with disinformation “to protect their core interests—foremost among them being cheap Chinese labor and access to Chinese markets. ... *American political and corporate elites didn’t choose decline. They chose to get rich.* By shipping America’s manufacturing base off to China, they seized a business opportunity the likes of which had never been seen before—an enormous captive labor force controlled by an authoritarian regime that guaranteed the steady production of goods at a fraction of what it would cost at home” (Sept. 15, 2020).

When you’re only concerned with money, doing deals with China is the opportunity of a lifetime. There is no other nation so large, with a labor force so subjugated. It is China’s competitive advantage.

This is why big-time companies like the NBA are willing to censor and fire their employees for criticizing China. Two years ago, an employee running the Marriott International Twitter account “liked” a tweet from a Tibetan separatist group that had praised Marriott for listing Tibet as a country separate from China. The Chinese government responded by blocking Marriott’s website and mobile app for a week. Marriott snapped back in line, publishing a groveling apology and firing the employee—for a mouse click.

Most American entertainment and movie companies preemptively censor themselves to ensure their output will be approved by Chinese Communist censors. After all, a failure to appease them shuts out a billion potential customers. Disney even filmed a movie in Xinjiang, the province where China is imprisoning Uyghur Muslims on a mass scale. The collaboration with Beijing was so intimate, the movie’s credits thanked *eight Chinese*

government organizations, including one blacklisted by the U.S. government for its role in abusing the Uyghurs.

Incidentally, the *Hollywood Reporter* says Disney’s CEO at the time, Bob Iger, is at the top of Joe Biden’s wish list for a key ambassador post, possibly to China.

Amos’s Warning

Many, many of these elites are only concerned with money. But some are concerned with ideology too—and they find socialism and communism *attractive*. It’s trendy to self-righteously decry slavery in America from hundreds of years ago—and care nothing about your shoes being made by virtual and actual slave labor in China. “American cultural elites (Hollywood, sports, art, etc.) who exploited the increasingly large Chinese market for their products provided cover for the China Class cohort with messaging that dovetailed with CCP propaganda,” Smith continued. “Who were Americans to judge a great and ancient civilization like China’s for jailing dissidents and enslaving the Uyghur minority? Doesn’t America have its own history of slavery and political prisoners? It’s *racist* to protect American jobs. Those jobs aren’t coming back and there is nothing to be done about it, as Barack Obama famously said ...” (ibid).

This development is not only disastrous—it is DEEPLY SHAMEFUL because it was made possible by *Americans’ own corruptibility*. And not just among a small cadre of leaders. True, Americans don’t *force* their leaders to prostitute themselves to big corporations for money, to engage in overseas business dealings, to take bribes, to sell out American foreign policy, to use their power for personal gain. But we have *allowed* it. Our weak moral character has allowed it.

Like our ancestors in the Bible, America is fatally weakened not by bullets and bombs, but by sin.

Anciently, during the time of the Israelite King Jeroboam II, the Prophet Amos condemned greedy leaders who prioritized selfish interests and enriched themselves while afflicting the people of Israel (Amos 6:1-6). These people “put far away the evil day”—acting as if their lavish lifestyle would last forever and ignoring threats to the nation. God warned through the Prophet Amos that

the Assyrians would invade, and that these people would be the first to be taken captive!

Today, this same attitude infects America—especially among the political class that is selling America’s industrial might and resource wealth to foreign nations for profit. Blinded by greed, they ignore threats to the nation. President Trump has worked to check the political establishment and to fight for America’s interests. But his campaign to make America great again will be short-lived if Americans fail to repent of the sins that brought the nation to this point.

As *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has explained, President Trump is an end-time King Jeroboam II (read his landmark article on this subject at theTrumpet.com/17092). Like that ancient king, God is using him to temporarily save the nation from destruction (2 Kings 14:27)—just as God warns, “I will not again pass by them any more” (Amos 7:8). This is America’s last chance to repent. That is why God is ensuring so much governmental corruption is exposed: He is trying to awaken people to the evil around us—and to the pitiable *fragility* of our sinful society and civilization—to prod us to repentance!

‘Times of the Gentiles’

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. Those prophecies clearly show that the peak of our power has passed, and that our destruction looms.

Decades ago—even before the U.S. established diplomatic relations with Communist China in 1979—the late Herbert W. Armstrong warned that an important factor that would strip America of its historically unprecedented, God-given blessings was its infiltration by Communist forces. “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!*” he 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,

FOR THE LAST THREE decades, the world has been drawing closer to China. Of all major Western nations, Australia has gotten closer than any other. And now is it realizing the fearsome consequences of that embrace.

It may be too late for the Australians to pull out of the relationship. But their fate is a powerful warning to the rest of the world.

Money, Money, Money

It started with a business relationship.

After growing at an astonishing annual rate of around 10 percent for some 30 years, China is now, by some measures, the world's largest economy. It takes a massive amount of raw materials to fuel such growth, making Australia a perfect trade partner.

In 2017, one third of Australia's exports went to China, and nearly a quarter of its imports came from China.

Soon the economic relationship went beyond trade. China started buying up huge tracts of Australia. Chinese companies own more than 1 percent of Australia's land area, including coal mines, energy companies, cattle farms, tourist resorts and even tens of thousands of private homes.

By the end of 2019, China was officially Australia's ninth-largest foreign investor. However, much Chinese investment is also funneled through Hong Kong, Australia's fifth-largest investor.

The flourishing economic relationship affected other areas of Australian life. In 2015, a Chinese company closely tied to China's Communist government signed a 99-year lease of Australia's northernmost port in Darwin. The port is vital to the Australian military and also hosts a United States military base. Chinese companies also signed contracts for a 99-year lease on the port of Newcastle, a share in the port of Melbourne, and a 100-year lease on Western



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AUSTRALIA: A WARNING TO THE WORLD

The consequences of growing too cozy with China

BY RICHARD PALMER

Australia's Merriden airport.

All this trade necessitated a close political relationship. In 2014 the Australian government invited President Xi Jinping to address Parliament.

Undercover

But this political relationship developed a dark side. China is being credibly accused of bribing Australian politicians and interfering with Australian elections.

In 2017, Australia's public television station, ABC, released a report showing that billionaires affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party were donating millions to Australia political parties and building close relationships with Australia's political elites. In 2018 Charles Sturt University ethics professor Clive Hamilton published an explosive book titled *Silent Invasion*. It documents the governing Chinese Communist Party's infiltration of Australian corporations,

universities, government and even religions.

Hamilton warns that China is turning Australia into a puppet state. Australia, he says, has received a wave of "billionaires with shady histories and tight links to the party, media owners creating Beijing mouthpieces, 'patriotic' students brainwashed from birth, and professionals marshaled into pro-Beijing associations set up by the Chinese Embassy." He alleges that Chinese spies coordinated a penetration into all levels of Australian society.

In the aftermath of these allegations, Australian Sen. Sam Dastyari resigned, and the nation had to change its rules on politicians receiving donations from abroad.

Other politicians appear to have received thinly disguised bribes. Special Envoy Andrew Robb, for example, was the man who signed off on China leasing Port Darwin for a century. And what was waiting for him immediately upon leaving political office? An estimated \$2 million plus

expenses over three years—at the company to whom he had just leased the port.

But Chinese influence on Australian governance has been even more aggressive than all this. Three months prior to Australia's 2019 elections, someone hacked the computer systems of the Australian Parliament and all major Australian political parties. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said at the time that the attack was "sophisticated" and probably the work of a foreign government.

It has since emerged that this sophisticated foreign government was China.

Trade War

Chinese infiltration and aggression has caused Australians to change their position toward their large, wealthy northern neighbor.

The turnaround started gradually. In 2016 the Australian government blocked

Chinese investment in the nation's energy infrastructure over national security concerns. In 2018 they blocked Huawei Technologies from developing Australia's 5G network.

But the real break came this year. Australia tried to hold China responsible for the spread of COVID-19, and conducted investigations into the origins of the virus.

China reacted with fury. The Chinese Communist Party placed tariffs on Australian barley, wheat and coal. They found a sudden increase of "defects" in Australian copper, cotton, lobster, sugar and timber. It blocked imports of Australian lamb for fear of COVID contamination, while meat from countries with much higher rates of COVID sail on through. About 40 percent of Australian wine exports went to China. In November, the party imposed massive tariffs as high as 200-plus percent on that wine. Week by week, China is ratcheting up the economic damage with more tariffs.

Other strikes by China have been more below-the-belt. On Nov. 30, 2020, an official Twitter account of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs posted a fake photo showing a grinning Australian soldier holding a gory knife at the throat of an Afghan child with the caption, "Don't be afraid, we are coming to bring you peace!"

Australian inquiries into its troops' conduct in Afghanistan have found no evidence of Australian soldiers killing children. But China is spreading the lie—an accusation that could easily lead to a terrorist attack against Australia.

As the trade and political skirmish has worsened, China has issued Australia a 14-point ultimatum. Australians can go back to buying and selling with the Chinese the way they used to only if the Australian government opens up the country to Chinese investment and stops criticizing the governing Chinese Communist Party.

How will Australia hold up under this pressure? Chinese infiltration has been so thorough that Australia is sailing into a trade war divided. Some of Australia's *own top politicians* actually favor China!

Divided We Fall

Some of this is surely from bribery and other nefarious activity that we don't even know about. But a lot of it is from the fact that Australia has put itself

in the position where one third of its exports go to one country. Engaging in a trade war with that country will affect hundreds of thousands of jobs, with some political districts facing little consequence but others being devastated.

In 2019 the state of Victoria signed an agreement to join China's Belt and Road Initiative—a group of countries that receive Chinese investment in their transportation and business infrastructure in exchange for being drawn closer into China's orbit. Thus far, China has avoided industries that would harm Victoria. State Premier Dan Andrews has criticized the national government's opposition to China—and Beijing seems to have rewarded him for taking its side. Others, such as Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, have also urged the government to quickly end hostilities with China for the sake of Australian jobs.

Australia's fraught relationship with China is what America's will become if it continues down this path.

Business leaders also have a lot to lose, and have taken China's side. Andrew Forrest, a mining billionaire, brought one of China's top diplomats to speak alongside him at an official event—without informing the Australian government minister who was also attending. Forrest said, "Australia needs to walk that line where we have a best friend in America, a best friend in China, best friends across Southeast Asia."

Media mogul Kerry Stokes used the front pages of his *The West Australian* newspaper to call for an end to the conflict, writing, "If we're going to go into the biggest debt we've had in our life and then simultaneously poke our biggest provider of income in the eye it's not necessarily the smartest thing you can do." He said China "probably owes the world an explanation on the origins of COVID-19," but "we need to stop making accusations."

He rightly pointed out the massive economic cost that will come if the confrontation with China continues. Between that and the destruction wrought by Australia's COVID lockdowns,

Australia's economy risks being broken.

This is the choice Australia now faces. Stand up to China and watch it use its power, influence, hackers and economic realities to devastate the Australian economy and more. Or submit to The Chinese Communist Party's 14 points.

A Warning for America

America is well down the path Australia is taking. China and America are each other's primary trading partners. America is also waking up to scandals involving Chinese agents and Chinese money going to powerful politicians. American universities have also been compromised. And China is also using trade wars very specifically—choosing what they put tariffs on based on which U.S. states they want to target.

Australia's fraught relationship with China is what America's will become if it continues down this path. After years of infiltration and influence, it already is beginning to face the same choice: Stand up to the Chinese Communist Party, its 1 billion subjects, its world-leading economy, and its willingness and ability to exploit your open economy and society—or comply with its continued infiltration and however many points it imposes.

In fact, the Bible prophesies this is exactly where America is heading. Isaiah 23 describes a "mart of nations"—a trading alliance in which "Chittim," a biblical name for China, plays a major role.

America is a much larger economy than Australia, and China cannot take the Americans down alone. This same prophecy shows that China will work together with other Asian nations under its power, and with Europe!

This is what happens when you let a rival power infiltrate your economy, your education, your society and your policy. China will use all these levers against America. Just like Australia, America will soon face economic destruction. The prophecies are clear, and so is the reality on the ground for Australians and Americans. ■

To read more about Isaiah's prophecy, read our article "[The Great Mart of Nations](#)" ([theTrumpet.com/13881](#)) and request our free booklet *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*, and read Chapter 7, "[Building Toward a World Catastrophe](#)."

CHINA HAS BECOME ONE of the world's most aggressive and dangerous powers. Its leaders clearly have the ambition to rule the world! And China's danger and ambition is multiplied by its remarkably close partnership with Russia.

But the biggest problem China poses is not generally mentioned. This is something that American politicians, especially, want to forget. Perhaps even the American people want to forget it because they share in the blame for letting this maneuver happen. This problem may prove to be the most insidious move by China against America in history. And it will plague the United States in the near future!

I'm talking about China's takeover of the Panama Canal.

Economic Power

Carving a channel through Central America was a goal for centuries. But it wasn't until 1880 that France made the first concerted attempt under Ferdinand de Lesseps, the French entrepreneur who had completed the Suez Canal. The French spent the modern equivalent of \$6 billion, only to abandon it after disease and accidents killed more than 22,000 laborers. Building an interoceanic canal appeared impossible.

But in 1903, United States President Theodore Roosevelt convinced the Panamanians to declare independence from Colombia and signed a landmark treaty with them. America paid France \$40 million for its equipment and excavations and paid the Panamanians an initial payment of \$10 million. Then the Americans went down and started digging!

Roosevelt was the first president to really see that America should be a world power. And he governed as if America *was* a world power, not just a colony of Europe.

After 10 years of innovation and backbreaking toil, hundreds of millions of American taxpayer dollars, and losing over 5,600 lives themselves, the Americans succeeded where so many others had failed. They turned the 400-year-old dream of slicing apart North America and South America and mingling the

waters from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans into reality.

Rather than sailing 8,000 miles around the dangerous cape at the end of South America, sailors could now transit the 51-mile canal in less than half the time.

One of the "Seven Wonders of the Modern World," the Panama Canal served not just Americans but opened up free trade and all kinds of service and blessings to the whole world!

Today, 340 million tons of cargo, including many materials and products we all use on a daily basis, transit the Panama Canal. More than a million ships have passed through it. Some supply chains that serve millions of people would not even be possible without it.

One of the greatest foreign-policy experts, the late Charles Krauthammer, said building this "strategic jewel" raised America "to the rank of great power" (*Time*, Dec. 27, 1999).

The canal was a major part of making America great! It was an unparalleled spectacle—a wonderful creation and a great victory in American history. It was a grand blessing to the U.S. and to other nations and peoples. I believe building the Panama Canal may have been America's greatest-ever foreign-policy success.

Military Power

The Panama Canal was also of immense military value for the United States.

To understand, consider this history: In 1898—years before the canal was built—the United States Battleship Maine exploded off the coast of Cuba, killing 260 American officers and other men and igniting the Spanish-American War. The Navy dispatched its most advanced warship, the USS Oregon, to the scene. But the Oregon was anchored in San Francisco Bay. It had to sail 12,000 miles, burn 4,100 tons of coal, and spend 68 days to reach Cuba. Had

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CHINA'S MOST DANGEROUS MANEUVER EVER AGAINST AMERICA

Americans are realizing that China is a dangerous threat. But you probably won't guess its deadliest anti-U.S. stroke.

BY GERALD FLURRY

the Panama Canal existed, the voyage would have been only 4,000 miles and taken as little as three weeks.

This event showed the U.S. how militarily important it was to dig a canal through Central America. It's no wonder then that once Roosevelt green-lighted the canal project, the U.S. military supplied much of the labor, engineers and security during construction. And as they dug the canal, they were simultaneously constructing military bases alongside it.

By the time America entered World War II, it had nine operational military forts AT EACH END OF THE CANAL—and several inland installations along its path. These included bases for the Army, Air Force and Navy. The American military presence covered almost 90,000 acres and included more than 5,420 buildings worth an estimated \$4 billion.



important to the U.S. as the Panama Canal. Not even close!

But, tragically, America's control over this "strategic jewel" was not to last.

Going, Going, Gone

Though the people of Panama benefited immensely from the canal and the surrounding U.S.-controlled Canal Zone, some became resentful about America's presence in their nation. The *Globalist* wrote in 2014: "[R]ich Panamanians complained of not being able to sell enough to the Zone, while poor Panamanians complained of everything else. Demands intensified after the Cuban Revolution of 1959"

In that bloody revolution, Communists led by Fidel Castro seized control of Cuba. By 1964, some Marxist-Leninist influence had spilled over from Castro's Cuba into Panama. The Communists inflamed the resentment that some Panamanians felt toward America. Soon Panamanian students and what were almost certainly Communist instigators started rioting

in the Canal Zone, and more than 20 people were killed.

Panama's government temporarily broke off ties with the U.S., and the administration of American President Lyndon B. Johnson felt pressure to hand the canal over. During a 1964 speech, he promised that America would draw up a "long-range plan" of "major changes" for the canal.

Those plans culminated in a **TERRIBLE DEAL** signed in 1977. That is when Panama's dictator, Omar Torrijos, signed new treaties with U.S. President Jimmy Carter that replaced the 1903 Roosevelt treaty. Under the new terms, Carter agreed for the canal to be transferred to a small group of political thugs in Panama. In other words, Carter just **GAVE AWAY** this "strategic jewel"! The thugs running that little country threatened to

keep rioting and causing problems that would disrupt trade through the canal, so Carter surrendered it altogether!

The final phase of the Torrijos-Carter treaty took effect on Dec. 31, 1999, when the U.S. relinquished its last control. But there is a lot more to this story than the world—and especially America—understand.

America wasn't relinquishing control just to Panama.

Chinese Power

Even before the final phase of the handover, an event happened that should have shaken America—but it was barely noticed! On March 1, 1997, a giant Chinese corporation took control of the American-constructed ports at each end of the Panama Canal.

Like most large Chinese companies, Hutchinson Whampoa (now CK Hutchison Holdings) is controlled by the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP). This means the CCP ultimately could take control of who can enter and exit the Panama Canal.

Any student of military strategy should see the startling possibilities that this terrible Chinese deal opened up. An enterprise of China—the nation possessing the world's largest army, and aggressively expanding its navy and air force—took control of the major sea-transit gateway between East and West. If China were to suddenly sink a large ship in the canal or otherwise sabotage it, the nation could deny the U.S. Navy access through this strategic choke point. The wartime implications of that are alarming!

And now that China has a solid commercial foothold at the canal, what would stop it from opening military bases there and moving its troops, submarines, warships and fighter jets in? It is true that the Torrijos-Carter treaty includes a clause demanding "permanent neutrality and operation" of the canal, and makes clear that anyone trying to attack the seaway or build a military presence there would face an immediate military response from America.

But if the CCP timed such a move prudently—waiting until the U.S. is suffering serious internal disorder or until China's partners are antagonizing America elsewhere—then how strongly would the U.S.

At the height of World War II, the United States stationed 65,000 troops throughout Panama to protect its invaluable strategic ability to quickly move warships, materiel and troops from one ocean to another and project its power around the globe. GlobalSecurity.org wrote that during World War II, "When the United States found itself enmeshed in a two-ocean war, the Panama Canal suddenly became the most strategic point on the globe."

During the Cold War, the Panama Canal was again a crucial strategic gateway and was the headquarters of the U.S. Southern Command. American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines under this command promoted freedom and democracy in the Western Hemisphere and countered the spread of communism.

No maritime gate on Earth was as

military be able to respond?

Christopher R. O’Dea, an adjunct fellow at Hudson Institute, wrote in 2018 that we *should expect* China to militarize its commercial ports! “Chinese state-owned shipping and construction companies have assembled a global network of commercial ports that can be readily converted to military bases. ... China clearly intends to militarize commercial facilities,” he wrote, saying that this could quickly happen in Panama.

Around Panama, the Chinese Navy is making port visits. In recent years, warships sailing under the red, five-star Chinese flag have anchored off of Cuba and Venezuela. The U.S. Naval Institute wrote about these kinds of port calls in June 2019, and said the Chinese “will leverage their Latin American presence when they feel it necessary.”

The trail is already blazed! When the circumstances are right, China can move its military into Panama. Then it not only will be able to deny America transit through the canal, but also can use its presence there as a staging ground to attack the U.S. underbelly!

With warships, submarines and bombers only 900 miles from Miami, China would be well positioned for such attacks. If China moved warplanes or missiles to “protect” its interests in Panama, much of the U.S. mainland would be within striking distance. The potential threat to U.S. and world security posed by Panama’s decision to let China run the canal is difficult to fathom!

Do you think this won’t plague America in the future? *WHERE IS OUR VISION?* America is so wrapped up in itself that it doesn’t even see what is happening.

Not to Be Trusted

If you think China won’t behave that way, look at what the CCP has already done in recent years. Look at their illegal trade practices, including systematic theft of intellectual property and government-subsidized distortion of competition. Look at their illegal takeover of the South China Sea and Hong Kong. Look at the way they are pushing at the Indians and trying to take more land along their border. Look at their aggression against Taiwan. Look at the predatory lending to small countries using debt as a weapon to make them

pawns in the grand Chinese game.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY THAT RUNS CHINA IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED. You can see that by their fruits. This Communist atheist regime is ambitious in a very evil way.

This is the power that can control the gateway between the world’s two greatest oceans! It can control shipping between America’s own east and west coasts. This all happened through a deal struck by a money-grasping Panamanian government.

And America stood by and let it happen.

Theodore Roosevelt once famously said: “If we stand idly by ... if we shrink from the hard contests where men must win *at hazard of their lives*, and at the risk of all they hold dear, then the bolder and stronger peoples will pass us by, and will win for themselves the domination of the world.”

Roosevelt had boldness and strength to act! He took risks! He did not fear those who wanted to destroy America. But he did fear God! He wrote a famous book titled *Fear God and Take Your Own Part*. Even the title says so much: Fear God and trust God, and do your own part with courage! Good advice!

What would Roosevelt have thought of his successors in the presidency who outright surrendered the strategic jewel that he and so many others hazarded so much to build? What would he think of them surrendering it to “bolder and stronger peoples” in China interested in “domination of the world”?

Few Americans are concerned about the canal today. This is another sign that we have lost our world vision and are bogged down in the present.

The truth is we surrendered the canal because of fear! We wanted to withdraw forces from Panama rather than hazard a clash that our leaders felt would inevitably come. Then we acted like the canal was unimportant. Yet we still fantasize like children that we are a superpower. No real superpower acts that way!

Few Americans are concerned about the canal today. This is another sign that we have lost our world vision and are bogged down in the present. What happened with Panama is very dangerous.

And in the next few years, the world will see just how dangerous it was.

Panama is already a massive victory for the Chinese Communist Party and a great loss for the security of America and the world. It was also proof of the true prophecies of your Bible!

Possessing the ‘Gates’

Genesis 35:11 records a promise God made to Abraham’s grandson Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel: “And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation, and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins.” Notice: God Himself is saying this!

The “great nation” mentioned here is the United States. The “company of nations” is the British Empire. The fact that God fulfilled this promise to Jacob by blessing the U.S. and Great Britain can be proved in SEVERAL ways. You can read about it and prove it to yourself by ordering a free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong. It shows how God fulfilled this prophecy MIGHTILY through Jacob’s son Joseph and his descendants, who ultimately became the Americans and the British.

Deuteronomy 28:52 shows that one specific way God would bless these two powers was by giving them control over “gates.” These “gates” are the maritime ports and passages that world trade flows through, and even land gates in a few cases.

At the height of British and American power in the 19th and 20th centuries, Britain possessed or controlled the Suez Canal, Gibraltar, Malta, the Dardanelles, the English Channel, the Gulf of Aden, the Andarman and Nicobar Islands, Zanzibar, Cape Town, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Straits of Malacca, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Falkland Islands. America possessed or controlled the Aleutians, the Hawaiian Isles, Midway, Guam, Wake Island, the Philippines—and the Panama Canal. And the British and American navies kept sea lanes open through many other choke points around the globe.

Britain and the U.S. didn’t gain all these strategic gates because we are somehow better than other nations. GOD GAVE THESE AWESOME GIFTS TO US! He gave them so we could virtually rule

the world, but in a far more benevolent way than powers like China ever would.

The fact that Britain and America acquired all these strategic oceanic locations itself proves that these nations are modern Israel.

One of these gates was far more strategically important to America than all others. It is discussed specifically in your Bible in an astounding way.

In Genesis 22:17 God says to Abraham, “That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore” This shows how immense the family of Abraham would become, largely through his grandson Israel.

God continues: “[A]nd thy seed shall possess THE GATE of his enemies.”

Deuteronomy 28 specifies “gates,” plural, an accurate translation of the Hebrew word *seareka*. But here in Genesis 22, it is from the singular construct of the word: “THE gate.” It’s just one. Which gate could this be? Which one is God singling out as THE main fulfillment of this blessing from God?

I DON’T BELIEVE ANY SEA GATE COULD BE CALLED “THE GATE” EXCEPT THE PANAMA CANAL.

Estimates published in 1934 calculated that the maximum traffic the Panama Canal could handle would be around 80 million tons of shipping per year. But by 2015, traffic was more than 340 million tons of shipping each year—quadruple the original maximum estimate.

In 2010, the one millionth ship crossed the Panama Canal. One million ships in less than 100 years! That adds up to billions of dollars saved by ships that didn’t have to circumnavigate South America. All that savings is passed on to anyone who buys products shipped through the Panama Canal, which is almost all of us.

And it goes beyond economics. As covered above, the Panama Canal helped guarantee the security of the world, especially the Western world. It positioned the U.S. to better police the globe and to keep powerful aggressor nations from running roughshod over weak countries.

This canal has served the world for DECADES. It was a GREAT GIFT given by God through America and through His outstanding leader, Theodore Roosevelt,



The Communist Party that runs China is not to be trusted. You can see that by their fruits.

Chinese President Xi and former Panamanian President Varela at the Cocoli locks in the Panama Canal

because he feared God! Clearly, the Panama Canal is “the gate” God speaks of in Genesis 22:17.

Losing the ‘Gates’

In Deuteronomy 28:52, God says that if the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob refused to turn to Him, He would cause their enemies to take control of all the very same gates He had previously blessed them with.

Notice that this is about the END TIME—the time we now live in. Genesis 49:1 talks about what would happen to the sons of Jacob (or Israel) in the “last days,” and this passage in Deuteronomy, about the nations of Israel losing the gates, is largely about that same time frame.

God tells those same descendants of Israel in Leviticus 26:19: “And I will break the pride of your power.” That is a prophecy, too. If we don’t look to the God who made great powers of Britain and America, then He will reverse those blessings. They have already been fading away, especially for Britain. Does anybody ever ask why? GOD DOESN’T GIVE BLESSINGS LIKE THIS AND JUST TAKE THEM AWAY UNLESS THERE’S A GREAT REASON. Do you know what it is?

A big part of the answer is ingratitude toward God, and turning away from Him. Our sins have made us a weak spectacle before the world. The Bible makes clear that God will continue to break the pride of our power if we don’t heed Him and aren’t THANKFUL for all His blessings.

Throughout his many years of writing and teaching, Mr. Armstrong witnessed Britain lose control over the Suez Canal, Singapore, Cyprus, the Cape of Good

Hope and many other gates. Based on these scriptures, he prophesied that the trend would accelerate. In 1980, he wrote, “As the ‘pride of our power’ continues to be broken, as the British continue to lose their foreign sea gates and possessions around the Earth, as America signs away ownership of the Panama Canal ... this focal prophecy alone represents giant proof as to where the modern ‘remnant’ of the peoples of Israel resides today!”

When Mr. Armstrong died in 1986, the U.S. still controlled “the gate,” the Panama Canal. But some 14 years after his death, America surrendered it, proving Mr. Armstrong right.

Our broken pride in our power is why our people are not stirred by what happened with the Panama surrender. How long must God curse us before we awaken? That is the big question each of us must answer. The decision is in our hands—nationally and individually.

The whole world is watching. Unless we repent before God, they will see our tragic collapse. And the Bible’s prophecies show that China’s grip on the Panama Canal could play a major role in that tragic collapse.

‘Mart of Nations’

The Bible also prophesies the rise of a massive trade bloc in the end time. Isaiah 23:3 describes it as a “mart of nations.”

Verse 1 shows that a lead nation in this trade bloc would be “Chittim,” an ancient name for China. Another leading power in the trade bloc is “Tyre,” a name representing the commercial center of modern Europe. A related passage

Chinese Cartels Have Infiltrated Mexico

How much are foreign powers using the drug trade to undermine America? BY ANDREW MILLER

SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS LIKE FENTANYL are America's deadliest drugs. Twice as many people die from synthetic opioid overdose as die from being shot by a murderer. Yet until recently, law enforcement could not trace it to its source. A new report from the security firm Fortress Risk Management, however, shows it is being smuggled across the Pacific Ocean by Chinese drug traffickers. The Chinese Los Zheng cartel operates through a network of Mexican pharmacies, veterinary clinics, clothing stores and computer shops. And it is Mexico's largest fentanyl cartel.

According to Fortress, manufacturers in Wuhan, China, ship chemicals across the Pacific Ocean to Mexican ports in Manzanillo, Ensenada and Lázaro Cárdenas. The chemicals are then transported to clandestine laboratories in and around Mexico City. The Los Zheng cartel synthesizes them into fentanyl and methamphetamines for shipment to drug dealers in the United States.

Overdose deaths in the U.S. involving fentanyl and other synthetic opioids mushroomed from about 3,000 in 2013 to more than 30,000 in 2018. The U.S. government is attempting to shut down the Los Zheng cartel and has urged the Chinese government to shutter the chemical laboratories, but the cartel continues to dominate Mexico's synthetic opioid market.

One reason for Los Zheng's success is that U.S. demand for fentanyl is high. But another likely reason is that the politburo

of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) wants Americans addicted to drugs.

'The Things They Like to Taste'

Officially, the U.S. government says the Chinese government is not complicit in drug trafficking. But retired Drug Enforcement Agency officer Derek Maltz told Fox News this is not true.

"As part of the CCP's unrestricted warfare model, they have progressed significantly against America with their enhanced role in the drug business," Maltz noted. "They can make multibillions and, at the same time, undermine the security of America. A kilogram of fentanyl can kill 500,000 people, so the administration should look at the death rates and treat this as a serious national security threat as opposed to only a public health crisis."

Most people realize China is one of the nations most opposed to the U.S. Many understand that the most effective way to destroy an enemy nation is by weakening it from within. Yet few have considered whether China is now doing this through American drug users. The Chinese Communist regime wants America to fall. It does not want to engage a superpower in open warfare. So why *not* facilitate the flow of illicit drugs that kill thousands of people, destroy families, increase crime, drain policing resources and create anarchy? Evidence shows China is using just such a strategy!

Chinese leaders understand the devastating effect opioids can have.

The Opium Wars of the 1800s involved thousands of tons of opium pouring into China, which addicted millions of Chinese, devastated their economy, and contributed to their military loss against the British Empire.

In 1927, China erupted in a civil war between the Nationalist Party and the insurgent Communist Party. Communist leader Mao Zedong instructed his subordinates to grow poppies and convert them to opium, then traffic it into China's non-Communist regions. As drugs became more available in those regions, people more readily used them. Opium weakened drug users, their societies, their governments and their militaries. The Communists then conquered the area. Once in power, they took draconian measures to *stamp out* drug use, executing suspected traffickers.

The Communists conquered mainland China in 1949. Mao then *nationalized* opium production and started supplying narcotics to people in other countries that opposed him, primarily Japan and the United States. During the 1950s and 1960s, Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai managed his nation's narcotics operations. He allegedly told Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1955 that the Communists would use drugs to destroy morale among U.S. troops in Asia (Edward R. Slack, *Opium, State and Society*). In 1964, Soviet statesman Mikhail Suslov summarized Zhou's strategy this way: "[D]isarm the capitalists with the things they like to taste."

There is little evidence that any premier since Zhou has actively managed China's drug trade. But the nation still incorporates "drug warfare" in its military strategy.

"Recent Chinese doctrine articulates the use of a wide spectrum of warfare against its adversaries, including the United States," said a 2014 report from U.S. Army Special Operations Command. "The People's Liberation Army (PLA) colonels Liang and Xiangsui outline China's vision on how China will attack the United States through a combination of military and nonmilitary actions. ... These methods include trade warfare, financial warfare, ecological warfare, psychological warfare,

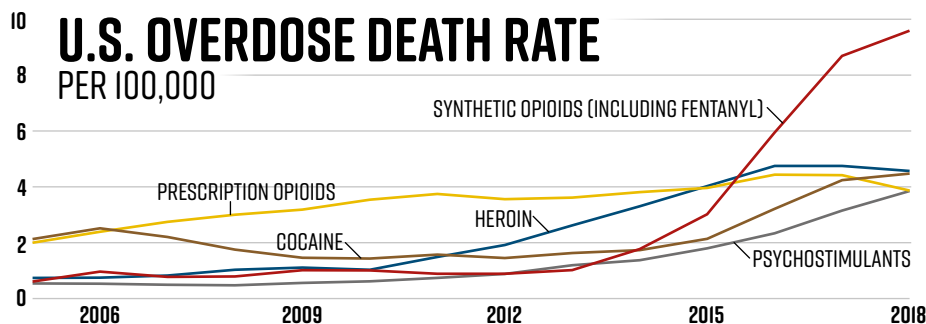
smuggling warfare, media warfare, drug warfare, network warfare, technological warfare, fabrication warfare, resources warfare, economic aid warfare, cultural warfare, and international law warfare” (Sept. 26, 2014). In short, by turning a blind eye to Chinese fentanyl traffickers—if not actively managing them—the Chinese government can weaken America.

Enemies at the Border

Drug use is a strategic vulnerability for America. Adversaries can attack the U.S. without starting a world war by feeding its drug users. “[E]ven if every country in South America were run by

browbeaten into submission. But a failed Mexico would not restrict the drug trade at all. The border would be chaos, and the implications of that go well beyond drugs. One of the United States’ largest trading partners could well devolve into a seething anarchy that could not help but leak into the U.S. proper.”

By allowing the Los Zheng cartel to operate in Wuhan and Shanghai, the Chinese government is destabilizing Mexico, and using Mexico’s population of 130 million people as pawns to destabilize America. If America itself were to collapse into “a seething anarchy,” its foreign enemies would have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to seize control



anti-American governments, it would not overly concern Washington; these states, alone or en masse, lack the ability to threaten American interests,” Geopolitical analyst Peter Zeihan wrote in 2008. He then clarified: “... in all ways but one. The drug trade undermines American society from within, generating massive costs for social stability, law enforcement, the health system and trade.”

Addiction psychiatry specialist Dr. Indra Cidambi says these “massive costs” to social stability, law enforcement and health care equal about 5 percent of America’s gross domestic product. That is over \$1 trillion per year—about \$3,000 for every man, woman and child in America.

The strategic threat of drug use extends far beyond economic losses. Empowering cartels to the point that the Mexican government becomes even less stable—or falls—threatens the territorial integrity of the United States itself. “In many regards, Mexico as a failed state would be a worse result for Washington than a hostile united Mexico,” Zeihan continued. “A hostile Mexico could be intimidated, sanctioned or even invaded, effectively

of Cuba, Panama and other vital maritime trade choke points. Since about half of America’s seaborne trade passes within 100 miles of Cuba, a nightmare scenario would be having a foreign power cripple its economy by cutting off its Caribbean trade routes while it is engaged in a civil war!

Economic Siege

The late Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his landmark book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* that the Anglo-Saxon peoples of Britain and the U.S. originally descended from the ancient Israelites. This astonishing truth means that the Bible’s prophecies about Israel in the “time of the end” are directed at the British and the Americans.

In one prophecy, God likens the U.S. to a hedged vineyard. The United States is blessed with a hedge to the north and south by two nonthreatening nations and to the east and west by the two largest oceans on Earth. But because the people did not acknowledge that these blessings are from God and instead indulge in rampant sin, including drug use, God

warns that He will tear down this hedge. Isaiah 5:5 records Him as saying: “I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down.”

God warns that foreign enemies will besiege the weakened United States: “The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young; And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee” (Deuteronomy 28:49-52).

The *Trumpet’s* parent magazine, the *Plain Truth*, stated in 1979 that the first breach in America’s protective hedge occurred in 1959, when Communist revolutionaries overran Cuba.

Today, China is destabilizing Mexico and further uprooting the hedge that protects the U.S. southern border. This subversive activity will ultimately lead to the fulfillment of Deuteronomy 28. Once America becomes too divided, destroyed and drugged to strike its enemies, those enemies will tear down its walls, seize control of its trade routes, and put it under a massive economic siege!

Like the victims of the Opium Wars and the weaponized drug trade, Americans are willingly ingesting a dose that is fatal to individuals and to the nation: “the things they like to taste.” ■

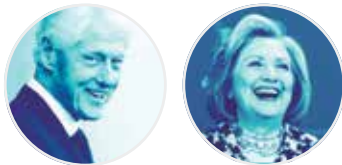
What does it matter?

A drug deal happens on U.S. streets with a Mexican dealer and drugs supplied by China. Why report on this? It’s all about where America is headed. Request Gerald Flurry’s free booklet *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision* and read Chapter 7, “Building Toward a World Catastrophe.”

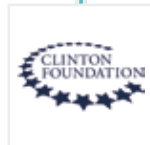
The Tangled Web of E-Voting



After the 2020 United States presidential elections, former federal prosecutor Sidney Powell said she was accumulating “staggering statistical evidence” that Dominion Voting Systems stole votes from U.S. President Donald Trump. While these claims are still being investigated, it has been shown that Dominion Voting Systems has many disturbing connections to some unsavory people and institutions.

JOHN POULOS and James Hoover founded Dominion Voting Systems after the 2000 U.S. presidential election debacle—when paper ballot results from Florida were contested for weeks.

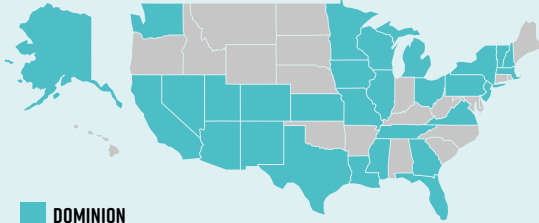


In 2014, Dominion donated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to the **DELIAN PROJECT**—a **CLINTON FOUNDATION** initiative to provide emerging democracies with voting technology.



DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS is headquartered in Toronto, Canada, but also has offices in Serbia and the United States. It provides voting equipment and software to 28 U.S. states—including the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.



DOMINION



Dana Jill Simpson
LITIGATION ATTORNEY

“I have one goal in this election and it is to destroy Dominion Voting.

This machinery not only stole the election from Trump but also Bernie. This bunch in Serbia and Canada of Dominion computer program hackers works with Hillary and with the UN on overthrowing foreign countries with the Delian Project. Anyone who stands up for this machinery is nuts and they are misleading the public about where the equipment is made. I have been to the Denver office and all it does is sell foreign-programed machines to U.S. voters like they were made in Denver when they are not.”



In June 2010, Dominion Voting Systems acquired **SEQUOIA VOTING SYSTEMS**—a California-based company that was owned by Smartmatic International from 2005 to 2007.



SMARTMATIC INTERNATIONAL founded in Venezuela in 1987 by Venezuelan engineers, Alfredo José Anzola and...

The late Venezuelan dictator chose Smartmatic International for the voting machines for a 2004 referendum on whether Hugo Chávez should be elected as president.



In 2005 **NEIL SHEN** established **SEQUOIA CAPITAL CHINA** as an affiliate to the U.S. firm, with the support of Sequoia Capital's Michael Moritz and Douglas Leone. Sequoia Capital funded Sequoia Voting Systems, and Neil Shen has close connections to the **CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY**.



The **U.S. COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT** United States ordered Sequoia Voting Systems in 2007.

“On top of everything else, we have a company that’s very suspect. Its name is Dominion, **with the turn of a dial or the change of a chip, you could press a button for Trump and the vote goes to Biden. What kind of a system is this?** We have to go to paper. Maybe it takes longer, but the only secure system is paper—not these systems that nobody understands, including, in many cases, the people that run them. Although, unfortunately, I think they understand them far too well.”



Donald Trump
U.S. PRESIDENT



The private equity firm **STAPLE STREET CAPITAL** owns a controlling interest in Dominion Voting Systems.



A month before the election, Staple Street Capital received \$400 million from **UBS SECURITIES**—a Swiss investment bank partially owned by the **CHINESE GOVERNMENT**.



JOHN POULOS testified before the U.S. House Committee on House Administration on Jan. 9, 2020, that Dominion voting machines were built with Chinese hardware “from the screen on the interface down to the chip component level.” Litigation attorney Dana Jill Simpson alleged that **FLEX CHINA** manufactured Dominion voting machines in cooperation with **HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES**.



Sidney Powell
FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR

“I can hardly wait to put forth all the evidence we have collected on Dominion, starting with the fact it was created to produce altered voting results in Venezuela for Hugo Chávez and then shipped internationally to manipulate votes for purchase in other countries, including this one. It was funded by money from Venezuela and Cuba, and China has a role in it also. **So, if you want to talk about foreign election interference, we certainly have it now.**”



Staple Street Capital was cofounded by the **CARLYLE GROUP**. Many influential individuals have worked for or invested in the Carlyle Group, including former Bundesbank president Karl Otto Pöhl, Saudi Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, and U.S. billionaire **GEORGE SOROS**.



GEORGE SOROS is the founder of the **OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS**, an international grant-making network that funds left-wing causes around the world. **LORD MARK MALLOCH-BROWN** was a global board member of the Open Society Foundations during the 2020 U.S. presidential election. In December 2020, he succeeded Patrick Gaspard as president of Open Society Foundations.



SMARTMATIC INTERNATIONAL was founded in 1997 by three Venezuelans: **ANTONIO MUGICA**, **ROGER PIÑATE**, and **HUGO CHÁVEZ**.



HUGO CHÁVEZ was instrumental to supply the controversial machines together to keep him in power.



Smartmatic International is owned by a holding company in the United Kingdom, **SGO**. The chairman of the SGO board is former Labour politician **LORD MARK MALLOCH-BROWN**—author of *The Unfinished Global Revolution* and associate of U.S. billionaire **GEORGE SOROS**.

INVESTMENT in the Smartmatic International to sell Sequoia investment due to Smartmatic's ties to Venezuela.



stories that would hurt Democrat Joe Biden's chances of election.

Undercover investigators working for Project Veritas caught Google executive Jen Gennai on camera in 2019 boasting that only Google could prevent "the next Trump situation." And in October 2020, Facebook executives announced that they were deliberately changing their search algorithms to limit users' ability to share a story on the Biden family's business dealings in China, Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine.

Twitter went a step further. When the *New York Post* uncovered this story and others based on the contents of Hunter Biden's laptop, Twitter locked its account and blocked users from sharing the story.

The conservative Media Research Center reported out of the 1,750 Biden voters it surveyed, 1 in 6 would not have voted for him if they had known about scandals suppressed by the media.

Google, Facebook, Twitter—some of the biggest and most powerful corporations in the world—are altering what Americans can see and hear to censor conservatives and support liberals.

But Barack Obama says they aren't biased enough.

The Bible foretold that truth would be cast down to the ground by an organized host of people in the end time. You need to understand the inner workings of this network and the dark spirit that empowers it!

Election Rigging

One of the biggest threats to free and fair elections in the United States is media bias and censorship. For eight years, behavioral psychologist Dr. Robert Epstein, a liberal, has warned that Google can easily determine the outcome of elections by adjusting its search algorithms to favor one political party over another. Research shows that Google handles over 86 percent of all search queries worldwide. And when Google's search results come up, 95 percent of the clicks are on the very first page of search results.

When Google pushes a site off of the first page, very few will ever click on it.

"Google's search algorithm can easily shift the voting preferences of undecided voters by 20 percent or more—up to 80 percent in some demographic groups—with virtually no one knowing

SPECIAL REPORT: CHINA

The Biggest Threat to American Democracy

Tech giants are censoring what you watch and read, and the consequences go beyond the 2020 election. **BY ANDREW MILLER**

FORMER UNITED STATES PRESIDENT Barack Obama is denouncing conservative media as "the single biggest threat to our democracy." In his most recent effort to increase governmental control over news and technology companies, Mr. Obama contended that Facebook, Twitter and other media platforms needed to use stronger censorship to stop conservatives from spreading "crazy lies and conspiracy theories."

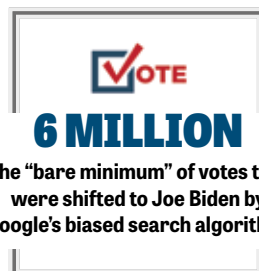
"The First Amendment doesn't require private companies to provide a platform for any view that is out there," Mr. Obama told the *Atlantic* on Nov. 11, 2020. "At the end of the day, we're going to have to find a combination of government regulations and corporate practices that address this, because it's going to get worse. ... If we do not have the capacity to distinguish what's true from what's false, then by definition the marketplace of ideas doesn't work. And by definition our democracy doesn't work."

Mr. Obama blamed Fox News, Rush

Limbaugh and "the entire right-wing media ecosystem" for interfering with his administration's plans to fundamentally transform America.

Barack Obama, Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton and other liberals are broadcasting the narrative that the media does not censor conservatives enough. Yet Big Media and Big Tech are already notorious for censoring conservatives, labeling them racists as if it were objective fact.

Now evidence is piling up that these companies tried to interfere with the 2020 presidential election by censoring



they are being manipulated,” Epstein wrote in a 2015 editorial, “How Google Could Rig the 2016 Election.”

Epstein based his calculations on experiments he conducted with Ronald Robertson and published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*.

Epstein told Fox News on Nov. 23, 2020, that he believed search engine manipulation shifted a “bare minimum” of 6 million votes to Joe Biden. If true, President Donald Trump would have won the popular vote as well as the electoral vote if Google had not biased its news coverage against him.

Former Google employee Zachary Vorhies went public as a whistleblower in 2019, leaking over 950 pages of internal Google documents to Project Veritas and the Justice Department. The information confirmed that Google has biased its algorithms to promote liberalism and suppress conservatism. It also revealed that Google has blacklists of search terms and a blacklist of websites.

Vorhies warned that “the reason why I collected these documents was because I saw something dark and nefarious going on with the company, and I realized that they were going to not only tamper with the elections, but use that tampering with the elections to essentially overthrow the United States.”

For 230 years, the U.S. has been a constitutional republic where people freely elect the representatives who govern them. Now Google’s board of directors is trying to change that, not by abolishing elections, but by gradually increasing its control over what people learn and know. If it can manipulate what people think is true, it can *fundamentally change America* into whatever it wants!

Deep State Media

Barack Obama was known as “Silicon Valley’s president.” Executives from Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Twitter had close relationships with his administration. Data from the Campaign on Accountability shows that Google

representatives attended meetings at the Obama White House more than once a week. Almost 250 people switched from the Obama administration to Google or vice versa. Now Mr. Obama is pushing for a Biden administration to continue colluding with Big Tech.

Investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson noted that a major reason Big Tech is so willing to cooperate with progressive politicians and “deep state” agents is to protect their monopolies. The Trump administration is pressing an antitrust review of tech giants to determine whether or not to prosecute them and divide them into smaller companies. So money and lobbyists from Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and

Biden while promoting stories critical of President Trump. They are tampering with elections “to essentially overthrow the United States” and transform the nation into a technocracy run by elites in the tech, media and political world.

Project Veritas caught nine current and former Twitter employees on hidden camera admitting that Twitter algorithms purposely hide tweets that words like “God” or “America.” Twitter also restricts advertisements from pro-life organizations while promoting pro-abortion ads from Planned Parenthood. This type of censorship does not combat “fake news,” nor is it aimed to help Twitter establish a monopoly. It is an outright ideological attack on “God” and “America.”

Communist Connections

Mainstream media are becoming shockingly bold in the offensive to fundamentally transform America. An *Atlantic* article unequivocally declared that in the conflict between freedom of speech and government censorship, China is right and the United States is wrong.

“As surprising as it may sound, digital surveillance and speech control in the United States already show many similarities to what one finds in authoritarian states such as China,” wrote Jack Goldsmith and Andrew Keane Woods. “Constitutional and cultural

differences mean that the private sector, rather than the federal and state governments, currently takes the lead in these practices, which further values and address threats different from those in China. ... Significant monitoring and speech control are inevitable components of a mature and flourishing Internet, and governments must play a large role in these practices to ensure that the Internet is compatible with a society’s norms and values” (April 25, 2020).

In other words: to rein in conspiracy theories, the U.S. government needs to control Americans like the Chinese Communist Party controls Chinese.

The *New York Post* reported that Facebook’s Hate-Speech Engineering Team

Post-election survey of 1,750 Biden voters in seven swing states		
	PERCENT UNAWARE	SHIFT AWAY FROM BIDEN
BIDEN NEGATIVES		
Biden sex assault allegations	35.4	8.9
Hunter Biden scandal	45.1	9.4
Harris most-leftist senator	25.3	4.1
TRUMP POSITIVES		
33.1% economic growth	49.0	5.6
Created 11.1 million jobs	39.4	5.4
Middle East peace deals	43.5	5.0
U.S. energy independence	50.5	5.8
Operation Warp Speed	36.1	5.3
TOTAL (UNAWARE OF A LEAST ONE)	82.0	17

Twitter are flooding Washington, D.C., to protect these companies’ control over Internet searches and social media.

But the alignment between Silicon Valley and the deep state goes far beyond shared business interests. These two centers of power are also in ideological lockstep.

A 2017 survey by scientists at Stanford University quantifies what most people already know: Tech entrepreneurs are liberal. They favor abortion, gun control, homosexual unions, open borders, universal health care, wealth redistribution and other progressive causes. This explains why Google, and other tech companies went to such drastic lengths to bury stories critical of

includes at least six foreign nationals recruited from Communist China. This team suppressed news reports about how Joe Biden's son worked for a Shanghai investment firm that helped sell American technology with military applications to China.

Internal company documents released by Project Veritas show that Facebook actually favors Chinese and Korean visa workers over American citizens. These are the computer engineers secretly building artificial intelligence algorithms to recognize and suppress opinions they disagree with in your news feed. And the only reason we know they exist is because outraged whistleblowers are sounding the alarm.

The OpenPower Foundation—a nonprofit led by Google and IBM executives—set up collaboration between Chinese company Semptian and U.S. chip manufacturer Xilinx. They are creating microprocessors that analyze vast amounts of data more efficiently. China is using these microprocessors to enhance its Internet surveillance and censorship capacities. One Semptian employee sent documents to The Intercept showing that the company has developed a mass surveillance system named Aegis, which allows government spies to see “the connections of everyone,” including “location information for everyone in the country.”

According to The Intercept investigative journalist Ryan Gallagher, “Aegis equipment has been placed within China’s phone and Internet networks, enabling the country’s government to secretly collect people’s e-mail records, phone calls, text messages, cellphone locations, and web browsing histories, according to two sources familiar with Semptian’s work. Chinese state security agencies are likely using the technology to target human rights activists, pro-democracy advocates, and critics of President Xi Jinping’s regime, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to fear of reprisals” (July 11, 2019).

This is the type of power the Chinese Communist Party has to silence people who disagree with it. But where did key elements of that power come from? It came from the same tech companies Barack Obama is working with to stop “crazy lies and conspiracy theories.”

A Dual Prophecy

Many Americans do not believe in the devil. Still, the Bible reveals he is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). The devil’s primary way to deceive people is by broadcasting attitudes of selfishness, vanity, lust, violence, envy, bitterness and resentment against authority. He also speaks through “the children of disobedience,” more directly influencing the lives of people who are vulnerable to him.

An end-time Bible prophecy reveals how the devil uses a host of people to cast truth to the ground. “Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was

The alignment between Silicon Valley and the deep state goes far beyond shared business interests. These two centers of power are also in ideological lockstep.

taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered” (Daniel 8:11-12).

King Antiochus Epiphanes fulfilled this prophecy when he desecrated the temple in Jerusalem with an idol of himself. But the book of Daniel is primarily for the end time (Daniel 12:4). This prophecy about Antiochus is also being fulfilled in God’s Church and in America in our time.

Strong’s Concordance defines “host” as “a mass of persons (or figuratively, things), especially reg. organized for war (an army).” Depending on the

context, the expression can refer to an army of demons, angels or men. The *host* referred to in Daniel 8 is an army of demons and evil men who help an end-time Antiochus in God’s Church and an end-time Antiochus in the United States of America.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains in *America Under Attack* that the spiritual Antiochus “cast down the truth to the ground” inside God’s Church, and a political Antiochus is doing the same thing in the United States. The most anti-Bible president in American history, Barack Obama, fulfills the role of the political Antiochus. He is out of office now, but he and his powerful allies have been at work in the mainstream media trying “to essentially overthrow the United States.”

A host of bureaucrats, military leaders, intelligence agents, media moguls, tech entrepreneurs, Wall Street financiers, and Chinese spies are helping Antiochus cast truth to the ground. This network is the biggest threat to America today. It aims to destroy the United States, its Judeo-Christian history, its constitutional form of government, and the biblical principles this form of government is largely based upon.

God is exposing the corruption in U.S. politics so people have a chance to repent before a lawless spirit destroys America, by replacing the rule of law with the horrifying rule of powerful deception and brutal force. When people do not sincerely love the truth, they come to believe lies (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12).

The values that helped make America great are being cast to the ground, but Antiochus and his supporters are only able to do this by “reason of transgression.” The devil is exploiting America’s lawlessness and lack of faith. God will allow this until people come to truly see the need for repentance toward God! ■



What can you do about a problem this big?

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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!”

Mr. Armstrong’s warning focused on Communist Russia’s demoralization efforts. In the years since, many of these efforts have been carried out by Russia’s Communist ally China, which has further expanded its attacks against America’s industrial and economic power. Still, Mr. Armstrong’s warnings about the dangers of communism proved correct.



Under a Biden-Harris administration, America’s China Class would run rampant, and the nation’s last remaining strength would disappear rapidly. But right now, the man China cannot “fix,” is holding it back.

He identified exactly how communism operates, and America has been victimized by its success. (Request our free booklet *He Was Right* and read the chapter titled “The Communist Infiltration of America Was Prophesied.”)

God repeatedly warned Israel against forsaking His law and looking to foreigners for prosperity, protection and guidance. Isaiah 2:6, for example, says that God “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.” America has committed the same sin. Rather than trusting God to bless and defend them, our people have recognized and traded with Communist dictatorships and even invited Communist professors from China and other nations to teach generations of young Americans and Britons. This has corrupted our youth, sapped our economy, and fatally weakened our nation. Americans’ own naivety, greed and disloyalty have made us fatally vulnerable to sabotage by foreign nations.

We must look up from our Chinese-made gadgets and see this reality! “Surely if we stop and think about this, with China doing all that and making all

these deals and paying all that money, what is their goal? What is their ambition?” Mr. Flurry asked in a *Key of David* program. “Surely we must see a strong motivation there to take over the world, to conquer the world, and some of the Chinese leaders will even tell you that” (“Times of the Gentiles,” March 20, 2018).

The title of that television program points to the prophecy whose early fulfillment we are now witnessing. With America’s dominance ending, the world is entering what Jesus Christ called “the times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24). This is a dark, violent period when non-Israelite nations rule the world.

The Bible prophesies that one of these dominant powers will be an Asian super-alliance headed by Russia and

in *Prophecy*. “These tidings come after the king of the south has been destroyed. They come from the Asian axis! The Holy Roman emperor will be disturbed about what the Russians and Chinese are doing.

“Before this, when the Tribulation began, this emperor was *cooperating* with the Russians and the Chinese to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations economically. But *perhaps* he hears rumors that the Asian axis is planning to invade North America and conquer it for its own. ... Regardless of what the exact tidings are, the Bible is clear that it will be the Holy Roman Empire that single-handedly invades North America. And this passage is clear that these tidings will provoke the emperor to go forth with great fury to destroy!”

It’s a modern version of Israel being conquered by Assyria, modern-day Germany! The destruction will be horrific, and the survivors will be enslaved.

And it all may be *triggered* by China’s success in weakening America, besieging it and preparing to attack it outright.

Under a Biden-Harris administration, America’s China Class would run rampant, and the nation’s last remaining strength would disappear rapidly. But right now, the man whom China cannot “fix” is holding it back—as also prophesied in the Bible. God gives our nations *specific* prophecies about our weaknesses, our sins and the consequences. God will even use a bold leader like President Trump to save America—though only temporarily for the purpose of doing His work, warning the nation and the world, and giving readers like you the opportunity to repent and turn to Him!

See the reality around you! Heed the warnings of prophecy! And take hope: The same Bible that shows us what human nature really is and how to repent of it and that prophesies in detail the consequences of our decisions also prophesies that these terrible events will occur just before the one and only event that can wipe away our corrupted human governments and corrupted human nature: *the return of Jesus Christ!* ■

The kings of the east

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How to Find God's Work

History shows that very few people do.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

THESE ARE GREAT DAYS! WHAT A time to be alive and to support God's work! God our Maker is reaching out to this dark and dying world in its last days. He is pleading for repentance and change before it is too late *physically*. But most people don't see Him. Most people don't recognize what He is doing.

God is mercifully passing by our nations with His message—one final time (see Amos 7:8). He is sounding the alarm one final time before the terrible suffering of the Great Tribulation that Jesus Christ prophesied. He is also proclaiming His message of hope: After our governments and peoples succumb to that deadly global cataclysm, He will return and establish *His* government (Matthew 24:21-22). This is mankind's *only* hope!

The *Trumpet* has been discussing important history from ancient Israel about the reign of the first Jeroboam (10th century B.C.) and Jeroboam II (eighth century B.C.). Between these two reigns, 11 other Israelite monarchs ruled for about 115 years. This history is covered in the biblical book of Kings. The modern descendants of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah are the Americans, the British, the Jews and other British Commonwealth nations. God preserved this history for more than 2,800 years because it is also *prophecy for today!* The end-time Jeroboam is President Donald J. Trump.

Trumpet readers are now familiar with this history. But there is much

more to the story, and you can read about it in the same book of Kings (2 Kings 14:23-29). In fact, it's *right in the middle* of this history. I'm referring to the role of God's work as administered through His faithful prophets, Elijah and his faithful successor, Elisha.

This history shows you how to find the work of God.

Two Godly Servants

Elijah, whose name means "my God is God," took God's message to the sinning nation and sinning kings of Israel (read 1 Kings 17-19). Elisha's ministry is recorded in 2 Kings 1-13. There were many other prophets and sons of the prophets during this time, but God records more detail about Elijah and Elisha because these two prophets were forerunners of two godly servants who would appear in these last days!

For nearly a century, Herbert W. Armstrong and Gerald Flurry have prophesied in the spirit of Elijah and Elisha. They have warned our nations that our sins against God and His government are leading to national calamities and captivity. They have proclaimed the hope of the *true* gospel: Jesus Christ is about to return and rule the world from Jerusalem.

Like their ancestors in the days of Elijah and Elisha, the modern Israelites in America and beyond are ignoring God's message. Many don't know it exists—or that He exists! Many believe in false ideas of God, "false Christs and false prophets," as Jesus prophesied in

Matthew 24. Men like Elijah, Elisha and *even Christ* were mostly overlooked or opposed by their contemporaries!

Notice what Christ told the Jews of His day: "But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias [Elijah], when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow" (Luke 4:25-26). With Israel and its widows languishing in famine, God sent Elijah to *none of them*. Why? What point is Jesus making?

These Jews knew about Elijah and assumed he had been sent to shake Israel, to perform many mighty miracles, to help widows and heal multitudes. They assumed that if Jesus were a true servant of God like Elijah was, He would be shaking their nation such that thousands of people and many top leaders would recognize it and follow Him.

But Elijah didn't. Neither did Christ. Neither does God's work today.

During that famine, God sent His servant *out* of Israel altogether. He lived instead in a pagan Gentile city, assisted by a widow. People saw no powerful, popular, universal work of God. Even people in Elijah's nation, God's nation, did not recognize it as the work of God. *Yet it was the work of God!*

So when you're looking for answers to the insanity in this nation and this world, it would be wise to look not for something favored by the masses (whether liberal or conservative), but something favored by God! Find *His message*, the message of the Bible! And if you can't find it in the political or religious power structures of the nation, look elsewhere—just make sure it matches the Bible.

"And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian" (verse 27). Jesus pointed out that God's work was the same with Elisha. The Bible records him as being involved in *one* healing, not scores of dramatic healings that attracted huge crowds and powerful support.

What were these men of God doing?

A Prophet Without Honor

Remember, the one speaking here is Jesus Christ! He did perform miracles of

healing, yet even the *Son of God coming to Earth* was mostly ignored or opposed by humanity, by His own nation, even by His own town!

“And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country” (Luke 4:24).

The Israelites of Elijah’s day, the Jews of Jesus Christ’s day, the people of our day do not understand God’s work! They do not understand God! This is what Jesus Christ is teaching here. But God *does* have a work. He *does* want you to find it. And you *can*, if you will look at what Christ is telling us through the Bible and through His true Church.

“They didn’t understand the Elijah work,” my father writes in *From the Beginning*. “Elijah was only sent to one widow. HE WAS PRIMARILY SENT TO REVEAL THE TRUE GOD. That was his mission or purpose. He was not sent to save widows or to heal people. If the Jews had listened to John the Baptist—a type of Elijah—they would have known who the Son of God was! To this day, they still don’t know.”

This is the teaching of the Bible! People expect God to reveal Himself on their terms. They build religions and entire civilizations on their own terms. But the lesson of all human history now staring us in the face is that *this doesn’t work!* Our *only* hope is to seek God on *His terms!*

“And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house” (Matthew 13:57). This was an unpopular, uncomfortable teaching! Religious people rejected it, and God and Christ allowed them that choice.

Jesus had been expounding on prophecies with these Jews, and Luke 4:22 says, “And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph’s son?” They might have been willing to hear such instruction from a member of the Sanhedrin, from the ancient equivalent of a “spiritual adviser to the president.” But they were unwilling to hear it from this carpenter’s son!

“For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country” (John 4:44). What a crucial lesson for us today. If you are looking for the work of God, you won’t find it in a powerful political or religious organization with multitudes of followers. You

will find it in a place that *teaches what Jesus Christ taught*, a place probably about as popular now as Jesus was then.

An End-Time Elijah

Notice another teaching of Jesus in Matthew 17:10-12. He prophesied that just before He returned to rule the world, a man would come in the same spirit that had empowered Elijah and John the Baptist. That man has come! He did great things for God, and people recognized there was something special about him and his work. In the Philippines and other nations, crowds gathered to welcome him and hear him speak. World leaders met with him to discuss the most important questions, the human condition, the way to peace; these leaders included Anwar Sadat and literally dozens of other presidents, prime ministers, legislators, judges and executives.

This man was Herbert W. Armstrong. Kings, queens, emperors, presidents and prime ministers of many nations honored him. But did the people of his country, the United States, honor him? Not nearly as highly. He led a Church that proclaimed God’s message globally, but at its largest, how did its membership compare to the American mainstream and evangelical churches? One tenth of 1 percent.

This is a fundamental principle of finding and following the work of God and thereby *following God*. If you understand it, it actually makes you a little uncomfortable. *All of us* have this human tendency to look at the world and even God Himself according to our own ideas of right and wrong. It was true in Elijah’s lifetime; it was true in Jesus Christ’s lifetime; it is true today.

This deep flaw in human nature almost caused the premature *end* of Jesus’s human life! “And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong” (Luke 4:28-29).

This is human nature!

We see outrageous examples of people talking about “alternative facts” and “my truth.” But the fact is, *all of us* have flawed human reasoning and self-deceptive human nature (Jeremiah 17:9).

When God shows us actual facts and the actual truth, we can do the uncomfortable thing and admit we are wrong, or we can rise up and thrust it from our minds.

John 10:40-41 say Jesus went beyond the Jordan River, away from the centers of power for the religious people of His day, to a place “where John at first baptized; and there he abode. And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.”

Wow! John the Baptist—a type of Elijah, the man who prepared humanity for the coming of the *Son of God*—did zero miracles! Yet Jesus Christ said no greater man had been born of a woman (Matthew 11:11).

“*All things* that John spoke of Christ were true,” my father writes in *From the Beginning*. “Everybody at that time and throughout history should have known who Jesus Christ was. John’s purpose was to reveal the true God—the real Christ. He revealed *ALL* about the Lord from the beginning—the God who became Jesus Christ.

“Mr. Armstrong didn’t perform many great healings or do numerous miracles. He didn’t shake the nations as one Laodicean group said the Elijah would. But he did reveal the true God, which was why God sent him!”

Is your religion revealing the true God? Is your own definition of right and wrong, your own set of facts, your own “truth,” your own religion, revealing the true God? Or is the revealing of the true God done only by God Himself, through His Bible and through His work? Is it done on your terms or on His terms?

Even if you are conservative, religious and devout, you need to be corrected. You need to let God show you the truth. You need to compare what you hear and what you think to the one and only source of truth: God Himself! Pray earnestly and humbly to Him, and He will answer you. He will show you where Jesus Christ is today. And if that work of God happens to be in your own country, it is up to you to decide whether to honor it. ■

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Bundeswehr recruits assemble in front of the Reichstag to take their public vow.

GERMAN PACIFISTS SIGNAL SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY

Germany's Green Party, historically known for its staunch pacifism, is signaling a major change of tone. Green Party chairwoman Annalena Baerbock announced this drastic change in an interview published Nov. 30, 2020, by *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. She said that the Greens now support more investments in the military, a stronger joint European defense policy, and more cooperation with

France, which is attempting to build a European military.

This comes after two of the party's most prominent members of the Bundestag called for military reforms and professed commitment to the military in a *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* article titled "Why Green Foreign Policy Needs the Bundeswehr."

German reports identify this and Baerbock's statement as

become the second-largest party in Germany, according to one poll, and could actually be in a position to join Germany's next governing coalition—especially as they adopt a less radical position toward the German military.

When even the Greens want deadlier rifles and higher-resolution night vision optics, Germany's days as a pacifist country are over. ■

a clear change of direction. The Green Party was established in 1980 by a group of environmentalists, nuclear energy opponents, human rights activists, social justice activists, Communists and pacifists. The Greens originally opposed the very existence of the German military. But times have changed and, importantly, the Greens have recently

GERMANY AND RUSSIA RESTART PIPELINE

Construction of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline restarted on December 5 in the Baltic Sea, after a temporary halt due to American sanctions. When complete, the pipeline will change Germany's relationship with Russia, the United States and the rest of Europe.

The pipeline is expected to bring 55 billion cubic meters of natural gas per year from Russia, through Finnish, Swedish and Danish waters to Germany. Workers are focusing on a 10-mile section in German territory, then the final segment: 37 miles in Danish waters.

In December 2019, the United States sanctioned all vessels involved in the project, which halted construction and compelled Swiss pipe-laying company Allseas to pull out

of the project. But Germany has found ways around the U.S. as it reaches out to Russia. Once the pipeline is operational, Russia will be able to bypass Ukraine, depriving it not only of transit fees but also of gas altogether, an immensely powerful geopolitical weapon. Russia has already forcibly annexed Crimea from Ukraine and is conducting warfare against Ukrainian troops in support of rebels in the eastern part of the country.

The two most powerful countries in the region, Germany and Russia, allying with each other has ominous historical precedent. Russia and Germany will soon control not only gas prices but the supply of gas itself, a crucial



commodity. And as *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in his 2017 article "Germany and Russia's Secret War Against America," Russia and Germany working together "is a signal that either or both are preparing for some kind of imperialistic exploit." He pointed out that the Bible prophesies both Germany and Russia will use their accumulating powers to help bring down the United States. ■

EASTERN EUROPE REJECTS EU COVID PLAN

Hungary and Poland vetoed a European Union-wide \$887 billion COVID-19 relief stimulus on Nov. 16, 2020. They objected to a clause demanding that recipients of the stimulus adhere to the "rule of law," which is defined vaguely but subjects EU nations to discipline from the European Council.

The provision, known as Article 23, could also give the European Council precedent to act upon majority rulings, rather than the existing requirement that decisions be unanimous.

East European leaders fear that the EU is tying COVID-19 relief to obedience to "European values," as determined by Germany, France and other more powerful countries.

The veto is yet another signal to Europe and the world that the EU's attempt to govern 27 countries by consensus and in preservation of those countries' sovereignty is unworkable. Watch for the EU bureaucracy and the EU itself to be pared down. Europe's more powerful countries will sidestep the concerns of countries that cling to their sovereignty and are reluctant to form a European superstate.

Your Bible prophesies that this is exactly the path Europe will take. Revelation 17:10 prophesies that a "beast," a symbol of an empire, will be resurrected in Europe one last time. Verses 12-14 specify that it will consist of an international conglomeration of 10 separate kingdoms submitting to one overarching authority. Expect Europe's 27-nation union to be reduced, one way or another, to a group of 10 that will amass power and steamroll the vetoes and protests of weaker nations. A European superpower is about to rise. ■

IRAN NUCLEAR ARCHITECT ASSASSINATED

Iranian Gen. Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, the head of Iran's covert nuclear program for more than two decades, was assassinated on Nov. 27, 2020, when a spray of bullets struck his vehicle on the outskirts of Tehran. Some said he was killed by 12 men in cars and on motorcycles; others say it was a driverless car with remote-control weapons. Regardless, most assume the perpetrator was the Israeli government.

In 2018, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave a one-of-a-kind press conference revealing thousands of files documenting Iran's nuclear weapons program; the files had been confiscated by Israeli spies. The records showed that Iran had lied about its nuclear weapons program and intended to continue operating it in violation of the international Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

One document recorded Fakhrizadeh describing in 2011 how to split the project into an officially recognized component and a secret component. Netanyahu told the press, "Remember that name, Fakhrizadeh."

"There is no doubt that he was the core source of authority, knowledge and organization



Attendees at the funeral for Fakhrizadeh in Iran

of this program," Israeli Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin told reporters on Nov. 29, 2020. He said that Fakhrizadeh and Quds Force Cmdr. Qassem Suleimani, who was killed in January 2020, were the leaders of Iran's two major strategic objectives: to establish a nuclear weapons program and to become a regional power.

Iran's response has been restrained, likely because it believed President Donald Trump would leave office on January 20 and Joe Biden would keep his promise to lift sanctions on Iran and reimplement the nuclear deal, which would further endanger Israel.

This could be why the Netanyahu government has conducted air strikes against Iranians in Syria and met with the Saudi crown prince for the first time. The Trump administration has moved B-52 strategic bombers and its Nimitz carrier strike group into the region, preparing for the possibility of war.

Bible prophecy shows that, despite setbacks, Iran will amass enough power to lead a short-lived bloc of radical Islamists, characterized in Daniel 11 as "the king of the south." Assassinations and limited warfare will pale in comparison to the bloodshed this bloc initiates.

Read *The King of the South*: theTrumpet.com/go/Iran



Sudanese President Bashir visits Russian President Putin in Moscow.

RUSSIA TO BUILD BASE IN SUDAN

Russian President Vladimir Putin has approved construction of Russia's first military base in North Africa since the end of the Cold War. The naval facility in Port Sudan will boost Russian power in a region that is already destabilizing due to violence in Ethiopia and South Sudan. It is also a signal that as America pulls out, Russia steps in.

Nearly half of Sudan's weapons come from Russia, making it Russia's second-largest weapons buyer in Africa, and a May 2019 agreement has already boosted military cooperation and given Russia access to Sudanese ports. This agreement allows for the base to serve up to 300 Russian military personnel and four warships, as well as Russian air defense and electronic warfare systems.

Over the last decade, America has been slowly pulling out of the Middle East. President Donald Trump said in 2019, "We're getting out. Let someone else fight over this long bloodstained sand. The job of our military is not to police the world." During his first term, thousands of American troops stationed in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan have returned home. And the void left by America is starting to be filled by other nations, like Russia.

Read *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia'*: theTrumpet.com/go/prince

WHAT IF ETHIOPIA COLLAPSES?

Ethiopia may soon erupt into civil war. On Nov. 4, 2020, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed deployed troops in the Tigray region in response to what he said were "months of continued provocation and incitement" against the national government by the Tigray regional government, including an alleged raid by the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) against a government army base for supplies. Ethiopia is now under a six-month state of emergency, and government forces are marching toward the Tigray capital, Mekelle.

The TPLF, representing about 7 percent of the population, ruled Ethiopia for about 27

years before losing power in 2018 to Abiy's government. Abiy's Oromo ethnic group represents about 35 percent of the population.

Ethiopia has often suffered internal and ethnic division, but war in the Tigray region could shake the entire nation. Foreign-policy analyst Yohannes Woldemariam said that this "is an existential crisis for Ethiopia. It could mean state collapse. The whole region will be affected, from refugees to destabilization" (*Telegraph*, Nov. 4, 2020). A senior Tigray official told Agence France-Presse that military mobilization "can trigger all-out war. ... A small spark can ignite the whole region" (Nov. 5, 2020).

For many years, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry



Oromo police patrol the streets.

has warned that Ethiopia will eventually fall into Iran's sphere of influence, based on scriptures like Daniel 11:40-43. This is a prophecy that Ethiopia, predominantly Christian, will actually experience an Islamic takeover and ally with "the king of the south," radical Islam, led by Iran! Conflict in the Tigray region could lead directly to the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Read *Libya and Ethiopia in Prophecy*: theTrumpet.com/go/Libya

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PUTIN ACCELERATES BUILDUP OF RUSSIAN MILITARY POWER

The Russian Navy set a record last year for the number of advanced vessels it added to its fleet. Its National Defense Control Center said on Nov. 20, 2020, that 35 submarines and warships were “laid down, floated out and accepted for service in the Navy this year,” a 33 percent increase.

Three days later, the Navy announced that a 885M Kazan nuclear submarine had struck a coastal target 620 miles away with a Kalibr cruise missile. This marked one of the final tests the 64-man boat needed to pass before officially entering service. Two days after that,



Karakurt-class corvettes in Kaliningrad

Russia's newest corvette passed a test of its own by striking a sea target for the first time with a nuclear-capable Uranus missile. The next day, Russia successfully tested a Mach-8 Tsirkon

hypersonic cruise ballistic missile that reached speeds of over 6,000 miles per hour. The missile is not only incredibly fast but also maneuverable, making it basically impossible to intercept.

An October 2020 report by the International Institute for Strategic Studies noted that the military of Russian President Vladimir Putin is more capable than at any time since the end of the Cold War and has been used to forcibly annex Crimea from Ukraine, conduct operations in eastern Ukraine, and intervene in the Syrian civil war.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in 2014 that increasing fear of Russia will prompt European nations to lay aside their differences and unite politically and militarily. To understand why it is crucial to watch Russia's rise and Europe's response to it, read Mr. Flurry's article “The Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!” ■



Satellite image of the Jiuquan Atomic Energy Complex

CHINA'S 'SECRETIVE' NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUILDUP EXPOSED

United States intelligence documents declassified on Nov. 13, 2020, reveal that China is carrying out a secret strategy to rapidly increase its number of nuclear warheads and the capability of their delivery systems.

The documents, published by the *Washington Times*, consist of a collection of slides that were shown during a recent briefing for members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

They show significant expansions underway at China's Jiuquan Atomic Energy Complex, a nuclear weapons research facility in Mianyang and a military reactor facility in Leshan.

“[I]t is clear from imagery that China is engaged in a secretive crash buildup of its infrastructure,” Marshall Billingslea, the U.S. State Department's chief diplomat for weapons control, told the *Washington Times*. “There is no doubt that China wants to be on

par with the United States and Russia in terms of its military and nuclear capabilities.”

Meanwhile, as China's arsenal grows, it is also developing, testing and refining the equipment needed to deliver its growing number of warheads to their targets.

Billingslea calculates that in 2018 and 2019, China test-launched an astounding 225 ballistic missiles, more than the rest of the world combined. ■

NAGORNO-KARABAKH IS BACK IN THE USSR

Armenia and Azerbaijan signed a Russia-brokered agreement on Nov. 9, 2020, to stop the conflict revolving around the region of Nagorno-Karabakh in the South Caucasus. The deal appears to have brought an end to the fighting, but also represents a boost to Russia's power in a critical part of the world.

Nagorno-Karabakh is legally part of Azerbaijan, but it is populated by ethnic Armenians and has been under Armenian control since the

1990s. The agreement follows a steady Azerbaijani offensive where Azerbaijan captured Nagorno-Karabakh's second-largest town, Shusha (Shushi in Armenian). Under the treaty, Azerbaijan will keep Shusha, as well as all other territories Azerbaijani troops have reached.

The agreement is seen as a major victory for Azerbaijan. But the bigger winner is actually Russia, which stationed almost 2,000 Russian soldiers within Nagorno-Karabakh to maintain the peace.

Early in his reign, Russian President Vladimir Putin said the collapse of the Soviet Union was “the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century.”

He has spent a great deal of his 20 years as Russia's leader trying to reverse that “catastrophe.” In 2008, his forces invaded the former soviet nation of Georgia and brought a fifth of the nation's territory



A man walks through the rubble after a shelling in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

under Moscow's control where it remains to this day. Six years later, he invaded the former soviet state of Ukraine and annexed Crimea. Now he is positioned to do the same in the South Caucasus. ■



SUPREME COURT SIDES WITH CHURCHES

The United States Supreme Court temporarily barred New York from enforcing certain attendance limits at houses of worship in areas hit by the coronavirus. This 5-4 decision on Nov. 25, 2020, granted requests made by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and two Orthodox Jewish congregations to overturn a decision by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo that included places of worship in his shutdown of “nonessential businesses.”

New Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett joined the

court’s four conservative justices in the majority opinion, and Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court’s three liberal justices in the dissent.

In an article titled “Is America’s Supreme Court in Bible Prophecy?” (theTrumpet.com/17949), Gerald Flurry explained that a prophecy in Amos 7 indicates the Supreme Court and much of the federal government will favor President Donald Trump and the conservative movement in America in the end time. This gives Americans one last chance to repent. ■

U.S. STUDENTS FALLING BEHIND IN MATH

Most American students are falling short in math, and COVID-19 lockdowns are making the problem worse. That is the finding of a Dec. 1, 2020, Northwest Evaluation Association analysis of 4.4 million United States students in grades three through eight. When most U.S. schools closed in the spring, students were thrown into new and unfamiliar ways of learning. The result is that the average student scored 5 to 10 percentile points behind students who took the same test last year.

COVID-19 lockdowns will presumably end at some point,



but what will be their long-term effect? In “The Cure Is Killing Us” (theTrumpet.com/22173) *Trumpet* executive editor Stephen Flurry shows how government-imposed measures to combat COVID-19 are actually destroying America. ■

MURDER RATE INCREASES IN MAJOR U.S. CITIES

The homicide rate in 21 major cities jumped 34 percent in 2020 compared to 2019.

That is the finding of a Nov. 30, 2020, report by the National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice. Criminologists and other experts are looking for a reason for the surge of killings. Since the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, the nation has been plagued by anti-police protests and powerful Democrats accusing police of racism and promoting slogans like “defund the police.” This antagonistic environment has surely deterred police officers from doing their jobs, emboldening violent criminals.

Isaiah prophesied, “Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children



that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint” (Isaiah 1:4-5). This is a prophecy of the modern descendants of ancient Israelites, which include the Americans. The entire power structure is sick, and its leaders lack the will and the strength to root out even the most violent types of lawlessness. ■



U.S. Border Patrol agents detain undocumented immigrants in McAllen, Texas.

ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS SURGE

In October 2020, border crossing arrests in the United States hit their highest number in 15 years. Statistics released by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Nov. 19, 2020, reported arrests of more than 69,000 people crossing the southern border, a 21 percent increase over September. Acting Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Mark Morgan told Fox News that anticipation of more lenient immigration enforcement policies under a Joe Biden administration is

contributing to a surge in illegal border crossings.

Almost 3,500 years ago, Moses recorded God’s promise to bless Israel for obedience and curse it for disobedience. One of the curses God said would come from disobedience was a flood of foreigners. “And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee” (Deuteronomy 28:52). ■

Organization, or the anti-Israel, anti-American United Nations. Recall his eager participation in the Paris Climate Agreement, which hurt America's industry and economy.

Domestically, the Obama administration accomplished equally major "fundamental changes." Recall the Affordable Care Act, a destructive piece of legislation that increases national debt and makes America more of a socialist state. Recall the Obama administration's politicization of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency and other intelligence agencies, and its use of federal institutions to

These are the actions of a man working to "fundamentally transform the United States"—or to "blot out the name of Israel."

spy on Americans. Recall the Fast and Furious scandal, the Internal Revenue Service scandal. RECALL MR. OBAMA SAYING THAT WHITE AMERICANS HAVE RACISM IN THEIR DNA. Recall the manner in which he undermined America's law enforcement.

These are the actions of a man and administration working to "fundamentally transform the United States of America." Put in biblical terms, these are actions aimed at *blotting out the name of Israel!* This is how Antiochus behaves!

Finally, recall the manner in which the Obama administration handled its departure from the White House and the transfer of power to Donald Trump. *Study this history, and you will find that this is when THE COUP began!*

Coup

On Jan. 5, 2017, Barack Obama met with his top intelligence officials in the Oval Office. The purpose of this meeting was to brief President Obama on the report he had commissioned investigating the allegation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Obama's request for the investigation was based largely on the Steele dossier, a fraudulent report initiated by the Clinton campaign alleging collusion between the Kremlin and the Trump campaign.

At this January 5 meeting, the president was briefed by James Comey, Michael Rogers, John Brennan and James Clapper, directors, respectively, of the FBI, National Security Agency, CIA and the Office of National Intelligence. Vice President Joe Biden, National Security Adviser Susan Rice and acting Attorney General Sally Yates were also present. Virtually all the key powers of government were present for this meeting about Donald Trump, who was about to move into the White House.

After this meeting, Obama met with Yates and Comey, both of whom would remain in office when Mr. Trump became president. With them Mr. Obama continued the discussion on the Russia investigation, the ongoing investigation of Donald Trump, the FBI's investigation into retired U.S. Gen. Michael Flynn—a man Obama detested—and the briefing FBI Director Comey would give the incoming president the next day, January 6.

During this second meeting, President Obama instructed Director Comey to be selective when he briefed President-elect

Trump. He was not to tell Trump that *he* was being investigated. "Obama officials claimed to adhere to a book that forbade consultations between political leaders and investigators. BUT HERE THEY WERE CONSULTING," wrote Andrew McCarthy in the *National Review* (Feb. 15, 2018; emphasis mine throughout). And what were they consulting about?

THESE JANUARY 5 MEETINGS WERE ABOUT KEEPING THE INVESTIGATION OF DONALD TRUMP GOING EVEN AFTER HE BECAME PRESIDENT!

About these January 2017 events, journalist Mollie Hemingway wrote, "Not only was information on Russia not fully shared with the incoming Trump team, *as Obama directed*, the leaks and ambushes made the transition chaotic, scared quality individuals away from working in the administration, made effective governance almost impossible, and materially damaged national security" (*New York Post*, May 10, 2020).

Two weeks later, on Jan. 20, 2017, Susan Rice wrote an e-mail to herself documenting what happened in the January 5 meeting. This e-mail was odd. As McCarthy wrote, this wasn't really "an e-mail-to-self. It is quite consciously an *e-mail for the record*" (op cit). In it Rice wrote that everything in the January 5 meeting was entirely above board. The president, she wrote, did everything "by the book." The truth is, as McCarthy wrote, Rice's e-mail was "not written to memorialize what was decided. IT IS WRITTEN TO REVISE THE MEMORY OF WHAT WAS DECIDED IN ORDER TO RATIONALIZE WHAT WAS THEN DONE."

Rice knew that what they had discussed was illegal. She wanted to preempt any investigation by putting on record that everything was "by the book"!

If you have access to the Internet, I encourage you to read "What Did Comey Tell President Trump About the Steele Dossier?," by Andrew McCarthy in *National Review*, as well as "Obama Meeting Could Be Behind Corrupt Michael Flynn Probe," by Mollie Hemingway at the *New York Post*.

As president, was Barack Obama the guardian of America's "democratic institutions and traditions—like the rule of law"? Did he leave the "instruments of our democracy at least as strong as [he] found them"?

EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT BARACK OBAMA SPENT HIS FINAL DAYS IN OFFICE WORKING WITH DEEP STATE OPERATIVES FIGURING OUT HOW HE COULD CONTINUE TO UNDERMINE, AND EVEN SPY ON, THE INCOMING PRESIDENT!

IN THIS WAY, BARACK OBAMA WAS KICKING OFF THE ROLLING COUP THAT CULMINATED IN THE 2020 ELECTION!

President JoeBama

This is the term Freddy Gray, editor of *Spectator USA*, used to describe a possible Joe Biden presidency. "Obama sounds a bit of a World King these days, but you can't blame him for feeling chipper. He has his third book of memoirs out ... he's making millions through publishing and Netflix deals, his great nemesis Donald Trump appears finally to have been vanquished —AND HIS GANG IS TAKING CHARGE OF WASHINGTON AGAIN" (Nov. 28, 2020).

Barack Obama was pleased when Biden began announcing his selections for various positions in his administration. In a November 23 interview with *Politico*, he said, "You're seeing a team develop that I have great confidence in." Of course he has great confidence in them—THEY'RE HIS PEOPLE!

“In fact, the incoming Biden administration is arguably more Obamaish than the original Obama administration was,” Gray wrote. One Biden campaign staff member even told *Politico*, “the Obama staffers are now cutting out the people who got Biden elected.”

Barack Obama's presence in Joe Biden's election campaign never received the scrutiny it deserved. To most people, especially the mainstream media, which adores Obama, it wasn't a concern. But prophetically, it is a huge concern! ANTIOCHUS WAS ACTIVE, AND HE WAS PURSUING HIS GREAT GOAL TO CHANGE AMERICA!



November 3, the radical left was ready to manipulate an election.

Then on November 7, Joe Biden—Barack Obama's right-hand man for eight years—was declared America's next president. Biden's vice president, Kamala Harris, was also hand-selected by Mr. Obama. When Biden and Harris announced candidates for positions in the new administration, many of these people were either close to Obama or had been part of the Obama administration.

BY MID-DECEMBER, WHAT AMOUNTED TO A THIRD OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN CREATED AND WAS READY TO MOVE BACK INTO THE WHITE HOUSE!

The most remarkable part was, most of America had no problem with this! Antiochus was ready to take back control, and America didn't care!

If this plan had not been interrupted, I believe Barack Obama would have ended up back in the White House—at the very least as the grand puppet-master directing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. This might sound far-fetched to some. But is it, really?

Consider what Obama himself said in an interview with Stephen Colbert in November. “People would ask me, knowing what you know now, do you wish you had a third term? And I used to say, if I could make an arrangement where I had a stand-in, a front-man or front-woman, and they had an earpiece in and I was in my basement with my sweats looking through the stuff and I could deliver the lines, but somebody else was doing all the talking and ceremony, I would be fine with that because I found the work fascinating.” Mr. Obama has made other similar statements indicating he wants to be president again!

In Matthew 12:34, Jesus said, “[O]ut of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.”

Consider what Rudy Giuliani, Donald Trump's attorney, said during a Fox News interview on December 6. “This was a pattern that was set by somebody in Washington, because everybody else carried out exactly in the same way and they did it in the crooked cities. ... I don't know who was in charge of it. All I can tell you is it looks like a very well-planned, very well-executed situation.”

Mr. Giuliani has access to all sorts of facts and intelligence, and he says someone in Washington, D.C., ORCHESTRATED THIS COUP. He didn't say who he believes it was. But it is logical to conclude that it was Antiochus!

In the coming weeks and months, expect even more evidence to emerge proving Barack Obama was behind the radical left's attack on the Trump administration and the U.S. electoral system!

How to Be Saved

Imagine how destructive it would be to America if Barack Obama led the nation, either directly as president or via a proxy like Joe Biden or Kamala Harris, for the next four years. Since he left office, the radical left has become much more powerful. Think about the suffocating power of the tech companies, the uncontested supremacy of the radicalized mainstream media, and the rise of hardcore Marxists in the Democratic Party. All of these powerful entities are led by an anti-God Antiochus whose

In the *Epoch Times*, Lee Smith wrote, “Obama wants it understood that Biden is an avatar for a third Obama term. NOW HE CAN COMPLETE THE WORK OF ‘FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORMING AMERICA,’ as he put it days before the 2008 election” (Nov. 17, 2020).

Barack Obama was the first president in more than a century to take up residence in Washington after leaving office. Most presidents leave the capital, partly out of respect for their successor. Why did Obama remain? In March 2017, the *Daily Mail* wrote that Obama's home in Washington, D.C., which is less than two miles from the White House, had become the “NERVE CENTER OF THE MOUNTING INSURGENCY AGAINST HIS SUCCESSOR, PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP.”

Can you imagine? Headquartered in D.C., this man has been coaching the radical left the entire time. Mr. Obama has been personally involved in seeking to overthrow President Trump. In March, he personally guided the selection of Joe Biden as the Democratic nominee for president. For example, Obama personally called Pete Buttigieg after he pulled out of the race and asked him to endorse Biden. He had aides make similar calls to Amy Klobuchar and Elizabeth Warren.

Between March and November, Barack Obama and his team campaigned hard for Joe Biden. Not only that, they encouraged voters to vote early, and to vote via mail-in ballots. We now know that a lot of the fraud was committed with these mail-in votes. By

goal is to blot out the name of Israel—or God’s master plan for mankind! With the support of these people, Obama could easily finish the job of “fundamentally transforming” America!

Barack Obama and his surrogates would have the power to make sure a leader like Donald Trump would never be in power again! America as we know it—a nation underpinned by Judeo-Christian values and governed by the rule of law, a nation that respects its forefathers, a nation unique for its God-given power and prosperity—would be destroyed!

When God saves America from the radical left, He is giving the nation one final opportunity to repent of sin and turn to Him.

I have explained the prophecies in Amos 7 and 2 Kings 14, both of which reveal that God is not going to allow Mr. Obama and the radical left to blot out the name of Israel. These prophecies are dual, which means the events described in these chapters occurred anciently in Israel, but will also occur in America and Britain (the descendants of biblical Israel) in the end time.

In 2 Kings 14:26, Israel is in severe affliction. “For the EVER-LIVING pitied the immeasurable miseries of Israel both without and within, when there was no ease for Israel” (Ferrar Fenton translation). Notice, much of the suffering is inflicted from within the nation. THE NATION IS BEING DESTROYED FROM THE INSIDE BY ANTIOCHUS AND HIS SUPPORTERS!

And remember that the book of Kings is one of the former prophets, which contains prophecy mainly for the latter days—our time today.

But notice verse 27: “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.” The name of Israel is about to be blotted out. GOD HIMSELF INTERVENES AND SAVES ISRAEL TEMPORARILY. How? By the hand of an end-time Jeroboam!

Today, Donald Trump plays the role of an end-time Jeroboam.

Most Americans will consider this good news, and it is—but not for the reason many think.

These prophecies do not end with America remaining perpetually prosperous and peaceful. Anciently, the kingdom of Israel was destroyed by Assyria after the reign of King Jeroboam ended (2 Kings 18). Prophecies in Isaiah 10 and Habakkuk 1 tell us this will happen to Israel in the end time too: America and Britain will be destroyed by the Holy Roman Empire, which is led by Germany—the descendants of ancient Assyria.

In Amos 7:8, God reveals why He saves America through Jeroboam. He says, “... I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more.” A plumbline is usually used in measuring a building or construction. But God uses it differently here: This is about measuring the *destruction* that is to come upon the nations of Israel. This destruction is not random; God is measuring it carefully and precisely. And it will bring about the most wonderful results imaginable.

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radical left, He is giving the nation ONE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO REPENT OF SIN AND TURN TO HIM!

Speaking of this time, God says in Ezekiel 33:11, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?”

God is deeply emotional about this! When He saves Israel, it is only temporary. BUT HE YEARNS TO SAVE ISRAEL PERMANENTLY! He derives no pleasure in seeing people suffer. This is why He pleads with these people year after year, crying out through this magazine, the *Key of David* television program and *theTrumpet.com*, beseeching them to repent of their sins.

God is full of mercy and love, and quick to forgive and protect. But to receive God’s forgiveness and protection, the people of America and Britain—and any person of any race or nation—must *repent*. We must stop sinning, stop rebelling against God’s law and stop resisting God!

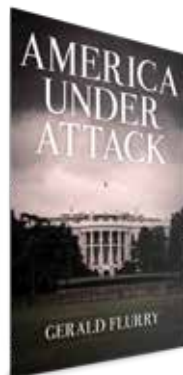
As world conditions deteriorate, remember this message. God will protect us physically and spiritually (Revelation 12:14). Even in a blistering message like Amos’s, there is GOOD NEWS! When this world disintegrates before our eyes, we know that a new world is almost here! Yes, there are difficult prophecies ahead, but they all lead to the return of Christ!

THIS WORLD DOES NOT KNOW GOD! They are about to get to know Him and have their chance to be saved. Spiritually, most of them will get to know God for the first time in a resurrection from the dead.

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and THEY SHALL NO MORE BE PULLED UP OUT OF THEIR LAND WHICH I HAVE GIVEN THEM, SAITH THE LORD THY GOD” (Amos 9:13-15). This is the wonderful conclusion Amos gives us.

The bad news in what is coming is only temporary. Soon, everyone will be educated and they will be blessed for their obedience.

But their time of understanding lies in the future. To those prepared to repent and obey God, today is our day. We have the unparalleled opportunity to give to God, to give to this world, and to fulfill our responsibility to faithfully support the very work of God. God is preparing His people to help Jesus Christ rule for all eternity! ■



What’s the real source of the attack on America?

You can’t see it, you can’t shoot it, and you can’t vote it out of office. But you can read about it in Gerald Flurry’s free booklet ***America Under Attack***.

No Substitute for Victory

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR WAS ONE of America's greatest soldiers. How did he become great, and what can we learn from him?

As a boy, MacArthur dreamed of following in the steps of his famous father, an army captain who won the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War. His mother told him, "You must grow up to be a great man—like your father and Robert E. Lee." When Douglas was 13, he overheard his father say to her, "I think there is the material of a soldier in that boy." He *never* forgot that remark. William Manchester wrote, "No adolescent rebellion for him; all his life he would seek to be a man-at-arms in whom his father could have exulted."

Douglas excelled at sports and academics, but when he graduated high school in 1897, he was denied entry to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He did not receive the presidential appointment he needed, and he also failed his preliminary physical examination due to curvature of the spine. But there was indeed material of a soldier in this young man: He moved with his mother to a district in Wisconsin where they knew the congressman and immediately set out to correct the spinal defect with the help of a specialist, whom he worked with an entire year! He was determined not to be denied West Point in 1899. The doctor said of him, "He was one of the quickest fellows to obey orders I have ever treated."

Meanwhile, Douglas also worked with his mother as well as a tutor to prepare for a contest in his congressional district, walking two miles every day to study. He said he never worked harder in his life. When the results were announced, placing first—by far—out of the 13 applicants was Douglas MacArthur. "It was a lesson I never forgot," he said. "Preparedness is the key to success and victory." He was going to West Point—because he had absolutely *outworked* the competition!

At West Point too, he outworked the competition, enduring hazing, meeting the rigors of his training, making the baseball team, rising from corporal to first sergeant to first captain, and graduating with one of the highest academic scores in the history of the institution.

Then MacArthur put his training into action: the Corps of Engineers, Office of the Chief of Staff, combat in Veracruz, first lieutenant, captain, major, brigadier general, the trenches of the Western Front, gassing, a Distinguished Service Medal, a *Croix de Guerre*, Wound Chevrons, Distinguished Service Crosses, seven Silver Stars. After the Great War was over, it was superintendency of West Point, commands in the Philippines and stateside, Army chief of staff, major general, field marshal, even the presidency of the American Olympic Committee. In several of his posts, he was the youngest man ever to be appointed.

This is all before what he is most famous for: command



of United States Army Forces in the Far East during World War II. After a humiliating defeat in the Philippines, MacArthur made a daring escape to Australia. Before his escape, he famously vowed, "I shall return." Three years later, he returned triumphantly to liberate the Philippines and lead the Allies to victory. MacArthur presided over Japan's surrender in 1945 and its reconstruction to a peaceful state.

At the start of the Korean War in 1950, the 70-year-old commander was

chosen to lead coalition forces against the Communist-backed incursion on the Korean Peninsula. MacArthur pushed for bold, aggressive action to stop the spread of communism. In Washington, President Harry Truman favored a much more limited war. This led to an epic clash between the commander in chief and America's most decorated and beloved five-star general. Truman removed MacArthur from his command, but the larger-than-life general returned home to a hero's welcome.

Douglas MacArthur's farewell address is one of the great orations in American history. His entire life—52 years of it serving his country in uniform—had been a preparation for this singular moment. As MacArthur spoke before the assembled Congress on April 19, 1951, Americans everywhere were gripped by the power, soundness and sincerity of his words.

MacArthur said he had been accused of being a warmonger, which was not true at all. MacArthur hated war. Nothing, he said, is more revolting than war. "But once war is forced upon us, there is no other alternative than to apply every available means to bring it to a swift end. War's very object is victory, not prolonged indecision," he said. Appeasement begets new and bloodier war. "In war," he said, "there is no substitute for victory."

We are in a spiritual war, against Satan, society and the sin within ourselves. *There is no substitute for victory.*

The Bible says the author of evil human nature and the god of this world is *Satan*, a being of tremendous power (Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Peter 5:8). He is the reason this world is saturated in sin and suffering from all forms of physical and spiritual disease. He is the real enemy.

God hates war. He is no warmonger. But in this present evil world, with Satan as its god, spiritual war is necessary! This is why the Bible describes true Christians as *good soldiers of Jesus Christ* (2 Timothy 2:3). We are God's army. Our Commander in Chief orders us to put on the whole armor of God, fight the good fight of faith, war a good warfare, conquer the adversary, forsake the ways of this world, crucify our carnal natures, and destroy the body of sin (see Ephesians 6; 1 Timothy 6:12; 1:18; Romans 6:6). Christianity in today's world *is* war. God has drafted all true Christians to be good soldiers.

To be a good soldier, there is no substitute for thorough preparation and disciplined training. And on the battlefield, never forget, there is no substitute for victory. War's very object is victory. That is our goal. That's the destination. However long, difficult, bumpy or narrow the campaign may be, the only option is victory. Victory at all costs! For without victory, as Winston Churchill said, there is no survival. ■

Having just read your article concerning the election and the skulduggery being perpetrated, I wanted to thank you for providing clarity on the issue (“Why Donald Trump Will Remain America’s President,” January, theTrumpet.com/23193). Here in the UK, the mainstream press continues to bleat on about Trump not having a shred of evidence regarding voter fraud. Independent news channels continue to broadcast live updates from the Trump team, and these provide a totally opposite view! I wait patiently for the sitting president to be sworn in for his second term.

Bill Moylan E-MAIL RESPONSE

I believed after I saw/heard the results of this election that it was wrong. I read what Mr. Flurry wrote about the election results (after Biden had been declared the winner)—I knew from my association with your (God’s) organization that would not be the outcome. I actually felt God was reassuring me of His involvement when I read what Mr. Flurry wrote. I knew *on one* could be so bold unless he had *God* behind him. While I know this will be devastating for the country, I look forward to God’s intervention. I only hope that the reason God is working things out this way will help many to see the error of their ways and thoughts and turn wholeheartedly to the great God. It is amazing to me how much God loves and cares for us (Israel).

E-MAIL RESPONSE

Perhaps another consideration for a Trump second term is the coming coalition of Psalm 83. It seems unlikely this coalition

would form if U.S. Mideast policy reverted to appeasement, which would be likely under a Democrat administration. God has not finished moving the chess pieces and needs President Trump in place for a while longer.

Kevin Sheridan E-MAIL RESPONSE

I had that funny feeling something was up when the big change came overnight. But I didn’t know what happened until Mr. Flurry explained it. I thank you very much, once again. I love God’s true Church. You all keep me up to date.

Ronald Campbell E-MAIL RESPONSE

Do you offer any other publications? If so, please sign me up. I have learned so much, and I read and reread and save them so I can refer back to the magazines at a future date, which is quite often. I also read your daily online publications. I also print off many of your reprint articles and read and

reread those as well. I just want you to know that I make good use of this valuable information.

Mark Mabie E-MAIL RESPONSE

Good to know! We do have many other publications, including a Bible correspondence course and many books and booklets, all available at no charge. Visit theTrumpet.com and click on the “Library” tab to see all that we offer.

I read the *Trumpet* monthly. It helps me to understand the world I’m living in. I am very grateful for the publication.

Joyce Follot GENOA CITY, WISCONSIN

I am very impressed, thankful and encouraged by the *Trumpet*. I am especially impressed by the knowledge and investigative findings you have shown in all your writings. You have been providing a worldview unlike most publications, backed up by solid facts on subjects ranging from local activity to



international movements and motivations. Thank you.

Bill Morin BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

I have to say you are very good at responding to all my needs; I just ask and you respond. This is how Jesus was. It keeps me knowing you are the true Christian Church of the Kingdom of God. I finished the *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course*. I love what we have learned. We know God’s plan for man and His Kingdom.

Ronald Campbell E-MAIL RESPONSE

Just a brief note of appreciation for such a wonderful and enjoyable magazine you all have sent me all these years. I read everything in it thoroughly. I like that nothing is sugar-coated or beat around the bush on current events, but you stick to the truth 100 percent. There are so many great articles I sometimes read over and over again.

Richard Reyes SANDES ESTES, TEXAS

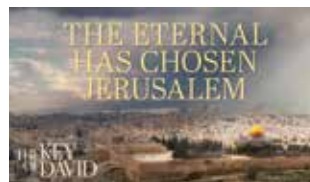
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Where Will All the Hate End?

To save our future, we must break the cycle of scorn.

LOOK AT THIS WORLD AND YOU SEE SO MUCH HATE. IN AMERICA, politics have been split in two, with animosity and rancor separating them more and more. The radical left, spearheaded by Black Lives Matter and Antifa, openly broadcast deep hatred for traditional America. Across the world, hate and its offspring—harassment, intolerance, abuse, protests and riots, persecution, violence and murder, even genocide—flourish. *Everywhere* you look, hate grows.

This is terrifying, and here is why: Hate tends to stimulate more hate. When it is manifested in heated arguments, the perversion of justice, dishonest journalism, destructive riots, beatings and murders, it always feeds itself. Even when the victims don't initially hate the aggressors, persistent abuse compels them to hate. Hate is reciprocal.

After enduring consistent verbal attacks and increasingly vile acts of aggression by the radical left, supporters of Donald Trump and traditional America started pushing back. Last summer in Portland, a Trump supporter confronting a BLM horde was publicly executed in the street. This was inevitable. This is how hate works. It will happen again.

This shocking event in Portland did *nothing* to soothe the hate of either side. To the contrary, the Trump supporters' resistance only confirmed leftists' views that these people are racists and deserving of hate. And Trump followers saw even more clearly how violently they are hated, no doubt aggravating their hatred of radicals. Hate rarely fizzles; it only intensifies.

In January 1838, Abraham Lincoln gave a speech in Springfield, Illinois, in which he warned about the destructiveness of hate. Antipathy was building between abolitionists and slavery advocates, and America was sliding into "mob rule." Facing these conditions, Lincoln said, "[G]ood men, men who love tranquility, who desire to abide by the laws, and enjoy their benefits, who would gladly spill their blood in the defense of their country; *seeing their property destroyed; their families insulted, and their lives endangered; their persons injured; and seeing nothing in prospect that forebodes a change for the better; become tired of, and disgusted with, a government that offers them no protection; AND ARE NOT MUCH AVERSE TO A CHANGE IN WHICH THEY IMAGINE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE*" (emphasis added).

This is the way human emotions work. When people are attacked, when they see their nation and livelihood under threat and their cities burning, and when they see that the authorities are unwilling to defend them, they are compelled to respond. It is human nature to protect one's self, including one's family,

home and livelihood, community and friends. And one's nation.

People are being driven to retaliation—and often, hatred—because the alternatives are increasingly detestable. But their resistance, which is rational, only inflames the irrational views and hatred of the attackers. To these aggressors, the victims' resistance only confirms their conviction that the victim must be punished.

How does this cycle of hate end?

Have you ever seen footage of a pile of tires on fire? A tire fire is practically impossible to extinguish. It stops only after the tires have burned out. It's the same with the cycle of hate. It will stop only after the hate has burned itself out.

In Matthew 24:22, Jesus prophesies about the end of the age of man. "And except those days should be shortened," He says, "THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED" He is talking about a time of mass violence and worldwide war. This "great tribulation," as Jesus calls it in verse 21, is one giant tire fire of hate. "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, AND SHALL HATE ONE ANOTHER" (verse 10).

The Bible reveals the ultimate source of hate in passages such as 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2 and Revelation 12. These expose the presence of Satan the devil, a spirit being who embod-



ies hate, whose every thought and action is inspired by hatred toward God, His truth and His plan. Revelation 12:12 tells us that this "great red dragon" has been cast down to Earth and has "GREAT WRATH, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Looking at humanity collectively, there is no evidence of any movement toward repentance that would reverse the trend toward destruction. Individually, though, the path to repentance is open to *you*. You can escape the cycle of hate, which will soon end in a massive climax called the Great Tribulation.

How? Ultimately, we escape this future by conquering our human emotions and impulses, our attitudes and human will, the powerful pulls of the carnal mind and flesh. We escape this future by surrendering our lives and minds completely to God, His law and His government. This is not easy; it cannot be done on human power or talent. It can only be done using the power of God's Spirit, which we receive upon repentance and faith. ■

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in Ezekiel 27 mentions ancient names for modern Russia and Japan showing that they too will join this “mart.”

This astounding prophecy connects closely to the warning in Deuteronomy 28:52 about America and Britain being besieged by their enemies. THE “MART OF NATIONS” PROPHECY MAKES CLEAR WHO EXACTLY THOSE ENEMIES BESIEGING THE U.S. AND UK WILL BE!

The Bible contains many prophecies of an end-time European power attacking America and Britain (request our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*). When those prophecies are placed alongside the “mart of nations” prophecies and other Bible passages, it is clear that the early phases of that attack will consist of an economic siege! Europe, China, Russia, Japan and other nations will lock America out of world trade!

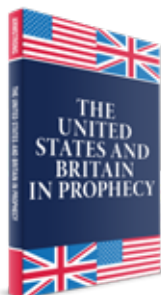
The “mart of nations” prophecy also indicates that the partnerships between Europe and Latin America, and between China and Latin America, strengthen dramatically. With common religion, culture and languages, Europe already wields considerable influence in Latin America. And China and Russia are amassing great influence in Panama, Venezuela, Cuba and elsewhere. This makes the prophecies about America and Britain falling under the siege come alive in the pages of your Bible!

These chilling prophecies point to bleak days ahead for America and some of its allies. But Bible prophecy shows that the mart of nations and the terrible conflict it will unleash will actually be used by God as loving correction.

Two great trading blocs are positioning themselves to control the world. But that trading partnership won't last long. Soon they will clash, just before Jesus Christ returns and destroys both of them.

Christ will bring a swift end to all of mankind's self-destruction. He will usher in an era of peace and prosperity for the peoples of Panama, China, the U.S. and all of the world. We should thank God daily that beyond that bad news is the best news we could possibly hear!

God will allow America and other nations descended from Israel to suffer at the hands of bold and brutal peoples. He will then punish those sinning peoples as well with further warfare and finally put an end to treacherous, bloody, corrupt human governments worldwide with the return of His Son, Jesus Christ, to govern *all* nations! Finally, man will learn a lesson far more valuable than all the sea gates in the world: what it truly means to fear God and take your own part. ■



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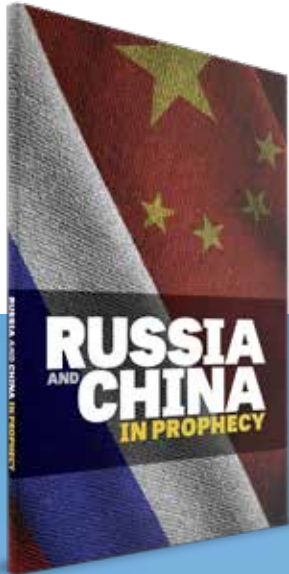
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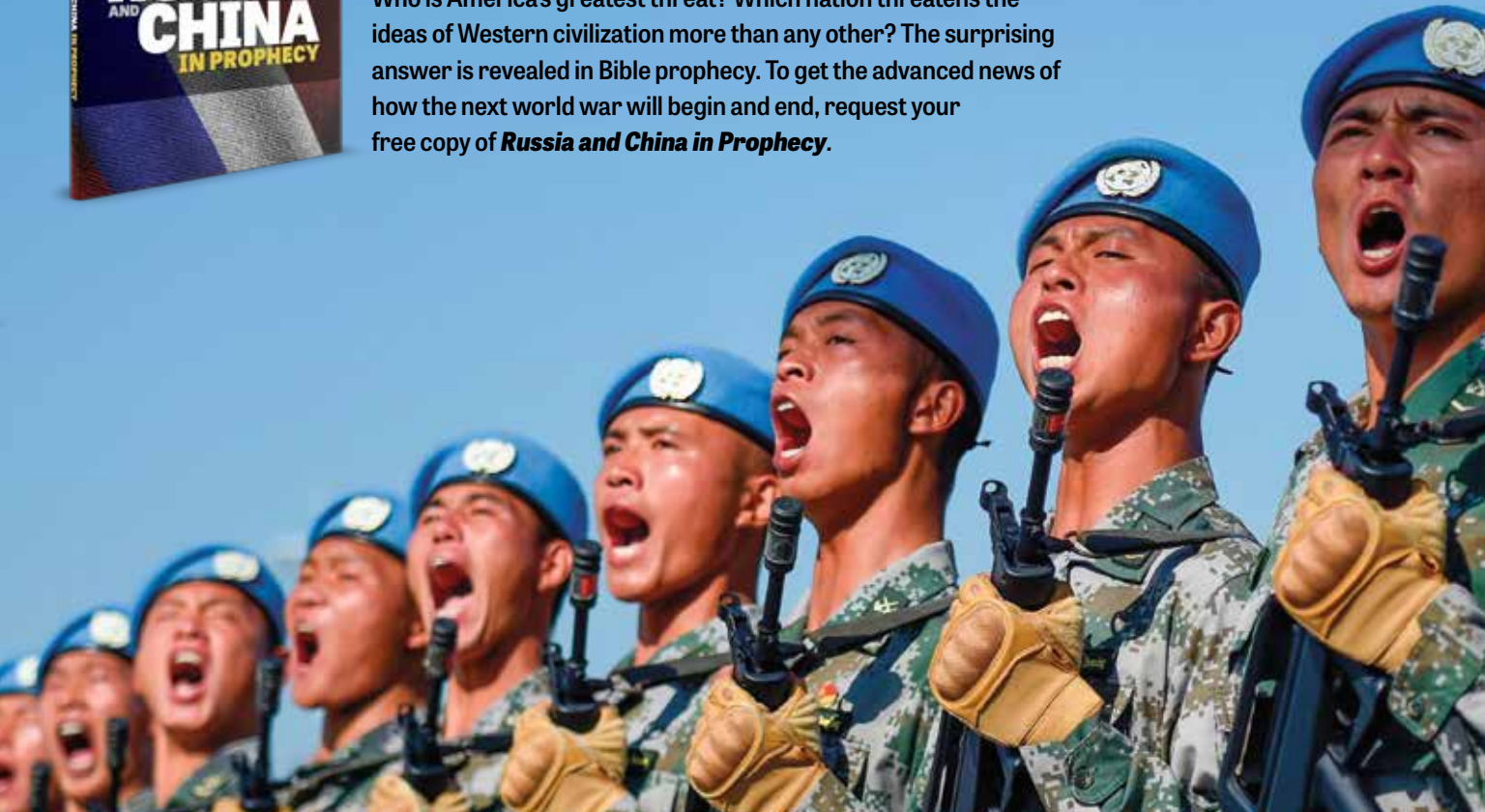
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